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Sankerlingum – Shevgar / of Shevegerry / being Sworn and questioned, describes the conspiracy & the attack on Shatoor and Death of the Poligar exactly as before Stated by Caudea Taven, who, he says, accompanied by some people, went, after killing the Cheekler, to acquaint Mapaly Vannian of the Circumstance – that Mapaly Vannian was very angry, and said he must go to Shevagerry as Shevagerry would be angry at what had happened; and the Informant says that, on his return towards Shevegerry, he was met by people with the news of his Masters anger, and that, fearing to see him, and lose his Situation, he went to his own house.

Being questioned regarding the Seizure of Sankerlingum's property and the letter said to be intercepted, he says he is ignorant of these circumstances; regarding the Combey he says, some days before the attack, he was sent to Guard a pass on the Hills, by which Poligars might get to the Families of the Shevegerry people; that his Master told him if the Company's Troops came, he would make an agreement with them, that, being absent on the day of attack, he knows not what orders were then given.

A true Copy from the Original Depositions.

(Signed) J. Bannerman Secy

Translation

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Translation of a Cadjan sent from the Nadamungelum Congoe Comastah — by name Cadanugumpilly to the Head Cutcharry Congoe — Shevegurry Carapoo Vannian with some force, on the 28th of May, at daylight, came to Shatoor Fort and Surrounded it, when a Battle commenced between the Forces of Shatoor and Shevegurry, and the Shevegurry people entered the fort on the East side, and opened that Gate, and went round the inside of the Fort, at this time the Shatoor people fled by the North Gate, but some dead and Wounded were left behind — the Shevegurry people caught the Poligar and carried him to Shandeah Choultry and Killed him, left some Guards in the Fort and returned to Shevegurry.

/Signed/ G. L. Marten
Actg Collr.

a true Copy
/Signed/ J. Bannerman
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# The case of Shevaghery Poligar

respecting the Transaction between him and Chattore Poligar

case of Shevegerry written by himself with list of Property plundered.

That Davadaeneem was a formerly our Cauvaly-Village, and when one of my Servants went into the Shatoor Country, during my absence in the Marawars — the Poligar, by means of a Bribe, received a Writing from him, Transferring therein, the said Privilege of Cauvaly or watching of the said Village of Davadaeneem over to him, the said Poligar

That after I returned from the Marawar Country and settled at Shevaghery — I demanded from the Shatoor his Reasons for having taken such a Writing to deprive me of my Cauvaly Village, and a Dispute in consequence subsisted for a length of time, which, at last, occasioned Hostilities between us; and, when Reja Saib was in power, The Chattore family entirely usurped the said Davadaeneem my Cauvaly Village; my family, however, claimed it incessantly, and a Dispute had always been continued.

That Vadamalayah, who was then the Poligar of Shevegery, having died, Paria Doray succeeded him, the Chattore Poligar had, through pecuniary Means, called five or six Servagars from my Country, persuaded and entertained them in his Service, and marched against Shevaghery one day,

and

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and took the Poligar Prisoner when he was on a Hunting Party, and confined him in a House, and established Arasiar, and the Son of Puttoo Veeraya, in the Office of the Poligar of Shevagery, and on the Shattoo requiring them to grant them two Villages, in Consideration of the Service done in establishing them in the Rights of the Poligar, they refused. The Shattoo Poligar was joined at it, and again attacked Shevagery; that Arasiar and the Troops of Shevagery defended it and afterwards attacked Shattoo and reduced it, the Shattoo Poligar offered to Surrender up to my Family the Poligar of Shevagery who was Prisoner, also Davadaenum Village, and delivered accordingly the = Prisoner, we took charge of the said Village Davadaenum, and continued to enjoy it, after stationing = some Men belonging to Wodyan.

That Shattoo Poligar bribed some of those Wodyan Men with 10 and 5 Chuckrums, and, through their means, brought Ladders, and entered into the said Davadaenum, and took possession of it; I, so continued to claim it, and thereby troubles ensued on both sides.

In the year 93/94 1776/ soon after Ettaver Canoo had the Management of this part of the Country, the Poligar of Shattoo mis= = represented Matters, brought a Detachment, and acted forty days against Shevagery; I abandoned the

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Fort and retreated, some time after I returned, and established myself in Shevagery through Dalavoy Modely who was appointed Amildar.

In the year 59 /or 1782/ the Country was assigned over to the Honble Company - Colonel Fullarton, with a Detachment, attached me, I thought it improper to act against the Company's Troops and retreated, - Poolytaven, Poligar of Naycotan saul, encroached my Villages Goodamoore and Panjoe, I settled my payments with the Honble Company and re-established myself at Shevagery, paid my visit to Mr. Irwin when he came to Suncara Nimar Coil, and paid the Tributes, and demanded reasons for Poolytaven's encroaching my Villages /Goodamoore and Panjoe/ he told me that he was convinced, by the enquiries he had made, of my right to them, least said he could represent my case to Government & procure their restoration to me.

In the mean time Ebaur Cawn was reappointed to the Management of this Country, I made a complaint to him about the Villages, after having settled the payments with him, he was pleased to grant a Sunnud, and, with a Guard of Sepoys, put me in possession of those Villages, & I continued to Enjoy the same, In the next year when I and all other Poligars assembled at Tinnevelly to settle the payments with Ebaur Cawn, I borrowed from Pundigie, Soucar 5000 Chuckrums, and lent the

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the same to Shatoor, according to his Request;
he paid me in part 1500 Chuckrums and
when I demanded him, in pressing terms, for the
payment of the Remainder, he refused to pay
it; I complained to Ethaur Cawn; the Poligar
of Chattore, hearing this, sent a Message to
Pandalamcoorchy, called for Anasear and
Varamaly Shevagar; collected some Troops, proceeded
and plundered two or three of my Villages and
opposed me. - I represented this Circumstance to
Ethaur Cawn at Tinnevelly, who sent Mahomed
Yacobe, with Some Troops together with all
the Poligars, against Shattore, which Detach-
=ment besieged it for thirty days; the Poligar
of Shattore, thereupon, negociated with Ethaur
Cawn, through the Poligar of Pandalamcorchy,
promising to come to Tinnevelly and pay
1500 Chuckrums, if the Detachment it ordered
to be recalled, orders have been accordingly issued,
Recalling the Detachment together with the Poligar,
and I Returned to my Country. The Shattore
Poligar was then in Tumacha Naigs Country,
Wodyah Shevagar, having been carried to Ethaur
Cawn by the Poligar of Pandalamcoorchy, was sized
for not having made the Payments, & was immedi-
=ately ordered to be fettered.

5th My Gomastah complained to

Ethaur

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Ettaur Cawn against the Shallow Poligar for having usurped my Village Davadanum, and refusing to pay my Money. He gave me directions to retake the Village, which I did accordingly.

In the year 66 [or 1789/90] the Country was assigned to the Honble Company, Mr. Torin arrived at Tinnevelly, as Collector for this part of the Country, and sent me an order to wait on him; I proceeded and paid my Visit, he said, I have plundered much, and that he knows my behaviour, which deserves punishment; but, as I waited on him immediately on the receipt of his Summons, he desired me to go Home; on the next Morning he ordered me to be brought before him, and required to give him a writing, binding myself to pay him three years Tribute, I told him for answer, that I was not in arrears to the end of the Management of Ettaur Cawn, and I owe only the present years Pishcash, he then said that I, in conjunction with Ettaur Cawn, have plundered all the Country he [the said Ettaur Cawn] is a great Rogue, and I am small one, and added that he will take proper Measures, and Censured me, and required me to give him a Writing for the payment of two years Pishcash, I complied with it accordingly, through fear, I was also required to give him a Writing to

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send him the Number of 200 Bullocks immediately on my arrival in the Country, which I did accordingly- he ordered me to Surrender Davadau=num Village to the Poligar of Shattore, and when I told him that I cannot part with my Right, he took that for disobedience, and spoke me bad Language; I was obliged to acquiesce to prevent the threatned disgrace; he then desired me to give up Cundeam Village in Vadacara Division; I told him I enjoyed it for a length of time and laid out a Considerable Sum of Money on it, and requested him to inspect into the Writing given to me by Vadacara People; he used me very ill on the occasion, and insisted on my giving up the said Village; I acquiesced accordingly; I was afterwards required to give up the Privilege of Cauvaly of Nuvodyaporam and Potocottah to the Poligar of Naycotan Lavalar, with which I complied; I was further ordered to give up Coodanoor and Panyore to Naycolan Lavalar Poligar, I told him for answer, that I enjoyed them for a Considerable time, and how can I suffer to be encroached; and, if my right is to be usurped after this manner, how can I be able to pay my Peishcush; in short I represented to him all my grievances; he said, I am

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man of no sense, and that I always say something in opposition to his orders, and offered to refer the matter to the determination of the arbitrators, and to that effect, he caused a writing to be made out, and desired me to sign it, to which I pleaded my unwillingness; he then spoke to me severely, alledging that I will be disgraced; I signed it out of fear; he gave me a Shawl, and permitted me to go home, I returned to my Country immediately, finding that my remaining in the place where I was disgraced so much, will be of no use, nor there was any necessity to keep my Gomastah there.

Mr. Torin wrote to Captain Dighton at Shevalpatoow to order a Guard of Sepoys to prevail upon me to Surrender the Fort of Davadaunaum and give 200 Bullocks: this Gentleman had, in consequence, sent a Guard of Sepoys, and demanded to know whether I will give up the Fort of Davadaunaum and 200 Bullocks, I sent the Bullocks immediately to Tinnevelly and delivered up the Fort of Davadaunaum; Captain Dighton thereupon wrote to me a letter, mentioning therein that he had received a letter from Mr. Torin, desiring I would send one of my people who may be active and conversant, to attend to the determination of the Arbitrators about Codanoor

and

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and Canyor, and Mr. Torin will do every Indulgence he can, to my affairs. I sent my Brother in law to Captain Dighton; and when Captain Dighton told him the contents of Mr. Torin's letter, my Brother in law asked if it would be proper for him to wait upon Mr. Torin, and being answered in the affirmative, he then said that he will proceed to Tinevelly on his assurance; Captain Dighton said, he will write to Mr. Torin on the occasion & and did so accordingly - Mr. Torin, in answer, assured his protection, my Brother in law proceeded to Tinnevelly and paid his Visit to Mr. Torin; he, Mr. Torin, told him that Captain Dighton has & wrote to him much about me, and said that he will do nothing before one year's payment of Peishcash, to the amount of 11540 Chuckrums, is made & immediately in Ready Money upon the Table; my Brother in law borrowed the amount from & Pundeiajie Loucard's Bank, on his Bond, and paid it; Mr. Torin, on receiving the Peishcash, required him to Surrender Codanore, Canyor and the Cauvaly Priveledge of Auvodiyar and Podocottah up to the Poligar of Nayeolan Lavalar, he told him those & Villages and Priveledges were my Hereditary

Right

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Right, and that it is injustice to require him to give them up; after repeated promises of doing Justice by Settling the Dispute by Arbitration, Mr. Torin insisted on his giving them up and threatned to disgrace him if he disobey'd his order; he replied, that he was only a Servant, and his Situation would not permit him to do so, but said he would write to me on the occasion and know my Sentiments. Mr. Torin allowed him to write to me about it; I wrote him in answer to Repre=sent to Mr. Torin the Injustice of making such requisition, after promising repeatedly to decide the affair by Arbitration, and desired him to entreat that Gentleman in such manner as he may be disposed to do Justice; and, on his having communi=cated the same to Mr. Torin, he expressed Violent anger, and caused a Writing to be drawn out, mentioning therein to acquit all manner of Claim to Coodanore and Panyore, and extorted his Signature, and sent him away to me; two or three days after which, Mr. Torin issued out Summons to the Poligar of Nayestan Lavalar, to take charge of the Cauvaly Privilege of Aawodyal and Poocattah and it was accordingly done, and he gave the Candeam Village to the Bramens of Vadacara.

Captain

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Captain Dighton having, in his letter, informed me that Mr. Torin intended to proceed to Madura, also desired me to send my Brother in law to him; I sent him, in consequence, to Sheviliputtore; where he paid his Visit to Captain Dighton and accompanied him to Virodopuk to meet Mr. Torin, who was expected to be there; he, Mr. Torin, saw my Brother in law, and asked him the occasion of his coming there, his answer was, that he might be so favorable as to receive the one years Peshcush now, and protect me; to which Mr. Torin replied that the Detachment is in want of 150 Bullocks in two days, and desired him to collect and send that number, and remain with Rauman Sauny to assist him in the Collection of Revenue at Nadomeendalem until he return to Shevalpottore from Madurah, promising to receive one years Peshcash and accomplish all my wishes, and went away to Madura, My Brother in Law returned with Rauman Sauny to Shevalpottore, and informed me the above in his letter; I collected immediately 150 Bullocks and sent them; my Brother in Law was employed in the Collection of Revenue at Nadomeendalem.

In the mean time I received a letter from

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from my Brother in law informing that Captain Dighton expects Mr. Torin at Shevelipatoor and desired me to wait there with the payment of one years Peshcush; I did so accordingly, Mr. Torin arrived there next day; and I and my Brother in law waited on the day following to pay him visit. He sent a Message by a person to tell me that he would neither receive the Peshcush nor see me before I obey the order of giving up Coodanoore and Panjore to the Poligar of Nayeotan Savalar and went way to Tinnevelly.

I was apprehensive that the Poligar of Shattore have invited Six Sowagars of Shevagery and encouraged them, with promise of Money, to kill me, and my Young Brother, also my Brother in law; a letter had been received from Paunchaleum = =coochy on the occasion, informing that five or Six Men of Shevagery Have been employed to kill me, and desiring me, therein, at the same time, to be in my guard against any attempts of that nature; as Wodya Sowagar was not in good terms at Heart with the Poligar of Shattore, which was the occasion of his having apprized me of it so evidently, in fact two of those have been escaped, and four were discovered; they were brought before I asked

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asked by me to confess the truth; they declared, that they have been invited one day from Shattore, where they waited accordingly, that Wodyah Servagar and Copura Daven encouraged them to kill me and my young Brother, also Vunneanar / Sirv Number / with a promise of giving them Sufficient Jewels & and other Presents, engageing, at the same time, that they will collect their men / in obedience to the order given them by their Master who was at Tumacha Naig's Country / and wait at the North Gate to receive them as soon as they can execute the intended Murder, the Poligar of Pandalumcoichy has in his letter, promised to & join them with his Troops; I ordered the & Servagars of Shevagery to fetter those four Per= =petrators and put them under confinement; The Servagars and their people told, such Villains & as these cannot be kept without some Dangerous & consequence; thereupon, two of them have been put to death and the other two were kept with Irons; and, & sending the Poligar of Shattore returned to Shattore, I & communicated all these Circumstances by a letter to Mr. Torin; he said that it will be impracticable for a Small thing to take & swallow up a large thing and therefore what I said altogether false.

My Brother in law met Sunearalinga =

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Luncaralingapillay, the late Monegar of Shevaly-
-pootoor Cauvaly Privileges, and called him to go
with him, and, as he refused to come, he, my Brother
in law hearing that his Money and Effects are in the
hands of the Rayahs of Rauzepollam, demanded them
to deliver the same to him and on their refusal, he
proceeded to Shovalepatore and complained to Ramah
Swamy / the Company's amuldar of Natamundalum /
alledging that the Rayahs of Rauzepollam have with-
held the property of my Servant Luncaralingapillay
and refuse to give it up, he desired me to wait
three days, saying that he will represent the
matter to Mr. Torin at Tinnevelly, and, as soon as
he receives his permission, he will give orders to
pay my Money; my Brother in law waited there
four days, Ramnah Sawmy said, he has received
orders from Mr. Torin; and, in consequence of which,
he sent for their Pethear Soobiah, intimated to him
the orders, and sent him, with my Brother in Law, to
Rauzepollam, who called for the Rayahs, pointed
out the impropriety of detaining the Money of
Seenearalinga Pillay the Servant of Shevaghery, and
informed them that Mr. Torin's order is, to pay that
Money to me immediately, the Rayahs paid me what
little Money they had in their hands belonging to Seenara-
-linga pillay, & so I have only received my Servants Money
and not any thing more.

White

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While the affairs were in this Situation Luncaralingapilly, who was sid Coolapah Naig's Country, wrote to Chatlore Poligar, informing him with his Readiness to proceed with the Troops of Tumachey Naig, Coolapah Naig and other Poligars against Shevagery, to reduce the fort there and establish Amaldar, and kept correspondence with the Poligar of Shatoor to this effect, which was discovered to me by a letter intercepted sent to one of my Mettors, which said letter and the bearers of it were brought before my Brother in Law, when he was at Rayapollam, he examined the letter, in presence of four Persons, and caused the two persons whom were the bearers of that letter to be punished with Death, this letter is an Answer from Chatlore Poligar / to me from Luncaralingapillay / mentions as follows "these Eight days ago I desired you to come to me "and you have not done so, the Poligar of Shevagery "has now put himself in a State of Defence, "you will therefore collect sufficient Numbers "of Troops and proceed to me without loss of time" being apprehensive of this

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Troops in the Gates; Intelligence was received that
Shallow Troops entered my Plantation Garden in the
Middle of the Night committed hostilities, and
cut the Plantains; my Young Brother and
Brother in Law and some Troops who slept in
the first apartment; prepared and Marched, and
when they reached the said Garden, the Troops to
the number of 800 belonging to Shallow Poligar,
quitted the Garden and Returned to Shallore,
very freshly Marched in pursuit and approached
Shallow at the break of day, and when some
Troops came out of the Fort of Shallore, an
Engagement ensued between them and my Party
I heard the Guns when I waked, and upon
enquiry, was told the above Occurrence, as
these things passed without my order, I sent
people immediately to recall my Young
Brother and Brother in Law and the party.
but before the Message reached them, my party
formed into three Divisions and acted, one of
the Divisions made a Storm to the Eastward
of the Fort and got in after the loss of few Men

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While the affairs were in this Situation Luncaralingapilly, who was in Coolapah Naig's Country, wrote to Chattoo Poligar, informing him with his Readiness to proceed with the Troops of Tumachy Naig, Coolapah Naig and other Poligars against Shevagery, to reduce the fort there and establish Arasaur, and kept correspondence with the Poligar of Chatoor to this effect, which was discovered to me by a letter intercepted in one of my Mattoos, which said letter and the bearers of it were brought before my Brother in Law, when he was at Ranjepollam, he examined the letter, in presence of four Persons, and caused the two persons whomwere the bearers of that letter to be punished with Death, this letter is an answer from Chattoo Lanicky / to one from Luncaralingapillay / mentions as follows "these Eight days ago I desired you to come to me "and you have not done so, the Poligar of Shevagery "has now put himself in a State of Defence, "you will therefow collect sufficient Numbers "of Troops and proceed to me without Loss of time", being apprehensive of this Treachery, I was on my Guard against any attempts and Stationed

Troops

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Troops in the Gates; Intelligence was received that
Shattow Troops entered my Plantain Garden in the
Middle of the Night committed hostilities, and
cut the Plantains; my Young Brother and
Brother in Law and some Troops who slept in
the first apartment, prepared and Marched, and
when they reached the said Garden, the Troops to
the number of 100 belonging to Shattow Poligar,
quitted the Garden and returned to Shattore,
my party Marched in pursuit and approached
Shattow at the break of day, and when some
Troops came out of the Fort of Shattow, an
Engagement ensued between them and my Party
I heard the Guns when I waked, and, upon
enquiry, was told the above occurrences, as
these things passed without my order, I sent
people immediately to recall my Young
Brother and Brother in Law and the party,
but before this Message reached them, my party
formed into three Divisions and acted, one of
the Divisions made a Storm to the Eastward
of the Fort and got in after the loss of few Men
on both sides, the Shattow people took flight through

Northern

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Northern Gate and the Poligar of Shattoore was wounded by a Ball, and, when he was on his retreat to Chundeamentapuram, or Choultry at the Westward, a Chuckler or Shoemaker who happened to go before, met and killed him by running a Lwordinto his body, and the said Chuckler was put to death by Cundiah Tavan; I received this account from one of my peons who returned from thence, and felt very great Sorrow at the Murder of the Poligar, and said, that I will neither suffer those who proceeded against Shattoore to return, nor appear before me, and confined myself in bed, within a Room, full of Sorrow and vexation, for two days, without taking any Meal, and afterwards consulted with Bramins and Philosophers how I might get rid of a Sin, Committed without my knowledge, and distributed Rice among the Bramins and eat my Victuals; thereupon I sent for Soury Motoo Sowagar of Shattore and Sawmyapilley and sent by them Shawl and other Presents &c. Carpets to the Child of Shattore family and they took the Child in their care and protection.

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When the Detachment Commanded by Colonel Maxwell arrived at Shevaly pootoor, I through fear, went into Cambay, the Detachment moved from thence to Shevagery; and sent Sircarahs to Cambay, with directions to me to send up my Gomastah or Deputy, I sent my Gomastah Mr. Kistnyah, who paid a visit to the Colonel, & and Returned with two Sircarahs and informed me, that Colonel wishes to see me, he said he will do every Practice, and Shew regard, and that I should come up to him without any appre= =hension and Reserve; my Gomastah, in answer, told the Colonel that I was seized with fear, & from which I will be recovered and proceed & to him; if a Coole can be favored to him, the Colonel Replied, that he never gave Coole to any body and that his word is as good as Coole, If I would not, on the Confidence of his word, repair to him, the Colonel said, the Battalion will come to Combay, and if it was found that one Shot is fired by my party, then the Battalion will act fatal to me; - as soon as the Sircarahs and my Gomastah Kistnyah informed me the above, I sent the Sircarahs to represent to the Colonel with my fearful situation & which would not encourage me to wait on him without his Coole. That

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That Sooriah Dawn, Servant of my Enemy the Polegar of Saycotan Savalar with some men, was in my Country, - I gave him Money for Expences and Stationed him with some of my men, at the Gate of Combay, together with my Brother in Law, with orders to oppose the attempts of the Polegars who may be my Enemy, and to beg a Cowle from the Honble Company when their Troops may come there, and gave particular orders to with draw from their Station quietly if the Company Troops push on, having given such directions, I went into Killocattochary at the eastward and staid there; In the mean time, the Company's Battalion advanced to the Gate of Combay, the people who were there, stretches out their hands and begged for a Cowle, the Battalion Stopt to know what they have said, in the Meanwhile, That Sooriah Dawn who was at the Southern part and his party fired; my Brother in law ran immediately to me and informed me with the approach of the Company's Troops and what had passed, I supposed my Sincere Concern and told him that what he had acted before without my orders and what passed now in firing at the Company's Troops against

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my order, proved distractive to myself: as I have
been previously told that I shall be exterpated
if I use my Arms against the Company's Troops;
I have therefore, through terrible fear went up
to Mauttakuntary, where Paundean Sewagar
came afterwards and told me that he heard
from the Sircarahs, a Cowle had been given
to them to me and as they could not find me,
they returned to their Master, I employed the said
same man, Pandiah Sewagar, to go to the Colonel
in my behalf to treat and bring me a Cowle,
or an assurance of safety, and went myself up to
Valocapaura, not having any thing for Victuals
I proceeded to Cullootanvalum, hearing that
Chattore and Suncaralingumpillay's Troops carry
away my Cattle and their property and the delay
of Paundeah Sewagar, I thought it improper to
remain there, and therefore proceeded to the Woods
of Booty Saig at the Northward, that the said
Paundean Sewagar came to me these twelve days
after and told me that if I have any confidence
on the Colonels promise and the faith of the
Honble Company, I may come to him without
any reserve, I arrived accordingly as far as Malahady,
two days Journey to the place where the army is
Encamped, and sent Paudian Sewagar to inform the
Colonel, that most of the Poligars are my enemy, &

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to beg him to send either one of his Hircarahs or Peon with Badge to accompany me to him; and, two days after which, Tumachy Naig's people and those of the Goolapah Naigs to the Number of about 400 were on their March, saw one of my servants running from the nearest place where he made his victuals to give me an Account of their arrival, they Shot at him, I heard the firing prepared myself immediately after viewing the march of great Number of men and made my way through the limits of Gundama Naig's Country - this Poligars party intercepted my March, I told them they have no reason for so doing, because I am going to the Colonel; Tumachy Naig's people and Sowagar came to me, in the mean time, and told me that I should not entertain any fear, Mr. Torin has wrote to them and that they will send me up to Tinnevelly, I told them that I did not want to go to Mr. Torin, the Colonel sent me assurances, and, by his order, I waited there in expectation of his Badge Peons, together with my people who went to him for that purpose and declared to them positively that I have no desire to wait on Mr. Torin at Tinnevelly, they said they will carry me to the Army and leave me with the Colonel,

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I told them that I would not trust them and repeated the assurance given to me by the Colonel through Pandea Servagar, and asked their reasons for wishing to take me; they then brought a Brahmin, and Swore on his head to the truth of their carrying me to the Colonel, and brought me with them; and, on our way, to the Westward of Yaloomaday, we met Tumachy Naig, with some of his Troops, in a Tope there, where they took from me all my property such as Jewels, Cloths and their Effects to the Amount of 15,000 Chuckrums, confined all my people and led me on Horse back, in company with Tumachy Naig's Palankeen, to his Country, where I was confined in a House, and all my people have been fettered, I was afterwards put in a Dooly covered with Cloth and conveyed to the Fort of Vellore under pretence of conducting me to Tinnevelly, in which said Fort I have been put under Restraint; Tumachy Naig finding that Pandeah Servagar (whom I deputed to bring me one of the Mircarahs or Peon from the Colonel) was arrived with the Company's Troops at his, the said Tumachy Naig's Country, gave me two Clean Cloths, and

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Conducted me to the Army, I was kept without Victuals for three days before the arrival of the Company's Troops and I concluded that I should die, and many of my people would have been put to Death had not the Company's Troops came for our Relief, my people gave me Rice and water for my use, after I joined the Army, and expressed their happiness at my safety, saying that they and I would have been killed had not the Company's Troops arrived in time, Thus I have been saved happily by the benevolence of the Honble Company.

/Signed/ Varagoona Rauma Vunnean

a true Translation, as near as can be from the Malabars, in Cadjan,

/Signed/ Annajawmy

Translator

List

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List of the Property of the Poligar of Shevagery plundered by Tumachy Naig

| | Chuckrums | Pags |
|---|---|---|
| From Chocco Vovunden 1 Purse containing | 1000 | |
| From Paravaveneeum | 950 | |
| From Vellyan 1 Purse Containing 1000 | | |
| 1 do | 800 | 1800 70 |
| From Pollon | 60 | |
| From Arattum Pacondia pillay taken when he went to the Westward | 1500 | |
| Nuneeoorva or 2 pair Jewels | 20 | |
| From Naracoodum 1 Purse Containing | 1000 | |
| From the Inhabitants & Families when they took Shelter at Cullapatt in Ready Money | 2500 | |
| | 8830 | 70 |

In Jewels

From the hands of Arattum Pandiapillay as follows

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 pair Diamond Ring | Pags | 30 |
| 1 do do | | 100 |

From my own Hands.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 pair Ruby Ring | 30 |
| 3 Strings of Gold Jewels called Arnaul | 455 |
| 1 do do do | 137 |
| 1 Coolymogu Surpaly or Seven Gold Chains | 215 |
| 1 Arasalatongel do or 17 Gold String do | 215 |
| 1 Surpaly or 13 Gold String Chains | 271 |
| 1 pair Emerald Ring | |
| 1 pair Ruby do — called Covala | |
| 1 Bangle beard | |
| 1 Emerald Morogo or | 75 |
| 1 Cantadaram or Necklace of Precious Stones | 300 |
| | 1878 |

Carried over & 3 Jewels 8830 1948

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| | Chuckrums | Pags. |
|---|---|---|
| Brought over Jewels Band | 8830 | 1948 |

## In Cloths and Wearing Apparels

11 Painted Turbands with lace Borders
24 Dovates or Cloths
1 Large Carpet
1 Small do
2 ... do from my Mother at Cullapet
7 Jamocaulum or Country Carpets
9 Shawls
3 Sheets of Broad Cloth
2 Gold Turband
60

## In Arms and Accouthements

10 Perungku Cutter or long Swords with Silver Ends on the cuts
1 Abass Sword 1 Abass Coneuttar
1 Nemuchaw or Knife with Gold Gilt, Chain, and end
2 Perungku Cutter or long Sword with Sambaramyar or Belt with Silver end
4 Bunder Sword
1 Gold Gilt Jamodaudy or Dagger with Gold End
13 Sady or fine arms
32

## From Kistnyengar

| | Chuckrums | Pags. |
|---|---|---|
| In Ready Money | 35 | 1 |
| Jungalputty or Gold ... 12 Pags. | | |
| 4 pairs of large Watolocken or Jewels | | |
| 3 do Small do | | |
| 1 Atacona Mederam or finger Ring | | |
| 1 finger Ring Red Stone | | |
| 2 Small do | | |
| 22 Vyramony or Gold Jewels | | |

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From Kistnyengar continued

1 Pariapet
1 Savady
1 Toromungalcam
3 Varenda Mony
2 Caudoly or Womens Ear Ring
2 do Cumbee
1 pair Nawo Rauhay
1 pair Tangel
1 pair Omapoo
1 pair Nettychooty
1 Sword
1 Jumdaudy or Dagger
1 pair Dvates
1 painted Handkerchief

} Gold Jewels of 4 different Sorts

From Numperumall Eyengar

In Ready Money ..... Chuckl. 96 —

1 pair Ear Ring
1 Silver Armaul

From Schoolmaster Naugeah

In Ready Money ..... 3 6 —

1 pair Wootoo Cadoken or Ear Ring

From Eyah Sawmy Servagar

2 pairs of Wootoo Cadoken or Ear Ring
2 Jumdaudy or Dagger

From

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## From Cottapooly

In Ready Money . . . . . 5. 7. —
1 Mogona Maulay
1 pair large Ear Ring
1 Jumdaully or Dagger
1 painted Petticoat with Law Borders
1 do Handkerchief
2 Dovates or Cloth

## From Cundea Daven

1 pair Wooto Cadoken or Small Ear Ring
1 painted Pettycoat
1 Jumdaully or Dagger
1 Cadyem
1 Bullcam or Pike
1 Sword

## From Neracodum

3 pairs of Wooto Cadoken
1 Painted Pettycoat
1 Jumdaully, or Dagger with Silver case
1 Peduchomboo, or Tombol
1 Bullcam, or Pike
1 Blanket
1 Dovatie or Cloth
1 pair Wooto cadoken or Earling } belonging to
1 Jumdaully or Dagger . . . } Vuvalsdrum

From

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From Audyvesto Naig

3 pair of Wotocadoken or Ear Ring
1 Diamond Morgo
1 Sundaily or Dagger
1 Sword with Silver Gilt Case
1 fire Arm
1 Bullcam or Pike

From Juggiah

1 pair Wottocadoken or Ear ring
2 Bullcam or Pike

From Marodapah

1 Pair Cadyam or Hand Ring
1 Pair Wotocadoken or Ear Ring
1 Pettycoat
1 Valoo or a kind of Pike

From Chocalingum

1 Pettycoat with Gold Borders
1 Pair Cadyam or Hand Ring
2 pair Wotocadoken or Ear Ring
1 fine Arm with Silver work

From Caulay

1 pair Cadyam or Hand Ring
1 pair Large Ear Ring
1 fine Arm

From

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From Nellatomby

1 pair large Ear Ring
1 Cuntapuernum or Neck Lace
1 pair Cadyem or Hand Ring
1 Mogona Maulay
1 Painted Pettycoat
1 Cumdauly or Dagger

From Vurapah

2 pair Wotocadoken or Ear Ring
1 Cumdauly or Dagger
1 Carundaguin
1 Chunam Box
1 Blanket, 1 Pettycoat & 6 fanams

From Tadyoryanbaulaudy

3 pair Wotocadoken or Ear Ring
1 Silver Toyst
1 Cumdauly or Dagger
1 Bullcam or Dagger
1 Pettycoat

From Seramagan

3 pair Wotocadoken & Ear Ring
1 Chain
1 Pettycoat
1 Bullcam or Pike

From Nonnody

1 Pettycoat
1 Dovatie or Cloth
1 Bullcam or Pike

From

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From Trevengadum

1 pair Motocadoken or Ear Ring
1 Cadyam
1 Bullam
1 Jumdauly

From Adapa Moto Erolaundy

8 pairs Motocadoken or Ear Ring
1 Mango or Ear Ring
Ready Money 8 fanams

From Moyaundy

1 Pair Motocadoken
1 Pettycoat
1 Dovatie or Cloth
Ready Money 7 fanams

From Velliah

In Sundrys, such as Sagerycaul, Kulpraudum or Silver furniture } Chuckrums 50

1 Signed Varagoma Rauma Vunnian

Property

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## Property plundered by Goolapah, Naig

1 Caulanjoy or Silver Betle Stand ..... 31
1 Knife with Silver Handle
1 Pair Snipers with do
2 Chepperscodum or Copper Pots
2 Sarvum ..... Brass do
1 Brass Lamp stand
2 Chungaly Vuttaga or Brass oil Pot with Chains.
3 Brass Dupper
2 Mashawls
12 Brass Furniture
1 Sumdauly or Dagger with Gold ends on the Case

## From Talamalyen

1 Cholenaw or Portmanteau
1 Silver Plate .....
1 pair Silver Cauvary Calarum or Cups with Chains for Cauvery ..... 20
1 Dovatie or Cloth ..... 30
1 pair Rudratchien Keycattu or Praying Beads
1 Silver Head for the Cane No. 3 ..... 1.. 5.
2 Vibody Cole or Purse
9 Davaties or Cloths
1 painted Hankerchief with Lace Borders
3 Chercoos Lovados
1 Tombay Kyamonage or Diamond Ring with Pearl from Nollum Pandeapilley ..... Pag 100
1 Padycul
1 Mat Ball
3 Scales
In Sundry Coins in a Purse ..... 55.—

Total

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## From Marodapah.

| | Chack.s |
|---|---|
| 1 pair Mottos Copper or Pearl womans Ear ring | 20 |
| 1 pair Caumbopadum or Jewel made after the form of a Snakes Head | 10 |
| 1 pair Malabedos or Jewel | 10 |
| 1 pair Tundoatty do | 15 |
| 10 pair Vallaconany do | 40 |
| 3 pair Cavalycadoken do | 60 |
| 2 do Vellocadoken or Ear Ring | 30 |
| 1 do Lavaty do | 30 |
| 1 Cadalakay do | 20 |
| 1 Tirocantamaulay do | 15 |
| 1 Sunemony do | 5 |
| 1 Pannimy do | 5 |
| 1 Pavalatavadum or Coral Beads String | 15 |
| 1 Cadeam do | 20 |
| 1 Vedscaus Valayel do | 10 |
| 1 pair Caudakum do | 30 |
| 1 pair Tunday do | 20 |
| 5 pairs of Pully and other Silver Rings for the Womens fort finger | 60 |
| 3 Maluds do Jewels | 3 |
| 3 Tundotty | 3 |
| 3 Vadscoonony Lovados | 4 |
| 1 Ponnony or Gold | 3 |
| 1 Suny Mony | 2 |
| 1 Pair Wolocadoken or Ear Ring | 2 |
| 1 Redratchum with Silver | 2 |
| 1 Morago | 5 |
| 1 pair Dovatee or Cloth | |
| 1 Carundaccum or Chunam Box from Chucos Bovendon | 3 |
| 1 pair Woolocadoken or Ear Ring | |
| Ready Money | 3 |
| 1 Pettycoat | |

From

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From Seenepolaven

1 pair Wotocadshen or Ear Ring

From Mootoo Vyraven

1 fine Arm with Silver Work
1 Jumdauly or Dagger
1 Pettycoat
1 pair Wotocadshen
6 Cooleysam
1 Law Velvet Bye or Gold Cloth Purse
1 Pettycoat from Velliah
1 Bullearm or Pike
1 pair Wotocadshen or Ear Ring
Ready Money ... 1a 3f

1 fine Arm with Silver Work from Vyraven
1 Pettycoat
1 fine Arm ... from Carupen or Nilla Carupen
1 Pettycoat
Ready Money ... 3 Chuckrums

From Nellatomby

1 Pair Wotocadshen
3 Dovattes or Cloth
2 Wonetto or Ring from Nullum Pandeapillay 10 Chuckl.
1 Hunteraulega or Morega ... 10
2 Rings from Vencatasaram ... 10
Ready Money from Sunkahpillay ... 5
do. ... from Tope Canacon ... 3
2 Chests
1 Pettycoat
1 pair Rudratchum or Beads
1 Carumtaguem or Chunam Box
1 pair Wotocadshen or Chunam Box

From

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From Royeem Rauma Sawmy Pillay

1 pair Wotcadohen or Ear Ring
1 Pettycoat

From 3 Mootoo

1 Sett arm
3 pair Wotcadohen or Ear Ring
1 Pettycoat.

The whole of which property has been plundered by Tumachee Naig and Coolapah Naig from me, after intercepting me on my way, when I was going to the Army on the promise of a Cowle from the Honble Company.

(Signed) Varagoona Rauma Vannean

a true Translation as near as can be from the Malabars.

(Signed) Anna Sawmy
Transl.

opinion & Resolution of the Board on the foregoing Subject

The Board, having maturely considered the foregoing Papers, proceed to form their determination with Respect to the Conduct of the Shevegunny Poligar in the late Transactions at Shattoor, for which the Company's Troops were sent against him.

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The examinations taken by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell on this occasion being upon Oath - the proceeding conducted with the requisite formality, and Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell himself having made such remarks on the evidence as arose from the facts therein adduced, as well as from his own personal observations during the trial, the Board have every Material necessary to assist their Judgment, and in forming it, they mean to reject all other Information, of whatever nature, that has been brought forward on the public Correspondence since the attack of Shattoor.

The Board are of opinion with Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, that the Conduct of the Shevegury Poligar with respect to this Murder of the Poligar of Shattoor, has not been so criminal as they were at first led to imagine from the Representations of the Collector, who stated the Proceeding as a cool, deliberate, and unprovoked attack, in which not only the Poligar of Shattoor, but his Mother and Nephew were put to death - Mr. Torin gives this Account in a letter of the 5th June, eight days after the Assault, and when he

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he had made such an Enquiry as he thought sufficient to justify his pronouncing upon the nature and extent of the crime that had been committed.—

By the Evidence produced at the trial it appears, that there had, for a long time existed very serious disputes between the Shevegerry and Shattoor Poligars respecting Boundaries—a considerable degree of animosity had mutually prevailed, in consequence, and, tho' the Shattoor Poligar was much weaker than his neighbour he had not, on that account, been prevented from entertaining criminal designs against him—an intercepted letter from Shattoor to Lieutenant Ingram, and the evidence of Mootoo Comara, one of the Conspirators, prove that a plot was in agitation against the life of the Shevegerry Poligar, and that it was Countenanced by the Shattoor Poligar himself—It also appears that the attack of Shattoor immediately followed a provocation given by some of the Shattoor peons, but the Shevegerry Poligar himself was not present, at the attack, nor

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nor is it proved that any orders were given by him on the Subject— the party was led by his Brother in law, Mapuly Vanian, and the Poligar of Shattoor was put to death by one of Vanian's followers, apparently, not by his directions, but presumptively so, from the Circumstance of Vanian's disappearing immediately after the event happened— with respect to the Mother and Nephew of the Shattoor Poligar, no Injury was offered to them.—

These are the leading points of evidence as far as respects the attack of Shattoor, and the Board are inclined to draw the same conclusion as Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, that the Shivagerry Poligar is by no means so culpable as was at first imagined— yet, tho' they acquit him of the charge of directing or intending the Murder of the Shattoor Poligar, there still remains, in their opinion, very ample cause for censure & punishment.—

First— Because the violent attack on Shattoor, was an outrage in contempt of all government, and of the most dangerous tendency,

and

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and, being committed by the followers of the
Polegar of Shevegerry, under the Conduct of his
Brother in Law, must be deemed an Offence
for which the Polegar himself is fully
responsible.—

Secondly— Because the Shevegerry Polegar
when Summoned, first by the Collector, and
afterwards by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, to
appear and Submit his Conduct to a regular
examination, declined the Call— put himself in
a posture of defence, and compelled the Company's
Troops, with some loss of lives, to reduce his
Pollam.—

Thirdly— Because this Poligar had,
by his Refractory behaviour, drawn upon
himself the displeasure of Government in 1783,
when he was subdued by Colonel Fullarton,
and his Pollam afterwards restored upon
promises of future obedience.—

The Board however are not
unaware of those pleas which might be
urged in Behalf of the Polegars in general,
from the state in which they lived under the
Nabob's administration— Exposed to arbitrary
and undefined Demands from Government, they
practised

practised the same Injustice, by force or fraud, upon each other, Corrupt Amildars, taking no advantage of their internal disputes, frequently interfered, not as Mediators, but as fomentors of these quarrels, for their own Emolument— Rapine and Violence were not merely connived at, but openly assisted, and most of the usurpations committed by the Poligars— whether upon the Circar or upon each other, have received either the public Sanction or Secret encouragement of Authority.—

Under these Circumstances, probably, it was, that the Governor General in Council— speaking of the Conduct of the Sheveganny Poligar expressed an opinion that there was some opening amidst his crimes, for Indulgence; and the Board in deference to that opinion informed the Governor General that they would refer the ultimate Decision upon the case to Him.—

It is now resolved therefore, in conformity to the above intimation, that the Proceedings of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, with these Minutes, be transmitted to Bengal.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President in Council

Honble Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell reporting the result of his Enquiries into the disputed Claims amongst the Poligars

In my letter of the 28th ult.o I promised, when more fully informed with regard to the Sorts and Villages of Devadanum, Godalore and Pancor &c.a; to write you again, I have now the honor to address you on that Subject.

From my enquiries I learn that Devadanum, prior to Mahomet Yoofs Manager of these Countries, was considered as Circar property and under the Cowle of the Shevegerry Poligar, who was at that time dis=affected to the Nabob's Government, the Shatoo Poligar assisted Mahomet Yoof in Subjecting the Several Poligars to obedience - Shevegerry was driven from his Pollam and fled to Shevegunga, Shatoo receiving the Cowle of Devedanum from Mahomet Yoof, and also obtaining from Shevegerry's Uncle, the person established by the Circar as Poligar, a writing making over to Shatoo the Cowle of Devadanum

Rajah

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Rajah Saib succeeded Gopal Cawn as Phousdar, but had no force equal to awing the Poligars, and Shatoor Seized on Duvedanaum, not as a Cowle Village, but as a property, which he retained till Shevegerry again became power= =full and wrested it from him, without the Sanction of Rustan Ally, then Phousdar, who was Succeeded by Mahomet Cawn, during whose Management, Shatoor once more became possessed of Duvadanaum, which he held till confirmed to him by Mr. Irwin, but failing in his payments, he was again dispossessed by Etabar Cawn, who Succeeded Mr. Irwin, and Shevegerry restored, by whom Duvadanaum was retained, till Mr. Torin ordered its restitution on his coming to the Management.

As this place has long been a Source of Enmity between the families of Shatoor and Shevegerry; and is Situated between the two Polliams, and as the right of neither of the Claimants appears substantial, I take the liberty to Suggest, both on from motives of Policy and humanity, that Velia Taven, the Deposed Poligar of Chocampatty, should be established as Poligar of Duvadanaum— I am led, particularly, to the recommendation of

this

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this man, from a consideration of the
Services he rendered to the Company's
Government in the year 1783, when he
stood almost single in his fidelity, and
because his attachment to the Company's
management, afterwards, drew on him the
Jealousy and displeasure of the Nabob's
Servants, which terminated in his being
deposed by Estabar Canon in 1787- Ever since
which period he has been Subsisting on the
Charity of the other Poligars- Bestowing
Devadanam on him will be an act of
justice, and Should Government, on a
perusal of the Depositions regarding Shevegunga
form such favorable conclusions as to
induce them to reinstate him in his Pollam,
there will then be a breach in the commu-
=nication between two families, so long at
Enmity.

As Shatoo's Peishcush was
regulated by Mr. Irwin when he held
Devadanam, a proportionate Deduction must
be made if he is now divested of it- Mr. Irwin,
previous to his leaving this quarter, made
a Remission of one Year's Peishcush, and, in the
estimate delivered to me by Mr. Martin, there
appears a claim against Shatoo for the other
two

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two years arrears, which he pleads incapable of discharging - so that, admitting of a remission of the whole, or a part, will be a compensation for relinquishing his ideal claim to Dindigum.

The Forts and Villages of Cancore and Goodaloor appear, from the most Substantial Authority I can obtain, to have been Circar property till the Fesly year 1169; from that time, till 1170, they remained with Tode-taven, the most powerful of the Poligars, who, being conquered by Mahomet Yoof, the places again became Circar, and so remained till Fesly 1176 from which period till 1192 they were held by Shevegunj who professed himself thereof by force - at this period it was there not being then Circar Troops in this Country, to awe them / that the Poligars professed themselves of the many Villages they now hold and consider as property - In Fesly 1192 Mr. Irwin and Colonel Fullarton gave back these Villages to Tadetaven, by whom they were retained till 1194, when they were again restored, by Hitabar Rauze, to Shevegunj, with whom they remained till the arrival of Mr. Irwin, who, once more, ordered

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them to be given back to Pooletaven, to this however Shevegerry objected, tho he agreed to refer the matter to arbitration, to which effect he gave his promissory note, but it was not till the expulsion of Shevegerry that these places were possessed by Pooletaven — and his continuing to hold them, can be no great hardship on Shevegerry, even Should Govern= =ment be pleased to reestablish him, I have no doubt but Colonel Fullarton and Mr. Irwin had Substantial reasons for Patronizing Pooletaven, and I do therefore recommend that he be established in the possession of those places

I have attentively investigated the circumstances regarding Vadegerry (a Circar Village) and am of opinion, that Shevegerry did lay out a Considerable Sum of Money for the convenience of the Inhabitants of that Village, and that they ought to fulfill the terms of their written agreement, to whoever may possess Shevegerry.

Avidiaporam (a Circar Village) was, previous to Mr. Irwin's Manage= =ment, under the Cavole of Shevegerry, but, he (Mr. Irwin) for reasons I am acquainted with, took it from Shevegerry and gave it to

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to Pooletavem at the same time he did to
Godaloor and Pancore — It is at present to
under Pooletavem's Guard, and the Honble
Board may be pleased to Confirm it to
him if in possession of the reasons which in-
duced Mr Irwin to Confer it on Pooletavem
& the Village of Mavelicore and are
=collum have been Subject of much litigation I
think it necessary to state to you the different
claims, as they appear from my information,
and the measures I have adopted 'till your final
determination is communicated — Previous to the
Fasly year 1154 they were Circar — From
that time till 1173 it belonged to the Polegars
Ettiaporam, he having obtained and retained
it by force from the Circar, there being then
but few Troops in this quarter — From
1173 to 1176 it was again in Charge of the
Circar, and, owing to the Government
Troops being withdrawn, it fell once more
into the hands of Ettiaporam, by whom
it was kept 'till 1189 when it was taken
by Catabomma Naig and retained 'till again
restored by Mr Irwin to Ettiaporam who had
possession for two years afterwards, at which period
Ettabar Cavon who Succeeded Mr Irwin made it

over

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over to Pandalam Courchy by whom it was retained till the arrival of Mr. Irwin, who sent people to take it in charge, but Pandalam Courchy declined to deliver it up, and kept possession till the reduction of the Shevegerry Country, when Mr. Irwin sent in and took it in charge for the Company.

When Mr. Irwin settled the Revenue of the Polegars he fixed Ettiaporams at 11,176 Chuckrums per Annum estimating the Villages in question at 4,000 ℔ Ann: as Ettiaporam has not possessed them for Several years past I have found it necessary to make a remission in his three years arrears of 4000 Chuckrums per Ann: in all 12,000 Chuckrs. These Villages are at present under the Manage= =ment of the Company's Servants; but, as Ettiaporam's claims seem better Substantiated by long possession, and confirmed by Mr. Irwin's Cowle I would Recom= =mend that the Honble Board should direct them to be restored and that Ettiaporam, in consequence, shall pay the Pishcash stipulated by Mr. Irwin.

The foregoing informations have been obtained from the Cutcherry Congoes and the most respectable Inhabitants in the Country.

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It has been received as a prevalent opinion that the Poligars in General plun= =dered from the Circar to a large amount; I called on the Servants of both Cutcharries, to substantiate this, and I also had a conference with the Nabob's Shaugar on the Subject, at which I urged him to bring forward his Claims, both for usurpations and Plunder, but as yet he does not, and indeed I am per= =suaded that the Reports of Depredations com= =mitted by the Poligars has generally been propagated by the different Managers with a view of obtaining certain indulgence or a Remission of a part of their Rents.

The Poligars have, at all times, considered themselves, at liberty to attack each other without deeming it requisite to obtain the Sanction of the Government to which they paid their Pesheush: this cannot be more fully manifested than in the late instance, when almost the whole of them were either united with or against Ramnad or Nagelpore — perhaps this would have been more effectually checked by the Company's Servants had there been troops sufficient in the Country to have awed

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the Poligars into obedience — when such dispersed as the one Instanced took place it is reasonable to Suppose that depredations were Committed — but they seem to have been Strictly confined within the limits of the contending parties — as it appears to me an Object of material importance, to prevent, for the future, similar feuds among the Poligars — I shall take the liberty of recommending, that, in the event of Shevegunny being reestablished and the 7th Battalion removed from there, that the head quarters of that Corps be established at Kytar and a Company placed at Shandernacoil, at both of which places, there are good quarters for Officers & Sepoys without Subjecting the Company to any expence — I would also propose one or two Companies of that Corps being Stationed to the Eastward of Kytar in the Neighbourhood of Pandalam & Cauchy Eteaperam &c. — by this means a chain of troops will be formed through the Center of the Poligars, which will deter the more powerful from attacking or plundering the others, and will also prevent the Servants of the Nabob from improper interference with the Poligars, which they have every inclenation to —

Understanding

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Understanding that the Elephants ordered for the Service of this Detachment were to be disposed of at the Presidency, I ordered them to proceed to Madura & Trichinopoly with the Artillery & 1st Battalion of Europeans: they will probably be detained at the latter place a few days as they are directed to wait the arrival of Major Agnew, who will take charge of them from thence to Madras; this Detention will enable him to carry into effect, your orders yesterday received, respecting four of the best, being sent for the Service of the Commissioners appointed to make a Circuit in the ceded Countries on the Malabar Coast.

The whole of the Elephants left us this / without any casualty having occurred / in high condition, which I attribute to the great attention of Lieutenant & D.t Master Gibbings under whose immediate charge they were without his receiving any kind of advantage, and to whom, for the extra trouble they have occasioned, I trust the Honble Board will make a Suitable allowance.

Camp at
Cittaporam
3.rd December
1792.

I have the honor to be
&c: &c:
/Signed/ Hamilton Maxwell
Lieut.l Comm.g Southern Detach.t

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Resolutions of the Board thereon

The Board, having taken into consi=
=deration the foregoing letter, are of opinion that
Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell has conducted his en=
Enquiry into the disputed claims among the
Poligars with great Regard to the principles of
Justice and the preservation of future tranquility
in the District. They now proceed to pass the
following Resolutions on this Subject.

1st That, for the reasons given by Lieute=
=nant Colonel Maxwell, the Village of Devada=
=nam be placed under the deposed Poligar
of Shoolumputty, and a proportionable deduction
made, in consequence, from the Annual Pesh=
=cush of Shattoor, to which that Village is at
present annexed; also, that one of the two
years Arrears, due from Shattoor, be remitted.

2d That Poolitaven be declared
the lawful Proprietor of Poncoore and
Goodelour which were confirmed to him
by Colonel Fullarton and Mr. Irwin
on Account of his fidelity and attachment
in 1783, when most of the Poligars proved
disobedient to the Circar.

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3 That the Inhabitants of the Circar Village of Vadigerry shall be obliged to fulfil the terms of their written Agreement on account of the Money expended in their behalf by the Polegar of Shevegerry.

4th That Mr. Irwin's grant of the Cavaly of the Circar village of Avidiapooram to Pulitavoor be confirmed.

5th That, for the reasons given by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, the Villages of Mavelore and Arincollum be restored to the Pollagar of Etiapooram, and that the annual Peishcush to be received from him, be the same as settled by Mr. Irwin, Viz. 6 Chuckrums 11,176 per annum.

Agreed that the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, and that he be directed to carry them into effect before he quits the Tinnevelly District.

Agreed also that a Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell's letter, with the above Minutes, be sent to Bengal, and another Copy to the Board of Revenue for their Information and Guidance.

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Ordered that a letter be written to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, communicating the resolutions of this Board upon his letter of the 28th November and 3rd December

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob sent also in C. C. No 237

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob Walaja Bahauder to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor of Madras

Dated Pd Simaudelowell 1207 Fleyry or 17th December 1792

Received 17th do

From the Nabob requesting his Request that the Shevegerry Pollam may be delivered up to his authority.

Agreeably to the wishes of my Friend Lord Cornwallis Bahauder, I assigned over the Pishcush of the Polligars, my Subjects, to the Company, in part payment of my Visits. In case any one of them Swerve from his obedience to me, and it should be found necessary to reduce his Pollam, - such Pollam becomes my Right and property as the Sovereign of the Country - and you, my friend, in your Justice, accordingly promised in your letter of the 15th September last to deliver over the Shevegherry Pollam to my Servants. -

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I have therefore to request you will be pleased to direct your people to deliver up the said Pollam to my Naib residing at Tinnevelly.

What can I say more?

a true translation
Signed/ David Haliburton
P.S.

Resolved that the following answer be returned/ Vide C.C. No 238/

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic
&c: &c: &c: &c: &c:

To Ditto- in reply to the foregoing.

May it please your Highness!

I have had the honor of receiving your Highness's letter of the 17th Instant- Requesting that the Pollam of Shevegurry may be delivered over to your Highness's Servants according to the promise made to you in my letter of the 15th September.

When the Polygar of Shevegurry became disobedient and compelled the Company's troops to reduce him, the Government deemed it a necessary example of Severity to declare that he had forfeited his right; but, upon communicating the particulars of his Behaviour to

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the Governor General in Council of Bengal, his Lordship thought there were circumstances which might admit a Mitigation in the punishment — an Enquiry has since taken place, and the Proceedings will be transmitted to the Governor General in Council, whose opinion must finally determine the point in question —

Until that opinion is received it will be advisable to allow matters to rest as they are at present; and I trust your Highness will concur in the propriety of this resolution. —

I have the honor to be
&c: &c:
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

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Read the following letter from the Resident at Travancore. —

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

Honble Sir,

From Resident at Travancore — detailing the circumstances whence have arisen the differences between the Rajah and his Dewan and him

I had yesterday the honor to receive your letter of the 24th ultimo, enclosing one for the Raja

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Raja of Travancore, which I have delivered to him, and likewise the Copies of some Correspondence which has passed between the Rajah and myself.

I am extremely concerned that any part of my conduct should have afforded even a pretext to the Raja of Travancore to complain of it to my Superiors, confident as I am, that it has been dictated by a disinterested endeavor to be serviceable to him, and to merit the approval of my Employers; I am also to lament that my Silence on the Subject of the misunderstanding with the Dewan, and not with the Raja, should have caused any Embarassment to Government; I was induced to observe a Silence merely from political and prudential Motives, which I trust I shall make appear to you, in disclosing them - To extricate any part of my conduct from ambiguity or inconsistency, it will be necessary to give a plain Narrative of the occurrences which gave rise to the misunderstanding, and which I trust will prove a refutation of all that the Raja has represented against me.

When

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When the Dispute took place
between the Dutch and the Raja of Cochin,
I was in the Travancore Country negotiating
the Contribution which the Raja of Travancore
was to make towards carrying on the Expences
of the War; I had successfully concluded it,
at the time that accounts arrived of the
attack that the Dutch had made upon
the Cochin Raja's palace, of their having
been unsuccessful and their being in a
State of Hostility against each other — so
soon as I heard of it, and combining the
relative Situations both of the Dutch
nation and the Raja of Cochin with ours,
I thought I could not do a more Serviceable
act, than repair to the Spot, to offer my
Mediation to the Parties, and to recommend
a cessation of Hostilities until their
Disputes could be enquired into, which
was very thankfully accepted, particu-
-larly by the Dutch — you will recollect,
Honble Sir, that I transmitted to the
Board the whole of my proceedings upon
this Occasion, which received your appro-
-bation; and that I was directed to
investigate

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investigate the causes of the Dispute, and to report upon the same to me - all Hostilities between the parties ceased, and there was every appearance that the Dispute would be amicably adjusted upon the arrival of Mr. Van Angelbeck, the Cochin Governor, who was at Ceylon when it happened - From this aspect of affairs, and in confidence of my Mediation, accepted formally by the Dutch, the Raja of Cochin sent away his Nairs whom he had collected from his Districts North of the Travancore Lines - all this happened during the Months of October and November 1791.

In the Month of December following, Mr. Van Angelbeck arrived at Cochin, but, in his way, paid the Rajah of Travancore a Visit, and I have reason to believe that measures were concerted between them to have the dispute settled by the Raja of Travancore, and not by the English Mediation; Subsequent Circumstances convinced me that my Information was, in some degree, to be depended upon; for I had

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before discovered that the Council at
Cochin, as soon as they commenced
Hostilities against the Cochin Rajah, had
applied to the Raja of Travancore on the
occasion, and reminded him of the Treaty
Sensive and Defensive, which Subsisted
between them. To this letter I never could
learn what answer was made - on the
arrival of Mr Van angelbeck, who brought
with him some Troops from Columbo,
a Report was circulated that the Rajah
of Travancore was to assist the Dutch
with a Body of Troops against the
Rajah of Cochin, who was naturally
alarmed at the Report, and ordered back
his Nairs from his Northern Districts
they were not permitted to pass the Gate
of the Travancore lines; the Cochin Raja
complained to me of this, which induced
me immediately to write to the Raja
of Travancore upon the Subject, acquainting
him of the impropriety of the act, I
likewise mentioned to him the Report that
was

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was in circulation, which I termed a Malicious one, and which could only have been propagated by his Enemies to his prejudice; I therefore desired, he would publickly disavow it, and send orders to his Commandant at the lines to allow the Cochin Raja's peoples to be admitted into the Southern part of his Country, as had always been the Custom

The Raja, in reply, wrote me that he had sent orders to his Servants at the lines not to prevent any of the Cochin Subjects passing, and that their having been stopped had been done without his knowledge - He disavowed the report, and begged I would consider it as a Calumny Notwithstanding what the Raja wrote me, the Cochin Raja's subjects were not allowed to pass, and I was under the necessity to write a second time upon the subject - This caused me to pay some attention to the reports that were in circulation.

During this period, the Dewan was in the Travancore Country and was expected at Cochin in his way to join

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join General Abercromby's Army; I had no information that several letters had passed between Mr Van Angelbeck and him, and although the former had been arrived at Cochin at least a fortnight, he never had mentioned to me a Syllable on the Subject of the Dispute, notwithstanding we had frequently met, and he was well acquainted with the part I had taken in the affairs; and, what read to me more extraordinary, he had not entered upon the Subject with the Raja of Cochin or any of his Servants— this can only be accounted for, by his Subsequent conduct, which it would appear he had determined to regulate, by the success of his views with the Dewan

Having observed with much attention all the above Circumstances, I wrote two or three letters to the Dewan; acquainted him that the English Government had interfered in the Dispute; and that I had been appointed a Mediator to investigate it between the parties; that I understood he was expected at Cochin; & I therefore begged he would come to me before he saw Mr Van Angelbeck as I had

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some matters of importance to communicate to him, which I considered of consequence to his Raja's Interest - I repeated this request in two letters, in answer to which, he wrote me, that, as he had received no order from his Master to go to Cochin, he had no Intention of stopping there, that he should pass it, and proceed to Parour, where he requested I would come - the Critical Situation in which the Cochin Raja was, at that juncture, would not allow of my quitting the place; I therefore wrote him that it was out of my power, then, to comply with his request, as my business would not allow of my absence.

My Object was, in some degree answered by the Dewan not having had an Interview with the Cochin Governor, and I became indifferent whether I saw him or not, as I expected he would, without delay, march, with all his Troops, to join General Abercromby, as I knew he had received repeated letters to that effect; had this taken place, I knew it would defeat any plans the Dutch might have had in Contemplation,

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and matters I thought, would revert to their former State and the adjustment of the disputes would be the consequence —

after the letters I had received from the Dewan, and after his having passed Cochin I had not the least reason to expect that he would have returned to it; but you will judge of my Surprize, when his Vakil came to me two or three days after, and delivered me a Message from the Dewan, that he was just arrived, and that he was going to pay a Visit to the Dutch Governor, after which he should come to me. He accordingly paid his Visit to the Governor, and was received with extraordinary Honors, the whole Garrison was under arms, in short, such attentions as never were paid to his Master — all this was done to gratify the Vanity of the Dewan, and to intimidate the Cochin Raja — as I was persuaded in my own Mind, that the Governor had some design in view, by such public attention to a man, to whom, I knew he was inimical, I thought the best mode I could adopt to shew Mr Van Angelbeck I was aware of his design, was not to receive the Visit of the Dewan, I therefore wrote him a letter, to the following purport,

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purport, which was given to him as he was coming to my house," that as he had chosen, by his Conduct to proclaim his preference to the Dutch Government, he might save himself the trouble of visiting me, and that I should communicate to his Raja the business I wished to speak to him about". This was the cause of the misunderstanding between the Dewan and myself, I trust that I acted with consistency and dignity in my particular situation at that time, as a Mediator from the English Government in a foreign Settlement — at the same time adverting to the particular situation of the Raja of Travancore, as he then stood towards us; of this I am sure, that my Conduct checked, on the part of the Dewan, any confederacy with the Dutch — I had no other motive for seeing him first, than a wish to put him on his Guard, and prevent him forming any inconsiderate connection —

I cannot venture to pronounce what was the plan in Agitation, as I cannot adduce any positive proofs, but the subsequent detail of facts will manifest, that my Suspicions and my information were not ill grounded. —

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The Dewan continued in the neighbourhood of Cochin four or five days and had daily interviews with the Dutch Governor; during this time the Cochin Raja's Minister went to him; the proposals that were made to him by the Dewan, and the Conversation that passed between them, unveiled partly, that his design was to intermeddle with the Dispute, and to endeavor to have it terminated by him - he offered the Cochin Minister to settle the dispute between the Dutch and his Raja, and desired him to advise his Master to write to him / the Dewan / a letter requesting him to Mediate, and promising to abide by his decision - to this, the Cochin Minister replied, that his Master was a Tributary to the English Company, that the whole Business had been referred to the Madras Governor, therefore any other interposition would be improper. the Dewan said, he knew that they had depended upon my representation of it, that I was only the Company's Cash keeper, and they would find I should not be attended to - when the Cochin Raja was informed of this, he sent to me and acquainted me of the circumstance of what had

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passed between his Minister and the Dewan,
and desired I would give him my advice
upon the Subject – I told him that I
considered it very presumptive of the Dewan
to propose to interfere when he had known
from me, that I was appointed a Mediator
by the Madras Government, and that
he did not need any other interposition,
for he might be assured every Justice
would be rendered him – The Rajah said
he never had an Idea of accepting the
Dewan's mediation, for he knew well, as
that he was inimical to him, and would
gladly avail himself of the Occasion to
make him Subscribe to whatever
Conditions might be proposed by the
Dutch.

The Dewan, finding that
his endeavors to interfere were ineffectual,
left Cochin and proceeded to Paroor, but
previously Settled, I imagine, with Mr. Van
Angelbeck, the measures that were to be

adopted

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adopted by the latter towards the Cochin Raja; for
upon his Departure, and not till then, the
Dutch Governor sent for the Cochin Minister
and told him that unless the Raja submitted
to unconditional terms he should commence
Hostilities against him; and, after this, he
proposed an Interview with me, in which
he declined my further Mediation, and expressed
himself to the same purports as he did to
the Minister - for the particulars of this
I beg leave to refer you to my Letters under
date 22d. and 31st. December 91. - your Subse-
quent orders to me, it will be unnecessary
to detail, as well as your letter to the
Dutch Government in which you expressed
Surprise at their conduct and recommended
that the matter in dispute should be
investigated by a Commissioner on their
part and the Raja, in my presence -
The dispute was investigated, and settled
to the Satisfaction of both parties; and I
did myself the Honor to report upon the
same to your Honorable Board - I have to

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add, as an Instance of the Satisfaction which the Dutch received in the adjustment of it, that, previous to my leaving Cochin, about two Months ago, their Government sent a Deputation to me of two of their Council to return me thanks for the part I had taken in the business.

The Dewan having shortly after his departure from Cochin, marched with his troops to join the Bombay army, and no evil consequences having occurred from his conduct, combining as with the above, the very critical Juncture of public affairs, being at the period that the grand Army was moving towards Seringa= =patam, and General Abercromby's Army also on the wing to march, expecting to be joined by the Dewan with the Travancore Troops, and having weighed the above Circum= =stances maturely, I considered it not prue= =dent, at such a period, to accuse publicly the Dewan of the Raja for whom the English had engaged in the War, of any

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thing of a perfidious nature, particularly as I could not substantiate or support any accusation of this nature by positive proofs or Documents, altho' his conduct was such as to amount, in my mind, to a perfect conviction that he had every disposition to confederate with the Dutch in order to diminish the power of our Tributary, the Raja of Cochin.

I shall be extremely sorry if this explanation of my silence respecting the Misunderstanding does not prove satisfactory; I have only to add, that I acted from the best of my Judgement and from the best of Intentions.

I expected that after the Dewan's return from the Campaign, that every thing would have been forgot on his part, and that we should have met; but, as he never made any advances to me, I did not think it consistent with my public Situation to be the first proposer of an accommodation, but I have reason to believe that matters were aggravated, by improper insinuations when he was to the Northward.

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I have now, Honble Sir, to
defend that part of my Conduct which
has been accused of personal disrespect
to the Raja – I beg leave to assure you that,
so far from conducting myself with a dis-
-respectful demeanor towards the Raja,
that I have ever made it my particular
Study to treat him with respect and
politeness – When I delivered him your
letter yesterday, I begged of him to tell me
whether he could point out one Instance
wherein I had behaved any otherways
than with respect and attention – He
avoided the Subject, and I could not persuade
him to speak of the Contents of his Letter
to you – He replied only, that what I
had said to him on a particular day
had been disagreeable to him; the fact
is that it had been disagreeable to
his Dewan, for I very candidly told
him of his Dewan's conduct when he
was at Cochin, which I thought might
have been prejudicial to his Interest –

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I know perfectly well that the letter to
you as well as those to me were dictated by the Dewan, who has never
been once present at the Interviews
I have had with the Raja — I think it
due to myself to say, upon this Subject
that, altho' the Misunderstanding took
place between the Dewan and myself
so long ago as last December, — that it
has only been within these three
months / after the Dewan's arrival with
the Raja / that there was any inter=
=ruption to that confidence which
had ever subsisted between us; and I
have been informed, from several
persons who had seen the Raja,
that he always mentioned me with
Esteem, and acknowledged the attention
I had paid to his Interests — But,
to demonstrate the Malabar Decp=
=licity which is inseparable from
their Character, I shall mention a

Circumstance

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Circumstance which took place at the very time he wrote complaints against me — In descending the Steps of the Pavilion he received me in, he desired me to give him my hand to assist him, and when we had arrived at the bottom of the Steps, he emphatically said, In this manner, you have always assisted me, and in this manner I trust you will continue to do so.

I am sorry that my two letters to the Raja, / the Copies of which were sent you, and which are almost accurate, / should have been thought by you in their Language as ill adapted to the relative situation which subsists between the Raja and myself — my Feelings were much hurt that he should have advanced so extreme an assertion as he has done, and should have twisted and perverted my words to correspond with the Ideas he had formed

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formed from the suspecions of his Dewan,
as I shall make appear in the sequel; as
this may have betrayed me into Language
which admitted the construction which
you have put on it.

I hope you will pardon
me for trespassing so long on your time;
but I think it necessary to vindicate
myself of what has been asserted that
I said, respecting my writing to Lord
Cornwallis; in order to do this, I must
inform you of what led to the Subject,
and how it originated.

I had been informed that
the Raja of Travancore, when he saw the
Treaty of peace, had expressed himself
dissapointed that he had not been men-
tioned in it; for long ago discovered that
he and his Dewan had formed very
ambitious and Sanguine expectations of
having some of the ceded Countries on the
Malabar Coast made over to the Travancore
Sirkar; I was further informed that the Raja

Had

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had expressed himself hurt that his Dewan had not received Lord Cornwallis's permission to wait on him at Seringapatam - likewise that, when the Dewan was at Periapatam, he had written to Lord Cornwallis, requesting his Lordship's permission to pay his respects to him; that, upon his receiving an answer that he should be sent for, if his presence was found necessary, he immediately imputed it to me that he had not been successful and to that effect he expressed himself; for I obtained this Information from a person who was present when his Lordship's letter was received by him - Whether the contents of the letters which passed between Lord Cornwallis and the Dewan are faithfully reported, I cannot vouch for - the whole of this was in the above manner stated to me - I make no doubt but the Dewan represented to the Raja the Suspicions he had entertained upon this Subject;

and

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and attributed to me his not being present
at the signing of the Camp Treaty - for
the Raja mentioned to me, that I did not
then penetrate his design / how much he
had been concerned that his Troops had
not joined the Grand Army, and hinted his
chagrin that his Servant had not had
the Honor to see Lord Cornwallis - and to
be with him at the conclusion of the
War - It was then I said, that perhaps
His Lordship had heard of his Dewan's
Conduct at Cochin, or it might have
been in consequence of a letter I had
written His Lordship upon the occasion,
these were, to the best of my recollection,
the words I spoke; the conversation was
so desultory that I did not pay much
attention to it, not being aware, at that
time, it was a premeditated plan, to lie
the ground work of a complaint against
me, nor did the Raja discover, by his
Conduct, that his dignity had been
affected

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affected by what I said — I was therefore much
astonished at the letter I received from him
upon the Subject, and was at a loss to
divine the cause of it, until I had the
honor to receive your letter, which made
it them very obvious.

I have to add, upon this
Subject, that, in consequence of the Dewan
having told my Dubash he should
complain to Lord Cornwallis when he
saw his Lordship at Seringapatam for
my not having received his visit at
Cochin, I considered it, what I owed to
myself to write to Lord Cornwallis upon
this, which were to the following purport —
"That I had been told, the Travancore
Dewan had threatened to complain to
his Lordship about me for not having
received his Visit at Cochin, I begged his
Lordship would do me the favor to
suspend his Judgement upon the matter
until I entered into an Explanation of my
Conduct: that I had been induced to adopt
Measures, in consequence of the Dewan's

Behavior

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Behavior appearing to me very Inconsis-
=tent and Equivocal — as the Dewan did not
see his Lordship, and no complaint was made,
the Matter rested in that state.—

The above is what I took the
liberty to write to Lord Cornwallis, and I
sent it by a person who accompanied the
Dewan's Army, to be transmitted to his
Lordship on its junction with the Grand
Army.— With regard to the Information
I required from the Raja of the Disputed
Talooks, I have to inform you, Honble Sir,
that I received a letter from the Bombay
Commissioners, under date the 5th of June last,
they requested I would obtain what Informa-
=tion I could, respecting three Talooks which
Tippoo had included in his Dummabandy
as belonging to the Cochin Raja, which
they had been informed, by the Travan-
=core Dewan, appertained to the Travancore
Raja, and recommended I should transmit
the Information I acquired about them
to the Governor General — on the 14th of June
I transmitted my Report to Lord Cornwallis
respecting the Talooks, which will demonstrate
that

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that the Information I had received of their tenure was favorable to the Raja of Travancore.—

Early in October last I had the honor to receive a letter from Lord Cornwallis, in which his Lordship signified to me that he had made a proposition to Tippoo to send a Deputy from each party, to take the depositions on the Spot respecting the Titles of the Talooks in dispute, and that his Lordship had requested General Abercromby to name me to be the Deputy on the part of Government.—

In order to testify the high sense I entertained of so honorable an appointment, I thought it my Duty immediately to repair to the Raja of Travancore to obtain from him every Document and Information upon the Subject, to be prepared to meet Tippoo's Deputy.— I naturally thought the Raja would have chearfully afforded me what I required, as my object was to support his Claims.—

On my arrival here, at the

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two first Interviews with the Raja, he promised me, I should be furnished with every necessary Information, but, on my pressing him upon the Subject, he pretended at times to have discovered that I was not his friend, and said, that he should withhold Information until he heard from Lord Cornwallis – In consequence of which, I wrote the letter as under date the 2d November to the Raja, a Copy of which he has sent you, that I might bring it forward as a Document, at a future period, if I found it necessary, to shew, that I had done every thing in my power to obtain every Information upon the Subject.

I cannot in any other mode Account for this backwardness on the part of the Raja to bring forward his Documents, than that there may be some doubt or Suspicion in his Mind, conceiving that we are interested in the Decision, as the Talooks have been ceded to the Honble Company by the Treaty & that he means to withhold them until he is

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compelled by the arrival of Tippoo's Deputy &
the Investigation actually takes place.

Having now, Honble Sir, most
faithfully and particularly stated every part
of my Conduct which had the most distant
reference to the Complaints that have been
preferred against me, I am not a little anxious
as to the result of your opinion of it; for it has
ever been my first wish to perform my duty
in that manner as to merit your approval,
and I shall sincerely lament if, by any act, I
shall give you cause to withdraw that
favorable opinion you have been pleased
hitherto to entertain of me.

In a separate letter I shall
do myself the Honor to write on the Subject
of the contribution demanded of the Raja.
He has promised to Speak to me on the
Subject either tomorrow or the day after.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Signed George Powney
Resd.t

Trevandaporam
6th Dec.r 1792.

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

I had yesterday the Honor to re-
ceive your Secretary's letter of the 30th Ult. accom-
-panied with one for the Rajah of Travancore, &
and likewise Copies of the letters from and to
His Excellency.

I delivered your letter to the
Rajah, and am sorry to say that your wishes
appeared to have no effect whatever on him.
He said that he thought I was not friendly
towards him, and that he could not bring
himself to transact any business with me, and
that he should write to this effect in answer
to your letters of the 24th and 28th Ult.o. I
did every thing in my power to prevail on
His Excellency to tell me candidly the cause
of his distrust, or to disclose to your Honorable
Board every Suspicion he had of me, that I
should be called upon by you to answer
for my Conduct, and it was the only mode to

discover

From Resident at Travancore has delivered the letter for the Rajah & obstinacy of his conference with him on the occasion - the Rajah refuses to transact any business with him - further particulars, in Justification of his Conduct

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discover the truth or the falsehood of the re-
representations that had been made to him
him about my conduct; I could obtain from
his Excellency no reply to the point, I there-
-upon told him, that as he had refused to
settle the Business with me, my presence
here would not be required until I received
your orders to this representation, that I
should make to your Honble Board, I
should therefore make a temporary Excursion
to Cochin, with the Expectation that the
Deputation from Tippoo might soon
arrive, and that I might enter upon that
business.

I have been very anxious to
discover what the Rajah has been im-
-pressed with to my prejudice, I am persuad-
-ed the whole of it has originated from the
intriguing and mischievous disposition
of his Dewan, I find his suspicions have
arisen respecting the disputed Taloks, that
he imagines I have received Information
about them from an interested quarter, which

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he has been persuaded to fear, may prove
to his loss and disadvantage; but to convince
your Honble Board how very unfounded and
unjust his suspicions are, and that my Ideas,
respecting the tenure of them are favorable to
the Rajah, I take the liberty to enclose herewith the Copy of a Letter to Earl Cornwallis
on their Subject, likewise the extract of a Second
Letter to his Lordship about them written only
a few days before I left Cochin.

It is necessary to inform your
Honble Board that throughout the whole
Malabar Coast, every Rajah is at enmity
with his Neighbor, and that a great animosity
between the Rajah of Travancore and
Cochin appears to have prevailed ever
since the dispute took place between the
latter and the Dutch, and which has been
increased by the Conduct of the Travancore
Dewan, who, ever since his return from
the Northward, has prohibited every
article of Merchandize, the produce of the
Travancore Country, going to Cochin - this
occasioned a distress for many articles of
Consumption

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Consumption there, the Rajah of Cochin has complained to me of this facts or five months ago, I proposed writing to the Rajah of Travancore about it, he said it was unnecessary as he intended to pay a Visit to the Rajah, when he would settle the matter with him

Upon my receiving the letter from Lord Cornwallis, in which his Lordship advised me that he had requested General Abercromby to name me to be the Deputy on the part of Government to take depositions respecting the Title of the Talooks, I applied a second time to the Rajah of Cochin for Informa=tion about them, at the same time requested that he would refer to his records, and afford me an authentic and particular account about them - He sent his Minister to me with it, and it corresponded with the former Account, I had received, excepting only as to the periods they were made over to the Travancore Rajah - The Deed that made over the Talooks, I did not see, the Minister told me, it was deposited at a place a little distant from Cochin, and as this

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Conversation took place only two or three days before I left it to come here, I had not then time to examine it, deferring it until my return.—

In order to obtain every possible Information upon the above Subject, I thought it necessary to require from the Rajah of Travancore his account of them, that I might compare both, and see whether they corresponded— He withheld every information, as you have been already advised— His Excellency had heard that I had received from the Cochin Rajah an account of them, and suspected it was done to bring forward Claims for him, but I made solemnly over that when I obtained from the Cochin Minister his account of these Talooks, that I never mentioned to him the reason of my demanding it as I fear'd it would defeat my object, nor does the Cochin Rajah or his Minister to this Moment Know, that a Deputation is to be formed to investigate the Title of them.—

The Copies of Letters which I have herewith enclosed will demonstrate, that I came to the Rajah fully persuaded, from

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the Information I had acquired, that he had a right to the Lands in question, and with every good disposition to support him in his Claims – my Intention was to have explained to his Excellency the whole of my proceedings, but I found him so distrustful and so backward to enter upon the Subject, that I left him to pursue his own course.

Ever since the Rajah of Cochin had become Tributary to the Honble Company, his connection has been regarded with extreme Jealousy by the Travancore Rajah; for, previous to it, notwithstanding he stood in the same relation to Tippoo, – the Travancore had always a great ascendency over him, but since that period the Cochin Rajah has naturally taken advantage of his Situation and has never allowed him to interfere with the affairs of his Circar.

I am very sensible that my having observed on the increase of the Rajah's Military Establishment and having recommended a diminution of it, has been considered as a grievance, because it has militated against the Dewan's Plans, but

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these are matters of a political Nature, and have been ever represented in a moderate manner, and I should think myself very undeserving to hold my present situation if I had allowed such Circumstances to pass con=sidered and uncommented on, because I am sometimes it occasioned a temporary displeasure in the Rajah - and I am fully persuaded, such as would have been only temporary, had it not been for the Malignant and Systematick aggra=tions of the Dewan.

If Honble Sir, I should have been so fortunate as to receive your approval of in the general tenor of my Conduct, I trust, that the stability of my services is not to be judged of by the Rajah of Travancore, nor depressed by the Intrigues of his Dewan

I have the honor to remain

Travanderam
9th December 1792

&c. &c. &c.

/Signed/ George Powney
Resdt.

To

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

Fort William

My Lord,

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The Bombay Commissioners appointed by General Abercromby, to inspect the Countries ceded by Tippoo Sultaun on the Malabar Coast, have transmitted me a copy of an extract from the Summabandy of the ceded Countries as detailed by Tippoo, requesting I would procure and transmit them the most exact account I could, of the real value of the Talooks included in the Cochin Country; at the same time, they informed me, that they had been verbally acquainted at Travancore by the Dewan to the Rajah of Travancore, that the Districts of Alungaur, Parour, and Kounetnaygr, althó included in the cession as appertaining to Cochin, and valued in the Schedule at 12,000 Pagodas did really appertain to the Rajah of Travancore, and had been held by him for a

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considerable time; In consequence of which, they requested me to obtain every possible Information upon the Subject, and to advise your Lordship of it without delay, if I found the Travancore Dewan's representation to be true.

I shall therefore give your Lordship as full an Account as I have been able to procure of the Tenure of these Districts; I believe it to be an exact and true one, as I obtained it from the Cochin Rajah's Minister, who, not being at all interested about them, or not knowing what Object I had in view in obtaining Information respecting them, he could have no view in mis=stating, moreover, as it corresponds with the Account given me of them, some time ago, by the Travancore Dewan.

It would appear that even before Hyder's Conquest of the Northern Malabar Countries, the different Rajas were constantly in a state of War=fare amongst themselves, which extended to the Travancore Country, - the greatest part of which, I understand, was conquered by the Rajah of Travancore of several petty independant Rajahs.

In the Malabar year 927 or English 1752 the Rajah of Travancore was at War with the Rajah of Cochin, and conquered a considerable part of his Country, and Koonatnaya was included in the Conquest, - ever since the above period, it has been held by the Travancore Rajah.

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In the Malabar year 930 or English 1755 the Samorien and the Rajah of Cochin were at War - the former of which was successfull, and in 1756 conquered the greatest part of the Cochin Country, almost as far South as the Fort of Cochin - the Districts of Alungaur and Parour were included in the Conquest - these Districts were held by petty Rajahs or Chiefs, and the Nature of the Government being at that time Feudal, they held them subject to Military Service, and dependant on the Cochin Rauge - The Zamorien continued in possession of his conquests near four years, when the Cochin Rajah applied to the Travancore Rajah for a Body of Troops to assist him in regaining his Country, which was granted him; and, in consequence of this assistance, the Cochin Rajah recovered his possessions, and, by an agreement previously entered into by the parties, in consideration of the assistance rendered, the Districts of Alungaur and Parour were made over to the Travancore Rajah, which took place in the year 1762, or there about, ever since which period, they have appertained to him.

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of the ceded Countries on the Malabar Coast, it occurred to me, that the Cochin Rajah's Situation having been very different to that of any of the other conquered Rajahs, a question might arise how far Tippoo Sultaun was justified in including the whole Value of the Cochin Rajah's Country in the Cession, all the other Countries in the Dummabandy were actually conquests, and his Government established in them; whereas the Cochin Country was not amongst his conquests, previous to his attack of the Travancore Lines, but the Rajah always held it himself, and had the actual and efficient Government of it, but was paying to Tippoo Sultaun annually a Tribute of 30,000 Pagodas.

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I hope your Lordship will forgive the liberty I have taken, in introducing what has occurred to me upon this point; it may have been provided for, in the definitive Treaty, or my Judgement may err in the conclusion I have drawn of it- whatever may be the result, I trust your Lordship will do me the justice to attribute it to an anxious desire of testifying to you my Duty.

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

Cochin
14th June 1792.

A true Copy
/Signed/ G. Powney
Resd.t

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Wm. Page Powney dated 16th October 1792 to the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis KG &c. &c. &c.

I beg leave to offer my acknowledgements for the Nomination your Lordship has desired to be conferred on me of Deputy, on the part of Government, to take depositions with a Deputy from Tippoo, to ascertain the Limits of the three Talooks which Tippoo has introduced in his Schedule as appertaining to the Rajah of Cochin — as soon as Lieutenant General Abercrombys Instructions upon this Business, and Tippoo accedes to your Lordships proposition of sending his Deputy to the Spot, I shall do my utmost so to merit your Lordship's Confidence by entering upon it with every possible diligence & circumspection

I have made very particular Enquiries respecting these Talooks, and there remains not a doubt that the Raja of Travancore has been in the uninterrupted Possession of them between thirty and forty years; indeed, there are written Documents to prove this fact in the hands of both the Rajas.

A true Extract
I Signed / George Powney
President

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Resident at Travancore - forwarding the Rajah's reply to the Resident's letters of 24th and 28th Nov. purport in consequence, of his visit to Cochin, where he shall wait the Hon Bds Instructions.

I do myself the Honor to transmit you the accompany Letter from the Rajah of Travancore, a copy of which he has sent me for my Information - The Contents of it have determined me to put into execution my design of leaving this for Cochin, for it would be, I presume, too degrading for me to remain here as your Resident, after the manner in which the Rajah has expressed himself and resisted your wishes - as the first Kist of the Rajah of Cochins Tribute for 1792/3 falls due on the 26th of this Month and likewise the Rent for the Island of Chetwa is in course of payment. I shall proceed there to receive the above and wait your Instructions - The other business, which the Rajah has mentioned in his letter, he wishes to be settled by some other person, it, I understand about the disputed Talooks.

I have been informed, but not from any authority, that the Bengal Commissioners are to investigate some Complaints which have been preferred against the Travancore Durbar by the Bombay Commissioners for oppression and peculation during

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during the time he was in the Calicut Country;
if this Should be so, it would be particularly
gratifying to me, if they were to be requested so
to investigate also my Conduct with respect to the
representations that have been made against
me by the Rajah of Travancore.

Travandrum
11th Dec.r 1792

I have the honor to remain
&c. &c.
(Signed) G Powney
Resd.t

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

From Rajah of Travancore consents to the Subsidy demanded of him but must decline the Arrangement of it, with Mr Powney - intreats another person may be sent in his room per ltr to G.C. No 239.

Dated 23d Rubbyulsanie 1207 of Hegery or
7th December 1792
Received 19th Do

I have had the pleasure of
receiving, through the means of Mr Powney
both your letters successively in answer to mine,
and understand their contents - you say that
it can never be my intention to object to the
demand which you have made with the full
approbation of Lord Cornwallis - that you
trust I shall soon make you happy by
communicating my consent, and that you
hope, after perusing your letter, that my conduct
Confidence in Mr Powney will be re-established, and

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that this business may be settled through his channel - all this I understand - Gracious Sir: I so consent with all my heart to the request you have made Viz. for a Yearly Subsidy towards defraying the pay of troops, and declare Solemnly that I have no thought of excusing myself or giving it a refusal - yet, considering your just and favorable disposition to attend the representation made to you, I write you plainly and Sincerely that it is not possible the arrangement of this business (that is what you have requested of me) can take place through the Agency of Mr. Powney, as I have not the least confidence on him and shall not have any in future - The Almighty knows that my mind is no ways disposed either to settle this or any other business with him, and have accordingly made this plain declaration to him - If another person from amongst the Servants of the Company comes here soon to settle this business, I will with the greatest pleasure confer with him respecting my consent to the request you have made, and other matters of importance but that I never will have any personal communication with Mr. Powney on any Business - It is proper you should consider this declaration as from my heart, and I hope you will favor me frequently with your agreeable letters - what shall I say more -

Signed in Malabar Characters
a true Translation
(Signed) David Haliburton
P.T.
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Minutes and Resolution of the Board on the foregoing Subject,

The Board are concerned that Mr. Powney did not think it expedient to make an earlier communication of the misunderstanding that had arisen between the Rajah and himself, as such communication would undoubtedly have induced them to postpone the demand he lately made on his Excellency, the success of which depended in some measure upon the degree of confidence in which the Resident stood at the Durbar.

The Board are of opinion that to preserve the influence which Mr. Powney's Station absolutely required, the utmost prudence became necessary upon every occasion, particularly when he found reason to disapprove the conduct or Character of those with whom he was to transact the Chief Business of his Employment.

In Mr. Powney's correspondence with the Board, there should have been no reserve whatever upon any point, but in his communications with the Rajah it was obviously indiscreet to tell him that he, the Resident, had probably been the cause of the Ministers not being permitted to visit Lord Cornwallis at Seringa-patam - Such a declaration was calculated to excite alarm, and, however just Mr. Powney's opinion of the Dewan may be, the least Reflection must have shewn, the consequence of any attempt to weaken that Interest which he had repeatedly acknow-ledged to be all powerful with the

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The Board are fully sensible of the Zeal and attention which Mr. Powney has manifested on several occasions in the discharge of his duty; and, as they entertain a very favorable opinion of his Principles and Disposition in general, it would have afforded them sincere pleasure, if their recommendations to the Rajah had produced the effect they wished, - but the tenor of the last letter received from his Excellency seems to preclude every hope of that nature.

Agreed that the above be communicated to Mr. Powney.

Resolved that copies of the three letters from Mr. Powney, with the intended reply, and the letter from the Rajah, be sent to Bengal - and that the Governor General in Council be informed, that, as the Rajah's letter seems to preclude all hope of re-establishing any degree of cordiality on his part, the Board apprehend it will be necessary to make some Provision in consequence for negotiating what is further necessary with respect to the proposed Subsidy, which His Excellency declares himself ready to pay to the Company.

Read the following letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, also entered in C. C. No. 240.

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

Dated 12th December 1792.

From Rajah of Tanjore requesting, if the reply of Lord Cornwallis to his letter regarding the proposed Treaty, be arrived, that it may be forwarded to him. requests his contracts that the orders may continue at Tanjore. Copy of his letter to us them, enclosed.

Your Excellency did me the honour of addressing a letter to me under date 24th October, in which, among other things you inform that the moment I should consent to the conditions of the Treaty, you would forward it for my signature. I have already written a letter, which was sent through your Excellency's means, to make my situation known to Lord Cornwallis Bahader in Bengal: and I am in expectation of receiving an answer from his Lordship: If therefore an answer is arrived, your Excellency will favor me by transmitting it. I confide in every respect in the honour of the Lord Bahader; and, as I have delivered myself and my country into his hands, it would not become me to write an answer to your Excellency's letter, before an answer be received from Bengal.

after the Baie Sahebs went to reside in the Sheriguenga fort, I used every endeavour to effect a reconciliation by means of Mr. Swartz and Captain Wallace. I also addressed a letter to them, full of reverence, which was forwarded by those

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those two Gentlemen, but, listening to the ad-
advice of evil counsellors, they have, with fixed
determination, rejected all my advances. If, in conse-
-quence, the Women of Tulja Maharaz abandon
my palace and proceed to Madras, their fame
will be injured in the world. It is not right
that this should happen in my family. as the
Honble Company are the proper Supporters
of my Honour, to whom besides your Excellency
can I communicate the sorrows of my mind.
If your Excellency, from attention to this res-
-pectable family, will both prevent the
Baie Sahebs from going to Madras, your
will advance your own fame and reputation
in the eyes of Mankind. I enclose copy of my
letter to the Baie Sahebs, which I request your
Excellency will have translated for your
consideration. Believe me always your
sincere friend. To a friend why should I write
more.

a true Translation
(Signed) J Webbe
Mar.

From the Rajah of Tanjore to the
Widows of Tulzajee inclosed in his letter.

In consequence of my Son in
Law's

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Laws death and my own indisposition, I became weary of the palace, and retired in my affliction to the garden: while I was in this situation I felt the greatest sorrow that you should have both quitted the palace in which the Nabobs Lords have lived from generation to generation in order to take up your residence in the Shevigunga fort: in addition to this I received the greatest surprize at learning that you had farther determined on proceeding to Madras. From the days of Ecoji Maharaz, who is in Heaven, not even the men of our family have ever quitted their own territory to reside in a foreign country; therefore if you should both go to Madras there would be cause of contempt among our relations and connexions at Tattarah and Poonah. That you should go to Madras is very inconsistent with the dignity and credit of the family. Whatever deviation may have happened on the part of me, your son, whatever discontent may be felt in your own Minds - still should you reside in the palace, nor go to a foreign

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Country — There is nothing for me to say, —
with which you are not acquainted. The
difference between us has been fomented —
by the intrigues of certain people, but I —
have never deviated with wilfull intention:
as the Governor and Council were pleased
to write in the letter, which they before —
sent me from Madras, that we should
not harbour any enmity towards each
other, I frequently requested of Mr. Swartz
to heal the desention and restore —
Harmony between us; but Mr. Swartz
has continued to say that it was not
in his power; it never was my —
with to be at variance with you; —
and I have therefore erated myself on
many occasions; but it has happened
that my mothers have not been —
favorable to their son, For two years,
after the death of Maharaz, who is —
in Heaven, you, my mothers, shewed
me great kindness and confidence; —

but

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but afterwards from some latent cause, or
which operated upon your minds and the
bad council of some evil disposed persons,
you separated yourselves from me; If a
mother be angry with her son, has he or
any other resource? If I have any
comfort in my family, it is well
known to your minds. If your son,
should by accident be guilty of any
deviation, who is there beside my
mothers to give me advice, as it
has happened that none of my
people for two years past have been
permitted to attend upon me, I have been
prevented from paying my respects;
and, though I had the strongest
desire to wait upon you, yet, consi-
dering that it was by no means
proper to do so, while you were in
anger, I remained quiet. In consequence
of the great grief which I now feel
for your having left the palace, I
sent

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I sent for Captain Wallace and other
Sirdars of the Company's army, together
with Mr. Swartz; and, having explained
my sorrow to them all, desired that
they would wait upon my mother-in-
and endeavour, by persuasion, to dis-
-pose them to receive a visit from
me, in order that a reconciliation
might be effected. This is well known
to Mr. Swartz: that Gentleman,
having waited upon you and explained,
sent a letter to inform me that you
would not consent to my coming,
upon my deviating in any matter
my mother might bear me this
displeasure; but I have been guilty
of no deviation, which should
make it necessary for you to
quit the palace. Some evil minded
people, encouraging sinister hopes,
prevent a good understanding between

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me and my mothers, and intrigues to encrease the dispute between us; but you will not be seriously displeased with me in your mind; What parent have I in the family besides yourselves? I fail in the fullest manner that you alone are to protect and advise me in all things.

It appears to me by no means proper that you should both go to Madras; wishing therefore to come into your presence, that a reconciliation might be effected, I desired Mr. Swartz to wait upon you from me; but I have received no answer. I have, in consequence, addressed you a letter, which I have sent by Mr. Swartz and Captain Wallace: if my mothers, upon understanding the Contents, should favor them so, and grant him permission to come into their

presence

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presence, I will immediately wait upon you. If I have been guilty in any deviation, my mothers must forgive it; you must retain no thought of what has hitherto passed, nor shall I hold in remembrance what has happened; upon my admission to your presence a short conversation will be sufficient to remove all the uneasiness you feel. If you look to the greatness of our house, to the feet and Same of Tulja Maharaj, who is in heaven, if you consider with attention to future events, my mothers will be convinced that it is improper for them to go to Madras. Be graciously to your son, and send a favourable answer to this letter,

If I am permitted to come into

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=ents your presence and behold your =
feet, your enemies will soon lie =
dispated. What more may your kind=
=ness and affection be shewn in abun=
=dance to your son!

Despatched the 15th of Rubbeeaoni
or 30th November 1792.

a true translation
Signed / I Webbe
M. T.

Resolved that copy of the
Correspondence on the Subject of the =
affairs of Tanjore be transmitted to =
Bengal, and that the Governor General
in Council be informed that the =
Family of the late Rajah is on its =
way to Madras.

Relation to Tanjore

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir.

From Military Paymaster General - representing the intemperate language used by Captain Douglas of 74th Regiment towards him Requests the Support of Government

Not doubting but that I shall, in the Exercise of the Duties of my Employ, meet with that Support from Government, which is essential to the Fulfilment of them, I have the Honor to lay before you Copies of Official Correspondence I have been under the Necessity of holding with Captain Douglas Paymaster of his Majesty's 74th. Regiment.

I trust, Honorable Sir, it will appear, from what is now submitted to you, that no part of my Official Conduct hath in any, the most remote degree, warranted such an intemperate address as the last Letter from Captain Douglas under date the 8th. Instant.

Of this Letter I beg leave to complain, and to express my Hopes you will concur with me

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me that it is written in a State wholly inconsistent with what is due to the Office I hold, and I further beg leave to request that you will be pleased to adopt such measure as you shall think proper, to check, on this as well as other Occasions, a Conduct so wide of Propriety in all future Correspondence, and which cannot but be highly repugnant to my Feelings to be exposed to.—

You will excuse my troubling you further on the Subject to call your attention to a Circumstance that must tend, I trust, to throw from myself any appearance of having given the least Cause for the Conduct observed by Captain Douglas which is, that on the 5th Instant, the Earliest Period possible, I transmitted Captain Douglas a Bill on the Paymaster of Tanjore for the amount of his Abstract the Error of 4 Fanams 4/4 Cash excepted, and that the Letter by which I am aggrieved acknowledges the Reciept of the said Bill.—

I think it necessary to conclude this address by assuring you that exclusive of the enclosed Correspondence, I have never had any Communication with Captain Douglas public or

private

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private.—

Fort St. George
15th December 1792

I have the Honor to be;
Sr. &c. &c.
(Signed) Benjamin Roebuck
M. P. General

Benjamin Roebuck Esqre
Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George Madras.

Sir

By desire of Captain Wallace, Commanding His Majesty's 74th Regiment, I have the honor of — inclosing you abstracts of the Honorable Company's allowances, of difference of Subsistence, Gratuity, Batta and Extra allowances, for the months of July and — august 1792, and the Regimental Contingent allowance from 25th December 1791. to 24th June 1792 also the — Surgeon's Chitties of Sick Hospital allowances for may and June last with victualling Accounts and Medical Servants for the Hospital here and at Vellum all of which I hope may be found Correct and that it may be convenient for you to remit me the Balance — 2940.23.9 due to the Regiment on the July abstract which I am directed to request you will be pleased to do as soon as possible.—

I have.

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Tanjore.
12th. August 1792

I have the Honor to be,
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I Signy W. Douglas.
Paymaster 74th. Regiment

Captain Douglas
Paymaster 74th. Regiment of Foot
Tanjore.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your abstracts for July and August, and I herewith return them for the following Corrections. The Adjutant and Quarter Master are entitled to two Gratuitys up to the 16th. July Only. The names of the Commissioned Staff have been omitted, and the Artificers ought to be described in your abstract as per the enclosed paper. You have not transmitted any muster Rolls, and I can make no payments without them, every other Regimental Paymaster has complied with this Order.

Mr. Pearce writes me that he has in vain applied for muster Rolls for the abstracts he has paid: it is absolutely necessary that muster Rolls should be furnish=ed for all abstracts paid by Mr. Pearce, before I can make any further payment of Company's allow=

=ances.

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=ances to the 74th Regiment.-

I have the honor to be;

Kr a Kr a

Fort St George
22d August 1792

Signed Benj.n Roebuck
M.P.G.e

Artificers.

3 Armourers
2 Carpenters
2 Smiths
2 Hammerman
2 Bellows Boys
2 Chucklers.
2 Chuckledars.

Captain Douglas
Paymaster 74th Regiment of Foot

Tanjore.

Sir. The auditor General has transmitted me an abstract of two months Batta for the Officers of 74th Regiment amounting to Pagodas 2608. which shall be paid to your Agent here on his granting a receipt on the abstract for the same.-

I have the Honor to be;

Kr a Kr a

Fort St George
26th September
1792

Signed B. Roebuck
M. P. G

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Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.

Military Paymaster General.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have this morning been favored with your's of the 26th Instant acknowledging the receipt of of an abstract for two months Batta to the Officers of His Majestys 74th Regiment and of your desire to pay the amount of Some to my agents at Madras, as this would cause a deduction of one ⅌ Cent for agency I am directed by Captain Wallace Commanding 74th Regiment to — request you will grant me a Bill payable here for the amount 2608 — Star Pagodas I beg leave to acquaint you that I cannot get money here for a Bill on — Madras unless particularly stipulated that it is to be paid in Star Pagodas or Porto novos at the Bazar — Exchange of the day. —

I have nearly finished the Regimental — Abstracts and Effective Rolls for the months May June, July, August, and September, which I hope you will find perfectly Correct, and Convenient for you to send me a Draft for the Balance which will much oblige. —

Tanjore
29th September 1792

I have the honor &c.
Signed W. Douglas
Pay. 74th Regt.

DJ.

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P.S.

I omitted to observe to you that I was led to believe you would have sent me a Draft for the amount of this Batta from what Colonel Malcolm sometime ago mentioned to me Viz.t "Mr. Roebuck "has just called, and tells me that as soon as I send him "the abstract he will grant a Bill on the Court for "the amount."

Benjamin Roebuck Esqre

Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor of sending you the abstracts of His Majestys 74th. Regiment, for the Honorable Companys allowances for the months of may. June. July. and August last, with the — monthly Effective Rolls. Surgions and Quarter — masters accounts &c.a which I hope may be found agreable to the Regulations and in every respect perfectly correct. I am directed by the Commanding Officer to — request that you will, as soon as possible, let me have the Balance due to the Regiment, amounting to Five Thousand one hundred and seventy nine Star Pagodas

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Pagodas Thirty two fanams Twenty nine Cash—a
/5179.32.29-/ The abstract for September with the Effective
Rolls &c.a I hope to send you tomorrow or next day: the
amount of which I have likewise to request may be
remitted me with as little delay as possible.

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

/Signed/ William Douglas.

Capt.n Paymaster 74.th Reg.t

Tanjore
1. October 1792

P. S. I understand you have paid Captain—s
Boards and other Officers their Batta &c.a for
may and June, which you will please to deduct,
and be so good as to send me their Chitts in part
payment of the above balance.

/Signed/ W. Douglas.

Benjamin Roebuck Esq.re
Military Paymaster Genral
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you the abstract
of the Honorable Company's allowances for the Month
of September to His Majesty's 74.th Regiment, which
you will be pleased to send me a draft for the
amount

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Fort S.t George 18.th December 1792

mounts, One thousand five hunared and seventy Six Pagodas Twenty Eight Fanams / 1576. 28. / Also inclose you the Effective Rolls and Vouchers of Quarter Master and Surgeon for September.-

I hope you have received my distribu-tions for may June, July and August, which I had the pleasure of forwarding to you the 5.th Instant - I shall be glad to hear they are perfectly agreable to Form, &.c in every respect Correct, and hope very soon to draw the money here which is now due to the Regiment, which, including the Wallajabad allowance amounts to Nine - thousand three hundred and Sixty four Pagodas Eighteen fanams and Six Cash / 9364. 18. 6.-

I have the honor to be,

&.c &.c

Signed William Douglas

Pay.r 74.th Reg.t

Tanjore
4.th October 1792.

Captain William Douglas

Paymaster 74.th Regiment of Foot

Tanjore.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to inclose you abstracts for may, June, July, August and September Corrected, so soon as you return them Correct-

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Correct, I shall draw on Mr. Pearce for the Balance due your Regiment.—

You will be pleased to observe that until the Tables are received from Colonel Malcolm, I cannot allow of any more being inserted in your Abstract for the Surgions mates than is allowed of by the Books of Regulations: when they are received the Arrears due them will be paid off—

The Surgeon cannot be allowed Servants for attending the Sick at Vellum without an Order, as he draws monthly fifteen Pagodas for Servants: nor can I allow Batta to be drawn for Officers on Detachment unless the order is specified ordering them on duty / Lieutenants — Dalrymple is allowed Batta to the 15th Instant / he draws his allowances from Mr. Torriano, and therefore the deduction ought to be made from your abstracts, as also for Officers who have drawn some of their allowances on Chitts.

As I find Mr. Pearce has paid the artificers of your Regiment for one month, I request they may continue to be paid by him.

I.

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I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a Bill on Mr. Pearce for the amount of the two — months Batta due your Regiment, being Pagodas 2608. —

I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George.
26th. October 1792

Kr.a Kr.a

Signed Benjamin Roebuck
M. P. G.

Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.
Military Paymaster General Fort St. George
Madras

Sir,

I am honored with your letter of the 26th. October, the abstracts with your alterations, on which I beg leave to make the following Remarks — I cannot help thinking it a very great hardship done the Regiment that you should retain in your hands all the allowances from the Honorable — Company due to His Majesty's 74th. Regiment since the 1st. July last because the Abstracts contain some small Charges which you are pleased to think — exceptionable — I do apprehend that the Interest of the Company would be effectually secured by your-

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your retaining a Sum equal to the articles objected to until it could be decided, whether the Regiment have a right to them or not.—

I shall, agreable to your desire, insert the monthly difference of pay of Surgions mates Main and Dalton at 2.33⅓ each tho' I considered myself fully authorized to make the charge of P.S. 29.7. from the Official letter of Mr. Jackson, Secretary, to Colonel Malcolm dated 13th July 1792.—

I also observe that you have, without assigning any Reason Struck off the Gratuity and Difference of Pay of Mr. Main, Surgions mate, from 14th December 1791 / the date of his appointment / to 31st May 1792: altho' I have not now inserted this Charge, yet I must beg leave to observe that it has hitherto been an invariable practice in the Kings Regiments in India, to allow Gratuity and Difference of pay to Officers on their Arrival in India and on this principle Mr. Main is fully intitled to the allowance being in the Country at the time of his appointment.—

I understand Mr. Henderson / Surgeon / has wrote you regarding his claims for Hospital Servants as vellum which has always been allowed.

His

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His Majestys Regiments Stationed at Tanjore and — Vellum but 'tis unnecessary for me offering any further remark on the Subject. The Month of June I received the artificers pay from Mr. Pearce, and paid them — and the months of July and August I was obliged to advance them to keep the poor creatures from starving — your draft on Mr. Pearce for 260 d. Pagodas is received and accepted. —

The abstract for may is made out with the alterations you recommend — I observe in the — abstract for June a deduction equal to two day's half batta / for 29th and 30th June / made from my allow = ance of Batta without any Cause assigned — I have inserted this article as formerly, as I apprehend you might have Ordered this alteration from not recollect = ing that the Regiment was in a Half batta Station. —

As it is impossible for me to specify the officers who have drawn any part of their allow = ances from you or the paymasters of Garrisons — without the greatest risk of being incorrect in — making any deduction for them in my abstracts, I have therefore to request that you will transmit me.

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me all the Chitts paid by you or others deducting the amounts from the balance of the Regimental Abstracts.—

I beg leave to enclose you a letter I have just now received from Captain Wallace Commanding His Majestys 74th. Regiment and hope you may be able to Comply with the request therein made, and send me an order for the balance payable here at a short date which will be upwards of 8000 Pagodas after making your deductions from the October abstract which I sent you the 12th. Ultimo This abstract you have not returned.—

Tanjore
1st. November 1792.

I have the honor to be;
Kr.a Kr.a
Signed W. Douglas. Capt.
and Pay.r of 74th. Regiment

P.S. As I know no late Order for striking off one of the Drill Corporals I have returned them both as usual.— Signed W. Douglas.

With respect to the Artificers I must beg leave to refer you to the enclosed, just now received from Lieutenant J. Campbell Quarter Master to 74th. Regiment.—

Captain

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Captain William Douglas

Paymaster 74th Regiment of Foot

Tanjore.

Sir,

I am honored with your letter of the
1st Instant, and must now beg leave to call your
attention particularly to my letter of the 26th ultimo.
If you, as every other Paymaster, had complied
with the Orders of Government, there would have
been no arrears due your Regiment.

Any arrears due to Mr. Main, prior
to the 1st of May last, must be discharged by Mr.
Burke, or his Deputy, and the allowance for
Hospital Servants at Vellum cannot be admitted
of without the Sanction of Government.

No Artificers are allowed to a
Regiment in Garrison where Artificers are Kept up,
and any that may be wanted, must be supplied
and paid by the Paymaster and Storekeeper in
Garrison. It was properly the business of the
Paymaster to the Army, to have discharged the
Pay of the Artificers whilst the Regiment was
on

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on Field allowances.

The following Officers are mentioned in your abstract to be on Detachment.

Captain Douglas

Lieutenants Emerson

Stewart

Ayton

J Campbell

Ensign Fletcher.

In my letter of the 26th ultimo I particularly mentioned that the order should be specified, Ordering them on Detachment, which has not been attended to, I must request you will be pleased to furnish me with Extract of the orders, that they may be attended to in the abstract, and to enable the Auditor General to pass them.

Your Statement of the Total Amount of your abstracts is Pagodas 12,263.7.14. Mr. Pearce, Paymaster at Tanjore, will deliver my Draft on himself at a short date for Pagodas 9,263. which he will duly answer.

I must request that you will immediately reply to this, in Order that your abstracts may be

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be adjusted and entered on my Books—

I have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
7th. November 1792.

Kr.a Kr.a

I Signed Benjamin Roebuck
My. Pt. Ge.

P. S: The payments made your Regiment here,—
have already been entered on my Disbursements;
Copies only of the Chitts will be sent you, and the
deductions made from your abstracts—

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.
Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George.

Sir, I am honored with yours of the 7th. Instant,
to which I beg leave to reply, that I had flattered
myself mine of the 1st. would effectually removed
every doubt regarding any alledged inaccuracy or
improper charges in my abstracts of Company's
allowance to His Majesty's 74th. Regiment from
May to October 1792 inclusive, which I must beg
leave to observe I still think sanctioned by Govern=
=ment, nor can I suppose it be the intention of
Government to with-hold the whole of the—
Honorable Company's allowances from the—

Regiment

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Regiments, or that they have been with held with their knowledge for these last four months On account of the supposed incorrectnys of their Paymaster--

I do not recollect to have seen, nor have I been able to procure a Copy of the Order of Government directing Regimental Paymasters to send Extracts to the Pay Office of Orders detaching Officers from their Corps But to remove every doubt respecting the propriety of such Charges made on account of myself — Lieutenants Emerson, Aytone Stewart, James Campbell, and Ensign Fletcher, I beg leave to observe, that I — did duty to 31st May as Major of Brigade, to 3d — Brigade, and was detained on Regimental duty at Madras for several days which prevented my — joining the Regiment till the day specified in the abstract —

Lieutenant Stewart was sent to Madras in charge of part of the Sick of the army / removed from Oascotta / and, after being relieved by Lieutenant Ayton who was sent from Camp for that purpose, was detained at Madras on the same duty with me, and joined the Regiment at the same time.- Lieutenant James Campbell / Quarter Master / was

Ordered

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Ordered to Madras to receive the Regiments Cloathing from Europe, and to Superintend the forwarding of that and a variety of Articles, wanted from the Regimental Stores &c. to the Regiment, Lieutenants Emerson, Rosbotham and — Hill received their instructions and Orders for different duties by Orders from the Adjutant Generals Office which as yet has not been communicated to the Regiment — on Lieutenant Aytons being ordered to join the Regiment with a Detachment, Ensign Fletcher was directed to put himself under the Orders of Captain Borden with whom he lately joined, with the Recruits arrived this Season from — Europe. —

Lieutenant Hay was sent to adriapatam and Negapatam, to take charge of Regimental Stores landed there at the different periods mentioned in my abstracts, and Lieutenant Dyce was ordered to Negapatam in consequence of Orders received by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment. —

I have informed Mr. Mayne what — You have observed regarding his allowances prior to May 1st — and will be glad to know in what manner I am to draw his allowances for that Month. —

With respect to the Establishments of Artificers

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Artificers, and allowances for Hospital Servants at —
Vellum. I beg you will refer to my last letter.

after receiving from Mr. Pearce Pagodas
7043.. 25. 74. which with Pagodas 4219. 16. 6. amounts
to Pagodas 11263. the amounts of your two Orders there
is a Balance of Pagodas 1000. 7. 14. still due to the
Regiment as p abstract; this Balance I beg you will
remit without loss of time retaining payment
made to Officers on their Chitts, which, if possible,
I beg may be sent me, or at the least certified —"
Copies of them, to enable me to charge their Accounts
with the amounts of them —

I have the Honor to enclose you the —"
abstract of the Honorable Company's allowances for
the month of November 1792 to His Majestys 74th.
Regiment which I hope you will find Correct, amount-
-ing to Pagodas 1515. 1. 14. —

I have the Honor to be,

Tanjore
12th. November
1792

Kr.a Kr.a

Signed Wm. Douglas

Paymaster 74th. Regt.

Abstract

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Abstract of Cos allowances of His Majestys 74th Regiment for the undermentioned months as Corrected by B. Roebuck Esqr Military Paymaster Genral Vizt.-

| | |
|---|---|
| May 1792 | P. 2926. 30. 57. |
| June | 2704. 22. 52. |
| July | 1868. 8. 19. |
| August | 1671. 30. 18. |
| September | 1545. 28. 70. |
| October | 1546. 12. 38. |
| Pagodas | 12263. 7. 14. |
| Received from Mr. Pearce Pm. as Sundry times | 11263. — — |
| Remains due 74th Regiment Pagodas | 1000. 7. 14. |
| November | 1515. 1. 14. |
| Total Balance Pagodas | 2515. 8. 28. |

E. E. Signed Wm. Douglas.
Pay. 74th Regt.

Captain William Douglas
Paymaster 74th Regiment
Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a bill on Mr. Pearce for the Balance of your May, June, July, August, September and October, Abstracts being Pagodas 7742/. 20 as p account annexed. I return you the Original abstracts

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abstracts for June. July. August. September and October.—

Fort St. George.
22d. November 1792.

I have the honor to be,
&c.a &c.a
Signed D. Roebuck
Mj. Pt. General

His Majestys 74th Regiment of Foot.

May abstract as received . . . . . 2926. 30.5?.

June abstract as received . . . . 2704. 22.52

D° Error in totalling Lieutenant
Fletcher's allowances inserted of
29. 39. 56. charged . . . . 39. 39.56.
the Difference . . . . . 10. "— "
artificers . . . . . 52 " 24.
62 24 — 2648. 10. 52

July abstract as received . . 1868. 8. 19.
D° Error in casting — . . 10 c " — " . 10.
1868. 8. 29.
artificers . . . . . 39. 37. " . . . . . 1828. 13. 29.

august abstract as received . . . 1671. 30. 18.
D° artificers . . . . . 39. 37. "
1631. 35. 18.

September abstract as received . . . 1545. 28. 70.
D° Error in carrying the Sum
Total to the outer column . . . " 9 "
1545. 37. 70.
artificers . . . . . 38. 30. "
1507. 7. 70.

October

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October abstract/as received . . . . 1546 12.38.

Dº. Error two a Surgeon instead of
2.33.5 each charge at 6.29.7 each
difference is . . . . 7. 3.4.4

Dº. in totalling the outer Column of the
abstract . . . . . " " 8.
Artificers . . . . . 39.37." 47.29.12
1498.25.16.

Dº. in totalling the amounts of Ensigns " " 8. 1498.25.34.
12034.27.20.

Amount of a bill dated 6th August
in your favor on Mr. Parce . . . . 2000.—"
Ditto . . Ditto 7th November Dº. . . 9263. "
11263. " "

Pagodas. 00771.27.20.

Abstract of Sums paid on account of the 74th Regiment

Lieutenant Dalrymple for July 57. 11. 12
Dº . . . Dº . . . August 57. 7. 72
Dº. from 1st to 15th October 23. "—"
Dº. . . Dº. for September 55. 39. 68.
Dº. . Dº. for June . . . 53. 21. "

Paid at Vellore by Mr. Fontaine, and returned to Mr. Dickens from my Dividend as Paymaster of Corps Allowances to the King's Troops

Pagodas - 246.37..72

Benjamin Roebuck Esqre
Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George.

Sir, I have this morning been favored with yours

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of 21st. Instant enclosing a Draft on Mr. Pearce for Pagodas Seven hundred and Seventy One, twenty seven Fanams, and twenty Cash, which has been duly honored.—

Agreable to your desire I have deducted—

Lieutenant Dalrymple's allowances from the Abstract of His Majestys 74th. Regiment for November 1792 there still remain a Ballance of One thousand two hundred and Sixty Eight Star Pagodas, five Fanams, and twenty two Cash / Pagodas 1268.5.22 / which I beg you let me have against the 1st. December 1792—

I have the honor to be,

Tanjore
23rd. November 1792

Yr. a Yr. a

Signed William Douglas.
Pay. 74th. Reg.

Captain William Douglas
Paymaster 74th. Regiment Foot

Tanjore.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 23rd. instant, enclosing the abstract of Company's allowances to your Regiment for November, which has been examined, and upon which an error of 4 f. and 64 Cash appears between 38.28.60. charged in the abstract and 38.23.16. rectified by me for the 46. Recruits by which your

abstract

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abstract amounts to Pagodas 1267.41.5 8. —

As no muster Rolls have been received,
I cannot send you a Bill until such time as they
are received. —

I have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
28th November 1792

&c &c

Signed Benj.n Roebuck
Mj. P.r General

Captain William Douglas

Paymaster 74.th Regiment Tanjore

Sir,

Herewith I return your first abstract for
November the muster Rolls of which answer with
the abstract for November received in your letter of
the 23.rd Instant —

I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
N November 1792

&c &c

Signed Benjamin Roebuck
M. P. G.l

Captain William Douglas

Paymaster 74.th Regiment Tanjore.

Sir. Herewith I send you a Bill for the amounts
Balance of your November abstract being Pagodas 907.36 8
after

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Amount of Your Abstract . . . 126 7. 41. 5½.
Dr. Pahagans demands . . . 360. 5. —
Pagodas . . . 907. 36. 5½.

after deducting the amounts of Dr. Pahagans demands against the Surgeon of your Regiment and which by Government Orders I am directed to Settle.

Mr. Pahagans Bills are enclosed and are as follows Viz.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| January 1792 | for 130 days | 15. 20. — |
| February | for 119. D° | 14. 7. — |
| March | for 119. D° | 14. 7. — |
| April | for 243. D° | 28. 39. — |
| May | for 131⅞. D° | 156. 32. — |
| June | for 1096. D°. | 130. 20. — |
| | Pagodas. | 360. 5. — |

Mr. Henderson, in his Letter to me of the 24th. august, acknowledged the demand, and promised to discharge the same so soon as his Regimental demands were adjusted, which, by reference to your abstracts, I find has been accomplished.

Fort St. George
18th December 1792

I have the honor to be,
Sr.a Sr.e
Signed B. Roebuck
M. P. C.

P. S. Please to acknowledge the receipt of the Drafts and Bills.

Benjamin

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Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.

Military Paymaster General Fort St. George.

Sir,

I am just favored with your's dated 28th. ultimo, and not a little Surprized at not receiving a Draft for the Balance due His Majestys 74th. Regiment this day—

I beg leave to refer you to my letter dated 12th ultimo where you will find I transmitted my — Abstract for November, accompanying Effective Rolls and Surgions Charges; In my letter to you dated 23d. ultimo I sent you a Copy of the November Abstract, deducting Lieut.-nants Dalrymples allowances, agreable to your request; therefore I beg to know the reason why the Balance due His Majestys 74th. Regiment is not sent—

In regard to the mistake if you will be pleased to make your Calculation for the year, you will find the sum as Stated in my abstract.

I should be happy to know if you have — authority to detain the balance due 74th. Regiment in your hands, for the above supposed Error—

I have the honor to be,

&c — &c

Signed W. Douglas

Pay. 74th. Regt.

Captain

Tanjore

5. Dramber 1792.

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Captain Douglas

Paymaster 74th. Regiment Tanjore.

Sir, I have received your letter of the 1st. Instant,

In reply to which I have to observe that it entirely depends upon myself to pay incorrect abstracts.-

I have the Honor to be,

K.a K.a

Signed Benjamin Roebuck

Mg. Pr. Gl.

Fort St. George
5th. December 1792

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqre.

Military Paymaster General Fort St. George.

Sir, This morning I received your Laconic Epistle of 5 Instant, I wish I could add Polite or Satisfactory, in both of which I must say, It is very defective - and have to inform you that however deficient you are in the Office you have the honor to hold - That I will not with Impunity, permit you to make such remarks upon my abstracts as to the assertion you have taken the Liberty of making respecting my abstract being incorrect. I positively deny And I still do suppose that tho I had made the mistake you are pleased to mention of £5 Sts Cash That it does not entirely Depend on you,

to

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to Stop from his majestys 74th. Regiment the Sum of One thousand two hundred and Sixty Seven Pagodas, 48 fs. 58. C. Due on the 1st. Instant. which Mr. Pearce paid me yesterday altho' you neglected to Endorse the Bill on him in your favor.-

I have further to request, that you will be pleased to recollect to whom; you are addressing your letter, when you take the trouble of Dictating to your Clerk.-

I have the honor to be;

Sir

Your most obedt. Hble Servt.

Signed Wm. Douglas.

Capt.n. K. Pay.r 74th. Regt.

Tanjore
8th. December 1792.

Certified to be True Copies

Signed Benjamin Roebuck

Mr. Pot. General

Resolved that the following Letter be written to Captain Douglas.-

To Captain William Douglas

Paymaster to His Majesty's 74th. Regiment at Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Presidents in Council to inform you that the Military Paymaster General

To Captain Douglas
in Consequence.-

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General has laid before the Board a Copy of his corres=
=pondence with you on the subject of the Payments to the
7th. Regiment since the month of August last—

The Honorable the President in Council is
much concerned to observe, on perusing these Letters, that
any cause of Complaint should have arisen in the Course
of a public communication upon Official Duties—Mr.
Roebuck has particularly noticed the Style of your
Letter to him of the 8th instant, which appears indeed
of such a nature that the Board think it indispensibly
necessary to interfere in support of the Station and
Character with which Mr. Roebuck is invested.—

The Honorable the President in Council
has perused the Letter from Mr. Roebuck to you of
the 1st instant and confesses himself entirely unable
to discover any thing in the Style of that Letter which
could have reasonably provoked the strong and
threatening expressions contained in your answer
of the 3d. In justice therefore to Mr. Roebuck, the
Board find themselves obliged to make a re=
=presentation of the Circumstances to the Com=
=mander in Chief of His Majesty's troops in India, but

deem

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deem it equitable, before they transmit the correspondence, to inform you of their intention, that you may have an opportunity to communicate whatever explanations you may wish upon this occasion—

Fort St. George
18th. December 1792.

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

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

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

Honorable Sir,

From Military Auditor General—submitting corrected Tables of difference payable to the Kings Troops, to equalize their pay to the Corresponding Ranks in the Company's Service: his remarks—Correspondence, with Captain Thomas Ross—and a draft of a General Order necessary to be published with the Tables,—also enclosed.—

Having revised, agreeably to your — Orders, the Tables of Difference payable to His Majesty's Troops serving on the Coast to make their pay equal to the corresponding ranks in the Honorable Company's Service, I do myself the honor to lay the Tables before you herewith, corrected, conformably to the last Tables of the same kind received from Bengal, in which there appears some alteration on comparison with the first Tables transmitted by that Government.—

The

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The Table of Differences falling to be paid to the Detachment of Royal Artillery which I find in the Paymaster Generals Office was laid before the Military Board by my predecessor in Office, and presented by that Board to Government under date 9th October 1791.

In this Table I observe that the Calculation of the difference payable to the Surgeon and Surgeons mate of the Detachment of Royal Artillery is made on the pay of a Captain of Artillery in regard to the Surgeon, and on the pay of a Lieutenant of artillery in regard to the mate, although, by the Regulations of this Presidency, the Surgeons and Surgeons Assistants of the Honorable Companys Service on the Coast, whether they happen to be attached to Cavalry, Artillery or Infantry Corps, receive pay according to the rates established for Captains and Lieutenants respectively of the European Infantry. It there=fore, appears to me to follow that the calculation of the difference payable to the Surgeon and mate of the Royal Artillery ought to have been made on the principle of Equality corresponding with the pay, as above explained, of the Surgeons and Surgeons Assistants respectively in the Honorable Companys Service on the Coast.

I have accordingly attended to this principle in revising the Table of Differences.—

The

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The excess which on this principle stands in the former Table is Pagodas 3.27.10 monthly in favor of the Surgeon, and Pagodas 1.34.45 monthly in favor of the mate. I request to be informed, in case Government shall approve of the Calculation on this head in the revised Table, whether or not the Surgeon and Surgeon's mate of the Detachments of Royal Artillery are to be called upon to refund the excess they may have received according to the rates in the former Table.—

I observe further in the former Table of Difference payable to the Detachments of Royal Artillery, that the Calculation on the Gunners pay has been adopted on comparison with the pay of a matross or private of — Artillery in the Honorable Company's Service, but without any sufficient explanation being given of the reasons — which have operated to prevent the Gunners of the Royal Artillery from receiving a difference to place them on a footing, in regard to pay, with the Gunners of the Honorable Company's Service.—

I therefore judged it necessary to apply for information on this point in a Letter addressed to Captain Ross Commanding the Detachment of Royal Artillery.—

I do myself the honor to enclose a Copy of my Letter to Captain Ross, and also a copy of the answer received from that Officer, which is so perfectly clear

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clear and Conclusive that I have, in consequence, annexed an explanation to the Table of Difference payable to the Royal Artillery that will remove the inconsistency which would otherways appear by exhibiting the Calculation, as it necessarily stands in the Table, on a comparison with the rate of pay established for the matross or private of Artillery in the Honorable Company's Service.—

I have been induced to notice particularly the above points concerning the Table for the Royal Artillery, for the information of Government, as they apply to matters which have appeared under the Revision of the Tables in general, but which were not included in my former letter on the same subject all the other alterations ordered by Government are attended to in the Tables now laid before you.—

I take the liberty of suggesting that when the new Tables are published it may be thought necessary to announce them with an Order explanatory of the alteration, in consequence of the Act of the 25th of his present majesty, relative to the addition of the Two Days full pay to the Arrears of Commissioned Officers

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Officers, and I have the honor to inclose a draughts of an Order in the occasion, which is conformable to the one published in Bengal on the same subjects.—

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect
Sr. Sr.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
17th December 1792

Signed Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor Genl

Captain Thomas Ross
Commanding the Detachment of Royal artillery
Negapatam.

Sir,

In revising the Tables of Difference of Pay payable by the Company to the Kings Troops I observe, from the Table relative to the difference payable to the Royal artillery, that the pay of the Gunners, to returned in your Detachment, is compared with the Pay of the Privates of the Company's Service in consequence of the Pay of your Gunners being the same, and, so far, as the same duty is performed by the Gunners, the matter is correct; their pay from the King being the same, at least with the exception of only about 5 Fanams and Three Cash annually in favor of the Gunners of the Royal Artillery— the only difficulty I

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I find is from the necessity of the word Gunners appearing in the Table without a corrisponding difference appearing payable to them on comparison with the pay of the same rank (Gunner) in the Company's Service, but which difference I understand they have not been considered entitled to receive from the circumstance of their being the Privates in the Detachment. In order therefore to rectify this apparent inconsistency in the Tables of Difference, I propose to explain in a Nota bene, at the bottom of the Table relative to the difference payable to the Royal Artillery as follows.

NB "The Gunners so returned in the Detachments "of Royal Artillery are the private men of the Detach="ments and paid as such, the Comparison is therefore "made in the above Table, and the difference calculated "on the Pay of a matros or private in the Company's "Service".

I shall be much obliged to you to inform me if you think the above will explain the apparent inconsistency sufficiently, which will otherways appear in the Table, or that you will point out any other mode of explanation which you may be

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of opinion will answer better.—

I have the honor to remain

&c. &c.

J Lyng Henry Malcolm

Military Aud. Gen.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
15th November 1792

a true Copy

J Lyng Henry Malcolm

Military Auditor General

Colonel Henry Malcolm

Military auditor General Madras

Sir,

I have been favored with yours of the 15th Instant relative to the Word Gunner &c.

In the year 1783. When the Duke of — Richmond, our present master General, new modelled the Royal Regiment of artillery. The pay of Gunner was abolished, but the term retained, and that of a Matross, intirely done away, wherefore the Gunner has only matross's pay, and, in course, are the — privates of the Regiment, from which you may from your Nota bene. I can only say, that you go pretty close to work, in calculation, when you find that the difference of Subsistence in a year

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Year, is only 5 Fanams and three Cash.—

I have the Honor to be with esteem

Negapatam
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K.r a K.r a

I Signed Thomas Ross Captain
Commg. the Royal Artillery

a true Copy

I Signed Henry Malcolm
Military auditor General

Proposed Draught of a General Order.

"In conformity with the General Orders —
"published the 13th September 1788 there was also published
"on the 23d of the same month a Table of difference of Pay
"to His Majestys' Troops as received from Bengal, to
"make their British pay equal to the Corresponding
"Ranks in the Companys Service".

"When That Table was prepared, the act
"of the 23d of His present Majesty was overlooked, —"
"whereby two day's full pay is added to the arrears
"of the Commissioned Officers, which used formerly
"to be retained by the Agents for the purpose of dis =
"charging fees of office; owing to this circumstance
"the arrears, as stated in the said Table, were put
"down as what they were prior to 25th December 1783. The
"Error is now Corrected and the following Tables are to be in force
"from the 1st January next 1793".

Table

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Table of Difference of Pay due to His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons serving upon the Madras Establishment, to make their British Pay equal to the pay of the Corresponding Ranks in the Company's Service —

| Ranks. | Statement of Particulars | Annual amount in Star Pagodas — | Difference of Pay monthly in Star Pagodas. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Colonel | £ s d<br>Subsistence for 365 days at 1.. 6. 6. per Day } 483.12.6. | | |
| | Arrears for D. . . . . 116. 23. | | |
| | £ 599.14.9 | 1499.14.35. | |
| | No Corresponding Rank in Company's Service | | |
| Lieutenant Colonel | Subsistence as above at 18.. 6. per day 337.12.6. | | |
| | Arrears . . . . . 82. 3.10. | | |
| | £ 419.16.4. | 1049. 22.60 | |
| | No Corresponding Rank in the Company's Service | | |
| Major | Subsistence as above at 15.. 6. per day 282 17. 6. | | |
| | Arrears . . . . . 68. 8.. | | |
| | £ 351. 5. 6. | 878. 7. 70. | |
| | The Pay of a Major of N. Cavalry in the Company's Service for 365 days is . . . . . | 870. 28. 35. | |
| Captain | Subsistence as above at 11.. 6.d per day 209. 17. 6. | | |
| | Arrears . . . . . 55. 14 5. | | |
| | £ 265. 11 11 | 660. 41. 45. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company . . . 8. 41. 10. | | " 31. 34 1/6 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days . . . . . | 672. 40. 55. | |
| Captain Lieutenants & Lieutenants | Subsistence as above at 7.. per day . . . 127. 15. .. | | |
| | Arrears . . . . . 26. 9. 4. | | |
| | £ 154. 4. 4. | 385. 22. 60. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company . . . . . 25. 3. 40. | | 2 3. 63/5 |
| | Total or Company's pay for 365 days . . . . . | 4.10 .26. 20. | |

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| Ranks. | Statement of Particulars. | | Annual Amounts in Star Pagoda. | Difference of Pay monthly in Star Pagoda. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ s. d. | | |
| Cornets. | Subsistence as above at 6s per day | 109. 10. " | | |
| | Arrears | 27. 11. 8. | | |
| | | £ 137. 1. 8. | 342. 29. 60. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 22. 12. 20 | 1. 36. 1⅔ |
| | Total or Companys Pay for 365 days | | 365. " " | |
| Volunteer | Subsistence 365 days at 8d. per day | £ 12. 3. 4 | 30 17 40 | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 126 38 40 | 10 24 16⅔ |
| | Total or Companys Pay for 365 days | | 157 14 | |
| Chaplain | Subsistence as above at 5s per day | 91. 5. " | | |
| | Arrears | 22. 19. 9. | | |
| | | £ 114. 4. 9. | 285. 24. 75. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 170. 27. 45. | 14. 9. 23¾. |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | | 456. 10. 40. | |
| Adjutants | Subsistence as above at 4s 6d per day | 82. 2. 6. | | |
| | Arrears | 3. 11. " | | |
| | | £ 85. 13. 6. | 214. 7. 70 | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 13. 39. 30. | 1. 6. 62½ |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | | 228. 5. 20. | |
| Surgeon | Subsistence as above at 4s 6d per day | £ s. d. 82. 2. 6 | | |
| | Arrears | 20. 13. 9. | | |
| | | £ 102. 163. | 257. 1. 25. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 199. 9. 15. | 16. 25. 21¼ |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365. days | | 456. 10. 40. | |

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| Rank. | Statement of Particulars. | | Annual amount in Star Pagoda | Difference of Pay monthly in Star Pagoda |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ s. d | | |
| Mate | Subsistence as above at 3s. per day | 54 15 " | | |
| | Arrears | 5.4.5. | | |
| | | £ 59. 19.5. | 149.38.75. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 78. 8.25 | 6. 21.55 5/12 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | | 228.5.20 | |
| Quarter Master | Subsistence as above at 4s per day | 73. " " | | |
| | Arrears | 21. 4.10 | | |
| | | £ 94. 4. 10 | 235.25.30. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 26.31.5. | 2. 9. 4 1/12 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | | 262.14.35. | |
| Seijeant | Subsistence as above at 1s. 6d per diem | £ 27. 7. 6. | 68.18.30 | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 15. 23.50. | 1. 12.3 7/12 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | | 84. " " | |
| Corporal or Trumpeter | Subsistence as above at 1s. per day | 18. 5. " | 45. 26.20. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 14. 15.60 | 1. 7.25. |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | | 60. " " | |
| Private | Subsistence as above at 8d. per day | 12. 3.4. | 30. 17.10. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 11. 24.10. | " 40.43/3 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | | 42. " " | |

Signed Henry Malcolm
Maj. A. G.

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Table of Diffrence of Pay due to the Royal Artillery Serving upon the Madras Establishment to make the British Pay equal to the Pay of the Corresponding Ranks in the Company's Service.

| Ranks | Statement of Particulars | | Annual amount in Star Pagodas | Diffrence of Pay monthly in Star Pagodas |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Major | Subsistence for 365 days at 11. 3½ P day | 205. 6. 3 | | |
| | Arrears . . . . . at 3/9 . . D° | 68. 8. 9 | | |
| | | L 273. 15. . | 6845.60. | |
| | Diffrence payable by the Company . . . . . | 43. 31. 40 | | 3. 27. 10 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days . Pagodas | | 7288. 5. 20. | |
| Captain | Subsistence as above at 7/6 per day . . . | 136. 17. 6. | | |
| | Arrears . . . . at 2/6 . . D° . . . | 45. 12. 6. | | |
| | | L 182. 10. . | 456. 10. 40. | |
| | Diffrence payable by the Company . . . . . | 43. 31. 40 | | 3. 27. 10. |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days . . . Pagodas | | 500. . . | |
| Captain Lieutenant | Subsistence as above at 4/6 per day . . | 82. 2. 6. | | |
| | Arrears . . . . at 1/6 . . D° . . . | 27. 7. 6. | | |
| | | L. 109. 10. . | 273. 31. 40. | |
| | Diffrence payable by the Company . . . . . | " " " | | |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days . Pagodas | | 273 31. 40. | |
| First Lieutenant | Subsistence as above at 3/9 per day . . | 68. 8. 9 | | |
| | Arrears . . . . at 1/3 . . D° . . . | 22. 16. 3. | | |
| | | L 91. 5. . | 228. 5. 20. | |
| | Diffrence payable by the Company . . . . . | 21. 36. 60. | | 1. 24. 65 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days . . Pagodas | | 250. . . | |

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| Rank | | | Annual amount in Star Pagodas | Difference of Pay monthly in Star Pagodas |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Second Lieutenants | Subsistence as above at 3s 1d per day | | 54.15.- | |
| | Arrears | at 1/4 D° | 18.5.- | |
| | | | £ 73.- - 182.24.- | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 67.24.- | 5.2.20 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | Pagodas | 250.- - - | |
| Adjutant | Subsistence for 365 days at 3s 9d per day | | 68.29. | |
| | Arrears | at 1/5 D° | 22.16.3 | |
| | | | £ 91.5.- 228.5.20 | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | - - - | |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | Pagodas | 228.5.20 | |
| Quarter Master | Subsistence as above at 4s 6d per day | | 82.2.6. | |
| | Arrears | at 1/6 D° | 27.7.6. | |
| | | | £ 109.10.- 273.31.40 | |
| | Company's Pay for 365 days | Pagodas | 182.24.- | |
| Surgeon | Subsistence as above at 4s 6d per day | | 82.2.6. | |
| | Arrears | at 1/6 D° | 27.7.6. | |
| | | | £ 109.10.- 273.31.40 | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 182.24.- | 15.2.6a |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | Pagodas | 456.10.40. | |
| Mate | Subsistence as above at 2s 7d ½ per day | | 47.18½ | |
| | Arrears | at 10½/36 D° | 15.19.6½ | |
| | | | £ 63.17.6. 159.28.70. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 68.1830. | 5.29.42½ |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | Pagodas | 228.5.20. | |

Serjeants

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| Rank. | Statement of Particulars. | | annual amounts in Star Pagodas | Difference of Pay monthly in Star Pagodas |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Serjeants | Kings Subsistence for 365 days at 1. 7. 3/4 per day | £ 30. .. 8 3/4 | 75. 3. 66. | |
| | Company's Do. for 365 days at 48 for 6. per Month | 28. 16. .. | 72. .. .. | none. |
| Corporal | Kings Subsistence for 365 days at 1 6 1/2 per day | £ 20. 26 1/2 | 70. 14. 18. | |
| | Company's Do. for 365 days at 40 or 5. per month | 24. .. .. | 60. .. .. | none. |
| Bombadier | Kings Subsistence for 365 days at 1. 4 1/2 per day . . | £ 25. 1. 10 1/2 | 62. 30. 6. | |
| | Company's Do. . for 365 at 36 for 4 1/2 Ps. per month | 21. 12. .. | 54. .. .. | none. |
| Drummer | Kings Subsistence for 365 days at 9 1/2 per day . . . | 14. 8. 11 1/2 | 36. 5. 3. | .. 13. 46. |
| | Company's Do. for 365 at 29. 8. or Pagodas 3 1/3 month | 16. .. .. | 40. .. .. | |
| Gunner | Kings Subsistence for 365 days at 9 1/2 per day | 14. 8. 11 1/2 | 36. 5. 3. | |
| | Company's Do. for 365 days at 24. or 3. per Month | 14. 8. .. | 36. .. .. | |

Signed Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor Genl.

N.B. The Royal Regiment of Artillery having been new modelled in 1793. the pay of Gunner was abolished, but the name retained, and that of matross entirely done away; the Gunners therefore have only the pay of matrosses, and are of Course the Privates of the Regiment; the difference is accordingly calculated in the above Table on the pay of a matross or private of Artillery in the Honorable Company's Service.—

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Table of Difference of Pay due to His majestys Regiments of Foot Serving upon the Madras Establishment, to make their British Pay equal to the Pay of the Corresponding Ranks in the Companys Service –

| Ranks | Statement of Particulars | Annual Amount in Star Pagodas. | Difference of pay monthly in Star Pagodas – |
|---|---|---|---|
| Colonel | Subsistence for 365 days at 18s per diem | 328.10.– | |
| | Arrears | 82.15.– | |
| | | £ 411.5.– | 1028.5.20. |
| | Difference payable by the Company | 112.24.– | 9.15.6. |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | P. 1140.26.20. | |
| Lieutenant Colonel. | Subsistence as above at 13s per diem | 237.5.– | |
| | Arrears | 54.1.– | |
| | | £ 291.6.– | 728.10.40. |
| | Difference payable by the Company | 184.10.40. | 15.14.70. |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | Pag. 912.24.– | |
| Major | Subsistence as above at 11s 6d per diem | 209.17.6. | |
| | Arrears | 47.3.1. | |
| | | £ 257.–.7. | 642.24.5. |
| | Difference payable by the Company | 45.33.55. | 3.20.24th |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | P. 684.15.60 | |
| Captain | Subsistence as above at 7s 6d per diem | 136.17.6. | |
| | Arrears | 34.9.7. | |
| | | £ 171.7.1 | 428.16.15. |
| | Difference payable by the Company | 27.36.25. | 2.13.42th |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days | Pagodas 456.10.40. | |

Captains

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| Rank. | Statements of Particulars. | | Annual Amount in Star Pagodas | Difference of Pay monthly in Star Pagodas |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Captain Lieutenants and Lieutenants | Subsistence as above at 3/6 per diem | 63.17.6 | | |
| | Arrears | 16.1.9. | | |
| | | £ 79.19.3. | 199.32.5 | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 28.9.15. | 2.14.6 1/2 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days Pagodas | | 228.5.20. | |
| Ensign | Subsistence as above at 3. per diem | 54.15.- | | |
| | Arrears | 8.1.7. | | |
| | | £ 62.16.7. | 157.3.5. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 25.17.15 | 2.4.7 9/12 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days Pagodas | | 182.21.- | |
| Volunteer | Subsistence for 365 days at 6 per day | £ 9.2.6 | 22.34.10. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 134.24.70 | 11.2.6 2/12 |
| | Total, or Company's Pay for 365 days Pagodas | | 157.14.- | |
| Chaplain | Subsistence as above at 5 per day | 91.5.- | | |
| | Arrears | 22.19.9. | | |
| | | £ 114.4.9. | 285.24.75. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 170.27.45 | 14.9.2 3/4 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days Pagodas | | 456.10.40. | |
| Adjutant | Subsistence as above at 3 per day | 54.15.- | | |
| | Arrears | 13.15.10. | | |
| | | £ 68.10.10 | 171.14.70 | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 56.32.30 | 4.10.5 5/6 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days Pagodas | | 228.5.20. | |

Quarter

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| Rank. | Statement of Particulars. | | Annual Difference of Amounts in Pay monthly in Star Pagodas | Star Pagodas. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quarter Master | In all respects the same as a Lieutenant | | | 2. 14. 6 3/12 |
| Surgeon | Subsistence as above at 3s per day | 5 4. 15. " | | |
| | Arrears | 13. 15. 10. | | |
| | | £ 68. 10. 10. | 171. 14. 70. | |
| | Difference Payable by the Company | | 284. 37. 50. | 23. 31. 10 10/12 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days. Pagodas | | 456. 10. 40. | |
| Surgeons Mate | Subsistence for 365 days at 3s per day | 54. 15. " | | |
| | Arrears | 5. 4. 6. | | |
| | | £ 59. 19. 6. | 149. 39. 30. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 78. 7. 70 | 6. 21. 52 1/2 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days. Pagodas | | 228. 5. 20. | |
| Serjeants | Subsistence as above at 1s per day | 18. 5. " | 45. 26. 20. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 14. 15. 60 | 1. 8. 25. |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days. Pagodas | | 60. " " | |
| Corporal or Drummer | Subsistence as above at 8d per day | £ 12. 34. | 30. 17. 40. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 9. 24. 40 | . 33. 43 1/3 |
| | Total or Company's Pay for 365 days. Pagodas | | 40. " " | |
| Private | Subsistence as above at 6d per day | £ 9. 2. 6. | 22. 34. 10. | |
| | Difference payable by the Company | | 7. 7. 70. | " 25. 12 1/2 |
| | Total or Company's Pay 365 days. Pagodas | | 30. " " | |

Signed Henry Malcolm
Military Aud. Genl.

Resolved

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Resolved that the Surgeon and Surgeons mate of the Detachment of Royal Artillery be not called upon to refund the excess they may have received according to the rates in the former Table of Pay, since they were at the time entitled to it by the authority of Government.—

Resolutions in consequence

Agreed that the General Order submitted by the Military auditor General, be published to the army.—

Read the following Letter from Colonel Brathwaite—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council—

Honorable Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite on the subject of the European Invalids at Vizagapatam, and of that Establishment in general—movement of different Corps recommended—also that the appointments held by Lieutenants Orr and Malcolm, with the Nizam's Detachments be notified in Orders—and the pay of a Jemadar employed by Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage last War be discharged—

I have had the Honor to receive your Commands conveyed in Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 12th instant, relative to the Extract of a Letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam under date the 8th instant, which Mr. Jackson enclosed to me.—The Gentlemen of Vizagapatam appear to me not to have been well informed on the subject of detail on which they have addressed your Honor in Council. Similar representations have been made to me when I Commanded the Northern Division, but I soon convinced the

Commanding

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Commanding Officer of those Districts of the erroneous
principle on which they were founded. at Ganjam it
had once been carried so far as to make promotions
in the Invalid Establishment there, to fill up the
supposed vacancies of Serjeants, and consequently of
Corporals to compleat a supposed Establishment, all
which I reduced by a Division Order. It is not
customary to make any promotion on the Invalid
Establishment, the annual Committees constantly
furnish Sufficient numbers of each rank, and
usually because the oldest Soldiers are in that Class
a great superabundance of Serjeants.

It was in August 1789 that Government
formed the Invalids into Independent Companies,
and in the month following the Commander in Chief
by an Order issued 6th September 1789. settled the
details of them, and that order directs that the 3d
Company of European Invalids, Stationed in equal
proportions between Vizagapatam and Ganjam, shall
be composed of the details of this class of men, at
that time, in those Districts; and it so happened
that there were then in these Districts almost as
many Invalid Serjeants and Corporals as Privates,

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to that each half Company had twelve Serjeants and eight or nine Corporals and three or four Drummers & and Fifers with only twenty one or twenty two Privates, and those Gentlemen erroneously thought these numbers were meant to constitute a permanent establish-=ment of half an Invalid Company, and had — actually made promotions to Keep them up, till I put a Stop to it; there never was nor can there well be any fixed establishment for the Invalid Companies, as their Strength in every class depends upon the numbers of that class annually invalided, were any attempts to be made to fix their establish-=ments I am convinced you could never approve of its being fixed on the extravagant and totally irregular plan suggested by the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, Viz^t that to half a Company there should be eleven Serjeants, five Corporals, one Drummer, and one Fifer, to thirty three Privates, yet such is their Statement, as they say they are reduced to four Serjeants, two Corporals, and seven Privates, and therfore want to compliat, Seven Serjeants, three Corporals, one Drummer, and one Fifer, and twenty

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Six Privates.—

The fact is, as I have stated, there —"
neither is nor can well be any fixed establishment
of the Invalid Companies, the European ones will
always superabound in Serjeants, and the native
ones in native Commissioned as well as non —"
Commissioned Officers, as among them are the oldest
Soldiers, and when the Procedings of the Invaliding
Committee have been examined and approved
an Arrangement and distribution of them is made,
so as most to conduce to the good of the Service;
these Procedings have just now passed the —"
Adjutant General's Office, and it is my intention to
prepare and lay before you an Arrangement of
the numbers Invalided by these Committees, when,
of course, a Sufficient number will be sent to
Vizagapatam for the duties of that place, which I
conceive will be as consonant to your ideas as it
is to mine; and I shall not therefore consider your
desire expressed in Mr. Jackson's Letter of the 12th. as
binding till I have the honor of hearing from
you again; and this I am the more readily

induced

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induced to do, as, if it is your intention that I am precisely to compleat their supposed Establishments as Mr. Jackson's Letter directs, I cannot do it till opportunities offer of sending the men by Sea, as Soldiers of that description would scarcely be able to make out so long a march, and particularly at this Season. I have thought it necessary to write some what at large on this Subject, as I cannot but think the Letter of the Chief and Council in some degree imputes inattention to me in my peculiar province of the detail of the Troops, which imputation appears also to have been secondarily adopted by your Honor in Council.

Previous to Earl Cornwallis's departure from the Coast, his Lordship did me the honor to speak to me of some future intended disposal of the Troops which would fall to me to carry into execution, and on these Subjects I believe his Lordship had some communication with you. His Lordships idea was, that the Honorable Company's 4th. Battalion of European Infantry should march from Arnee to Ellore, and that Major Petrie, with two Companies of his Majesty's 72d. Regiment, should march from Wallajahbad to garrison Arnee; and his Lordship was very decided in his opinion that some plan of rotation should

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should be fallen upon for the native Battalions, so as not only to change their immediate Stations but their Divisions; to do this on a full and a comprehensive plan I am well aware would be attended with great expence, but it is a certainly so necessary a measure, as well to warrant some expenditure; I therefore submit to your consideration the following movements to take place at the beginning of the next year the 24th native Battalion from Tanjore to Palamcottah, the 19th from Palamcottah to Wallajabad, and the 24th from Wallajabad to Tanjore, The 30th Battalion from the Presidency to Guntoor, the 12th from Guntoor to Masulipatam, the 26th from Masulipatam to Vizagapatam, the 11th from Vizagapatam to Ellore, and the 17th from Ellore to the Presidency.

I beg leave to recommend that the two Companies of the 11th native Battalion which have been so long employed in the District of Ganjam, where I conceive there cannot now be occasion for their Services, may be immediately Ordered to rejoin their Corps in the District of Vizagapatam, and that when the 4th Battalion of European Infantry marches Northward, the two Companies of the 2d European Battalion now at Ellore may rejoin their Corps at the Presidency, which they may do with the 17th Battalion, if the disposition I have recommended is adopted by you.

Lieutenants Orr and Malcolm, the former Quarter

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Quarter master to the Detachment doing duty with the Troops of the Nizam, and the latter Persian Interpreter, have been some time in these situations under the appointment of Captain Andrew Read who Commanded that Detachments, and who stated them as necessary to Earl Cornwallis when with the army in the Field, and received his Lordships' sanction for appointing them; these Gentlemen are however apprehensive least any difficulty should hereafter arise in regard to the payments of their allowances, and have solicited me to state their cases to you, and to request that you will be pleased to put them in Orders, or pursue such measures as to you shall seem best to secure to them a continuance of the emoluments they have hitherto enjoyed, and I can recommend them both as Officers of great merit.—

I have the honor to inclose an application for Pay due to a Jemedar, who I find was employed by Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage in the war before last to carry money and Letters to the Prisoners at Bangalore, which he did with great address, though with great risk, for several times, but was at last taken, most cruelly used, and not delivered up at the end of the war, He made his escape in December 1787. and got some time in the following Year

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year to Madras, but was never able to receive this money
for want of the Signature of Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage,
which is now affixed to his demand: as Lieutenant Colonel
Cuppage gives me a great character of this man, who
merits much, and has suffered much by losing his
nose, &c.a; I request you will be pleased to authorise
the payment.—

I have the honor to be, with respect—

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) John Brathwaite

Military
Head Quarters
Madras December
17th 1792.

Agreed that Colonel Brathwaite be desired
to make such distribution of the European Invalids as
may to him seem most advantageous for the public
Service—and informed, that, in transmitting to him the
extract of the letter from the Chief and Council at
Vizagapatam the Board had not the most distant idea
of imputing inattention to him in his peculiar province
of the detail of the Troops—that they see, with him, the
impropriety of the Plan suggested by the Gentlemen at
Vizagapatam—that, while they are upon this subject,
they cannot but notice the great expence to which
the Company are subjected by the large proportion of
Sergiants—

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Serjeants and Corporals invalided on full pay, and the necessity there is for observing the strictest attention that Soldiers be not promoted for the mere purpose of invaliding them on the pay of a Corporal or Serjeant and that if he can suggest any method preventive of an abuse of this nature, the Board will chearfully adopt it.—

Resolved that a General Order be published directing the movements recommended by Colonel Brath-waite.—

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be advised of the appointments of Lieutenants Orr and Malcolm and directed to pass the Sumidars Bill for pay while employed by Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage in the war before last, in carrying money and Letters to the Prisoners at Bangalore.—

Read the following Letter from the acting Deputy Adjutant General to the Kings Troops.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Kr.a Kr.a Kr.a in Council.

From Acting Deputy King's Adjutant General respecting Madden of the late 10th Regiment requesting the Allowances to be granted by Lord Cornwallis may be paid to him.

Hon.ble Sir,

I have the honor of inclosing, for your information, an Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Ross Adjutant General of the Kings Troops, respecting one Madden

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Madden, of the late 102d. Regiment, who some time ago escaped from Tippoo. In consequence of the option given him by Lord Cornwallis. Madden has inlisted in the 2d. Battalion Coast Artillery; I should therefore be happy to receive your Commands, and an order for the three hundred Pagodas that His Lordship has been pleased to grant him.

I have the honor to be with great respect.

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Kr.a Kr.a

Signed James Robertson
Actg Dpty. Adjt. Genral

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Ross, Adjutant General of the King's Troops,

To Captain Robertson
Acting Deputy Adjutant General

Dated Calcutta 2d. November 1792

I have lately received your Letter dated the 9th. ultimo, transmitting the Monthly Return, and Colonel Brathwaites Letter to you concerning Madden

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Madden of the late 102d Regiment, who has escaped from confinement with Tippoo. Lord Cornwallis is not disposed to make any rigid enquiry whether this unfortunate Man engaged in Tippoos' Service, at any time since he was made Prisoner, as misery and distress may have forced him to it; but, on the contrary, he wishes that he may be treated with the greatest Kindness and attention. In the first place, His Lordship desires that, if it has not been already done, You will acquaint Sir Charles Oakeley that Madden is at Madras, and that he would be glad that Captain Doveton should take him to Tippoos Vakeels, and let him tell his Story to them in Doveton's presence, that they may convey it to their Master. After which you may signify to the Man that his Lordship gives him the option either of remaining in the Country, or of being provided with a convenient passage to return to Europe; and which ever choice he may make, his Lordship will authorize an advance to be made to him of three hundred Pagodas, on Account of Pay, which must be charged to the contingencies

of

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of the army, as the Regiment to which he belonged, has been long ago reduced. Should the man remain in the Country, there is no great chance that any thing more can be done for him, as the accounts of the 102d Regiment must have been closed for many years, and it might prove difficult to obtain an examination of this Mans particular Account, and still more to recover the real balance that may be due to him by correspondence from hence. But should he determine to go home, his Lordship directs that you will apply for a passage for him in the first Ship that shall be dispatched from Madras, and give him a Letter to the Secretary at War, stating the circumstances of the Mans Story, the whole amount of Money that has been advanced to him, including all Supplies that may have been given to him, in addition to the three hundred Pagodas, and Recommending in his Lordships Name, that he may be kindly treated in every respect, and that his pay as a Soldier may be accounted for to him, for the whole period of his Captivity. To which his Lordship added that, in the latter case, and if the Girl that the Man mentions Stays in India, he particularly

directs

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directs that one hundred of the three hundred Pagodas may be paid to her as a provision for her, and a reward for her fidelity. and it will also be proper to give the Captain of the Ship, or some Officer who may be passenger, charge of the Remainder of Maddins Money, until he shall actually reach London.

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A true Extract
Signed James Robertson
Actg Dpty Adjt. General

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Agreed that the Military Auditor General be directed to pass Maddens Bill for three hundred /300/ Pagodas, and charge the Amount to the contingencies of the army.

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board, with Enclosures Entered in Mr. No. 132. 133.

Hospital Board.
17th December 1792.

From Hospital Board proposing that Mr. Steddy attend the Collector of Polygar Vishaush. Mr. Anderson's letter regarding the Allowances for the Care of the late Artillery Lascars submitted. - Also the request of the Vellore Hospital Contractor to be furnished with different Accounts.

Approved.

The Hospital Board have the Honor of recommending Mr. Steddy, Assistant Surgeon, at present stationed at Trichinopoly, to be appointed to

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to attend the Collector of the Polegar Peishcush South of the Coleroon agreeably to the desire of Government communicated in Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of the 11th Instant.—

The Hospital Board have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of the Copy of the Contract entered into with Borah Parental for providing the Sick in the Masulipatam Hospital.—

The Hospital Board have the honor of forwarding Copy of a letter and enclosure from Mr. Anderson, Surgeon to the 1st Battalion of Artillery, on the subject

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Subject of the allowances granted by the Orders of the 12th ultimo for the care of the Sicks of the Lascars attached to the Battalions.—

The Board having in their Proceedings of the 12th ultimo, recommended the sum of 12 Rupees pr month for each Company of Lascars, being sensible that this allowance was moderate for men exposed so much, from the nature of their duty, to accidents beg leave again to recommend this mode, which is more specific and better applied to detached Companies than

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than the allowances for the native Battalions, as, by the new Regulations, no Indents for Country or Bazar Medicines can be made to enable the Surgeon, as formerly, to attend to the worst — a Cases, and that Mr. Anderson has stated that the Sum of 15 Pagodas pr month — a granted by the Orders for 15 Companies of Lascars is inadequate for the care of their Sick.

The Hospital Board have also the honor of forwarding Copy

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Copy of a Letter from the Contractors for the Vellore &c.a Hospitals requesting to be furnished with an account of the Supplies of Country and Bazar medicines, and also Copies of the Returns of Sicks from the 1st of January last to the 30th November.

There is no Objection, as the Contractors seem only to require those Documents to enable them to make the necessary Provision.

as the Contractors seem to imply that the fulfilment of their Contract depends on their being furnished with these accounts, the Hospital Board have declined giving any answer until Government are pleased to signify their opinion.

The Board however cannot perceive the reality of furnishing them with these Accounts, as the Contractors must be acquainted with the

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the List of Country and Bazar Medicines. and if they wish to ascertain, by them, what Supplies may probably be wanted for a given time, the Surgeons on the Spot can better inform — them. —

James Anderson
Physician General.

Signed

William Raine
Head Surgeon.

Read the following Letter from the — Military auditor General. —

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

From Military — Auditor Genral — recommending an advance on account of Lieutenant Sandys' Employ: his letter on the Subject. —

Honorable Sir,

I do myself the honor to lay before you the Copy of a Letter / without date / received yesterday from Lieutenant Sandys, and beg leave to state that, in the present situation of the disbursements and Accounts —

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accounts of that Officer, I do not conceive that any inconvenience can arise by granting him an Order for One thousand Five hundred Pagodas /1500/ which he represents as necessary for carrying on the duties of his Department at this time.—

I have the Honor to be,

with the highest respect—

Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient and

most humble Servant

Signed Henry Malcolm

Military Auditor Genl.

Military
Auditor Generals
Office Fort St. George
15th. December 1792

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant William Sandys, Superintendant of the Honorable Company's Elephants, to Colonel Malcolm, Military Auditor General, without date but received the 14th. December 1792.

To Colonel Henry Malcolm

Military Auditor General.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you my accounts for the month of November, by which you will observe that the advances made for the Subsistance of the Elephants lately employed with Colonel Maxwell's

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Maxwell's Detachment Stand as a Debit against me, and, as yet, unaccounted for, viz.t Pagodas 3,653..31..7 which includes the whole of the Expences attending them since the month of May last.—

The detail of Expenditure I have received upto the end of October, but as I shall require an explanation from the people in charge of several Articles and find they are too inaccurate to send into your office without a personal Examination of the persons employed by Colonel Maxwell in charge, the Balance must, for the present, remain, as it is, against me.—

Major Agnew, with the Elephants, will be at Chingleput on the 20th, where I shall be to receive them—I will lose no time in adjusting the accounts when there, and have again the honor of addressing you on the Subject

Setting aside the Balance which appears against me as advances to the Southern Elephants, you will perceive, Sir, that a Balance is due to me of Pagodas 136..24..76.—

Independent of this Cash due to me at the close of last month by the Honorable Company

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Company, I must request the favor of you to recommend an advance of Cash to the amount of Pagodas Fifteen Hundred (Pagodas 1500) for the Subsistence of 33 Elephants and for the payment of four months Arrears to the Drivers and Chunottas as the following Estimate viz.t

| | Pagodas |
|---|---|
| My Ballance | 136.— |
| 4 Months Arrears of the people attached, about | 344.— |
| Monthly Subsistence and Contingencies about | 450.— |
| | Pagodas 1130.— |

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Wm. Sandys

Lieut.t Superintendant Honorable Company's Elephants

A true Copy

(Signed) Henry Malcolm

Military Auditor Genral

Agreed that an advance of one thousand five hundred (1500) Pag.s be made to Lieutenant Sandys on account of his Employ.

Chas Oakeley.

Ed.d Fallofield

Ordered

George Parry Esq.r

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## Diary.

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Received the undermentioned

Letters and Petetion Entered in M. B. Nos. 134

135. 136.-

From Secretary at Bengal

From Secretary at Bengal.-

Enclosing a letter to be forwarded to Pondicherry.-

From Military Paymaster

From Military Paymaster General

General Enclosing his Estimate of Cash A

required ein the Ensuing Month with the

Estimates of the several Paymasters as Vouchers.

From Lieutenant H. Hall

From Lieutenant H. Hall.-

requesting reimbursement of his Expences

ein building a Barrack at Shawcottah a

Bill for House Rent also preferred.-

Received also a Petetion from

Petetion of Patrick Stevens

Patrick Stevens Entered in M.B. No. 137

prayeing for payment of Half mounteing

and Cloathing money due to the late William

Laurence Serjeant Major of the 1st Battalion

and purchased from his Widow.-

Ordered that the Bill

Ordered thereon.

be discharged.-

Sent

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Sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in M B. Nos. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144.—

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Officer Commanding the Army respecting for his opinion on Mr. Macleod's suggestion of employing the Native Invalids at Madura, in the Dindegul District.—

To Military Board.—

To Military Board desiring their opinion on a List of unserviceable Stores proposed by the Committee of Stores at Ganjam to be sold at Outcry.—

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General an advance to be made to Lieutenant Sandys on account of his Employ and Lieutenant Harris's Bill for off Reckonings to be passed— the Military Paymaster General's Estimate for January 1793 and an additional Indent of Cash for the Paymaster of Fort St. George for December respectively.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Gells

To Commandant of Artillery at the mount with directions regarding the Discharge of Patrick Mc. Mannis from the 1st. Battalion.—

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To Mr. Charles Ayres permit-
ting him to proceed to Bengal upon three
months leave of absence.-

To W.C. Ayres Cadet.-

To Commissary

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

General of Grain and Provisions - allowing the Expense of airing and Removing the Paddy at Annee.-

To Officer Commanding ein Ganjam - permitting him to visit the Presidency on two months leave of absence.-

To Lieutenant W Orrok.

Received the following letter.-

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W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary at
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I am directed to request that

From Secretary at Bengal - enclosing a letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Rajah of Tanjore - with a Persian Copy and English Translation thereof.-

the enclosed Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Rajah of Tanjore, ein Answer to that which his Lordship received from him, accompanying the Dispatches of your Government dated the 27th of October, may be forwarded to the Rajah on your Receipt of it.-

a Persian Copy and an English Translation are also sent herewith, to be laid before the

Governor

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Sentiments on these points in particular; but for the rest of the objections which you make to the proposed Treaty, I do not consider that they have any Grounds of plausibility, and as I have paid great attention to the Replies which Sir Charles Oakeley has written to you, and conceive them to contain ample Refutation of your Remonstrances, I refer you to them as my Sentiments. I trust that you will give them due attention, and I am confident that if you are inclined to preserve the Friendship with the Company, as it has existed for many years, you will not only admit the Wisdom of Sir Charles Oakeley's Remarks, in Reply to your objections to the Treaty, but that you will observe how well the Treaty is calculated for the purposes for which it is intended, and that you will be able, by Sincerity and proper management of your Country and affairs, to perform the Conditions of it with Ease and to the Prosperity of Yourself and Subjects. —

A true Copy

Signed G. L. Cherry

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Received also the undermentioned Letter Entered in M B. Nos. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149.-

From Sub Secretary at Bengal

From Sub Secretary at Bengal.-

Inclosing Invoices of Stores sent from Penang on the Northumberland, Manship Jayalkum and Liverpool.-

From Ditto.

From Ditto- with a letter for the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency.-

From Paymaster to the Nizam's Detachment - requesting his request to visit the Presidency - Major Roberts having no objection.-

From Mr. W. Brown.-

From Agent for Elephants

From Lieutenant Sandys.

has obtained a Receipt from the Rajah of Vejeanagram for Eleven Elephants returned to him, one having died on the march - requests to know whether another is to be sent in it's room.-

From Lieutenant Colonel

From Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell

Maxwell - requests to know whether his Letters of the 28th ultimo and 3d Instant - arrived safe.-

Despatched

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20th Despatched the following

Letters -

To Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell

at Tinnevelly

Sir,

To Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell with the Boards opinion and resolutions on the conduct of the Shevighurry Poligar and the disputed claims among the Tinnevelly Poligars -

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 28th Ulto and 3d Instant, and to inform you in reply to the former, that he is of opinion with you, that the conduct of the Polygar of Shevighurry with respect to the murder of the Polygar of Shattoor has not been so criminal as the Board were at first led to imagine - but, tho he stands acquitted of the charge of directing or intending the murder, there still remains very ample cause for censure and punishment.

First - Because the violent attack on Shattoor, was an outrage in contempt of all Government, and of the most dangerous tendency; and, being committed by the followers of Shevighurry under the conduct of his Brother and Brother in Law,

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must be deemed an offence, for which the Polygar himself is fully responsible.—

Secondly— Because the Shevigherry Polygar, when summoned, first by the Collector and afterwards by you, to appear and submit his Conduct to a regular examination, declined the Call— put himself in a posture of defence, and compelled the Company's Troops, with some Loss of Lives, to reduce his Pollam.—

Thirdly— Because this Polygar had, by his refractory Behaviour, drawn upon himself the displeasure of Government in 1783, when he was subdued by Colonel Fullarton, and his Pollam afterwards restored upon promises of future obedience.—

The President in Council however is not unaware of those pleas which might be urged in behalf of the Polygars in general, from the State of Warfare in which they lived, and were encouraged under the administration of the Nabobs servants; and, as the Governor & General in Council in speaking of the Conduct of the Polygar of Shevigherry has expressed

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expressed an opinion, that there was some ground for opening, amidst the Crimes of this man, for indulgence, the Board have resolved to suspend their final Judgment upon his case until reference be had to his Lordship - the Polygar is therefore to remain in confinement until further orders. -

The President in Council has come to the following resolutions upon your Letter of the 3d Instant, and desires you will carry them into execution before you quit the Tinnevelly Country. -

First. That, for the reasons given by you, the Village of Davedanoor be placed under the deposed Polygar of Chocumpetty, and a proportionable deduction made, in Consequence, from the annual Peishcush of Shattoor, to which that Village is at present annexed - also that one of the two years' Arrears due from Shattoor, be remitted. -

Second - That Poolatavoor be declared the lawful Proprietor of Poomoore and Gooketoor, which were confirmed to him by Colonel Fullarton and Mr. Irwin on

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20th account of his fidelity and attachment in
the year 1783 when most of the Polygars proved
disobedient to the Circar.—

Third— That the Inhabitants of the
Circar Village of Vadagerry shall be obliged
to fulfill the terms of their written agreement
on account of the money expended on their
behalf by the Polygar of Shevagherry.—

Fourth— That Mr. Irwin's grant of
the Cavelly of the Circar Village of Avidiapooram
to Ouletavoor be confirmed.—

Fifth— That, for the reasons given by
you, the Villages of Mavelore and Arimed-
-lum be restored to the Pollygar of Elupooram,
and that the annual Peishcush to be received
from them, be the same as settled by Mr.
Irwin, Dep.t Chacketrums 1176. Fl.s Annum.—

The President in Council
has directed me to communicate to you
his entire approbation of the mode in which
you have conducted the Enquiry, both in
regard to the charge against Shevagherry
and to the disputed Claims among the Polygars.
—He has observed with great satisfaction

that

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25th that the Principles of Justice and Impartiality have not been less attended to, than the preservation of future tranquility in the District, and he is Sanguine that considerable Benefit will result from the able manner in which you have discharged the trust reposed in you.—

—With respect to the articles said to have been taken from the Sheverigerry Polygar by Tumacha Naig the Board desire that such as can be proved or found may be restored to them.—

As your Recommendation respecting the disposal of the 7th Battalion of native Infantry, is only in the Event of the re-establishment of the Sheverigherry Polygar, the Board can give no orders upon it until they hear from Bengal.—

Fort St. George
19th December 1792.

I am &c &c
/Signed/ W. C. Jackson
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Sent also the undermentioned Letter entered in my B. Nos. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160.—

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To the Board of revenue.—

To Board of Revenue transmitting Extract from the Boards resolution on Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell's Report of the disputed Claim among the Polygars of the Tinnevelly Country.—

To Ditto

To Ditto—no necessity for raising a Corps of Hill Rangers for the Ganjam District—on the contrary, the Force in that quarter has been reduced—the Nabob's application for the attendance of the Mahaurs Cadars, complained by the Collectors at this Durbar—referred.—

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Officer Commanding the Army in reply to his letter regarding the European Invalids on the Establishment—Observations on the subject—his Recommendations adopted respecting the movement of Corps, the appointments of Lieutenants Orr and Malcolm, and the Pay of the Jemadar employed by Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage in the War before last.—

To military auditor General. To military Auditor General

The allowances hitherto drawn by Lieutenants Orr and Malcolm, the former as Quarter

master

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Master to the Nizams Detachment and the latter as Persian Translator, to be continued, and the Pay due to the Jemadar above mentioned to be discharged — Three hundred (300) Pagodas to be paid to Madden, late of the 102d. Regiment — and the late Orders to Mr. Vaughan regarding the Exchange of the Coilly Tavoy to be repeated — the General Order proposed by him on the 17th. Instant, approved and published — directions in consequence, respecting the excess of pay drawn by the Surgeon and Surgeons Mate of the Royal Artillery. —

To Paymaster at Madura. —

To Paymaster at Madura referring for Explanation, Lieutenant J. Munro's Complaint of his having charged for Pankallies, that were actually Furnished and paid by him. —

To Captain Robertson. —

To Acting Deputy Kings Adjutant General advising of the Orders given to the Auditor General for paying the Sum ordered by Lord Cornwallis, to Madden. —

To

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To Captain A. Read — Districts enclosing Copy of Captain Read's Chase's letter, regarding Golam Mohie ud Deen, and desiring him to state what he knows respecting the Encouragement given to him, to settle in the Carnatic —

To Commandant at Pernagra — To Commandant at Pernagra informing him that his Representation of the 30th ultimo must come through the Channel of Captain Alexander Read — before a decision can be passed upon the subject of it.

To Chief Engineer — To Chief Engineer desiring him to send the Two Bricklayer and Two Carpenter Maistries to Kistnagherry to be employed under the orders of the Storekeper there. —

To Storekeper at Kistnagherry. — To Storekeper at Kistnagherry advising of the above, and of the pay and Batta to be allowed them. —

To military & auditor General — To military Auditor General with Instructions on the above Subject. —

25th Received the undermentioned

Letter Entered in No. B. No. 161. —

From

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From Commandant at Wellajabad

From Commandant at Wellajabad requesting permission to be absent from his Command for a short time.—

## At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Ernst William Tallofield Esqr.

Friday

25th December 1792.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis.—

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley

&c &c &c

Sir

I feel considerably disappointed at not having heard that the first of Rist, which, according to the Declaration of Tippoo's Vakeels, was dispatched long ago to the Nizam and the Marattas has yet been received by either of those Powers

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Powers and altho' I see no Reason to suppose that Tippoo would venture to fail in the Performance of that part of the Treaty, I think it incumbent upon us to be upon our Guard and we are particularly called upon to attend to the Interests of our allies on account of our having been intrusted with the exclusive Custody of the Hostages.-

It appears, I must confess highly improbable either that the Hostages could effect an escape from their present situation, or that a Plan of that nature would be in contemplation for them; But Tippoos Character authorizes suspicions of any kind,- and I would therefore recommend that you should, without betraying any Signs of distrust, and particularly without putting the Boys under the smallest additional restraint, keep a very watchful Eye upon the conduct of the People belonging to them, and guard even against the possibility of their getting out of our hands before the Treaty shall be fully

executed

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excented Captain Doveton and Lieutenant Grant will of course, be your principal Instruments for this Purpose; and if a little money should be disposed of by them in securing good Information by the means of People actually in the family of the young Princes, I should look upon it as very usefully employed. –

We must also take care that Tippoo shall not succeed in Creating jealousies of us in the minds of our allies by affecting to give us a preference in the Performance of his pecuniary Engagements; and, on that account, if the second Kist should be offered to us before the first shall be paid to the Nizam and the Marattas I must request that you will decline to receive it, and desire that the money may remain wherever Tippoo pleases within his own Territories, until you shall be informed that the first payments had been made good to our Allies, and I shall direct Sir Charles Malet and Sir John Kennaway to give the earliest notice of such payments

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payments having been made.—

I am happy to learn from your private Letter, dated the 14th. ultimo, that the Settlement with the Polygars seemed to be drawing to a conclusion; and I most highly approve of the effectual support which you have given to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell as I am well assured that he has the public welfare sincerely at heart.—

The Accounts that I receive from Captain Read are very satisfactory and I have no doubt that the future management of the ceded Country will be rendered more easy, and that the Company will derive great and permanent advantages from his Zealous and indefatigable exertions.—

Fort William
1st. December 1792.

I am &c.
(Signed) Cornwallis

To

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis KG.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

My Lord

To Bengal in reply.-

Our President has laid before us your Lordship's letter to him of the 1st. Instant, and has informed us that he has given particular orders to Captain Doveton to keep a watchful Eye upon the conduct of the People belonging to the Hostages, authorizing him at the same time to Secure by pecuniary means, if it be possible correct information from those who are actually in the Family of the Young Princes.-

We shall pay strict attention to what your Lordship has been pleased to recommend in case the Second Kist should be offered to us by Tippoo, upon the first has been paid to the Nizam and the Marattas.-

We have the honor to be with Respect.-

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21st. December 1792.

&c &c
/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley
&c Council

Read

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Read the following Letter

From Lord Cornwallis –

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the Honor to enclose a

From Lord Cornwallis stating his opinion relative to the claim of Lieutenant Colonel Geils to the Rank of full Colonel and Commandant of Artillery Copy of His Lordships letter to the Court on the Subject enclosed –

Copy of the Letter that I have written to the Honble the Court of Directors in answer to the reference that was made to me, on the claim of Lieutenant Colonel Geils to be promoted to the Rank of Colonel –

As uniformity of practice in the whole Artillery upon your Establish= =ment will always render it more useful upon real Service, I recommend that you should direct the Senior Lieutenant Colonel to take immediate charge of all details of that nature in both Battalions; But, being of Opinion that to transmit the necessary orders to the other Battalion will be no great hardship for a limited Time, upon the Adjutant of the Battalion under the Senior Officers own Command; I do not conceive that it

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it will be necessary to appoint any additional Staff to the Corps of Artillery, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors, concerning the rank and emoluments of the Senior Officer shall be known. -

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Fort William
3d December 1792.

(Signed) Cornwallis

To the Honble the Court of Directors for the affairs of the united Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies. -

Gentlemen,

The Governor in Council of Fort St. George, has transmitted to me an Extract of the Letter in the military Department from your Honble Court to that Government dated the 9th of February 1792, by which the Claim of Lieutenant Colonel Geils of the Madras Artillery to be promoted to the Rank of Colonel is referred to me, with Copies of Letters from Colonel Musgrave and Lieutenant Colonel Geils on the subject of that claim. -

It is of great Consequence for the

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the prosperity of your affairs that the Corps of Artillery on the Madras Establishment should be preserved in good Order and Discipline, and, the more effectually to secure that important Object, it will ever, in my opinion, be found most adviseable that the Senior Officer should not only be looked upon and act as the commandeing Officer of the whole, but also that liberal Emoluments should be annexed to that Situation.-

Having understood that objections have been made to the promotion of Company's Officers to the Rank of Colonel before it comes regularly to their turn, from their original standeing in the Service; I shall, in the present Instance, conform to that Consideration; and only recommend that the Senior Lieutenant Colonel of the Madras Artillery shall, in future, be looked upon as the commandeing Officer of the whole Corps; that, in order to give him Respectabelity and enable him to defray the addetional Expence to which he will be exposed in that Situation, he

shall

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shall be permitted to draw allowances equal to those that would be given to a Colonel in the same Quarters or Cantoonments; and that he shall be promoted to the Rank of Colonel when all the Officers of Infantry of that Establishment present in India of Senior Standing to him in the Service shall have obtained that Rank.-

I have the Honor to be

with great Respect.-

&c &c

(Signed) Cornwallis

Fort William
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a true Copy
(Signed) A Ross
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Minutes thereon.

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Colonel Geils of the opinion given by the Governor General relative to his Claim to the rank of full Colonel.-

Agreed that a General Order be published conformably to the Recommendation of the Governor General.-

Read the following Letter from

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From his Highness the Nabob / entered in
C. C. N.o 241 /

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the
Nabob Walla Jah Bahauder to Sir Charles Oakely
Bart. Governor of Madras.—

Dated 3. Jemaudelowell 1207 Hegery
or
18th. December 1792.

Received 19th. Do.

From the Nabob particularizing his motives for granting an Annuity to Lady Campbell.—

I have received your Letter of the 12th. Instant wherein you say you are at a loss to understand why I have judged it necessary to impart to you my Intentions with regard to Lady Campbell, and beg I will inform you whether the communication is directed to any other purpose than that of making it known through the Channel of your Government to the Honble the Court of Directors.—

All this I understand; and, that you may perfectly comprehend my meaning and Intention, I must inform you, that I was so well satisfied with the conduct of Lady Campbell that I was desirous of Manifesting my Satisfaction thereat, by bestowing an Annuity on her.—

Sir

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It having lately come to my Knowledge that Sir Archibald's will does not give that Provision to his Widow which I am confident he must have intended, & it being still as much my wish, as well as to prove the Great Esteem and Regard I Profess for Lady Campbell, who is the Niece of Sir John Lindsay, the First & Ambassador of the English King, and whom I have always considered as my Daughter, considering, above every thing else, that there can be no Impeachment of her Character in my now gratifying the Inclination I have to make up for the Error in Sir Archibald Campbell's Will / for such I must consider it / I have resolved, as before intimated, to you to make / with the assistance of the almighty / Lady Campbell an annual allowance of £1500 £ annum, and, that every Year it may be punctually paid to her, I have to request you will receive this sum on the first of every year and intimate to my Friends the Company in England that it is my request they will regularly pay the same to Lady Campbell during her life time.

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If you permit I will immediately pay into your Treasury this and next years allowance, as it is my wish it should commence from the 1st January 1792.—

What can I say more.—

a true translation

(Signed) David Haleburton

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Minute thereon

As the Nabob has entered explicitly on the subject of his intentions with respect to the Pension to Lady Campbell, it is agreed to inform his Highness that his wishes will be conveyed to the Honorable Court of Directors, and that the Board are ready to receive any sum his Highness may think proper to send to the Treasury on account of her Ladyship

Read the following Letter from Mr. John Taylor, late Commander of the Snow Maria.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Hon.ble Sir,

It is with the utmost reluctance I feel

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Snow late Commander of the Snow Maria in justification of his Conduct towards Captain Ross and the detachment of Royal Artillery under his Command—and a soliciting and Recital of his Proscription

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Provisions was obliged, at the request of Captain Ross, to put into Pondicherry on the 20th on the 23d, having settled every thing requisite for the prosecution of the Voyage, excepting Captain Ross not taking more than three days provisions on Bd for the troops, which I observed to him was very insufficient as the Wind seemed to be set in to the S.W. but no notice was taken & I returned on Board and, to my astonish, was severely called to Account by Captain Ross for supposed delay in getting repaired the cooking Kettles of the Troops, which he sent on shore to me in Terms and Language too gross to be quietly borne, and, on my Remonstrating with him, he took the Command of the Vessel from me and put two Sentries over my Person, in Consequence of which I refused taking any further Charge or acting, being a prisoner on board my own Vessel: Captain Ross then Ordered George McGee, a private in the Artillery, to take Command, and carry the Vessel to Negapatam, and mustered all

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the persons he supposed seamen to assist,
and got the Vessel under way on the eve of
the 24th without my Consent or approbation;
whilest they were getting under way I requested
of Captain Ross to Inform me whether
I was to consider myself in the command
of the Vessel or him. he replied you - upon
which I ordered the colours to be hoisted;
Captain Ross refused, and would not
allow my People to obey my orders. I then
told him it was evident he commanded
the Vessel and not me, that I had no
further to say, and returned to my Cabin
the Soldiers being still over me; the 25th.
my Vessel still under the command of
Captain Ross, Weather as p Log; lost an
Anchor and a great part of the Cable, when,
at the request of the officers, I took charge
of the Vessel again, and let go the only
Anchor. -
26th. was under the Necessity of returning
again to Pondichery, the Provisions being
again expended. -
27th. Anchored in Pondicherry roads. -

Received

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29th Received on board provisions water and one Anchor, and one again stood for Negapatam

Winds as p Log. October 2d at 6 P.M came too in Negapatam road fired two Guns as Signals for Boats; I came on board, 4 were laden, and three returned empty & owing to Captain Ross again taking the command of the Vessel from me. I was employed unlading the heavy Carriages and wheels that was on deck and over the Quarters, the Vessel being leaky, and I was anxious to get all safe on shore - when Captain Ross sent Lieutenant Nicola to me, ordering me deliver no more that night, as I conceived the Lading or unlading my Vessel my duty, and Captain Ross no right to interfere therein, I requested Lieutenant Nicola to inform him to that purpose - he immediatly ordered him on Deck again and sent the Boats from alongside - as Captain Ross remained on board with the Artillery, and not allowing me to act as I thought proper on board my own vessel, I went on shore

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shore: next day Captain Ross came on shore
and left his men on Board, without any P
officer, who put Centries over all the P
Hatchways and would not allow any of
my People to go below; drank out a large P
quantety of Gin which I had for sale on
Board, took my Table out of the Cabben, P
and Otherways Robed me and the Vessel on
my Arrival at Negapattam, considering the
Usage and losses I had Sustained, owing to
Captain Ross's interferance with me and
Vessel I Protested against his proceeding
before Mr. Mubell at Nagore, which
I forwarded to madras, and is now to be
seen; When all was cleared from my P
Vessel, and Captain Ross withdrawn his
People, I left Negapattam for madras
with an intention of layeing Captain
Ross's conduct to me before Government;
at that season and the Weather being
very bad it was dangerous coming near
madras, and I was forced to put into P
Nejanapattam, and remained there
untill I thought it safe to come here;

but

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but passed Madras in the night and could not get up again. which obliged me to bear away for Negapatam to get a supply of rice and water intended for Bombay where, to my surprise, I was informed by my friends of the advertisement in the Courier Prohibiting me the Port or Protection of the Honble. Company or assistance at Madras, on which I immediatly determined on coming to Madras to lay the whole before you: since my arrival at this place I am informed my crew have deserted my Vessel, and she is sunk; whereby I have lost my all: under these Circumstances I now appeal to you for that Interference you may conceive I merit, I having lost my all in your service. by the Interference of Captain Ross with me in taking my Vessel from me and writing to Government an Account so ill grounded of my conduct towards him and endangering the Troops and my own Vessel. The Vessel was in no danger during the passage, as Captain Ross mentions, if there was it was when he confined me and took the

Vessel

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Vessel. I hope, on the perusual of this my case, and examination of persons I may be allowed to call upon to prove my Innocence of what is laid to my Charge by Captain Ross, that I may again meet that protection I always had in this port, and what has been put in the Courier may be contradicted: that, on a clear account of the losses I have sustained therefrom, I hope that some measures may be taken to Reimburse me as it is every thing I have to depend on.—

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Jno. Taylor

late Commander of the

Snow Maria

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Agreed to inform Mr. John Taylor that the Board are so well convinced by the representations they have received from Captain Ross regarding his Conduct, that no alteration can be made in their former resolutions.—

minute thereon.

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,

We have the honor to
acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated
the 15th Instant.-

From Board of Revenue & Reporting on the claims of Mahomed & Hussain.-

Having called Mahomed
Hussain before us, and examined the several
Sunnuds alluded to in Sir John Kennaways
Letter, we are of Opinion that his claim
to 20 Cawnies of Land in the Guntoor Circar, as
also to the Monthly allowance of 15 Pagodas
and daily allowance of half a Rupee, is well
founded, and, with your Approbation, we shall
direct the Chief and Council at Masulipatam
to put him in possession of the Ground, and
to pay such allowances.-

Mahomed Hussain produced
a Sunnud of an old Date appointing his Father
to the office of Dewan at Guntoor, and
Sir John Kennaway says that his Highness
the Nizam renewed it in favor of the Son;
but it does not appear that he ever acted in
this Capacity; and, as the Appointment is not
necessary

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necessary under the Company's administration,
We presume it is not your Intention that
he should receive the pay or Fees annexed to
the Daragaship without executing the duties
of that Station.—

We have the honor to be,

&c &c

Signed David Haliburton

C. N. White

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The Board approve the
opinions given upon the claims of Mahomed
Hussein — Resolved that the Subject be
Communicated to Sir John Kennaway.—
Read the following letter

Minute thereon.—

From Messrs Roebuck and Abbott.—
To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council
Honble Sir.

We have been honored by

From Messrs. Roebuck and Abbot. stating the terms on which they can undertake the Contract for repairs &c. on the Coast.—

the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter
dated the 15th Instant, intimating your
having been pleased to accept our proposals
of Contract for Executing the Repairs of
=the Company's works & Buildings on the
Coast

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Coast With the provision that the Contract be for one year, and that the Conditions of the Contract be finally decisive of the Expence to be incurred — That is to say, no after claim for Carriage or other Contingency to be admitted, or demand made for Lascars. —

With respect to the period we beg leave to State to your Honor the impracticabiliety of our taking the Contract for one year; the arrangements which are necessary for a Contractor to make at the different Stations could not be accomplished under a great Length of time and untill these are made all work executed, must be done with Loss to the Contractors, which they trust to the future periods of the Contract for Reimbursement. —

We therefore take leave to say that Three years is the shortest period at which we can undertake the Contract, and we request that, as in our present Contract, the Exchange may be computed at 42 fan.ᵈ the Pagoda.

We

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We have the honor to
enclose a list specifying, conformably
to the Orders you have been pleased
to give us, the decisive additional rates
upon certain articles requiring barriage
at which we are ready to undertake
the Contract - and as we are convinced,
we have only aimed in these articles
to save ourselves from absolute
loss - We trust that you will find
the additions we have made on
account of barriage very reasonable -

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir,
your obedient and
Humble Servants
Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

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The following additions to be made to the Prices of those Articles proposed to be Contracted for by Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott under date the 1st November 1792, which additions are in Lieu of Carriage &c.

| | | | |
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| Roofing, Including Palamieras, Reepers, Nails, Flat and Pan Tiles Chunam Border &c complete in addition to the proposed Rates &c | | 4 | " " |
| Roofing as above but without Flat Tiles &c Do — Do | | 4 | " " |
| Joists of 5 Inches Square and upwards worked and wrought Do | | " | 10 " |
| Sheathing Boards worked & laid whether on Terraces or otherwise of Supt. St. Do | | " | " 60 |
| Teak Door Frames with hooks & Do Do | | " | 2 20 |
| Teak Window Frames with hooks & Do Do | | " | 2 " |
| Teak Plain Doors of 2 & 2½ Inches thick with above &c Supt St. Ditto | | " | 1 " |
| Teak Venetian Doors with Hinges & Bolts & Do — Do — | | " | 1 " |
| Teak Venetian Windows with Hinges & Fastenings & Supt St. Ditto | | " | 1 " |
| Plain Window Shutters with Hinges and Fastenings Hooks & Supt St. Ditto | | " | " 60 |
| Good Black Palamiers 12 Feet Long & Do Do | | 6 | " " |
| Good Black Reepers 10 Feet Long & Do Do | | 1 | " " |
| Large Iron work hammered only of 5 Rupees or a piece, Pagoda / Instead of 15 ℔ / | ℔ | 13 | — — |
| Smaller Iron Work in hooks, hinges Fastenings Nails of 5 or 6 ℔ Pagr. / Instead of 13 ℔ / | | 11 | — — |
| Ditto & Do. / Instead of 9 ℔ / | | 8 | — — |

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/Signed/ Roebuck Abbott

agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Military Board and that they be desired carefully to compare the offer of Mesrs. Roebuck and Abbott, as it now stands, with the other proposals, and to report their opinion upon it.

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From military Paymaster of Fort St. George requesting a salary may be annexed to his appointment also office rent and an allotment of Servants.—

The General Orders of the 17th Ulto. having directed that all applications for Arrears due, shall be given in before the 1st of next month, I, in conformity with the same, beg leave to state, that no charge has been made by me in the monthly Accounts for the usual allowance drawn by all Military Paymasters on this Coast of Captain's Pay and Batta, and as no disbursement for arrears can be made without a special Order, I am to request permission to draw the same from the date of

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of my appointment 21st August 92. –

The late Paymaster had a House allowed him by the Company for transacting his business in, but it having been annexed to the Warehouse after his decease, I have been under the necessity of hiring a House for my Office from the 1st September last, when I commenced paying the Troops – I am therefore to request you will be pleased to make me such allowance for Office Rent from that period as you may Judge proper. –

The Establishment of Servants of my Office has not yet been fixed, and as such charges ought to have the Sanction of Government I beg leave to submit to you a List for your approbation. –

As no Furniture was delivered over to me by the late Paymaster, I take the Liberty of enclosing an Indent for such Furniture as are absolutely required for my Office, which I am to request you will be pleased to Order the Civil Paymaster to supply me with. –

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed Basil Cochrane
Military Paymaster Fort St. George
& its Dependencies.

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Proposed Establishment of Servants for the Military Paymasters office of Fort St. George the Mount Poonamalle & Trepassore

| | Star Pag. F. C. |
|---|---|
| **At Fort St. George** | |
| To 1 Head Writer | 25 " " |
| To 1 Accountant and Cash Keeper | 20 " " |
| To 2 Writers @ 12 Pagodas | 24 " " |
| To 2 Ditto @ 10 Pagodas | 20 " " |
| To 1 Comccoply | 4 " " |
| To 1 Shroff | 2 " " |
| To 1 Gollah | 2 " " |
| To 1 Mooshy | 3 " " |
| To 3 Peons | 6 " " |
| To 1 Sweeper | " 21 " |
| | 106 21 " |

And for the Disbursements at the following Stations.

**At the Mount**

To 1 Writer and Cash Keeper . . . . . 20 " "

**At Poonamallee**

To 1 Writer and Cash Keeper . . . . . 20 " "

**At Trepassore**

To 1 Writer & Cash Keeper . . . . . 20 " "

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/Signed/ Basil Cochrane
Military Paymaster
Fort St. George & its
Dependencies.

Agreed

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minutes thereon

Agreed that the military Auditor General be directed to pass Mr. Cochrane's Bills for the allowance of Captain's Pay and Batta, commencing from the date of his appointment, and to report upon the Establishment of Servants necessary for the Paymaster's office.—

Agreed that Mr. Cochrane be allowed Fifteen Pagodas p. month for an Office.—

Agreed that the Civil & Paymaster be directed to deliver the Furniture for which Mr. Cochrane has indented.—

Read the following Letter from the military Paymaster General.—

W. C. Jackson Esq.

Military Secretary—

From Military Paymaster Genl. on the subject of supplies of Cash for the Paymaster at Trichinopoly.

Sir.

Mr. Paymaster Garrow has applied to me to know, from whom he is to receive his next supplies

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supplies of Cash, I request you will be pleased to lay this matter before the Honorable the Governor in Council. The states Pagodas 21,577 as requisite to clear off all Arrears due before the 1st January.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Signed/ B. Roebuck

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Resolved that

Resolution in Consequence.—

the Collector in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country be directed to advance to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, on his Bill upon the military Paymaster General in favor of the Board of Revenue, the Sum required by Mr. Garrow to liquidate the arrears of

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of this Department before the 1st of
January.—

" Chas Oakeley

" P. K. Fanshawe

George Parry Exr

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22d Despatched the following

Letters.—

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

My Lord

To Bengal with Extract from the minutes of Council containing the Proceedings of the Enquiry into the Conduct of Shevi-ghurry and the Resolutions thereon; and on Colonel Maxwells Report on the disputed Claims among the Tinnevelly Polygars: his Zealous and able conduct highly commended.—

5th We have already had the Honor to inform your Lordship that Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell had received instructions from us to make particular enquiry into the conduct of the Polygar of Shevaghurry, as far as it had relation to the attack upon Shatoor, and that we should refer his case to the ultimate decision of your Lordship, in consequence of the opinion you were pleased to express in your letter of the 26th September.—

2 In conformity with that intimation we have now the honor to lay before your Lordship an extract from our minutes, containing the proceedings of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell and our Resolutions thereon. The Polygar is at present in confinement at Shevigery, where we have determined he shall

continue

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continue, until we are favored with your Lordship's opinion upon this case. –

3 Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell has likewise, agreeably to an order, made enquiry into the disputed Claims among the Polygars – In the conduct of this Business he has paid so much attention to the Principles of Justice, and the preservation of future tranquility in the District, that we have approved and confirmed all his Recommendations: a Copy of his Letter, and of our Minutes upon it, are enclosed for your Lordship's information. –

4 We take this occasion to express our entire satisfaction at every part of Lt Colonel Maxwells conduct – The Zeal and abelity with which he has discharged the Trust reposed in him entitle him to our warmest commendation. –

We have the honor to be with respect. –

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&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.

My Lord,

We have the Honor to trans-

To Bengal with Copy of further Correspondence on the Subject of the affairs of Tanjore and the disagreement between the Rajah of Travancore and Mr. Powney - observation on the latter subject.-

=mit, for your Lordship's Information, Copy of our further Correspondence on the Subject of the affairs of Tanjore, and to acquaint you that the Family of the late Rajah is on it's way to madras.-

2. We have also the Honor to - enclose Copies of three Letters from Mr. Powney, the Resident at Travancore, with our Reply; also Copy of another Letter from the Rajah, in answer to one from our President - in interposing his good offices with a view to a reconciliation between him and Mr. Powney.

3 The Rajah's last Letter seems to preclude all hope of re-establishing any degree of cordiality on his part, and we apprehend it will be necessary to make some provision, in consequence, for negotiating what is further necessary with respect to the proposed Subsidy which he declares himself

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himself ready to pay to the Company.-

We have the honor to be

&c &c

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(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

&c Council

To W.m George Gowney

Resident at Travancore

Sir.

to Resident at Travancore in Reply to his three last letters. further Remarks on the imprudence of his conduct to the Rajah and his Dewan

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 6th 9th and 11th Instant.-

He is concerned that you did not think it expedient to make an earlier communication of the misunderstanding that had arisen between the Rajah and yourself, as such communication would undoubtedly have induced him to postpone the demand he lately made on His Excellency, the success of which depended in some measure, upon the degree of confidence in which you stood at his Durbar.-

The President in Council is of opinion, that to procure the influence which your station absolutely required, the utmost

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prudence became necessary upon every occasion, particularly when you found reason to disapprove the Conduct or Character of those with whom you were to transact the chief business of your employment.—

In your Correspondence with the Board there should have been no reserve whatever upon any point; but in your Communications with the Raja it was obviously indiscreet to tell him that you had probably been the Cause of his ministers not being permitted to visit Lord Cornwallis at Seringa-patam: such a declaration was calculated to excite alarm, and, however just your opinion of the Diwan may be, the least reflection must have shewn the consequence of any attempt to weaken that interest which you had repeatedly acknowledged to be all powerful with the Raja.—

The Board are fully sensible of the Zeal and attention which you have manifested in several occasions in the discharge of your duty, and, as they entertain every favorable opinion of your principles and disposition in general, it would have afforded them

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them sincere pleasure, if their Recommendations to the Raja had produced the Effect they wished; but the tenor of the last letter received from him seems to preclude every hope of that nature.—

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I am &c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy.

To Sir John Kennaway Bart.
Resident at Hydrabad.

Sir.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 7th. of August last. and to inform you that Mahomed Hussain having substantiated his claim to twenty Cawrees of Ground in the Guntoor Circar, as also to the monthly allowance of fifteen Pagodas, and daily allowance of half a Rupee, orders will be given to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam to put him in possession of the Ground and to pay such allowances.—

To Resident at Hydrabad. orders sent to masulipatam regarding the claims of mahomed Hussain Remark on his claim to the Daroga ship of Guntoor.—

It does not appear that Mahomed Hussain ever acted in the Capacity of Daroga at Guntoor, altho' his Father was appointed

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to the office, and the Journal renewed in
favor of the Son— But as such appointment
is not necessary under the Company's Adminis-
tration, the President in Council thinks
that Mahomed Hussein cannot be permitted
to receive any pay or Emolument upon this
account.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. B. Jackson Secy

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Despatched also the Under-
=mentioned Letters Entered in M.B. Nº. 162.
163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174.

To Board of Revenue— their
opinions on the claims of Mahomed Hussain
approved— orders to be accordingly sent to P
masulipatam on the subject.—

To Military Board— referring
for their opinion the Conditions on which
Messrs. Roebuck and Abbot offer to undertake
the Contract for Buildings and repairs on the
Coast.—

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz
informing him that Mr. Crawford's Garden
House

to Board of Revenue.—

to Military Board.—

To Reverend Mr. Swartz.—

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House has been taken for Service and the widows to report if more accommodation be requisite.—

To Mr. James Strange Collector at Tanjore.

To Collector at Tanjore directing an advance of Twenty thousand, five hundred and seventy seven /20,577/ Pagodas to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, on his Bill upon the Paymaster General in favor of the Board of Revenue.—

To Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To Paymaster at Trichinopoly advising of the above.—

To military Auditor General

To military auditor General.—

To military Auditor General with advice of the advice of the above — and orders for paying House Rent to the Commandant at Nagore and passing two Pay Bills presented by Lieutenant H. Hall.—

To Paymaster of Fort St. George

To Paymaster of Fort St. George &c

To Paymaster of Fort St. George in reply to his application for a Salary Office Rent Furniture and an Establishment of Public Servants.—

To military Auditor General

To Military auditor General

To Military Auditor General the Paymaster of Fort St. George to draw Captain's Pay and Batta and fifteen Pagodas Office Rent — a proper Establishment of Servants for his office to be reported.—

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To Officer Commanding the Artillery

To Lieutenant Colonel Gells.— informing him of Lord Cornwallis's opinion on his claim to the Appointment of Colonel Commandant of Artillery, and of the Orders published in consequence.—

To Paymaster of the Nizam's

To Mr. W. Brown Detachment.— permitting him to visit the Presidency.—

To Commandant at Vellore to

To Captain W. Hammond reply to his application for House Rent.—

To Mr. John Taylor acquainting him that no alteration can be made in

To late Commander of the Snow Maria.— the former Resolutions of Government respecting him.—

To Commandant at Walajabad

To Commandant at Walajabad.— permitting him to visit the Presidency.—

Received Letter from the

Substance of Letter from the Nabob Nabob— Entered in L. L. No. 262 requesting a Copy of the late Enquiry into the Conduct of the Shevegherry Poligar.—

Received the following

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor in Council of

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir.

I have the honor to lay before you the Estimate of expected Disbursements on my Department for the Month of January 1793, and arrears previous to 1st December 1792.-

From Commissary General of Stores and Provisions enclosing his Estimate for January and Arrears previous to 1st December. suggestions for an adjustment of the Bills drawn in his favor since 1st May last.-

I duly received Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 1st Instant, enclosing an Extract from the Military Auditor Generals Letter of the 29th ultimo, stating my expected Current receipts and Disbursements for this Month in the Idea that all the expected Surplus receipts from Ganjam to Cape Comorin are applicable to the payment of the General Current Disbursements of my Department; but unless Cash could at all times be procured for my Bills on the several Garrisons to enable me to answer the Bills drawn upon me, such Surplus receipts cannot be so made applicable: it is necessary also to observe that the Sums Estimated on the 15th November as expected to be Surplus to the Disbursements of the month of December, cannot be ascertained until the

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close of the latter month; Consequently, the Amount
Cannot be drawn for till after the general
Disbursements of the Month at other Stations
have been made.—

In order that I may have
my future line of proceeding clearly defined
I think it necessary to state to you, Honble
Sir, the rule of Office which obtains by the
existing regulations for my Department.—

The Commissaries of Grain
and Provisions at Stations transmit to me
Estimates of their probable Disbursements
at the same time they send off their Estimates
for the Military Paymaster General.—

When no receipts from
Sales of Grain or any article of Store under
the charge of a Commissary at a Garrison is
expected, He inserts the Amount required for
my Department, agreeably to the Estimate
transmitted to me, under the Head of Commissary
General of Grain and Provisions, in his
General Estimate transmitted to the Military
Paymaster General; and, when the Cash
from the latter is received, he, as Commissary
of Grain at the Station, draws a Bill upon
me

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me for the Amount so Estimated under the
Head of Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions, in favor of the Military Paymaster
General which I take up and grant them a
receipt as so much advanced to my Department,
The only reason for including
the Amount required for my Department
in the Military Paymaster General's Estimate
is, to save the Expence of separate Gottah
hire on the small Sum necessary to be
sent; or, if the Money be received from a Collector,
to prevent a variety of Draughts for such
advances, neither of which Certainly appear of
material, as it is most probable the small
Sum required Could, at all times, be taken up
from Individuals in the Garrisons, for Bills
on me; or, when received from a Collector,
Separate Bills upon me might be granted
by which mode, the Estimates for my Department
will have no place in those of the Military &
Paymaster General; and, if, at any time upon
Service it, should be absolutely necessary
for my Department to receive Advances from
a Paymaster, the Bills drawn by the Commissary
of

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of Grain and Provisions for such Advances in
favor of the Military Paymaster General upon
me, will either be paid to him by me as a
simple Cash transaction or he will pass
them as a payment to the General Treasury
and my Department will be debited for
the same in the General Cash Account.—

In regard to a Surplus P
receipt arising from the Sales of Grain or
other Stores under charge of a Commissary of
Grain &c. at Stations as it may not be
possible to draw the Amount, if Considerable,
to the Presidency by private remittance,
and, that no public money may lay idle the
mode that now obtains appears to me
the best Viz. paying such Surplus to the
Paymaster, to be applied to the Current P
Military Charges by which, the Surplus, P
if any, on the 1st of January 93, would
be stated in the Paymaster's Estimate sent
to the Military Paymaster General for
February, as a receipt applicable to the
payments of that Month expected from
this Commissary's Department. For

which

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which, he should grant a Bill in my favor upon the Military Paymaster General, to be either paid by him to me or Transferred in order to keep the Transactions of our Departments, (while my Books are subsidiary to the General Books) entirely distinct, & such Bills can be transferred, like Collectors' Bills, thro' the General Treasury at Madras as Cash transactions; and when the Receipts at Madras exceed the Disbursements, and are not to go in part payment of arrears due - the Amount will be paid by me into the General Treasury. -

— If what I have here suggested meet your approbation Honble Sir. an adjustment of all the Bills drawn upon the Military Paymaster in my favor or in his favor upon me, since the 1st May last, can immediately take place agreeably thereto - and I shall direct the Principle laid down to be observed in future by those acting under me. -

I have the honor to be

&c &c

[Signed] Tho: Cockburn

GJGO

Madras

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W. C. Jackson Esqr.

&c. &c.

Sir,

From Lieutenant Macleod transmitting Intelligence from Mysore

I have the honor of transmitting you the Report of a Harcarah from the Mysore Country.-

I will be obliged to you to mention to the Governor that the return of some Harcarahs having lately been irregular is the cause of my not getting more frequent Intelligence, as there are only three or four of those who were employed during the war that will venture to go lest they should be known, and it requires some practice for new Harrearahs before they will be of much use.-

The Harcarah mentioned a confused report in Seringapatam of a party of Sepoys having reduced some Posts in the Carnack Country; but as that appears improbable, I omitted inserting it.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signed/ William Macleod

Vellore

Vellore 18th. December 1792.

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Intelligence from Mysore

Shamiah, a Harcarah who returned yesterday in ten days from Seringapatam makes the following Report — That Cumr-ul-Deen has, after a siege of three months, at last got possession of Puttengerry a strong Hill near Muddagerry which, during the late War was taken from Tippo by its former Polygar. The Garrison, having consumed its provisions, evacuated the Fort at night, and escaped by cutting their way, with considera-ble loss to their Enemy, thro' the Camp of Cumr-ul-Deen, who, being joined by Coolcob-u-Deen, is still at Puttengerry

Syd Saheb is with his Division in the Gooramconda Country. —

Tippo's Cavalry are stationed in small parties, for the convenience of forage, in the vicinity of Seringapatam, near the Banks of the Caveri — He has only two Cushoons of Infantry and 500 Horse with him at Seringapatam besides the Garrison in the Fort, which he still continues to strengthen by raising the East and South Glacis and constructing a Draw-Bridge —

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for the Mysore Gate.-

Cassem Saheb, Tippoo's Brother

who had been for some years a Prisoner,

has been lately enlarged; and it is reported

he will be appointed to the Command of the

Army now under Cossim-ul-Deen.-

The Harvest which was

reaped in the Mysore in October last, in

a great measure relieved the distress of

the Inhabitants, as the Prices of Grains

have since August last fallen about 40

100 P Cent.-

Tippoo has ordered his P

Renters to assess all villages and Official

Persons to pay a Nuzzer to the Sircar P

proportionable to their respective abeletues.

(Signed) William Macleod

Received also the undermen-

-tioned Letters entered in Vol. B. Nos. 175. 176.

177. 178.-

From Paymaster at Madura

From Paymaster at Madura.

stating the cause of the difficulties respecting

the

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the Exchange of the Colley Fanams in contradiction of the Report said to have been made to the Nabob, on the subject, by his Renter.—

From military Paymaster General.—

From Military Paymaster General presenting an additional Indent of Cash for January.—

From Lieutenant J. Holland.

From Lieutenant J. Holland requesting the Discharge of his Arrears of Pay &c. for may, June and July.—

From Commandant at Pallamcotah.

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

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Extract of a letter to the Nabob.—

Sent Letter to the Nabob [entered in C. C. No. 243] Informing him that his Intentions regarding Lazy Campbell will be conveyed to the Court of Directors and that whatever Sums His Highness shall send on account of her Ladyship will be received into the Company's Treasury.—

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Sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 179. 180. & 181. 182. 183.—

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To Military Auditor General

To military Auditor General

referring for Examination an additional Indent of Cash required by the Paymaster of Fort St. George for January.—

To Secretary at Bengal

To Secretary at Bengal.—

forwarding a letter from Tippoo Sultaun to Lord Cornwallis.—

To Ditto

To Ditto with copy of the Intelligence from the Mysore Country.—

To Contractor for military Clothing.—

To Contractor for military Clothing no more clothing to be provided for the 5th Revenue Battalion.—

To Collector at Dindigul

To Collector at Dindigul.—

directing him to ascertain, in concert with Major Sale and the Nabobs Renter, the Cause of the existing Difficulties with Regard to the Exchange of the Colley Fanams at Madura and to report whether any inconvenience would result from a Public prohibition of the new Coins called Cherroo Mallee and Perroo Mallee in all Payments.—

Received the following

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Letters.—

To

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To 26th
To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary at
Fort St. George

Sir,

From Secretary at Bengal, stating that Lord Cornwallis cannot assent to the request of the six Senior Lieutenants of Infantry for disallowing Staff Officers Commission or the Strength of Corps.—

I have Orders from the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter dated the 31st of August from the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, enclosing a Copy of one of the 28th of that month from Colonel Brathwaite, transmitting an address from the six Senior Lieutenants of Infantry on your Establishment.

His Lordship directs me to request that you will signify to the Governor in Council his Concern that the Circumstances of the Service bear with so much weight on meritorious Officers, especially as the Arrangement proposed for them does not meet with his Lordship's acquiescence, the Governor General in Council not deeming it proper to give his Sanction to an alteration of the Practice, which has

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26th has hitherto prevailed at Madras, of allowing Staff Officers to remain upon the strength of Corps. -

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) E. Hay

Secy to the Govt.

Fort William

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary at

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have Orders from the Governor General in Council to request that you will lay before the Government of Madras the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Knox, who Commanded a Detachment of Native Troops embarked at Fort St. George on the Ship Bombay for this Presidency, and to signify his Lordship's desire that a very particular Examination may be made into the Circumstances set forth by Lieutenant Knox, it being of material importance

to

From Secretary at Bengal - enclosing Copy of Lieutenant Knox's Complaint of the abuses committed by the Garrison Storekeeper in shipping Provisions for the use of the Bengal Troops embarked on the Bombay

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to the Public Service that no abuse should pass unnoticed, subjecting the Native Troops to inconveniences which it has been the constant care of this Government by all possible means, to prevent/in passing by Sea from one Settlement to another. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort William
the 20th. of Novr. 1792.

/Signed/ C. Ray
Secy to the Govt.

To The Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G
Governor General of India
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship a Statement of the Provisions as ordered by the Government of Madras to be provided by Mr. Grunthill Garrison Store Keeper, for the use of my Detachment, marking the quantities actually received and the deficiencies. —

The anxiety your Lordship has

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has ~~ever~~ expressed to overcome the prejudice of
the Native Troops to embark on Board
a Ship, should, I conceive, call forth the
utmost exertion of every Person concerned
in their embarkation; For a want of
that Kind Treatment they have always
experienced from your Lordship, may be
attended with the most serious consequence
to the Public Service; I therefore consider
it as an essential part of my Duty to
state how little your Lordship's wishes
have been attended to, respecting the
Detachment under my Command.—

I'm full confidence that
the Provisions as ordered by the Government
of Madras, were shipped on Board the
Bombay, I embarked the Detachment
on the 1st of the present month, when
to my great Surprise, I found I had only
8½ Seers of Choorah or prepared Rice
instead of 2662 Seers—this being an
article on which I was wholly to depend
for the Subsistence of the Hindoos, knowing
their objection to dress Provisions of any

Kind

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26th Kind while on Board, obliged me to go on Shore on the 3d Instant for a further Supply, when I received from Mr. Greenhill 331 Seers making in all 1147 Seers or 13 Days allowance in lieu of 30 days.—

The Gram and Dhall very bad, the Rice mixed with a large proportion of Paddy, as may be seen by what remains of these Articles.—

The Water, from having been put into old porter and other liquor casks, became so exceedingly offensive and sower after being four or five days out at Sea that many of the People refused to take up their allowance of it, and lit actually drink the Water a long side of the Ship in preference.—

In justice to Captain Frazer Commander of the Bombay, I beg leave to inform your Lordship, that the Detachment received every attention, and kindness, that Gentleman could shew to them, and that not a single complaint was made to me against any

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any one of the Ships' Company
deserving the passage.—

I have the honor &
to be with the utmost Respect.—

your Lordships

Most Obedient and
most devoted humble
Servant

Signed A. Knox
Lieut. 11th. Batt.n N.I.

Fort William
October 24th. 1792.

a true Copy

Signed E. Hay
Secy to the Govr.

List

List of Provisions as ordered by the Madras Government to be shipped on board the Bombay for the use of Lieutenant A. Knox's Detachment, making the Quantities actually received and the Deficiencies.—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rice at ½ a Seer p.r man p.r diem for 355 Men for 30 Days | 5325 Seers | Rec.d 4,070 Lbs Diff.ce 1255 Lbs | |
| Dhall at ¼ Do. Do. | 2,662 ½ | 1792 ½ | 870 |
| Flour at ⅛ Do. Do. | 1,331. ¼ | 1669. | |
| Ghee at ¼ Do. Do. | 2,662. ½ | 1147. | 1515. ½ |
| Gram at ¼ Do. Do. | 2,662. ½ | 2226. | 436. ½ |
| Dates at ⅕ Do. Do. | 2130. | 1595. ½ | 535. ½ |
| Tamarinds at 1/10 Do. Do. | 665. ⅝ | 927. ½ | |
| Sugar at 1/16 Do. Do. | 665. ⅝ | 423. | 262. ⅝ |
| Ghee at 1/16 Do. Do. | 665. ⅝ | 552 ½ | 113. ⅛ |
| Salt at 1/16 Do. Do. | 665. ⅝ | 459. | 206. ⅝ |
| Tobacco 1 Serseach Man for the Passage | 355. | 278. ½ | 76. ½ |

The accuracy of the above statement may be depended on, as the Provisions were all weighed on Board the Ship

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a true Copy
(Signed) E. Hay
Secy to the Govr.

(Signed) A. Knox
Lieut. Commdg the Detat.

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To 26th
W. B. Jackson Esq.
Secretary to the Government at
Madras.

Sir.

The Poligar of Ramnaad having written a Letter to the Governor General to which his Lordship has been pleased to reply, I am directed to transmit a Copy of the Poligars Letter and a Duplicate of the answer with a Copy thereof in English and Persian to you, in order that they may be communicated to the Honble President, and the Duplicates, with his Knowledge, be forwarded to the Poligar:-

From Persian Translator at Bengal inclosing a Letter for the Poligar of Ramnad and Copy of it, and of the letter to which it is an answer.

I am &c.
(Signed) G. T. Cherry
D. S.

Calcutta
8th Dec.r 1792.

From Mootoram Lung
Pollygar of Ramnaad
Received 20th November 1792

Praise and thanks to God that your Lordship presides in so distinguished a manner over this Country to support your faithful Servants' under the Shadow of

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your Lordship's protection I look for favor and encouragement. I am from my heart and soul devotedly attached to your Lordship – your Lordship's having previous to your embarkation for Bengal Directed that the amount Tribute of Ramnaut poor, that is to say the ½ Tealock of Ramnaut poor, which is my P Zemindary, be paid into the Bombay Company's Treasury, thro' Sir Charles Oakley at Madras, has given me the most unbounded Satisfaction – I am hopeful that this System of payeing the Tribute of Ramnaut poor into the Company's Treasury, free from the trouble-some Interference of the Nawaub's Government, may be permanently established – This will be to me a great honor Let your Lordship exert your Kindness so as that my Tealock may ever remain under the Company's P authority, independant of any other. –

A true Copy

(Signed) G. F. Cherry

P.S.

Yours

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To the Poligar of Ramnaad

Written 8th December 1792

I have received and perused with great satisfaction your Letter Receipt-ed late Letter Received 20th November 1792.-

you are well acquainted with the Friendship and intimate Connection which has for years subsisted between the Nawaab Walla Jah and the Company, and must have observed that, in consequence of that Connection, the Protection and Defence of every one in the Carnatic has formed a material object with both. In the present Instance the Engagement which was made during my stay at Madras, and by Virtue of which the Peshcush payable from you to the Nawaab has been made payable on his account to the Company, was made equally with a view to your Protection, as for the safety and defence of the Territories belonging to the contracting parties, and I desire that you will be assured that so long as you shall conform to the Perwannah written by the Nawaab in consequence of

that

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that Treaty to you as well as to all the Polygars whose Peshcush is in like manner made payable in the Nawaubs account to the Company and shall set in every other Respect agreeable to the Duties you owe to the Nawaub and to the Company you will experience the Friendship of the Company and the Kindness of the Governor of Madras- I request that you will continue to write me the tidings of your Health.-

a true Copy

(Signed) G. A. Cherry

P. S.r

Received also the undermentioned Letters entered in M B Nos. 184. 185. 186. 187.

From Reverend Mr. Swartz.--

From Reverend Mr. Swartz- advising of his Arrival, with the Family of the late Rajah of Tanjore, at Shedumbaram

From Ditto.

From Ditto- arrived at Cuddalore- requests a person may be directed to conduct the Family from the mount to Mr. Crawford's Garden House.-

From Mr. G.a Ram.-

From Collector at Tanjore shall honor the Draft of the Paymaster at

at

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26th at Treichinopoly for the Sum ordered.—

From Captain Dallas advising

From Captain Dallas at Hydrabad.

of his having returned to Sir John Kennaway Twenty Thousand five hundred Rupees, of the Sum advanced him—further Drafts on Bengal having been prohibited.—

27th Sent the undermentioned letter

Entered in M.B. No. 188.—

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General

referring, for his Examination, the Estimate of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for January and arrears previous to 1st Instant.—

28th Received Letter from the

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.—

Nabob, Entered in C.C. No. 244 enclosing A Copy of the Nizam's Letter to His Highness regarding the claims of Mahomed Hussein in the Guntoor Circar.—

Received the undermentioned Letters and Petition Entered in M.B. No. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193.—

From Paymaster in the

From W. A. Hughes at Vestiraghurry

Baramhaul—requesting the Amount

of

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of his Security may be reduced in proportion to that given by the Paymaster of Vellore and Trichinopoly.—

From Paymaster at Bingle and in the guarantee Circar.—

From Paymaster at Bingle

Do nominating Mr. Thomas Hodgson as his Security.—

From officer in command

From Captain Bowser.—

of Sheveghery— advising of the Polegar's arrival there as a Public Prisoner.—

From Mr. A. Kelso Cadet.—

From Mr. A. Kelso—

requesting an Extension of his Leave of absence,—

Petition of Venkatachellish of Trivatoor.—

Petition of Venkatachellish

for ayeing Compensation of Ground taken from him in the year 1781, to distribute amongst the Hog Hill Claimants.—

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor President

and William Falloofield Esqr.

Friday 28th December 1792

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board, with Enclosures entered in M. B. Nos 1942 2141.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Honble Sir,

From Military Board reporting the Cause in their opinion, of the Diminution of Stoppages for the years 89 and 1790 will hereafter submit a Statement of the Distribution of Off Reckonings for 1791 - Minutes of Dissent Members on the Subject, and sundry other Documents - the Bombay Indent for Arms can be supplied - opinion and Recommendation on the case of the Barrack Master at the Presidency - Estimate of Repairs wanted at Moriac - Bill of Captain Walsh for repairs at Tiger, & others on account of the late Contract for Bricks and Chunam purchased - Books of arsenal and Laboratory examined, - Stores and Gunpowder received in October - Tumbrill with the Nizam's Detachment requires repair - part of the arms for the Nizam proposed to be supplied from Masulipatam

In obedience to your commands contained in your letters of the 15th 17th and 25th July last, directing us to enquire into the diminution of Stoppages for the years 1789 and 1790, also to lay before you, a Statement of the distribution of Reckonings for last year; and to compare the account of the Agents for Cloathing the Battalions of Native Infantry for the years 1789, and 1790, with the Account for Cloathing the same Corps for the three or four years immediately preceding 1789; and to report to you the difference that appears in the Charge of both periods; also to submit

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to you a Statement, shewing the Difference between the mode of Cloathing the Troops by Contract, in Comparison of the former mode of Cloathing by Agency.

We have the Honor to inform you that, from the information before us, We are of opinion, that the prenciple of the Deminution of the Stoppages in the years 1789, and 1790, is the Paymaster Generals having refused to answer the Drafts of the Agents for a Sum equal to the difference between the Stoppages actually accounted for by the Paymasters, and that for the number cloathing had been provided for, which Draft we are of opinion he should have answered, in obedience to the Orders of Government 4th. of February 1789.

We are not able yet to lay before you a distribution of Sunkonings for the last year, the Materials to enable us to do this not having been yet completed in the Paymaster General and Auditor Generals Office; but so soon as We are enabled, We shall have the Honor to lay before you, the distribution required.

We have compared the Accounts of the Agents for Cloathing the Battalions of Native

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Native Infantry for the years 1789, and 1790, and have called for the accounts for the years 1786, 1787, and 1788 - and have caused our Secretary to prepare a Statement, copy of which we have the Honour to enclose, which we trust will answer your expectation in shewing the difference of charge in the periods wherein you have called upon us to ascertain.

We have also caused our Secretary to prepare a general Statement from documents delivered in by the President, and Lieutenant Colonel Gaile, which Shews, on a Sheet of Paper, the difference of expence in Clothing by Agency, or Contract, a Regiment of Cavalry, a Battalion of Artillery, with the Gun Lascars attached to it, and a Battalion of European, and Native Infantry - which we have the Honor to enclose, and we trust it will fully ascertain the point which you have required information on, in the difference between the mode of Clothing the Troops by Contract in comparison with the former mode of Agency, although we conceive that the Papers abovementioned are adequate to form a full

reply

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reply to the different points submitted to us by your Honorable Board, connected with the Subject of Stockings - and although we are at all times unwilling to add to the length of our Reports by the admission of any extraneous matter - yet, as the accompanying Letter from the late Agents for Cloathing the Army, in reply to one that we addressed to them, as well as the accompanying Minutes from our President, from Lieutenant Colonel Cecil, and the Auditor General, which latter contains a request that the whole may be laid before Government / have been entered on our Proceedings from having occurred on the Subject before us, we have judged it necessary that they should be included in this Packet, for the information of your Honble Board.

We are honored with your Letters of the 8th and 11th Instants - we shall give immediate orders for the distribution of the 1422 Barrels of Gun Powder now on the Glaces of Trichinopoly, in Madura, Tanjore &c. in such proportion as the Returns from those Garrisons shall point out.

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We are of opinion that the six thousand stand of new Arms required for Bombay, can be spared from this arsenal; as the supply to be furnished the Nizam, is to consist of repaired arms.—

Having maturely considered the case set forth in the letter of the Barrack Master to the Presidency to your Honble the Board, and referred to us for our opinion, We beg leave to observe that, although We are not fond of setting any example of deviating from any fixed general system, in behalf of any individual, yet, as the case is singularly hard, as all the Cotts in question appear to have served the specified time, within a very few days, as some of them appear to have served longer, though the receipts were not taken up, for them, as, regularly, ought to have been done,— and as the Barrack Master of the Presidency, is an officer of such merit as to entitle him to indulgence, when indulgence can with propriety be shewn— We recommend that if the Cotts wanting eight days, and those wanting twenty one days, of the specified time, appear, when surveyed, to be delivered in, in perfect

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perfect good condition, that he be allowed to charge for them as for Cotts having served the full specified time.—

The committee of Works at Trichinapoly having transmitted to us, in their Proceedings of the 1st Instant, estimate of Repairs wanted for the flooring of the Hospital at Warriore, enlarging the Shed, and building a new Necessary for the same, Amounting altogether to Pagodas 514 2, We have the honor to lay before you copies of them; and it is from the indispensable necessity they state of their being carried into execution, that we recommend the repairs wanted, but have advised this Committee that the regular mode is to apply to Government for its sanction, before any estimates are made.—

We have the honor to enclose a bill for Repairs done at Tiagar amounting to Pagodas 914 33 transmitted to us by Captain Mahab, which, being executed by Order, We recommend may be discharged, as also bills from the Executor to the late Contractor for Bricks and Chunam for Materials delivered to the Contractors for

Repairs

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Repairs in the months of July, August, September, October and November amounting to Pagodas 499.4.58 which appear to be properly certified, and agreeable to the terms of the Contract.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant, conveying to us copy of the Contract your Honorable Board have been pleased to enter into with Messrs. Topping and Parry for the provision of Ordnance Carriages, and to inform you, that we have entered it on our Proceedings.

We have examined the Books of the Arsenal and Laboratory which we found to be regularly brought up to the end of October last.

The Chief Engineer, with the Quarter Master General and Commissary General of Stores having inspected the different articles specified in the enclosed List of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in the Month of October, as also 185 Pouches in the Arsenal reported as

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as damaged, the former having been ⁊
approved, We have directed to be received
on the Company's Books, and the latter
being found totally unfit for Service, ⁊
We have ordered them to be condemned ⁊
and struck off the Returns. —

The Senior Officer of Artillery
has laid before us a report proof of 87 ⁊
barrels of Gun Powder manufactured in
the Month of October last, which, being
considerably above proof, we have directed
to be received on the Company's Books. —

The Commanding Officer of
the Detachment serving with His ⁊
Highness the Nizam having in a ⁊
letter dated 11th Instant transmitted ⁊
to us proceedings of a Committee of ⁊
Examination held on the 10th Instant
wherein is represented that nine ⁊
Lumbrils are much in want of ⁊
Repair, We beg leave to recommend to
your Honble Board that they be ⁊
authorized

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authorized to execute the repairs wanted to them

We have the Honor to be,

Sir: Sir:

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Signed / John Braithwaite
" Patrick Ross
" Tho.s Geils
" Jn.o Richardson
" B.y Close
" George Hall

P.S.

as much inconvenience and delay will arise if the whole of the 5000 Repaired Arms for the Nizam are furnished from this Arsenal, we recommend that an order be sent to Masu=
=lipatam for the Storekeeper there to be prepared to deliver to the Agents of the Nizam 3770 stand of Repaired Arms they paying for the same at the rate of two and a half Pagodas each, - and we request that Captain Raymond's Agent here may be furnished with a duplicate of the order to Masulipatam to be delivered by the Person who goes thither to receive the Arms.

/Signed/ John Braithwaite
" Patrick Ross
" Jn.o Richardson.
" B.y Close
" George Hall

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Sentiments of the Board regarding the Diminution of the Stoppages – and resolutions on the other points contained in the foregoing letter from the Military Board.

The Board are of opinion that the Military Paymaster General in refusing to answer the draft of the Agents strictly conformed to the Spirit of the Regulations published on the 5th of February 1789, which enjoined, that, "the Company were not to be put to any expence on account of clothing the Troops, besides the Amount of the regulated Stoppages for each man clothed" and stated, that "the difference between the "Stoppages actually accounted for by the Paymasters, and those for the number that "clothing had been provided, would appear "on comparing the returns and indents with the Paymaster's account of Stoppages". Hence, it is evident, that the Paymaster General was correct in rejecting the Draft of the Agents, where the returns and the amount of Stoppages differed very materially from the Indents, which appear to have been determined neither by the returns nor by the actual Stoppages, but by computation on the Strength of Corps, which were never completed to the Establishment.

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But, it may be said, that when an order is issued for augmenting the Establishment of particular Corps, the Officers commanding such Corps, must be prepared to with Cloathing for the additional Men to directed to be raised: upon this principle, to which seems to have governed the Indents for 1790, it was obviously proper that the additional Cloathing should have been kept in reserve, and such part as was not required, to brought forward as a balance upon the indents of the Subsequent year, by which means, to the excess of the demand would have been to corrected without injury to the Fund.- Mr. William Balfour, who had the management of the late Agency, explains the cause of the deficiency in the following extract of his letter to the Military Paymaster General, dated the 10th May 1792- "The great "deficiency" he observed "for the year 1790, is "occasioned by the augmentation of the "establishment of the Native Cavalry from "360 to 696, and in the Infantry from 643 "to 803- For the year 1789 these Corps were "cloathed according to the old Establishment; but

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"for the year 1790, the Officers indented for and
"received the Cloathing for the full number of
"the encreased establishment, and it would
"appear from the Paymasters' accounts, that
"very few of the Corps consisted of more than
"the former year, by which means the re-
"mount of Stoppages for the year 1790, is
"falls so far short of the Sum which is
"would have been accounted for, had the
"establishment been complete".

Resolved, that the deficiency in question, which for the year 1790 amounted to no less a Sum than Pagodas 19260- and for the preceding year only to Pagodas 1741/ be borne by the Officers, who cannot with any Justice complain of this decision, since the Cloathing was provided and furnished upon their own Indents.

With regard to the difference of Expence between the Mode of Cloathing the Troops by Contract, and the former mode of Agency, the Board observe the advantage is much in favor of the Contract- and it affords them pleasure to find that the alteration is likely to be productive of a Considerable Increase in the emoluments of

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of the Off Reckoning Fund - but while they do remark this difference, it is but just to observe that the Charges of the Agency immediately preceding the change of System appear to them not greater in proportion than the expence of any former Management - and upon this principle no blame can be justly imputed to the conduct of the Agents.

Resolved that if the Cotts belonging to Lieutenant Wilks wanting do eight days, and those wanting twenty one days, of the Specified time, shall, upon being Surveyed, be found in perfect good condition, the Barrack Master be allowed to charge for them, as if they had served the full Specified time.

Resolved that the three thousand stand of Arms required for Bombay do be shipped for that Presidency by the first opportunity that offers.

Resolved that the repairs wanted to the Buildings at Vizagapatam be executed, provided the expence do not exceed the Estimate, Pags 5
Viz.t 5/14 " 2.

Resolved that the Bills transmitted by Captain Wahab, and by the Executor

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Ejector to the late Contractor for Bricks &
and Chunam, the former amounting to
Pagodas 914. 33 and the latter to Pagodas
499. 4. 58 Les paid; and that the Sumbrills
with the Detachment serving with the
Nizam's Troops be repaired, agreeably to the
recommendation of the Military Board.

Agreed that the Chief and
Council at Masulipatam be directed to
deliver over to the Agents of the Nizam
3770 Stand of repaired Arms, payment being
had for the same at the rate of 2½ Pagodas
each.

Read the following letter from
Colonel Braithwaite.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Braithwaite
does no objection to em-
-ploy the Invalids at
Madura, as proposed
by Mr. Macleod - Sug-
-gestion regarding the
Commissioned and Non
Commissioned Native
Invalid officers - a
round address from
the Captains of Native
Infantry forwarded -
Complaints against
Mr. Vaughan's mode
of payments noticed
- and one from Major
Lalo included

I have the Honor to acknowledge
your Commands communicated to me in Mr.
Secretary Jackson's letter of the 18th instant.

I see no manner of objection to the
employing Lieutenant Parkison and the Invalids
now under his Command at Madura, in the
manner proposed by the Collector of the Tinevelly
Country.

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Country, on the contrary I could wish the whole of our Native Invalid Establishment if possible to be so employed as to procure some savings to the Government; for, let us do what we can, the Invalid establishment to such an army as this must be an heavy expence, and if Armed men must be retained for the Collections, and the Native Invalids will answer the purpose, such as can be spared from Garrison duty cannot be better disposed of than in the Revenue Service, where if they lessen the charges of collection they will in some measure indemnify Government for the expence of the Invalid establishment; it may be well however that every thing should be clearly understood and explained previous to the adoption of the measure, that no charge of Batta be hereafter made to Government for Sepoys so employed, as I am apt to believe that Batta paid by Government would render Sepoy Invalids more expensive than the Peons now employed and proposed to be struck off.

I have not quite prepared my Arrangement and disposition of the Invalid establishment to lay before you, but that need not

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not delay the employment of Lieutenants Parkeson and the Invalids under his Com= =mand in the manner proposed, a certain proportion of Native Invalids will, in the distribution, be allotted to Nagore, and those under Lieutenant Parkison's command in the Dindigul Country will naturally fall to be considered as a Detachment from that quarter, so that his being immediately sent to the Dindigul Country will not any way materially interfere with the Plan I shall have the honor to lay before you.—

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Commands communicated in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 19th instant. I will turn the matter most Seriously over in my mind, and hope to be able to suggest some regulation which may in future lessen the great proportion of Serjeants and Corporals Invalided, but I fear they must always greatly exceed the Privates in proportion to their number on the effective establishment, as the Oldest Soldiers

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Soldiers are among them; I shall also, at the same time, think of some regulation to check as much as may be, the increase of Commissioned and non-Commissioned Officers on the Native Invalid establishment, which is out of all proportion to the Privates, but as there are at present so very many Subadars, Jemidars, Havil=dars, and Naigues above any detail which can be requisite for the governance of the Privates however employed, I submit it to your consideration whether some Plan might not be fallen upon attended with advantage, both as it relates to Government and these men who certainly merit every reasonable indulgence, by settling them with their families on the Honble Company's lands on such terms as would render them at once useful and com=fortable, and yet so conditioned that after a limited time they might, with advantage to the Honble Company, and without injury to themselves, be struck off from the Military Establishment.

I am very sorry to be obliged to trouble you again with a representation from

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from the Captains commanding Native Battalions, both their Letter to me, which accompanies this representation, so strenuously expresses the uneasiness of mind which they labor under, from the disconnection of their weight with their Battalions on account of the confidence and trust extended to all other Commandants of Corps of every description but withheld from them by the present regulation, that I cannot on any fair ground refuse to forward their address, but on the contrary feel myself impelled to to Solicit your most serious and candid consideration of it.

Many representations of a similar nature from Individual Captains, whose names are not to this Address, have come to me, which I have suppressed, as the subject was already so fully before you as to render any farther trouble to you unnecessary; but I think I should neglect the duty I owe to Government, as well as neglect the attention due from me to those under my Command, if I did not call to your

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your attention in particular towards the modes of payment &c. adopted by the Paymaster at Madura, concerning which I receive some complaint every payment; Captain Crocker who commands the 9th Native Battalion, and whose name is subscribed to the present Address of the Captains, has also written to me a separate letter which I have returned as he was informal, and I hope incorrect; in it he has stated that his Battalion is paid in fanams of so base a Coinage, and issued at so high an Exchange, that his Sepoys actually lose one third of their pay, and are precluded from purchasing any thing in the Country, as these fanams will not pass any where but in the Madura Bazar – As I have returned Captain Crockers letter and have referred the matter to Major Dale, I ought perhaps not to have mentioned this, but as I recollect that another payment must take place before this matter can be again stated to me in a more regular way, which may occasion discontent and desertion among the Sepoys, I think it safer, and better to give you this intimation,

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intimation, that you may signify your sentiments to the Paymaster of Madura so as to prevent the repetition of the many complaints preferred against him. I am sensible that there is often great difficulty in getting Pagodas to the Southward; it has always been the case, but as on the Support of that plea many abuses crept into the service to the great discontent of the Troops, I remember that so long ago as in Mr. Dupre's Government, he thought it necessary to send a large supply of Pagodas from the Presidency to Trichinopoly and the Maravar Country, and Mr. Wynch did the same once to Madura, when I commanded there in 1773.—

I request you to declare Honble Sir, that while I feel it to be my indispensible duty not to withhold from your knowledge grievances which appear to be very seriously felt by those under my Command, and which may perhaps be found to be such as may be remedied, that I also feel it to be my indispensible duty to discountenance and suppress all petulant or frivolous complaints, and to rebuke all appearance of discontent on account of inconveniences which cannot be remedied

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without deviating from general principles, and I have on two or three occasions found it necessary so to do.—

I cannot quit Mr. Jackson's letter of the 19th. without thanking you for the attention you have in that letter, particularly as well as in general, shown to such professional matters as I have had the honor to recommend for your adoption; and, as I am conscious of aiming at the good of the Service, and that only, in such measures as I have recommended, or shall hereafter recommend, I have the fullest confidence in a continuance of the support of Government.—

I have the honor to be,
Wr. Wr.
Signed/ J. Braithwaite

Military Board Secretary's
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23d. 1792.

P.S. Since closing the foregoing, I have received from Colonel Brea a packet from Major Dale addressed to me; and, as it in a great measure tends to confirm what Captain Crocker had written, I have the honor to enclose it.—

/Signed/ J.B:

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

Honble Sir,

From Captains of Sepoy Native Infantry Battalions soliciting a reconsideration of their case - that the pairs and distinction between them and their Commandants, may be removed.—

Under extreme concern, occasioned by the communication of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter to us, of the 29th November, We request your indulgent Reception of this second address on the Subject.—

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We are thereby given to understand, that Relief from the Grievance represented in our address to Government, under date the 9th July is left to depend on the eventual Confirmation of an Arrangement for an Increase of Salary to the Paymasters, about to be recommended to the Court Court of Directors.

We are so far from being desirous of a Diminution of the advantages hitherto enjoyed by the Paymasters, that, foreseeing such might be the Effect of accedence to the Request contained in our former Representation, it was undertaken with a Reluctance that could only have been overcome by an incumbent Regard for our own Characters, and Since We feel most heartily disposed to wish Confirmation may be the Issue of the intended Recommendation for Increase of Salary.

We are highly sensible of the flattering Testimony of the Honble Board's Confidence in our upright intentions, conveyed by Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter, & which would be satisfactory, and might be conclusive, could the knowledge of our Predicament be confined to persons equally liberal and well informed, but the Men under our

Command,

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Command, ignorant of the circumstances con=
=nected with it, are incapable, though made ac=
=quainted with them, of judging without pre=
=judice to us, and to the Service. —

The form for payments in the Book of new
Regulations No 3 marking us as the only
Description of Commandants in the Service of
the Honble Company, who appear to be unworthy
of the Trust reposed in the Commandants of
all other Corps, Native as well as European,
on this, and the other two Establishments, will
pervade not only the Dependencies of Bengal
and Bombay, but find its way also to Europe,
with the Information requisite to Shield us
from dishonor. —

Although the System of this
Service has not admitted any of us to attain
a Rank higher than that of Captain, none
of us have served a period shorter than one
and twenty years, the Majority, some two
or three years longer —

Continuance of the Grievance,
with the time involved in the proposed
Reference to the Honble Court, in addition to
such a length of Service, are matters of very
painful Reflection to us, and rendered the more
Serious, as they will in all probability last as long
as

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as the present Charter of the Honble Company,

From the publication of the
orders of Government, adopting the Bengal
System for praying the Troops on the Coast,
We had flattered ourselves with expectation of
being enabled to encrease the confidence of the
Native Troops in us, and their attachment
to the Service, by a more liberal payment,
than they had for some time experienced;
and, although a Matter known to Government,
only by late Enquiry, has occasioned temporary
Disappointments, We apt trust these Expecta-
tions will be realized in consideration of the
following Circumstances, left unstated in
our former address, to your Honble Board,
from a wish to engage as little of your
time as possible, and as, under Accedence
to the Request therein contained, they would
have been unnecessary.

The Subsistence of an European
Private, having been originally fixed at two
Pagodas twenty one Fanams, the old Regulation
of Government, which still exists and ordains
that the twenty one fanams broken Money
shall be issued by payment of one Pagoda to
two Men of that Rank, in lieu thereof—was
to have been enacted to guard against any decrease
of their pay, by fluctuation of Exchange. Twenty

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one Fanams being then reckoned, as they still are, in the Paymasters Accounts with the Honble Co. Company, equal in value to half a Pagoda.—

The Nett Subsistence of a Native Private was originally fixed at one Pagoda Twenty four Fanams, being three Fanams more than half a Pagoda, but by the present mode of payment, he receives upon an Average three Fanams less than what is charged against the Honble Company, and thus suffers a Loss of nearly a Twentieth part of his pay.—

The Emoluments drawn by the Paymasters, from the difference of Exchange, has ever been considered by the Native Troops, as an actual Diminution of their established Pay; and which they are now less able than ever, to sustain, by reason of the increased Expence of Dress, and of every Necessary of Life, which leaves their pay, thus diminished, so little adequate to the Discipline and Service required of them, and to their reasonable Wants, that recruiting, to complete with Numbers, is become extremely difficult, and procuring good Men, impracticable.

During the war which pre-
=ceded the last, when the Men of our Battalions, owing to the Exigencies of Government, were
suffering

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suffering under Arrears of 16 Months and up=
=wards, and our own Subsistence was under
an Arrear little Short of that Extent, by our just
treatment of them, and by the Exertions of our
private Credit, though We could not make these
sufficient to relieve Fathers of Numerous Fami=
=lies from the cruel Necessity of selling some of
their Children to keep alive the Others, as
We preserved their Attachment without a
single Instance of it's being Shaken, and as
brought forward their cheerful Services, under
Hardships, and a Species of Trial, if ever equalled,
certainly never exceeded.

If these Services have not been
forgotten, We will hope in Return for them,
and the Benefit derived by the State from
our Services during the War, so Lately and so
happily concluded, that it may not, in the
present case, involving our Honor, our dearest
Interest, happen, for the first time, that
part of a great System adopted by Government,
and announced in orders, shall give way and
be relinquished, in order to leave an Emolument,
of which it disapproved, with a few Individuals,
whose Monthly Receipts, exclusive of that Emolu=
=ment, are greater than ours, who, in Number
do not amount to more than one third of the
Commandants of Native Infantry, Even with the
exception

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exception of three or four, have not been above ½
half of our time in the Service, and, that circum=
=stance, can easier bear in their pecuniary ½
receipts Suspension of an assumed and disapproved
Emolument, than me a loss of Honor, and degrada=
=tion of Character

We are persuaded, that it cannot
be the Wish of Government, to lessen the Respectability
We derive from the State of Discipline to which ½
We have brought the Native Infantry, of this ½
Establishment; and which, in our honorable
poverty, it is our pride to Cherish, nor to Counte=
=nance a System occasioning Loss to the Native
Troops, by Diminution of their pay, originally
Estimated upon a Principle of Economy, and ½
when the Standard price of every Article was
so much cheaper than at present.

Under these Circumstances, We
beg permission, most humbly, yet most earnestly,
to entreat your Honble Board may be pleased
to take our case again into consideration, in the
hope We may be honored with an equal share in
the Confidence of Government, as is reposed in all
other Officers entrusted with the Charge of Corps,
by the pay of our Battalions being issued to
us, to be distributed to our Men, under such
Regulations, as in your Wisdom may be enacted,

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to insure to them a Monthly receipt equal to the sum hitherto drawn from the Treasury, and charged against the Honble Company, on account of their Subsistence; and of this We the more readily indulge the Expectation, as it will be enable us to benefit the Service, by procuring better Men to complete our Corps, without any additional Expence to the Honble Company.

Should any reasons which we cannot be acquainted with, induce your Honble Board to deny us such favorable Consideration, We trust that blame may not be imputed to us should we request the Commanding Officer of the Army, to lay the Correspondence upon this Grievance, which Wounds our Professional Character, before the Right Honble the Commander in Chief in India.

We have the Honor to be,

&c: &c: &c:

/Signed/ R. Vigor Com.r 16.th B.n N.I.

" W.m Bruce Comm.r 24 Batt.n

" W.m Brown Capt.n 1.st B.n N.I.

" W.m Flint Capt.n 2.d B.n N.I.

" Tho.s Dennwoody
Capt.n 3.d B.n

" Rob.t Croker
Captain 9.th B.n N.I

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(Signed) A. McKinnon Captain 12th Bn.
" Geo: Tothingham
Captn 20th B.N.I.
" G Mahab
Captn 14th B. N. I.
" Andrew Read
Captn 28th B.N.
" Tho: Halcott
Captn Comdg 3d B. N. I.
" Jas. Campbell
Captn 23d B.N.
" J. Dean
Capt. comdg 22d B.N.I.

To Colonel John Braithwaite
Commanding the Army on the Coast. &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

The very great hardship that the Honble Company's Troops doing Duty in this Garrison labour under from the difference in the Colly fanam occasions me to transmit the accompanying papers to you, as given to me by His Highness the Nabob's Renter of the Madura Districts, and stated by him as a reason why the Bazars are not supplied with grain &c. a Copy of which the Renter has sent to the Nabob, and has

From Major Sale stating the great hardships sustained by the Troops at Madura, from the Value of the new Colly fanams for their pay, Statement enclosed of difference between the old and new Colly Fanams.

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has requested of me to forward the accompanying to Government, that the business may be settled; during the time that I have had the honor to Com= =mand at this Station there has not been any trouble respecting the Lieutenant Callies Sanaums, till within these two or three Months, at which present the Sanaums received by the Troops from Mr. Vaughan, Paymaster, will not pass at any Village in this District, nor will they pass at any other place without a considerable loss to the Troops altho' every Sanaum Mr. Vaughan receives from the Collector, is Shroffed by the Shroffs belonging to the Garrison before they are taken into his Cash Chest.—

When pay was issued to the Troops last Month, the Merchants Shroffs &c. refused to receive the Sanaums from the Company's Servants, for grain or any other Article they wanted to purchase in the Bazar for their daily Subsistance, the consequence was that several complaints were made to me by the Sepoys &c: &c: that they could not get grain of any kind in the Bazar for the Sanaums they had received for their pay; in

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on how to settle the business and to enquire the re-
reason why the fanams that were received from the
Collector by the Paymaster and issued by him to
the Troops / after being regularly Shroffed by the
Shroffs of the place / should not pass current
without any loss to the Companies Servants, as
I desired His Highness the Nabab's Renter and
all the Shroffs would meet me and Mr. Vaughan
to settle the business; the result of which was
that the Renter agreed that the fanams re-
should pass in the Bazar at Madura re-
without any loss to the Troops and a Tom
Tom was sent through the principle Streets
to give public Notice to the Merchants, re-
Bazar Men &c: that they were to receive
the fanams from the Lepoys &c: in re-
garrison that were issued to them by Mr.
Vaughan, as their pay.

The difference between the re-
Old and new fanam is so great that the re-
Merchants, for some days past, have re-
brought very little grain into the Bazar, re-
by which means the Honble Companies re-
Servants are greatly distressed, and were they
to go or send to the Villages in the re-
Neighbourhood

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Neighbourhood to purchase Grain, the Fanams they have received in their pay will not pass without the great loss of 1/4 in every Fanam.—

I am now to request that you will be so obliging as to lay before Government this Statement of the hardships the Honble Companies Servants labour under, and I have not a doubt but you will settle this matter in such a manner that the Companies Servants may not suffer by receiving their pay in new Colly Fanams, for which they cannot purchase the common necessaries of life without being at a considerable loss out of their Monthly Subsistance.—

For some Months after my taking charge of this Garrison, the Exchange here was for a Pardo Nove Pagoda 16 1/2 Colly Fanams, and then it was difficult to get Fanams for a Pagoda, the consequence of which was that the Exchange was altered to 15 1/4 Fanams for the P.S.t Pagoda since which there has been as great a Scarcity of Pagodas, as there was of Fanams before the alteration in the Exchange took place.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Robt Sale

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The Difference of the Exchange betwixt old and new Fanams In, and about the Garrison of Madura

At Tinnevalee the Exchange of old fanams for a Pt. P. is 13 8/16 the new fanams is never taken there, but if one of the new fs. was carried there, it only goes to 3/4.

At Tichuly Pallamcadee old fal. for a Pt P is 13 4/8 and 5/8 but new fanams goes only to 3/4.

At Verdapetty old fal. for a Pt P is 13 8/16 but the new fal. goes only to 3/4.

At Palampetty old fal. for a Pt P is 13 8/16 but the new fal. goes only to 3/4.

At Trippravanam old fal. for a Pt P is 13 8/16 but new fanams goes only to 3/4

At Madura old fal. for a Pt P is 13 8/4 and new fanams 15 8/4 but there is two sorts in the new fal. Viz. Chuvvo Mulla and Perro Mulla, the fanams called Perro Mulla is never taken, but the Chuvvo Mulla fal. is taken; but by force, these two sort of fanams is not taken out side of the Garrison: The Merchants dare does not bring any Grains for to sell in the Garrison on account of these fanams, upon which occasion the price and every thing is Stopped, and the poor Inhabitants and there are in great distress; and therfore if you will be pleased to Stop the new fanams and give an order for the old fanams to go, every Body will bring different kind of things and sell in the Garrison

Resolved

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Resolutions on the foregoing Subjects

Resolved that a General Order be issued directing the employment of Lieutenant Parkison and the Invalid Sepoys &c under his Command, in the way recommended by Colonel Braithwaite.

Resolved that the opinion of the Military Board be taken as to the best Method of carrying into Execution the Colonels Suggestion regarding the Commissioned and non Commissioned officers on the Native Invalid Establishment.

Resolved, that there is no just cause for excepting the officers Commanding the Native Corps of this Establishment from the Authority which it has been deemed necessary to vest in all other Commandants of Corps, Viz.t that of receiving and signing the Accounts of their Monthly abstracts — and that such exception from a General rule does carry the appearance of Mistrust & and consequently affects the honor and Character of the officers in question

Resolved therefore that the Commandants of Native Battalions be put precisely on the same footing as the Commandants of European & Cavalry Corps —

and

and that, for this purpose, the Military Auditor General be directed to prepare and lay before the Board a General order to that effect, and providing also, that the Amount of the pay be calculated like that of the European Corps, and issued to the Sepoys so as to afford them the full advantage of the exchange, when as it is higher than the Company's established rate of 42 fanams - and that the same rule be observed in all abstracts as well for Lascars & Artificers as for the Sepoys.

Resolved that orders be given to the Paymaster at Madura to make no further payments to the Troops in the Fanams called Cherro Mulla and Pullo Mura - and that the Collector at Dindigul be apprized thereof.

Read the following letter from the Rajah of Travancore entered in C: C: No. 2445.

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

From the Rajah of Travancore requesting his aid in for the final adjustment of the Subsidy - requests the arrival of a person in the room of Mr. Cooney.

Dated 29th Rabbyul Sani 1197 of Hegyra or 14th December 1792.

Received 22d. Do.

I lately addressed you a letter through

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through the Channel of Mr. Powney, in answer to two which you had favored me with, and I trust the Contents are impressed on your mind.—

I am sincerely disposed to consent to your request for praying an annual Subsidy for the payment of troops, and have no incli=nation whatever to excuse myself, or to protract the business—I only wait for the arrival of a trusty person from amongst the Company's Servants to settle it, and whenever he comes, it is my earnest wish to negotiate with him this and other matters of impor=tance—I hope you will shew me your favor in this Respect, and earnestly beg you will forgive me for what I now mention—that I will never have any personal Communication with Mr. Powney either on this or any other business—because I am in no ways satisfied with him and have great suspicions of him in my mind—It is therefore proper that you do not, for god's sake, write to me in future on his account—affections now estrang=ed can no more be united than a broken glass can be put together, as is well known to you—I hope you will send me your answer through the channel of the Commanding Officer at Calamestah, & hope your favor & friendship for me may encrease daily.—

Signed in Malabar Characters
a true Translation
Signed/ David Haliburton P.S.

Resolved

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Resolutions thereon

Resolved to inform the Rajah of Travancore that the Board with the agreement to be considered as having effect from the Month of January 1792, when his late engagement on account of the War ceased —

That, with respect to the periods of payment, whether they shall be in half yearly or quarterly Kists, the Board leave to his determination; but, as one year has elapsed since the war to payment expired, they are satisfied he will see the propriety of Making an early remittance of the Subsidy for that year — and that, if any thing further remain to be settled upon the Subject of this agreement, or in further Compliance with his wishes, it can be done at a more convenient opportunity.

Resolved also to inform him, that the Board perfectly understand the nature of his Excellency's several representations, relative to Mr. Powney; and that, as the disposition of his Mind is so firmly fixed, the Board will say nothing more on this head at present, but wait until they can learn the Sentiments of the Governor General, who has employed Mr. Powney in affairs of consequence relating to the interests of this Company, and of his Excellency's own particular territory

As

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as Mr. Powney has left the Rajah's Durbar, and proceeded upon the business of his Mission, it is resolved that a letter to the above effect be written and sent through the Channel of the Travancore Vackeel at this place.

Read the following Letter from Major Dalrymple.

W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

I have the honor of enclosing you, for the information of the Honble the President in Council, Declarations taken by me respecting the plunder of Cannapaddy and the murder of the Head Man of that Village, which still further shews the necessity of clearing the Virapatchee Pollam of its Jungle, as, in its present Situation, it harbours every discontented person, from every district, till they can recruite their thieves of all descriptions, and make a Dash on the unarmed Villages.

Lamia Naigue, the Manapar of Polygar, in the Trichinopoly District, taking the advantage of the confinement of the Virapatchee Pedianne, has entered that Pollam, a few days

From Major Dalrymple with declarations taken in the presence of the Virapatchee Pedanie relative to the murder of Mootoo Goundan and the plunder of Cannapaddy Village. The murderer Caliger has entered the Virapatchee Pollam with an armed force - requests orders on the Subject - necessity of clearing that Pollam of its Jungle.

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days ago, with a number of Armed Men, and still remains in one of that Collam's Villages, plunder=ing and destroying the little Crop they have — I have directed the Polygar to drive these Men out of his own District, but on no Account to follow them further, this I judged necessary for the peace of the Country, till I should receive the Instructions of the Hon^ble the President in Council.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Stair C. Dalrymple

Major Comm^d at Dendigul

Dendigul
23^d Dec^r 1792

P.S.

The Voopatchee Polygar is so bad a Neighbour as that most of the Polygars near him have offered every assistance to clear his Country, should there be orders for that purpose.

/Signed/ S. C. Dalrymple

Major

Declarations taken at Dendigul concerning a Complaint made by Mahomed the Gentle, Commandant of Daraporam, against the Voopatchee Polygars, accusing them, under the Command of Pillapah Naigue, of Murdering the Gourdan of Cannapaddy Village & plundering it of every thing; the Voopatchee Pedanni present at the examination.

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Conarida Villapulle, Inhabitant of the Pa
Daraporam District declared that Villapah
Naigue was one of the Headmen of the Pa
Village of Cannapaddy, that on some dispute
with Mutto Gaundan, the other Headman
of that Village, he left it, and went to Verupatcha
with his family and property; that, some time
in the Month of September last, he returned
to Cannapaddy in the Night with about Pa
50 Verupachee people and after Murdering Pa
Mutto Goundan, the Head Man of the Village,
they plundered it of Money, Cattle, Sheep Pa
and jewels and returned before day into the
Verupatchee Talluck and where he heard Pa
he now Resides.—

Nonah Gaundan Inhabitant of Cannapaddy
Village declares that on the night of the 13th
September last, Villapah Naigue, with P
about 50 Verupachee people, came to Canna-
=paddy Village and after murdering his
Brother Mutto Gaundan, and wounding
him in several places, they plundered the
Village of all the Circar money, of all the
Cattle, Sheep, and jewels, and returned into the
Verupatchee Talluck before daylight.—

Calli Gaundan, Nephew to Mutto Gaundan,

declares

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declares that in September last, about Midnight, Nellahpah Naigue attacked the Village of Cannapaddy, in the Darapooram district, with a Number of Peons from Verupachee; and, after murdering his Uncle, then Head man of the Village, and wounding several people, they flogged him and plundered the Village of every thing; that the Peons that flogged him were Verupachee people, that they left the Village before day light, and, as he heard, went to Verupachee, where he hears he now resides.

The Verupachee Pedanne having heard what his people were accused of, says that Nellapah Naigue had none of his people that he knew of, & that he heard of the plunder of Cannapaddy, & and that Nellapah Naigue never resided in Verupachee since that plunder, but at Poolamalingy, where his Master, the Verupachee & Polygar, married his daughter, and likewise declares that if either he or his family are & found in Verupachee he will answer for his plunders.

These declarations were taken by & me at Dindigul this 23rd of December 1792.

(Signed) Stair P. Dalrymple
Majr Comm.t at Dindigul

Resolved

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Resolved that Lieutenant Dowse's Corps of Pioneers be ordered into the Dindigul District, and employed, in conjunction with Captain Oliver's Battalion, in clearing the Vencpatchee Pollam completely of its Jungle; and that Major Dalrymple be desired not to detain the Pioneers a moment longer than may be absolutely necessary, as their Services are much wanted in the Baramhal.

Resolution in Consequence

Read the following letter from Tippoo Sultaun contained in C. C. No 2466.

# Translation of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor of Madras

Dated 25th Jummadyul Sanie 1207 Hyppar
10th December 1792
Recd 24th Ditto

From Tippoo Sultaun regarding Golaum Mohie a Dien enquiring sent to the Cutcherry = Have proofs — when his people will release charge of him — promises to spare his life.

I have had the pleasure to receive your letter — Gulam Mohied dien is an ancient house born servant of this Circar, and his ancestors as well as himself were brought up by my Family — notwithstanding the tender treatment he met with, he, without any other reason, but his being instigated by the devil and from Stupidity and frailty inherent in Mankind, became disobedient & and a deserter from his Service — Understanding that

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that he was in your territories I wrote to
Gulam aly Cawn and aly Reza, to inform
you of this man's detention, in order to have
him apprehended and sent to me — and you,
in consequence of their representation, have had
him seized agreable to treaty and have confined
him on the forth of Vellore, and you have written
to me that he will be surrendered to me: all
which I understand and consider as proper —
certainly, no difference can be supposed between
our respective Circars, and it is proper that
the aforesaid person be sent under charge of
your people to the frontier of my country by
the pass of Cudappanaut, and delivered over to
Soubarsee and Tallish Caun trusty Resaladars
and Jemmatdars of my Circar — and, agreably
to what you have written, his life shall be
spared, without considering his crime! — consider-
-ing me, as at all times desirous of hearing
of your welfare, and as the well-wisher
of the Company's Circar you will write
me frequently that I may rejoice — May
the days of your happiness be lengthened!

Ross Lord

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Resolved that the Commanding Officer at Vellore be directed to send Gholam Mohied Dien to the pass of Coddapanattam under a proper Guard in charge of an European Officer, and there delivered over to three persons appointed by Tippoo Sultaun to receive him, giving particular caution to the Officer to prevent his escape, and notifying to Gholam Mohied Dien that Tippoo has promised to spare his Life.

*Resolutions in consequence*

Read the following letter from the Adjutant General.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

Colonel Braithwaite has directed me to request you will signify to the Honble Board, his recommendation that Messrs Castle and Colgrave, Cadets, may be promoted to the Rank of Ensign and Practitioner in the Corps of Engineers, their date of Rank to be settled hereafter — The Chief Engineer having reported these Gentlemen, after some Months trial of their abilities, to be well qualified to fill the Vacancies in the above rank upon the Establishment

*From Adjutant General proposing the Promotion of Messrs Castle and Colgrave to the Rank of Ensign and Practitioner Engineers*

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Establishment.

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I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed/ B.J Close
adjt. Genl. of the Army

Agreed that Messrs. Castle &
and Colquhoun Cadets be promoted to the rank &
approved of Ensigns and Practitioners in the Corps of Engineers.

Read the following Letter
from Mr. Benjamin Torin.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Military & Political Departments

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From Mr. B. Torin requesting Extracts from such parts of the Enquiry into the Conduct of Lt. Shaughnessy, as may in any degree reflect on his Conduct in the affair of the Attack or late Management of the Tinnivelly Province.

After having been under the
necessity of trespassing so much on the atten-
-tion of the Honble Board, nothing could
Supercede my resolution not to trouble them
again, but my Solicitude to maintain the
publick Character I have hitherto endea-
-voured to Support. This irresistable motive
compels me reluctantly to request, you will
inform the Honble Board that, as I understand
it has been their pleasure to order an
Enquiry

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Enquiry into the Conduct of the Shevagunny &
Polygar and to entreat that Enquiry to Lieute-
-nant Colonel Maxwell, that I humbly beg,
if any part of the Proceedings during the
Investigation or in Lieutenant Colonel Max-
-well's Report of it, should, in any respect, &
reflect upon my Conduct whether in the &
affair of Shattoor or in my previous Manage-
-ment of the Tinnevelly Tributaries during
the Assumption, that the Honble Board will
be pleased to communicate to me such part
of the Proceedings as well as to favor me
with their Resolutions thereon, that I may
be enabled to justify myself and to explain
to Government whatever may appear &
objectionable.

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Benj.n Torin

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24th Dec.r 1792.

Agreed that Mr. Torin be &
permitted to read the enquiry into the &
Complaints preferred against the Shevagherry
Polygar.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter
from Mr. Edward White.

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W. C. Jackson Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From Mr. Edwards
Waite - solicitting
the payment of his
Bill for Cash advanced
to some of the Public
Troopers and Native
Artillery in March
1790 - Colonel Martins'
letter on the Subject.

I request you will be so obliging as to return the Honble the President in Council my thanks for the indulgence he has granted me, communicated in your letter of the 5th Instant.

I venture to recollect the Honble to the Government for to cause me to be repaid the Money I advanced to the Troopers - I hope the enclosed letter from Colonel Martin; which I request of you to lay before the Honble Board, will prove the fact to them, and will plead my excuse with them for resoliciting a 2d cause they once rejected; as the letter contains additional proof.

It was entirely from no neglect on my side, that this matter was not settled - the Bill should have been counter = signed by the Governor - Colonel Nixon did all he could by signing it, in the first instance, General Medows was then expected to the Southward; and when he arrived there did not appear to me any favourable opportunity for presenting

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presenting the bill to him and of informing him of the cause.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed / Edwd White

Negapatam
6th Decr 1792

To Captain Edward White

Sir,

I have received your letter dated Negapatnam the 6th Instant the Contents of which are as follows.

Having laid a claim for One hundred and Sixty Pagodas Advanced to the Resolah of His Highness the Nabob's dismounted Troopers in order to bring them to Tuticorin by about the Month of March 1790 before the Honble the Government, they have not been pleased to admit the same.

It is a respect I owe Govern=ment not to trouble them again on this Subject without adducing some proof that may induce them to change their resolution

you will therefore Sir extremely oblige me by answering the following Question, the Answer I propose sending to the Honble

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Honble Board.

Did I not receive orders from the Honble the Government and from His Highness the Nabob to receive from you and the Phouzdar Natobar Cawn 200 dismounted Troopers for the Honble Company.

Did it not appear impossible to you, the Phouzdar and myself, at the time to draft the Rosolah, which consisted of about 270 Men, so as to answer the intention of the Government, on account of the heavy arrears due to them.

Did they not march with me to Trichinopoly on my advancing them 160 Pagodas to enable them to remove their families.

Did not a Trooper arrive express from Colonel Nixon who commanded south of the Coleroon ordering me on receipt to march my Detachment to Trichinopoly - so that I could not wait for any further orders or instructions.

and finally, was it not for the good of the service and essentially necessary for the peace of the province, and on account of the disturbances that had happened, to remove those

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than Troops to some place where they could be subsisted and paid, and be in quiet after the departure of my Detachment.

Your answer Sir to the above question will, I trust Sir, have some weight with the Honble the Government & extremely oblige

Sir Yr. Hble

Signed/ C.M.

In answering the question you put to me I have for the sake of clearing recapitulate your whole letter and then, and as you propose sending my answer to the Honble Board, do, agreeable to your desire and my knowledge of the matter, certify that you did act exactly and under all Circumstances stated in your letter to me.

Ramnad 12th Decr 1792.

I wish you Success & have the honor to be

Yr. Hble

Signed/ M. Martinz

The Honble Company ... Dr

To Cash advanced to a Rospalah of dismounted Troopers - and a Company of Native Artillery to enable them to move themselves and families from the Maravar Country to Trichinopoly - having previously received the orders of Government to receive two hundred dismounted Troopers from Malabar Canon the Phouzdar and he not being in a Situation to ... them to move without Money ..... 160

One Hundred and Sixty Pag.s

Camp Trichinopoly 1st Nov.

1st April 1790. -

/Signed/ Edwd White

Capt. Comm.g the Detach.t and Troops Maravar Country

/Signed/ E. Wilson

Col.

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Minute thereon

The Board do not feel themselves authorized, under all the Circumstances of the case, to admit Mr. Whites claim, without a previous reference to the Honble Court of Directors, to whom it is resolved to state the Subject in the next dispatch, and to recommend it to favorable Consideration. — Read the following letter from Captain Douglas. —

To W. C. Jackson Esqr
&a: &c: &a: Fort St. George Madras

Sir,

From Captain Douglas 74th Regiment; in reply to a Letter of the 18th Instant, relative to the Complaint of the Military Commander General against him — which is forwarded to Lord Cornwallis —

I am honored with your favor of 18th instant, In answer to which, I beg leave to inform you, that I am making out a Correct copy of the whole Correspondence between Mr. Roebuck &a: and me, respecting the payment of the Honble Company's allowances to His Majesty's 74th Regiment, which shall be transmitted to you as soon as Possible, with an Authentic Statement of facts, for the information of the Honble President in Council, to whom I request you will do me the favor of giving my most Sincere thanks for the Polite manner they have Communicated their Intention of representing the Circumstances to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Troops in India. and shall Esteem it as a most particular favor, If they will do forward the whole Correspondence & Statement, to His Excellency, after perusing them. —

I remain

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Smith, in the meantime, beg leave to observe that my letter of 8th Instant addressed to Mr Babcock, was not only, an answer to his of the 4th Inst but also to one of 5th Current the latter not being mentioned in your's, I suppose, has not been laid before the Board.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Wm Douglas Capt
& Dep Qr Mr Genl

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letters

from Captain Dallas.

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

Sir,

I have the honor of acquainting you with my return this Morning, to Hydrabad from the Matagony Fair with twenty two horses for the service, there appeared only about thirty fit for our Cavalry agreeable to the terms mentioned with regard to age and Size / previous to my leaving Madras those purchased are very good, strong horses, eleven of them about 14 hands 2 inches / the Dragoon Standard / and are really cheap at this time when horses are so much wanted, their average price is 330 and if I can continue to buy three such as them for 1000 Rupees I shall have great reason to be Satisfied, and am certain the Regiment who

receive

From Captain Dallas requesting his purchases of Horses their prices - in expectation of more - recommends that a supply of Rice be sent to him from Cuddalore.

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receive them will also be so - I am in hopes of procuring a few more in this place before the end of the Month which makes me detain those already purchased until then, that they may all proceed on together but am determined not to keep them a day longer the expence of feeding being so excessively dear; hitherto I have procured Gram @ 9 and 10 Seers per Rupee which is cheaper than in the Carnatic, but it sells now in this place at 7 3/4 - I shall send to a distance in hopes of procuring a sufficient Stock for their March, before the 1st of January, at 6 Seers which must be thought very reasonable in the present state of the Country, every mode in my power has been adopted to lessen expence, my whole party / one Jemedar's Guard excepted / was left at Hydrabad merely to have the use of the Bullocks allowed for their Camp or Equipage in carrying Gram and Rupees; hitherto, no other Carriage has been employed and they shall proceed to Arcot with orders for discharging those which brought the Sepoy's rice from Ongole on their arrival at that place, therefore, Mr. Cockburn shall be desired to strike off, on their reaching Madras, and I will furnish Carriage for the tents of any parties that may have occasion to move before Government favor me with their resolution respecting the accompanying

proposal

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proposal for furnishing Camp Equipage which, if agreed to, will render further application &c for Bullocks &c: &c: unnecessary and be more convenient for the Service in every respect, as Bullocks are not a conveyance suitable to this stony Country where nothing but Camels are used.—

I shall transmit my Accounts for November and December at the same time &c which will include the whole Expence of this Lot of Horses, with my Account Current, Register, and daily expences, these I hope will clearly shew that there has been no unnecessary expenditure, and that every precaution possible has been used.—

By the end of March I have hopes of getting a number of good horses from the &c Chaundkerry Fair, Dealers who went from &c Matagong to that place undertook / provided they got a Passport, or Cowle, to save the duties which shall be sent them / to bring horses &c equal to those I have purchased and to let &c me have them at the same rate — If it is &c my intention to send the Cowle for them &c by the Subadar, who is a Sensible man, &c and will point out the kind of horse &c wanted, and by keeping the passport in his own hand he will give Cowle for those

only

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only that are fit, and prevent any abuse of the privilege granted by the Nizam to forward the Company's business only— Should I not be successful at Chaundkeery I shall begin to think it impossible to complete the service with Horses of the age wished for and will take the liberty of proposing a Mode for feeding Colts of a certain discription which can be easily procured for a few months in the Pollams until they become strong enough for our Service, which is done by all the Chiefs, on their Journies, and is evidently the reason why Loads of four year old are so scarce at the Markets.

With regard to the Rice for the Detachment ever since the 1st of this Month, when the Angole Stock was finished, it has been bought in the Bazar from Six to eight Sucr per Rupee and issued as usual, at 12 Sucr for 11 Fanams, which I shall continue to do until ordered otherways; there is at present every appearance of a more severe famine here next season than has been experienced during the last, I would therefore recommend that 50 Bullock Loads of Rice be sent from Angole in charge of my party returning in February from Arcot, also, that it should be issued at half a Sucr Gratis, on

purpose

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purpose to make it last longer and be less expen-
sive as rice will certainly be very scarce here
soon, the Bullocks employed to bring it will be
arrived in time to return with Grain for the horses
expected from Chaundhurry by the end of March and
secure Carriage sufficient to prevent delay in
forwarding them to Arcot; my expectations of
encreasing this Est before the end of the Month
are heightened by some people having just now
come to report their wish to dispose of some
horses, and I have reason to believe the appearance
of famine will induce many to part with their
horses upon reasonable terms.

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Hydrabad
15th Decr 1792.

Signed Thos Dallas
Capt. of Cavalry and Agent
for purchasing Horses.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

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

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Captain Dallas
his camp Equipage
much in want of
repair - prays to furnish
it in future on the
terms granted by Lord
Cornwallis to the Army

From the constant marching of my
Detachment during the last three Months I am
under the necessity of representing that the Camp
Equipage is much damaged, and, if not thoroughly
repaired, must soon fall to pieces - at the same time
I beg leave to remark that from my Station

Living

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being so far out of the Company's territory it will be inconvenient for any Storekeeper either to make the necessary repair or complete deficiencies — I wish therefore to furnish the Camp Equipage on the terms granted by Lord Cornwallis to the Army in 1791 which will be cheaper to the Company and more convenient for the Service as must appear from the following Statement

Present expence of the Camp Equipage with any Detachment allowing the Tents to last one year.

Monthly

| | Pags. | |
|---|---|---|
| Carriage allowed 18 Bullocks with 6 Mastry & Drivers | Pags. | 29 — — |
| 1 Tindals pay 7/2 Batta 4/ Extra | | 4 — 5 — — |
| 10 Lascars Do Do @ 2 — 3¼ each | | 28 — 4 — — |
| Bamboo Cooley Money for four Men @ 30 Fanams each | | 3 — 24 — — |
| | | 64 — 33 — — |
| | | 12 Months |
| | | 777 — 18 |

Yearly

| | Pags. | |
|---|---|---|
| Expended Field Off.rs Marquis | Pags. | 110 — — |
| 2 Capt.rs Do @ 60 Each | | 120 — — |
| 4 Private Tents Each | | 72 — — |
| 1 Necessary @ 12 | | 12 — — |
| Carriage Followers Pay &c. | | 777 — 18 |
| | | 1091 — 18 |
| | | 848 — — |
| in favor of the Company | | 243 — 18 — — |

Expence as proposed

| | Pags. |
|---|---|
| To an Officer allowed two Tents | 30 — — |
| To a Subaltern 12 | 14 — — |
| To one Thirtieth & one Sixth part of a Regt. at 160 Pags. | 26 — 28 |
| | 70 — 28 — — |
| | 12 Months |
| | 848 Pags. |

From

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From this Statement the balance in favor of the Company is considerably above one fourth of the proposed Expence not including the repairs and casualties which occur in the course of twelve Months.—

Should Government approve of my Contracting on the above terms, I could wish to retain the old Tents and commence from the 1st. of January 1793.—

Hydrabad 15th Decr. 1792

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Thos. Dallas
Capt. of Cavalry &
Agent for purchasing Horses

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Captain Dallas that during the present scarcity of all kind of Grain in the Nizam's Dominions, it may be an object deserving consideration, whether all purchases should not be suspended, and his party directed to return to Ongole, where they can be subsisted with more ease than in their present situation — but that he is to act upon this Suggestion according to his own discretion.—

Agreed

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Agreed that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions be directed to send fifty Bullock Load of Rice in charge of Captain Dallas's party returning in February from Arcot.—

The Board accept Captain Dallas's proposal of furnishing Camp Equipage for his party upon the terms granted by Lord Cornwallis to the Army in 1791 / from the 1st. of January next — Ordered that the Necessary communication be made to the Military Auditor General.—

As the second Kist to the Nabob's Creditors becomes due the 1st. January, the President proposes that the Sum of Eighty thousand / 80,000 / Pagodas be divided among them on the 15th. day of January, upon the principle of Distribution to which

a Dividend of Eighty thousand Pagodas ordered to the Nabob's Creditors.—

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which has hitherto obtained.

Approved and ordered accordingly

Chas Cakeby

H Fallofield

George Parry Esqr

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Sent Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore entered in C.C. No 247 forwarding a Letter from Lord Cornwallis in reply to that which he addressed His Lordship in October last.

Substance of Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222, 223, 224.

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General respecting the rate at which the Barrack Master at the Presidency is to charge for his Cotts – his letter and the opinion of the Military Board thereon enclosed – the Sepoy Captains in future to receive and issue the amount of their monthly abstracts – Draft of a General Order to that Effect – to be Submitted by him.

To Lieutenant Wilks

To Barrack Master at the Presidency – in reply to his letter on the above Subject.

To Mr R. Hughes Waymaster

To Paymaster in the Barrauhaul – informing him that Security in the sum of five thousand Pagodas will be sufficient.

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To Mr. R. Gardiner — directing him to reply forthwith to the letter he wrote him on the 28th October last. —

To Mr. R. Gardiner

To Board of Revenue, informing them that the Invalids at Madura have been ordered into the Dindigal District — which will, of course, diminish the proposed Establishment of peons. —

To Board of Revenue

To Officer Commanding the Army — advising him of the Corps of Pioneers having been ordered to be employed in clearing the Woods at the Pallam of it's Jungle, previous to their March to the Baramhaul. —

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Bombay — informing them that the Arms applied for, will be sent by an Early conveyance. —

To Bombay

To Chief & Council at Masulipatam desiring them to deliver to Monsieur Raymond, the Nizam's Agent three thousand, seven hundred and seventy Stand of Repaired Arms, receiving payment at the rate of 2 Pr Pagodas each Stand. —

To Chief & Council at Masulipatam

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To Military Auditor Genral

To Military Auditor Genral

the Bills of Lieutenant D. Holland for pay
&c: for May, June, and July to be dis=
=charged.

To Mr. A. Kelso - his leave

To Mr. A. Kelso Cadt.

of absence - extended to 30th april next.

Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M: B. Nos 225. 226, 227.

228, 229. 230

From Mr. R Dashwood -

From Mr. R Dashwood

requesting his Request that Major Ann
may be made responsible for the pay
&c: of the late Lieutenant Wilson - obser=
=tion on the Subject.

From Captain C: Tarot -

From Capt. C Tarot of the Royal artillery

presenting a Claim to Field Offices allow=
=ances while in Command of the Royal
artillery in the absence of Captain Rose.

From Lieutenant G. Hoppen

From Lieutenant G Hoppen of the Cadets

requesting payment of Stoppages made
from the Troop lately under his
Command, for the Months of June and
fifteen days in July 1792.

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From Lieutenant John Doveton respecting leave to proceed to Hydrabad.

From Lieut.t J. Doveton 29th

From Collector at Tanjore has sent to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly the sums ordered.

From Mr. L. Strange at Tanjore.

From Paymaster at Palamcotah advising of his having reliaded, at the desire of Colonel Maxwell, the Servants of the Nostanally and Pandalam Country Poligars, lately confined by Mr. Torin — Had procured Cash for a Bill on the Paymaster General — requesting permission to repair his Pay Office.

From Paymaster at Palamcotah

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Wrote letter to the Rajah of Travancore entered in C. C. No 2481 proposing that the Subsidy shall commence from January 1792 — when his late Engagement on account of the War ceased — the periods of payment left to his Excellency's Determination — but an early remittance expected of the Subsidy for the year elapsed since the War payment Expired.

Substance of letter to the Rajah of Travancore.

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Sent the undermentioned Letters
Entered in Mil: B: No.s 231. 232. 233. 234. 235.
236. 237. 238. 239 240. 241. 242. 243. 244.
245. 246. 247.

To the Military Board—
communicating the Sentiments of the Mil
Board, respecting the cause of the dis=
=proportion of Stoppages in 1789 &
1790— and decision in consequence; remark
as to the difference of Expence between
the former and present mode of
Clothing the Troops— the several
recommendations in their letter of the
2d Instant adopted.—

To Military Board— referring
for their consideration a mode of provision
for the Commissioned and Non Com=
=missioned Native Invalid Officers, by
settling them on the Company's Lands, &
whereby the present Expence might be
reduced— Petition of Venkatachellaih regard=
=ing Ground taken from him in 1781.
referred.—

To Officer Commanding the
Army— the Invalid Sepoys at Madura
will be employed as proposed— and his
Suggestion

To Military Board

To Military Board

To Colonel Braithwaite

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30 Suggestion regarding the Native Commissioned and non Commissioned Invalid Officers to be referred for the opinion of the Military Board- the Grievance stated by the Sepoy Captains will be removed, as well as the cause of Complaint against the Mode of payment at Madura.

To Ditto- informing him that the Arrangement proposed for the Six Senior Lieutenants of Infantry has been rejected by Lord Cornwallis.

To Ditto

To Lieutenant Sandys- not necessary to replace the Elephant so that died on the March to Vizianagaum

To Agent for Elephants

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions- respecting a Supply of Rice from Angola, for Captain Dallas's Detachment at Hydrabad.

To Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To Garrison Storekeeper- enclosing Copy of Lieutenant Knox's Complaint against him, and desiring that the Evidence he may adduce in his Vindication may be attested on Oath.

To Garrison Storekeeper

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To Paymaster at Madura

To Paymaster at Madura — prohibiting any payments in the Chuvvo Malloo and Puvvo Malloo Sanams in future.

To Collector at Dindigul — advising of the above — and of the orders given for laying open the Vengapatchee Pollam.

To Commandant at Dindigul, with instructions for employing the Pioneer Corps, with Captain Oliver's Battalion, on the above Service.

To Captain Dallas — orders given for a Supply of Rice from Angole — suggestion in consequence of the Scarcity of Grain in the Nizam's Dominions — his proposal for furnishing Camp Equipage accepted.

To Military auditor General — advising him of the acceptance of the above proposal.

To Paymaster at Angole &c. enclosing, for execution, the annexed Obligation.

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To Mr. Thos. Snodgrass

To Mr. Thomas Snodgrass —
with Ditto — as Security for Mr. Lennox.

To Lieut.t J. Doveton of the Cavalry

To Lieutenant J. Doveton — in=
=forming him that his application for
leave of absence must come thro' the Offic.r
Commanding the Army.

To Mr. E. White at Negapatam.

To Mr. Edward White —
informing him that the Claim presented
by him cannot be admitted without a
previous Reference to the Court, to whom
the Circumstances in favor of it will be
duly Noticed.

To Commandant at Vellore.

To Commandant at Vellore. —

with instructions for delivering up to
Golaum Mohie ud deen to Tippoo's People
at the Cuddapanattam Pass.

31. Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in C. C. Nos. 249. 250

Substance of letter from the Nabob

From the Nabob — complain=
=ing that the Commandant's Dubash at Nagar
demands a Supply of Milch Cows from the
Inhabitants — and that the usual Duties
are not paid on Articles passing into Tanjore=
=poly — requests also that the Houses in the
Vicinity of the European Barracks at that
place, may not be destroyed, as appears to
be intended.

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Substance of letter from the Rajah of Vencatagherry

From Rajah of Vencatagherry requesting Government will intercede with the Nizam, towards obtaining for him the Rent of the Conicky Gherry and Gonipally Districts.

Recd the following Letter

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

From Persian Translator at Bengal enclosing copy of the Nabob's Letter to Lord Cornwallis relative to a quantity of Salt sent to Bengal for sale and copy of his Lordship's reply thereto

Sir,

His Highness the Nawaub of arcot having written to the Governor & Genral relative to a quantity of Salt which he wished might be sold, and a Quantity of Rice be purchased with the Produce of the Salt, for the use of his Family, his Lordship has been pleased to reply to his Letter, and I am directed to transmit a copy, in English and Persian, of the Nawaub's Letter to the Governor General, with a copy of the Answer, for the Information of the Honble the President.

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you will be pleased to ob-
obtain his permission to forward the ac-
accompanying letter to his Highness.

Calcutta
15th Decr 1792

I am &c. &c.
/Signed/ G. F. Cherry
P. S.

From the Nawaub of Arcot
Received 3d September 1792.

I have loaded one hundred &
Garce of Salt, the produce of my own &
Country, on the Ships Mary, Captain, —
and have sent it to Bengale — your &
Lordships is well acquainted with the
Scarcity of Grain that prevails here at
present, my Family are distressed from
a want of Grain, and I hope therefore
that your Lordships will permit the
Salt to be sold, and with its produce
Rice to be purchased and sent to
me, so that my Family may be so
supplied with Grain until the next
Crop is ripe, which will not be the

case

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ceive these four Months.

a true Copy
Signed Geo. Lehevry C.S.

# To the Nawaub of Arcot

Written 15th December 1792.

Some time ago I had the honour of receiving your Highness's letter, in which you inform me that you had loaded one hundred Garce of Salt on the Ships Mary, and that from the Scarcity of Grain which then prevailed at that time, you Requested my permission to sell the Salt in Bengal, and with its produce to purchase Grain for the use of your Family - Having been in daily Expectation that the Ships on which the Salt was loaded would arrive, I have hitherto postponed replying to your Highness's Letter, the season is now so far advanced that Ships

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cannot arrive here least after a tedious Passage; conceiving therefore as I have as heard nothing further of the Salt, that as your Highness has given up your Intention, I lose no time in acknowledging the receipt of your letter

The orders of the Company's Government which prohibit the Importation of Coast Salt into Bengal, but on certain Conditions, deprived me of the pleasure of complying with as your Highness's Request - In consequence, I directed that whenever it should arrive, the Company's orders should be enforced with respect to it, and as that it should be sold, subject to as those orders; But, as my earnest as wish is to give Satisfaction to you in every Instance in my power, as Conformably to the Standing rules of the Company's Government, I as determined to accommodate your as

Highness

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Highness with a Lecantity of Rice
from Bengal for the use of your
Family by the return of the Ship
on which the Salt was expected.

your Highness is, I trust,
sufficiently acquainted with my
Sentiments towards you and with
my friendly Inclination, and you
will readily conceive, from the
frequent opportunities which have
occurred for your Highness to
have known my opinion of the
necessity that there is to pay strict
attention to established rules of
Government, that in no Request
from your Highness, would I
hesitate a compliance as far as they
are consonant to my uniform
Conduct in the Government en-
-trusted to my charge.

Although, from the
present period of the year, I do not
expect

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expect that the salt which your Highness intended to send will arrive, and I trust that the Scarcity of Grain at Madras is now much less than when you wrote, yet I have judged it advisable to inform you of my Intentions had it arrived - and in future, I request your Highness will be pleased to communicate your wishes to me in cases of similar Nature, that I may be prepared to Conform to them to the ut= =most of my power.

a true Copy

/Signed/ G. F. Cherry

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The

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

Honble Sir,

From Military Auditor General reporting on the Estimates of the Paymaster General and Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for January.

I have the honor to re-
port as follows in answer to your
Commands signified in Mr. Secretary
Jackson's letter of the 17th and 26th ins.
Instant, relative to the Estimates
of the Paymaster General and of
the Commissary General of Grain
and Provisions for Cash required in
their respective Departments for the
Ensuing month.—

I beg leave to recom-
-mend that two Lacks and thirty
two thousand four hundred and
Seventy Seven Pagodas, Twenty one
Fanams and Fifty Cash (Pags. 2,32,477.21.50)
may

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may be advanced to the Paymaster General according to the enclosed Statement, the sum retrenched under the Heads of Contingencies and Commissary General of Grain and Provisions being Pagodas 4 25.. —

I also beg leave to recommend that, for the present, the advances to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions may be made in the manner and for the reasons pointed out by Mr. Cockburn, and that the receipts in his department may be brought to Account in the way he has recommended; the sum required for his disbursements in the Ensuing Month is Eleven thousand five hundred and Twenty two Pagodas Twenty Eight fanams &

and

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and fcio Cash / Pagodas 11.522.28. 5/-
after deducting Pagodas 4131.10.75 being
the Amount of his expected receipts &
and Cash in Hand.—

I have the Honor to be
with the highest Respect
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily Audr General

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

Honble Sir,

From Military Auditor General reporting on the additional Estimate of the Paymaster of Fort St. George for January.—

I beg leave to recommend,
in answer to Mr. Secretary Jackson's
letter of the 22d instant, that the amount
of the additional Estimate given in by
the Military Paymaster of Fort St. George
for Pagodas 4360 may be included
in the advance to the Paymaster General
for

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For the ensuing Month of the Items as payable at the Presidency, which, as with this addition, will be Pagodas 1,26,557. 3. 33, and the total of the advance on the Estimates of Cash for the ensuing Month / January 1793 / will then be two Lacks and Thirty six thousand, Eight hundred and thirty Seven Pagodas, twenty one Fanams, and Fifty Cash / Pagodas 2,36,837. 21. 50 /

The amount of this above additional Estimate, Viz^t Pagodas 43 60, is not included in any report of yesterday's date.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir: Sir:
/ Signed / Henry Malcolm
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

George Parry Esqr