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Diary.

Received the following letter from the

Nabob. entered also in CC N 94

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob Walla

Jah Bahaudder to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart Governor

Madras — Dated 7th May 1793

Received 7th Do

I have received your letter dated the 5th

of May on which you inform me of your having ordered a body

of troops to march to Palnad to repell the invaders who have

taken the fort of Timmery Colah and you desire that orders

may be sent to my amil there to supply the troop with

provisions — all which I understand

The most positive orders have been sent

to the Aumil of Nellore to supply a large quantity of provisions

and to send for the Nabob at Palnad and deliver them

to himself for the use of the troops and also to procure —

certain intelligence of the plunderers who have caused

these disturbance at Palnad — It appears they have

plundered and entirely laid waste that district and even

destroyed some of the villages belonging to Ongole but

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From the Nabob has already sent the most positive orders for the supply of Grain to the Troops ordered to — Timmericotah — — suggestions on the subject —

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I doubt not the troops you have appointed will very soon chastice and expell them from that quarter

As much grain as can possibly be procured in the districts of Nellore and Ongole will be sent to the abovementioned troops but the scarcity prevailing in that quarter leads me to fear that it will not be sufficient — I have therefore to request that you will order two vessells of those which come from Bengal to go to Pandelly in Ongole district, and land their grain there and that you will likewise order grain to be sent from Guntoor for the troops at Palnad, that they may be certain of suffering no want of supply —

What shall I say more

I am &c

(Signed) David Haliburton

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Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in MB. No 67 68 69 70 71 72 73

From Commandant in the Ceded Districts

From Captain Alexander Read — requesting leave for Captain Orme to visit the Sea Coast

From acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions requesting the Nabob's Perwanah for passing duly free the Grain belonging to his Agents

suggests

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9 suggests a mode for commuting the Taxes on this Article.

From Mr. Thomas Snodgrass — declines

From Mr. Thomas Snodgrass

continueing to be Mr. Paymaster Cooper's Security.

From Commandant of the Mezanis —

From major Roberts

Detachment — enclosing his Correspondence with Lieut

John Kennaway.

From Paymaster General — enclosing

From Military Paymaster General

an additional Indent of Cash for the pay of the 17th Battalion

for may

From adjutant General — requesting

From adjutant General

it may be decided, whether the Grass Agents are exempted

from regimental Duty — arguments and suggestions on

the subject

From Ditto — requesting that Mr.

" From Ditto

Vaughan may be ordered to entertain the Artificers he

lately discharged from the Public Service at Dindigul

Despatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in MB. Nos 74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83

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To Commandant at Sankeydroog —

To Commandant at Sankey droog

permitting him to visit the Sea Coast.

To Secretary at Bengal — enclosing

To Secretary at Bengal.

Copies of the General letters to England & King George.

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To Secretary at Bengal

To Secretary at Bengal — forwarding Two Letters from the Nabob to the Marquis Cornwallis and Sir John Shore.

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — a temporary Encrease of Servants for his Deputy at Masulipatam admitted.

To Mr. Paymaster Brown

To Paymaster to the Nizamis — Detachment cannot be exempted from furnishing the number of Sells of his Accounts, prescribed by the regulations.

To Lieutenant Lowes — of the Bombay Marine.

To Lieutenant Lowes — in reply to his application for an Allowance and directing him to return to Prince of Wales's Island.

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General — enclosing a letter from Mr. Samuel Young.

To Ditto.

To Ditto — referring an Indent of Cash required for the payment of the 17th Battalion for may

To Ditto

To Ditto — the Commandant at Petticcotah to receive House Rent and the usual Allowance for a Puckally Sweeper, Oil, &c. Mr. Dobbyn allowed an Encrease of Servants for his Office of Deputy Commissary at Masulipatam.

To Ditto.

To Ditto — with Directions for paying some arrears due to Ensign Davies.

To

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To Military Board — their opinion on

To Military Board

the reference from Masulipatam approved — Captain

Mandevelli will be ordered to attend at the proposed

proof of the Powder at Trichinopoly

To Ditto — the Commandants quarters

To Ditto

at Chingleput may be repaired — application of Major

Dalrymple for an Interpreter Writer and at Dindigul

referred.

To Ditto — Colonel Maule's report on

To Ditto

Arrack has been considered — the proposed Granary to be

built — a detailed Estimate of repairing the Defences,

required.

To Military Paymaster General — enclosing

To Paymaster General

Mr. Boyd's reply to his Complaint of delay in preparing

the Accounts of his late Office

To Officer Commanding the Army —

To Colonel Braithwaite

with Copy of a Letter from Bengal regarding the Western

Frontier, and authorizing the raising of Two new —

Battalions and an Augmentation to the Artillery —

Order in consequence the above orders to the Military

Board regarding Arrack, notified, and a report of the

Climate of that place required — Store and Key —

Serjeants for the Ceded Forts may be appointed.

To

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To Ditto

To Ditto a Complaint of the Rajah of Vencatagherry against the Sepoys of Captain Muat's Battalion, referred.

To Colonel Floyd

To Colonel Floyd — Mr Mayd's — application, inadmissible —

To Mr. a Kelso Cadet

To Mr. Archibald Kelso — in reply to his request to resign the Service

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Despatched the following Letters

To Mr. Thomas Snodgrass

Resident at Ganjam

Sir,

To Resident at Ganjam — conveying the Board's Sentiments on the Intemperate Conduct of Mr. Cooper and their remarks on his Ideas of Independance —

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 25th Ultimo, and to express his concern that controversial discussions arising out of points of such trivial importance should become a subject of reference to him.

The President in Council, on the perusal of your notes to Mr. Cooper dated the 19th and 23d Ultimo is unable to discover that official and proper demeanour which you mention to have been the rule of your conduct in your public capacity — and

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10th he cannot but notice the evident impropriety of addressing private notes to the Paymaster on a subject, which if it were to be considered at all could only be attended to by you in the Station of Resident, and ought in the first instance to have been officially communicated to the Paymaster.

The President in Council is extremely dissatisfied with the conduct of Mr Cooper - The Style of his Letters to you is highly reprehensible and the idea he seems to entertain of independance altogether unfounded and mistaken - Every Servant of the Company in the Ganjam District whether officially dependant on the Resident or not is bound to pay him proper respect, and in every thing that relates to the internal police of the settlement must be strictly bound by his authority - If this Mr. Cooper will be informed, and warned against similar intemperance of Behaviour on pain of the severest displeasure of Government -

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

To Mr Thomas Cooper
Paymaster at Ganjam and Aska

To Paymaster at Ganjam and Aska - to the above effect and warning him against similar behaviour in future on pain of removal from his office -

Sir,

The Honorable the President in Council has read with very great surprize the correspondence which has

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10 has passed between you and the Resident at Ganjam ... regarding a petition presented to the latter by a Lascar dismissed from the Company's Service. The disrespectful and intemperate Language used in your Communications with the Officer holding, by the special appointment of ... Government, the principal authority in the District, calls for the strongest reprehension. If such conduct as unjustifiable were to be admitted, there would be an end to all ... subordination, and nothing but confusion and disorder would ensue. You must have known that Mr ... Snodgrass in his official Capacity of President whatever were his rank in the Service, had a controuling power on the District, and that Seniority was totally out of the question in all discussions of a public nature between you. Your ideas of Independence are not only subversive of the rules of the Service but in direct opposition to the repeated orders of Government and as in the short time you have been in Office, more than one occasion has presented itself, to evince an unaccommodating disposition on your part, I am directed to notify to you, that, upon the next well-founded complaint preferred against you the President in Council will remove you from your Station at Ganjam.

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I am &c &c

(Signed) H. C Jackson
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Sent also the undermentioned letters

Enlosures in B. N.os 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

To Commissary General of Grain and

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Provisions regarding the degree of responsible expected from

him as principal agent for Cavalry Supplies — his Contract

for the delivery of Grain at Cuddalore to continue — the order

for drawing Cash from the Paymaster General, explained

To Masulipatam with Extract from

To Masulipatam

the Military Board's report on their reference under date 16th

February and orders in consequence

To Captain Fergusson — his application

To Captain Fergusson of the Invalids

for Off Reckonings inadmissible

To Commandant at Ongole — his Bill

To Commandant at Ongole

for travelling Charges returned signed for payment — Instructions

regarding the removal of Ali Saheb, and for the protection of

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Juggapah —

To Board of Revenue — Captain Read

To Board of Revenue

to provide the Tents &c he requires and to charge the Expence

to the Revenue — an Extract from the Military Board's report

Enclosed.

To Mr Ram; with instructions for

To Collector in Eastern Division of Tanjore

his guidance in case the Cavilgars should refuse payment

of the outstanding Balances due from them.

To Commandant at Tanjore

To Commandant at Tanjore

directing him to afford the necessary assistance, upon Mr

Ram's

10 Ram's application

To Ditto at Pittecotah

To Ditto at Pittecotah his application for House rent and an allowance for a Sweeper, Oil, &c admitted.

To Ditto at Trichinopoly

To Ditto at Trichinopoly Major Sale to state when and by what authority Mahomed Omar was pensioned and the period of his Services to the Company — Six Barrels of the Dubious powder there to be sent to the Mount for proof Captain Mandeville also to repairs thither — Extract from the Military Board's report on the subject enclosed.

11 Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

Received a letter from the Nabob — Extract in CC No. 95 — enclosing Copy of a letter from the Governor of Pondicherry and of His Highness's reply.

Received also the following Letters.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Honorable Sir,

From Commandant at Ongole — the Plunderers have evacuated — Timmicotah — and the Nabob's people again in possession of it.

I am just informed by his Highness the Nabobs Amildar, that he received last night a letter from Dachypilly stating that in consequence of intelligence having arrived there, that the Plunderers had evacuated Timrycottah, a Detachment of the Nabobs people had been sent off from Dachypilly

and

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" and took possession of the fort that the amildar of the Palnaud was preparing to proceed from Dachypelly to Tinnycottah, and that the Guns had not been ... taken away."

I cannot vouch for the authenticity of the above information, but have detailed it exactly as communicated to me by the Amildar of this District.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Ongole
7th May 1793

[Signed] T. Knox Capt Comg

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council &c &c &c

From Commandant at Ongole - conferning the above Intelligence

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that the intelligence which I transmitted the 7th Instant respecting the Plunderers having evacuated Tinnycotah, and its being in the possession of the Nabobs people, seems to be completely authenticated, by several letters from that quarter, which when the whole agree and coincide with the information sent from Dachypelly to the Amildar here and detailed in my last.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Ongole
8th May 1793

[Signed] T. Knox
Capt Comg

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President in Council &c &c &c
Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

From Commandant at Trichinopoly stating the Great Loss to the Soldiery by the New finams of that destrict Statements ordered—request the old finam may be again brought into currency.—

In consequence of a late alteration in the Current Coin of this place, / issuing new finams and orging down the Old / I have been addressed by Lieutenant Colonels Congnghame and Smith, Commanding the 1st Battalion of European Infantry and Battalion of Artillery begging that I would make known to your Honorable Board the loss sustained by their Corps, as will appear to you by their Statements which I have the honor to enclose—these Statements set forth a difference by which the loss sustained upon each Pagoda is three Trichinopoly finams or four and a half Madras, a loss by which the private Artillery man suffers a demunition from his Monthly Subsistance of 9 3/4 Trichinopoly finams, or full 15 Madras, and all other ranks in proportion—

I shall here remark to your Honorable Board, that it would Naturally Occur that these new finams, as they lower in Exchange would rise in value, but that on the Strictest enquiry I find not to be the case, they are in no one respect better to the holder than

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11 what the old was, and the prohibition on the Old is so severe that it is only the Sheroff who will receive them, and that at a loss of four Cash — Shall done every thing in my power with the young Nabob to do justice to the Troops, by either calling in the new fanams and allowing the old to go again Current, or keeping the new, at what the old was, but to no purpose, The Exchange is only made somewhat easier, Allowing the difference from three to two Trichinopoly fanams in the Pagoda — It is unnecessary for me to point out to your Honorable Board that a Circumstance so oppressive as the diminution of a Soldiers pay, requires immediate redress and they depend upon Your Honorable Board for taking such effectual and speedy means, as will prevent any such attempts in future.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Trichinopoly
6th May 1793

Signed Tho.s Bruce

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Account of the Exchange of Star and Portnova Pagodas Regarding the Old and new fanams

	S. Pagodas		P. N. Pagoda	
	Trichy fans	Pice	Trichy fans	Pice
April Old fanams the Lowest Exchange	31	..	27	"
May new fanams	27	6	24	"
Difference	3	2	3	"

When the new fanams were first Issued the Pice was 3½ each 8 pice Per fanam made 28 Cash but Since the pice fallen to 3 Cash or 24 Cash per fanam, the Exact value of the Old fanams, so that the men Lose in Each Star Pagodas 3¼ Gold fans.

(Signed) Geo Conyngham
Lt Col 1 Bn E I

Account of the Difference of Exchange of Star and Portnova Pagodas regarding the Old and new fanams

	Star Pags		Port Pags	
	Trichy fans	Pice	Trichy fanams	Pice
April Old fanams Lowest Exchange	31	"	27	"
May New fanams	27	6	24	"
Difference	3	2	3	"

NB When the New fanams were first Issued the Value of a Pice was then 3½ Cash, or 28 Cash per fanam, but has since fallen, the Pice to 3 Cash or 24 per fanam, which was the Exact Value of the Old fanams.

(Signed) D Smith
Lieut Col 2 Bn Arty

Received

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Recd the undermentioned letters

Entered on MB Nos 101–102–103

From Messrs Chase, Swell and Chase—

From Messrs Chase Hembang

preferring a Claim on account of the Captors of Combaconum

£ ⅌ for Grain delivered to the Company

From Commissary General of Grain

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

and Provisions. submitting a proposed Draft of Instructions

to the Grain agents. with forms of accounts

From Mr D. Murray — requesting

From Mr D murray

attested Copies of the papers on record regarding his Claim

on Silberow, Brahmins.

Sent letters to the Nabob — Entered in

Substance of Two Letters to the Nabob

CC Nos 96 & 97 the one acknowledging the receipt of the

Kist due the 1st Instant. and the other, enclosing Copy of the

foregoing letter from Colonel Bruce and requesting His

Highness will order the Sum thereby pointed to be

again brought into Currency

Dispatched the following Letter

To the Most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis K G

To Bengal with Copies of Captain Knox's Letters advising of Trincomalee having been evacuated by the Plunderers

Governor General in Council

at

My Lord

Fort William

We have the Honor to transmit for

Your

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your Lordship's Information Copies of two Letters we have
this day received from the Officer Commanding at Ongole

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We have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Cha Oakeley
Pt Council

To Colonel Braithwaite

Sent also a letter to Colonel Braithwaite
Entered in M B N° 104 with Duplicate Copies of Captain
Knox's letter

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Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Received letter from the Rajah of Tanjore D.
Entered in C C N°98 in reply to the President's Directions
for recalling his Vackeel from Madras

Received the following letter

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council &c &c &c

Honorable Sir,

From Commandant at Ongole advising of the arrival there of the Company of the 10th Battalion from Innarcolah.—

My letter of Yesterday will have informed D.
you that the Garrison of Innery Cottah was in the possession
of the Nabobs people I have now the honor to add that the
company of the 10th Battalion arrived from thence this
morning— The Subidar upon whose veracity I have
perfect reliance informs me, that such was the secrecy
observed in carrying on the expedition against this fort,
that the design was wholly unexpected

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I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Tho Knox
Capt Lieut

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13 " Recieved also the undermentioned Letters Entered in M B. Nos 105-106-107-108-109-110.

From Hospital Board proposing the appointment of Mr Huckerby to the 1st European Regiment and of Mr King to the 16th and Mr Boydon to the 30th Battalion—also the purchase of a house at Tscheumopoly for the reception of Europe Medicines—Mr Mein—

requests some Lascars for the Apothecarys Department at that Garrison. and Mr Oram Palanquin Allowance—

Mr Todd proposed for the General Hospital

From Hospital Board.

From Captain Dallas—requesting leave to visit Madras.

From Captain Dallas at Hydrabad.

From Commandant of Cavalry at Arcot—stating the difficulty of procuring new Grasscutters at the reduced pay fixed by the new Regulations

From Major Young Commanding at Arcot.

From Chief Engineer—the Draw Bridge at Egmore requires to be replaced.

From Lieutenant John Munro—enclosing various Documents in proof of his Claim against Mr Vaughan for the pay of Puckallies, and in refutation of his assertion that they were paid by him

From Lieutenant John Munro.

From Mr Landon enclosing the letter from the Tayah of Tammad above noted.

From Collector of Southern Pushmah.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor — President

Ernst William Tallofield Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation read

Tuesday
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and approved.

Read the following Letter from the

Military Secretary

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor &c Council

Honorable Sir,

From Military Secretary requesting an Equivalent for the deprivation of Fees, accrued by his Predecessors, on delivery of attested Copies of Courts martial.—

In venturing to intrude the present address upon the notice of your Honorable Board, Sirs! I hope full, I shall neither incur your displeasure, nor subject myself to the imputation of preferring a claim to your consideration, which had not for its recommendation the sanction of established customs and the evidence of many examples to strengthen it's title to your favor

In support of this declaration, I beg leave, with great submission, to state, that, in former times and until I succeeded to the Secretaryship, my predecessor

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predecessors in Office were in the possession of an Emolument
derived from their appointment of Judge Advocate General,
by the delivery of attested Copies of Courts Martial upon
the requisition of the parties concerned, and upon which
there was an established Fee of one Pagoda upon every
ninety words of each Copy, so applied for, and issued —
I have, therefore, informed the Honorable
Board, that the late President Major General Medows,
mentioned in Council a short time previous to his —
resignation of the Government, that he had had a conver-
-sation with the present Governor General in regard
to the proceedings of General Courts Martial wherein
he had explained to his Lordship the difference between
the former practice, and that which now obtained,
by the latter of which, the Board knew only of the
dismission of a Company's Officer from the Service
by a general Communication from the Commander in
Chief; whereas by the old System the proceedings were
laid before Government, and the Sentence made —
public by their orders. — This communication occasioned
no alteration in the mode recently adopted, his —
Lordship having observed to the Governor, that no
change could now take place. — It is therefore

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on this ground, and because, all Sentences of general Courts Martial are now published by the Commander in Chief, and Copies of the proceedings taken up from the Deputy Judge Advocates, who receive that Fee, which had been invariably the perquisite of the Military Secretary, in his Department of Judge advocate General, that I humbly presume to express my hope that (as the Emolument in question had until my time been a perquisite of Office, and as it was removed from my reach, without compensation, for no reason, that can personally attach to me) I shall stand excused in the opinion of my superiors, in respectfully preferring my Claim, to an equivalent for that acknowledged benefit, which had been — heretofore annexed to the Station, I have the Honor to fill. —

In the former part of this address I took the liberty of mentioning, that examples were to be adduced in support of the present claims — I refer particularly to two circumstances which took place in 1785 and 1786 in favor of the Secretary to the Public and Revenue Departments, who had first — a monthly allowance of 230 Pagodas granted

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to him as an equivalent for the Loss he sustained by the abolition of all Fees upon Cowle &c and Second a monthly allowance of Sixty Pagodas as an equivalent for Postage on Letters, the Fee upon which he lost, on the establishment of the Post office, Under these considerations I humbly hope that your Honorable Board will be pleased to confer upon me that favor which was bestowed upon the Secretary to the Public and Revenue Departments, by granting me such allowance as to your pleasure may seem fit for the deprivation of the emolument before stated and I respectfully submit to your Judgment the period from whence the allowance, if you are pleased to grant me any, should have effect.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson

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Further Representation of Secretary Jackson

The Secretary begs leave to state, in addition to the above, that he has endeavoured by every means in his power to ascertain the average amount of the Fees formerly collected upon the delivery of attested Copies of the proceedings of Court Martial - that he has not been able to procure exact

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exact information of this Amount, but that from the enquiry he has made, he can safely venture to assure the Board, that one year with another, the Fees may be fairly calculated from One hundred and thirty to one hundred and fifty Pagodas p.r month.

The Board are perswaded that

Minute and Resolution of the Board on Mr. Jackson's Claim.

Mr. Jackson's representation is well founded — They clearly perceive that he has been deprived of an Emolument which formerly appertained to his Office, and deem it but common Justice to make him compensation for any deprivation of Emolument, (particularly when the labour and responsibility of the trust he has considered, and the great satisfaction he has given to his Superiors, in the Zealous and faithful discharge of his duties since he entered upon the Office;) — It is now Resolved, that a monthly allowance of one hundred Pagodas commence from the date of his appointment as Secretary, shall be made to Mr. Jackson, and to continue until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known, to whom the Subject will be referred, and strongly recommended to their countenance and approval

The Board have been induced to limit the Sum to one hundred Pagodas p.r Month, as

endeavouring

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indeciding upon a claim of this nature, they wish to —
determine rather under than up to the probable amount
and they trust this caution will be received as a satisfactory
Proof of their desire to do Justice to the Company, at the
same time that they support the equitable pretensions
of their Servants.

The Secretary requests leave to mention
that, in case it should so happen that the Honorable
Court disapprove the Allowance granted to him, and
direct a refund to be made, he shall instantly comply
with their orders, by repayment in to the Treasury of the
full amount he may have drawn on this account — tho
at the same time he feels no apprehension that such
will be the decision of the Honorable Court upon a claim
so strongly marked with the approbation of the Board.

Ordered, that the Civil Paymaster at
the Presidency do include in his next Abstract of
Sum of two Thousand nine hundred and fifty Star
Pagodas (2950) being the amount granted to the Military
Secretary of one hundred Pagodas ₱ Mensem from the 16th day
of December 1790 to the 31st day of May 1793, in lieu of the
Emolument which formerly appertained to his Office in
the Department of Judge Advocate General. —

Order of this Board
and to the Civil Paymaster
in consequence —

Ordered

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Ordered also, that from the 1st day of June next, the Military Secretary be permitted to draw one hundred Pagodas Pattenam on the above account, in addition to his present Pay and allowances

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

From Bengal — the Nizam claims a permanent Right over — Kurnool his deputation to Tippoo's Vackeels at Madras, in consequence — Correspondence on the Subject Enclosed — recommends a strict neutrality on the part of this Government —

The Nizam has, since the peace brought forward a claim to a permanent right over — Kurnool, a point which his Highness's Minister — declined to enter seriously upon, or to profs to any — Satisfactory adjustment, at Seringapatam, although he was strongly urged to do so by Sir John Kennaway

His Highness, after repeatedly endeavouring in vain to obtain over Sanderdroog for his exercising that right upon the death of the late Nabob, has now determined to depute two persons to Fort St George to negociate with Tippoo's Vakeels on the affairs of Kurnool; and we therefore think it necessary, in order that you may be sufficiently on your guard, to put you in full possession of our sentiments respecting them, and have for that purpose transmitted to you Copies of all the material parts of the

In a Book apart lodged in the Office

Correspondence

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Correspondence that has passed on that subject between the Nizam, Sir John Kennaway and the Governor General.

You will perceive by those papers that our Wish is that you should remain entirely neuter and take no Concern whatever in any negociation upon that subject, between the Nizams deputies and Tippoo's Vakeels

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort William
24 April 1793

[Signed] Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper
Tho.s Graham

Agreed to inform the Governor General

Minute thereon in Council that whatever may be the object of the Nizams negotiation with Tippoo's Vackeels on the affairs of Kurnoul his Lordship may depend upon the strictest observance of that neutrality which he has been pleased to recommend to the Board.

Read the following letter from Bengal

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

Honorable Sir,

In our Letter dated the 5th Instant of which

From Bengal enclosing Copy of the orders published there, regarding the Donation to the army recommend corresponding ones to be published at Madras.

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which a Duplicate is enclosed, we acquainted you with the Directions we had given in consequence of the Company's Orders of the 19 of September 1792, relative to the additional Gratuity to be granted to the Officers and Men who served on the late War

We now transmit to you a Copy of General Orders issued here on the 22d Instant by the Commander in Chief, and we beg Leave to recommend that Orders corresponding with them, and made applicable to Circumstances at your Presidency may be published forthwith.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort William
the 24 April 1793

(Signed) Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper
Tho Graham

General Orders by the Marquis Cornwallis 22d April 1793

Preparatory to carrying into Effect the Resolutions of the Honorable the Court of Directors relative to their donation of six months extra Batta to the Troops that composed the Grand army in my own the respective Commanding Officers of Corps of Infantry in the King's and Company's Service and Captains of Companies of Bengal Artillery and Gun Lascars are desired to prepare long Rolls — comprehending the whole of the Officers and Men who

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belonged to their Corps, or Companies and were present
with their Corps in the Field, or Sick, or on Duty any-
where in the Mysore Country above the Ghauts on the 1st of
February 1792. Specifying the Ranks they individually bore
at that time; and distinguishing the Casualties since that
Period whether by Death Desertion, Promotion, discharge
Invaliding or Removal, and if by Removal to what Corps
these Rolls to be sent to the Military Auditor General.

All Commanding Officers to whose
Corps or Companies, Officers and men who served with the
Grand army, and who were with Corps in the Field, or Sick,
or on duty any where in the Mysore Country above the Ghauts
on the 1st of February 1792, have returned, or been removed,
are desired to transmit to the Military Auditor General's
Office long Rolls of these Officers and men specifying the
Corps from which they have been received.

The Deputy adjutant General will
furnish the Military Auditor General with a List of all
the Field Officers and Staff and with Lists also of all other
Officers including Commissaries and Conductors not attached
to Corps who were above the Ghauts on the 1st of February 1792.

It being probable that some of the
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Native Officers and men entitled to the Board of Directors Donation are included in the Lists of men recommended for the Invalid Establishment and transmitted to the Adjutant Genesals Office in consequence of the General Order of the 15th Ultimo, the names of such men are to be distinguished in the Rolls now called for.

Fort William
Adjt Genl Office

(Signed) Peter Murray
Adjt Genl

A true Copy

(Signed) G Hay
Secy to the Govr

a General order directed to be published

Resolved that a general order be published conformably to the recommendation of the Governor General in Council.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Braithwaite.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar
Governor in Council

From Colonel Braithwaite proposing a Disposition of Troops for Manufacturing and Gunpowder Circars supposing the addition of Two more Battalions and that the Troops in the Latter Circar do form part of the northern Division.

Honorable Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 5th instant, enclosing Copies of two Letters received from the Officer Commanding at Onjole, under date the 7th and 8th instant.

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I have received similar information from the same — Quarter, and from Innacondah, as also from his Excellency Omdit Ul Omrah, his Excellency added that he was — informed, that all the plunder was lodged in a small Fort on the other side the Kistna, and wished that the Party under Orders to move into the Palnaud might be sent thither; on which subject I referred him to your Honor —

I am preparing a reply to — Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 8th instant, part of which was meant to include the detail I propose for the — Masulipatam and Guntoor Circar, on the supposition of our native establish- -ment being augmented by the addition of two new Battalions, and as I cannot but think more native Troops are wanted in that part of the Honorable Company's possessions, my plan is to allot one entire Battalion to Guntoor; I propose that a Battalion with a Brigade of six pounders should be — stationed at Guntoor ready for any service, that on its arrival there, the 30th Battalion now in that District shall be — divided as follows, three Companies at the Head Quarters of the Battalion Innaconda; one at Bellumconda, two at Timercollah, and two at Condapilly; by this — — — disposition the 10th Battalion will not be broken in upon, but be left for the duties of Ongole, Nellore, and Rampore, for which it will I hope be sufficient; and the Invalids

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which were in Tinnicottah, and are at Condapilly, being ordered to Masulipatam, will add strength to that Garrison, and enable it to provide for the lesser duties of the District; and as Samulcottah is garrisoned by two Companies drawn from the 2d Battalion on the Chicacole Circar, I should hope that the 1st may be left entire at Ellore, where with a Brigade of Guns it may be ready to detach for any actual Service; under such a disposition I should suppose those Countries to be perfectly secure, as there will be two Battalions with two Brigades of Guns ready to detach largely for any Service within a short distance of each other, which I think will effectually put an end to the disturbances thereabouts. As I believe in the present depopulated state of those Northern Countries it will be impossible to raise a Battalion there, I would propose that the 3d Battalion now under Orders with the Detachment of Artillery, but without the Guns as there are Guns at Innaconda, should march to Guntoor, and that on its arrival the disposition I have proposed may take place, and the new Battalion, if to be raised, may be raised at Madras. I would farther propose as the Guntoor Circar is under the control of the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, that the Troops in that Circar should be

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be considered as in the Northern Devision of the army, which would render the disposition I have proposed more — — promptly and extensively efficacious.

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May 12th 1793

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed John Brathwaite

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

From Colonel Brathwaite — enclosing the Reply of Captain Mead to the Vencatagherry Rajah's Complaint — remarks relative to the Company's Price for Sheep — Captain Beale's Leave of Absence — Ill health as the Cause of his absence from Tumercotah, without leave —

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 3d instant, enclosing a Translation of a complaint preferred by the Venkatagerry Rajah against some Sepoys of the detachment lately marching from Ellore to the Presidency under the Command of Captain Mead, and which I immediately forwarded to Captain Mead, calling upon him to reply to it

I have the honor now to lay before you Captain Mead's reply, and I think it justice to Captain Mead, who has been for some years under my immediate Command to say that I have the firmest reliance on his never having, directly or indirectly sanctioned any improper exertion of military authority

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authority, and on the occasion in question, as set forth by him, he appears to have conducted himself with examplary prudence, and been an Officer upon all occasions found to be entirely correct in stating any matter within his knowledge; and I must observe that it does not appear by the Vackeligeery Rajah's Statement of the case, that any application or reference was ever made to the Commanding Officer, which surely would have been the properest mode.

And I think it necessary to inform you, that for a long time past there has been great discontent, and on many occasions great resistance, throughout the Country, at furnishing Sheep at what is called the Company's Price; and I believe an increase of price has been ordered in some Places on that account; I believe in the Tanjore Country they only furnish four for a Pagoda, and I think Captain told me that in justice to the Inhabetants, he had been obliged to fix the price at one Rupee for each Sheep. In my late Tour I found it was the Price expected every where; and one Race Vallepooram where they brought me seven very indifferent Sheep, I ordered my Servant to pay only ten fanams for each, which price was refused by his Highness

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the Nabobs dumildar, and as I would give no more,
he said he would not receive any thing, but would —
complain; and I am well convinced that no agent —
Victualler can get Sheep at the Company's price but by
the help of Sepoys, and not then if the Country can turn
out a force to dispute the matter; and I have no doubt
that this whole business has arisen from the Sepoys,
furnished to the agent Victuallers Servant, being opposed,
when insisting on Sheep at the Company's price. It is
not improbable but that the great encreased demand
for Sheep for some years past, in consequence of our having
so great an European Force on the Coast, may have given
rise to this general opposition, and as no Officer Commanding
a Detachment can increase the price without Orders, such
complaints will be very frequent, and if any Officer has
less prudence than Captain Mead has shown in
such a situation, serious consequences may arise —

I have also the honor to enclose —
Captain Beale's reply, on being called upon in obedience
to your Commands, contained in Mr. Secretary Jacksons
Letter of the 6th instant

I have been informed that Captain Beale
was so extremely ill when he arrived on the Sea Coast
in the neighbourhood of Ongole, that he was incapable of

attention

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attention to any thing, and that he was on the point of returning when he received the news which he communicated to Captain Knox, from whom he was distant a few miles: Captain Beatles conduct on this occasion in not reporting his situation, is so unlike his conduct upon all other occasions, that I can only attribute it to that imbecility of mind which is so often attendant on bilious complaints in this Country, and which I have heard was really the case with him.

Military Head Quarters
Madras May 13th 1793

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

To Colonel Brathwaite
Commanding the Army

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your Secretarys letter of yesterdays date, together with its enclosure.

What I know relative to the Complaints made to Government, by the Rajah of Vencattagherry, is as follows -

When the Detachment under my orders marched from Ellore, Mr Taylor the paymaster there, who vactuated the two Companies of the 2nd European Battalion belonging to it, requested of me to furnish the Servant whom he deputed for that purpose with a guard

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guard, to bring on the Sheep which might be purchased in the Country as we passed along. This I accordingly did from the 17th Battalion of Native Infantry, strictly cautioning the Servant at the same time that no improper use might be made of it and that the Sheep so put under its charge might in the first place be regularly bought and punctually paid for at the price regulated.

On the night of the 25th Ultimo when the Detachment was halted at Sallorpett, the Servant Came to inform me that the Sheep which he had purchased and paid for at Pollar had been stopd by some peons as the Guard was bringing them to Camp and that Captain Ure (who Commanded the two European Companies) requested I would detach another Guard to join the former one. This I complied with by Ordering an Haveldar whose prudant behaviour I could depend upon a Naick and twelve Sepoys, the original guard having Consisted of a Naick and three only; but directed the Haveldar by no means to Countenance any thing wrong, if such had been Committed by the Victuallers Servant, and if any thing extraordinary happened to send to me for further Orders. On the night following when halted at Arambauk a Sepoy from the Haveldar arrived with notice, that whilst bringing up the Sheep which had been quietly purchased and paid for to the

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Inhabitants; the Peons who first enterfered had encreased to three hundred armed with Maleblocks and pikes; and that being then surrounded by them he desired my further orders.

On this information, as sheep might be got else where and Considering that any serious disturbance in the Country was not to be hazarded but on more important grounds, I called up the Ordewalley Servants and Ordered him to go back and if possible settle matters amicably with the Peons who I understood were headed by the Rajah of Venkatagherry's Brother but at same time I sent orderr to the Havildar to elenquish the Sheep and to follow the Detachment with his people in case I had was not accomplished. This he accordingly did, after the Servant had received back fifteen pagodas which had been accepted for the Sheep and joined the next day when he reported to me that although the Commander of the Peons had used very threatning and insulting behaviour to him and his guard, such as Drawing his Sword and waving it over him &c he had offered no Violence in return, but only Kept possession of the Sheep until he received my Order to

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let them go. This behaviour of the Vencatagherry people, I should myself have made matter of representation through you to Government on my arrival here, but for the difficulty there generally is of ascertaining the truth with precision when it depends on the evidence of Natives on each side.

I have thus mentioned any thing that I know of the affair but if Government thinks it necessary to prosecute the enquiry farther, the Victualling Servant is still at the presidency and the Non Commissioned and privates of the Guard can be produced — In regard to the bloody Cloaths mentioned in the Complaint, they say, that a boil on one of the Peons had broke whilst beating about the Sheep.

I am &c &c

Madras
12th May 1793

(Signed) Geo. Muat
Capt Comm[g] 1st Batt N.I.

To Lieutenant W. Wilson &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 5th Instant covering "Copy of "Extract from the Honorable President in Council" under date

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"date 4" Instant. and" Extract of a Letter from Colonel Brathwaite in reply to it of the same date" — In answer to which I have to say that ill Health alone was the Cause of my being at the Sea Coast at the Time of the unfortunate accident happening, which is the Cause of the Present Enquiry.

I have the Honorable
&c &c

p Signed/c Ant.y Beale
Capt.

Ongole
9 May 1793

Minutes and resolutions of the Board on the two foregoing letters f Colonel Brathwaite

The President is requested to consult with Colonel Brathwaite in regard to the march of the 8" Battalion since it will be necessary to provide Troops or its room for the duties required at the Presidency.

The Board are satisfied with the explanation given by Captain Mead relative to the complaint preferred by the Rajah of Venkatgherry; but as the Inhabitants in general complain of being obliged to part with their Sheep at what is called the Company's price it is now resolved to publish a general order directing in future that for such Sheep as may be wanted by the different Garrisons, or by Detachments occasionally marching through the Country, the

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Inhabitants be paid a satisfactory price; and that, whenever from any confusion difficulty or distress more Sheep should be wanted than can be had with their free consent, and that it should become absolutely necessary in consequence to compel them to part with their property, it be an invariable rule to pay for the Sheep requered, at the rate of a Pagoda for Every four Sheep.

The Board are concerned to observe that they are by no means satisfied with the reason given by Captain Beale for being absent from his Command without leave. — Such a conduct would at any time have exposed him to a severe censure, but in the present case the blame receives great aggravation from the neglect of those precautions which were evidently required to secure the post from danger during his absence. — In delivering over the Command of a Frontier Station to a native Officer, and retiring himself to a considerable distance, he left a hazardous opening to any enterprize that might be medi=tated against it; and such advantage appears to have been taken of this remissness, that the Fort was captured by a disorderly rabble before the Troops appointed for its defence had the smallest intimation of the design,

and

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and a considerable amount in property, public and private carried away by these Banditti without the smallest molestation.

The Board viewing this disobedience of orders and neglect in a very serious light, as it affects the credit and interests of the Service, and involves the character of a Military Officer of Rank, it is resolved to take the opinion of Colonel Braithwaite as to the Proceeding it would be most advisable to adopt on this occasion; and whether it ought not to comprehend the native Officer in Command of the Post at the time it was captured

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Hestnaghurry —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor and President in Council

of

Honorable Sir, Fort St George

From Paymaster at Hestnaghurry — Enclosing Copy of the Receipt passed by him to Tippoo's people for the Treasure on account of the 2d Instalment of the 2d Kist.

I have now the pleasure to notify to you, my having received the Treasure from Tippoo Sultaun to the amount of Eighteen Lacks, thirty three thousand, Two Hundred and eighty eight (18,33,288.) Immamy — Rupees; Eleven Hydery Pagodas or Rupees 11 5 3/8 — making up the full amount sent, were rejected by the Troops

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as Base Coin and Tippoo's would not change them.

Of the different Species of Treasure of which the Sum received is composed, You will be informed by the accompanying Copy of my Receipt for it.

Having been acquainted in reply to my application to Vellore that Tumbrils should be forwarded to me immediately, I am in hourly expectation of them; and as soon as they arrive, all the dispatch that rests with me, shall not fail to be used in sending the Money off for the Presidency.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Kistnagherry
19th May 1793

(Signed) Robt Hughes
Payr

Received from Tippoo Sultaun for the Honorable English East India Company, on Account of the Second Instalment of the Second Rest stipulated for by the late Treaty of Peace, the Sum of Eighteen Lacks, thirty three Thousand, two hundred and eighty eight Immaumy Rupees, in the Specie, and at the Exchange undermentioned.—

10,000 Hyderi Ashriffs or Gold Mohurs,
at 16 Immaumy or Sultany Rupees ea 1,60,000 —

10,000

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10,000 Venetians at 5 D. Rupees ea ..... 50,000 ..

3,91,100 Bahaudry, Sultanny, Feroke &c.
Pagodas, of the equal Value of 4 1/8
D. Rupees each ..... 16,13,287 1/2 ..

10,000 1/2 Chillawany Rupees (or Rupees
of various descriptions) valued
as Immanny ..... 10,000 1/2 ..

Kistnagherry
10 May 1793.

Total Immanny Rupees 18,33,288

a true Copy
(Signed) Robt Hughes
Secy.

(Signed) Robt Hughes
Secy.

Read the following letter from His
Highness the Nabob (entered also in CC. N° 99-100)

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

Dated 29 Rumzaun 1207 Hegira
or
11th May 1793

Received 13 Do.

From the Nabob requesting the arrears of Tinnevelly Peishcush for 1199 collected by Colonel Macaulay, and his fifth of those for 1200 and 1201 — may be carried to the Credit of his First payment 1st June

I have received Your Letter of the
23d Rumzaun 1207 Hegira answering to the 5th May 1793 and
am obliged by Your having ordered the Board of Revenue
to prepare a statement of the arrears of the Polygars of
Tinnevelly

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Tinnevelly as settled by Colonel Maxwell's for my Information—
It will at all events, take up some time for the Board
to prepare this Statement, which will not answer my
necessity— In this Year, notwithstanding the scarcity of
Rain, I took great pains to pay the amount of the several
Kists— there is now only one Kist remaining to be paid
in this Year and I am under the greatest anxiety how
to provide for it— I have therefore to request of my friend
that the amount of the Peashcush of the Tinnevelly Polygars
for the Phazelly 1199 which Colonel Maxwell collected
and the 5th Share of the Peashcush collected in the Years
1200 and 1201 Phazelly under the Management of the
said Colonel may be carried to the credit of the account
of my Kist that is payable the 1st June, and a Receipt
be furnished me for same— for there can be no double
but that I must be credited for the Amount of that Money
and after deducting the same from the Kist I shall
discharge the Remainder— Your compliance with this
Request. I shall consider as an instance of your friendship

I return you thanks for your having
written to Major Stevenson, the Sundar of a Regiment
of Native Cavalry to preserve the Peace of the Tinnevelly
Country

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Country from the disturbances of the Pollygars.

What can I say more?

a true translation

(Signed) David Haleburton

Persian Transr

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

Dated 30th Rumzaun 1207 Hegera

12th May 1793

Received 13th Do Do

From the Nabob - with remarks on Mr Gambier's report of his Enquiries into the Charges against Juggapah - conceives they have been fully established - requests therefore the amount of His Highness's claims may not be withheld from him.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Favour of the 23d March 1793 and enclosing the Extract of a Letter from Mr C. Gambier to the acting President and Members of the Board of Revenue and am sorry that I cannot coincide in opinion with you on the subject of the enquiry held by that Gentleman the manner in which he has stated it and the conclusions he has drawn from the facts that were before him do not appear to me in the same light that they do to you and so far from being convinced that the conduct of Juggapah has been misrepresented I have no doubt in my own mind of his being guilty of several matters that have been objected to him and am led to believe that

Mr

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Mr Gambier has been imposed upon by people whose
Interest it was to suppress the truth;

The Extract from Mr Gambiers

Letter seems to be in the nature of a report upon facts without
the necessary out lines of these facts by which the Judgement
might be guided Mr Gambier admits that accounts
laid before him in my manager specified the particulars
of the charges against Juggapah as also from what
Villages the different sums said to have been extracted
by the parties accused had been received and that he
examined witnesses to this point but he goes little
further into what they may have advanced than mere
one of them is made to hesitation in asserting in the
presence of the managers that he had signed the
Toomar account of his Village from his own free will
and consent and declared from his knowledge that
such also had been the case with the Tumums of ten
other Villages who this person is I am yet to learn
but it seems that his base assertion had sufficient
weight with Mr G. to induce him to declare that
it amounted to a positive proof of the contrary of
what had been stated in the charges on that point

by

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by my people I conceive Mr G. ought to have examined the Kurnums alluded to of the other Villages before he pronounced so decidedly Mr G. further states that another person without naming him also declared that no money had been extorted from the Village to which he belonged by Jaggupah or any other servant under the late Collection and although Mr G. shews that the reverse was however stated in the accounts laid before him by my people yet he concludes that this unknown persons naked assertion was another proof against the charge

Mr Gambier admits that some of the Evidence declared that they had been forced to sign the Toomer accounts by the official Servants as they had declined signing them from the balance therein stated not being just but then he says that some of these persons affirmed that they had never signed any papers setting forth a complaint against Juggapah and the Manager of Ongole the former evidence supports a very material point and the latter if admitted is of Trivial import, and again although two or three people might not have signed the Petition that is no argument of its not having been signed by

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by great Numbers

Mr G then goes into a train of Facts and Arguments that I really cannot comprehend but detaching the facts from the arguments and it will run nearly thus, certain people examined in presence of my managers affirmed that the accounts which the Official Servants, under Mr Erskine had stated against them with respect to their balances were not just and that they had therefore refused to sign their Toomar accounts agreeably to the above statements as the Collections from them had been greater than appeared therein and further that the Extra sums had been received by the public Servants whether these facts are or are not accurately stated I cannot at this period take upon myself to determine but at any rate they go to support the charge of extortion

Mr Gambier proceeds to the examination of Juggapah and the Tanadaries to the charges preferred against them and sums to be satisfied with their positive denial and their assurances that the Turnums and Inhabitant of the 29 Villages were prepared to sign the Toomar Accounts but that some of my managers had by force and threats prevented them for Mr Gambier endeavours to shew that at the

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Time the Inhabitant signed their Toomar accounts when settling with the Collectors were in the knowledge of being in a very few days to pass over to my authority and draws a conclusion in favor of Juggapah and after entering into agreements to demonstrate that as the accounts of 114 Villages had been received, the accounts of the 29 Villages would also have been received had not my people come forward and — prevented it, how for such arguments are fair and candid, it is unnecessary for me to say as they speak for themselves, but Mr G. infers from them that if the people had formerly been forced by Juggapah and others to declare them innocent they might equally as well now be forced to declare them — guilty this is indeed a strange mode of reasoning and yet it seems to be substituted instead of — substantiate facts to confute the charges. I have exhibited and as a proof of this. Mr Gambier goes on to state from papers delivered to him from Mr Crawford and from other information, that the persons who had appeared before him as — evidences on the part of the accusation were the same

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same who had twelve months before signed a Mahazar
that a complaint prefered against Juggapah by the
Dispondiah of the Ongole district was without —
foundation, but which adhering closely to the facts goes
no further than to shew that many months ago a
Complaint had been made against Juggapah and that
his Influence was then greater than it is at present,
and is by no means a proof as Mr Gambier asserts of the
falseness of the Circumstance stated by the Dispondiahs
nor do the means adopted by Mr Gambier to shew an
inconsistency in the people on the part of the charges
invalidate their testimony, and Venkata Rama Rauze
does not establish a single point in the favor of the
parties accused although evidently as it should seem
brought forward for that purpose and notwithstanding
the opinion ventured by Mr Gambier from the premises
the Testimony of the People in support of the charges
is unsatisfactory and by no means a conviction to his
mind of any part of the Complaint having been
substantiated yet I trust it will appear to every impartial
mind even from Mr Gambiers own Letter that strong
testimony has been adduced in support of the charge
and that no manner of Proof whatever has been —

attempted

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attempted to be brought forward to confute it — Had Mr Gambier accompanied his report or opinion with the Copies of the declaration as given in by the different people declaring. I than should have had every thing before me whereon to decide however taking — circumstance as they are given by Mr Gambier and from papers which I have received from my people I may venture to say that the charges have been fully and completely established a Copy of these papers I have the pleasure to enclose you, and have that firm reliance in your candor and Justice to believe that you will no Longer allow the monies I claim to be with held from me nor suffer the men who have committed the most fraudulent Act to triumph in their enequities.

What can I say more?

A true translation

(Signed) David Haliburton

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Translation of a Telenga Declaration Dated Tuesday the 30th day of Phaulgoona Bahoola in the year Parudhavy 28th Rajeb 1207 Hegery answering to the 11th March 1793

Yesterday Mr Gambier desired —

Rayapah

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Rayapah Renter to Summons / Tomorrow / the Inhabitants and Writers he accordingly accompanied this morning at 10 o'clock. by Janardana Row Sheristadar, Ammanbola Rungapah, Vennalaganta Narsimploo, Neelam Tauze Royapah and Porvor Paupa Tauze The Deshapondiahs and the Inhabitants and Curnums / the Writers / of 20 Villages to Mr Gambier he asked Royapah how many Villages Inhabitants and Writers he had brought with him the Renter shewed him the People that accompanied him - he ordered his Dubash and the Writers to take down a List of the People signifying what Villages they belonged to - the Renter caused the Deashapondiahs to write a list of them and explained the same to Mr Gambier's Writers which was delivered to him - Mr Gambier kept in his hands the Accounts which he previously took from Juggapah the Writers the accounts that were given lately by the Circar - the Baradasht accounts and the Present List considered a little while and desired the Renter to call the Inhabitants and Writers of the Village Ammanabola - desired the Deashapondiahs to declare to him the real case of what has passed from the belongeing to this time

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they did accordingly then he ordered them to sit at a Distance without speaking to the Inhabitants and Writers afterwards he asked Sanardana Row Sheristadar why he came there to which he answered that the present Management being under the Circar he came with the Renter to answer any question Regarding the present accounts. Mr Gambier told him to sit at a distance until he is sent for him to answer to any Accounts then he told the Renter to stay quite near him without talking to any body but to cause such Writers and Inhabitants as Mr Gambier chose to speak with to reply to his questions. Mr Gambier read all these Accounts and asked Ammum Rauze Rangapah and Rungapah the Curnams of Ammanabole that they both being Curnams of Ammanabole how long had they both kept the accounts that they seemed to be men of probity and that if they honestly answer his questions they and their family would enjoy health and happiness he Mr Gambier put the following Question to them Viz. during the Fusly years 1200 and 1201 the management of the Country was under the Company since which the Nabob Wallajah has taken it to himself did they addrest any Complaints to the Nabob to which they both answered that Juggapah Depoy unjustly extorted from

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from them many Pagodas and whilst Mr Erskine had
the Management they addressed a Petition to Madras
and made Complaints to the Gentlemen that were on the
Spot in the meantime Mr Dunwoody &c Committee
were appointed to examine the accounts they were
interim the Talookas were taken by the Nabob Wallajah
Bahauder We all the Inhabitants and Curnums
jointly made out a Mahazars / Declarations /
One we sent to Noorud Deen Mahomed Caun
Bahauder at Nellore, one to the Nabob's presence
and one we delivered to the Renter Mr Gambier
asked them whether the Shale Curnums / Town Comicopolies /
forced them to prefer Complaints or whether the
Managers obliged them to do so and desired them
to declare in the most Solemn the Curnums declared
that they were not forced by any that they being
much injured they addressed the presence previous
to the Arrival of Noorud Deen Mahomed Caun at
Nellore and to him afterwards that they the
People of one hundred Villages voluntarily made
out against Mahazar / Declaration / and were

not

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not forced by any one — Mr Gambier then put the following question to them — you have been in the Villages since 20 or 30 Years during which time when any Managers came from the Nabob Wallajah did they ever pay any Bribe presents, Nazars, or provide Milk Tyre or any other Articles for them to which they answered they used to pay Nazars and to provide Milk and Tyre and when they came to Visit the Villages used to pay Batta to their People and if they made any wedding they used to make a present of one or half a Pagoda according to their Abilities but they were not injured in such manner nor were they obliged to pay Hundreds nor was part of their rent deducted the amount of the Payments made by them to the Circar — nor did the Circar's Managers refuse to give Credit for what they received that they never saw such unjust proceedings and in the account they now prepared they did not charge any such Milk Tyre or other Articles — That he Mr Gambier being a Gentleman of Justice if he inquire or examine the accounts he will find the Truth — Mr Gambier desired

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the Curnums to declare to him what unjust Sums were taken from them they explained to him the particulars of what were collected from them the presents &c as per account given before — then Mr Gambier put some other questions and — desired them to answer them solemnly — they told him that they actually the money and unjustly of which there are accounts and Proofs — the Shroffs will likewise declare according to their Accounts To all these and other Questions the Curnums gave proper answer.

After Mr Gambier had heard all the above Proceedings of the Curnums he asked them why they, who are men of sense and Ability had signed the Wafsalaut notwithstanding they know the Nabob was to get back his Country in four days from that day to which Annam Rauze Rungapah answered that at first Juggapah sent for him to Ongole, he was standing at his Door and desired him to sign the Papers, that he refused to do it upon which he gave him two knocks upon his Cheeks

and

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and beat him upon his head four times with his own hand and ordered him to be confined in the Guard at which time the Company's Sepoys at Ongole their Subadar Alloor Vencata-chella Moodeliar some of the Merchants of the Village a person called Tanakeasala /Mint/ Madhwa Raydoo some Dancing Girls some Mahatands some Inhabitants and Gurrumis were present Mr Gambier asked him twice whether Juggapah beat him with his own hand and seemed much surprised, he further told Mr Gambier that afterwards Juggapah carried him under the Guard to a place called Rauvenoodala and ordered him to sign the papers of that place but that he positively refused to do it upon which he /Juggapah/ forced a young Boy the Gurrum of Rauvula to sign them he requested of Mr Gambier would please to send for the paper and to examine whether he had signed them and to send for the Young Man and enquire of him who would give him /Mr Gambier/ a fully explanation of the business Mr Gambier asked many other questions and then told him to go.

Afterwards he sent for the Inhabitants of another Village and told them that they seemed to be very good men and desired them not to tell a falsehood but to declare the truth he asked wether after the two

Years

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Years Assumption of the Company was over and the
Nabob Wallajah had got again the Management they
made any complained to which they told him that after
the real Amount was paid by them the Shaanahdars
Peashcars and others unjustly received more money which
destressed them much and therefore they with the Conjunction
of the Inhabitants of all the Villages made their Petitions
for that purpose and further declared that besides the
Sums unjustly collected from them the Accounts State
that there is a Balance still due from them. Mr Gambier
asked them whether they were destressed for want of Rain
or an Account of a deficiency in the produce of the Grain
or by Juggahah to which they answered It was proper
to collect money from them according to their Engagements
whether they were distressed for want of Rain or had a good
harvest but they were obliged to pay much larger Sums
which distressed them Exceedingly. Mr Gambier asked
them whether they could declare solemnly or were there
any Witnesses? the Inhabitants and Curnums answered
him that they the Inhabitants of 100 Villages collected
the amount and paid him for which the Shroffs are
Witnesses the money was paid in presence of his Son
why should they declare falsely. they have mentioned
in-

in the Accounts what was really paid afterwards Mr. Gambier perused the List sent for the Inhabitants and Cornums of the Village Tromganby and made some questions as he made to those of Ammanabole and Cappole they declared that one hundred Pagodas was demanded of them for their Village that Juggupah put them under the Guard and with great difficulty collected 70 Pagodas from them besides which there are much more taken from them on account of the Thanadar and others as also great disputes about the Bullocks &c for which there is an Account particular and if he please they would unlye the Bundles and read the Accounts they were then injured and at least put under the Guard When the Wafoolauds were prepared they were not acquainted with it but the Young boys were sent for from their Villages by few Sepoys and caused to sign the Wafoolauds to these Mr. Gambier expressed his Satisfaction — after these three Villages were examined — He sent for the People of the Remainder Seventeen Villages who were examined separately as were the above but every one declared as the Drawbandiahs did without deviation — after he examined all the Villages and told the Aumil that he is fully acquainted

with

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with the affairs of the above Village and that he may —
dispatch the People of these Twenty Villages to save their
trouble that he is fully sensible of what they declared
to him and that he will report to the Board of Revenue
the proceedings of this day he Mr Gambier desired the
Renter to bring tomorrow the Inhabitants and —
Cornems of Twenty more Villages and that he
to examine in the same manner the Statements of the
114 Villages and required that they be sent for — he
intends to enquire into the particulars of the whole
Talka personally by the Accounts by the Witnesses and
by the Declarations and to be fully informed of the
Management there will be no want of any thing if
reasonably inquired When we come out from him
he desired us to bring the people of the Remainder
Villages the Renter and other told him that they had
proved every thing that they had told him
what he had enquired of the people of the Twenty
Villages and that they will produce him the People
of the Remainder Villages — he told them that he
examined and is fully sensible of what he enquired
which he will not communicate to them and that
he has nothing more to do with these 20 Villages

People

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People and what they will send for the Remainder — this we have explained Matters by the Accounts, declarations and according to Justice this is what passed to day.

What can we represent more.

(Signed) Laaghelala Royapah
Renter

Jmarden Tow
Persian accountant

Vennala Canty Narsiah
Neilam Rauze Royapah
Deshapandiah of the Talka of Ongole

Poroory Laupa Rauze
Deshapondiah of the Talka of Ongole

Translation

Extract of a Letter from Noor ud Deen Mahomed Cawn Bahauder — Dated the 2d Shaubaun 1207 Hegery answering to the 15th March 1793 Received 4th —

The accounts of twenty Villages which Royapah has established by Witnesses; the Papers confirming the same that he sent to me are enclosed herein which your Highness will understand

Extract

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Extract of an Arzdasht from Nooreddeen Mahomed Cawn Bahauder Dated 9th Shabaun 1207 Hegery answering to the 22nd March 1793

Your Highness has been pleased to say that you were satisfied with the examination of the account of twenty Villages by Royapah with Mr Gambier

I have this day received a letter from Royapah saying that Mr Gambier after having examined the account of twenty Villages had desired him to bring the Ryotts of other Villages, which he accordingly did of 30 Villages and carried them before Mr Gambier twice a day for two or three days running — he delayed to see them by putting them off from morning to Evening — at length the Ryotts from necessity went to his Door and Requested he would examine the accounts and give them leave to depart to their Villages, as they would not remain from fear of the small Pox that regard at Ongole upon this Mr Gambier said he was indisposed at present, and desired the Ryotts to go to their Village and come again when he sent for them — Royapah considered that if Ryott went away and should not assemble again when Mr Gambier might suddenly send for them, he therefore informed me of it — and I directed him to give each man a dooty and a

Meanwhile

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Measure of Rice per day and not to suffer them to
disperse but to keep them together and make them
attend whenever Mr Gambier should desire

Extract of an arzdasht from Royapah Dated 25 of Shaubaun
1207 Regny answering to the 7th April 1793 received the 28th

After Mr Gambier arrived here I caused
before him the Inhabitants of twenty principal Villages
in order to an examination of the accounts of the embezzle=
=ments of Jaggapah Dubash &c upon which he called
the Ryots and examined every one of them separately
as much as possible — The Ryots explained fully by
a just account what had been extorted from them by
force at different times by Jaggapah &c and they
likewise proceed to him verbally what they had
declared — and I caused them to write a declaration
and forwarded it to Noor ud Dun Mahomed Cawn
Bahauder, and I presume it has been laid before
your Highness — I know not in what manner Mr
Gambier represented the Business to the Board or what
Order he received in consequence but he promised
Juggapah &c that their Pay should be paid and
dismissed them — He then suddenly delivered them
over to the Commanding Officer of the Corps and set off

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himself for Mogultoor.—

The Board long since gave directions

Minutes of the Board on the foregoing subject.—

to the Board of Revenue to carry the amount of the arrear of the Polygar Peishcush for 1199 to the credit of his Highness's general account with the Company in like manner as for the other outstanding Balances at the time the Assumption took place in the year 1790.—

With regard to the Peishcush falling due during the Company's Management of the Nabob's Country, and for the collection of which it was necessary to employ a detachment at a very heavy expence to the Company, the Board's opinion is, that his Highness should have credit for a fifth of the Collections so made; but whether to be carried to his general account, or to be deducted from his Rists, must be left to the determination of the Honorable Court of Directors to whom the subject will be referred.— It may, however, be necessary to remind his Highness that in consequence of his letter dated the 27th may 1792. requesting that whatever balance might be due on account of the 5th of the Revenues should be paid to Vencata Soubiah to whom he was largely indebted, the Board acceded

to

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to his request, and with which Vencata Soubiah was acquainted. Of course, if the reference above mentioned to the Court of Directors could even be dispensed with, yet, as his Highness has formally made over the full amount of the balance due on his fifth, no deduction could take place on this account in his next Rist, the faith of Government being pledged to Vincata Soubiah.

Agreed that the above be communicated to the Nabob.

The earnest desire which the Board had to see that strict Justice were done to the Nabob in consequence of the Complaint preferred against the Native Servants of the late Collector in the Ongole and Palnaud Districts induced them to set on foot the enquiry conducted by Mr Gambier and they have no reason whatever to believe that that Gentleman in his investigation of the charges could have been influenced by any other principle than that of ascertaining the truth by a fair and impartial enquiry. The Nabob objects to the inferences drawn by Mr Gambier on the plea of insufficient evidence in repetation of the charges, whilst he gives entire credit to the declaration of the

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People brought forward in support of them, altho' no
written document or Voucher has been adduced in
proof of the frauds said to have been committed; and
that the very persons who now stand forward as the
accusers of Juggapah are the identical people who
on a former occasion when the same charges were
preferred against them, sign'd an acknowledgement,
declaring that Juggapah had neither oppressed the
Inhabitants nor taken a larger Sum on any pretext
than what appeared in the public Accounts. - It is
not to be doubted that this Contradiction in the Evidence
arises principally, if not solely, from the change
that has taken place in the administration of the
Country, and from the natural disposition of the Ryots
to avail themselves of every opportunity to dispute
the balances charged against them, however just -
It appears, however, that the Inhabitants of the
29 Villages mentioned in Mr Gambier's report were
prepared to sign the accounts, when obstacles occasioned
by the Loss of the Collector's authority prevented this
Settlement. - The balances were therefore fixed by
comparing the Cutcherry with the Kurnums accounts. -
- with regard to the Inhabitants of the remaining

Villages

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Villages it is fair to argue from the period at which the settlement with them was made, that they could not have been influenced by the Public Servants of the Collector to sign their Soomar Accounts, had not such accounts been equitable and just. Upon the whole, the Board see nothing that can induce them to believe that Mr. Gambier has been imposed upon by people whose interest it was to suppress the truth, nor can they agree with his Highness that the charges preferred against Juggapah have been fully and completely established.

Resolved that the foregoing be communicated to the Nabob.

Read the following Letter from Mr. George Powney

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

Honorable Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Secretary's Letter of the 17th of this month, conveying your Commands that I should return to the Presidency as soon as might be convenient to me; having resolved to annul the appointment of Resident with the Raja of Travancore

From Mr. Powney — has received the Letter annulling his appointment — requests leave to remain at Cochin until — various arrangements with the Rajah are concluded and to draw the same Pay and other allowances as when Resident — shall remit the Balance of Cash at 5 Per Cent Premium — and endeavour to adjust the account of Difference of Exchange in receiving the Travancore subsidy for the Expenses of the war — Extract of Letter from the Commissioners inclosed —

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Travancore as I could be of no further service in that —
Situation as unfortunately differences had arisen between
the Raja and myself

I consider myself highly honored, and
am much flattered that my Conduct in general, on my
deputation to Travancore, has been thought by you —
deserving commendation, I have only to add, that the
differences which took place between the Raja and myself,
were caused by the Instigation of his Dewan, in consequence
of my having invested to his master, his mischievous
and intriguing disposition which must, and has, almost
already ruined the Country.

I have, at the request of the Commissioners
appointed to settle the Ceded Countries, continued in charge
of the Tributary District of Cochin, and also of the Island
of Chetwa; I have likewise, by order of the Marquis Cornwallis
transmitted to the Commissioners every Information I could
obtain respecting the ceded Countries; how far I have
effected the last, will appear by the Extract of a Letter
from those Gentlemen, which I take the liberty to enclose,
and I am now at their request, concluding a Contract
with the Cochin Raja for the Pepper of this Country — This,

with

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with the consequent arrangements that must necessarily take place in delivering over the charge of the Tributary District of Cochin, and the Island of Chetwa, will occupy my attention for some time, if therefore my Services are not immediately required at the Presidency, I shall hope for Your permission to remain at this place until the whole of the above is adjusted.

The Balance of Cash in my hands this month is Rupees 16,232-4-67 which I shall remit by Sowcars Bills at the same rate, (5 ℔ Cent premium) as I before received your authority to take— There is also an unadjusted Sum of about 12000 Rupees, for difference of Exchange, in receiving the subsidy from the Travancore Raja, for the expences of the war, which has been admitted by him, and his Dewan has constantly— promised to discharge which promise he has lately reiterated, I shall endeavor to adjust this account also before I quit this place.

At the commencement of the late war with Tippoo Sultaun I concluded the Treaty with the Raja of Cochin, and took possession of the Island of Chetwa in the name of the Company, and had the good fortune from the period the Tributary District of

Cochin

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Cochin was under my Charge, to receive regularly the Tribute, also to Collect the annual rent of the Island of Chetwa; The above two, were the only conquered Districts, I believe that yielded the Company any Revenue during the War upon the Malabar Coast — The Duties annexed to the above stations were performed by me without any additional pay or Emolument, nor did I ever solicit any, as I considered them as connected with my Situation, as Resident with the Travancore Raja, but this being now annulled, I shall hope that, in the event of your granting me permission to continue here, until I have concluded the present arrangements with the Cochin Raja, that you will allow me to retain the Pay and Establishment I was allowed as Resident with the Raja of Travancore.

I have the honor to be most respectfully
&c &c
(Signed) George Powney

Cochin
30th April 1793

Extract of a Letter dated the 19th of February 1793 from —
Messrs Farmer Duncan and Major Dow, Commissioners
&c To Mr George Powney, Resident with the Raja
of Travancore.

Having before us the Reports of Messrs
Page and Boddam our deputed Colleagues to Cochin,
H—

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It is a duty incumbent on us to express to you the sensibility we entertain of the Cordial Co operation and very useful assistance which you appear to have afforded them, not only in respect to the more immediate objects of their deputation, but relative to the still more important points of the accounts and valuations of the other part of the Ceded Countries, which thro your means they have been furnished with from the hands of the persons the most likely from their personal Experience to prove and substantiate them.

A true Extract
Signed George Powney

Resolutions thereon.

Agreed that Mr Powney be permitted to remain at Cochin until the arrangements to be adjusted by him, at the request of the Bombay Commissioners shall have been completed and that during this period he be authorized to draw the pay granted to him as Resident at Travancore

Whatever establishment of Servants &c may be necessary, must be stated by Mr Powney to the Commissioners, who will, if they see proper, give their sanction to it, as no charges of this nature can hereafter be borne by this Government

Read

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Read the following Letter from the

Persian Translator at Bengal

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Fort St George

From Persian Translator to Bengal inclosing -

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose a Letter from the Governor General to the Nawaub of arcot accompanied by Copies in English and Persian

I am &c &c

Calcutta
26th April 1793

[Signed] G F Cherry
Per. Trans.

To the Nawaub of Arcot

Written 26th. April 1793

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Highness's Letter on the 19th and 22d March, the first enclosing Copies of a Letter addressed to his Majesty by your Highness, and of your Correspondence with Sir Charles Oakeley relative to it, and to the Collectors — and the second on the subject of the improper Conduct of the Kawiellagars in the Vicinity of Culiatre &c — and pointing out the remedy which suggesting itself to your Highness, you had Communicated it to Sir Charles Oakeley who

From Governor General to the Nabob - recommending an Enquiry into the Conduct of the Polygars near Vellore previous to adopting the violent Measures proposed -

had

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had referred the Point to my determination.

In disputes amongst Poligars the gross misrepresentation of Facts renders it often so difficult to distinguish the most Culpable, that strong measures should seldom be adopted against any of the Parties, until a deliberate Enquiry has taken place; and frequent Instances have proved that owing to such measures, the Evil, which by an Enquiry into the Circumstances that gave rise to it would in all probability have been Checked, has gained Ground, and has brought discredit on the Government that suggested those remedies. on this Account I am concerned that your Highness should have formed Intentions so Violent of Chastizing the petty Poligars, against whom their neighbours have brought Criminal Charges, and that you were so little inclined to attend to the prudent Advice which was given to you by Sir Charles Oakeley — I have accordingly written to Sir Charles Oakeley in reply to his reference of this subject to me, that even if the Murders, reported by Bomrauze to your Highness have been actually Committed without a Provocation that could in any degree justify or palliate such Outrages, still I shall

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should utterly reprobate the Idea of the general —
Extermination of those People, as proposed by your —
Highness. — and I am clearly of opinion that the —
movement of any Considerable Body of your Highness's
Troops or of Poligars against the People Complained
of, should if possible be avoided

I recommend therefore that your
Highness write in the first Instance order an Enquiry
to be made into the Circumstances of the Complaints,
and endeavor to bring the real Offenders to Justice
by the means of the Troops or Peons that are usually
stationed in Chillor and Chandergherry; and should
it appear that some assistance would be indispensibly
requisite for this purpose from the neighbouring
Poligars, who are under the Company's Management,
I make no doubt, that Sir Charles Oakeley will give
his support to your Highness's demand for a —
reasonable number of Men to be furnished by them,
and I have the more Confidence in the Effect of
these Measures, as your Highness represents that
even the Jaghierdar of Chittoor himself has —
repeatedly been able to punish these Kawallagars,
without having recourse to the severity of total

Extirpation

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Exclamation; which will unquestionably tend to cast reflections on your Highness unbecoming your Dignity and the reputation of the Connection subsisting between you and the Company.—

a true Copy
(Signed) G. F. Cherry
P.S.

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue.

To the Honorable

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

From Board of Revenue enclosing Copy of Colonel Macaulay's Settlement with the Tinnevelly Polygars on account of arrears of Peishcush.—

Honorable Sir,

In compliance with your orders of the 3d. Instant, we have the

Honor

2007

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Honor to transmit you the
Settlement made by Lieutenant Colonel
Maxwell with the Tinnevelly Poligars,
on account of arrears, which we beg
leave to observe is a Copy of the Statement
forwarded to us with your Letter of the
20th February last

We have the Honor to be,
Honorable Sir,
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.

Fort St George
8th May 1793

[Signed] David Haliburton

Chas. N. White

List

2008

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List of Poligars who have received the Company's Cowle and paid their

Pollegars Pollams	Poligars Names	One years Peishcush	Money paid to the Collector	Money paid to Ct Wallace	Three years Peishcush	Sums remitted
		C F C	C F C	C F C	C F C	C F C
Pandalancourchy	Cattoma Naig	11176 - -	13742 - -	19786 - -	33528 - -	
Ettiapporam	Yettealpah Naig	11176 - -	4853 8 -	16675 - -	33528 - -	19000 -
Woolamally	Madanapa Tavan	8128 - -	15335 5 12	9078 4 -	24384 - -	
Nadawa Courchy	Cutala Tavan	1574 8 -	1326 1 -	3398 3 -	4724 4 -	
Talavancottah	Indra Talavan	609 6 -	1828 8 -	- - -	1828 8 -	
Sorundy	Saule Tavan	508 - -	872 3 -	651 7 -	1524 - -	
Coduvaboore	Jody Talavan	1016 - -	536 6 24	2511 3 -	3048 - -	
Singumpully	Nulla Cooly	314 - -	683 4 -	258 6 -	942 - -	
Woorcaud	Chatterayan	304 - -	492 5 -	421 9 -	914 4 -	
Moonoashe	Choca Talavan	1016 - -	1192 - -	1855 5 36	3048 - -	
Elavampunny	andaconda Vanian	6096 - -	3243 - -	15045 - -	18288 - -	
Malamandy	Punja Naig	1016 - -	766 - -	2282 - -	3048 - -	
Cundalgoody	Seremul Naig	1320 8 -	2962 4 -	1000 - -	3962 4 -	
Manarcottah	Chinnum Naig	2540 - -	1750 - 12	5869 9 36	7620 - -	
Pauvally	Avalapah Naig	1168 4 -	973 9 -	2531 3 -	3505 2 -	
Alagapoory	Reddy Cooly Vanian	108 7 -	168 7 -	157 4 -	326 1 -	
Golapully	Gutchalapah naig	1168 5 -	816 - 45	2689 4 3	3505 5 -	
Colarpully	Colangada Gundan	6604 - -	2098 8 -	17713 1 12	19812 - -	
Colatore	anache Naig	1016 - -	438 7 -	2609 3 -	3048 - -	
Chocumpully	Chinnanunjan Tavan	6604 - -	6500 - -	13312 - -	19812 - -	
Attengorry	Pudana Naig	1727 2 -	419 2 -	3035 2 -	5181 6 -	1727 2 -
Naglepore	Capiah Naig	6604 - -	1781 3 30	11727 - -	19812 - -	
Paroore	Tumachee Naig	3332 5 -	5065 - -	1600 - -	9997 5 -	
Sundoore	Goolapah Naig	1930 - -	564 5 24	4226 6 24	5791 2 -	1000 - -
Elmoney	Cora Chinnan Naig	1016 - -	482 1 -	2000 - -	3048 - -	
Avidiapooram	Pooletaven	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
Gullan Gundan	Vanda Tavan	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
Sapadoore	Cama Naig	365 8 -	218 - -	483 - -	1097 - -	365 8 -
Shaloore	Seevanna Tavan	5791 2 -	336 6 -	1246 - -	1703 - -	5791 2 -
Chinalgoody	Polapa Naig	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
	Grand Total	81,232 7 -	69478 - 3	151834 4 27	252361 1 -	20884 2 -

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Arrears of Peshcush for the Fusly years 1199 - 1200 and 1201.—

This Remission made in consequence of his not holding the Villages of Mavelore and Ari[illegible] the Revenue of which was collected by Pandalom[illegible] who would have been called upon for it by Lieut[illegible] Maxwell Had the circumstance been known previous to his receiving his Cowle and Receipt, however he [illegible] subject to the Demand.—

This Remission made in consequence of the Poligar having been plundered and suffered severely at the time of the disputes between Nagelpore and Ramnad.—

This Poligar is found incapable of paying more than two years at present but has passed his Promissary note to pay the third year with his payment for 1202 the 31st of March next.—

In Consideration of a Certificate which this Poligar has from the late Collector Mr. Torin promising a Remission of a part of his Peshcush, Colonel Maxwell has remitted one Thousand Chuckrums.—

The sum of 565 Chuckrums of this Poligars arrears is not paid, but is to be included in his march payment for Fusly 1202.—

He has received a Certificate from Mr. Torin remitting all Demands on him of Peshcush for the above years.—

This Remission made in consequence of Mr. Torins Certificates.—

The reasons for this remission contained in the letter of this date to Government.—

Has made no Settlement but has a claim against him for one Years Peshcush.—

This Poligar has left his Country and no Settlement made respecting it.—

A true Copy

E. (Signed) J. Bannerman Sect[illegible] (Signed) John Read
Dep[illegible] Secy

Ordered

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order thereon

Ordered that a copy of the Statement be
sent to the Nabob

Death of Lieutenant Samuel Briggs at Innacondah.—

The Secretary reports to the Board the
death of Lieutenant and Adjutant Samuel Briggs of the 30th
Battalion of Native Infantry at Innicondah on the 7th Instant.

Read the following letter from the Adjutant General

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary Military Department

Sir,

From adjutant General proposing the promotion of Ensign N.M. Smith and Mr J. Evans, cadet and the appointment of Lieutenant Fireworker Daly to the adjutancy of 2d Battalion of artillery and of Ensign N. Shaw to that of the 30 Battalion.—

I have the honor to signify the following
recommendation from Colonel Boothby in order that it may be
laid before the Honorable the President in Council. Viz.t

Ensign N.M. Smith to be Lieutenant
vice Briggs deceased date of Commission 9th may 1793.

Mr. John Evans Cadet to Ensign vice
Smith promoted date of Rank to be settled hereafter.

The Colonel has further desired to
recommend from him that Lieutenant Fireworker Daly
may be appointed Adjutant of the 2d Battalion of artillery vice
Hayes promoted and that Ensign Wilson may be
nominated to the adjutancy of the 30th N. Battalion vacant
by the death of Lieutenant Briggs.

Fort St George
14th may 1793

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
Signed B. Close
adjt General of the army

The Promotions ordered.

Ordered that the promotions be made.

J.
pro Secy

" Chas Baker

" E. H. Fallofield

2011 Fort S. George 11 May 1793

Diary

15th Received the following Letters

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

Honble Sir,

From Agent for Spirituous Liquors accounting for the delay in settling the Amount of Profits arising to the Commander

I have been honored with Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 1st Instant, enclosing me copy of a Memorial from Lieutenant Emerson, and desiring me to explain the cause of so long a delay in adjusting the Amount of Arrack Money, to which Lieutenant Emerson may be entitled from the period of his Command of the Garrison at Trippasore.—

I beg leave to observe that the cause has already been mentioned in the Letter I have had the Honor to address to you Viz.t the want of the Accounts from Bengal of the Years 1790/91 and 1791/92 — When they did come, they were transmitted to me by the Accountant General; I lost no time in examing and making my Remarks on the same, as set forth in my Letter of the 29th November last — Copy of which you were pleased to transmit to Bengal — and in the reply under date the 1st February they admit the Justness of my

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my remarks, and acknowledge that they had not given this Presidency Credit for the Quantity of Liquor they had shipped to Tellicherry, but would, in the Adjustments of the Year 1792/93.—

I have applied to the Accountant General to know if these Adjustments are Arrived, but he tells me not: this being the case, it is impossible for me to Balance the Books until they come, but every thing is ready for closing, the instant I am furnished with them. The Credit that this Presidency is to take for the error in question, amounts to about Rupees 50,000 — which is a considerable sum.—

From the high Price of the Bengal Arrack, the Extra Charges in consequence of the War, and the very small Sales from the Troops being with-drawn from the Garrisons and Cantonments into the Field, the idea of any profits arising from the Sales to the Commanding Officers is precluded — but as neither the high price of the Arrack or the Extra Charges can be imputed to them, and as you may conceive that they are entitled to a gratuity in proportion to the Sales of former years, —

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when there was no War, and when the Arrack was laid in at a cheaper rate, I will, if required, lay before you Honble Sir a Statement shewing what may, in justice, be set aside for the Commanding Officers during the two years of 1790/91/92.

I have the Honor to be

(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors.

To William Collins Jackson Esq.re
Secretary at
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have to request You will communicate the enclosed Extract of my Letter to the Governor General, of this Date, to your Government, as the Result of your Dispatch to me of the 10th Instant—

From Resident at Poona - respecting Appoo's complaint of Delays in passing Receipts for the Rents - and his proposition in consequence—

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I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) C. W. Malet—

Poona
29th April 1793—

Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona to the Governor General, dated 29th April 1793.—

On the 26th I received a Letter from

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from the Secretary to the Madras Government of the 10th Instant, enclosing Copies of Letters from Tippoo to his Vakeels, complaining of Delays in this Government's granting Receipts on the Payment of the Kists; and of 2000 of Pursaram Bhow's Troops having been engaged with the Rajah of Annagoondy in disturbing the Peace of Tippoo's Country. —

In answer to the first Article, the Minister has assured me that the Receipts have been given; and that any Delay therein must have arisen, first, from the Mourning of the Death of the Peshwa's late Wife, and then from the Business of the ensuing Nuptials. —

I did not think proper to say any thing on the Subject of Tippoo's Proposal to pay the Balance due to the Peshwa's Government at Kistnagheery, 'till furnished with your Lordship's Sentiments on an Offer, the Admissibility of which by your Lordship appears to be doubtful. —

The Second Charge, of Pursaram Bhow's People being joined with those of Annagoondy is positively denied by this Government, with a desire that Tippoo will, without Hesitation, do what he pleases with any People who, abusing the Name of this State, or any of its Members, may commit Disturbances in his Country; and that if he can

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Furnish Proofs of such Acts being done under the Sanction of any Member of this Government, due Notice shall be taken of it, while to a general Charge a general Answer only can be given.—

True Extract
(Signed) J. Uhthoff
Asst. at Poona.—

Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in M. 73 Nos. 111_112_113_114.—

From Commandant at Madura

From Commandant at Madura

the Engineer, Surgeon, and Conductor at that Garrison request House Rent.—

From Secretary to the Military Board

From Secretary to Military Board

with a packet addressed to the Secretary to the Mili=
=tary Board at Bengal.—

From Commandant of 8th Battalion

From Lieutenant Colonel Smith.—

of Artillery with a Memorial of Edward Morton, Gunner, praying to receive the full Amount of his Prison Batta.—

From Chief Engineer

From Chief Engineer requesting an

Encrease of pay to the Maistry artificers, employed in the Ceded Countries.—

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Despatched the undermentioned
Letters Entered in M. 73 Nos. 115_116_117_118_119_
120_121_122_123.—

To Captain Dallas at Hydra=
=bad.—

To Captain Dallas permitting him

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him to visit the Presidency.—

To Hon.ble Basil Cochrane.—

To Honorable Basil Cochrane referring a Claim for Grain, on account of the Captors of Combaconum &c.a and desiring Ex-=planations thereon.—

To Secretary at Bengal.—

To Secretary at Bengal for=-warding a Packet for the Secretary to the Military Board at that Presidency—

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—referring for Investiga=-tion the Vencatagherry Pojah's Complaint against some Sepoys employed in procuring Sheep for Captain Mucati's Battalion—and a letter from that Officer on the Subject.—

To Storekeeper at Dindigul.—

To Storekeeper at Dindigul directing him to entertain again in the Service the Artificers discharged by him—Extract from the Adjutant General's letter on the subject enclosed.—

To Paymaster at Ganjam.—

To Paymaster at Ganjam &c.a requiring other Security in the Room of Mr. Snodgrass.—

To Lieutenant Alexander Macleod.—

To Lieutenant Alexander Macleod permitting him to proceed to Sea for his Health.—

To Military Auditor General.—

To Military Auditor General with Orders to pass his Bill for four Months Subsis-=tence

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Subsistence — and referring for his Opinion, some papers submitted by Mr. Cockburn, as Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies.—

To Chief Engineer— To Chief Engineer desiring an Estimate of the Expence of replacing the Draw Bridge at Egmore.—

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob entered in C. C. No. 101 Received letter from the Nabob has already sent orders prohibiting the Coinage or Currency of the New Trichinopoly Fanam.—

" Received also the following Letter.—

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

From Secretary at Bengal enclosing a Letter from the Persian Translator to Sippoo Vakeel on the subject of the complaint of delays on the part of the Nizam and Mahrattas in passing Receipts for the Kists, in future they will be considered as paid whenever their Receipts by the Officers of those Powers, is reported.—

Sir,

I was favored with your Letter dated the 10th of last Month, enclosing Copies of two Muroshoors received by Sippoo from his Vakeels; and I submitted them to the Governor General in Council, who has directed me to request that you will lay before the Governor in Council at Fort St. George the accompanying Persian Copy and English Translation

of

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of a Letter, which has been written, on the Subject, by his Lordships Orders, to the Vakeel, by the Persian Translator

Fort William
2d May 1793.—

I have the honor to be
Dr Sr Yr
Signed, E. Hay
Secry to Govt

To Golaum Ally Khan and Ally Reza Khan from Mr Cherry.

Written 2d May 1793.—

Lord Cornwallis has been informed by Sir Charles Oakeley that you had represented to him, by Order of Tippoo Sultaun, that the Officers of the Peshwa procrastinate the delivery of the Receipt for the Kist which was paid some Months ago, and that the Kist for the Nizam had been for a long time, on the Frontiers at the place Agreed upon; but that, on the part of his Highness also, a delay was occasioned by his Officers not delivering a Receipt for it; that, in Order to prevent similar delays in future, Tippoo Sultaun was desirous that the Company would receive the Kists of the alliance at Nuttnagheery, and that there

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them the Kists for the Peshwa and the Nizam might be païd to those Powers respectively. He has accordingly directed me to inform you that he is much Concerned at the delays which are represented to have occurred on the part of the Peshwa, which, however, he is ready to attribute to the Inattention of the Subordinate Officers of the Peshwa's Government - and in regard to the payment to the Nizam, he cannot but be Surprized at your representation in this res= =pect, as he had understood that the Receipts under the Nizam's Seal, had been sent, some time ago, to the Frontiers - on the subject of the " payments for the three States being made thro' the Company. His Lordship desires you will recollect the Words of the Treaty in this point, which expresly declare, that the respective Kists shall be paid to the States respectively; and consequently his Lordship approves very much of the reply which Sir Charles Oakeley gave to your request; desirous however that, pursuant to the wish which Tippoo Sultaun has expressed, that there may be no Delay in the full Execu= =tion of the Treaty, and having, on his part, been, at all times, ready to expedite it by his own Speedy and Sincere Adherence to its Conditions,

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His Lordship will instruct Sir Charles Malet and Sir John Kennaway to urge the delivery of receipts on the payment of the Money, and altho' he is confident that there will not be any further delay in this respect, on the part of the Peshwa and the Nizam, yet should any Impediments occur, or should there be any defect, in point of Form, in the Receipts, he will attribute it to the subordinate Officers of those Governments, and will consider the payments made, whenever he Receives Advices from those Gentlemen that the Officers of those States have Received the Money from the Officers of your Government. and he Requests, that Tippoo Sultaun will be pleased to give Intimation to Sir Charles Malet and Sir John Kennaway when the Money arrives near the Borders, and is Ready to proceed.—

His Lordship further directs me to express his Satisfaction at the Orders which Tippoo Sultaun has been pleased to issue Relative to the Passage of the Elephants and Travellers across the Coimbatore Country, and desires that you will assure Tippoo Sultaun that he considers this an Instance of the Cordiality and unanimity which prevails between the Company and the

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Ahmedy Sirkar, which his Lordship will, at all times, be happy to promote, and to give Reciprocal orders for a free Intercourse between the Inhabitants of the two States. —

A true Copy,
(Signed) G. F. Cherry
P. Secretary

17th " Despatched the following Letters. —

To the Most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council
at
Fort William.

My Lord,

1 We have been duly honored with the receipt of your Lordship's Letters dated the 3d December 1792, and the 11th and 24th Ultimo. —

2 In regard to the first of these letters we beg leave to inform your Lordship that it is our wish and intention to adhere as " closely as possible to the plan of the Bengal Sys- -tem of Accounts, and to admit of no deviation " unless the Motives for it be urgent and conclu- -sive. With this view, we transmitted a copy of your Lordship's letter to our Military Auditor General, with instructions to suggest whatever regulations might appear to him necessary

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To Bengal the plan of their System Accounts will be followed on the Coast, as closely as Possible. Orders to the Auditor General on the subject. Explanations required from Mr Dowdeswell on his Statement of the Extra Expences of the War. another preparing by the Auditor General: shall take no part in the Negotiation regarding Karnool.

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in addition to those already established for the departments of Military Paymaster General, Military Storekeeper and Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, upon the principle laid down by your Lordship — and to state his reasons at large, if a deviation therefrom be, in any respect, necessary, making his report sufficiently comprehensive to enable us to reply, in a satisfactory manner, to the observations contained in your Lordship's letter.—

3 We expect to receive the Military Auditor General's report in a few days, when we shall have the honor of addressing your Lordship further on the subject.—

4 The Accountant General is preparing, by our orders, the explanations required by your Lordship on the Statement drawn out by him, and transmitted with our Secretary's letter to Mr. Secretary Hay under date the 16th March last — and directions have been given to the Military Auditor General, agreeably to your Lordship's Desire, to prepare a Statement of the Extra Expences incurred at this Presidency on account of the late War, according to the prescribed form, and to lay it before us on or before the 1st day of July next.—

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5— Whatever may be the Object of the Nizam's Negotiation with Tippoo's Vakeels on the Affairs of Kurnoul, your Lordship may depend upon the strictest observance of that Neutrality which you have been pleased to recommend to us.—

We have the honor to be with respect

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Fort St. George
16th May 1793.— } (Signed) Charles Oakeley
Co.s Council.—

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Army on the Coast.

Sir,

To Colonel Brathwaite
Captain Meuats Reply satisfactory — an Order will be issued — regarding the future price for Ship — Animadversions on Captain Beatsons Conduct — to report what proceeding should be adopted respecting him.——

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 12th and 13th Instant, and to inform you that his Resolution on the subject of your recommendation concerning the March of the 8th Battalion, and the mode of stationing the Troops to the northward will be communicated to you in a few days.——

The President in Council is satisfied with the explanation given by Captain Meuat, relative to the Complaint preferred by the Raja of Venkatagery: but, as the Inhabitants in general complain of being obliged to part

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with their Sheep at what is called the Company's Price, it has been resolved to publish a General order directing, in future, that for such sheep as may be wanted by the different garrisons or by detachments occasionally marching thro' the Country, the Inhabitants be paid a satisfactory price, and that, whenever, from any unforeseen difficulty or distress more Sheep should be wanted than can be had with their free consent, and that it should become absolutely necessary, in consequence, to compel them to part with their Property, it be an invariable Rule to pay for the Sheep required at the rate of a Pagoda for every four Sheep.—

The President in Council has perused Captain Beale's Reply to your Letter, and is concerned to observe that he is by no means satisfied with the reason given by that Officer for being absent from his command without leave—such a Conduct would, at any time, have exposed him to severe censure, but, in the present case, the blame receives great aggravation from the neglect of those precautions which were evidently required to secure the Post from danger during his absence. In delivering over the Command of a Frontier Station to a Native Officer, and retireing himself to a considerable distance, he

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left a hazardous opening to any enterprize that might be meditated against it; and such advantage appears to have been taken of this remissness that the Fort was captured by a disorderly Rabble before the troops appointed for its defence had the smallest Intimation of the design, and a considerable amount in property, public and private, carried away by these Banditti without the smallest molestation.—

The President in Council, "

viewing this disobedience of orders and neglect in a very serious light as it affects the credit and interests of the Service, and involves the Character of a Military Officer of Rank, is desirous of receiving your opinion as to the Proceeding it would be most adviseable to adopt on this occasion, and whether it ought not to comprehend the native Officer in Command of the Post at the time it was captured.—

I am

Fort St George
16th May 1793.—

Sir

Your

(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Secy—

To Francis Light Esquire

Governor of the Prince of Wales's Island

Sir,

We have been favored with

To Governor of Prince of Wales's Island in reply to his dispatch on gaining the Victory and recovery of the

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the French Brigon the Coast of Pedir Lieutenant Lowes in charge of the Sum Repaid by the Governor of Pondicherry. —

your letter dated the 2d. February last, with its respective enclosures. —

In consequence of your recommendation we directed Lieutenant Lowes of the Bombay Marine, to proceed with the French Brig to Pondicherry, and we transmitted to the Governor of that place (Colonel Chermont) copies of all the papers we had received from you, together with the renegade Frenchman, who appeared to have been very principally concerned in the Murder of the Captain and his Mate, and in the act of cutting off the Vessel. —

Colonel Chermont has expressed to us in very handsome terms, his acknowledgements for the measures taken in the recovery of the Vessel, and has reimbursed the expence which had been sustained by the Company. Lieutenant Lowes, who is now on his return to the Islands is in charge of and will deliver to you the Sum received from the Governor of Pondicherry, with the exception only of what may be necessary to defray his expences at this place, which we have authorized him to deduct from the money in his Hands, provided the same do not exceed the Monthly sum of twenty Pagodas, to which

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17th " we have limited the charge —

We have the honor to be

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Ic.a Ic.a
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
Vc.e Council. —

Sent the Undermentioned Letters Entered in M: B: N.os 124 - 125 - 126 - 127. —

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General — with copy of a General Order regarding the Donation to the Army — and desiring a General Statement of the Amount to be paid. —

To Colonel Brathwaite.

To Officer Commanding the Army — Women Grass-cutters may be employed by the Commandants of Cavalry, until men can be procured — his Opinion, thro' the Adjutant General, regarding the Duty and Situation of the Deputy Gram Agents — approved. —

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General notifying the above order regarding Women Grass-cutters — the Artificers lately discharged by Mr. Vaughan, ordered to be again entertained

To Commandant at Trichinopoly. —

To Commandant at Trichinopoly — stating the Substance of the letter from the Nabob — noted herein. —

" Received the undermentioned letters

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Letters entered in No 73 No. 128_129_130_131_132_133

From Commandant at Dindigul

From Commandant at Dindigul — advising of the Services of the Pioneers being completed, and that they will march to the Karamhaul on the 12th Instant.—

From Major Burr — Guntoor Circar

From Commandant in the Guntoor Circar — has received the Board's Orders of the 5th Instant — the detachment nearly ready to march for Timericotah.—

From Secretary to Hospital Board.

From Secretary to the Hospital Board — advising of the Death of Mr. Moore, and proposing that Mr. Ballantyne in his Room.—

From Reverend Mr. Millingchamp.

From Chaplain to the Garrison of Vellore — requesting to draw the usual Gratuity, as well as the Arrears due to him.—

From Paymaster General.—

From Military Paymaster General enclosing his Estimate of Cash for June.

From Commandant at Ongole

From Commandant at Ongole — the Nabob's Amaldar has no other charges to prefer against Juggapak, than those already stated to Mr. Garnier.—

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.

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Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 102 requesting perwanahs for passing the Grain belonging to the Deputy Agents, duty free; Suggestions in case the payment of Duties should be

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18 be required by His Highness —

Ditto — Ditto 19th Sent another letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 103 — in reply to his request to be credited for the Amount of the Peshcush for 1199 — and for a fifth of that for the Years 1200 — and 1201 collected by Colonel Maxwell from the Tinnivelly Polygars: a reference of the latter point will be made to England — his Engagements to Vencata Soobiah noticed — Colonel Maxwell's Settlement for the above years — enclosed. —

" Sent the following letters. —

To David Haliburton Esqr.

&ca Members of the Board of Revenue. —

Gentlemen,

In consequence of the frequent complaints that have been preferred to us regarding the seizure of Sheep from the Inhabitants of the Country, by the orders of Commanding Officers, for the use of the Troops, we have come to the resolution of publishing a General order on the occasion, an extract of which we enclose, for your Information

We transmit copy of a letter from the Rajah of Ramnad, in reply to one written to him by our President, directing him to recall

his

To Board of Revenue with Extract of the General Order, regulating the future price for Sheep — with copy of a letter from the Ramnad Rajah — Orders thereon — the Account of Tinnivelly Peshcush for 1200 and 1201 — before called for to include the Collections from Shevigherry during its Sequestration — the mode of appropriation will be referred to England.

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his Vackeels; and, as it appears that the Vajah is desi=
=rous of continuing this Man at Madras, for the pur=
pose of attending the Nabob's Durbar, and on account
of some commercial Transactions, we shall not ob=
ject to it — but we desire that no official communica=
tion may be had with him on any point in which
the Company may have concern. —

We have sent to the Nabob the
Statement transmitted with your letter of the 8th
Instant; — and, as soon as we receive from you the
account shewing the exact amount of the Peish=
=cush collected from the Tinnevelly Polygars in
the Fusly years 1200 and 1201, with the amount
received by by the Collector from the Shevigherry
Pollam during its requestration, which is not in=
cluded in Lieutenant Colonel Maxwells's State=
ment, we shall refer the mode of appropriation
to the determination of the Court of Directors —
The Collections made on account of Fusly 1199
will stand to the credit of the Nabob in his
Highness's general account with the Company

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We are,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

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To Mr George Powney

at Cochin.

Sir,

Geo
To Mr Powney
may remain at Cochin
as requested, and draw
his Salary of President
his Servants to be char=
=ged to the Bombay
Government.—

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 30th Ultimo, and to inform you that you have his permission to remain at Cochin until the arrangements to be adjusted by you, at the request of the Bombay Commissioners, shall have been completed.— During this period you are authorized to draw the pay granted to you as Resident at Travancore; but whatever establish=ment of Servants &c. may be necessary, must be stated to the Commissioners, who will, if they see proper, give their sanction to it, as Charges of this nature must, henceforward, be borne by the Bombay Government.

I am,
&c. &c.

Fort St. George
17th May 1793.—

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secry

To Jonathan Duncan Esqre

To Commissioners on
the Malabar Coast
advising of the
foregoing.—

&c. Commissioners for inspecting and settling the Countries
ceded by Tippoo Sultaun and Subordinate to the Presidency
of Bombay— at Calicut.—

Gentlemen,

At the recommendation of the Governor
General

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19th General in Council, we, some time ago, sent directions to Mr. George Powney to return to this Presidency his Services being no longer required as Resident at Travancore — But Mr. Powney having informed us, of your request to him to remain on the Malabar Coast until the necessary arrangements have been made with the Rajah of Cochin, we have consented thereto, and authorized him to draw his former salary until his Services can be dispensed with.—

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We are

Vca Vca

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
Vca Council

" Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in MB. Nos. 134-135-136-137.—

To Secretary at Bengal

To Secretary at Bengal — with Copy of the latest Intelligence from Mysore.—

To Military Auditor General.—

To Military Auditor General — referring the Paymaster General's Estimate of Cash for June.—

To Military Board

To Military Board — the consideration of their plan for providing for the Native Invalids — postponed — as also any orders for the Masulipatam Repairs — those required at Vellore to be

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made.

To Lieutenant John Munro of the Infantry

To Lieutenant John Munro in reply to his last representation regarding the Puckallies asserted to have been paid by Mr. Vaughan.—

" Received the following Letters.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Fort St. George.—

Sir

From Resident at Hydrabad—enclosing papers regarding Mons:r Marigny—who, it appears, is not in the Nizam's Service.—

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Ultimo, enclosing a Copy of the proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held on Monsieur Marigny, which I immediately forwarded to the Durbar, stating the great impropriety of Marigny's conduct, and my hope that he would meet with the punishment such conduct deserved. I herewith enclose a copy of Meer Allum the Durbar Vakeel's reply to the above address with the letters from Monsieur Raymond to him and to myself referred to in it.— As it appears from these that Monsieur Marigny is not in the Nizam's Service, I apprehend it rests with the Board to dispose of him as they may think proper.

I have the honor to be

&ca &ca

(Signed) John Kennaway

Hydrabad
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P.S. I beg to point out to the Board's attention that Major Roberts's Detachment serving with the Nizam, and the Detachment of Troops at Hyderabad under the Command of Lieutenant Nuthall, are on a different footing from each other in regard to Rice, whereas being from the same Establishment consistency I conceive requires they should be on one and the same.—

Translate of a letter from Meer Allum to Sir Johan Hennaway— received 5th May 1793.—

I have received your satisfactory letter enclosing the papers forwarded by the Government of Madras on the subject of the improper conduct of Monsieur Marigny, and immediately informed the Nabob Azemul Omrah of the contents, who desired me to make particular enquiry of Azdur w.h Dowlah (Monsieur Raymond) on the subject. Accordingly, in obedience to the Nabob's orders, having made strict enquiry of Monsieur Raymond, he sent me a written account of the business, and a letter to your address, from which you will learn his disavowal of any concern in the Matter. Monsieur Raymond's letter to me is also enclosed for your perusal.—

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Translate of a letter from Monsieur Raymond to Meer Allum referred to in the foregoing.—

I have learnt from the Verbal report of Rai Mohunt Ram the particulars you desired him to state to me; the case is this, Mons.r Sharigny is not a Servant of the Sircar, but an inhabitant of Madras; above two months ago he wrote me that there were fifty or Sixty Europe= =ans / Germans / whose time of Service in the English Sircar was nearly expired, and that if I desired him he would send them to me— In reply I wrote him that he should first inform me there would no sort of obstacle or hindrance at that place and that I would then procure a Pass= =port thro' Sir John Kennaway and send it to him; further I know nothing of his transactions.— Of the European Deserters of the 2.d April, answering to the 23.d of Shaban, none have reached me; but I understand ten Europeans are arrived at the Gaut of Warapilly; if they come to me I shall immediately send them to Sir John Kennaway, in the same manner as I formerly sent two, who arrived here, to that Gentleman. If you send a Guard to Warapilly there is no doubt but notice may be had of the Europeans: What more shall I

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I represent! — I have also written the particulars of this business in French to Sir John Kennaway.

True Translates
(Signed) Wm Stewart
Assistant

To Sir John Kennaway Bart.
Resident &c.a
&c.

Sir,

I have this day been informed by the Nabob Meer Allum of certain circumstances which have happened at Madras regarding Mr. De Marigny — After all my Endeavors to merit the Regard of Government, and particularly of you, how deeply should I be afflicted if the Fairness of my Conduct to Government were in the least Degree suspected. —

Scarcely three Months are now elapsed, since Mr. De Marigny, who has not any the smallest Connection with this Government, advised me of some Hanoverians who were at Madras, and whose time of Service would expire in March, and who, rather than apply to other Powers for Employment would proceed to Hydrabad on Promise of being entertained by the Sirkar; he likewise added that on receiving my Answer he would obtain the leave of Government

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Government— In consequence I wrote him when the Men were discharged, and the necessary Passport was obtained, he might send them— but upon the express condition that all these Precau=
=tions were first taken— I now clearly perceive where Mr. Le Marigny has abused my Name, and where he has been deceived by those he em=
=ployed in this Affair— The positive Orders I have given to my People who have resided at Madras for 4 Months, and their Conduct will clearly evince my Innocence— not one Man has arrived at Hydrabad, but I am informed that an European reached the Gaut of Vera=
=pilly, but, for want of Food, could proceed no farther— if they were here I should gladly have obeyed your Orders, respecting them, but they have taken up their Abode with one Man=
=uel residing at Verapilly— if hereafter they come to me, implicitly will I obey all your Com=
=mands.—

You cannot Sir conceive how deeply my Feelings are wounded by this unfortunate Affair which may give cause to suspect my Integrity, ever having sacrificed my Interest to my Honor, nothing shall be left undone to convince you of the Sentiments of Regard, Esteem, and Attachment with which I am Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) Raymond

Bedar
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(A true Copy)
(Sig.d) Wm Stewart Asstt.

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To Wm. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir,

From Commandant at Tachinore reporting the Irregularities of the Polygars - the general cause thereof sentiments regarding the present Disposition of the Troops in the Tinnivelly Province

I have the honor to acknowledge Your Letter of the 3d Instant, acquainting me that the Honble the President in Council desires to be inform'd "whether any excesses have been committed by the Polygars, and of what nature, within my observation; and whether the present disposition of the Troops answers the purpose of affording that general Protection which it is meant to give to the Inhabitants of the District."

It is most certain that the Polygars commit many Irregularities, that they plunder the [illegible] poor Circar Inhabitants, in their Neighbourhood, of Grain and Cattle - That they [illegible] severe Punishments on them to make [illegible] pay their Cowle in advance.-

Several Complaints of the above [illegible] have come before me, which I did not take [illegible] to investigate, nor did I report them to [illegible] apprehending that it might be deem'd an improper interference, as I have had no Authority given me to inquire into or redress such Complaints. I receiv'd no particular instructions when my Regiment was order'd to this Station, and suppos'd it was meant to be in readiness to

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quell any Polygar who might prove refractary;
When Colonel Maxwell left this
Country, he posted two Companies of the 7th
Battalion to the Eastward, and one to the West=
=ward, in very good Situations to keep the Polygars
in Check; but I know not what orders the Officers
Commanding the Companies received respecting
the Protection of the Inhabitants, as the 7th Batta
lion is not put under my Command, and I do
not receive Reports from these Officers: but I
am inclin'd to think that they were posted in
those Situations as most convenient to give
assistance to the Collector.—

The 7th Battalion is posted at
Koitar, a Centrical Situation, and not far
distant from the principal Eastern and Western
Polygars.—

The 3d Regiment is posted at
Tachinore in the Neighbourhood of Tinnevelly
for the benefit of Water and Supplies, and could
move at a short Notice to any part of the Dis=
=trict that their services are requir'd.—

These Corps are at present under
the Orders of their respective Commandants, and
neither of them, I believe, have receiv'd any
particular orders from Government or the Com=
=mander in Chief respecting the protection
of the Circar Inhabitants, or respecting their
Conduct, if the Polygars sho'd become
disobedient

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disobedient or Refractory ——

In respect to the latter part of the Information requir'd by the Hon'ble the Presidention Council, I think the Companies station'd by Colonel Maxwell, and Captain Dighton's Corps at Sheve-=apatore are well situated for the protection of the Inhabitants but would be render'd more Effective if a Troop of Cavalry was posted for a few Months, at Shivelpenry to the Eastward, and Shirmandavy to the Westward; occa-=sionally mov'd about the Neighbourhood of those Polygars, who shew'd any Inclination to be troublesome; but what appears most necessary for the protection of the Inhabitants, or in case of any sudden defection of the Polygars as well as to prevent Vexatious Complaints being brought before Government, is, that the Troops in the District intended for the above purposes, and not making a part of the Garrison of Palamcotah, should be under one Command. That the Nabob's Manager, who seems to be a Man of strict Justice, and not inclin'd to make frivolous Complaints, should have instructions to apply to the Commanding Officer for protection and redress if the Inhabitants should be In-=jur'd by the Polygars: and that the Collector should have Instructions to Act

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in Concert with the Commanding Officer for the general good of the District.—

I hope the Honble the President in Council will pardon me if I have not pointedly confin'd myself to the Information he requir'd. I have long intended addressing the Board on this subject, and gladly embrace this opportu=nity — as I should be under some Embarass=ment if called on by the Collector to enforce the payment of the Polygar Tribute; having no Instructions on that Head, tho' my Duty would assuredly lead me to act right, according to the best of my Judgement.—

The Payment of the Cowle, an inconsiderable allowance from the Circar Vil=lages to the Polygars, for protection, is the general pretence that the Polygars have for plun=dering and ill treating the Circar Inhabitants— If that cause of oppression could be remov'd it would be the means of confining the Poly=gars to their own Land; having no offensible reason left for making encroachments, and might be stow happiness and security on a number of poor Families who have never yet experienc'd it — This belongs more properly to the Department of the Collector: but, being call'd on to report the Irregularities of the Poligars, I think it my Duty to point out the cause that many of them

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Them proceed from

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servt.
(Signed) J. Stevenson Maj.r
Comm.g 3 Reg.t Cavalry.—

Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in M.B No.s 138 139 140
141 142 143 —

From Mr. Secy. Chief Engineer.

From Paymaster at Vellore.

From Commandant at Kistnagherry.

From Ditto at Arcot.

From Ditto at Attoor.

From Chief Engineer.

From Ditto at Palamcotah.

From Paymaster at Vellore.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.

From Paymaster at Kistnagherry — Treasure leaves that place for Madras — under Charge of Lieutenant Godfrey. —

From Commandant at Ditto — with similar advice. —

From Ditto — at Attoor requests a prolongation of his leave. —

From Chief Engineer — enclosing the Estimate for replacing the Draw-Bridge at Egmore. —

From Ditto — at Palamcotah — stating the want of a few Guard Sheds and Sentry Boxes, in that Garrison. —

From Paymaster at Vellore — enclosing an Account Sale of the Horses lately cast at Arcot. —

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Sent Letter to the Nabob — entered in C.C. No. 104 in reply to his Highness's Remarks and Objections, to the Enquiry conducted by

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by Mr Gambier unto the Complaints against Jug=

=gapah.—

21 Received the following letters.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Honble Basil Cochrane on the subject of the Claim preferred on the part of the Captors of Combaconam on account of Grain.—

I have been honored with Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter dated the 15th Instant, trans=mitting me Copies of Papers received from Messrs Chase Sewell and Chase, and desiring that, in re=porting my Opinion on the Claim preferred on the part of the Captors of Cumbeconum, I would explain for your information the Circumstances connected therewith, also the apparent cause of the demand having been so long withheld.—

The Grain received by me from the Agents to the Captors of Cumbeconum (viz.) was in consequence of Orders from the Commanding Offi=cers in Camp, Viz.t Colonel Brathwaite and Colonel Nixon, and the same was again issued to the Troops by me—for which they settled with the Paymaster— It was valued by me at the Bazar price, in like manner as was done with the Grain I received from the late Rajah of Tanjore.—

The cause of the Agents not ap=plying for payment before, was, I believe, owing to

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to their understanding that my Accounts, in which their Claim was duly entered, had not been finally Audited and passed, owing to the Mistake, as taken Notice in my address to your Honble Board under date the 28.th March 1792, in consequence of which you were pleased to cause the balance of the advances made by me to be paid me — The Agents ought then to have made their application for payment, which I conceive is perfectly regular and just, and their neglecting to do it can only be imputed to their want of information that my Accounts had been adjusted and passed —

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I have the Honor to be
Hon.ble Sir
(Signed) Basil Cochrane

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation,
Dated 27.th May 1793 —

Mr. Cockburn's Salary as Principal Agent for Draft and Carriage Cattle discontinued. —

Mr. Cockburn was appointed by Lord Cornwallis Principal Agent for the Provision of Draft and Carriage Cattle in the Carnatic, during the latter part of the War, and for this duty he was allowed 600 Pagodas ₱ Mensem; as Mr. Cockburn however has had great trouble since the War, in arranging the various accounts of his Office, and adjusting a great number of intricate Claims connected

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with the Bullock and Grain Department; the Board have acquiesced in his drawing the above allowance to the present time; but, the accounts being nearly brought up, it is agreed that the Salary be discontinued from this Date.—

(A true Extract)

[Signed] J. Webbe

Deputy Secretary

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Resident at Poona, intends a visit to Bombay—encloses the Court's Reply to Yeshwunt Rao's Complaint against the Anangoondy Zemindar—Cause of Delay in passing Receipts for the Lists.

Intending shortly to proceed, for a few Days, to Bombay, this serves purposely to acquaint you, that my Assistant, Mr. Ukthoff, will be instructed to communicate whatever may be requisite for your Information during my Absence, and to pay every Attention to such Commands as You may think proper to honor Him with.—

The Disputes that have long subsisted between Mhadjee Sindia and Tookojee Holcar in the North of India seem approaching to a Crisis, the Decision of which will necessarily have a great Influence on the Politics of this State.—

Purseram Bhow, who has

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been long attending on the Durbar, took his leave of the Peshwa Yesterday, to return to his Jaghcer on the Southern Frontier.—

I have the Honor to enclose Copy of this Court's written Answer to the Points of Complaint urged by Tippoo as forwarded to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 10th Ultimo.

I have the honor to be

Poona
3d May 1793.

Yca Yca

(Signed) E. W. Malet.

Copy

Salam.— You must enquire into the affair of the Annagoondy Zemindar and the affair of the receipt of money from Tippoo— to this— The Annagoondy Zemindar has not the protection of the Sircar; and the people of Rajah Sree— Perseram Punt Bhow were not with him— He has probably spoken for the purpose of preserving his life: if any advantage result from it, his ability will be known, and you cannot act accordingly. If any of the Sircars, people be (with him) the rolls of Perseram Bhow's Sircar will also be with him: upon inspecting them, it will be known. Eight or fifteen days more have become necessary to give the receipts: the reason is— there has been great sorrow

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in the Sircar. afterwards Sreemunts marriage took place. on this account the Delay has happened

A true translation
Signed. J. Webbe
Mar.h Transl.r

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To W. C. Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir,

From Commandant at Tachinore Citabar Cawn professes various Complaints of the Inhabitants, to be redressed by him—requests instructions on the occasion

The Nabobs Manager, Citabar Cawn paid me a Visit this Morning, to Explain the purport of a Letter which he received from the Nabob, Yesterday; and the Translation of a Letter which the Nabob had receivd from the Honble the President in Council, by which Letters I understand that it is the pleasure of Sir Charles Oakeley, that I should employ the Troops under my Command to protect the Inhabitants from the Depredation of the Polygars, and that the Nabob has orderd his Manager to bring the Complaints of the Inhabitants before me, to be redressed if the nature of the Complaint admitted of it; otherwise to be referrd by me to the Honorable the President in Council. After Explaining the Letters: the Nabobs Manager proposd laying before me many Complaints

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that have been made by the Inhabitants prior to this day, which I declin'd attending to till I am hon=ord with the President in Councils' Instructions, and know how far I am Authoriz'd to listen to Complaints of an old Date; at the same time aſsur'd him of my readiness to afford every pro=tection to the Inhabitants within my Compass and to prevent any future Irregularities being com=mitted by the Polygars.—

In Consequence of the above letters I shall use the most moderate means to perevail on the Polygars to desist from their Irregular practices and to redress any recent Complaints that may come before me: but shall carefully avoid employing Force till properly Authoriz'd, and shall then be very cautious that it be Ef=fectually Employ'd.—

The Pundalamoor by Polygar to the Eastward, and the Shivagerry to the West=ward, are most troublesome, and I think it would be serviceable to post two Troops of Cavalry in the Neighbourhood of those Places, as their Districts are open and free from Jungle, and as Cavalry are more Capable of active Service than Infantry, it would be the most likely means of keeping them in order and preventing future Complaints.

I beg leave to observe that many trifling Complaints, are made to

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appear of great magnitude when they arrive at Madras, that might be immediately settled on a civil representation to the Polygar; and that the Polygars have sometimes just Cause of Com=plaint against the Circar People in Authority; such as Hamildars and Monegars. I beg the favor of you to communicate the purport of this Letter to the Honble the President in Council and to assure him that I shall make it my Duty to give protection to all the Inhabitants of the District, and to prevent, as far as my Sit=uation and Instructions will allow, any frivo=lous Complaints being handed to him. At the same time that I shall avoid all interfer=ence that is not of absolute Necessity 'till hon=or'd with his farther Instructions.—

I have the honor to &c &c

Signed. J. Stevenson Majr Cav.y

Cantonments at Tachinore May 17th 1793

Received the undermentioned Letters, Entered in M.B. Nos 144 145 146.—

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.— reports the Amount Sales of Grain in November last at Tanjore, and the orders given, in consequence, to the Store=keeper there.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

From Military Board of Opinion

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Opinion one More Establishment at Gangam and Vizagapatam sufficient - and that those at the Out Stations should be withdrawn.-

From Adjutant General

From Adjutant General — Captain Maxwell of the Dragoons, requests leave to go to Sea for his health - Captain Wahab's letter regarding fifteen French Soldiers, who had gone off to Tippoo Enclosed —

To Military Board.—

Sent Letter to Military Board — Entered in M.B. No. 147 - desiring a report of the quantity and Value of the Stores and Grain in Pimericotah, when taken, and the Remains when it was evacuated.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield Esquire

Tuesday 25th May 1793

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following letter from Bengal

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

From Bengal Authorizing

Honble Sir,

Fort St. George

We have received your Letter dated

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Authorizing the Board to punish the Misconduct of Vizie-ramauggy by whatever measures they may think necessary.—

dated the 16th Ultimo, and are much concerned to find that the folly and Misconduct of Vizeauram Rauze has afforded you fresh cause of Complaint.

From the Papers which you have transmitted to us we see no Ground to hope for any Amendment in the Behaviour of the Zemindar, and we therefore authorize you to take such Measures as may appear to you to be necessary, for bringing him to a proper Sense of his duty, and for procuring ample justice to the Company.—

We have the honor to be

Fort William
2d May 1793.—

&c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis
" Peter Speke.
" Wm. Cowper
" Thos. Graham

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue.—

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

Honble Sir,

From Board of Revenue enclosing a letter from Vizagapatam representing the very critical state of the Vizianagram Zemindary from the oppressive demands of Sitteram Rauze on the Head Rents. his removal to Madras again recommended.—

We lose no time in laying before you a Letter just received from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam, representing that, in consequence of unusual and oppressive exactions of Sitteram Rauze, the Country is already thrown into great confusion, and that

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more serious disturbances must ensue without a decided and immediate check and an entire change of System. When we addressed you under date the 13th Ultimo on the subject We had strong reasons to think that his Brother intended to employ him as an instrument of Oppression and to raise a large sum of money by impositions and unjust demands upon the Inhabitants, which induced us to recommend the Removal of Sitteram Vauze. Being now more confirmed in our suspicions, and as it must appear from the Representation of the Chief and Council, that Sitteram Vauze should be deprived of his authority, with the least possible delay. We beg leave to repeat our Recommendation that he be required immediately to proceed to the Presidency or to some other place where he will have it less in his power to occasion disturbances, and where he may reside upon an Allowance to be provided by Government, until the State of the Country will admit of his returning without danger to it's tranquility.—

Mr. Haliburton has suggested that Benares might be a very proper situation for Sitteram Vauze to be sent to where he may remain under the eye of the Company's Resident.—

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

(Signed) David Haliburton
Chas. N. White.—

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

Gentlemen,

We had the Honor of receiving on the 25th Ultimo, your Letter dated the 18th giving cover to a letter from Government on the subject of the arrears due from the Rajah Vizianam Rauze &c. &c. &c.

In conformity to the Instructions contained in the letter from Government abovementioned, Our Chief addressed the Rajah, under date the 26th Ultimo, and made the Requisitions Specified; at the same time warning the Rajah with the Consequences that would inevitably attend his Refusing to Requiesce in what was Required from him.—

While the business was agitating, Our Chief heard, that in consequence of unusual Exactions made by Sitteram Rauze upon the Hill People, the latter were proceeding to Revolt, and that a System of Plunder and Rapine would soon commence, which prove highly detrimental to the Country, unless it Received a timely Check, by Relieving the Hill People from the Shaury, and unjust Demands of Sitteram Rauze.—

That this Matter might not be brought forward too suddenly, the Rajah Vizianam Rauze, in a Letter dated the 3d Ultimo (probably written by Sittaram Rauze) had Represented to

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Their Chief that for these two Years past, there had been troubles upon the Hills of Padaty, and that as many of his Sepoys were dead, he requested four Company's of Sepoys should be sent to Padaty, to put a stop to the disturbances; and further desired a Supply of Tents for his own Sepoys; In Answer to this Application, the Chief, after advising the Rajah to attend to the Affairs of his Government, more particularly than he believed he was in the practice of doing, Acquainted him, that he (the Chief) would make enquiry into the cause of the Troubles which had arisen, and that, in the mean time, he requested the Rajah would inform him what was the Amount of his Claims upon the Hill People, and how long they had been due.—

No answer was given either to this Letter, or to the Chief letter of the 26th Ultimo. It became therefore necessary to address the Rajah again, and a Letter was accordingly sent dated the 2d Inst.; but, to this time, no Reply has been received to either of the three Letters.—

While the Affairs of the Zemindary are thus advancing to a very critical State, We learn that Sitteram Rauze Maintains his Ground with the Rajah, over whom he is said now to have established entire Dominion; and that every thing, by Consequence, is left to his Management. He avails himself of this Power in persisting to force the Hill People to a Compliance

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with his Demands, by which the Country is already thrown into great confusion, and is not likely to be relieved from it, but by an immediate, and entire Change of System.—

We request you will be pleased to lay this Representation of the State of affairs before Government, and Obtain for us their instructions for our future Conduct.—

We are

Sir &c.a

Vizagapatam 8th May 1793.

signed, John Chanier
John Snow

A true Copy,
Signed, John Read
Dep.t Secr.y

Proceedings of the Board in consequence.—

The Board having taken into Consideration the Letters from the Board of Revenue dated the 13th Ultimo and 13th Instant, together with the Correspondence of the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, and particularly the last letter from thence of the 2d instant, and seeing no reason whatever to hope that Viziaram Rauze will profit by the admonitions which have been given him, or that any security, either for the balance which has accrued, or for the growing demands of the Company, will be provided by the Councils in Conduct of his Brother Sittaram Pauze, whom he has received again into his Service, are of opinion, as the only alternative left,

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left, that the Zemindary should be sequestered, and held by the Company until their demands upon it are fully discharged.—

Resolved that this measure be accordingly adopted, and carried into execution with as much dispatch as circumstances will permit—That Colonel Braithwaite be desired to give his opinion with regard to the force that may be necessary to support it—and that the President do communicate the intention of Government, by a letter, to the Zemindar, recommending his acquiescence, and promising, in that case, an adequate allowance for his support, with permission to reside wherever he may think proper (excepting at Vizianagrum, or any other place within the Zemindary) but observing, at the same time, that all claims to Indulgence will be forfeited by the least resistence to the measure that has been resolved upon.—

Agreed further to intimate to them that, altho' the Board entirely disapprove of his having entrusted the management of his concerns to Sittaram Raze, and have abundant cause to be dissatisfied with the conduct of Sittaram Raze himself yet, that an Allowance will also be made for his Support, in the condition of his residing at Madras, or any other place that may be approved by Government.—

Resolved that the purport of these resolutions, with the proposed letter to Vizianum Raze, be sent to the Board of Revenue, and that they be directed to transmit correspondent instructions to the

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Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, leaving it to their discretion to forward the letter to Veziaram Rauze immediately, if they see reasonable cause to expect his submission to the will of Government; or, otherwise, to detain it, until a sufficient force can be assembled to carry these resolutions into Effect.—

In consequence of the Sentiments expressed in the letter from the Board of Revenue of the 13th Ultimo, relative to Juggarow, it is resolved to direct them to send such orders to the Chief and Council respecting him, as shall, in their Judgement, appear expedient.—

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Honble Sir,

From Board of Revenue
Mr Strange reports the discovery of some Idols buried underground in the Maniargody District—recommend that they be restored to the Inhabitants—propose that the Sumsdar Messrs. Crawford and Gambier be paid from the Amount of the balance of Cash at Angole and Palnaud, remitted to the Paymaster General.—

We have the honor to lay before you a Report from the Collector in the Eastern Division of Tanjore, relative to a discovery of several Idols buried under ground—and we beg leave to recommend they be restored to the Inhabitants, in the manner proposed by Mr Strange.—

Under dates the 25th March and 28th Ultimo, you were pleased to authorize the payment of Pagodas 627–12–16. to Messrs. D. Crawford and C. Gambier on account of Charges extraordinary incurred

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incurred by them in their late Employ at Ongole but the Balance of Cash in the Palmaud and Ongole Treasury having been previously transferred to the Paymaster at that Station, and having received a Bill on the Paymaster General for the Amount, it is herewith Enclosed, and we request you will be pleased to give directions to the Paymaster General to pay into the (Assumed) Revenue Treasury the above mentioned Sum, and to carry the Residue to account.—

We have the Honor to be

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Fort St. George
13th May 1793.—

Signed, David Haliburton
" G. N. White.—

To David Haliburton Esqr.
Acting President and the Members of
Assumed Revenue
at Fort St. George.—

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to inform you that on the 26th Ultimo a Report was made to me from the Pattakum of Skagarrayapuram in the Manargoody Soubah, that the Inhabitants of the Village in opening a Piece of Ground (wherein they proposed depositing a Stone of Grain) in the Progress of their Work, broke through some Brick Work under Ground, and struck their Mamoties on some Metallic Substance — and that, hereupon, they suspended their Labour, and immediately acquainted the Curelgar of the Village with the Circumstance; who

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who, in consequence, gave orders to fill up the Ground, and, having done so, he posted a Guard for the protection of whatsoever might be there deposited. The Report also stated that there were traditions in that part of the Country which Mentioned the former Existence of a Pagoda in that Neighbourhood, but in what Spot was not known.—

As there is no doubt but that immense Riches are buried in this Country, I therefore judged it proper to ascertain what was here deposited with as little Delay as possible, and I thought it not inconsistent with my Duty to report to the Rajah the Information I had received; and that, as it was my purpose to examine the Spot, I therefore wished him to direct one or two of his Servants to attend on the Occasion. On the part of Government I sent my Assistant, Mr. Grant, and two of the Head Servants of this Cutcherry.—

Mr. Grant returned Yesterday, and reported to Me that, having directed the Excavation of the Spot to be made to a great Extent, as well in Circumference as in Depth, all that was found was five Idols of different Bulk which had been deposited within a small Circular Work of Brick and Chunam seemingly built for the purpose, but that, after the most Strict Examination of the Ground, nothing whatever besides was found. Mr. Grant further Assures me that, from the appearance of the Ground when he arrived there, it

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it did not seem to him that the Inhabitants had un-
duly availed themselves of the Discovery, by having
Clandestinely removed any thing from the Spot.—

These Idols are (as is generally the
Custom) made of Panam Metal and may possibly
be worth from Eight hundred to a Thousand Chuck.s;
but this is a rude Estimate of them, and taken only
from the Report of by Standers from their Con-
-jectured Weight of them.—

You may be assured that I have
been strongly Solicited by the Inhabitants to restor
to them these Idols; but this I have refused to do
until I shall have obtained your previous Con-
sent, which I have told them they may reason-
-ably expect from the well known love of Justice
of that Government, which for two Years past
has secured both Rich and Poor in all their
Just Rights.— If these Idols are restored to them
by the hands of His Excellency the Rajah, it would
Naturally add to the Gratitude towards you which
they will feel on the occasion.—

Whatever you are pleased to direct,
I shall implicitly obey.—

I have the honor to be,
&c.a &c.a
Sign.d Sa.l Strange

Tanjore
2.d May 1793.—

A true Copy,
John Read
Dep.y Secr.y

Resolved

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Minutes thereon.—

Resolved that the Idols discovered in the Western Division of the Tanjore Country be disposed of in the way recommended by Mr Strange

Agreed that the Military Paymaster General be directed to pay into the Assigned Revenue Treasury the Sum of Pagodas 627 ″ 12 ″ 16 C, taking a Receipt for the same, and giving credit for the amount of the Bills in favor of the Assigned Revenue

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite.—

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

Honble Sir

From Colonel Brathwaite suggesting a Mode of occupying the inferior Forts in the Ceded Districts, requests a Decision on certain Points, previous to drafting the Order for the disposition of the Native Troops in those Countries—submits an Estimate for augmenting the Artillery, and urging the new Battalions; his own opinion on the Climate of Arnee—shall procure those of others requests Captain Read may report on the fortifications of Trichinopoly.—

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 8th instant, informing me that you had received my Letter of the 29th Ultimo, with the transcript of one I had had the honor to lay before the Most Noble Marquis Cornwallis under date the 26th Ultimo, reporting my opinion relative to the Baramahal and Salem Countries, in consequence of the tour I had, with your permission and approbation, made purposely to enable me to make such report: also enclosing a Copy of a Letter addressed to you by the Supreme Government, stating, that the reasons offered in your Honor's Minute for retaining sundry Forts on an inferior establishment, had been approved by the Supreme Government, as well

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well as my distribution of the Force in the Barama-
hal and Salem Countries, and my proposed aug-
=mentation of the Artillery, and holding out per-
=mission to augment the Native Force on the Coast
by the addition of two Battalions, if you judged
such augmentation necessary, and recommending
it to you to make particular enquiry concerning
the healthiness or unhealthiness of Arnee, &c. &c.
the whole of which is communicated to me for my
information and guidance. And Mr. Jackson in-
=forms me, that, as the resolution for keeping the
Ports has been approved, the only matter remaining
for consideration is the manner in which they are
to be occupied; and my opinion is called for relative
to the necessity of an augmentation of the Native
Forces, and I am directed to submit to the President
in Council the draft of an Order to be published
on the occasion; which may include the disposition
of the Native Troops proposed by me, and all points
connected therewith; and if my opinion goes to the
augmentation of the Native Force, to lay before
Government a plan of the mode I would recom-
=mend for levying and forming this additional
Force; and for the best information I can obtain,
relative to the healthiness or unhealthiness of
Arnee, and the adjacent Country —

I am not at liberty to suppose,
that the Report which I had the honor to trans-
=mit to the Commander in Chief in India;
and to communicate to you, posterior to your

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having passed the resolution relative to the Forts in the Western Frontier which has been approved by the Supreme Government, can occasion any farther deliberation on the important subject of these Forts, which, from local observation, I have been led to believe it will be dangerous to leave standing, and for which opinion I have stated my rea-sons, and as I could not deliver in my report pre-vious to your thinking it necessary finally to resolve, I must now consider it as a measure determined that the eight Forts you have judged it proper to keep up on an inferior establishment are to be kept up, and, accordingly, confine myself to how they are to be occupied.-

As you have done me the honor partly to acquiesce in what I already proposed on this subject, namely, the stationing in each a trusty Native Officer as Commandant, and an Havildar and twelve, or a Naigue and six effective Sepoys, I have only to remind you, that my idea of the Garrisons necessary for these Forts included also some Matchlock Peons, and I still think such an addition necessary to render the small effective Garrisons somewhat effectual, by accelerating the communication between one Post and another, and by bringing the necessaries of life to each little Fort without diverting the attention of the effective Sepoys from those duties which cannot be neglected, because, if it is necessary to employ any of the small number of Effectives proposed, I fear that

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that, after deducting for sickness, and these necessary
absences, these Forts will be very insecure indeed; I
therefore propose that four or six such Peons, be
attached to each of such Garrisons, and that it should
be left to Captain Read to determine which number,
as also which places require an Havildar and twelve,
and which requires no more than a Naique and six
Sepoys; and here I must observe, that I am not
regularly led, from any thing you have now done
me the honor to communicate to me, to wish to encrease
the number of Sepoys to be allotted to any of the
eight Ports under this description named in Mr.
Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 27th. March 1793,
on the supposition that two more Native Battalions
may be raised, because it does not appear to me, from
any thing now communicated, that such an aug-
mentation, should it take place, will, any way,
operate to the augmentation of the force, decidedly
fixed on for the Baramahal and Salem Countries,
that detail remains unaltered, such as I at first
proposed it to be for the security of a specific
and detailed number of Forts.—

The Force I proposed was two
Detachments of Artillery specified, the four Na-
tive Battalions now in those Countries, and five
Native Companies, to be drawn from Tiagar and
of those, one entire Battalion was to be stationed
at Vellore, and it so falls out, that the ad-
ditional Garrisons can only with propriety be pro-
-vided

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provided for by drawing from Kistnagerry, unless you are pleased to adopt my latest proposal on this subject, namely, to appropriate one entire Battalion, under a younger Captain than Captain Read, for the duties in those Countries, in preference to the withdrawing five Companies from Tiagar, on which prosal you have been silent.—

In the original detail proposed by me, and which has been approved by the Supreme Government, I made no provision for the small Garrisons subsequently determined by you to be necessary; and it may not have occurred to you how much they will weaken Kistnagerry; and I think it will be clear to you, on reflection, that if my original detail for the Baramahal and Salem Countries is adhered to, the augmentation of our general Force, by the addition of two Battalions, can in no way operate to enable me to provide for these smaller Garrisons otherwise than I must have done if no such Battalion had been raised; I therefore request your sentiments to this point, to enable me to submit to you, in obedience to your Commands, the draft of such an Order to be published on the occasion as may include the disposition of the Native Troops proposed by me, and all other points connected therewith. In the mean time I will beg leave to add, that my opinion goes strongly for the addition of one

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entire Battalion to the force allotted for the Barramahal and Salem Countries, in lieu of the five Companies heretofore proposed to be drawn from Tiagar, not only on account of the number of Posts in those Countries since added, and which I had not in contemplation when I proposed that detail, but because I have calls upon me for Sepoys in the Carnatic, which I shall be better enabled to attend to if I can look to Tiagar for assistance; I have had many applications, which I have resisted, but I have just now received one from Colonel Collins, a Copy of which I have the honor to enclose No 1, to which I could wish to pay attention, and I certainly have no Sepoys to spare, either effective or Invalid.

To get as forward as I can however in this important detail, I herewith submit to your consideration, No 2, the draft of an order which I propose should be published to carry into execution the approved augmentation suggested for the two Battalions of Artillery.

I have, Honble Sir, no hesitation in giving it as my decided opinion, that you should avail yourself of the permission held out by the Supreme Government to raise two Native Battalions, should you deem the measure necessary, by stating it to be so, as it must certainly is, & I therefore lay before you, to be transmitted to the Supreme Government, my ideas concerning

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concerning the best mode for levying and forming this additional force No. 3.—

I have already submitted to your consideration a plan for distributing the Force in the Masulipatam and Guntoor Circars, in my Letter of the 12th. Instant, supposing a Battalion to be added to it, which I think will greatly tend to the tranquillity and security of these Countries.—

You have done me the honor to call for my opinion on the measure, which affords me an opportunity of saying, that it has been uniformly my opinion, since it has been my duty to consider the subject seriously, and since I have had the means of full information by succeeding to the Command of this Army, that we wanted more Native Troops, and I have as occasion offered expressed that opinion in my professional correspondence; the addition now admitted of will do a great deal for us, under a judicious arrangement, which is requisite to provide for the calls which constantly occur, and to keep in due subjection refractory Zemindars and Polligars; and it now becomes a matter of immediate consideration, whether some of the Garrisons may not be lessened, and some new disposition be made of part of our Native Battalions, with the view of their being so stationed as to enable us to assemble, without hazard, a respectable Force in some centrical position

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in conformity to the Sentiments of the Supreme Government, an arrangement, which may be attended with some difficulty, and must depend much upon the Political state of the Southern Countries, which I have no means of knowing.

I shall make minute enquiry of European Officers and Surgeons, who have been latterly stationed at Arnee, and of Inhabitants who have been long resident there, concerning the healthiness or unhealthiness of that Fort, and the Country adjacent, and shall lay before you, as soon as I am enabled so to do, the result of my enquiries, my own opinion is, that it is as healthy as Vellore; both of them are productive of slight feverish complaints, and disagree particularly with new comers, but this is the case with most inland situations in this climate, and more especially with such as are nearest to the Sea, and in this respect Arnee has the advantage: By a Letter I have this day received from Doctor Gahagan at Vellore, it is evident they have a local Fever there for he says "our weather "has been extremely hot and most of the Officers "have had a touch of the Fever and we shall be "worse, if we have not soon some rain."

I hope you will excuse me Sir, but I do not think I should discharge my duty fairly on this very important subject of the Forts on the Western Frontier, if I did not request you to call upon Captain Read for a special report

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report of one shown to me, under the name of Bodiminaiquedroog and Bodiminaiqueguer, I do not know whether it is one, among many others in those Countries, which do not come into either of your lists, but I am rather anxious, as it may be the one called by you Bajenguer; for I have found most them variously Named, I only saw it at a distance, as its situation was not such as induced me to consider it as a Post to be defended, and I supposed it would be destroyed; it appeared strong, and capacious, and such as, if possessed by an Enemy, might make a defence, and prove obnoxious to us; at least such were my ideas of it on a distant view of it.—

I shall, in consequence of the Boards' sanction, endeavour to select good Men to Station as Key and Store Serjeants in the tenable Forts in the Baramahal and Salem Countries.—

I have the Honor to be with respect — &c. &c.

(Signed) John Brathwaite

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To Colonel John Brathwaite

Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir.

The many small Detachments I am obliged to make from the seven Companies of the 16th. Native Infantry, the Guards for the little Forts, with the immediate duties of the Garrison, induces

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induces me to report how inadequate this number is to the duties they must necessarily perform, as it obliges me to have long standing Guards, for want of means to relieve them, which is a check on Discipline and tends to make Troops negligent; this place was always a Station for five Battalions, when their Establishment was larger than at present - but the necessity even of two Companies of Invalid Sepoys is complete would off a good deal of your Garrison detail duties and leave me more at large to furnish Detachments and escorts to the Westward and other Stations -

The Company at Vellore is always incomplete, which leaves the proportion of recruits of that Company to be brought forward at drill, consequently they are of no use in the arrangement of Detail.

I have to request Sir that you will be pleased to take this representation into consideration, which I should not have immediately troubled you with, had not the Officer Commanding the 16th Regt Native Infantry laid it before me Officially -

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Edwd Collins
Colonel.

Vellore
8th of May 1793

A true Copy
Sign'd W. Wilson Lieut.

G. O By Government

No 2

The Honorable the President in Council is pleased to resolve and Order, that an Augmentation

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Augmentation of 1 Serjeant 1 Corporal, 2 Gunners and six Matrosses be made for each Company of Artillery. The Commanding Officer of the Army will issue the Detail requisite for carrying this Order into Effect.—

No 3.

Colonel Brathwaite's plan for levying and forming two Native Battalions, in addition to the present Coast Establishment.—

I propose that one of them, which I shall term the 31st Battalion of Native Infantry, should be raised at Trichinopoly, and the other at the Presidency, to be denominated the 32d Battalion of Native Infantry. The Southern Countries are not only in a good State of population; but the late Reductions which have taken place in the Southern Division, must afford Extra means of recruiting, at present, in that quarter. And in regard to the latter Corps, I prefer the Central parts of the Carnatic for recruiting it, to any Situation in the Northern Circars, which have suffered so much from the general scarcity, that many of the Inhabitants have died from want, while others have been obliged to emigrate to the more Southern Countries for Subsistence.—

To afford a Ground Work for the new Corps, I propose that the 31st and 32d Battalions should be completed with Native Commissioned and non Commissioned from the Supernumeraries of these Ranks with the Native Battalions now in the Southern and Center Divisions of the Army.— This I consider as a Measure, of course, as no opportunity that offers, for relieving the

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Establishment from the Burthen of the Supernumeraries, should, on any account, be omitted — The proportion of Privates, however, to be drafted from the old Corps into the new ones, may be a subject of some consideration —

It has hitherto been generally the practice on the Coast, in forming new Battalions, to furnish them with such a proportion of draffts in all Ranks from the old Corps, as to render the Corps of both descriptions of nearly the same strength, thereby obliging the whole to recruit in similar proportions to complete to the full Establishment. But that mode of levying, perhaps the most expeditious, and practised with little effect of inconvenience amongst European Corps, is liable to strong exceptions when applied to Native Ones. —

In Native Corps of any standing the ties of Caste and Consanguinity are so strong and numerous, from frequent intermarriages, that several Families of the same Caste are often found to be so closely connected, from domestic arrangements for their general convenience, that any separation amongst them must be felt by them as peculiarly distressful — The Inhabitants distributed to distant Corps, severed from their Relations, become disgusted with the Establishment, and, from Desertion, are frequently lost to it, while their Connections in the old Corps embarrassed in their domestic arrangements, and put to too much inconvenience lose that confidence in the Service which they have been

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been used to have; and that faithful attachment to it, for which they have been so eminently remarkable, is greatly weakened.—

On these Accounts the extensive drafting which took place on the Coast in the Year 85 and 86 gave a general shock to our Native Establishment, from which I may say it has not yet recovered.—

Having anticipated such Effects, therefore, I would be cautious in drafting largely in Privates for the formation of the new Battalions, and equally so in bringing the Drafts from any distant Quarter. Eight or ten Men a Battalion, from the Corps, in general, in the Southern Division, for the 31st Battalion, and a similar proportion from the Corps in the Center Division for the 32d Battalion, will, I should suppose be quite sufficient.— This arrangement will give a ground work for each of the new Corps, the full Complement of Native Commissioned and non Commissioned Officers, who are all at present supernumeraries, and about 80 Privates, or ten to each Company, which I conceive will afford these Corps the means both of recruiting and drilling with facility, without occasioning any material inconvenience to the old Battalions on the Establishment.

The following Drafts are proposed for forming the 31st Battalion.—

	Subadars	Jemadars	Havildars	Naigues	Privates
1st Native Battalion	1	1	4	4	10
2d do do	2	"	"	5	10
5th do do	"	1	4	4	10
7th do do	1	1	"	"	10
9th do do	"	1	5	4	10
13th do do	1	1	6	4	10
25th do do	1	1	"	"	10
21st do do	2	1	8	8	10
25th do do	"	1	5	7	10
Total	8	8	32	32	80

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The following Drafts are proposed for forming the 32d Battalion —

		Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates
3d Native Battalion	1				
4th D°	D°	1			8
6th D°	D°		1		8
10th D°	D°		2	5	8
14th D°	D°	"	1	2	3 "
15th D°	D°	1	1	2	3 "
16th D°	D°	1	1	3	2 8
17th D°	D°	1	1	2	3 8
19th D°	D°	1	1	3	5 8
20th D°	D°	1	1	4	5 8
22nd D°	D°	"	1	2	1 8
23rd D°	D°	"	"	1	5 8
Total		8	8	32	32 30

In the above no Privates are drafted from the 10th or 25th Battalions, on account of their distant Stations; nor from the 14th Battalion as it wants some Privates to Complete. —

The 31st and 32d Battalions may be conveniently supplied with Serjeants from the European Battalions nearest to them, as all these Corps have Supernumerary Non Commissioned & and, from the late reductions, I imagine, we shall be at no loss to entertain Drummers and Fifers. —

The following promotions will be required to complete the 31st and 32d Battalions, Viz. —

2 Lieutenants to be Captains —

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16 Ensigns to be Lieutenants
20 Cadets to be Ensigns.—
But, at present, there are only 11 —
Infantry Cadets on the Coast, so that nine Ensigns
will be wanted to complete the Establishment, exclu=
=sive of future Casualties, until a fresh Supply of
Cadets arrives from England.—

Signed. John Brathwaite

Minutes and resolutions on the foregoing Letter.

The Board approve Colonel Brathwaite's Suggestions regarding the Mode of occupying the smaller forts in the Ceded Districts and it is resolved to direct him to take the opinion of Captain Read as to the number of Effective Sepoys and Match-lock Peons necessary to be kept up in these Posts.—

The Board leave it to Colonel Brath=
=waite to determine whether it will be more advisable to appropriate an entire Battalion, under a younger Captain than Captain Read, for the duties of the Bar=
=amahal and Salem Districts, than to withdraw five Companies from Tiagar.—

Agreed that the draft of the order pro=
=posed by Colonel Brathwaite, for the augmentation of the Artillery be published to the Army; and that his plan for levying and forming two Native Battalions, in addition to the Coast Establishment, be trans=
=mitted to the Governor General in Council, and recommended for his Lordship's approval.—

Resolved that orders be issued for the

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the March of the 8th. Battalion to Guntoor, with the detachment of Artillery, but without the Guns; and for the distribution of the Force in the Masulipatam and Guntoor Circars, agreeably to the recommendation contained in Colonel Braithwaite's letter of the 12th. instant.

Resolved that the Troops in the Guntoor Circar be considered, in future, as forming part of the Northern Division of the Army.

Resolved that Captain Read be called upon for a Special Report of the Fort shewn to Colonel Braithwaite under the name of Bodemiraiguedroog.—

Read the following letter from Colonel Braithwaite.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Hon'ble Sir

From Colonel Braithwaite proposes a previous measure to bringing Captain Beale to a Court Martial. Application of the Adjutant of King's Regiment to draw Gratuity and Horse Allowance.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 8th. instant, and am very happy to learn that Captain Read's reply to the complaint of the Rajah of Vizianagaram has proved satisfactory; and I have no doubt but the resolution of Government to admit of a more liberal price being paid for Sheep, will in a great measure, obviate the necessity, which has hitherto prevailed, of procuring them by force.—

As Captain Beale does not appear

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appear to have had any discretionary leave to quit Tinnevelah in search of Medical assistance, his conduct cannot but be viewed in the light in which it appears to the Honble the President. — As the first step, I would propose, that a Court of Inquiry should be ordered to investigate the conduct of the Native Officer, who was left in the Command of Tinnevelah when Captain Beale went away, because, it is not only necessary to be well informed how that Native Officer conducted himself in the charge which devolved upon him, but also to know what Orders were given, on the occasion, by Captain Beale. This step being previously taken, Government, on receiving the report of such Court of Inquiry, will be fully Master of the subject as it relates to Captain Beale, and may proceed to act by it's own powers in a case which admits of no farther inquiry, and on a charge admitted by Captain Beale, and to obviate the consequences of which, he makes no defence, but ill health; or I may be called upon to assemble a general Court Martial to pass Judgement. —

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a representation I have received from the Inhabitants of his Majesty's Infantry Corps doing duty under this Presidency, forwarded to me by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell as his Majesty's Senior Infantry Officer on the Coast. On a former occasion, to a representation forwarded to me by Lieutenant Colonel Stewart, wherein his Majesty's

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Majesty's Infantry Adjutants deserved to receive twenty Pagodas per Month in addition to their pay, because, as much was now paid to the Honble Company's European Infantry Adjutants, on the principle of equalizing the Services. It implied, that the twenty Pagodas per Month additional emolument received by the Honble Company's European Infantry Adjutants arose from their being allowed a proportion of a Pound, that could only be applicable to the Honble Company's Troops, namely, the Offreckonings or Surplus of Stoppages after clothing the Troops; and that representation was pressed consequently withdrawn: but, although I have made every inquiry in my power, I feel myself at a loss to reply to the claim founded on the Paragraph of the general Letter of the Honble the Court of Directors dated 23d of December 1788; it is certainly the case that Adjutants must, by the System of discipline laid down, be at all times provided with an Horse, as they take post on Horseback, but how far they are, on that account entitled to draw Horse Allowance, must entirely rest with Government.—

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Madras with respect. I have the Honor to be
May 13th 1793.— D.r Sir
(Signed) John Brathwaite

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Troops on the Coast of
Sir, Coromandel &c.a &c.a &c.a

We, the Adjutants of His Majesty's Regiments

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Regiments of Infantry serving on the Madras Estab-
-lishment, beg leave to lay before you the Hardship we
labor under in being deprived of an allowance which we
understood was expressly granted in the following
Paragraph of the General letter of the Honorable Court
of Directors Dated 23d December 1788.-

Para* "10. "No Officer in His Majesty's Service in India,
" shall receive the Company's Allowance of ad-
" ditional pay in two Capacities, except the Ad-
" -jutant and Quarter Master, both those Officers,
" on account of their trouble and extra expence,
" may receive the allowance due to their Rank
" as Officers, and also to their respective Offices."

Relying on this Authority we
were disappointed to observe in the Government orders
of the 16th July 1792. that, in future, Adjutants and Quarter
Masters bearing double Commissions were allowed to
draw Gratuity in one Capacity only. We, however, at
that time, conjectured that Government had thought
proper to withhold from us this portion of our pay,
although ordered by the Court of Directors, in Order
to preserve the rule of perfect Equality, a like Allow-
-ance not being directed, to be paid the Regimental
Staff Officers of the Company's European Battalions.-

But finding, by the Government
Orders of the 25th July last, that as Additional Allow-
-ance of twenty Pagodas Monthly was granted to
Adjutants of European Battalions as a Compensa-
-tion for the great labor required in the discharge of
their

* In such Paragraph as have been known
to the Genuine Letters from England of the Date
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their duty, which demanding the same Attention and Dilligence in both Services and the rule of perfect equality being the established System of Government we hoped was meant to extend to His Majesty's Adjutants — Being informed however that such was not the intention of Government, We have presumed to address you in hopes that when you have considered the present reduced State of our allowances, and Compared them with the exertions required from us in the Various duties of our Station, and as the duties of Adjutants in both Services are of equal Magnitude, and consequently merit a similar recompence, you will be pleased to represent our case to Government, and add an effectual recommendation, so that we may be enabled to draw Gratuity agreeable to the intention of the Honorable Court of Directors.—

We also, Sir, take the liberty to add that, in the Field, Adjutants are each allowed Six Pagodas Monthly to defray the expences of a Horse, and as it is positively ordered and equally necessary for the proper Discharge of our Duty to keep one in our present Situations, We therefore hope you will Consider the propriety of the same being Continued to us in Quarters and recommend the same to Government.—

We recommend our case to your candid Consideration, having our entire confidence both in your Disposition to grant and in your

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your desire to procure whatever is equitable and well founded.—

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

(Signed) W. Wallace Adj. 36th Regt.
" J. Brown— Adj.t 52d Regt
" H. Young— Adj.t 71st Regt
" F. Stuart— Adj.t 72d Regt
" J. L. Winslow Adj.t 73d Regt
" C. Abernethie— Adj.t 74th Regt.

A true copy

(Signed, W. Wilson Secry.—

Resolutions in consequence.—

The observations contained in the fore=
=going letter have so much strengthened the opinion communicated to Colonel Brathwaite in the letter of the 16th Ultimo, that the Board are inclined, after mature consideration, to think it not less necessary to the character of Captain Beale than expedient on public grounds, to bring that Officer, at once, to a Court Martial, before whom he will have a regular opportunity of exculpating himself, as far as the nature of his case will permit, from a charge which must otherwise rest with full force upon him— The Board, besides, consider it their particular duty to trace, in the most formal manner, the cause of such a public loss and disgrace, with a view to ascertain whether the misfortune proceeded from circumstances unavoidable, or from personal misconduct or neglect of duty.—

For—

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For these reasons, it is resolved, that Captain Beale and the Native Officer in charge of Timmi-=-ratah at the time of it's capture, shall be brought to Trial before a general Court Martial; and that Colonel Brathwaite be directed to convene one for that purpose, and put these Officers in Arrest upon the following charges.—

Charge against Captain Beale

For disobedience of Orders, in quitting his post without Leave, and in neglecting to give any intimation from himself to the Governor in Council of Fort St George of the reason or reasons that induced his absence, whereby the command of the post was allowed to devolve on and to continue with a Native Officer, from whom it was captured by a party of Freebooters on or about the 22d. day of April 1793.—

Charge against the Native Officer

For neglected Duty, in permitting his post to be surprized and captured on or about the 22d. day of April 1793, without proper resistance on the part of himself and the Garrison under his Command.—

Ordered that the application of the Adjutants of the King's Regiments do lie on the Table.—

Read the following Letter from Colonel Floyd.—

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To the Honble the Governor in Council.

Honorable Sir,

From Colonel Floyd stating the inability of his Junior Officers, and the Quarter Masters to pay for their Horses, as required by General Order and proposing that it be done by a Monthly Stoppage.—

Your Order of the 30th Ultimo, di-=recting the immediate Payment for Officers and Quarter Masters Horses, has been received by His Majesty's 19th Dragoons with all the Respect and Deference due from good Soldiers towards the Government under which they serve, and with every possible disposition to comply with it entirely.—

I hope you will permit me to place myself wholly out of the question, as I have it in my power, and am perfectly willing, to pay for the Horses I received, in consequence of the G.O. of the 20th June Ultimo; but I request your permission to state the Situation of the Younger part of the Officers and of the Quarter Masters of the Corps under my Command, in the belief that it will equally apply to the Native Cavalry, and I respectfully solicit your Indulgence towards them.—

Altho' very good Gentlemen, they abound not in Finance, and always employ, as is usual in the Junior part of the Army, the whole of their Income, by the time next pay Day arrives, so that, to most of them, it is absolutely impossible to comply with your Commands entirely.— They have no part of 200 Pagodas ready to pay.—

The price you have been pleased to allot is perfectly moderate, as Horses are valued here; and I am sensible of your forbearance.—

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Your allowance also is ample for Horses lost by Contagion, or on Service; and the Subsistance is liberal, and ought to provide for ordinary Casualties. But I can not speak very positively as to the fact that the Younger Officers do not lay up Money out of their Pay and Allowances, to provide for Contingencies.—

I request you will be pleased to consider that the Officers who served above the Ghauts have suffered a very heavy expence in providing for the Horses they then rode.— The daily food would often cost a Pagoda for one Horse, and was always excessively dear. Notwithstanding Opinions, I actualy lost 1400 Pagodas by my Contract for providing for one Troop.— Thus I leave you to judge of the Expences of Officers in providing for a favourite Horse or two—

I hope these circumstances will dispose you to act with indulgence towards the Junior Officers, and the Quarter Masters, and, if not to relieve them entirely of the demand, at least to permit me to suggest that it would greatly accommodate them to cause a Stoppage to be made of 6 Pagodas pr Horse pr Month from Officers Horse Allowance, leaving them still 6 Pagodas pr Month for the Actual Support of each Horse, until the Demand be liquidated.—

It may be thought that the six Months Batta given the Troops at the end of the War by Lord Cornwallis; and the other six Months Batta, which the Court of Directors are pleased to give in addition to the former, ought to answer a

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Demand of this Nature - but I hope it will be recollected that these Sums were intended as a Gratuity meant to relieve the pressure of the Service, and to exhilarate the Troops, whose efforts, under their able General, had been crowned with Success. -

I have the Honor to be

Coimatore
15th May 1793. -

&c.a &c.

Signed, J. Floyd. Colo

Ordered to lie on the Table. -

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad. -

William Collins Jackson Esqr. -

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Fort St George.

Sir,

From Resident at Hydrabad - with remarks on the State-ment of Amount due to the Nizam on the 31st March 92.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 18th Ultimo, enclosing an account of the amount due to the Nizam for Peishcush to the 31st March 1792, of which sum, I conceived, when I wrote you under date the 23d March, that the balance, or at least a considerable part of it, due to his Highness at the end of 1200 Fusly, ending in September 1791, agreeably to the Statement of it for-warded to you under Date the 15th June, had been previously discharged at Madras to Hurry Dhut Bivony Shunkur: in your letter of the 28th July you

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you informed me that four Lacks of Rupees of that amount would be paid to him in a few days, and that the remainder of it should be discharged as the state of the Treasury would admit of it, which I duly communicated to the Nizam's Minister. If any obstacle not now existing occurred after the date of the above letter to prevent payment being made to Heerey Dhut Bawany Thunder, I think the offer should be again repeated to him, and that, in the event of any hesitation on his part, the Board are at liberty to pay the Balance at Madras or Masulipatam, or part of it at one place and part of it at the other, as may be most convenient to them. —

An error appears to have crept into the above account in the sum of 12,980 ʺ 13 ʺ 11 B. debited the Nizam for Stores sent to Innaconda: Some Shot and Stores it is true were sent to Innaconda for the service of the two twenty four pounders intended to have been lent his Highness to be employed against Gunjycotah: but when that place surrendered and the intention of taking these Guns was abandoned, that of receiving the Stores was also relinquished, as stated in my letter to you of the 11th June 1793. —

Hydrabad
8th May 1793. —

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

Minutes in consequence.

In the Board's letter to Sir John Kennaway of the 17th August last he was advised that

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that the Soucars named on the part of the Nizam had declined receiving a tender made to them of four Lacks of Rupees on account of the Peishcush, stating, as a reason, that they had written to his Highness, and must wait an Answer before they could receive, or pass their receipt for, any sum on account of the Peishcush. —

The Soucars being now called before the Board, and asked by the President — if any answer had been received from the Nizam — reply — "that they had "written in the Month of August last to their Corres=pondent at Hydrabad, and received for answer, that "his Highness the Nizam could give no instructions — "until his return from a Tour he was about to make" — and add "that they had not since heard from their "Correspondent, but that they would again write on "the subject."

Agreed that the above be communicated to Sir John Kennaway — and that he be also informed that the sum of 12,980 Rupees — 13 Annas — 1 Pice — for which the Nizam is debited for Stores sent to Innicondah is on account of Charges incurred in transporting them. —

Read the following Extract of a letter from the Board of Revenue. —

Extract of a letter from the Board of Revenue Dated 13th May 1793.

From Board of Revenue, stating that the Nabob's Manager had seized and confined two of the Tinnevelly Polygars — and under what plea — Mr. Landon's letter on the subject enclosed. —

Mr. Landon having represented that Eitabar Khan, the Nabob's manager, has con=fined two of the Polygars, and seized the watching fees and inheritances of one of them, appointing his own

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own thecoldar to collect the produce, for the purpose of compelling them to pay him a nuzzer, we submit his remarks, which appear to be full and distinct, to your Honble Board; and request to be furnished with your instructions in consequence."—

A true Extract
Signed J. Webbe Dep. Secry.—

To David Haliburton Esqr
Acting President &c. Board of Revenue.—

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform your Board that I arrived at this place on the 1st instant, but found none of the Poligars of the Province assembled here, although I had addressed a circular summons to them all, so far back as the 6th March, directing them to prepare to attend upon me in the Tinnevelly Country, and though I transmitted the summons on the 16th March I therefore, on the 2d instant, dispatched as many Hircarahs as were present, of the twelve allowed for the Cutchery, with fresh orders to the Poligars to appear without further delay, and to bring with them their Peishcush for the present Year; since which the greatest part of them have come in, and some others, who from indisposition and causes, have been unable to obey the Summons, have deputed their Vakeels to act for them.—

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Three of the Poligars have paid their Peshcush in full—One Named Indra Tullivan, a man of small Property, and no influence, but of an established character for punctuality, another a Poligar of small property also and the third the Poligar of Shevegerry.— the rest have paid about half.— My Collections from the Tributaries of this province, up to the present day, amount to thirty seven thousand three hundred and fifty eight Porto Nova Pagodas In part of which sum I have the honor to remit thirty five thousand Porto nova Pagodas, to your Board, by the accompanying Bill of Cauffee Nauth Tanker, a Respectable Soucar at Tinnevelly, upon Bawaurry Tanker Nuth, a Soucar of respectable substance at Madras, at thirty days sight, which I hope will be approved of.—

The Collections I have made from the Tributaries of this Province, I have inserted in my Accounts, at the medium exchange of Seventeen P.r Cent between Porto Nova and Star Pagodas, and shall wait the decision of Your Board, for the final adjustment.—

The Poligars promise the speedy discharge of the Remainder of their tribute, and Your Board may depend upon my utmost attention to ensure punctuality, as far as the means in my power enable me; but delay is so probable, from various causes, which I will point out, that I cannot take upon

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upon me to speak with confidence until I am better acquainted with the subject, nor before the Poligars themselves have obtained a clear comprehension of the Nature of their Situation, with respect to the Company, and of the degree of support and protection they are to receive, in case they are punctual in their payments.—

Due Regard to present circumstances attending the Poligars of this province will probably exculpate them, in some measure, from intentional delay on this particular occasion: when it is considered that the produce of their lands for the present Year, together with the personal property that many of them possessed, went to pay off their arrears of the three preceding Years, and that the generality of them have, on the same account, involved themselves deeply with the Courts. When due allowance is made for the evil habits of procrastination and intrigue they have acquired under the Government they have hitherto been subject to, with little interruption, where no System was established to inspire confidence or to Create Respect. and when it is also known to your Board that their minds have been perplexed and filled with doubt by the late conduct of Citabar Cawn the Naboobs Manager at Tinnevelly, who has not only confined two of them, for some time past, at Tinnevelly

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but has even seized the watching fees and Inheritance of one of them, and has appointed his own Sahaildar to collect the produce, and this for the purpose of compelling them to pay him a Nuzzer, as appears by a letter I received from Eitabar Cauvn on the 18th instant, in which he says "that as two of my Huvanas had appeared at his Cutcharee "to summon the Poligars of Singumpatty and Woorcaud, he "had to inform me that he had kept these Poligars at Sin= "nevelly on account of an annual Nuzzer of two or three "hundred Chuckrums, which is due by them, in consequence "of their Renting some of the Circar Villages." Upon which I wrote to the Cauvn Requesting of him, to send the two Poligars in question to me immediately, if he could not adjust his business with them in the course of three or four days, as I wanted to call upon them for their Peshcush on Account of the Company, and the Year was so far advanced, it admitted of no delay.

On the 20th I received a letter from the Cauvn saying "that he had sent the Singumpatty "Poligar to attend upon me, and that, after I had settled "with him, upon his return to Sinnevelly he would "permit the Woorcaud Poligar to wait upon me."

The Poligar of Singumpatty accordingly came to the Cutcharee. Upon being required to pay his Peshcush, for the present Year, he pleaded his extreme Poverty, and entreated the Company's Protection. He Represented that Eitibar Cauvn had sent for him to Sinnevelly and confined him there, on plea of a Sum of money being due on Account of his Renting a Circar Village

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Village — That the Cauvn had seized all his watch-
ing fees, and put a stop to his perquisites, and that he
had appointed a Sahoildar to collect them, as well
as the Income of his Inheritance — The Singumputty
Poligar being a Man of small property, and of no
influence in the Province, it is not to be supposed
that the Cauvn was induced to act in the manner above
Represented by the Hope of any immediate advantage
that could be derived from it — his conduct can only
be attributed to a View of tryeng, by this first ex-
periment, how far the Company's Government
will protect the Poligars in their rights — I have
written to the Cauvn on the subject; and calling upon
him to restore the privileges of the Singumputty
Poligar, from which alone he is to draw the means of
Paying his Peshcush to the Company — The Tribe-
taries of the Province are, in the Mean while, waiting
the issue of this affair, which will, in a great measure,
determine the line of Conduct they adopt in future,
with Respect to their payments. —

Agreable to the orders of your
Board, I have Removed the Brother of Suncaliengum
from the management of the Pollam of Shattoor,
and have prohibited the interference of his Family
in any Matters respecting the Poligars of this
Province — I have appointed a Person Named Mus-
dah Pillah to take charge of the Minor Poligar of
Shattoor, and to superintend the Revenues and
concerns of that Pollam — Mundah Pillah, by
what I learn Respecting him, bears a good
character

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character, and his family have for many Years been adher-
-ents of the Poligars of Shattoor.-

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith
a Bill of the Paymaster at Palamcotah upon the
Military Paymaster General for ten thousands Star
Pagodas, and have the honor to Remain-

Gentlemen

Shattoor in the Tinnevelly Country- 30th April 1793

(Signed) James Landon
Collector &c. Peshcush

A true Copy,
Sig.d, John Read
Dep.y Secry.

Minutes thereon.

Agreed that the circumstances mentioned in the foregoing Extract be communicated to the Nabob, and that his Highness be informed that as it is impossible the Poligars can pay their annual Tributes, whilst such interference be permitted, the Board request he will send positive orders to Citabar Cawn to liberate the people, enjoining him not to form any of the Circar Villages to the Poligars, and to refrain from making any pecuniary demands upon them, or offering any injury to their persons in future.-

Read the following letter from the Nabob (entered also in C. C. N.o 105.)

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder to Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t Governor &c Madras.-

Dated 8.th Showell 1207 Hegery- or- 19.th May 1793

Received ... 28.th D.o D.o

In the beginning, one Vankanah, the
Doafoy

In the Nabob stating Claim to the Pol.s Cowram.

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Deasoy of the Pergannah of Merchella depending upon Pulnaud, was in posseision of the small Fort of Ealsaram - when the Talook of Pulnaud was assumed by the Circar in consequence of the turbulency of Veera-=buddra, the Deasoy, he was expelled from Pulnaud and took refuge in the abovementioned Fort with the assistance of the Zemindars of Deokoonda he got posseision of the Fort and in conjunction with other Zemindars on that side the Kistnah raised disturban-=ces in the Pulnaud Country - As Kankanah belonged to this side the Kistnah and was in alligiance to the Circar, the said Fort, of course, was a depend-=ancy upon this part - In consequence of this circum-=stance and to quell the Disturbances of Veera-=buddra (who in concert with the Zemindars of Deokoonda was committing depredations upon the Ryotts of the Pulnaud Country) I addressed Letters to the Nabob Niram ud Dowla and his Dewan Rookun-ud-Dowlah, and they sent orders for the chastisement of the Disturbers, in conjunction with my Nair - My Nair accordingly captured the fort of Ealsaram on that side the Kistnah, and it was garrisoned by my People for many Years, which deprived the Zemindars on that side the Kistnah of the power of raising Disturbances, and the garri-=son was an insurmountable obstacle of the Distur-=bers making Incursions into the Pulnaud Country - My garrison remained in the said fort until the commencement of the late War with Hyder Ally

Cawn -

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Cavon, and the Ryotts of Pulnaud were secured from Oppression. But now, owing to my not having a Garrison there, Meer Imaum was enabled to enter and ravage the Country, in which he has been joined by the Zemindars of that part. Calcaram is a strong place, situated in the midst of Brooks and Mountains, and if the Circar's garrison is placed therein, as formerly, no Enemy will be able to enter the Pulnaud Country, and the other Zemindars on that side. the Kistnah will be over-awed.

I request you will be pleased to state all these matters to Sir John Kennaway and have the business properly settled. Let the Detachment that is now employed to chastize the disturbers remain at Pulnaud, and, after the receipt of Sir John's answer, proceed to capture the said Fort and place a garrison of mine and the Company's People therein. otherwise no advantage will be derived.

By the Circar's garrison being in the said Fort the Talook of Nabob Nizam ud dowla, as well as mine, will be in tranquility.

What can I say more?

a true Translation

(Signed) David Haliburton
Persian Translator

Minute thereon

Resolved to inform the Nabob that, as Calcaram is dependent on the Nizam's Government,

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or considered as such, it might be cause of Offence, if the application which he recommends were made, and that it would therefore be more adviseable to wait the effect of the late representation, made through Sir John Kennaway in consequence of the disturbance at Palnaud, before any further measures be taken, as it is probable the Nizam will be able, by his own authority, to remove the cause of the evil so justly complained of.—

Read the following letter from Major Dalrymple.—

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.

Sir,

From Commandant at Dindigul in reply to Mr Vaughan's Complaint of his having deprived him of the charges of the Stores in Garrison.—

I have had the honor of receiving your letter, by order of Government, of the 4th Instant, with it's several enclosures, only this day, and now lay before you, for the information of the Honorable the President in Council, the circumstances which seem to have occasioned Mr Vaughans representation, and which I had formerly stated to Colonel Bruce for the information of Government.—

On the 9th of April Mr Tucker conductor of stores, appointed to do duty in this Garrison, and under whose charge the Publick Stores had been since they were delivered over to him in February 1793, reported to Me that Mr Vaughan, the Storekeeper, had directed his Writer (a Native)

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to take charge of the Stores of the Garrison, He therefore desired he might be allowed to take an Inventory of them, before the Sergeant employed in the Stores, and Mr Vaughan's Writer, who was to take charge of them, and to deliver them over as the thirty fourth (XXXIV) Article of Regulations for the Ordnance department directs; besides concerning this, his duty, As Mr Vaughan and himself had not been on that footing that a Storekeeper and the Person he trusts with the Charge of the Stores generally are, that no deficiency which might hereafter appear might be imputed to him, he wished a fair account to be taken at the time of his delivering over charge; the writer also (who had the Keys of the Stores during the time Conductor was on duty at Verepatchee) had been ill of a fever for above three Months, and was at the time so ill as not to be able to leave his house, therefore all charge of the Publick Stores must have been entrusted to people still under him. this made the Inventory to Mr Ticker still more desireable.

Had it not even been Ordered by the above Regulations, I should have thought it my duty from the reasons given by the Conductor to have directed an Inventory to be taken. I was myself likewise Anxious after reading the thirteenth (XIII) Article of Regulations for Storekeepers at Out Garrisons, to see the real State of the Stores; as by that Article, a responsibility is thrown on the Officer Commanding, and I judged they

wanted

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wanted so much an overhaul.—

The Inventory began on the tenth of April; Mr. Ficker the Conductor, the Writer Canaceeply (for he was so unwell himself as not to be able to attend) and the Serjeant employed in the Stores were present.— on the 19th. of the Month, after they had been at Work on the Inventory ten days, and nearly finished, the Writer told Mr. Ficker that he had received Orders from Mr. Vaughan not to allow any Inventory to be taken, nor to attend, or any person for him, at the taking of one; I directed the Inventory to go on, and if Mr. Vaughan's Man would not attend with the Keys next day, that he should not be allowed to take them to his house that night, but that they should be lodged at my Quarters and kept there 'till the Inventory was finished. It was reported to me finished on the 20th, the day after Mr. Vaughan's Orders were received not to take it. The Keys were that day sent to the Storekeeper's Writer, which he refused to receive, since that time they have been kept at my Quarters in the upper Fort.— I sent the Keys to Mr. Vaughan's Writer, that I might, if possible, avoid all kind of Altercation with that Gentleman, till I could receive Colonel Bruce's directions; for I conceive the Keys of the Stores of this Garrison to be kept in a Blacksmith's house in the Pettah, near a Mile from the Store Rooms, where so much Gun Powder and other Combustible Matter is lodged, to be highly inconvenient and may be of very dangerous

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dangerous consequences, and which I should have thought myself very culpable in allowing without a Representation.—

Mr Vaughan, the Storekeeper, not having seen the stores of this place for near two Years was an Additional Reason for taking the Inventory—I never heard there was any Military force employ'd to procure the Keys of the Stores, or the Man ever threatened in any Manner.—

The Lascars that are not immediately wanted in the Stores, are employ'd in keeping the upper and lower Forts, the Ditch and Glacis, in as good a state of repair as it is in their Power; and, in that part of their duty, they Generally receive their directions from the Commanding Officer, who I trust Government will esteem a better Judge than Mr Vaughan's Black Agent.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alex.r Dalrymple
Major Comm.t Pondigal

Pondigul
10th May 1793.—

The Board, having reason to
Minute and resolution in consequence.— believe that, at several of the Out Garrisons, the Charge of the Department is entrusted solely to Native Servants belonging to the Storekeepers, particularly at Stations where the latter do not

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not needed, are desirous that the two — D
Departments of Paymaster and D
Storekeeper, which are incompatible
with each other, should be entirely se-
=parated, and the latter placed in D
charge of persons immediately respon-
=sible both for the care and preservation
of the Stores. Resolved therefore that
the Military Board be directed to submit,
with as little delay as possible, their
Opinion with respect to the number
of Storekeepers that will be required,
and the class of Servants to whom the
charge should be committed.—

Death of Mr. F. Moore assist-ant Surgeon.

The Secretary reports to the
Board the death of Mr Funke Moore, a
Assistant Surgeon, at Mulangaud,
on the 12th Instant.—

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General letter from England 7th. Triton read and resolutions thereon.—

The Board now proceed to pass the necessary resolutions upon the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors dated 12th. December 1792, and received p. Triton.—

Para 4th. date of last dispatch, and receipt of Advices.—

Requires no remark.

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

Ordered that a copy of this paragraph be sent to the Adjutant General for the information of the Officer Commanding the Army.—

3 Mr. John Duke to be a Assistant Surgeon in the room, and with the rank of Mr. Lt. Riddick

The orders contained in this paragraph have been already complied with.—

4. Mr. Showers, Cadet, must produce the necessary Certificate of his age, and that he is not the son of a Native Indian.—

This will be attended to, upon the arrival of Mr. Showers at Madras.—

5th. Mr. William Gordon Surgeon, permitted to return to India without prejudice to his original rank in the Service.—

Ordered that a copy of this paragraph be sent to the Hospital Board with directions that Mr. Gordon do succeed upon the first Vacancy, to the station to which he may be entitled in consequence of his having been permitted to Return to the Establishment without prejudice to his original rank in the Service.—

6 Military Stores—
No Soldiers Accounts—
ments to be sent.—

The subject of this paragraph has been already communicated to the Military Board.—

708 Claim of Mr. Surgeon Brown.—

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be directed to ascertain and report the amount of

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the arrears which may be justly due to Mr Brown.—

9 and 10. List of Men who have received Prison Batta to be sent home. To State whether Burgoyne and Wicks, privates in the 100th Regiment, have received any Money on account of Batta.—

Ordered that copies of these Paragraphs be sent to the Military Paymaster General, with directions to prepare the List, and to give the information required by the Court respecting Burgess and Wicks.—

11. Charles O'Neil, a Soldier on the Madras Establishment, to be discharged and sent to England, agreeably to former orders.—

Agreed that the Adjutant General be directed to report whether Charles O'Neil be Now on the Service.—

12. one hundred and twenty Recruits to be sent from St Helena for the service of this Establishment.—

Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Adjutant General, for the information of the Officer Commanding the Army.

" Chas. Oakeley.

" E Hatsfield

" Geo. Parry Lyon

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Diary

The following Receipt was this day delivered by the President to Tippoo's Vackeels

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Receipt for the 2d instalment of the 2d Visit of Tippoo Sultaun

Received on the 12th May 1793 at Kistnagherry by the Hands of Mr. Robert Hughes, the person deputed by the Honble the President in Council of Fort St. George for the purpose, from Meer Asherry, on behalf of Tippoo Sultaun, the following sums of Money on account of the Honble English East India Company

10,000	Hyders Ashrifis or Gold Mohurs at 16 Imamy or Sultaany Rupees each	160,000 —
10,000	Venitians at 5 Ds Rupees each	50,000 —
3,91,100	Bahaudry, Sultaany Terahee Pagodas of the equal Value of 4 1/9 Ds Rupees each	1,13,287 1/2 —
10,000 1/2	Chellawany Rupees or Rupees of various discriptions valued as Imamy	10,000 1/2 —
11	Hyderee Pagodas	45 3/9 —

Total Imamy Rupees 18,33,333 — 6 —

(signed) Chas Oakeley

Received.

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Received the following Letter

To William Ellins Jackson Esqr

Secretary in the Military and Political

Department

Sir,

From Captain Doveton
Last informed the Vackeels that the Treaty executed by the Nizam bears his Seal and Signature and the Seal of Azeem ul Omrah their replyed

I have the Honor to inform you that, agreeably to the Directions of the Honble Governor, I acquainted the Vackeels of Tippoo Sultan that the Treaty of Seringapatam, executed on the part of His Highness the Nizam, and now in the possession of the Honble Governor, bears the Seal and Signature of His Highness the Nizam, and the Seal of the Nawaub Azem ul Omrah Bahauder

To which the Vackeels replied It is clearly explained, in the Treaty, that the Treaty is to be delivered to the Sirkar of Tippoo Sultaun with the Seal and Signature of the Nawaub Assuf Jah Bahauder, and with the Seal and Signatures of the Nawaub Azem ul. Omrah Bahaudre — that consequently their Master desired to obtain it in the form expressed

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I have the Honor to be
Yr. &c.
/signed/ Gabriel Doveton

Received

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Received the following Letter

To W.m C.n Jackson Esqr

Secretary Military Department

Sir

By desire of Colonel Brathwaite.

From Adjutant General proposing that a Committee assemble for Invaliding some men of the 1st Battalion of Artillery

I have the Honor to request you will communicate to the Honble the President in Council, the enclosed Paper, containing the Proceedings of a Regimental Committee which lately assembled by his order, in the 1st Battalion of Artillery for the purpose of Examining a Detail of Infirm men who were reported to be unfit for the Effective Establishment The Generality of these men would have appeared before the last Decision Committee for Invaliding, but, having recently descended the Ghauts were, at the time, so weak and Sickly, as to render it impossible to remove them from the Mount Hospital without exposing them to much inconvenience

As a considerable period must elapse before the General Invaliding Committee can be assembled agreeably to the Standing Regulations, the Colonel could avail to have the Sanction of Government for assembling a Committee immediately for the Examination of the above men, composed of a Detail of Officers from this Garrison, that the individuals

who pass

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23 who pass inspection may be struck off the Strength of the Corps previous to the distribution of the Recruits of the Season

I have the Honor to be

Sir Your

/signed/ B. Close

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23d May 1793

Adjt General of the Army

Ordered

Ordered accordingly -

Received also the undermentioned letters entered in MB Nos 148-149-150-151-152-153-

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - no grain yet delivered by the Nabobs Manager to the Store at Madura, recommendation in consequence

From Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General enclosing Mr Cockburn's Estimate of Cash for the purchase of Grain for May and June

From Colonel Floyd

From Officer Commanding the 19th Regiment of Dragoons - advising of the damages done to his Barracks and Stabling by a squall of Wind and Rain - proposes to repair them -

From Colonel Marlowe

From Commandant at Ramnad, the Rajah has returned to the Fort, and Stating the cause of his being admitted with his followers as usual

From

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From Commandant at Trichinopoly 23rd

From Commandant of Trichinopoly encloses the Commissions of the Commandant Confined there, in proof of his long Services to the Company - the Nabob's Orders for his release disregarded

From Ditto at Vellore - the Treasure from Hismagherry arrives there

Despatched the following Letters.

To Colonel John Brathwaite

Commanding the Army on the Coast

To Colonel Brathwaite Captain Beale to be brought at once to a Court Martial — Remarks on the Occasion Charge against him, and the Native Officer in Command, when Timmicottah was taken

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 18th instant, and to inform you, that the observations contained therein so much strengthened the opinion communicated to you in my Letter of the 16th Instant, that he is inclined, after mature consideration, to think it not less necessary to the character of Captain Reale than expedient on publick Grounds to bring that officer at once to be Court Martial before whom he will have a regular opportunity of exculpating himself as far as the nature of his case will permit from a charge, which must otherwise rest with full force upon him. The President in Council besides considers it his particular duty to have in the most formal manner the cause of such a publick loss and disgrace, with

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23 a view to ascertain whether the Misfortune proceeded from circumstances unavoidable, or from personal misconduct or neglect of duty

For these reasons, the Presedentin Council has resolved that Captain Beale, and the native Officer in charge of Timricottah at the time of it's capture, shall be brought to Trial before a General Court Martial, which he desires you will be pleased to convene for this purpose, and put these officers in arrest upon the following Charges

Charge Against Captain Beale.

For disobedience of orders in quitting his Post without leave, and in neglecting to give any intimation from himself to the Governor in Council of Fort St. George of the Reason or Reasons that induced his absence, whereby the Command of the Post was allowed to devolve on and to continue with a Native Officer from whom it was, by a party of Freebooters, captured on or about the Twenty Second Day of April 1793.

Charge against the Native Officer

For neglect of Duty in permitting his Post to be surprized and Captured on or about the Twenty Second Day of April 1793. without proper

Resistance

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23 Resistance on the part of himself and the Garrison of
under his Command.

I am
&c. &c. &c.

/signed/ W. C. Jackson
Secretary.

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Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters Entered in MB. Nos. 154 - 155 - 156 - 157 - 158 - 159
160 - 161 - 162 - 163 - 164 - 165 - 166 - 167 - 168 - 169 - 170.

To Captain Alexander Read.

To Commandant in the ceded Countries - requiring information regarding the Fort of Bodiminaigue - Droog -

To Commandant at Allover

To Captain Campbell prolonging his leave of Absence.

To Secretary at Bengal

To Secretary at Bengal, forwarding a letter from Tippoo to the Governor General -

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions -

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - approving his order for remitting to the Presidency the Amount Sales of the Old Grain at Tanjore.

To Vizagapatam and Ganjam

To Vizagapatam and Ganjam — directing the discontinuance of any Store Establishment at the out Stations - and to withdraw the Stores to the Factory -

To

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To Commandant at Madura 23

To Commandant at Madura

the Engineer and Surgeon may draw House Rent the conductor not entitled to it

To Auditor Genrae

To Military Auditor Genrae with directions in Consequence

To Ditto

To Ditto directing an increase of pay to the Mastry Artificers employed in the Ceded Countries

To Auditor Genrae

To Military Auditor General notifying the discontinuance of the allowance to Mr. Cockburn, as Principal Agent for Bullocks Account.

To Colonel Brathwaite

Sale of fourteen Cask Horses at Vellore enclosed.

To Officer Commanding the Army — desiring his opinion of the Force necessary, in case Vezeram Ramu Rauw should resist the Sequestration of his Zemindary.

To Ditto

To Ditto Captain Ba[illegible] Maxwell of the Dragoons permitted to go to Sea for his health.

To Chief Engineer

To Chief Engineer — the pay of the Mastry Artificers in the Barahmehall will be increased to nominate an officer of the Rank of Captain, to succeed to the Appointment held by the late Captain Mr. Russell — at that Station.

To

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To Captain Doveton

To Captain Doveton - enclosing Copies of letters for his information and that of Tippoos Vackeels -

To Town Major

To Town Major - reffering a memorial of Edward Morton, Gunner, regarding the Amount of Cheson Batta paid to him -

To Paymaster at Palamcottah

To Paymaster at Palamcottah - Authorizing a Small expense for providing Sentry Boxes, and some Guard Sheds -

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General - notifying the Same, and desiring that the Revd Mr Millingchamp may be paid his arrears of Gratuity as Chaplain at Vellore -

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Received the following letter

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt

Governor in Council.

From Colonel Brathwaite - enclosing copies of letters received from the Commandant at Guntoor

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose to you Copies of two Letters I have just now received from Major Burr, whose conduct on the Occasion will I hope meet with your approbation. —

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

Military Head Quarters

Madras May 24th 1793

/signed/ John Brathwaite

To

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To Lieutenant P.C. Desse

Commanding

Ballamcondah

Sir

I Having received intelligence that the Plunderers have quitted the Paulnaud, and that the Nabob's people are in quiet possession of Timmery Cottah, I have to request, on receipt, that you will order the Guns and three Companies of the 10th Battalion, also the Artillery Men and Lascars, back to their Original Stations. You will then, with two Companies of the 36th Battalion, proceed to Timmery Cottah, and there wait my further Orders. I have the honor to be

Gunpoor
19th May 1793.

Sir Your

Most Obt.

Signed D. Burn

A true Copy. Wm. Wilson Secretary

To

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To Colonel John Brathwaite

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of my having received information that the Plunderers have quitted the Palnaud, and that the Nabobs people are again in possession of Timmery Cottah, - I have thought it expedient, for the purpose of giving confidence to the Natives, to send only two Companies of the 30th. Battalion under Lieutenant Deffe to Timmery Cottah, - the remainder of the Detachment I have ordered to their Original Stations.

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

/signed/ D. Burr

Guntoor

19th May 1793.

A true Copy. Wm. Wilson Secy

Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in MB. Nos 171. 172. 173. 174.

From Lieutenant Saml. Godfrey reporting his arrival at Nellore with the Treasure - from Kistnagherry -

From Lieutenant S. Godfrey

From

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From Major Brown 24

From Commandant in the Guntoor Circar – enclosing his Correspondence with the Chiefship of Masulipatam

From Masulipatam

From Masulipatam, the distribution of Troops already published – Jemiricotah abandoned by the Bandittie – a reference made to Colonel Fraser, in consequence of the Borders orders of the 9th. May –

From Captain Leighton

From Captain Thomas Leighton preferring a Claim for arrears of pay due to the late Captain John Worrell

Substance of a Letter to Rezeeram Rauze

Wrote Letter to Rezeeram Rauze, Entered in C. C. Ao. 106. Enumerating the repeated instances of his Misconduct, and stating to him the Board's resolution to adopt the only alternative of Sequestering his Country, and the advantages he may expect from a ready acquiescence in the measure –

Dispatched the following Letters

To David Haliburton Esqr.

To Board of Revenue – with instructions for sequestering the Nerjanagrum Zemindary such orders as they think proper, to be given regarding Jaggeries – Copy of the foregoing Letter to the Rajah enclosed –

&c. &c. &c. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

Having taken in to mature Consideration your Letters of the 13th. Ultimo, and 13th. Instant, together with the Correspondence of the Chief and Council

24 Council at Vizagapatam, and particularely the last
Letter from thence of the 2d Instant, and seeing no reason
whatever to hope that Vezeram Tauze will profit by the
admonitions which have been given him, or that any security
either for the balance which has accrued, or for the growing
demands of the Company will be provided by the "
Councils or Conduct of his Brother Sitaram Tauze,
whom he has received again in to his Service, we are
of opinion, as the only alternative left, that the "
Zemendary should be sequestered, and held by the
Company until their demands upon it are fully "
discharged.

We have accordingly resolved that
those measure shall be adopted, and carried into
Execution with as much dispatch as circumstances "
will permit. We enclose a Letter from the President
to Alexieram Tauze, acquainting him with our intention,
recommending his acquiescence, and Promising, in that
case, an adequate allowance for his support, with permission
to reside wherever he may think proper, excepting at "
Vizianagrum, or any place within the Zimindary,
but observing, at the same time, that all claims to "
Indulgence will be forfeited by the least resistance
to

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24 to the measures that have been resolved upon — the latter also mentions, that, altho' we entirely disapprove of the Rajah's having trusted the management of his concerns to Setteram Rauze, and have abundant cause to be dissatisfied with the conduct of Setteram Rauze himself, yet that an allowance will also be made for his support, on the condition of his residing at Madras, or any other place that may be approved by us

We desire you will communicate the purport of these instructions to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam, leaving it to their discretion to forward the letter to Vizeiaram Rauze immediately if they see reasonable cause to expect his Submission to the Will of Government, or, otherwise, to detain it until sufficient Force can be assembled to carry our Resolutions into effect

We observe the sentiments expressed in your Letter of the 13th Ultimo relative to Juggarow, and desire you will send such orders respecting him as shall, in your Judgement, appear expedient

We have desired Colonel Brathwaite to give his opinion with regard to the Force that may be necessary to support the measure and

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24 and we shall afterwards lose no time in taking such
Steps as may be proper for bringing Nezjeram Rauze
to a proper sense of his duty, and for procuring
ample justice to the Company.

We enclose an English copy of
the Presidents letter to the Rajah, and are,

Gentlemen,

Yr. Yr.

/signed/ Chas. Oakeley Yr.
Council.

Fort St. George
22nd May 1793

To the Most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General in Council
at
Fort William.

My Lord,

To Bengal enclosing Colonel Brathwaites plan for levying two new Battalions & opinion on the measure

We have been honored by the receipt
of your Lordships letter dated the 16th Ultimo

2 We have no hesitation in giving
it as our opinion that it is expedient to augment the
native Infantry on this Establishment to the Extent
stated in your Lordships letter, and, as Colonel
Brathwaite's ideas entirely coincide with our own on this
point, we have the honor to transmit a Copy of the plan
he has laid before us for levying and forming this additional

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4 additional force, which, with your Lordships permission, we shall carry into Effect

3 We have directed Colonel Brathwaite to make minute enquiry Concerning the Healthiness of Arnee and the adjacent Countries; and, as soon as we receive his report, we shall forward it to your Lordship

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

(signed) Charles Oakeley

&c Council

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To Major Stevenson

Commanding the 3d B. Regiment of Native Cavalry

at

Trichinore

Sir,

To Commandant at Trichinore directing him to take no Cognizance of the Complaints of the Inhabitants - not to employ Troops Excepting in cases of actual disturbance

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 14th and 17th instant. and to inform you, that, as the Nabob by Treaty, is to be supported in the rights of Sovereignty over the Poligars, and all acts of authority exercised in his Name, there can be no interference on the part of the Company in the internal management and police of the Poligar Districts

The

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The Troops Stationed in the Tinnevelly Country are meant for its protection, and you must confine yourself therefore to this object — It is the province of the Nabob's Servants to prevent the Inhabetants of the Circar from being molested by the Polygars, as it is that of the Company's Collector to See that no Injustice &c — exercised towards the Tributaries, who are Secured against any demands by the Circar over and above the Amount of their Annual Peeshcush fixed by Treaty —

You will observe, from the above, that the Company's Troops are not to be employed — except in cases of actual disturbance in the Country and that you are not to take Cognizance of any — Complaint preferred by the Inhabitants through the Nabob's Aumildars —

I am
&c &c

Fort St. George
23d May 1793 —

/signed/ W. C. Jackson
Secy

To Sir John Kennaway Bart.
Resident at Hydrabad.

To Resident at Hydrabad
Mons. Merigny —
released, and ordered
to quit the Company's
Possessions — Cause of
the four Lacs intended
to be paid on account of
Peshcush, not being received
by the Nizams Sowcar
charge for transporting Stores
to Innaconda Carpleviridam and
account Current enclosed —

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of — your Letters dated the 6th and 8th instant, and to inform

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24 inform you that Mons.r Maigny has been ordered to quit the Company's poſſeſſions immediately, and not to come within them again under pain of imprisonment

In my letter of the 17th August last, you were advised that the Soucars named in the post of the Nizam had declined receiving a lender made to them by the board of four Lacks of Rupees on account of the Peishcush, stating, as a reason, that they had written to his Highneſs and must wait an answer, before they could receive or paſs their receipt for any Sum on account of the Peishcush."

The Soucars having been again called upon to know if any answer had been received from the Nizam, they replied. "that they had written in the Month of August last — to their Correspondent at Hyderabad and received for answer, that his Highneſs the Nizam could give no instructions, until his return from a Tour he was about to make — they added," that they had not since heard from their Correspondent, but they would again write on the Subject."

I am directed to observe that the Sum of 12980-13-1 Rupees a p for which his Highneſs is debited for Stores sent to Innondah, is on account

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24 account of charges incurred in transporting the Stores, as will be seen by the accompanying copy of an account Current, wherein Credit is given his Highness for the Value of the Stores, and his account debited only for the expence of freight and Carriage -

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
/signed/ W. C. Jackson
Secy

Fort St. George
23d May 1793 -

Sent the undermentioned letters, -
Entered in MB Nos 175 - 176 - 177 - 178 - 179 - 180 -

To Mr. Paymaster Hughes -

To Paymaster at Vizianagherry directing him to send to the Presidency the Money rejected by the Shroffs from Tippoo's Kist as base - coin.

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General - referring Mr Cockburn's Estimate of Cash for Supplies of Grain in May and June -

To Ditto

To Ditto - the Troopers with Captain Dallas to be put on the same footing in respect of Rice, as the Sepoys of the Nizam's Detachment

To Military Board

To Military Board, a new Draw Bridge at Egmore to be made, an Estimate - Enclosed

To -

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To Colonel Brathwaite

To Officer Commanding the Army — his suggestions in regard to occupying the smaller forts in the Ceded Countries, approved — orders in consequence — his plan for levying the new Battalions and Augmenting the Artillery approved, the former sent to Bengal — other suggestions adopted.

To Townemajor — Monsieur Maregny, and the Interpreter, Guilbert to be released and enjoined to quit Madras, not to return.

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Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.C.B. Nos. 181 182 183 184

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions on the Subject of the Rajah of Meneatagherry's Complaint against some Sepoys of Captain Muatt's Battalion — recommendations —

From Commandant at Guntoor.

From Commandant at Guntoor, regarding a person, confined by Captain Valiot, on Suspicion of being a spy: his Examination enclosed.

From Military Board.

From Military Board enclosing returns of some Pettahs surveyed in the Center Division and requesting they may be admitted on the Cadastral General report, and paid for —

From

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From Lieutenant Peter Dallas of the 26 Infantry

From Lieutenant Peter Dallas, requesting reimbursement for a quarter built by him at Rampore

Dispatched the undermentioned —

Letters Entered in MB. Nos 185 – 186 – 187 – 188 & 189 & 190

To Messrs. Chase & Sewell and Chase — desiring to know whether their Claim on Account of the Combaconum Captors was ever before preferred; and, if not, why it has been delayed.

To Military Board — desiring an Arrangement of the Store Departments at out Stations, reporting the Number of Storekeepers required on the Coast, and the Class of Servants to whom the Charge of Stores should be committed —

To Military Paymaster General — with directions regarding the Draft of the Paymaster of Ongole, on him, in favor of the Board of Revenue —

To Board of Revenue — notifying the same — The Idols discovered in the Tanjore Country to be disposed of as proposed by Mr. Strange.

To Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell — at Tanjore — regarding Lieutenant Emerson's complaints against the agent for Spirituous Liquors — papers on the Subject enclosed.

To

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To Clerk of the Treasury

To Clerk of the Treasury — 25

enclosing the Bills above mentioned and noteifying the Orders given to Mr Roebuck regarding the Amount

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Sent the undermentioned Letters

Entered in MB. Nos. 191 - 192 - 193 - 194 - 196 - 196 -

To Hospital Board

To Hospital Board with —

Extract from the Hon'ble Court Orders regarding Mr William Gordon Surgeon.

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General

with Ditto regarding a Claim of Mr Brown late

To Paymaster General

Surgeon of 101st Regiment

To Military Paymaster General

with Ditto — to furnish a list of those who have received Prize Batta, and Information regarding

To Adjutant General

J. Burgess and B. Wicks

To Adjutant General — with —

Ditto — regarding the number of Recruits intended

To Ditto

for the Coast

To Ditto with another Extract

To Military Board

To Military Board — with

three Invoices of Stores consigned to Bengal and

Madras — and received P. Triton

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Received the following Letters

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Late Acting Purveyor General with Statement of Clothing made over to the different Contractors and Surgeons — Receipts for the Amount Enclosed — the Bills for that delivered at Cuddalore not answered — Cause — requests the usual Commission —

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you a Statement of the produce to the Company of the Hospital Cloathing delivered over from the Purveyors Department to the Contractors and Surgeons at the — Presidency and Subordinates — The neat amount being Pagodas 4217. 28. 47 /- has been paid into the hands of the Military Paymasters at the respective Stations, and their Receipts accompany this address —

Delay in the transmission of the necessary Documents from the out stations has — prevented me from preparing this Statement at an earlier period, and I am now compelled to lay it — before you incomplete, from the want of the accounts valuation from Vizagapatam and Chingleput: which are of trifling amount, and will be reported in a future occasion

The Cloathing at Cuddalore having been delivered to the late Surgeon M.r Bolle

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27. I drew a Bill on him for the amount. His decease prevented the Discharge of the Bill and as the Estate is said to be insolvent.

From the respect due to your Honble Board I have forborne to insert the usual charge of 5 P Cent Commission as Executor not having an express sanction for that purpose and I take the liberty of requesting you will be pleased to order payment of the Amount being Pagodas 210.39.54

I have undergone much labor in the Purveyors Department since the Employ ceased: and prior thereto derived no one advantage for conducting an extensive Department for the Company unconnected with my duty as their Servant

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
27th May 1793

/signed/ Robert Clerk
late act. Purvr. Genl.

Statement

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27 Statement of the Sums Received in the Purveyor's Department for Cloathing &c. delivered to the Contractors and Surgeons at the Presidency Hospital and Out Garrisons according to the Valuation of four Appraisers mutually chosen in consequence of the Orders of Government

The Amount of the Madras and Mellore Hospital Cloathing paid to the Military Paymaster as per his Receipts No. 1. 2. & 3.

Presidency Hospital

Colts Cloathing &c. delivered to Mr. O. Colt Contractor	1339. 2. 50	
Deduct Servants Wages from 1st. Decr. to 2d April the day on which the Delivery was Completed	71. 30 "	1267 17 50

Poonnamallee Hospital

Colts Cloathing &c. delivered to Mr. O. Colt Contractor	281. 16. 20	
Deduct Servants Wages from 1st. Decr. to 26 February the day on which the delivery was Completed	28 " "	253 16 20

St. Thomas Mount

Colts Cloathing &c. delivered to Mr. Colt Contractor	258. 20. 10	
Deduct Servants Wages from 1st. Decr. to 5th. March, the day on which the delivery was Completed	12. 22. 40	245 42 50
Carried Over Pagodas		1766 31 40

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Brought Over Pagodas		1766 31 40
Walayahbad Hospital 72d Regiment		
Cotts Cloathing &c delivered to Mr Colt Contractor	177. 24. 20	
Deduct Servants Wages from 1st Decr to 8 March the day on which the Delivery was Completed	24. 0. 0	
		153 24 20
Walayahbad Hospital 73d Regiment		
Cotts Cloathing &c delivered to Mr Colt Contractor	196. 10. 20	
Deduct Servants Wages from 1st Decr to 10 March the day on which the delivery was Completed	16. 22. 40	
		179 32 60
Tripassore Hospital		
Cotts Cloathing &c delivered to Mr Campbell Surgeon 52d Regt	221. 13. 60	
Deduct Servants Wages from 1st Decr to 7 March the day on which the delivery was Completed	12. 0. 0	
		209 13 60
Cuddalore Hospital		
Cotts Cloathing &c delivered to Mr Robert Rollo Surgeon	164. 43. 40	
Deduct Servants wages from 1st December to 5th January 93 the day on which the delivery was Completed	5. 22. 40	
		159 21 0
Carried Over Pagodas		2468 3320

Money not received

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27 Brought Over Pagodas 2462 3320

Negapatam Hospital

Cotts Cloathing &c. delivered to Mr. McKellop Surgeon } 60 " "

Deduct Servants Wages from 1st December to 16 February the day on which the delivery was Completed } 9 " " 51 " "

Cunnatoor Hospital

Cotts Cloathing &c. delivered to Messrs. Woolf and Sewell Contractors } 43 " " 16 " 22 " 40

Deduct Servants Wages from 1st December to 2d March the day on which the Delivery was Completed } 26 22 40

Arnee Hospital

Cotts Cloathing &c. delivered to Messrs. Woolf and Sewell Contractors } 100 " 2 " 40

Deduct Servants Wages from 1st Dec. to 24 May the day on which the delivery was Completed } 19 " " 81 " 2 40

Chengleput Hospital

Cotts Cloathing &c. delivered to Coll. Contractor } 27 " "

Deduct Servant Wages from 1st Dec. to 24 May the delivery not yet completed

Carried Over Pagt. 26,27 13 20

Allore.

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27 Ellore Hospital — Brought Over Page 2627 13 20

Cotts Cloathing &c. delivered to Messrs. Woolf and Sewell Cont.rs 417 16 60

No 2 Tanjore Hospital

Cotts Cloathing &c. delivered to Lt. J. Morgehart Contractor ..... 319 7 "

Cash delivered to the Tanjore Paymaster

No 5 Trechenopolly Hospital

Cotts Cloathing &c. delivered to Lt. J. Morgehart Contractor 373 26 57

Cash delivered to Trechenopolly Paym.r

No 4 Masulipatam Hospital

Cotts Cloathing &c. delivered to Borah Parental Contractor ..... 322 3 "

Cash delivered to Masulipatam Paymaster

Ellore Hospital

Cotts Cloathing &c. delivered to Borah Parental Contractor ..... 125 41 "

Cash delivered to Masulipatam Paymaster

3 Ganjam Hospital

Cotts Cloathing &c. delivered to Surgeon Cash delivered to Ganjam Paymaster ..... 32 11 "

Vizagapatam Hospital

Cotts Cloathing &c. delivered to the Surgeon — Account not yet received ..... "

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/signed/ Robert Clerk
Cashr Acct Purvr Genl

List

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27 List of Papers.

1 Statement

No. 1. 2. & 3 Military Paymaster's Receipts

No 2 Tanjore Paymaster's Receipt.

No 3 Ganjam Paymaster's Receipt

No 4 Masulipatam Paymaster's Receipt

No 5 Trichenopolly Paymaster's Receipt

William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Resident at Hydrabad requesting information regarding Macherlah Goorchar Tummircoor, Curumpoory, Mukteser and Mussiwauk

Information having been required of me by ..... Mr Cherry, Persian Translator to the Governor General in Council, concerning the following places. Macherla, Goorchar, Tummircoor, Curumpoory, Mookteser and Mussiwauk the Jummas of which amounts to about three Lacks of Rupees, in respect as to their situation and the time they came into the Company's or the Nabob Walajah's possession which not having the means at present of ascertaining

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27 I beg leave to request that the necessary information concerning them may be communicated to Mr Cherry by the Board.

I enclose a Letter from that Gentleman to Tippoos vakeels in reply to their masters proposal of paying the remaining Kists to the Allies at Kistnagherry which must have been transmitted to me thro' mistake.

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

Hydrabad
18th May 1793 — /signed/ John Kennaway

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

From assistant to the Resident at Poona — respecting copy of his letter to the Governor General for particulars regarding the second Kist due from Tippoo, and other affairs —

Honble Sir,

You were advised by Sir Charles Malet under Date 3d Instant of his Intention to pay a Visit to Bombay. He accordingly Set off from hence early in the Morning of the 9th Instant, and reached Bombay the 11th.

For Intelligence relative to the

Second

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27 Second Marratta Kist from Tippoo, and other Affairs

of this Quarter, I have the Honor to refer you to Copy "

of my Address of this date to the Governor General. "

To present Appearance, Nizam Ally Khan will "

Canton during the Rains at Bidder, and Sindeia in "

this Neighbourhood: the first Indiaman of the "

Season from Europe is expected at Bombay between the

15th and 25th Instant.

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

/signed/ Ruthkoff

Asst. at Poona

Poona

13th May 1793.

Extract of a letter from Mr Ruthkoff, Assistant to the Poona Residency, to the Governor General, dated Poona 13th May 1793.

It has been officially communicated to me from the Durbar, that the second Kist from Tippoo is arrived at Toorkunkully, very near the South Western Frontier of the Marratta Country above the Ghauts, and that it is the wish of this Government that it should reach Dardaur, about 100 Miles N. of Toorkunkully, before they grant Receipts for it.

I have Signified in reply, that, the Kist being arrived at Toorkunkully, and nothing appearing likely to intervene, that can obstruct or "

delay

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27 delay it's actual Receipt by the Marrattas, I should submit to the Governor of Fort St. George, whether we were not at liberty to receive our Kist from Tippoo, agreeably to the Arrangement for the Receipt of the Kists by us, as made by your Lordship under date 1st. December last, with so much Consideration and liberality towards the allies, and so much Forbearance on our own part, which surely merited a handsome return from this Government.

In reply it was intimated to me from the Durbar, that the Kist could not be considered as Actually received till it's arrival at Darwaur; to which Effect which in the most speedy Manner every possible means would be taken, and that I should be regularly advised of every Intelligence that might be received on the Subject.

By the Treaty of Syringapatam, it is specified that the Kists shall be paid by Tippoo to the Allies at such places on their Boundaries as they may think Proper; Darwaur is at least 70 Miles from the Boundary between the Marrattas and Tippoo. In the Possible Event of Delay in the Transmission of the Kist from the Marratta Frontier to Darwaur, we shall, I think, be fully Warranted in Receiving

our

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27 our last on Authentic Intelligence of the Marratta Fleet being actually within the Frontier of this State.

Sindia has this day begun to move his Camp across the River, very near the Ground he occupied during the last Rainy Season.

Though the Affairs between Sindia and Holcar in the North seem now to be approaching a very Important Crisis, nothing of a reconciliatory nature appears to have passed on the Subject between this Durbar and Sindia. Sindia is charged by the Durbar and by Holcar with being the Cause of these Differences, while he, on the other hand, traces the Durbar with having instigated and fomented the Present Breach between him and Holcar.

True Extract

J Uthoff
Asst. at Poona.

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

From Auditor General reporting on the Paymaster Generals Estimate for June.

Honorable Sir,

In Answer to your Commands Signified in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 19th

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27 18th Instant with the Estimate of Disbursements in the Military Paymaster Generals Department for June 1793 I beg leave to recommend that two Lacks, fifteen thousand five hundred and thirty two Pagodas, twenty Seven Fanams and fourteen Cash (2,15,532. 27. 14 P. F. C.) as per enclosed Statement, be advanced to answer the Military Payments in June 1793, the sum retrenched as per particulars in the Statement being eleven thousand Seven hundred, Eighty Pagodas, five fanams and fifty Nine Cash (11,780. 5. 59 P. F. C.)

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily Auor Genl

Mily. auor Genls Office.
Fort St. George
27th May 1793

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue

Dated 27th May 1793

From Board of Revenue - cannot expect the Statement called for on the 17th Instant will be prepared for some time - Mr Place's letter on the Subject -

Our Accountant has been &c furnished with orders to prepare the Statement required in your Letter of the 17th Instant, but the Accompanying Extract, in reply will explain that it is uncertain when we may be enabled to comply with your requisition - For some time past we have understood, tho' not officially, that Mr Place was employed in the investigation

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27 investigation alluded to by him, and, as it was a duty
allotted him by your Honble Board, and conceiving
that it might be of short duration, we were unwilling
to make any representation to you on the Subject—
But as it now appears that his attention has been
and must be, solely given up to it for some time
longer, we are under the necessity of submitting the
matter to your Consideration, and, should any delay
arise in the delivery of the Revenue Accounts, we
hope it will not be ascribed to any want of attention
on our part — The duties of the Office require the
constant attendance of the Accountant, more particularly
as he has the Remaining Accounts of the Assumed
Revenue to close, and not having the aid of a Deputy,
or other persons of long experience in this branch
of the Service, we feel more anxious that his
undivided attention should be given to the business
of his Employ under the Revenue Department

A true Extract

/signed/ J. Webbe
dep Secy

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Extract of a Letter from the Accountant

Dated 18th May 1793

I take this Opportunity of
Acknowledging the Receipt of your Secretary's Letters
of the 29th Ultimo and 13th Instant - But must
request your indulgence in a Compliance with the
Orders they Contain, until the duty of a Committee
of which I was some time ago appointed a Member
to investigate the Accounts, between the Company and
Nabob shall be over - In consequence of positive
Orders from the Governor General to draw it to a
Conclusion, My attention has for some time past,
been solely given up to it, and will be for some
time longer.

A true Extract

(signed) John Read

Dep. Sec.y

Received also the undermentioned
Letters - Entered in M.S.B. Nos. 197 - 198 - 199 - 200 -
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From

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From Captain James Oliver 13th Battalion

From Captain James Oliver stating the Intelligence of James Duncan, lately escaped from Seringapatam, regarding sundry Europeans of Colonel Baillie's Detachment and the 75th Regiment, still retained there —

From Storekeeper at Dindigul

From Storekeeper at Dindigul requests to know, under whom the Artificers, when entertained, are to be placed — and leave to provide various articles indented for by Colonel Baird —

From Lieutenant Colonel Tolson

From Commandant in the Ganjam district — enclosing his correspondence with Mr. Paymaster Cooper, and requesting the Board's Interference

From Assistant Secretary at Masulipatam

From Assistant Secretary at Masulipatam — with advice of the Death of Mr. George Binny — Head Surgeon —

From Adjutant General

From Adjutant General — the Officers of the 8th Battalion solicit field Allowances, from the date of the Order for holding themselves in readiness to March

Sent

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Substance of a letter to the Nabob —

Sent letter to the Nabob Entered in C.C. No 107 in reply to his representation regarding the Fort of Caveram — and requesting he will order the release of the two Polygars confined by his — manager at Tinnivelly —

To Commandant at Walajahbad

Dispatched a letter, — Entered in M.B. No 202 to the Commandant at — Walajahbad, directing him to detach a party — of Sepoys to Conjeveram — to preserve order during the Feast

To Secretary at Bengal —

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Sent also a letter to the — Secretary at Bengal — Entered in M.B. No 203 — with intelligence from Mysore, and of that given by James Duncan to Captain Olivier, regarding English Prisoners still in Seringapatam.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor — President

Ernst. William Fallofield Esqr.

Tuesday
28th May 1793

Minutes of last Consultation —

Read and approved.

Read the following letters from

the Board of Revenue

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor in Council.

From the Board of Revenue — with a further report from Vizagapatam — regarding the Revolt of the Hill people, and letter from Vizianagram Rauze.

Honble Sir,

Since our Address to you under date the 16th Instant, We have received a further Report from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam enclosing a Letter from Vizianagram Rauz, and a paper of intelligence which we now transmit for your information — These papers tend to shew, in a more particular manner, that the disaffection of the Hill people and the disturbances in the Country, have been entirely —

brought

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brought on by the oppressive Exactions of Sittaram Rauze, and we recommend that the most speedy and effectual measures be adopted to prevent further and more serious troubles in the Country -

We have the honor to be
Gen.n Gen.n
/signed/ David Haliburton
Charles N. White
Tho.s Cockburn

Fort St. George
23rd May 1793

To David Haliburton Esq.r
Acting President &c.a &c.a Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

We have the honor to inclose copy of a Letter received yesterday from the Rajah Meezeram Rauze, with a transcript of a paper of Intelligence laid before us by our chief -

It is our Intention to make known to the Rajah, that the Information required respecting the troubles in the Hills, has not been obtained -

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obtained from him, and that it is absolutely impossible to give the Assistance he has solicited until the Causes of the Troubles are made known, and the matter further inquired into. —

We have also desired the Chief to send Intimation to the principal Surdars — among the Hill People, inquiring them to desist from plundering the Country, and acquainting them, that if they have Grievances, they should be represented, when they will be inquired into, and redressed —

Vizagapatam
12th May 1795 —

We are
Gentlemen &c &c
John Chamier
/Signed/ John Snow

A true Copy
John Read Depy Secry

From Vizeanagram Rauze to the Chief 9th May 1795.

I have received your Letters of the 10th and 26th Ultimo and the 2d Instant relating very fully about the Company's Money due by me — An account of the three years Famine many People have perished, and the Villages are

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are in a ruined state — It commonly used to Rain a Month before this time, and now, no Rain having fallen as yet, the Scarcity still continues, and the remaining People have no means to support themselves — you are already acquainted of this, and if you will again order People into the Different Parts of the Districts to report to you the state of them, you will then be fully convinced. Nontwithstanding it is so, I am exerting my utmost endeavours to get the Company's Money — After I pay some part of the Company's Money I intend, thro' your Channel, to represent my state to the Government of Madras —

Regarding the Hill Troubles I addressed you on the 3d of last Month, but, as you have not ordered a Detachment of the Company's Sepoys to quell them, the troubles have spread from Golgonda to Guneperum very heavy; the Villages in the Low Lands are set fire by the Rebels, and the People and Cattle are much disturbed —

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I have placed my troops in different Stations, and am doing the most in my Power My Troops may be able to prevent the troubles if in one place, but when they begin in all places it is not in my power to quell them I used to acquaint the Government It is the Company that should support and Protect the Country and the People, and I hope it will be done so; not to mention the scarcity, the troubles also very heavy if speedy measures are not taken to prevent the troubles, much mischiefs will be done – Being reduced to great distress now, without your assistance at this time I am certain that I shall not be able to support myself.

A true Copy
(Signed) Robert Alexander Sury

A true Copy
(Signed) John Read Deptty Sury

Account of the present Situation of the little States tributary to the Rajah Veziaram Rauze 11th May 1793 –

Madigul State

Appal Boopetty injoyed an allowance

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Allowance of 5000 Rupees Annually from the Rajah, for which the Dantlee Family is Security - Lately he was called upon to pay 7500 Rupees for the Villages he possessed on account of the above Allowance - on which account he went off, and is committing troubles upon the Madigul Hills - " Canutala Canoah Padalos and Ramana Padalos are two able Sardars amongst the Dasestaloos, being also deprived of their usual Allowances, they are gone, and have joined Appah Boopathy - these " Rebels are demanding from the Villages sums of Money and the Villages that Pay them are saved and those that do not are burnt. "

Singaveraja Cotta State

Mukty Royaboopaul Rauze was allowed an Annual Salary, and the Dantlee Family was security for the same: this being deprived of by Sittaram Rauze he is gone, and " joined Dantalanaty Rama Rauze the able Sardar of Singaveraja Cotta Dasestaloo, and with

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with some more Daoustalows has begun to
commit depredations.

Tanda State

Tanda Mullapa Rauze's Sardar, Larapa dora
being seperated from his Master by Setturaw
Rauze, and the said Sardar depriving his
Master from the Command of his Country,
he is gone and is committing heavy
Troubles—

Palconda State

Palconda Vejearamu Rauze used to pay a
Reuune of 50,000 Rs Annually. When —
Setturaw Rauze was restored to the Manage
=ment in the year 1790 he was forced to
give a Summid for the Reuune of a
Lack of Rupees, after Setturaw Rauze
was removed Vejearamu Rauze favoured
him and reduced the Reuune to 60,000 Rs,
since Setturaw Rauze was restored again,
now he has made the demand of the —
difference at the rate of a Lack of Rupees
for the two years past. Therefore he is
ready to commence Troubles in the Place. —

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Jeyapore State

Ramachindra Deo continued paying his usual Jummabundy Sitteram Rauze got Sundara Narain Deo, Ramachindra Deo's relation to engage to pay him a Lack of Rupees present and increased the Jummabundy, assisted him with troops and purposed to molest Ramachindra Deo and sent Naraina Deo with two Companies of Sepoys into Naraina=putnam Cotta (or fort) and afterwards Vizeagopaul Rauze & Sardars with some Companies of Sepoys was detached for the Assistance of Naraina Deo, but Ramachindra Deo opposed them at the Ghauts, and blocked up Naraina Deo in the said Fort, and is ready to commence Hostilities

Remarks on the foregoing

Because Ramachindra Deo of Jeyapore has not consented to proceed against Buster, it is intended that the should be removed, and Naraina Deo placed in his

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his room, to take possession of the Tuyapore Country, and afterwards to March against Bustar. This is the cause of the troubles in those Parts.—

Apaji Boopathy and others being deprived of their allowance, and able Sardars in the Vandia family being removed, and there being no other able Sardars, are the cause of the troubles commencing upon the Hills.—

A true Copy
Signed Rob.t Alexander
Secry

A true Copy
Signed John Read
Dep.y Secry

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Board of Revenue requesting further and more explicit Instructions regarding Vizeram Rauze and the sequestration of his Country.—

We had yesterday the Honor to receive your Letter of the 22d Instant with its Inclosures, but, in order to prevent any misconception of the Instructions which are

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are in consequence to be given by us to the Chief and Council, we request to be informed whether it is your Intention that an immediate and absolute surrender of the Zemindary is to be demanded from Vizeram Rauze; or, whether it is only intended that the immediate payment should be required of the Amar due by him, and the removal of Setteram Rauze from all management, and, in the event of his not complying with these conditions, that his Zemindary is to be sequestered

In your reply of the 5th September 1792 you were pleased to express your approbation of the following proposition from the late Board of Revenue which we find was communicated to the Chief and Council for the purpose of being explained to Vizeram Rauze — "If contrary to expectation, the Rajah "Vizeram Rauze should discharge his "current Amars, we propose that the Old "Balance on account of the last year, be

divided

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"divided on the two succeeding years to be
"paid in addition to the 9 Lacks of current
"Jumma, and that on the first Failure, —
"according to his present or any future Kist
"Lundy that may be agreed to be be —
"assessed in the same proportion of 2/3rd of
"Gross Rumma for which other Tributaries
"are made answerable, and that an —
"assignment equal to the payment of that
"increased Jumma, together with such —
"Balance as may be due be, rigorously
"exacted. —

We submit to you if this Zemindar is to be assessed upon the proposed principle, with a due regard to the present state and circumstances of the Country —

Fort St George
27th May 1793

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
David Haliburton
Signed { Chas S White
Thos Cockburn

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Minutes and Resolution in consequence

The Board, in coming to the resolution of the 21st inst. had no reason to suppose, after what had passed, that Vezeranne Rauze could be persuaded to pay any attention to a further call upon him for the payment of his arrears, and they were so strongly confirmed with this belief, that they declared there was no other alternative left, in their opinion, than that of a sequestration of the Zemindary, in order to secure the balance that had accrued, and to provide for the growing demands of the Company.

There is nothing before the Board that can afford a shadow of hope that any thing short of the above measure will bring Vezeranne Rauze to a proper sense of his duty. His total neglect of all the remonstrances urged by the chief of Vizagapatam, and the confusion in which his affairs are involved by the ruinous conduct of Vetteranne Rauze, have been without precedent

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— as the Board are, however, at all times, exceedingly disinclined to proceed to — extremities, while there is any possibility of accomplishing the object by lenient means, it is resolved to authorize the Board of Revenue to give instructions to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam to demand once more from Vizieram Rauze the immediate payment of the arrears due by him, both old and new, and the instant removal of Setteram Rauze from all management — But his compliance with these — conditions is so remote from the expectation of the Board, that they do not in any — respect depend upon it, and it is resolved therefore to enforce the measure of — sequestration in case of disobedience to their authority. —

Read the following letter from Colonel Braithwaite. —

To

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To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir,

From Colonel Braithwaite stating the force he conceives requisite for the reduction of the Vizianagrum Zemindary — proposes that Colonel Pendergast to command the Expedition

I have not the means of being informed of what Force any Zemindar actually maintains, or can collect either from his own resources, or by the overt or clandestine aid of other Zemindars, it not being the duty of any Military Officer to seek for any information of this sort, but to act upon that which is communicated to him by the Civil Government in the Subordinacies. I cannot therefore give so decided an opinion on the subject referred to me in Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 22d Instant as I could wish; I must speak, in a great measure, from vague report. I do not hear that Vizeram rauze has any thing that can come under the description of regular Force, unless the Company's lately discharged Sepoys in that Country can be so called; these I have

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have heard have been entertained by —
Letteram raize, and have been put under
the charge of a Mr. Mc Gee, an Officer I
believe dismissed from the Honble —
Companys Service some years since, by
the sentence of a Court Martial; but —
these cannot be many, and any other —
people that he has, or may be able to
collect I am convinced must be more
rabble; from all that I hear, I should
suppose a very small force sufficient,
but as there is no knowing whether other
Zemindars, taking the alarm, may not
on this occasion give him what assistance
they can, and as I hear that it has been
the practice with them all, to entertain
the Sepoys discharged from our Service
on the reductions which have taken
place, it will be well to determine on
a Force that will be sufficient against
any resistance that can probably be
expected; and, on that ground, I would
propose, that the Force now in the —

Vizagapatam

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Vizagapatam Districts namely the 26 Native Battalion entire, and six Companies of the 27th should the Zemindar shows any signs of resistance, be augmented by a Detachment of Artillery, the two flank Companies from the 1st European Batn now at Ellore, and one more Native Battalion—

I have, all along, been of opinion, that to render our force in the Northern Circars sufficiently respectable, and to keep the Zemindars steady, there should be a Company of Artillery there, as there always used to be; and upon this occasion it might be well to send one from the Battalion at the Mount, as soon as possible, by Sea, to Masulipatam, there to remain 'till further orders, and to form part of that Garrison, and in this Company may be included the Detachment of Artillery now under Orders to march with the 5

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Battalion, and of this measure is —
adopted the Gun Lascars attached to such
Company might go by land with the
8th Battalion I think there are many
reasons in favor of stationing a —
Company of Artillery at Masulipatam,
but, for the purpose of effectually —
maintaining the Honble Company's
authority over Vizeramauze they would
be well situated, and might, in case
his conduct rendered it necessary, be
very quickly transported by Sea, at
this season, with the two flank —
Companies above mentioned from —
Masulipatam to Vizagapatam; and, if
the situation of the Guntoor Circars
then admitted of it, the 8th Battalion
might continue its march so as to
join the Force in the Vizagapatam —
District, and act under the command
of Lieut Colonel Prendergast —

I am apt however to
think that the very rumor of such a
preparation

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preparation would be sufficient to reduce the Zemindar to implicit obedience, at least as far as regarded any overt act, but I conceive that under such circumstances the country will be constantly in a state of confusion unless both the Zemindar Vizeram razu and his Brother Sitteram are ordered to the Presidency to remain till the Zemindary shall have redeemed itself —

The full extent of my idea goes to the hiring, ready to employ in that Country, in addition to the force now there, half a Company of Artillery two flank Companies of European Infantry, and one Native Battalion, the Ordnance there is sufficient, as I had the honor to inform you in my Letter of the 9th October 1792 —

Military Board
Quarters Madras
25th May 1793 —

I have the Honor to be
with respect &c &c

John Braithwaite

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The Board are of opinion that the two Flank Companies of the 4th European Battalion, the 26th Native Battalion, the six Companies of the 27th Native Battalion, and half a Company of Artillery from the — Battalion stationed at the Mount, with a proportion of Gun Lascars, will be a force competent, under present circumstances, to the execution of the measure in contemplation against Vizianagram Rauze —

The Board propose to send the Artillery and Gun Lascars from hence to Masulipatam by Sea — at the latter place they will be joined by the two Flank Companies of the 4th European — Battalion, and the whole proceed, by Sea, to Vizagapatam. —

In the present situation of Affairs, the Board think it would not be proper to send — more than half a Company of Artillery to the Northward, as it is uncertain how soon the Service of all the Artillery may be required in another Quarter. —

agreed

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Agreed that the above be communicated to Colonel Braithwaite, and that he be desired to send such orders as he may deem necessary in regard to the detail and equipment of the Force ordered to be assembled —

Read the following letter from Bengal

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

From Bengal recommend that the offer of the Rajah of Tanjore to execute the proposed treaty be accepted. Observations on the subject opinion on Colonel Martin's Complaints against the Nawaub Rajah remarks relative to the Company's Rights and authority over the Poligars troops meant to be placed under the orders of Collectors.

Honble Sir

We have received your letter dated the 24th Ultimo. —

Although we have no positive reason, at present, to entertain a much more favorable opinion of the character of the Rajah of Tanjore than we had when we wrote to you on that subject in December last, yet, as we have not heard of any late irregularity in his conduct we think that, under all the circumstances in which this question

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question is involved, it will be more suitable to our National character to hazard an Error on the side of lenity, than to expose ourselves to the imputation of having treated him with excessive rigor —

When the reference was made to us in December last, on the Rajahs offer to undertake the management of his Country on the terms which he at first rejected, he had just before been guilty of committing several shocking outrages; and, exclusive of all other considerations, if his restoration had immediately succeeded his Misdeeds, it might have been doubted whether our Government seriously disapproved of those enormities. —

The Rajah has now, for some time, felt the most pointed and public marks of our dissatisfaction, and of our abhorrence of his Conduct; and, as the Company, by the terms of the proposed Agreement, will be ultimately secured in the receipt of the stipulated Revenue

and

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and will also obtain an absolute right of assuming the Management of the Country whenever the Rajah shall fail in his — payments, we recommend that the Rajah's offer to execute the treaty that was — proposed to him, may now be accepted, & that the management of his Country may be restored to him at the Conclusion of the current Revenue Year

The complaints of Colonel Martin, against the Rajah Shamtoo Putty are of too general a nature to admit of our giving any positive opinion respecting them that he is despotic and that he governs his Country very ill we do not doubt, and we are afraid that the same despotic may with too much truth be imputed to almost every other Poligar in the Country, but, altho' we may — lament those evils, we are obliged, at the same time, to recollect that our rights over that description of people are too limited to admit of our applying the means that would

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would be effectual, to correct them——

Under these circumstances, we cannot help being of Opinion that whilst the utility of the measure might be extremely doubtful, any interference on our part in the appointments of Dewans or Ministers, or in any of their internal Arrangements would not be entirely justifiable, and we think that you will be ever liable to be engaged in Polygar Wars / which have been always unprofitable and very often unjust / unless you instruct your Servants in the clearest Manner to take no further concern about the Poligars than to demand from them their fixed tribute, and to prevent their engaging in warfare amongst themselves, or committing any Act of contumacy against your Government.

We not only entirely disapprove of the proposition made by Colonel Martinz, that a detachment should attend the Collector to Rajah Shaytoo Pulley's present place of residence, but we also earnestly recommend that, altho' it may be advisable

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Advisable that the troops in the Neighbouring
Stations should be instructed to comply with
the requisitions which the Collectors of
Poligar Peshcush may be obliged to
make for assistance upon any sudden
emergency, yet that it should be observed
by you, as a general rule, never to post
troops under the orders of those Collectors; as
we are convinced that whenever a Necessity
actually exists for employing a Military force,
the troops should be commanded by an Officer
of a respectable character either in the
Kings or Company's service, who should act
immediately under the direction of your
Government

We have the Honor to be
Sir &c
Cornwallis
Signed { Peter Speke
Wm Cowper
Thos Graham

Fort William
May 13th - 1793.

Resolution in
consequence —

Resolved that the Orders be sent to the
Board of Revenue to instruct the Collectors in

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in the Tanjore Country to be in readiness to deliver over their charge to the Rajah on the 12th day of July next, being the commencement of the new Revenue Year.—

Resolved that the Rajah of Tanjore be informed that his Country is to be restored to him at the abovementioned time

— Resolved also, that the Treaty, with the amended Schedule of his private Debts, be sent for his Signature

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir,

From Board of Revenue stating the obstacles Mr Landon has met with in resisting the demands of the Tanjore Poligars Two of them seized and confined by him—requesting explicit orders regarding the Extent of the Collector's Authority on such occasion—the Shapore Poligar not yet confined in the Mannilargoe Village cause thereof a new disposition of the 3d Battalion—as proposed by Mr Landon—three letters from him enclosed—

An Extract of your Comm[n] under date the 15 Instant, was transmitted to Mr Landon, interdicting him from any interference with the internal management and police of the Poligar Districts, and confining his duties to the mere receipt of the Peishcush—but authorizing a resistance of any demands made by the Nabobs Servants, over and above the

amount

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amount of the annual tribute paid by Treaty,
and intimating that no countenance should
be given to the recovery of balances due on
account of the former Renterships of Sibabar
Cauun —

It appears by the Letters lately
received from Mr Landon, a Copy of which are inclosed
herewith, that he has met with obstacles and
interruptions incompatible with your —
before mentioned instructions — Sibabar Cauun
has not only made claims on different —
Poligars on the plea of unadjusted accounts,
but for Nuzzurs, and his people have —
confined those persons, and siezed their property —
Any success in such attempts will, as is to be
apprehended, occasion further pretences, and
put it out of the power of the Collector to
secure the punctual payment of the —
Peishcush according to the late treaty — altho'
your Orders appear to warrant him to
resist similar demands and encroachments
yet as the mode of resistance and the extent
of his authority, on such occasions, are not

particularly

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particularly desired, we request your explicit orders on the subject, and, as two of the Poligars (Caunea Naig and Varachinnama Naig) have disregarded Mr Landon's repeated — Summons, what measures he is to adopt to enforce their attendance, or the appearance of some persons on their behalf to make arrangements for the payment of their Peishcush.—

As your Orders for putting the Poligar of Chaporum in possession of the Village of Mavellavora have not, for reasons stated by Mr Landon, been carried into execution, it rests with your Honble Board to determine what measures are proper to be adopted for enforcing a compliance with the arrangement proposed by Colonel Maxwell

The refractory and audacious behaviour of the person, who, in defiance of your orders continued to exercise his authority in the Chattoo Pollam and to imprison the Manager sent by Mr Landon, ought not to pass unnoticed; and we recommend that an example

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example be made of him—

In consequence of Mr Landon's representation respecting the Detachments from the 7th Battalion stationed in different Pollams, we recommend that he be furnished with a discretionary latitude in respect to their removal, and that Captain Bowser be directed to comply with any application from him for withdrawing them—

As Mr Landon is of opinion that Ettabar Cauns may have unadjusted accounts with the Polygars, and as the latter has preferred complaints of depredations committed by them, we request your attention to these points— At the same time, we concur in opinion with Mr Landon as to the effects of the present uncontrolled conduct of Ettabar Cauns, and have no doubt but that his charges & complaints against the Polygars are, in many instances, groundless—

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

Fort St George
25th May 1793—

David Haliburton
(Signed) C. A. White
Thos Cockburn

To

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To David Haliburton Esqre

Acting President & Hr Board of Revenue

Fort St George.

Gentlemen,

In my address of the 30th April
I had the honor to inform your Board, that
I had communicated to Lutchar Caun the
representations made to me by the Poligar
of Singumpetty, and that I had also called
upon him, to restore the privileges and property
of this Poligar, in order that I might collect
the Pishcush on the Company's account. —
The Caun has since written to me, in reply,
saying "that the present Poligar's Father rented
"some Villages from the Circar, on which —
"account, a balance still remains due, and
"requesting of me to order the present —
Poligar to pay off the Balance, that he
"may receive his Cawely fees as usual". —
By the above quotation
from the Caun's Letter, your Board will
observe that he does not deny having —
seized the Poligar's property, but that he
attempts

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attempts to defend the Act, on pretence of a former balance being due to him—

Sitaram has, at intervals, had the management of the Tinnivelly Province for so many years back, that it is more than probable, from the loose made of conducting business, which is so common with with the Natives of this Country, and — particularly with the Polygars, that he may have unadjusted accounts with every Polygar on it—If his conduct towards the Surgum petty Polygar passes unnoticed, it is fair to conjecture that he will be encouraged to revive all his dormant claims, and he will doubtless, in such case, pursue the same means of realizing them which will cause an — Interruption to the collection of the — Peishcush; as your Board may easily conceive, for so long as any thing is to be got, pretences will not be wanting; and those Polygars who may be ill disposed will not only be deprived of the means of living sumptuously on their payments to the Company, but the — respectory

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refractory among them, will have the additional exercise of the Cauns Interference, and will endeavour to make payment altogether —

The Poligar of Collemoundum who attended my Cutcherie agreeable to the Summons, and in order to merit the Companys protection, exerted himself, and paid off his Peishcush in full, has just represented to me, that, on the evening of the 4th Instant, the Monegar of Panzipollam, a Circar Village, accompanied by two guards of the Nabobs Sepoys, attacked his two sons and beat a person belonging to his — family, in order to extort a Nuzzer: That upon their refusing to comply, and saying that the Tributes for the Pollams had been paid to the Company, the Monegar — plundered his house, and carried off 18 Cotta of Paddy, and 40 Chuckrums —

The Caun has preferred repeated complaints to me of depredations committed by the Poligars: and, at his request I have enquired into some, and put them in

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train of accommodation, but his accusations
are so many, and the charges against them
so heavy, that I am inclined to think many
of them are groundless, as it would be
unfair to prejudge, by supposing the
Poligars wrong in very instance — I concede
perfectly in the sentiments expressed by
Lieutenant Colonel Macaulay on this subject
in his letter to the Honble the Governor
in Council on the 3d December last, Viz.t
"It has been viewed as a prevalent opinion
"that the Poligars in general plunder from
"the Circar to a large amount, I called upon
"the servants of both Cutcheries to substantiate
"this, and I also had a conference with the
"Nabob's Phousdar on the subject, at which
"I urged him to bring forward his claims,
"both for usurpations and plunder, but as yet
"he has not, and indeed I am persuaded that
"the reports of depredations committed by the
"Poligars has generally been propagated by
"the different Amongars, with a view of
"obtaining certain Indulgence or remission

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Your Board will have understood long since by a Copy of a letter transmitted to you in March last by Mr Martin the unsuccessful attempt that was then made to put the Poligar of Cattapooram in possession of the Village of Mawellawora, agreeable to the orders of Government – as I have not yet been honored with Instructions respecting the Revenue and other heads in this Province, I have judged it most advisable to make no open attempt to carry those orders into execution; but after I had received from the Poligar of Pangalamoody part of his Peishcush, and he appeared disposed towards accommodation in order to sound him respecting Mawellawora, I intimated to him, that the orders of Government regarding that Village had not yet been put in execution, and gave him to understand that Government were determined to inforce obedience to all Colonel Maxwell's arrangements – I however found that expostulation and persuasion were urged in vain; and I judged it expedient to

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to drop the subject, as I had it not in my
power to enforce obedience—

The jealousy which the
Inhabitants of the Villages of Mawellawora
and Arnedum creates between the Polygars
of Cattiapooram and Panjalamcourchy is
scarcely to be conceived, as it originates more
from a point of honor than any consideration
of interest; and, in these cases the Polygars,
who are in general high spirited, will
proceed to extreme lengths rather than yield
to their adversaries—

Cittiar Swamy has repeatedly
requested of me to represent to your Board
that he understands part of the balance of
the Fuslely year 1199 on which he has
a claim, were collected by the Company.
In compliance with his desire, I now beg
leave to mention the circumstance, and hope
to be honored with your Instructions for
the reply I am to make to him—

I have the pleasure to
transmit herewith a bill of the Paymaster at
Madura

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Madura on the Military Paymaster General
for Star Pagodas /10,000/ Ten thousand, and
a Bill of the Paymaster at Palamcota upon
the same for Star Pagodas /10,092/ Ten —
thousand, Six hundred and Ninety two. ——

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen &c &c
/Signed/ James Landon
Collector S. Pettaush

10th May 1793 -

A true Copy
/Signed/ John Read Dep. Secy

James Landon Esqre
Collector South. Pettaush.

Sir,

I am extremely sorry to inform you
that Shevelinguem pillay, in defiance of
the last orders you sent him, continued to
exercise his Authority in the Marungatoo
of the Shatoor Pollam - and Muruda pillay,
the Man you appointed to superintend, sent
a person to acquaint me that he was a
prisoner, and that the Rajan he sent; —
acknowledging himself in charge, was —
dictated by Shevelinguem pillay, who would not
obey

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obey your Summons to Authour—

Such daring resistance to the
Company's Authority induced me to send some
Sepoys to take him prisoner, and establish
Murdapilla agreeable to your appointment;
but I am sorry this Audacious fellow—
escaped, as the Sepoys entered the Village—
he ran away another road— Murdapilla has
requested I would give him a guard of—
Sepoys for some days to which I have—
consented. I hope you will judge it proper
to forward this complaint to Government
that some punishment may await such
refractory behaviour as an example to
other Polygars particularly that your
orders, in future, may not be slighted

I have the Honor to be

Sir &c &c

(Signed) C. Dighton

Coming Off the Shevellapatore

Shevellapatore
15th May 1793

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Landon
Collector South Rishnad

A true Copy
(Signed) John Read
Dep. Secry

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To David Haliburton Esqre

Acting President & Board of Revenue

Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I am honored by the receipt of your Secretary's letter of the 8th May inst transmitting Extract of a Letter from Government, prohibiting my interference with the internal management of the Pollams, also directing me to resist claims upon the Poligars for former balances and ordering me to make enquiries respecting the number of Looms, and the state of the Manufacture in the Tinnevelly Province, which instructions shall be duely attended to—

In my address of the 30th April, I informed your Board, that most of the Poligars of the Province had attended the Sirkar & I have now the pleasure to mention that I have succeeded in prevailing upon all of them to come in, but two; and these have paid no attention whatever to the repeated

Summons

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Summons I have sent to them, nor to the encouragement I have given them by promising that the Company will require no more than their established tribute — one of these is Comme Naig Poligar of Sanpetoor whose Peshcush is Chuckrums five thousand seven hundred and ninety one — The other is Yarachinnama Naig Poligar of Yalamada, whose Peshcush is one thousand and sixteen Chuckrums: persuasion having been exerted in vain, I request to be informed what measures I am to adopt to effect their attendance, or, at least the appearance of some person of responsibility on their behalf, to make arrangements for the payment of their tribute.

The Detachments from the 7th Battalion mentioned in Captain Bowsers letter to me of the 5th April already submitted to your Board, still continue in the Pollams where they were first stationed by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell; since which time, circumstances have changed, and, in

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some places, their presence is no longer ~~~
necessary — I understand that Lieutenant Colo.
Maxwell left no discretionary orders respecting
those detachments, with Captain Bowser,
and, as I have hitherto received no Instructions
respecting them myself, the inconvenience ~~
occasioned by some of them remaining in their
present Stations, which I am not at present
enabled to remedy, induces me to take the
liberty of addressing your Board, a second ~
time, on this subject; and I hope soon to be
honored with your commands that I may lessen
the difficulties, I have to encounter, in executing
the duty intrusted to my charge. —

In my address of the 15th April
I informed your Board that Citabar Cawn had
imprisoned the Poligar of Woorcaud — This ~~
Poligar, waited upon me a few days since;
and, upon being forced to pay his tribute for
the present year, represented that the Cawn
had seized all his inheritance, and Jews of
every kind, in order to recover a balance
of two Thousand Chuckrums and upwards — ~~
That

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that has been due for some years past, and to extort a Nuzzer of four thousand — Chuckrums —

The Poligar of Chocum putty attended at the Cutcherie last Month, agreeable to my Summons, and paid about half his Peshcush upon returning to his Pollam to prepare for the payment of the remainder, he wrote to me complaining, that the Cauvé Nemgaw at Tavatchy prevented his collecting the arrears of his watching fees, which amounts to about three thousand Chuckrums; that he beat and impressed his Servants, and carried off a quantity of Cav Paddy and some heaps of grain

I have written to Petchiar — Cauvé communicating the two preceding circumstances, and representing the — Impropriety of his conduct which will put it out of my power to collect the Peshcush of the Poligars for the Company according to the late treaty — I have also called — upon him to restore the property of the Mussaud

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Woorcaud Poligar and to allow the Cavelly fees to be collected as usual.—

On the 30th Ultimo I had the honor of advising your Board that I had, in obedience to your orders, removed the Brother of Suncaralingum from the Shattoor Pollam, and that I had appointed Murdapah Pillah to take charge of it and of the Minor Poligar, but, holding no authority to enable me to put the latter in possession, my orders have been disregarded with the strongest marks of contempt, as will more fully appear by the accompanying Copy of a letter from Captain Dighton on that Subject.—

Tennevelly
the
17 May 1795.—

I have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen, &c &c
(Signed) James Landon
Collector Southern Polliums

A true Copy
(Signed) John Read
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Observations & resolutions in consequence—

In authorizing the Collector of the Poligar Pollums to resist any demands made by the Nabobs Servants over and above the amount

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Amount of the annual Tribute fixed by Treaty
the Board meant only that such resistance
should be confined to remonstrances — If
these do not avail, representations are to be
made through the Board of Revenue to
Government, that the Nabobs may be
applied to on the occasion — Mr Landon's
authority as the Board said before, cannot
extend to any internal arrangements. It
goes only to the receipt of the fixed Tribute
— to prevent the Polygars from engaging in
warfare amongst themselves — or committing
any act of contumacy against the Company's
Government — and to secure this Authority to
him, Major Dunmore will be instructed to
comply with such requisitions as the Collector
may be obliged to make for Assistance
upon any sudden Emergency: but it must
be understood as a general rule, that on
whatever Troops are required for this Service
they are in no shape to be under the
orders of the Collector, the Board being
convinced that whenever a necessity actually
exists

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exists for employing a Military Force the
Troops should be commanded by an officer of
respectable Character, who should act —
immediately under their orders —

The Board have already written
to the Nabob respecting the confinement of
the two Poligars by Estabar Caun — they are
sensible that, from the nature of the
agrument between his Highness and the
Company relative to the Poligars, that a
considerable degree of address and temper
will be required on the part of the Collector
to prevent improper interference, and, at the
same time, to conciliate good will on the
part of the Nabobs Managers, and mutual
peace and forbearance among the Poligars. —
These objects as far as this authority extends
must be strongly recommended to his care,
and as the principal embarrassment will
probably arise from the Nabobs Servants,
it will be proper that he should be especially
on his Guard against any attempts, from —
that quarter, to involve the Poligar, under color
of

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of Complaints of depredation or other irregularities, since the Board are persuaded that such complaints are often ill founded, and always much exaggerated for interested purposes—

As Caumea Naig and Varachin-
nama Naig have disregarded the Collectors repeated Summons to attend at his Cutcherry, Mr Landon must apply to Major Stevenson for Assistance to enforce their attendance for the purpose of making arrangements for the payment of their Pishcush—

Agreed that Major Stevenson be directed to enforce the decision for confirming the Thasporam Poligar in the Village Mavillavira, agreeably to the recommendation of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell; with respect to Shivalingum Pilly it is resolved, in case he be seized by the Collector, that he be publickly flogged and kept in confinement until further orders—

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Agreed that Mr Lawson be furnished with a discretionary latitude in respect to the removal of the Detachments from the 1st Battalion, stationed in different Pollams, and that Captain Lawson be directed to comply with any requisitions from the Collector for withdrawing them—

Ordered that the above be communicated to the Board Revenue—

Death of Surgeon Benny Head Surgeon at Masulipatam— and of

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Mr George Benny Head Surgeon at Masulipatam on the 20th Instant, and of Captain William Forbes, of the 4th European Battalion, at the above place, on the 18th Instant.

Captain William Forbes of the Infantry

Lieut Fireworker Thomas Lloyd dismissed the Service by Sentence of a General Court Martial—

The Secretary also reports that by a Memorandum from the Adjutant General, it appears that Lieutenant Fire-worker Thomas Lloyd of the Company's Service was dismissed on the 25th Instant by the Sentence of a General Court Martial—

Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General—

To

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary Military Department.

From aguitant General proposing the promotion of Lieut Alexander Beatson, Ensign William Cawthorne and Mr Anthonian Cadet

Sir,

Colonel Brathwaite has directed me to signify his recommendation to the Honble the President in Council that the following Promotions may be ordered to take place.

Lieutenant Alexr Beatson to be Captain of a Company vice Forbes deceased. date of Commission 19th May 1793

Ensign William Cawthorne to be Lieutenant vice Beatson promoted date of Commission 19th May 1793

Mr Anthony Mainin Cadet to be Ensign vice Cawthorne promoted date of Commission 19th May 1793

I have the Honor to be Sir &c &c

(Signed) B. Close
Adjt General of the Army

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Ordered that the Promotions be made

Read

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Read the following letters from the Military Board / with Enclosures entered in Mls Nos 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211 —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council —

Hon'ble Sir,

We have the Honor to acknowledge receipt of your letters under date 1st 2d 3d and three of the 8th Instant —

The very ingenious performance transmitted from Bengal, relating to the — manufacturing of Gun Powder, has afforded us much information, and shall be — communicated to Mr Porcher, who, as Military Storekeeper, is, at present, the Company's Agent for manufacturing Gunpowder —

With regard to the Indent for Stationary for the 1st Battalion of Artillery, we are of opinion, that, agreeable to the — present usage of the Service, it cannot be — admitted; but we think it however necessary to submit our opinion that an allowance for Stationary should be made to Officers in the Company's

From Military Board — opinion on the Stationary Indent for the 1st Batalion of artillery — Colonel Maules minute regarding Clerks on works and — repairs where no Engineers are stationed; cannot state the Medium price of the articles proposed to be included in the Gun Carriage Contract — they — Deficiency in Cooking Indents for Grain — Minutes on the Subject and recommendation — of opinion — an Interpreter Dinaigue — Boles for repairs — inclosed Storekeepers in January and Febuary

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Company's Service, whose situations calls for an extraordinary consumption of it upon the principle which granted such an allowance to each of his Majesty's Corps in this Country.

The necessary deductions have been given to the Contractor to make up Cloathing, at the Company's expence, for the Troops under the command of Colonel Stuart and Captain Dighton —

We have instructed the Honble Company's Solicitor to draw up the Contract with Messrs Roebuck and Hobson in the manner you have suggested leaving room for the insertion of the nature of the check at Stations: where there are no Engineers to effect this we were of opinion that the Honble Company's Chief Civil Servant and at Military Stations the Commanding Officer should certify that the work was well executed and with goodmaterials if Government would be satisfied with such a superficial check — as such persons at most be supposed could not be deemed competent

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competent to calculation, and measurement—

In consequence of which the Chief

Engineer delivered in a Memorie, a Copy of which

we have the Honor to inclose, from whence it

appears clearly, that no really efficient check

can be established without having recourse

to the Engineer's Department, as it is not to

be expected that any others can certify the

quantity of Work done which it appears —

indispensably necessary to certify, in order to

establish an efficient check, and we are further

of opinion, that, agreeable to the principle on

which the Contract is founded, the Contractors

cannot ever undertake any Work that has not

been previously measured and Estimated by an

Engineer and, if so it seems to follow that the —

same Engineer who had first estimated and —

measured the work, should subsequently be

employed, as the properest check—

We do not find it practicable

to make the Statements required by your Honble

Board regarding the provision of Articles not

included in the Contract with Messrs Topping

and Parry, but properly belonging to the Gun Carriage

yard

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Yard - it not being possible to state a medium
price for any one of the Articles, if the yard-
rent and workmens wages are to be deducted -
The sum to be deducted from the
price of each article must be in proportion
to the number of that Article made in that
Month, consequently there can be no medium
price for any Article, as each will be subject
to a variation every month; and the —
superabundance of any one Article will
make a variation of all the rest, by taking
off so much of what was to be deducted from
each of the rest. We therefore recommend
that the Contractors for Gun Carriages
should be called upon to state the lowest
price at which they will agree to furnish
such articles, including every possible charge
— and we beg leave to observe one of
the articles stated in the List given in by
the Contractors, is Sheathing Boards, as these
are to be provided, not made, we conceive
it to be the Storekeepers duty to provide
them — Copper clouts for Waleings come-

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under the same description as do Sunbeam — planks and wooden skids, and that drivers and setters for fuzes, empty fuzes sponge and rammer heads — spindles for grape shot, tompions for Guns, bottoms for round and grape shot, all which are inserted in the Contractors, are always made by the — Artificers under the Commissary General of Stores in the Arsenal —

Our Secretary having laid before us sundry Indents from the several Regiments of Cavalry for the first delivery of Grain to be checked by us; in entering upon this business many difficulties — arise as We find the Indents made out on varying principles, some Corps indenting for the full establishment, others only for the number of Horses present — and though we ourselves conceive that it is the intention of Government that each Corps should — draw for the full Establishment subject to our check, we still find ourselves at a loss on what principles to proceed to — check

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check any of the Items, except that of calling upon the Adjutant General for the Returns which state the number of Horses present with each Corps. As we know of no other information within the reach of this Board that can authorize us to form any idea of the probable increase or decrease of Horses with each Corps, within any limited time, or application to our President, who, as Commander of the Army, are considered as the most likely person among us to have such information, he assures us that he is not in possession of any information which enables him to form any probable conjecture of the increase or decrease of the present number of Horses with each Corps, within any limited time. That he fully believes the Agents employed for the purchasing of Horses will exert themselves. But he can say no more, as nothing that he has heard from either of them holds out any thing like a conjecture even of the numbers they leave a probability of

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of purchasing in any limited time the Horses that he has received applications from the several Corps for leave to appoint Committees to cast Horses but he can form no probable conjecture of how many will be cast under these circumstances, and from the ideas we have formed of the System of Gram Agency adopted by your Honble Board, we are of opinion that, for the present, for the purposes of check, it may be expedient that Officers commanding Regiments of Cavalry should Indent for no more than the number of Horses present at the time of Indenting - in which case by calling for the Returns from the Adjutant Generals Office We may be enabled to check the Indents, and we know of no other means within our reach.

The necessary directions have been given to the Contractors for Repairs — regarding the Granary recommended by the Chief Engineer to be constructed at Arnie for the reception of Five hundred Garce of Paddy. and we have called upon the Chief Engineer for

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for a detailed Estimate of the expence that will attend the improvements suggested as necessary to correct all obvious and material defects in the defences of that Fort.—

With respect to the application from the Commandant at Dindigul, we are of opinion that, for that Station / circumstanced as it is, being a frontier Garrison / a reasonable sum for an Interpreter, a Writer, and two Peons should be allowed—

We have the honor to inclose two bills presented to us by the Contractor for Repairs amounting together to Pagodas three thousand, seven hundred, and two, eight fanams, and thirty Cash / 3702. 8. 30 / which, being properly certified, we recommend may be discharged—

The Quarter Master General, the Chief Engineer, and Commissary General of Stores, having examined the Stores supplied by the Military Storekeeper in the Month of January and February, and reported them agreeable to invoice, we have directed them

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to be entered on the Company's Books —

We have examined the Books of the Arsenal and Laboratory, which we find to be regularly brought up to the 15th February last —

We have the honor in consequence of the orders under which we act to transmit to you every documents, which came before us on this subject Viz.t —

No 1 The original letter received upon by the Board
2 The Military Auditor Generals first two remarks in the Margin
3 The Presidents reply to the foregoing remarks —
4 Subsequent two remarks of the Military Auditor General which, by some mistake, never were seen by the President
5 The Military Auditor Generals Minute
6 The Presidents Minute in reply
7 Additional Minute of the Military Auditor General
8 Minute of the Chief Engineer —
9 Contractors for Repairs' Bills. —

We have the Honor to be,
the the the

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21st May 1793 —

Signed
John Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
Thomas Gils
Jno. Richardson
By Close
Geo. Maule
George Wall

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir,

Inform Military Board requesting an Assistant Secretary may be appointed

We had the Honor some time since to communicate to you that we found the actual business of our Board so multifarious as to induce us to request some additional allowances to our Secretary's Department for the better carrying on the duties of that Office.

We beg leave to represent to you that notwithstanding Government were pleased to adopt our recommendation upon the subject we still find occasion to feel the inadequacy of the present Establishment to the fulfillment of the several exigencies of the Office, and having unanimously Resolved that an Assistant to the Secretary is necessary to the expediting the business of the Military Board. We have the Honor to request you will be pleased to appoint one.

In requesting this appointment may be made by Government it becomes but an act of justice towards our Secretary Mr Brooke, which we perform with pleasure, to assure you,

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you Honble Sir that our solicitation for an Assistant in the office of that Gentleman arises from no other motive than the most entire conviction that such an appointment is indispensably necessary, as we have every reason to express ourselves satisfied with the exertion of zeal, assiduity, and ability manifested by Mr. Brodie in the performance of the duties of his office.—

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

Fort St. George
22d May 1793.—

John Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
Thomas Geils
Jn. Richardson
By Close
Geo. Maule
George Hall

Signed

Minutes and Resolution on the foregoing letters.

The Board approve the proposition of the Chief Engineer in regard to the check to be established on the work

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to be performed by the Contractors for repairs &c
ordered that it be accepted

Agreed that the Contractors for
Gun Carriages be called upon to state the
lowest prices at which they will agree to
furnish the articles stated in their list —
with the exception of those to be provided
by the Military Storekeeper and Commissary
General of Stores including every possible —
charge —

Having considered the proceedings
of the Military Board relative to the —
Indents for Grain on the Subordinate agents,
the Board are of opinion that, altho it
may be difficult to calculate with —
exactness the increase of Horses with
each Corps in any given time yet, on —
application to the Agents employed in
the purchase of Horses, information —
may be obtained to enable the Military
Board to check the Indents in comparison
with the returns, with sufficient accuracy
to answer the intended purpose — The —

Board

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Board are further of opinion, that the Agents can at all times speak as to the number of Horses on hand and on the road to the principal Cavalry Stations, as well as to the Bargains actually made with the dealers, and the probable number to be expected in consequence

A Knowledge of these circumstances will be of use in deciding upon the Indents and tho' they should at times be passed for a larger quantity of Grain than may be actually required, yet the surplus cannot be lost to the Company.

Agreed therefore that it be recommended to the Military Board to make the application to the Agents, and that their answer be minded the Indents be passed in proportion to the present strength of each Corps

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed to pass the Bills of the Commandant of Dindigul for an Interpreter and two Sircarrs, provided the

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the sum be reasonable — The Board do not deem a writer necessary for that station —

Agreed that the bills of the Contractors for Repairs amounting to Pgs 1370 2. 8. 30 be discharged.

Mr W. Lindley appointed Deputy Secretary to the Military Board. —

In consequence of the application of the Military Board for the appointment of an Assistant to their Secretary — Resolved that Mr William Lindley be appointed Deputy Secretary with the former Allowance of fifty Pagodas pr Month —

Read the following Letter from the Accountant General —

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

From Accountant General explaining the causes of the Deficiency from the Sums — requisited for a Statement of the Extra Expences of the War —

Honble Sir,

I have had the honor to receive Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 27th April last, accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Supreme Government under date the 11th April last, and informing me of your being — desirous of receiving such explanations and documents

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documents as I may be able to furnish, for
the purpose of establishing the accuracy of
the Statement of the extra expenses of
the late War —

Agreable to Mr Jackson's
Letter of the 29th May 1792, desiring me
to collect the Materials as soon as
possible for forming the Statement upon
the principle laid down by the Supreme
Government, I immediately applied to the
Military Paymaster General and Commissary
General of Grain and Provisions for Accounts
from their Offices, having, at that time,
not received their Accounts to a later —
period than 30th April 1791: both these
Gentlemen having informed me in —
reply that it was not in their power
to furnish either Books or Accounts to
the close of the War and have not even
yet transmitted me their Accounts to the
30th April 1792 wch I trust evince to
Your honor that the delay which has
arisen is not to be imputed to me, and
that

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that it was owing to this backwardness of the Accounts on the different Offices rendering it impracticable to draw out the Statement required, added to the probability of much further time elapsing before they could be brought to completion, than an Estimate was prepared, judging it would be some satisfaction to you to know under these circumstances to receive a Statement in that form rather than to wait till more complete Accounts could be formed; both the Military Paymaster and Commissary General shewing, at the same time, a confidence in the sums furnished by them, approaching near to the Amount actually expended. It was nevertheless always my intention to conform to the directions of the Supreme Government for drawing out the Statement on the principle laid down as soon as the Materials for the purpose could be collected.

I have called on the Military

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Paymaster General and Commissary General to furnish me with further explanations on the sums already stated by them to be disbursed; and the Military Paymaster informs me, in reply, that, with respect to the sum under the head of "Suspense" in the Accounts of his department, and from which the gross sum was taken for the amount of the extra expenses, that, on the assembling of the Army, orders were given to all the Paymasters to open this head in their Accounts, to which all expenses incurred on Account of the War were to be carried, that he had reason to believe strict attention was paid to the order, and that from the respective Accounts Current, as far as they were received in his office, the extracts were made; but the Accounts of the King's Paymaster and the Paymaster to the Army being behind hand, he was obliged to make an Estimate of the former, and that he procured from the latter an Abstract of his payments, from which he extracted

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extracts the charges occasioned by the War
— none of the Sums paid to the Bengal or
Bombay Troops were included in his —
Statement, because it was entrusted the respective
Paymasters to those Troops would be the
proper persons to state what was incurred
on account of the War, and what was for
the ordinary expence of pay &c. to the —
Troops; and he has given me to understand
that an Account of payments made on
his department to the Bengal Troops —
previous to their Paymasters' arrival was
sent to the Military Paymaster General
of Bengal — The Amount of extra charges
in his department on Account of His
Majesty's Troops, at 2 pagodas
5 4374. 10. 43 - estimated. for the reasons
abovementioned, and the cause of his —
Statement commencing on the 1st February
was owing to no payments on this —
Account appearing previously to have
been made, I beg leave to enclose a Copy
of his Letter No 1 - and of the Account —

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furnished by him in February last No 2.—

The Commissary General of Grain and Provisions informs me, in explanation of the Gross sum furnished by him, that all charges in his department incurred on Account of the War were directed to be carried to a distinct head of "suspense Account" but that his Books being no further brought up than to the 30th April 1790 owing to the backwardness of the receipts of the Army Accounts, and being unable to ascertain the prices of the supplies, he had no other means in his power than to form an Estimate of what the gross sum might Amount to, by abstracting from the Materials within his reach, the disbursements of the Deputy Commissaries, Grainkeepers and Agents, and adding thereto the Amounts of charges and loss on the issue of Grain, whether by Wastage or by the delivery being at a lower price than the Cost.— he was also obliged to supply

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by Estimate the Amount to be paid for — Stoppages for Grain issued to the Troops, the Military Paymaster General not being able to furnish him therewith, neither could he obtain from the Army Paymaster the Amount paid to him by the Bengarries for Rice delivered to them in the Carnatic, — by way of check to his Estimate he represents that he deducted from the total disbursements the average charges of three Years preceding the War, and, tho' satisfied himself that no Material error could exist, still, adhering to his former opinion that the Books of his Department, when brought up, were the only documents to establish the accuracy of the Estimate, or to correct errors in confirmation of which he represents the various channels thro' which the advances are made to his department in different Articles of provision, and in different parts of the Country, and until it is seen what part of the provisions — advanced remain in store unconsumed, the

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Amount of actual expenditure, at any —
particular period, cannot be ascertained. —

I am sorry it has not yet been
in my power to procure from the —
Commissary General the Amount of the
separate Sums expended in his department
for His Majesty's Troops or for the Bengal
and Bombay Troops as it does not appear
that the distinction has been made in
the Grain Keepers' Accounts. — He represents
that this also can only be done when
his books are brought up by taking the
total number of Men of the respective
Services, and charging each with a proportion
of the aggregate Sum —

With respect to the Sum of
11,000 Pagodas stated to be the expense for
laying up Grain for the Bengal —
Detachment, he informs me that it is
not yet in his power to state the actual
Amount; the Account Sales having not yet
come to hand, whereby the disposal of the
Surplus will appear, and whether as a Loss
or otherwise. —

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In the Letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions of which I beg leave to inclose a Copy No 3 it may be seen that the sum of 74080 Pagodas was taken from the Bengal Account Current for 1790/91 and 1791/92 forwarded to me from thence and extracts thereof delivered by me to him, this Sum was stated separately in order that it might be excluded from the Madras Account of Drought proper and included in the Bengal Account of War charges the expence attending these Bullocks, after their arrival in Camp, could not be supplied here, for the reason that they were not delivered to any Officer of this Government, nor were the Accounts thereof forwarded hither - it appears however that this charge of 74080 Pagodas has been considered as the expence for Bullock bags & instead of being stated as the

Cost

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Cost of the Bullocks and Bags, extracted from the Bengal Accounts Current, as above mentioned—

During the War, Interest Bonds, at 12 per Cent per Annum, were issued by Government to the private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob, in payment of a dividend due to them, these Bonds were part discharged the 10th April 1792, and part the 9th May 1792. the whole interest on them amounting to Pagodas 10,540.. 35.. 52— other Bonds were issued at the rate of 12 P Cent, to individuals, for Money borrowed, and were payable in two years at the option of the Company; the interest thereon for that period Amounting to Pag.s 9,390..—52

I have stated this Sum as the Amount of interest on these Bonds paid or — occasioned by the War, as this some of the Bonds, when they came in course of payment, were exchanged for 8 P Cent Bonds and which are now running at

Interest

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interest other 8 p Cent Bonds of an old date were, about the same time, taken up and discharged - the former will also come to be discharged according to priority of date, but the time for that purpose cannot at present, I believe, be ascertained - a further sum of Pagodas 70303 was also issued in 8 p Cent Bonds to individuals with an option in the holders to receive Bills for the same on the Honble Court of Directors, how long these Bonds may run at Interest I am equally at a loss to ascertain. they were all issued in November and December 1791, and January and February 1792, one Years Interest thereon, Amounting to Pag. 5024, having already become payable - a further sum of Pagodas 109012. 33. 73 - was issued in 8 p Cent Bonds, bearing date in February and May 1791, being for Gratuity and Allowances due to said - Officers & part of these Bonds have already been discharged, and the remainder will - come into course of payment according to

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priority of date; taking one Year's Interest
on these, the amount will be Pag.s 18521. 1. 21.
and, added to the Sums stated above, the whole
interest will be Pagodas 191,082. 1. 57 but
having no other data to ground upon in
forming my idea of the sums to be —
charged under this head than in the —
manner abovementioned, it is not without
diffidence that I state this Sum as the —
Amount of interest paid or payable, or
which may be considered a charge —
incurred or occasioned by the late War

By a Statement transmitted
by the Revenue Board it appears that
the sum of Pagodas 322,681 — 5 — 79 was the
net unappropriated Revenue collected from
the conquered Countries during the War.
but that, subsequent to the Statement being
prepared, an Account was received of Grain
delivered by the Tributaries of Palgautchery
amounting to Pagodas 20,472. 3. 15, and —
added to the above, makes the Sum of
Pag.s 343,153. 9. 14 for the whole net —
collections

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Collections during the War, it is however to be observed that the disbursements of one of the Collectors, amounting to between 15,000 and 20,000 Pagodas, having been objected to, and now under Audit, a further sum may possibly come to be added to the above amount of neat Collections

I beg leave to inclose N.4 Account of further particulars of the sums inserted by me in the Statement of War Expences, disbursed by different departments the sum of Pags 40,633..4..43 inserted as the expenditure in the Military Storekeepers department was copied from a Statement furnished by him, on which there was no further detail than what I have expressed, except that the amount disposed Monthly was inserted—

Agreable to your orders I shall duly attend to the requisitions of the Military Auditor General in furnishing him with such Materials as may be in my power to enable him to draw

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out a Statement of the War Expenses upon
the principle laid down by the —
Supreme Government —

I have the Honor to be,
with great respect.
Sir
Your Most
Obedt Hble Servt

(Signed) Robert Woolf
Accountt General

Accountant
Genirals Office
22d May 1793 —

Robert Woolf Esqre No 1
Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have been honored by your letter
of the 6th Instant, desiring I will transmit
any Explanations or Documents to prove
the accuracy of the Statement sent by me
to you on the 25th February last, and desiring
to be informed whether any and what part
of the Gross Sum inserted in my Statement
was found on Account of His Majesty's —
Troops, or for the Bengal and Bombay Presidencies

In reply to the first Question
I have to remark, that, before the army
was assembled, orders were given to all the
Paymasters

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Paymasters to open a head of "suspense" to which Account they were to carry every charge incurred in Consequence of the War, and I have reason to believe that strict attention has been paid to this order.— I have extracted from the Accounts in Current, as far as they were in my Office, the Sums carried to the head of Suspense, and I must remark the only Accounts which were deficient were those of Mr Boyd, Deputy Paymaster to the Bengal Troops, / and to this day his Accounts from the 24th February to the 25th April 1792 have not been delivered to my Office / and the Accounts of Mr Boaz Paymaster to the Army from the Month of January 1792.—

As Mr Boaz's Accounts were not in my office, and he informed me he could not furnish them by the time my Statement was required, I requested he would give me an official abstract Statements of his Payments during the

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the Months his Accounts were deficient,
stating under what head the payments
for each Month were made, this —
he
Account furnished me, and from it
I stated the Army Payments on
Account of the War; But as for
Boyd's Accounts were far behind, and
I could not procure them, I was —
obliged to make an Estimate of the
Expence of the Kings Troops, to be —
carried to the War Account, from the
Account of the
real Expenditure on that head in the
preceding Year —

In my Statements no
Sums paid on Account of the Bengal
and Bombay Presidencies are —
included, as the Respective Presidencies,
and not the Supreme Account were —
debited for any Sums paid to the
Troops of those Presidencies serving
with the Army —

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The Amount as charged, paid to His Majesty's Troops in my Estimate was Pagodas 54374. 10. 43.

From the above you will perceive that I could only give an Estimate, as I have not received the Accounts Currents of the Paymasters. if I had been furnished with them my Books would not have been behind hand; And here I beg leave to remark that the Accuracy of Accounts can be best ascertained by Balanced Books—

The reason my Statement commenced the 1st February, was because no Payments on account of "Suspense" were made prior to that period—

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I have the Honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) B. Cordeaux
A.P.G

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Estimate of Sums charged in the Military Paymasters Generals Department under the head of "Suspence" being the additionals Expence of the Military Establishment in consequence of the late War.

			Pay for 6
1790	Suspence.		
	February		20,250.22 8
	March		30,210 31 1
	April		46,010.20.25
	May		52,854 17 48
	June		58,433.25 50
	July		64,894.34 59
	August		81,916.10 39
	September		57,065. 6.55
	October		73163 31. 78
	November		67,912 33.25
	December		20,061 18 15
1791	January		24,790. 11. 45
	February		24.174 14 49
	March		139,789 25. 22
	April		69,593.21.55
	May		79,159.21 35
	June		72,100 14 37
	July		94,883. 9 27
	August		116,481 14. -
	September		94,842. 10. 18
	October		102,299 20. 39
	November		103,923205
	December		103,995 10 79.
	Carried Over		1,795,359 33. 2

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	Brought Over	1795859 33 2
1792	January	108619 9 40
	February	102421 24 26
	March	110398 25 21
	April	693605 25 21
	May	121388 26 40
	June	16993 10 24
	Pagodas	2949287 10 20

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Errors Excepted (Signed) Benj. Roebuck
M.P.G.

To Robert Woolf Esqre. No. 3
Accountant General.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant calling upon me to transmit, without loss of time, any Explanations and Documents to Establish the Accuracy of the Statement sent by me to you on the 28th January last of the Extra Expences incurred in my Department on account of the War, to Explain to you the Data upon which the Estimate was framed

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framed and particularly, to inform you whether any and what part of the Gross Sum inserted in my Statement was issued on account of His Majestys Troops, or for account of the Bengal and Bombay Presidencies: requiring the reason why the Actual charge for Laying up Guns for the Bengal Detachments was not inserted instead of the Estimated Sum of £1000 Pags; and that I will now furnish you with the actual Account of the Expence incurred under this Head. —

You also call upon me to inform you whether the Sum of £4080 Pagodas stated in my Estimate is for Bullock Bags and — Saddles only received from Bengal, or whether it Comprises the Amount Cost of Bullocks — also as well as the Bags and Saddles received from thence —

You further observe that, with respect to the circumstance of my not being able to furnish an accurate Statement of the War charges owing to my Books not being brought up — it is supposed that these charges ought

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ought to have been, and could only be collected out of the Disbursements of the Paymasters Grain keepers &c from which instead of Estimate Sums the Actual Amount might have been Abstracted—

I cannot but express my regret that the Tenor of your Letter, conveys the imputation of misconduct on my part which I am altogether unconscious of meriting, but a charge, which, if the inaccuracies ascribed to me were founded, I confess I should justly deserve—I shall however proceed to the explanations required, and, to do so, must commence with the last Paragraph of your Letter—

"If the Duties of my Office were confined, like those of a Paymaster, to the simple receipt and Expenditure of Cash the position laid down in that paragraph "that the charges ought and could only be "Collected out of the Disbursements of — "Grain keepers &c, from which, instead of the "Estimate Sums, the actual might have been

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"been abstracted" would properly apply: that however is not the Case. The advances to my Employ are various, as the quarters from whence received Vizt. In Cash Rice, Paddy Gram, Salt, Arrack, Cattle, Sheep, — Gunny, and many other Articles of Provisions these are supplied partly at the Presidency, from the Treasury and Garrison Storekeeper, and from every quarter of the Country, where the Army or a Detachment moves by the Paymasters, Collectors, the Preze Agents, some times by the Inhabitants upon receipt of an Officer Commanding a Detachment, which many Months after perhaps are paid to a Collector as Revenue, and, by him charged to my Office, and, by supplies from friendly Rajahs and Polligars — neither are the advances of Cash, applied to Disbursements immediately chargeable to a Head of Expenditure, but a part to the purchase of Articles of Stores which, upon Issue only become a charge; — Consequently the Balance of Grain and Provisions standing in the Books at the commencement

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Commencement of a War in fact compose a part of the advances for carrying it on. this and the various Channels thro' which the advances flow and into which the articles of Provision &c. &c. for Expenditure, giving rise to numerous transfers, renders it impracticable to Exhibit any Actual Amount of Expence, or the value of the Stores remaining at the close of a War, but from the Books when brought up —

I shall now state from what Documents the Estimate I furnished was drawn; premising, that, although every possible pains were bestowed to Establish its Accuracy, the proof of its Correctness rests solely upon the close of the Books: and I trust, although drawn up generally and in haste, it will be found, by that Test, as little incorrect, as, from the Nature of it, can be expected —

You no doubt recollect that Government directed all charges incurred in my Office, for account of the War to be

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Ive carried to a distinct Head of "Suspense —
Accounts 1789/90.

When I drew out the Estimate
the Books of my Office were only brought
up to the 30th April 1790. The cause of their
not being brought up to a later date, was the
backwardness of the receipt of the Army —
Accounts at my Office, which were only —
under Audit at the period of drawing the
Statement, as well as owing to my not having
been able to ascertain the Prices of all the
Supplies, and, in particular, that of a very
Material Article, Arrack — which even at
this moment is not transmitted to my Office
for 91/92; — of course, it was only in my
power to form an Estimate from the —
Materials within my reach, and this I did by
abstracting the actual Disbursements of —
each Deputy Commissary Grain keeper and
Agent of Supply for 90/91 and 91/92. I likewise
abstracted every Grain return, and added the
Amount of charges incurred by the issues of
that Article — whether Gratis, or at a lower —
Price than cost, or from loss by Wastage to the

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the back Disbursements — as also the Estimated amount of Attacks for these two Years and the charges paid Subsequent to the 1st May 1792 which could be considered to appertain to the War —

Another Estimate was however to be made, that of Mortgages for Grain Issued to the Troops to be paid for, which the Military Paymaster General could not furnish Completed until his Books should be — brought up — Neither could I obtain the exact amount required by Mr Hoar, on account of Rice issued to the Bungaries in the Carnatic paid for, and to be paid for, in Cash. The Payments having been made by Mr Bushby to Mr Hoar, not by the Bungaries direct to Mr Hoar, and it appears by a Memorandum since received from the latter, that he stands Debited in my Books Pagodas 2,343. 2.41 more than he Credits as received from Mr Bushby, on account of the Bungaries; a difference which can only be cleared up by reference to Mr Hoar's receipts granted to Mr Bushby —

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Having, as correctly as I could, —
ascertained the total Disbursement to Separate,
generally, what appeared to me those —
occasioned by the War a Selection not very
difficult to be made by one in the knowledge
of the general Peace charges; but being aware
of the fallability of all Estimates drawn —
under unadjusted Materials, I checked the
separation I made of charges considered —
appertaining to Peace by taking the average
of the three years charges preceding the War
but deducting the Extra Expence of the —
Guntoor and Shivagunga Detachments not
considering them fair Subjects for an
average of Peace Disbursements by which
I satisfied myself that no Material error
could Exist, tho' sensible, at the same time,
as I then stated, that the Books alone could
correct any that might have crept in. —

The above, I trust, will prove
a sufficient explanation of the Data upon
which the Estimate was framed. The only
Documents to Establish its accuracy are
the Books of the Department — you

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You next require to know the proportion of the Gross Sums of my Estimate, issued on account of His Majesty's Troops, or for account of Bengal or Bombay Presidencies.—

The whole expence of Victualling His Majesty's Troops, and those of Bengal & the Coast, are included in the Gross Sums having all been victualled by the same person.— If a Distribution be necessary, it can only be made by ascertaining the total number of Men, of the respective Services, victualled during the War, and charging each with their proportion of the aggregate Expence— but this can only be done, when the Books which alone exhibit the total charge, are brought up

The Gross Sums also includes all the Issues of Grain, Grades, whether to the Coast or Bengal Troops, no particular distribution having been preserved by the Grain Keepers; but, if necessary, the operation may be made by abstracting the daily deliveries, to each; it a Work of time.—

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The Gross Sum also Includes all charges for Carriage both of Kings and Company's Troops, which may also, if necessary, be exhibited distinctly.

In the Gross Sums was also included the Amount of Advances made by me for Pay to Drivers, and feeding Bengal Bullocks, Landed at Madras, until sent to the Bengal Agent in Camp to whom I transmitted Accounts of such Advances Amounting to Pagodas 4234.. 32.. 73.

The Gross Sum also Included, as noted, the Amount Advanced for the Supply of Bullocks, for the Bombay Army Pagodas 84049.. 30.. 64, also the Amount of Sheep and Rice supplied to the Bombay Detachment at Paligautcherry Pay.s 929.. 22.. 25.

In consequence of the Extract from the Travancore Residents' accounts sent by you to my Office a few days ago another Sum falls to be debited to Bombay Presidency not included in my Estimate, Viz.t Rupees 7814 $\frac{5}{8}$ or Pay.s 2141.. .. 60 being the amount of Supplies furnished to Colonel Hartley's Detachment by the

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the Rajah of Cochin, the Receipts for which were passed, on payment by the Rajah to the Resident, and by him it seems debited to my Department.

The only supply furnished by Bombay Presidency to my Department of which any account appears was the Provisions &c provided by Mr Tolfrey, and debited to the Department at Seringapatam, Amounting in all, to Pagodas ... 9132. 9. 33.

of which was repaid to him by Captain Wells Grain Keeper, ... 273. 11. 06

Amount for which Bombay Presidency has credit in my books 8858. 10. 47

I think however I have heard that supplies of Bullocks, were sent to the Army by the Bombay Resident at Poonah, which if it was the case, the charges on that account has no Place in my Estimate—

The only Credit given by me to Bengal Presidency, exclusive of the Amount stated for Bullocks Saddles and Bags is the Sum of Pagodas 281. 14. 31 being the Amount

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Amount of Grain landed from Vessels which was surplus to the wants of the Bullocks on Board during the passage, the whole provision for which may, perhaps, have been made a War charge in Bengal, or perhaps included in the General charge for Bullocks undermentioned

In regard to the remarks respecting the charge of Pagodas 74080, stated in my Estimate as the amount of Bullocks Bags and Saddles received from Bengal, which I noted separately to prevent it's being made a charge both at Bengal and upon the Coast, I take leave to observe, that the inaccuracy apparently imputed to me, would have at once been cleared up by reference to the Bengal Accounts Current 90/91 and 91/92 from which I collected the charge Viz.t

90/91	Bullocks including charges Current Rupees	180572. 11. 11.	Ad Rs.	167196. 15. 9
	Bullock Bags do	3471. 2.	do	2313. 14. 4
	Bullocks Padds do	24815. 14. 1.	do	22977. 10. 8
91/92	Bullocks including charges do	84247. 6. 2	do	78006. 13. 4

Total

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Total charge for Bullocks, Palls, Bags fuding and Drivers pay, after deducting 6 @ 1,0,48 12,10 received, being received back for principle of 6 Guns Bullocks } 29307 - 4 a/cs 27395.6.1

6 @ 355 Ch. 0.0.7 3/5 Pagodas ... Pags 7,4000. 37.66.

I may perhaps have made a Mistake in the Exchange, as you probably Calculate at the usual Bank Exchange between the Presidencies Viz 350 Rs 97½ Pagodas in which case the Sum ought to be Pagodas 77541 22.45

In reply to your requisition directing me to give the reason why the Actual charge for laying up Grain for the Bengal Detachments was not stated instead of the Estimated Sum of Pagodas 11000 I can only quote the reason then assigned Viz.

"It is not in my Power to state the Exact "Amount of the Expence of laying up the Grain "for the return of the Bengal Detachments as "the Accounts have not yet come to hand of the "final Disposal of the several Depots"

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The Expence on that account not being comprised merely in the charge for Laying up the Grain at the various Stages pointed out by Colonel Cotterell, but affected by the disposal of the Surplus, whether at a Loss or otherwise. I am sorry therefore the same Cause yet operates to prevent my furnishing the exact Account; although repeatedly called for, the final Accounts Sales have not been received at my Office — The — moment they come to hand the Account shall be transmitted to you —

I trust the explanations here — offered may prove Satisfactory; and, although I regret the impossibility of immediately furnishing a more perfect account I can with truth assure you that every effort within the power of personal Labor has been exerted to bring up the Books of my Department and I hope by a Continuance of it to have the — Satisfaction of seeing them very soon completed —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Thos Cockburn
Cy G.G.P.

Madras
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The following Sums were inserted in the Statement of War charges, being disbursed by different Departments

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Committee of Works

The Amount of Cash advanced for repairing the Black town Wall ... } 2230.32.35

Ditto for Fascines and Gabions ... 1700 ...

The Amount of sundy Stores sent for the Army 1600. 10 5

Pag.t 5531. 040

Signed Daniel Sheo
Secry to the Mag.te

Garrison Storekeeper

The Amount of Provisions sent onboard the different Vessels for the use of the Troops imbarked for Bengal, Malabar Coast &c at sundry times with charges } 12,558. 20. 75

Signed Joseph Greenhill
Garrison Storekeeper

Masulipatam Factory

The Amount of Stores delivered to Mr Robert Malcolm Paymaster to Major Montgomery's Detachment in May 1790 with charges 151. 3. 3

The Amount of sundry Stores sent to Major Montgomery's Detachment in August 1790 with charges ... 630. 17. 58

Carried forward. 6455. 20. 61

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Masulipatam factory Brought forward 6485.22.61

The Amount of Sundry Stores sent to Capt.n
Andrew Read's Detachment in April 1791 with
charges - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 2550.9.12 9011 29 73

The Amount of sundry Stores delivered at Allore to
Major Montgomery Captain Tuell of the Artillery
Captain Read of the 28th Battalions of Native
Infantry, and Captain Dalrymple of the 29th Do. for
the use of a Detachment under the command of
Major Montgomery in April 1790 - - - - - - - - - 10452.0.79

The Amount of Sundry Stores delivered at that factory for
the use of the Bengal Detachment as follows.—
In June 1790 to Captain Barton 1541.19.57
Ditto to Lieut Col.o Cockerells
Detachment on his Indent with Charges 2210.13.79 3752.33.56

Deduct the Amount of Stores viewed from the
Bengal Detachment at Masulipatam 450.30.40 3301.3.16

Paid Captain James Munro of the Ship Houghton
at Masulipatam in June 1790 for the —
Subsistance of sundry Officers & Men of the —
Bengal Presidency - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 709.13.48

Paid hire of 29 Boats for landing Europeans
Lascars &c of the Bengal Artillery from the
Ship Houghton - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 50.30.— 820.1.48

Pagodas 29535.5.50

(Signed) W. A. Dobbyn.
My Sr and My Lrs

Canjam

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Ganjam Factory

Cash paid at that factory for Dooly Hamals, —
Bullock drivers &c sent to the Army (this should have
been included in the Military payments, but was —
carried to the debit of Fort St George in the Ganjam Accounts 8228.1339
For a deficiency on the transportation of Provisions from
Ganjam to Manick patam for the use of the Bengal
detachment under the command of Colonel Cockerell — 94.1333

Pagodas 3422.2602

(Signed) Thomas Sandgrass
Accountant

Nagore Factory

Cash paid at that factory for the freights of sundry
Vessels and Cart hire for conveying Stores for the
Army — 1761.498
for a Stockade at Nagore and Negapatam and
for fitting the different Streets and Avenues &c
leading to those Towns for their temporary —
defence during the War — 2068.1710

Pagodas 3829.2208

(Signed) William Nicholl
President

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Pay.s fo. 6

Vizagapatam Factory

Rup.s a /p Ledg.r

For the following charges to the debit of Fort St George in the Vizagapatam Accounts but should have been included in their Military Payments Supplying sundry Articles for the use of the Bengal Detachment in April 1790 ——— } 914. 7 .. at 365 p.r C.t 250. 19 9

Paid Captain D.l M.c Neil for the expences of 12 Elephants presented to Government by the Rajah Vizeiaram Rauze in February 1791 1405. . . at do 384. 33 43

Advanced Lieu.t Gurgel Donel for the disbursements of a detachment under his command in May 1791 ——— 3000. . . at do 821. 33 3

Paid for double bearers &.c sent for the army ——— 1637. 14. 11 at do 448. 20 75

Rupees & Pag.s 6,957 5 11 at do 1906. 4 50

Signed Robert Alexander
Depy Mast Gen.l
Pay.s fo. 6

Madras

1790 Dec.r The Amount of Goods delivered by the Import Warehouse-keeper to Captain Alexander Read Commanding at Amboor ——— 290. . .

1791 Febry Delivered to Captain Ralph Dundas on Acct of Articles for sundry Articles advanced by him for the subsistence of the Bengal Sepoys ——— 3035 50

Pagodas 320. 25 50

Agreed

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Minutes thereon

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter with its Enclosures be sent to Bengal

The Board are in hopes that the explanations which Mr Wood has given in regard to the cause of his deviating from the Form which the Governor General in Council had prescribed for preparing the Statements of the extra expences of the late War will be satisfactory particularly as it will be seen that he had it in intention to prepare it on the principles laid down as soon as the materials for the purpose could be collected, and that he had no other view in preparing that which he laid before the Board

than

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than to shew, as nearly as he could, the amount actually expended, until he was enabled to state it with accuracy from the Accounts of the Military Paymaster General and Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, which were, at the time, so far behind, that a considerable period would elapse before he could prepare a Statement which could be entirely depended upon —

Lieut Williams Cunningham appointed Muster master South of the Coleroon, and

The President recommends that Lieutenant William Cunningham be appointed Muster Master of the Troops South of the Coleroon — viz I Cunningham

on

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Lieut Thomas Lovell
Fort aqutant of
Fort St George —

on leave to Europe - and that —
Lieutenant Thomas Lovell be appointed
Fort Aqutant of Fort St. George, vice
W. Cunningham. —

Approved and ordered —
accordingly. ——

Chas. Oakeley.

E Banfield

George Parry
Gov

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Diary

Received Letter from the Nabob

Substance of a letter from the Nabob. — entered in 66 No 108 will furnish Dustucks on being informed of the names of the Gram Agents and the Cavalry stations, but cannot dispense with the payment of Duties

Received the following Letters

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Colonel Floyd offering various remarks on the new Cavalry regulations with suggestions for remedying their defects. letter from Doctor Corrie enclosed, regarding his experiences in the care and treatment of diseases Horses. —

From motives of Duty I beg leave to offer some remarks on the late regulations that regard the providing for the Horses of the Cavalry dated 24th and 30th April ultimo and my very humble opinions how the supposed deficiencies may be provided for.

1st Maistrys of Horsekeepers and of Grass Cutters are not provided for, but are essentially necessary; I have thought them so much so, as to continue those of the 19th Dragoons at my own risk, till you are pleased to decide concerning them. —

The usual pay of each Maistry, whether of Horsekeepers or Grass cutters, is 3 Pagodas P month. It might perhaps

Maistrys Horsekeeper & Grass Cutter.

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perhaps be regulated at 2½ Pagodas pr. month with Batta in the Field.

In Regiments that have Horses, such as the 19th Dragoons the 2d and 3d Native Cavalry there may be a Nautry Housekeeper and a Nautry Grasscut-ter to each Troop. In the other Corps where the Number of Horses is at present very small one Nautry of each may be sufficient for the whole, till further orders.

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I humbly conceive one Pagoda pr Month to be too little pay for a Grass cutter. In dry Weather it is severe labour to provide properly

Grass cutters Pay

The 19th Dragoons has always paid 60 fanams pr Month which does not appear to me too much when it is considered, that a Labourer earns 2 Pagodas I imagine 60 fanams pr Month to be their proper pay

3d

At present the pay for Horse Allowance is one Month in arrear, when drawn for, and it takes about half a Month more, before the Money is actually ready to be issued to the parties in their stations, so that the Housekeepers and Grass-cutters will be one Month and a half in arrear

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Payment of Housekeep-ers and Grasscutters

29th and actually be without the means of subsisting It was always our Custom to pay them at the rate of one Fanam ℔ day, eight or ten Days in advance, and the remainder of their pay about a Month in arrear; I really think it would be necessary for Govern-ment to ipsue the pay of Housekeepers & Grasscutters one Month in advance; the sum is not great.

Food for sick Horses

6th No provision is made for Food for sick Horses It is ordered that 5 Seers of Gram be issued for each Horse fit for Duty: they require sometimes Bran, Rice, and Fire, or sheeps Heads, or other Articles.

I imagine it would be adviseable to allow the full feed of Gram for every Horse on condition that Commanding Officers of Troops shall supply the sick Horses with the Food they require; for which the Gram they did not use would be an indemnifica-tion. Commanding Officers of Corps are responsible that no abuse is made of this or of any other Trust.

5th There is no provision for the water that is to boil the Gram; or for bringing Water for the Drink of a sick Horse.

Puckallies for bringing Water to boil the Gram

The water used by the 19th Dragoons is now one Measured mile distant, one Puckallie ℔ Troop in the Regiment's that are Mounted, is, in my

opinion

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29th opinion, absolutely necessary; one Buckallie for Regiment may be sufficient for the dismounted Corps till further orders.

6th It must be expected that new Gram measured into the Store will shrink considerably, & that old Gram will continually diminish from Worm and decay I conceive it will be proper to allow for this and I believe Government has an established Rule for Wastage in the article of Gram

Wastage of Gram

7th Government has provided for the Carriage of Gram for any considerable Number of Horses that go on detachment; But single Horses are very frequently sent, or two or three Horses, whose Provision of Gram does not amount to a Bullock Load

Hirings for Horses on detachment.

I suppose the best way of providing for this would be for the Commanding Officer of the Troop, or the 1st Dragoons, and of the Regiment of Native Cavalry, to advance the small sum necessary on such an occasion to purchase Gram on the way: and, afterwards, charge it Monthly, certified under the signature of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment to the Sub Agent, who shall be authorized to discharge it.

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8.th The Grain arrives in Bags belonging to the Merchants and is stored in Bulk in the Store. This is also the best way of keeping; But it is proper there should be a certain quantity of Bags at the Command of Government ready, to convey the Grain in case of movement.

General Carriage of Grain

9.th In the Native Cavalry Persons supposed to have skill, called Sallutri, are allowed by Government. In the 19.th Dragoons the Surgeons Mate, Doctor Currie, M D, the zeal for science, in which I believe him eminent, has, since his arrival, treated the cases of diseased Horses, and I have no doubt but the veterinary science will be greatly advanced by his observations: Dr Currie is a corresponding Member of the veterinary society lately established in London, under the patronage of his Majesty: I beg leave to enclose a letter from him on the subject of his experiences, and desire to recommend him to your consideration and protection as a person of merit in that line and the object as very deserving of your Notice.

Treatment of diseased Horses

I have used the more freedom in addressing you on these subjects as there is no Cavalry officer a Member of the Military Board which

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which is undoubtedly an unfavorable circum-
stance for the Corps of Cavalry, and many things
essentially serviceable to that Corps are consequent-
ly overlooked

I beg leave to offer my Services
on any object you may think proper to make
a subject of Enquiry

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) I Floyd Colonel

Cunatore
May 26.th 1793.

To Colonel Floyd

Sir,

I believe you are sensible that at the
time I undertook the charge of the sick horses
of this Regiment that I had no other view than
the improvement of the veterinary science and the
seconding the exertions of the Veterinary College of
London, at whose instigation my enquiries on the
subject were first undertaken. As that time I was
entirely unacquainted, with the difficulty of
procuring, and also with the high price of Europe
Medicines in this Country; for I have since found
that the allowance I receive for that and other
purposes, from the Commander

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is barely adequate to purchase Country medicines, which has, not only, from the great expenditure, deranged my finances, but been the greatest obstacle in the way of the improvement of the profession: I have however such reasons to be pleased with the progress I have made that I should be loath to relinquish my undertaking at a time when it may reasonably be expected much good will result from the experience I have had, and the observations I have been enabled to make, provided that I could be assisted with a sum for the purchasing of Europe Medicines.

I have therefore to request of you, if you judge proper, to apply to Government for an additional Monthly allowance for that purpose you are acquainted with the progress I have made and the share of attention I bestow, and consequently can judge accurately concerning the propriety of the measure, and, farther, if you see proper, to communicate to Government the manner in which my enquiries have been conducted, which my letter of the 20th of March last will enable you to do.

I have also farther to observe that the

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the Farriers of this Regiment, like that of all others, are literally shoers, and their pay is that of a private Dragoons. In the Native Cavalry a number of horse Doctors are upon the strength of the Regiment, and have very liberal allowances. Now as I have done the duty which employs them, since July last, and I hope with as much attention and as great success, I have reason to hope that I have a fair Claim to the Amount of their allowances for that period

Besides I have, on every occasion, consulted solely the interest of the Honorable Company. I do not confine myself to what is more immediately my duty, by only attempting to cure Disease when present; but I have extended my attention to the prevention of it, and, thereby, saved a number of horses to the Honorable Company

When the horses were laying in numbers of a disease occasioned by worms in the stomach & Gravel in the large intestines, and which, after a certain progress, was incurable I discovered, after a number of experiments, a medicine which kills the former and expelles the latter.

A Dose of this medicine was exhibited to every horse in the Regiment at a great expence,

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and with the best success In every case it brought away large quantities of worms of Gravel, or of both, and thereby at once put a stop to a disease which was carrying off numbers in a week.

It is for these reasons that I solicit your interest in my behalf: my Claim is founded not on argument, but on fact, and should it be found expedient to grant my request, I am convinced it will require but a short period to demonstrate its utility, and to prove that in all my measures I have only consulted the true interest of the Honorable Company, and am

Sir &c. &c.

Connatore
May 18th 1793

[signed] James Corse
Surgeon Mate 19th Regiment L.D.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Governor in Council.

Honorable Sir,

From Board of Revenue submitting various letters from Mr Lautour regarding Vencata Soobeah's claim to the Balance of the Nabob's fifth with a statement of his case —

Mr Lautour having addressed us several letters under date 6th 11th and 20th Instant respecting Vencatah Soobeah's claim mentioned in your Commands to the Board of Assumed Revenue under date 31st July 1792, and having, with his last letter, enclosed a Paper called the Case of that person

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29th person, we have the honor to lay the same before you, with a report delivered in by our Secretary and an official Letter from him to Mr Lautour. As the particulars of Venegata Dasbeikh's claim as well as your orders, issue to the Board of Assumed Revenue, are entered on Record, it is unnecessary for us to offer any remarks on the present occasion.

Port St George.
25th May 1793.

We have the honor to be
&c: &c:
David Haliburton
Signed Charles N White
Thomas Cockburn

The Secretary reports to the Board that, in consequence of the Letter addressed by Mr Lautour and read at last Consultation, He was induced, previous to any official communication to Mr Lautour to send his letter of the 6th Instant to Mr Jackson, who had referred Venegata Dasbeik to the Board of Revenue; at the same time intimating to him that Government were informed, by a Statement laid before them, that no Balance remained in the Revenue Treasury on account of

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29 to answer the demand of Venkata Soubiah for the 5 Pr. This being the case, it was of course to no purpose, as I conceived, referring him to the Board. Mr. Jackson retained Mr. Saulsours letter and said he would speak to Venkata Soubiah. Mr. H, on receipt of this answer wrote the following note to Mr. Saulsaur.

Copy.

Dear Sir,

I should have replied to your letter respecting the Rabobs 5 Pr. which you say you are authorized to receive, but that I do not find any Balance in the Revenue Treasury from which to pay you this demand. I have written to Mr. Jackson on the subject, and have sent him your letter. He has replied that he will send for Venkata Soubiah and I must request of you to apply to him for further information.

Your obedient Servant

Signed W Harrington

P.S. If you think necessary I will recall the letter from Mr. Jackson, and answer you officially

In reply Mr. H. received the letter which he now lays before the Board.

Mr.

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29th Mr Harrington thinks it necessary to explain to the Board that the motive for the private communication with Mr Jackson and Mr Sautour was to evince that any public proceeding seemed superfluous as the reference to the Board appeared to originate in the circumstance of not adverting to the Statement above noticed, which shewed there was no Balance However as Mr Sautour thought proper to consider the private note official / tho from the long habit of public intercourse with Government he might have known the stile of assays the signature without any official title and the P.S. plainly evinced it's being ex officio / I requested a copy of it for the purpose of submitting it together with his answer to the Board.

Mr Haliburton will recollect, having mentioned the Statement alluded to, and I conceive, it was rather the wish of the Board that I should make the private reference I did than give Mr Sautour a direct official answer

William Harrington Esqre
Sir, Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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by a letter from Mr. Jackson, secretary, that orders have been transmitted to the Board of Revenue to the purport of Vencatah's Petition to Government, he is by the said letter directed to apply to you for information regarding the balance of the Nabob's fifth as Vencatah Soobiah has transferred to me his Claims, which are to be paid out of that balance, and authorized me, as his attorney, to receive the balance that may be due by His Highness to him I have therefore to request that you would have the goodness to inform me if the Board of Revenue will permit me to wait on them for the purpose abovementioned, as attorney for Vencatah Soobiah, and at what time, or if it is the desire of that Board that I should bring him along with me.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient & servant
(Signed) Francis Lautour.

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Sir,

I am favored with your note without a date, and thank you for your obliging

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obliging and early reply to my letter dated the 6th Instant. From the tenor of your note I observe that in mine I have not made myself clearly understood to you regarding Vencatah Doobiah's claim made over to me for recovery; you say in your letter "that I do not find any Balance in the Revenue Treasury from "which to pay you this demand &c."

I beg leave to inform you that I do not expect the payment from the Revenue Treasury; all I wish is to have ascertained the Amount that may be due to His Highness the Nabob by the Honorable Company including what has lately been received from the Poligars on account of His Fifth, which will be paid to me as Attorney for Vencatah Doobiah by the Honble Board, who have, in a letter to the Nabob, guaranteed the payment of it to Vencata Doobiah, and I understand they only wait the report of the Revenue Board as to the Sum due, to order the payment of it, may I therefore presume to hope that, as far as this matter is chargeable on you, you will have the goodness to expedite it. The poor Man, Vencata Doobiah, being much distressed by being so kept out of his