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29th If the Honorable Revenue Board would permit me to wait upon them in person, I think I should be able to obviate all further delay by making Vencata Soobiah's Claims on the Company more clearly understood than I should be able to do in writing: I therefore hope you will communicate my wish to the members, and favor me with their sentiments when convenient.

As to your having written to Mr. Jackson on the subject, my opinion is that as the referred Vencata Soobiah to you, as Secretary to the Board of Revenue, for information, & mentioned that orders had been transmitted to that Board to the purport mentioned in his Petition, I should receive an official answer from the Board of Revenue, previous to any further application to Government, on my part, as Attorney for Vencata Soobiah.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Hble Servant
[signed] Francis Sautour

Fort St George.
11th May 1793

To William Harrington Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

&c

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To M.r I Lautour.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the Receipt of your letters dated the 6.th & 11.th Instant, and, in reply, to inform you that, by a Statement laid before Government under date the 1.st February, it appeared that no Balance remained in the Revenue Treasury on account of His Highness the Nabob: but as the Pulegars Peshcush to which you allude was not included in that Statement, and as it appears the subject is to be referred to the Honorable Court of Directors, I am desired by the Board to send you, for your satisfaction, Extract of the letter to Government and their reply relative thereto.

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I am, Sir,
your most obedient servant.
(signed) Wm Harrington Sec.y

William Harrington Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

In consequence

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29th notice given to Vencatah Soobiah by the Governor and Council that orders had been transmitted to the Board of Revenue to the purport mentioned in this petition

I, as Attorney for Vencatah Soobiah, had the Honor of addressing you as Secretary to that Board under date the 6th 11th Instant on the subject of his claim; but not having been favored with any satisfactory answer I have now the Honor of inclosing the case of Vencatah Soobiah, which I request you will have the goodness to lay before the Board of Revenue for their consideration

Having the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant,

Francis Lautour

as attorney for Vencatah Soobiah

Fort St George
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Case Submitted to the Board of Revenue by Francis Lautour as Attorney for Vencata Soobiah Bramin

His Highness the Nabob of Arcott &c &c &c &c &c, during the time when the Revenues of this Country were under the management of the Honorable Company, was

under

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under the necessity of borrowing of Vencatah
Soobiah Brahmin large sums of Money for
the purpose of defraying his Highness's necess-
-ary Expence on condition that payment was
to be guaranteed by Government out of his
Highness one fifth of said Revenues and that
the said Vencata Soobiah, having accordingly
made application to His Highness the Nabob,
His Highness was pleased to write a letter on the
subject dated 27th May 1792 which was addres-
-ed to Major General Meadows, the then Governor,
the Translation of which letter is in these words

5th Shawell 1206 Hegery
27th May 1792.

Translation

I have already informed my
friend, that I am largely indebted to Vencata
Soobiah for sums of money which he has
at different times advanced to me for my
family Expences. In justice therefore to
this man, and in performance of my
engagements to him, I write this to my
friend to desire that Eighty thousand Star
Pagodas may be paid to him out of the
sums that may be due to me from my

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fifth of the Revenues on the final settlement of the present Fusly year between the Company and me.

From unforeseen accidents, which God forbid, should the balance due to me on account of my fifth, not amount to the sum, I desire that, whatever it may be, you will order it to be paid to the aforesaid Vencata Soobiah

What can I say more?

And to which letter General Medows made the following reply under date the 31st of May 1792 and which is in these words

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

&c.a &c.a &c.a &c.a &c.a

May it please your Highness!

I have been favored with your Highness's letter dated the 27. Instant.

Being solicitous to pay attention to your Highness's wishes I shall chearfully direct that the balance falling due to your Highness on account of your fifth, at the final Settlement of the present Fusly year, be paid to Vencata Soobiah, after deducting therefrom the sums mentioned in your Highness's Letters to Sir Charles Oakeley dated the 24th February and

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2nd and 10th ultimo which, according to your desire, are to be paid to your Secretary Mr Benny, to Captain Binny, Major Macdonal, and Captain Sayer.

I have the Honor to be,
May it please your Highness!
Your Highness's most Obedt Hble Servt
(signed) Wm Medows

Fort St George
31st May 1792.

His Highness the Nabob having sent to Vencata Soobiah General Medows's letter with the strongest Assurances that the Sum due to him as His fifth of the Revenues amounted to much more than the sum which Vencata Soobiah had at that time advanced to His Highness and that there could be no doubt but that the Debt due to him would be completely discharged, on the supposition that it amounted to a much larger sum, and His Highness having at this time solicited Vencata to accommodate him with still further Sums, He was induced accordingly to make additional advances to His Highness to a considerable amount; but Vencata Soobiah, having soon thereafter, presing demands, was under the necessity of drawing up a Petition

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General Meadows under date the 28.th July 1792 —
which Petition is in these Words

To His Excellency Major General Medows
Governor of Fort St George.
The Humble Petition of Venkata
Soobiah

Sheweth,

Your Excellency already knows from His Highness the Nabobs letter to you, that your Petitioner is largely in advance to Government money lent him on account of the fifth of the Revenues, and your Petitioner need not assure your Excellency that he made this advance in confidence that these sums would be repaid to him from the Company's Treasury; and, upon his application to the Nabob, His Highness was pleased to request Government to pay to your petitioner any balance which might be due to him by the Company on account of His fifth; and your Petitioner (has been informed that your Excellency) was pleased to accede thereto; now what makes your Petitioner anxious on this account, is, that, as the Countries have been restored to the Nabob; and as the Accounts of the last year must have all been recovered from the Collectors, your Petitioner has not yet been

informed.

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informed what sum remains to be paid to the Nabob, nor to whom he must apply for payment of the same; and, as your Petitioner runs a risk of being a considerable loser, unless your Excellency will be pleased to interfere in his behalf, he hopes you will take care to see justice done to him, agreeably to the letter you wrote to the Nabob, dated the 31st. May last, in order that the Balance due on account of the Nabobs fifth may be received by your Petitioner and he, and your Petitioner, as in duty bound,

Fort St George
28th. July 1792.

Shall Ever Pray.

And which Petition Vencata Soobiah was informed, had been received in Council, and considered. He was, at the same time, informed, that orders had been transmitted to the several Collectors of the Assumed Revenue to account to the Board of Revenue not only for the balance of cash which remained in their hands, but also for the Proceeds of all Grain which they were to receive on account of the said Revenues; and that such balances in Cash & proceeds of Grain to be applied by the Board

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of Revenue in payment of the amount due by
His Highness the Nabob to the said Vencata =
Soobiah, and to no other purpose whatsoever.

That, notwithstanding these orders, Vencata
Soobiah has been credibly informed, and will
prove it necessary, that, on the restoration to =
His Highness the Nabob of the Countries, &c. =
Benjamin Fourcin, who had been Collector of the
Revenues of Tinnevelly, had delivered over to
Jaffeir Cawn who was appointed by the Highness
the Nabob as Collector of the Revenues of that Country
Paody to the Value of one Lack and five Thou =
sand Chuckrums which at three Chuckrums for
2 P.S Pags. make P.S Pags 70,000 and which
at 116 ℔ 100 Stars make Star Pagodas 60,344-34-60
instead of having accounted for the same to
the Board of Revenue, in terms of the orders above =
mentioned say Pags. 60344,, 34-60

Add to this balance
of accounts between His Highness
the Nabob and the Board of Revenue.
an account of His Gift to his Highness
favour in the Month of May 1792, and
which accounts I have seen Balance. 70,000

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Besides which Vencata
Soobiah has been informed that there ...
were to be collected by Government, of
Polligars, on account of His Highness's
Revenues Pags 300,000 His Highness's
1/5th of which is 60,000

In all Pags 190344. 34. 60

Of which Vencata Soobiah
has only received the amount of
a Bill by the Revenue Board on
Mr Benyn Torrin for 20,000

and there remains Pags 170344. 34. 60

To the purport of this statement Vencata
Soobiah gave in a Petition to the Honorable
Governor in Council under date the 20th April
last humbly praying for relief

In consequence of which Petition, he
has been informed by Mr Jackson, Secretary,
that orders have been transmitted to the Revenue
Board regarding the Balance of the Nabobs fifth
where the matter now rests.

Upon the whole Vencata Soobiah
trusts that he has proved, to the satisfaction
of the Board, that the sum of Pagodas 190344
34. 60, as above stated, has actually

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at least ought to have been, received by the Honble Company as the balance falling due to his Highness on account of his fifth at the final settlement of accounts in the year 1792; and that, after deducting therefrom, the 20,000 Pagodas which he has received in part, and also the sums mentioned in His Highness's letters to Sir Charles Oakeley dated the 24th of February and 2nd and 10th of May 1792, The Balance ought to be paid to him (Venkata Soobiah) according to the clear and obvious meaning of His Excellency General Medows's letter under date the 31st of May 1792.

Venkata Soobiah has indeed been informed that it is the intention of the Honorable Board to recommend to the Court of Directors that the 60,000 Pagodas contained in the above statement which is forth-coming to the Nabob from the Polygars should not be appropriated to him, Venkatah Soobiah, but carried to His Highness's Credit with the Company in another Account but it is impossible for him to reconcile such intention with the rectitude and propriety which have hitherto directed all the measures of this Government: because, first, such a step would be inconsistent with the clear meaning of General Medows's letter

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whose engagements as a former Governor of Madras, must be understood, as binding not only upon this Government but even upon the Court of Directors themselves, such Engagements being the foundation of all faith in the Honble Company; And secondly such recommendation to the Court of Directors would be a manifest injury done to Venkata Saubiah who could not but entertain General Medows's guarantee as perfect security for his property, nor can he conceive that it would not be so ultimately, even altho such recommendation to the Court of Directors were to take place. but he can easily conceive that the effect of that step might lay him under the disagreable necessity of having recourse to law for the recovery of his just Claim; that the expence of litigation might extend to a sum, of which he can form no estimate; that much might be protracted previous to a final decision; all which would probably tend not only to his own, but to the ruin of many others with whom he is connected; but that, eventually, if he is rightly informed, he must prevail; and that the Honorable Compa

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have to make good to them not only the Amount of His claim with Interest but also the amount of all Expences which he might incur in procuring a final decision This — indeed is the worst light in which the business can be viewed, it being rather probable, that, Considering the force of General Medows's guarantee, and on the supposition that Government were to recommend to the Court of Directors that 60,000 Pagodas should be struck out of Vencata Soobiah's claim they would, notwithstanding, in answer to that recommendation, direct that this sum should be paid to Him

Under these Circumstances, Vencata Soobiah cannot entertain a doubt that the report and recommendation of the Board of Revenue to Government, in this case, will be such as — cannot fail to dispose them to order payment to Him of the Pagodas 190366 " 36. 60, after deducting therefrom the 20,000 Pagodas which he has received in part, also of the sums mentioned in the Nabob's Letters to Sir Charles Oakeley Dated the 24.th of February and the 2.d and 10.th of april 1792, and to order the balance to be paid to Him (Vencata Soobiah) without further delay, according to the

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plain meaning of General Medows's letter to the Nabob dated the 31st May 1792 as above mentioned

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Signed Francis Saubour
As Attorney for Venkatah Soobiah

True Copies
John Read
Deputy Secretary.

Received also the undermentioned Letters Entered in MB Nos 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218

From Mr Paymaster Caspes.

From Paymaster at Ganjam expressive of Great concern at the displeasure of the Board in regard to his Conduct towards the resident & will studiously avoid giving cause for Complaint in future.

From Assistant at Poona

From assistant at Poona with Extracts of Intelligence from Europe

From Military Board

From Military Board stating the descrip. tions of ordnance necessary to be procured from Bengal, and requesting an application may be made

From Assistant General

From assistant General proposing the promotion of Mr W Blair, Cadet, to the Rank of Lieutenant Fireworker, vice Lloyd dismissed.

From Chief Engineer

From Chief Engineer proposing Captain Borg to be appointed to the Baramhal

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Russell deceased.

From Town Major

From Town Major reporting an Edward Morton's Claim on account of Prison Batta &c.

From Commandant at Tanjore.

From Commandant at Tanjore has furnished a party of sepoys to assist the Collector in the recovery of the outstanding Balances as ordered the Brother of Sulleetahna Bhaj jahed has arrived

30th sent the following letters.

To David Kalliburton Esqre

&c.a Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

To Board of Revenue in reply to their last Reference for more explicit Instructions regarding Vizeram Razu.

We have received your letters dated the 23rd and 27th Instant

In coming to the resolution communicated in our letter of the 22d Instant, we had no reason to suppose after what had passed, that they would be persuaded to pay any attention to a further call upon them for the payment of their Arrears, and we were so strongly impressed with this belief that we declared to you there was no other alternative left, in our opinion, than that of a sequestration of the Zemendary in order to secure the Balance that had accrued, and to provide for the growing demands of the Company

There is nothing before us that can afford

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afford a shadow of hope that any thing short of the above measure will bring Vizeram 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 Vitteram Rauze, leave him without excuse: as we are, however, at all times, exceedingly disinclined to proceed to extremities while there is any Possibility of accomplishing the object by lenient means, we authorize you to give instructions to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam to demand once more from Vizeram Rauze the immediate payment of the arrears due by him, both old and new, and the instant removal of Vitteram Rauze from all management. But his Compliance with these Conditions is so remote from our expectation that we do not, in any respect, depend upon it, and have therefore issued orders for assembling Troops in the District of Vizagapatam, to enforce the measure of sequestration, in case of disobedience to our Authority.

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29.th May 1793.

We are &c.a &c.a
(signed) Charles Oakeley
&c.a Council

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To 30.th

David Haliburton Esq.r

&c.a Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

We have received your letter dated the 25.th Instant.

To Board of Revenue containing further Instructions for the Guidance of the Collector of Polygar-Peishcush, with explanations on those before given: substance of the address to the Nabob regarding the two Polygars confined by Citabar Cawn: consequent Remarks, the decision respecting the Citapour Polygar will be enforced as also the attendance of two other Polygars on the Collector the-raising a Peiay to be flogged if seized & confined thereafter may be removed as proposed.

In authorizing the Collector of the Poligar Peishcush to resist any demands made by the Nabobs Servants, over and above the amount of the annual Tribute fixed by Treaty, we meant only that such resistance should be confined to remonstrances: If these do not avail, representations are to be made, through you, to us, that his Highness the Nabob may be applied to on the occasion: Mr. Landons authority, as we 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, we have instructed Major Stevenson 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

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rule that, whenever Troops are required for this Service, they are in no shape to be under the orders of the Collector as we are convinced that whenever a necessity actually exists for employing a Military force, the Troops should be commanded by an officer of respectable character who should act immediately under the direction of Government.

We have written to his Highness the Nabob respecting the confinements of the two Polygars by Colonel Cawn, observing that, as it is impossible the Poligars can pay their annual Tribute whilst such interference is permitted, it will be necessary that he send orders for the release of the people enjoining this Manager not to farm any of the Great Villages to the Polygars, and to refrain from making any pecuniary demands upon them or offering any injury to their persons in future.

We are sensible that, from the nature of the agreement between the Nabob 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 Interferences, and, at the same

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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 their care; and, as the principal Embarrassment will probably arise from the Nabobs Servants, it will be proper that they should be especially as their guard against any attempts from that Quarter to involve the Polygars, under Colour of Complaints of depredation or other irregularities, since we are persuaded that such Complaints are often ill founded, and always much exaggerated for interested purposes.

As Caumia Naig and Yarracheri-nama Naig have disregarded the Collectors' repeated Summons to attend the Cutcherry, he is to apply to Major Stevenson for assistance to enforce their attendance for the purpose of making arrangements for the payment of their Peishcush.

We shall direct Major Stevenson to enforce the decision for conforming the Chidi-poram Poligar in the Village Manvellanore, agreably to the recommendation of Lieutenant Colonel

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Colonel Maxwell: with respect to Shevalingum Pillay we desire, in case he should be seized by the Collector, that he publickly flogged and kept in confinement till further orders

Mr Landon may be furnished with a discretionary Latitude in respect to the removal of the Detachments from the 7th Battalion, stationed in different Pollams; and Captain Bowser will be directed to comply with any requisition from him for withdrawing them.

We are

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29th May 1793

Sir &c.a

(signed) Chas Oakeley
&c.a Council

To Major Stevenson
Commanding the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry
at Tachinore

Sir,

To Commandant at Tachinore with orders for enforcing the Attendance of Caumia and Yarachinnama Naig Polygars on the Collector, and the Confirmation of Chinnapermaul in the Village Mauvelore

The Collector of the Polygar Peishcush having represented that two of the Polygars Caumia Naig and Yarachinnama Naig have disregarded his repeated summons to attend the Cutcherry for the purpose of making arrangements for the payment of their Peishcush, I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire that you will, upon

30th requisition of the Collector, afford such assistance as you may deem necessary in order to enforce their attendance.—

The Board are informed that an opposition has been made by the Pandalamcourchy Polygar to the order for putting the Etiaporam Poly gar in possession of the Village of Mawellevora: they desire therefore that you will support the Collector, in removing, by Force if necessary, any obstruction that may be given to this measure.—

Fort St. George
29th May 1793.

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

Dispatched the undermentioned letters
Entered in M/S. Nos 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225.—

To Military Board— with Invoice of Military Stores consigned to Madras ffr Woodcot.—

To Military Board

To Ditto with Ditto — Ditto ffr

To Ditto

— Warley.—

To Military Paymaster General— with Copy of the Auditors Report on his Estimate for June.—

To Military Paymaster General

To Clerk of the Treasury ordering an advance of Cash on the above accounts.—

To Clerk of the Treasury

To Officer Commanding the Army stating

To Colonel Braithwaite

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stating the force resolved to be sent against Vejeiram-
nauze, leaving the detail and equipment to himself.

To Town Major.

To Town Major directing him to Engage a
Vessel for their conveyance.

To Captain Bowes
at Kytar

To Commandant at Kytar directing him
to withdraw the Detachments from the 1st. Battalion on
application from the Collector, Mr. Landon.

Substance of a letter
from the Nabob.

Received letter from the Nabob, Entered
in C: C: No. 109 has sent orders for the release of the Two
Polygars confined by Citabar Cawn - repeats the irre-
gularities committed by those of Tinnevelly in general.

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Received the undermentioned letters -
Entered in W3 Nos 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231.

From Mr. Paymaster
Hughes.

From Paymaster at Kistnagherry forwards
the Treasure received from Tippoo.

From Dº

From Ditto stating that the Base Coins
rejected by the Shroffs were carried back by Tippoos
People.

From Commissary
General of Grain and
Provisions

From Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions requesting that the Carts and Gunnies under
his charge may be surveyed.

From Ditto

From Ditto enclosing Mr. Hughes's
Estimate. Expence of laying up a six months Store of
Provisions in the Ceded forts; and stating the
Articles to which the present supply should be
confined.

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confined in his judgement.

From Major Roberts — From Commandant of the Nizams Detachment enclosing his Correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad.

From Commandant at Malajaubad. — From Commandant at Malajaubad has sent a Detachment to the Pagoda at Conjeveram as directed.

31st — Sent the following letter to —

Bengal.

To the Most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis KG

Governor General in Council
at Fort William

My Lord;

To Bengal applying for the Ordnance recommended by the Military Board. — Our Military Board, adverting to the General state of the heavy Ordnance for — Service, have recommended to us to apply to your Lordship for the following Ordnance, which we beg leave to request may be sent hither by the earliest opportunity

Iron Guns	24	Pounders	4
	18	Do	16
	12	Do	6
Carriages Field with Limber Fr.a Complete	24	Do	4
	18	Do	16

We have the honor to be with respect

Fort St George.
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Fr Fr Fr
(signed) Charles Oakeley

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters
Entered in M B Nos 232. 233. 234. 235. 236.

To Secretary at Bengal.

To Secretary at Bengal forwarding a letter from the Nabob to the Governor General

To Military Board.

To Military Board advising of the above application to Bengal the removal of the Guns at Vellore to Madras for repair approved

To Messrs Wolf and Place.

To Messrs. Wolf and Place requesting the Boards desire to receive their report upon the State of the Nabob's accounts with the Company

To Board of Revenue.

To Board of Revenue the Faujdaree Collectors to be ordered to be in readiness to deliver over charge of the Country on the 12th July next.

To Clerk of the Treasury.

To Clerk of the Treasury enclosing Mr. Hughes's (formerly appointed with orders to deposit the Money in the Treasury) Receipt for the Treasure the sum deficient will be made good by the Vackeels

To W. C. Jackson Esqre.

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Received the following letter.

Secretary to the Government
at
Fort St George.

From Persian Translator at Bengal enclosing translates of letters to Tippoo & his Vackeels.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to transmit a letter from the Governor General to Tippoo

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Sultaun, with a Copy in English and Persian for the Information of the Honble the Governor in Council.

I request that you will be pleased to forward the other letter accompanying, which is written by me to the Vackeels by order of Marquis Cornwallis, serving merely as a Cover to a Copy of the address to Tippoo Sultaun.

I am

Fort St George
16.th May 1793

Sr Sr.a

/signed/ G H Cherry

To Tippoo Sultaun

Written 16.th May 1793

Acknowledging the receipt of his letter on the 7.th May 1792

From Governor General to Tippoo Sultaun expressive of his satisfaction on learning the Arrival of the 2.d Fleet at Kishnaghery.

As I am at all times desirous that our Friendship should increase and become firmer by acts of good faith and sincerity I have derived great satisfaction on learning the arrival of the second fleet at Kishnaghery; and I flatter myself that, by a conformable adherence to the Faith of the Engagements entered into between the four States, the present friendly disposition and unanimity will increase, and contribute towards the Prosperity

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of the Parties concerned: I doubt not that the Government of Madras have furnished the annual receipt, pursuant to my Instructions, on receiving the Money.

A true Copy
G. F. Cherry
Dep.

From Tippoo's Vakeels to Mr. Cherry

Received 20th May 1793

From Tippoo's Vackeels their Master's reply to a letter from the Marquis Cornwallis regarding various points sent remarks in consequence of the reports of Prisoners being still retained by Tippoo. Two letters of Congratulation from the Princes to the Marquis enclosed.

We were gratified and obliged by the receipt of your letter accompanying the Marquis's Khareeta, and understood its contents. The Khareeta was immediately forwarded to the presence [Tippoo] and an answer thereto, together with two other Khareetas addressed to the Peishwah and Nizam ul Omrah which have arrived from the presence are transmitted. From the perusal of them you will learn all the particulars of the payment of the second Instalment to the three States, and the speedy dispatch of the third; and the adjustment of other matters: you will have the kindness to explain to his Lordship all the particulars of the adjustment of the several points as written from the presence in such a manner

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or mistrusts may hereafter exist, which, in truth, they do not. We now come to the subject of the prisoners. To Men of every nation and every persuasion, the fear of God and a regard to Religion and laws in every concern great or small are the first of all considerations, and the foundation of good faith in high and low: nor is any thing considered by men of wisdom and judgement more commendable or more estimable; and, in regard to worldly concerns, be pleased to consider how it can happen that in a matter so very slight, and wherein nothing is to be gained, the obligations of religion, laws and solemn engagements should be violated, & umbrage be given to such a character as the Marquis of rank the most exalted, the friend of mankind, the Universal arbiter of affairs, to you and to Dillamuer Seung / Sir John Kennaway / and the rest of the Gentlemen who are in every transaction the ornaments of the time and well wishers to both states, were it not that, in the general desperation, that, as you well know prevailed throughout the Country, some one unknown may have remained at a place &, on quitting it, reported a story of his own

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fabrication. We shape from his Lordships
kindness and yours, that, henceforward, no men-
-tion may be made of this unpleasing sub-
-ject. We swear by the one only God that
both with his Highness / Tippoo / are with
us his Lordships satisfaction and pleasure are
the first of all objects. Then be pleased, yourself
to judge of what avail it were to persevere
in such a fruitless point, from which no
advantage whatever, temporal or moral, is to
be derived. What else should we write but our
wishes for a meeting?

P.S

We transmit two Khereeta of
congratulation from the princes, and a letter
of our own to his Lordship, on the subject of
this little. Both the princes are in health, &
frequently call to mind your good qualities.
they desire their best Compliments

A true Translation
G Y Cherry Sr

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions enclosing his Estimate of Cash for June and proposing the Transfer of one Lacky to the Dy Master General's Office

Honble Sir,

Fort St George.

I have the Honor to lay before
you the Estimate of expected Rece-

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Disbursements in the department of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of June, with Arrears previous to 30th April 1793

I think it necessary to explain the Entry in the Madras Estimate of Payment to the General Treasury Pagodas 12949.. 23..40 it is the amount which was advanced by the Commissary General for the purchase of Grain previous to the Order for drawing the Funds for that purpose from the Military Paymaster General and which, in order to Comply with that Order, it is necessary to transfer to the debit of the Military Paymaster, thro' the General Treasury, that all advances on that account may appear in his Books from the 1st May 1793.

Another Charge appears in the Estimate which requires Explanation: the charge for the Agency Writer Pagodas 15 formerly paid out of my Salary, which, having ceased upon the 16th Instant, it now becomes a Charge payable from the office.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
(signed) Tho. Cockburn
Actg. C.G.G.O.

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From Lieutenant Colonel Geils.

Received also a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Geils Entered in MB. No. 237 enclosing an Invoice of Hatts Cockades &c. consigned to him from England and requesting they may be received and Charged by the Contractor to the offReckoning Sund. of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor

Ernst William Fallofield Esqre.

President

Saturday
1st June 1793

The Drake Cruizer arrives with Dispatches from Suez

The Drake Cruizer arrived from Suez and brought following Dispatches from the British Consul at Alexandria, which are now Read

To the Honorable the President & Council of Bombay or of any of the Honorable Company Presidencies in India.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr. Baldwin at Alexandria enclosing a paper of News from Europe with sundry Leyden Gazettes, inclosed of the declaration of War between England and France likewise himself presenting a letter for the Batch Government at Bulicat enclosed.

The Drake Sloop arrived at Suez from Bombay on the 5th. of this month, and this day I received a publick Dispatch to my Address containing one for the Honorable Court of Directors, but without any letter to me

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the disposal of the same I have sent of the Five Boxes by a Tartar, immediately, by way of Constantinople, and the other shall go by way of Suez tomorrow; for so the actual Circumstance of war with France constrains.

I have transmitted to Captain E Margoty a Summary of political occurrences as they have reached me up to the 12th of February from London An English news papers dated the 16th of December containing the Debates on the opening of the Session, and the Leyden Gazettes from the 27th of November up to the 5th of February all relevant of the present Combustion over Europe. permit me to refer you to these papers for the Circumstances in Evidence of the War, for the truth of which I make myself responsible; therefore you need have no hesitation to Act - As I know of a dispatch having passed Constantinople going to Bombay with these advices, on the 18th of March, I have submitted to the Consideration of Captain Margoty, whether it would not be of consequence to the public service to proceed immediately to Madras, & I have recommended it strongly to them, whatever directions he may have to the Contrary, and

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I trust that you will approve of it

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sr. Sr.

Alexandria
10th April 1793

[signed] George Baldwin

The Dutch Consul wishing to give official
Intelligence of the war to the Dutch settlements,
in India has desired me to give cover to the
Inclosed, which I could not but readily consent
to do.

G. B.

December 1792

Summary of political Intelligence from Europe

The French forces under du Mourier
were in possession of all Brabant & Austrian Flanders
and had advanced to Liege & Aix la Chapelle. They
decreed the Navigation of the Schelo open to all Nations
General Custine had taken Francfort, & was push-
-ing forward to Hanau, but was checked. General
Anselme had taken Nice and was spreading his
Forces over that part of Italy
Savoy had revolted to the French and was made
an 85th. department of France now declared a Repub-
-lic they were very active in diffusing their
Jesuitous principles over England, Looking for
safety in the Confusion of their Neighbours; and

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Associations were forming with a manifest design of overturning the Constitution There appearances made it in incumbent on the British Government to Counteract the poisons and the King being advised to call out the Militia, was, of course, by law bound to convoke parliament within fourteen days after and it met on the

13th December

but, previously, Gentlemen of all parties and denominations, alarmed at the danger from this spirit of Innovation, to our Country, conceived the safety of our Constitution to depend Essentially on the reconciliation and union of the parties in opposition, and the leading Members, or Country Gentlemen, interposed with their good offices to this Effect. The Duke of portland and Lord Loughborough and most of the friends of both parties immediately joined in this laudable endeavour to conciliate things; but Mr. Fox resisted the public solicitation, and his friends left him to join the Minister in the measures proposed, and the Country called for, for the common good.

The devision upon the address to the King was upon Mr. Fox's Amendment 50 for, 290 against, and has gone on dwindling, ever since, to almost Nothing.

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January 1793 The King of prussia with the Co-operation of Austrian forces retook Frankfort and is pressing General Custine Close in Cassel, where they expect to starve him into Surrender-

The french decrees relative to the Sovereignty of Brabant and Flanders have excited general discontent among the people of those provences & it is reported that they have forced the french to evacuate their Towns

January 20th The National Convention pronounced sentence of Death on their King; and on the 21st put it into execution. The pretence and manner of this act have given Universal horror and Indignation; and the people of England unite in a general expression of abhorrence against these Sanguinary and wanton Ruffians

January 24th The French Minister was ordered to leave England in Eight days; our Armaments, already considerable, were ordered to be encreased by Land and Sea

February 1st The National Convention declared that the Republic of France was at war with England and Holland; and immediately authorized Reprisals & seizes upon all English & Dutch Ships in their ports exceeding, as they report

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March 18th ... A Cabinet Messenger arrived at the British Ambassadours at Constantinople with advice of the War and the Intelligence was forwarded the next day by Alleppo and Bassora to India

March 20th The French Corvette L'Eclair anchored in Alexandria in thirty days from Marseilles to apprize the French Consul and Factory of the war against England and Holland, and advising them to be upon their guard against Russians and Spaniards with whom they expected shortly to break unavoidably The Corvette touch at Tunis & Malta on her way hither and reports that French Cruizers had carried into Malta four English Ships which they had Captured

April 11th Private Letters from Leghorn dated the 28th March say that Lord Hood was to sail about the 12th February for the Mediterranean with a very powerful fleet. That all England was in mourning for Louis 16th and that never war was more popular, nor the union greater A French fleet which had been under Cagliari in Sardinia, had been beaten off with much loss, and was returned to Toulon. It is expected that Corsica will throw off France and assert Independency.

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at Rome the populace have massacred the French Ambassadour and all his Suite returning from an audience of the pope, for displaying the National Cockade, and wanting to excite the people to insurrection by crying, Viva la liberta, Viva la papolo And ..... soon after Intelligence was received, at Naples of the French Kings death, the populace did the same there, and have murdered, every French man in the Kingdom, the same is expected to be played off in every Town in Italy, the French are now familiar to scenes of blood, and will hardly be affected by it.

The Russians have long since over turned the new Constitution in Poland, or rather restored the old one; but, seeing it difficult to preserve order in that Kingdom, the King of Prussia has marched a large body of Troops to Co-operate with the Russians, and, it is thought, will ease the poles of the perplexity of Governing for themselves; I have letters from Constantinople, which advise that the three powers are proceeding in a further partition of the States of that Kingdom and that the Turks, not knowing what more may be intended, are Arming, with all their mights, for the event

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The French have accounts that Spain and portugal have actually declared War against France and it appears to be undeniable

Alexandria
10th April 1793

Signed George Baldwin

Minutes and resolutions in consequence of the above Intelligence

As the foregoing communications afford the strongest ground to believe that War has been declared between England & France And as the Board judge it highly expedient that the Supreme Government should possess the earliest Intelligence on this subject It is resolved that Copies of the above papers, together with the Leyden Gazettes which accompanied them be immediately Dispatched, by the Drake, to Bengal & that Duplicates be sent by an Express Pattamar

The Board are of opinion that not a Moment should be lost in Acting upon the Intelligence from Mr. Baldwin, since it is of the utmost

Importance

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Importance to the success of every enterprise against Pondicherry that it should be undertaken in such time as to afford a reasonable hope the reduction of that important place may be accomplished before the Monsoon

Resolved therefore that Colonel Brathwaite be immediately desired to suggest such measures of preparation as may appear to him expedient, and that the necessary Arrangements for Assembling and equipping a sufficient force to proceed against Pondicherry be prosecuted with the utmost Vigour, until further advices are received from Europe or Instructions from Bengal

Agreed likewise that the Intelligence received Mr. Drake, he communicated

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to the Government at Bombay, to the Resident at Poona and Hydrabad, to the Commodore and to the Dutch Government at Colombo.—

Read the following letter from the Commander of the Drake.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley, Bart.

President Governor &c. &c. in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Commander of the Drake Cruizer advises of his having captured a French Brig requests she may be condemned.

I beg leave to state to your honor that the British Consul at Alexandria having officially informed me, that France and England were at War, and, in consequence of this information, having fell in with a French Brig under national Colours in the Lat 12°.37 N°. bound from the Mauritius to Pondichery and according to my instructions I took her a prize.

I have therefore to request your Honor will be pleased to order that she be legally condemned—

I have the honor of enclosing you a List of the Crew and also the names of two English Passengers on board her, and beg to be favored with your instructions how to dispose of them.—

I have the honor to be,

Honorable Sir,

your very obedient Servant

Signed E. Margoty

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A list of Europeans and Natives taken in the Pirates French Brig.

Charles Chenn ..... Commander

Five Officers ..... 1 & 2nd

One Surgeon

One Passenger ..... French

Eight European Seamen

& 14 Lascars..

Signed E. Margoty

Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion that the Intelligence they have received of the State of Affairs in Europe is not sufficient to authorize their coming to any determination respecting the French Brig, of which Lieutenant Margoty has made Prize.

The Packets for Pulicat ordered to be forwarded.

Ordered that the Packets, transmitted by Mr. Baldwin, and addressed to the Governor and Council of Pulicat, be immediately forwarded.

Chas. Oakeley.

E Wallofield

George Parry Esqr.

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Diary

Despatched the following letters

To the Most. Noble the. Marquis Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William.

To Bengal - enclosing Copy of the Advices received by Drake from the Council at Alexandria - intended Measures towards the reduction of Pondicherry - the force there. -

My Lord,

We have the honor to inform your Lordship that the Drake Brigr arrived this Morning from Suez, and brought a Letter & from Mr. Baldwin, of which we enclose Copy for your Information - together with a Paper of News, and the Leyden Gazettes which accompanied it. -

As this Communication leaves no doubt upon our minds that War has been declared between England and France, we shall immediately call upon the Commanding Officer of the Troops to suggest such measures of preparation

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preparation as may appear to him expedient on the supposition that He may be required to proceed against Pondicherry and He shall adopt and prosecute this Idea upon this point until We are honored with your Instructions.

By the latest Reports the Force at Pondicherry consists of about 1000 Europeans and 700 Seapoys.

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

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To the Honorable Sir Robert Abercromby K.B.
Governor in Council
&c. at
Bombay.

Honorable Sir,

To Bombay with other Copies and advising of the Drake's being dispatched to Bengal

We have the honor to inform you that the Drake Cruizer arrived this morning from Suez, and brought us a letter from W. Baldwin, of which We enclose Copy

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for your Information, together with Copy of a paper of News.—

Judging it highly expedient that the Supreme Government should receive the earliest intelligence of the War, which there can be little doubt has been declared between England and France, We have dispatched the Dvate to Bengal for that purpose.—

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

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(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
Council

To the Honorable Jacob Eilbracht Esq.r—
Governor &c. Council
at, Pulicat

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

To Political forwarding the Letter received from the Dutch Consul at Alexandria, from Mr. Barrington with Copy of the paper of Intelligence &c from Europe.—

We lose no time in forwarding for your the accompanying Letter received this morning, of Mr Drake Lanigan, from the English Consul at Alexandria and beg leave to mention that the same came to our hands with it's Seal broken, which appears to have been occasioned by Accident.—

We also transmit, for your Information, Copy of a paper of Political Intelligence from Europe.—

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

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To Colonel John Brathwaite

Commanding the Army on the Coast.—

Sir,

To Colonel Brathwaite with advice of the despatches received and directing him to suggest the necessary preparations towards the Reduction of Pondicherry.—

As the Advices received this Morning by the Drake Cruizer from Mr. Baldwin at Alexandria afford the strongest ground to believe that War has been declared between England and France tho' no official Communication of this event has yet been received from England I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire you will suggest, with as little delay as possible, such measures of preparation as may appear to you expedient on the supposition that it may be requisite to proceed against Pondicherry— By the latest Reports the Force at that place, consists of about 1000 Europeans and 700 Sepoys.—

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I am &c. &c.
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
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To Lieutenant Margotty

of the Drake Cruizer.

Sir,

To Commander of the Drake in reply to his Letter regarding the French Prize and the English Passengers on board.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of this date, and to inform you that he has received no Communication of the state of Affairs between England and France sufficient to authorize his coming to any determination respecting the French Brig of which you have made prize, and that she must remain under your Charge, therefore, until more particular Accounts are Received. The English Passengers who were on Board the Vessel are, of Course, to be set at Liberty. —

I am &c.ª &c.ª

(Signed) W.C. Jackson

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Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore. —

Sent a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore &c. entered in C: C: Nº 110 advising him of the Resolution to restore his Country on the 12th July - admonition on the occasion - The Treaty, with an Amended Schedule, enclosed for his Signature. —

Sent

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Sent also the undermentioned letters

Entered in M: B: N.os 1. 2..3.

To Residents at Hydrabad and Poona

To Residents at Hydrabad and Poona, with Copies of the Advices received of the War with France.—

To Post Master General

To Post Master General directing him to dispatch a Duplicate of the above Packet to Bengal by Express Jaffry.—

To Lieutenant Murphy of the Bombay Marine

To Commandant of the Drake dispatching her to Bengal, with the Advices abovementioned.—

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received a letter from the Nabob entered in C: C: N.o 111 requesting that Orders may be given for checking the Irregularities of the Tinnevelly Polygars and for the attendance of their Vackeels at the different Cutcheries.—

2.

Dispatched the following letters

To the Most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis KG

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

My Lords,

1.st

Agreeably to the intimation contained in our letter under date the 11.th

To Bengal with Copy of the abovementioned Secret Consultation letter requesting the Statement of the Extra Expences of the late War.

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we have now the honor to transmit Copy #
of a letter from our Accountant General with
such explanations and documents, as he #
hath been able to furnish in support of the #
accuracy of the Statement prepared by him of
the Extra Expences of the late War.—

2d We are in hopes that the explanation
which Mr. Wolf has given in regard to the cause
of his deviating from the form which your #
Lordship had prescribed for preparing this #
Statement will be satisfactory, particularly
as it will be seen that he had it in intention to
prepare it on the principle laid down so soon
as the materials for the purpose could be collected,
and that he had no other view in preparing
that which he laid before us, 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

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would elapse before he could prepare a
Statement which could be entirely depended
upon. —

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We have the honor to be,
with respect &c. &c.
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
Gr. Counsel

To the Honorable William Cornwallis
Commodore, and Commander in Chief of
His Majesty's Ships
in India
Sir,

To the Commodore Cornwallis
with Copy of Mr. Baldwin's
letter, apprizing of the War
with France and of the paper
of News inclosed —

The Drake Cruizer having arrived
from Suez on the 1st Instant, and brought us
a letter from Mr. Baldwin, the British Consul at
Alexandria, We have the honor to enclose Copy
thereof for your Information, together with a
Paper of News, and to acquaint you that we
dispatched that Vessel, without delay, for
Bengal, in order that the Supreme Government
might receive the earliest Intelligence of the
War, which there can be little doubt has been
declared between England and France. —

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

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Sent the undermentioned letters Entered

in M: B: Nos 4.. 5.. 6.. 7.. 8.. 9.—

To Contractors for Ordnance Work.—

To Messrs. Topping and Parry giving them the option to provide various Articles of Ordnance Stores, not included in their Contract—List thereof enclosed and their Prices to be annexed.—

To Resident at Hydrabad

To Resident at Hydrabad stating the Rejoinder of Tippoo's Vackeels regarding the execution of the Treaty on the part of the Nizam; Captain Doveton's letter Enclosed.—

To Auditor General—

To Military Auditor General an Interpreter and Two Hircarrahs to be allowed the Commandant at Dendigul—some Barrack Cotts, not & before surveyed, to be received and paid for to—&

Lieutenant Capper—papers on the subject enclosed;

M. Linlay appointed Deputy Secretary to & the Military Board—with the usual Salary—

To Colonel Braithwaite.

To Officer Commanding the Army—in & Reply to the Claim preferred by the Adjutant of the King's Regiment.—

To Colonel Floyd

To Officer Commanding the 19th Regiment of Dragoons—may repair the Damages done to the Barrack and Stabling at Conatore.—

To

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To Commandant at Tuticorin

To Commandant at Tuticoreny

the Flank Companies of the 1st European Battalion Complete, and the 25th Battalion of Sepoys, with 100 Rounds of Ammunition p.r Man to march immediately to Cuddalore.—

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received Letter from the Nabob entered in C: C: N.o 112 doubts not the reference to the Nizam will have the desired Effect of preventing future Incursions into the Balnaud, and procuring the punishment of Meer Imaum and his Banditti.—

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: N.os 10.. 11.. 12.. 13.. 14.—

From Military Board—

From Military Board — submitting Rules and Regulations for that Board — shall discontinue the sending any more Mallets or Tent Pins to the out Garrisons

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — with an Indent for Rice has ordered a Store of that Article and of Salt, Ghee &c.a for Permanoil.—

From Captain S. Baillie—

From Captaien S. Baillie — with an Offer of his Services—

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From Commandant of the 5th Regiment
From Major Orr- of Cavalry to the Adjutant General - reporting
the Horses lately cast from that Corps.-

From Commander of the Hamsphire H
From Commander of the Ship Hamsphire- offering to equip that Ship for the Service of
Government, as a 32 Gun Frigate, and to
carry dispatches to the Commodore.-

" Despatched the undermentioned letters
Entered in M.B. N.o 15.. 16.. 17.. 18.. 19.. 20.. 21.. 22..
23.. 24.. 25.. 26.. 27.. 28.. 29.. 30.. 31.. 32.-

To Commissary General of Grain and
To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions Provisions - the measures proposed by him on
the 21st Ultimo - approved - W. Vaughan to be
instructed accordingly.-

To W. W. Lenley- To W. W Lenley advising him of his
Appointment as Deputy Secretary to the
Military Board.-

To Paymaster at Ganjam &c. expressing
To Mr. Paymaster Cooper.- the Board's Disapprobation of the Language
made use of by him towards the Officer Commanding
in the District.-

To Officer Commanding in the Ganjam
To Lieutenant Colonel Tolson- District - notifying the above.-

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To Commandant in the Guntoor Circar

To Commandant in the Guntoor Circar - the person apprehended at Innacondah, on suspicion of being a Spy, to be released and his property restored to him. -

To Hospital Board -

To Hospital Board - informing them of the frequent Complaints received against the Contractor's Servants - the Head Surgeon to be charged to represent any deviation from the terms of Contract in regard to the Diet and Cloathing for the Sick. -

To Mr. Robert Clark

To late Acting Purveyor General in reply to his Application for Commission on the Amount realized from the Contractors and Surgeons for Hospital Cloathing & made over. -

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General enclosing Receipts for Hospital Cloathing delivered over to the Contractors and Surgeons, and a Copy of a letter from M.R. Clark - Orders inconsequence

To Storekeeper at Dindigul -

To Storekeeper at Dindigul - directing him to deliver over the Keys of the Storehouses to the Commandant, as he does not reside there himself. -

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General the Officers of the 8th Battalion to receive Honor

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Sent for May, having held themselves in readiness to March Lieutenant Cunningham's Bill for Pay to be passed.—

To Auditor General

To Auditor General referring the Estimate of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for June and arrears previous to 30th April.—

To Ditto

To Ditto—Colonel Floyd's Bill for the Expences of repairing the Damage done lately to the Barracks and Stabling of the 19th Regiment of Dragoons, to be passed.—

To Military Board

To Military Board—Colonel Maule's proposition regarding Check on Repairs &c. performed by the Contractors approved proposals will be required from Messrs Topping and Parry for providing the Articles contained in their List with certain Exceptions—Opinion on their proceedings regarding Indents for Grain, and recommendation in consequence—W. Lumley appointed their Deputy Secretary—the rest of their proceedings reported on the 21st and 22d Ultimo approved—Colonel Floyd's remarks on the late Cavalry Regulations referred for their Opinion.—

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To Colonel Brathwaite

To Officer Commanding the Army —

Amending the Charge against Captain A. Beale —

To Lieutenant Dallas of the Infantry. —

To Lieutenant Peter Dallas his Claim on Account of the quarters built by him at Rampore, inadmissible. —

To Captain Leighton

To Captain Thomas Leighton his Claim on Account of the Estate of the late Captain Everett, also rejected. —

To Board of Revenue —

To Board of Revenue — enclosing Copy of a letter from Resident at Hydrabad and desiring information regarding the Sums therein mentioned. —

To Commandant at Tritchinopoly —

To Commandant at Tritchinopoly — the Nabob has been again written to regarding the Release of Omar Saheb — to report by what Authority he was placed on the Pension List

4th

From Captain P. Mayne

Received letter from Captain P. Mayne — Entered in M. B. N° 33. requesting to know if any orders regarding him, have been received from England. —

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Sent letter to the Nabob entered in C. B. N° 113. enclosing a letter from the Commandant

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at Trichinopoly—and requesting he will repeat his orders for the Release of the Native Commandant his former orders to that Effect having been disobeyed.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor & President

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.—

Minutes of last Consultation—

Tuesday 11th June 1793

read and approved.—

Read the following letter from Lt. Colonel Brathwaite.—

To The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor in Council.

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Commands, contained in M. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 1st. instant, in reply to which I have the honor to inform you, that to determine the properest measures

to

From Colonel Brathwaite stating his opinion of the Pre requisite for the reduction of Pondichery—proposes a measures for securing the different Garrisons while the Army is in the field Sketch of a General Order submitted—various Movements suggested.—

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to be taken as preparatory to the reduction of Pondicherry, attending, at the same time, to the general defence of our possessions on the Coast, & involves many considerations, and requires that I should have authentick information of the resources and dispositions of surrounding Powers, as well as those of the various Polygars and Zemindars who are immediately dependent on us, and to know whether that spirit of intrigue which has at all times characterized the French Nation, and which appears of late to have been most actively employed all over Europe, has been exerted in this part of India, and, if so, what are the effects which may be expected to be produced by it, without this knowledge, which I have no means of acquiring, and which consequently I do not possess, it is not possible for me to commit myself farther on the subject than to offer my opinion of the Force that will be required to reduce Pondicherry by Siege or Blockade.

From the information you have done me

the

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the honor to communicate to me it appears
that the effective Troops which now garrison
Pondicherry rather exceed the garrison which
was in it when we went against it in 1778,
and I am informed that they have now a
much more respectable Militia than they then
had, amounting to about 400, and that the
Fortifications are in a much more perfect
state of defence, added to which report says
that they hourly expect the arrival of the
Governor General from the Islands with large
supplies of Men, Money, and Stores, and if so,
I doubt if we are possessed of any effectual
means of intercepting them.—

Under these circumstances the
Forces with which we could attempt the
reduction of Pondicherry cannot be fewer
in number than those employed in 1778, &
and in my opinion they ought to be more.—
Our resources and situation on the Coast
enable us to be prepared I trust sufficiently
and in time; and from the addition of his

Majesty's

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Majesty's Corps, which were not then in this Country, were certainly may bring before the place a much stronger force in European Infantry than we then had. I have formed in my mind an arrangement, which will I hope enable us to collect, to appear before Pondicherry, a Force sufficient to authorise us to attempt the reduction of it.—

If you are of opinion that the measures I recommend can consistently with a view to the general Security be adopted, and of this you alone must judge, I can hold myself responsible only to point out to you the Force which I think the least that can be employed, and how it may be collected, offering to you at the same time the best means which occur to me to provide, in some measure, for the security of the places from whence the Troops must necessarily be withdrawn, how far you will think the Country safe under such an arrangement, must rest with you.—

I propose to bring into the Field his Majesty's 19th Regiment of Dragoons, the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry

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or as many of another Regiment as one shall be
able to mount from the Horses we have.—

	Companies
His Majesty's Artillery	2.
The four Companies of the 1st Battalion of Coast Artillery from the Mount	4.—
Ditto from the 2d Battalion at Trichinopoly	4.—
	10.—

His Majesty's 36th and 52d Regiments from Pondamalie, His Majesty's 72d and 73d Regiments from Wallajanbad, the Flank Companies from his Majesty's 71st and 74th Regiments, and the Flank Companies of the Honorable Company's 1st 2d 83d European Infantry Battalions, in all what may be called Six European Infantry Corps And the 1st 2d 3d 6th 7th 8th 9th 17th 19th 23d 24th and 25th Native Battalions, in all twelve.—

I have the honor to enclose on a separate Paper No1, a Memorandum of the measures I would recommend to be taken for the better Security of the several Posts and Garrisons while the Army is in the Field.—

And on other Paper No2 I have sketched an Order, which I would recommend should be published without delay by Government,

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the object of which is, to provide, with as little delay as possible, an Army of observation, which may move down to the neighbourhood of Pondicherry and prevent its deriving any supplies whatever from the Country.—

And I recommend that Government should send Orders to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division, to detach, with the utmost expedition, the two Flank Companies of the 2 Honorable Company's 1st. European Battalion compleated, and the Honorable Company's 25th. Native Battalion, to Cuddalore, with one hundred round of Musket Ammunition p. per man, as I think Cuddalore is, at present, critically situated; this reinforcement would, I trust, effectually secure it, and these Troops will be therein readiness to join the Army.—

I would also recommend, as there is of much consequence to me, that the 3d. Regiment of Native Cavalry, and the 7th. Battalion of Native Infantry, now both in the Tinnevelly Country, should march forthwith to Tritchinopoly, and that his Majesty's 71st. Regiment now at

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Secundermale, with two Companies of the 13th Native Battalion from Dindigul, be ordered into — & Madura, and the 9th Native Battalion be & ordered to Trichinopoly, and that Lieutenant & Colonel Baird be ordered to Wallajaubad, and that Captain Dunwoody be ordered to return immediately, & proceed to Wallajaubad. If these preliminary & measures are taken in regard to the distant Corps, and if the augmentation of the Establishment by the raising of the two Native Battalions, one at & Trichinopoly, and one at the Presidency, and & the Supernumeraries to be added to the Companies of such Native Corps as I have pointed out, are now Ordered, I trust we shall be in great forwardness, and I shall have the honor, in a few days, to lay before you a compleat detail of the Army to be employed, stating the actual strength of each Corps by the last Returns. —

I have said nothing in regard to — & Draught or Carriage Cattle, or of the large & supplies which will necessarily be requisite for such an Army, but these are subjects which will

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will of course fall under your consideration. —

Military Head Quarters Madras June 2d 1793. —

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

(Signed) John Brathwaite

In order that 12 Native Battalions may be assembled for Service against Pondicherry, it is proposed. —

To order back the 8th Battalion 1. And in consequence to augment the 11th. 12th. and 30th Battalions.

To take two Battalions from Madras..... 2... And in consequence to raise one Battalion, and augment the two which will then be in Garrison; to order in the 5th Regiment of dismounted Cavalry; and embody a Black Town Militia. —

To take the Battalion from Wallajanbad..... 1. And in consequence to send a small Guard of Invalid Sepoys to Pondamalé. —

To withdraw the Battalion from Attore..... 1. And in consequence to send thither, from Tiagar, four Companies; and to order one of the Companies now at Salem to Namul,

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and

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Brought Over — 5.

To withdraw from Trichinopoly and Tanjore which have now five Battalions 4

To take the Battalion from Madura 1

From Kytar 1

From Ambore 1

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1.

And in consequence to raise one at Trichinopoly, and to augment both that and the remaining Battalion —

And in consequence to throw into that Garrison His Majesty's 71st Regiment, and two Companies from the 13th Battalion at Dindigul, and augment the 13th and 21st Battalions —

And, in consequence, to augment the 16th Battalion, which, with two dismounted Regiments of Cavalry, is to provide for Vellore, Ambore, and Arnee, sending a small guard to Conatore —

N.B: The Augmentation for Corps above alluded to, is, 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue, and 22 Privates per Company —

This mode of Augmentation is preferred to that of

raising

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raising additional Companies, &
because I think it equally
efficacious and less expensive, &
as it will not, when the
Service is over, burthen the
Establishment with Supe-
-numerary Native Officers &
and, in truth, we have not
European Officers to give
to additional Companies —

The 1st and 2d Regiments of Native Cavalry
to deliver over their Horses immediately
to Major Young, and the 1st Regiment of
Cavalry, with three Troops of the 2nd
dismounted, under the Command of
Major Murray to march immediately
into Vellore, and the remaining three
Troops of the 2d dismounted, under the
Command of Major Pater, to march to
Arnee —

On the Arrival of Major
Murray at Vellore, the Officer Commanding

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There is to lose no time in sending three
Companies of the 16th to garrison Ambore, and
Captain M.c Pherson, with the 6th Native
Battalion, to march directly to Wallajaubad.
And, on the Arrival of Major Pater at Arnee,
Major Petrie is immediately to repair
to Wallajaubad, with the two Companies of
his Majesty's 72d Regiment, sending the
Company of the 16th Native Battalion to Vellore.

Colonel Floyd, with his Majesty's
19th Regiment of Dragoons, and the Company
of the 6th Native Battalion to march to
Wallajaubad; where Colonel Floyd is to
Command, and wait for further Orders.—

Major Pater to furnish a sufficient
Guard of dismounted Troopers, to look after the Quarters at Conatore.—

Major Young, with as many of his
Corps as will be mounted, to proceed directly
to Walajaubad, leaving an European Officer
with the dismounted Men of his Corps in
charge

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Change of the Cantonments.—

The Corps now ordered to move &
and those now at Wallajabad, to indent
for Tents on the Paymaster of Vellore who
is to supply them from the Stores at Vellore
and Ambore.—

The Pioneer Corps, now in the Salem
Country, to repair to Vellore without delay,
and there wait for further orders.—

Minutes and Resolutions in consequence.—

Agreed that the General order &
recommended by Colonel Braithwaite be
immediately issued, and that the 8. Battalion
be ordered to March to Walajanbad, with
the Detachment of Artillery now attached
to it.—

Orders have been already sent
to the Officer Commanding the Southern
Division to detach, with the utmost
expedition, the two Flank Companies
of the 1st European Battalion completed &
the 2d Native Battalion to Cuddalore, with

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one hundred Rounds of musket Ammunition
p Man; and it is agreed to desire Colonel
Brathwaite to send such instructions ..... as
instructions to Lieutenant Colonel DuPont
as he may judge necessary, in order to
put that Assieur on his Guard and that he
may provide for the safety of Cuddalore. —

The Board approve generally the
measures recommended by Colonel Brathwaite
to be taken, preparatory to the reduction of
Pondicherry, which is an object that all
others must now yield to — They are sensible,
that the drawing together so large a force,
may, in some degree, affect the Security of the
Company's possessions — but they are, at the
same time, persuaded, that no consideration
ought to come in competition with the measure
of expelling the French from Pondicherry without
loss of time. —

Resolved, as a measure absolute necessary,
that the two Native Battalions be raised without
further delay — and that Colonel Brathwaite
be

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be directed to recommend two Captains for the Command of them, who are to be immediately employed in raising the Men.— In regard to the Colonel's suggestion for embodying a Black Town Militia, the Board are of opinion that it would be more advisable to raise four independent Companies, to be placed under the Command of the # Town Major, and to be trained and disciplined by the Black Town Adjutant.—

Resolved, That Colonel Braithwaite's attention be called to the defenceless State in which the Tinnevelly Country will be left, after the removal of the Troops from that quarter— and that it be suggested to him whether some part of Major Stevenson's # Regiment might not be very advantageously employed in keeping the Polygars in awe, and preserving the peace of the # District, which will, otherwise, in all # probability, be disturbed by these turbulent

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The Board observe, among the Colonel Brathwaite's Arrangements, an order for Lieutenant Colonel Baird to proceed to Mallajaubad — Upon this occasion they think it necessary to observe, that the Marquis Cornwallis is very desirous that no Officer commanding a Regiment belonging to his Majesty, should be separated from his Corps.

Agreed that Colonel Brathwaite be desired to frame a General order to meet all the circumstances recommended by him, and approved by the Board — In which may be included, the four independent Companies — the two additional Battalions, and the Names of the Officers to Command them, together with such part of Major Stevenson's Regiment as he may judge proper to keep in the Tinnevelly Country.

Ordered that a Copy of Colonel Brathwaite's Letter and of the Reply be sent to Bengal.

Read

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Read the following letter from his Highness the Nabob / entered also in C. C. No 1144 /

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

Dated 22d. of Showal or 2d June 1793

Received ..... 3d. —

From the Nabob - expressive of his grief on hearing the proceedings of the French Nation against their King - offers to assist their preparations for the reduction of Pondicherry to the utmost of his power.

The abhorrence is not to be described which I felt upon being informed of the rebellious and unwarrantable proceedings of the French populace; but the account which have just been received of the tyranny and bloody disposition of the same people in cruelly murdering their Prince / which act has been reprobated by my friend the King of Great Britain / has particularly caused indignation and grief in the, arising from the murder of an innocent man.

I am, at the same time, informed that the French nation meditate hostilities against my friend the English; which I am

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certain Divine Providence intends as the means
of their destruction for their outrageous acts — I
know wait to be informed from you whether I
should send immediate orders for the stoppage of
all provisions from my districts into the Port of
Pondicherry — By the blessing of God, from the
time of my father's Government and the
commencement of my own, I have constantly
given assistance to my friends on such
occasions which no other Prince, except
myself in Hindostan, has done — You will no
doubt take immediate steps for preventing
provisions from going into Pondicherry by
Sea, that they may not collect bullocks and
provisions, before the English Army appointed
to go against that place is assembled — The
bullocks in the Guntoor district are of a large
and excellent breed, and it is possible to collect
from thence, and from the Carnatic, the Jaghyre
and the Tanjore country, as many bullocks
and grain as may be wanted; and I will, on my
part

(Upon mature reflection it may also be necessary to collect
bullocks in this)

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part, furnish as many as in my power for it is my most anxious wish to have the French extirpated from this Country and I am ready to give a every assistance to my friends for the march of the Troops, in order to reduce Pondicherry. —

What shall I say more?

A true Translation

Sd/ David Haliburton

Pr Sd

Minutes thereon

The President informs the Board that he took an early opportunity of communicating to the nabob Son Amdut ul Omrah Bahauder, for his Highness's information, the nature of the accounts that had arrived by the Drake Cruizer from Suez adding that tho they did not convey any official notice of War the purport of them left no doubt on the President's mind, that war had been declared, and consequently that he had felt it his duty to make the necessary preparations with all possible dispatch. —

Agreed to inform his Highness that the Board avail themselves, with great pleasure, of his offer of assisting those preparations to the utmost of his power by issuing the necessary orders to his Amils to furnish such means, as the natural

resources

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resources of the Country must supply — That the principal articles required are provisions and Cattle, for which due payment will be made to the Proprietors, and that it is the Boards particular wish that plentiful Buzars may be provided for the Troops and Followers, when they are assembled in the neighbourhood of Pondicherry —

Agreed also to inform his Highness that the Board entirely approve of his proposition for directing his managers to withhold supplies of every kind from Pondicherry, and that similar orders will be given to the Servants of the Company residing on the Sea Coast to the Southward of that Garrison. —

The President lays before the Board the following Intelligence from Pondicherry, delivered to him by Captain Mandeville of the 2d. Battalion of Artillery. —

Intelligence from Pondicherry

Intelligence from Pondicherry laid before the Board by the President —

On the 28th. May Captain Mandeville went into Pondicherry by the Villenour Gate — the Fortifications appeared to be in a very indifferent

State

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State the Soldiers just then mounting Guard, very irregular and particularly inattentive to their Drefs Mons.r Chermont the Governor had that morning Summoned the Principal Citizens and proposed a Loan to Government at the Rate of 8 per Ct. the money to be applied towards the Defence of the place, when 23000 Pagodas were Subscribed — immediately and by the Evening of the 29th the Sum — Subscribed amounted to 60,000 Pagodas a Proclamation went about that day, by beat of Drum, requiring the — Inhabitants to provide themselves with Provisions Sufficient for the Space of five or Six months. the Troops at Pondicherry consist of One Regiment Europeans and two of Sepoys, with about 200 Artillery men, Two thousand Europeans were expected to arrive daily the Artillery Seemed very busy mounting the heavy Ordnance on the Works. —

a Copy Ordered for — Bengal —

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

Read the following letters from the — Military Board. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

From Military Board requesting leave to direct Officers warrants to be made up without delay and to exceed the Sum fixed for the monthly provision of Stores.

Honorable Sir,

Our Resident having communicated to us a detail of Troops which there is a probability may

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soon be called for to serve in the Field - and the Quarter Master General having at the same time laid before us a Return of Tents under this Presidency, stating the numbers of each description Serviceable, and repairable we Request to be authorized to order the Military Storekeeper here, to cause two hundred Officers Marquis to be made up, with all possible expedition, and we also Request your permission, at this time, to exceed the limited Sum of two thousand five hundred Pagodas, for the Monthly expence of Military Stores, which you may rest assured we shall not abuse.

We have the Honor to be

Fort S.t George
2.d June 1793.

Sign.d

John Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
Thomas Gils
John. Richardson
Barry Close
Geo: Maule
George Hall

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Military Board reporting their progress in preparing the ordnance for the Service in contemplation.

In consequence of a Minute delivered in by the Commanding Officer of Artillery, and Chief Engineer, We have the honor to State to your Honorable Board the Ordnance which may speedily be wanted and the places from whence it is proposed to be supplied.

		No.
24 Pounder Guns		16
	Ready at Madras	7
	Ordered from Vellore which will require some Repair	4
	Ready at the Mount	4
	Will be immediately got ready at Madras	1
	Total	16
Shot for the above Guns		16000
	To be sent from Madras	12000
	Ditto Vellore	1000
	Ditto Tanjore	3000
	Total	16000
Quilted Grape Rounds		320
	To be sent from Madras	220
	Ditto Vellore	100
	Total	320

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18 Pounder Guns . . . . . 26.

Ready at Madras 6
To be brought from Trichinopoly 4
Ready at the Mount 1
To be sent from Vellore . . . 5
Coming from Vellore Requiring a little Repair 9
Will be got ready at Madras . . 1.
Total 26.

Shot for the above Guns 26,000

To be sent from Madras . . . 12,000
Ditto . . . Vellore 4,000
Ditto . . . Trichinopoly . . 10,000
Total 26,000.

Quilted Grape Rounds . . . . . 520.

To be sent from Madras . . . . 380.
Ditto . . . Vellore . . . . 100.
Ditto . . . Tritchinopoly . . 40.
Total 520.

12 Pounder Guns . . . . . 16.

Ready at Fort St. George . . 3.
at the Mounts . . . 1
To be sent from Vellore; 4 of } 12.
which require a little Repair.
Total 16.

Shot.

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		No.
Shot for the above Guns		16000
To be sent from Madras	12000	
Do. Vellore	2,000	
Do. Trichinopoly	2,000	
Total	16,000	
Quilted Grape Rounds		320
To be sent from Madras	220	
Do. Vellore	100	
Total	320	

We have directed the Commissary General of Stores to take measures that there may be one spare Carriage to every four of each description, amounting in the whole, to fourteen Spare Carriages as follows. —

		No.
24 Pounder Guns	4	
18 Ditto Do.	6	
12 Ditto Do.	4	
Total	14	
13 Inch Mortars		2
Shells for Ditto	1000	
10 Inch Mortars		4
Shells for Ditto	2200	
8 Inch Mortars		4
Shells for Ditto	4000	

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8 Inch Howitzers 4

Shells for D°. 800

8 Inch Grape for D°. rounds . . . 100

The whole of the Mortars and Shells to be sent from Madras.

We are of Opinion that Seven — thousand three hundred barrels of Powder, and two thousand barrells of musquet Ammunition will be required, all of which will be furnished from the Presidency — and we have thought it proper to report the progress We have made to your Honorable Board, which we hope will be approved. —

We have likewise the pleasure to inform you that the Chief Engineer has nearly a sufficiency of Platforms ready for the foregoing Ordnance, and that, if your Honorable Board are pleased to authorize us, We shall put all Items in the Ordnance Department, — and to be furnished from this Arsenal, and the several Garrisons whence it may be — necessary to draw them, in train to be — expeditiously

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expeditiously ready.

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We have the Honor to be,

Sir &c. &c.

John Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
Thomas Dils
Sign'd John Richardson
Barry Close
Jorge Maule
Jorge Hall

Orders thereon

Ordered that two hundred Officer's Marquis be made up by the Military Store-Keeper, and that the Military Board be authorized to exceed the sum limited for the — monthly expence of Military Stores as far as the Service may require.—

The Board intirely approve the Arrangements submitted by the Military Board, and it is resolved to direct them to take measures for having the whole of the Ordnance in readiness at the shortest notice.—

Agreed that orders be sent to the — Commissary General of Grain and Provisions to

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provide the necessary draught and Carriage Cattle.—

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board.—

Hospital Board
31st May 1793

From Hospital Board
Death of Mr Binny
Mr W. Jordens Letter
to succeed to the
General Hospital
at Masulipatam
Price of the House
proposed to be
purchased at Trichi
nopoly Mr Pollard
requires to go to
Sea—Mr Dukes
proposed for the
General Hospital
in his room and
that Mr Le Mesu-
rier repair from
Cuddalore to
Madras an
Electrical appara-
tus recommended
for purchase.—

The Hospital Board are extremely concerned to acquaint Government that Mr Binny, Head Surgeon, died on the 12th instant at Polipollam a few Miles from Masulipatam, where he had removed for the benefit of a change of Air.—

Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Jackson, enclosing an Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors, permitting Mr Jordon to return to this Establishment without prejudice to his original Rank in the Service.—

Read also a Letter from Mr Jordon reporting his arrival on the Triton, and

acquainting

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acquainting the Board that he is ready to enter on Duty—

Approved

Mr Gordon's original rank being next below Mr William Raine he is of course intitled to succeed to the Station of Head Surgion to the General Hospital of Masulipatam Vacant by the Death of Mr Binny.—

Approved

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr Fleming Surgion, doing duty in the Black Town be appointed to attend the Town Jails, Vice Gordon./.—

May be purchased

Mr Mein has reported that Two hundred and fifty Pagodas is the lowest price of the House which he recommended to be purchased for the reception of the Europe Medicines at Trichinopoly.—

Mr Pe[illegible]

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Approved

Surgeon, at the General Hospitall Trichinopoly having been long in a bad state of Health, the Hospital Board recommend that he be permitted to proceed to the Presidency, and that Mr. Dicks, Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to do duty at the General Hospital Trichinopoly in his room.—

approved

Mr. Harris having taken charge of the Hospital at Cuddalore the Board recommend that Mr. Le Mesurier be ordered to return to his Station at this Presidency. General Hospital.—

may be purchased,

A very compleat — Electrical Apparatus, upon an improved construction, having been offered for sale for £42., the Hospital Board recommend that it may be purchased and

Kept

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Kept for the use of the Residency,
as it is the only one of the kind
that has been brought to this
Country, and is peculiarly —
adapted for Medical purposes.

James Anderson

Physician General

Signed Colley L. Lucas

W. Raine

Head Surgeon

Read the following letter from the —
Military Board. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Honorable Sir,

From Military Board
enclosing an Estimate
for building a Medicine
Godown at Vellore.

We have the honor to enclose you
Copy of an Estimate laid before us by the Com-
-mittee of Works at Vellore, for building a Medicine
Godown in the Hospital Compound, amounting

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to Pagodas Twenty eight, and twenty two fanams 28.22 /
which having been examined and reported correct by the
Chief Engineer, we request to be honored with your
Commands thereon.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
27th May 1793.

Vre Vre

John Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
Thomas Geils
Jn. Richardson
Geo. Maule
George Hall

/ Signed

Estimate Expence for building a Medicine Godown
adjoining to the Storehouse in the Hospital Compound
in the Garrison of Vellore

Building measuring 16 feet by 10 feet in clear To have
a palmira Roof with Rafters, Batten Tyles laid in
Chunam and Pantyles over Do with Chunam
borders, the Wall built of Brick and mudd Chu-
-named inside and pointed outside, Floor laid with
one course of bricks, and Chunam Jelly Chanamed
over, to have 3 windows with Shutters and brass
Letticing same as Storehouse; to have a door way

opening

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opening, without a door communicating to the Storehouse

446. Futcube Brick work in clay at 1¾ Fanams . . . . . Rs 24.40.

2 Square 52 Roofing on palmiras — with plaintyles and Pantyles laid in Chunam, and Chunam Corders at 4 Pagodas pr. Square . . . . . 10. 3. 20.

1 Square 60 feet of Flooring 1 Course brick flatt and 1 Course Jelly — Chunamed over at 2 Rs 21/2 . . . . . 4 . 40.

5 Square 20 feet Chunaming to walls one Coat Course chunam well — Rubbed and balsomed at 1 Pagoda . . . . . 5. 8. 32.

3 Square Pointing to the Walls — outside at 39 Fanams per Square 2. 33. "

Total Bricklayers Work Pagodas 40. 27. 32

53 feet Cube Palmiras worked and put up for plates, Rafters and Rupers including nails and Labour at 14 1/2 Fanams per foot . . . . . Rs 18. 12. 40.

Rs 18. 12. 40

Carried Over,

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26 feet sup.s of Window frames with
hooks compleat for 3 Windows
at 6¼ fanams. . . . . 3. 20. .

18 feet Sup.s of Plain Inch and ¼
Window Shutters, rebated and
lodged with Hinges and a
Stay bolt to each window
at 5¾ fanams per foot. . . . 2. 19. 40

135 feet Run of Shelf, round the
Godown fixed to the wall
Compleat at 4 ¼ fan.s ℔ foot. . 13. 27. .

Total Carpenters Work Pagodas. . . . 37. 37. .

Total Expence of Work Estimated Pagodas } ℔ 22. 52

Abstract of the Expence

Bricklayers Work. . . . . 2. 15. 52.

Carpenters and Smiths Work. . . . . } 37. 37. .

Total Expence Pagodas ℔ 22. 52.

Vellore
28th April 1793

Signed John Norris
Sub Engr. & Lieut.

A true Copy

Signed James Brodie
Secy. M.E. Board

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Medicine Godown in the Hospital Compound at Vellore be built, provided the Expence do not exceed the Estimate.—

Read the following letter from the Town Major.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From Town Major Captain Lennon of the Betsy agrees to convey to Vizagapatam the Troops intended for the Vizianagrum Expedition.—

Captain Lennon, commanding the Ship Betsey, has agreed to take the Detachments of Artillery and Lascars from hence, and the two Companies of the 4th.—a European Battalion from Masulipatam, to Vizagapatam, for two thousand five hundred Rupees he will also,—without any additional charge, carry the Recruits who have been drafted for the 1st. Battalion to Masulipatam, and some Camp Equipage, which Colonel Brathwaite is desirous to have sent by this opportunity.—

Six days Provisions for the troops will be required between Madras and Masulipatam, and—Six days more to Vizagapatam.—

Captain Lennon will be ready to sail about the 11th.—and requests to be paid the freight in advance.—

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

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the Terms of Freight offered by Captain Lennon be accepted and that the Town Major be directed to indent upon the Garrison Storekeeper for — Sixteen days provisions for the Troops embarking from hence, and for eight days provisions for the Troops — embarking from Masulipatam.

Lieutenant Colonel Pendergast appointed to Command the Expedition above mentioned.

Ordered that Lieutenant Colonel Pendergast be appointed to the Command of the Detachment ordered to assemble in the Vizagapatam District.

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Chase, Sewell and Chase.

From Messrs. Chase & Co. stating that they had frequently applied to Mr. Cochrane Regarding the Claim of the Captors of Combaconum — and his answer

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor &c.a in Council of

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge — receipt of Mr. Secretary Jacksons' Letter of the 24th instant — We frequently made Application to Mr. — Cochrane, to liquidate the Claims of the Captors, on the Grain he had received as Collector in the Tanjore Country, and always received for Answer, his own accounts were unadjusted but that when Government had directed them to be passed, he would make

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known to us, how far the Claims of the Captors were admissible, — when we learnt that Mr Cochrane's accounts were passed, we called upon him, for that Information, he had omitted to give us, upon which, he furnished us with an Extract from his Books, of the Amounts due to the Agents of the Captors, and desired us to claim the same, from — Your Honor in Council. —

We have the Honor to be,

Hon.ble Sirs

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

Signed Chase, Sewell & Chase.

Agents to the Captors of Combaconum &c. &c.

Fort St. George
30th May 1793.

An Order passed for payment of the Sum claimed, with Interest. —

Ordered that the Sum of one thousand one hundred and fourteen Pagodas, five fanams and forty Cash, be paid to Messrs. Chase, Sewell and Chase, Agents for the Captors of Combaconum &c.a, being the amount for which Mr. Kinelm Digby, the former — Agent for the Captors, had credit in the Books of the late Collector of Grain in the Tanjore Districts. —

Ordered also, that an Interest of 8 per Cent per Annum be allowed to the Captors from the 31st — May 1782, the period when Credit was given for the Grain in Mr. Cochrane's accounts, to the 3rd day of April 1792, when the Collectors accounts were finally

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closed.—

Head to which this is to be carried—

Ordered that the Military Paymaster General do pay the above demand, and carry the amount to the Head of Second War with Hyder ally.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

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

From Military Paymaster General the Officers of Cavalry at Arcot unable to pay for their Horses as ordered—

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you a Copy of Mr. Paymaster Wynch's Letter, and its enclosure.—

I have the honor to be, with Respect
&c &c
Jeremy D. Roebuck
M. P. G

Fort St. George
3rd June 1793.

To Jeny. Roebuck Esqr.
Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to yours of the 27th ultimo, I have the honor of enclosing letter from Major Younge Commanding the Cavalry Cantonments at Arcot. No money has been paid to me from

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from any Officers of his Majestys 19th Light Dragoons. I
request further instructions from you on this Subject.

I have the honor to be

Dr Sr

Vellore
2. June 1793.

Signed Jno Wynch
Paymaster

A true Copy
Signed D. Roebuck
A.P.G.

To John Wynch Esqr
Paymaster of Vellore &c.

Sir,

The Officers of Cavalry at this Station have
requested I would represent their Inability of paying you,
the amount for Horses, received from the Honorable
Company, on or before the 1. of June next, agreeably to
the Orders of Government, occasioned from the very heavy
expence incurred by them, in Building and Repairing
Quarters, and other necessary Disbursements since their
return from the field; and, should it meet the approba-
tion of the Honorable Presidents in Council, they will
appropriate a Monthly Sum for the payment of the
Horses and to be lodged with you I am therefore
to request you make this known to the Honorable
the Presidents in Council —

I am, &c., &c.

Signed Wm Younge

Cavalry Cantonments near Arcot
18th May 93

A true Copy
Signed D. Roebuck

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Letter from Colonel Floyd on the above Subject.

Read Letter from Colonel Floyd dated the 15th of May, and entered on the Minutes of Consultation the 24th of that month.—

As it appears, from the foregoing letters, that the Subaltern Officers and Quarter masters of Cavalry have not the means of complying with the General Orders of the 30th April last; which direct that the Horses furnished to them by the Company, be immediately paid for—Resolved that a Stoppage be made of Six Pagodas pr. Month from the Horse allowance granted to each Subaltern and Quarter master of Cavalry until the demands be liquidated—and that the Officers Commanding Regiments and Troops be directed to pay forthwith for their Horses supplied under the orders of the 20th June and 25th November last.—

Antutum in conqueno.

Read the following Letter from the Collector at Dindegul.—

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

From Collector at Dindegul proposing a Mode of levying a Fine on the Veerapatchee Pradanie.

Honorable Sir,

I have been favored with your Commands relative to the amount of the Fine to be levied on the Veerapatchee Pradanie for his misconduct

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misconduct in regard to Tippoo's Dominions.

It appears to me that to exact from him a large Fine, and such as might be warranted by the degree of his Offence, would be improper, because he would certainly collect a Similar Sum from the Inhabitants of his Pollam; I therefore think that a Fine of two Thousand Colly Chuckrums would be a proper Sum to exact from him, if he were released without giving Security for his future good behaviour; and that one thousand Colly Chuckrums would be Sufficient as the fine, provided he gave the Security of a Soucar or other responsible person in Dindigul to pay a certain Sum to the Honorable Company in the Event of the Fradani being guilty of any Depredations, in future, either in the Territories of Tippoo, the Circar Lands of the Company, or the Poligar Countries. The latter method of obtaining Security for his Behaviour would, in my opinion, be preferable.

I think I could oblige him to make an arrangement for the Cultivation of so much of the Land, lately cleared in Verapatchee by major Dalrymple, as it would be requisite to keep perfectly clear. — for, without Cultivation the Land

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would again produce a thick Jungle in a short space of time I take the liberty of requesting to be favored with the Orders of the Board upon the latter point. — —

I have the honor to be,

Hon.ble Hon.ble

Signed Alex.r Macleod

Collector

Fort St. George
26.th May 1793.

Minutes thereon

The Board approve the mode proposed by Mr. Macleod for levying a fine on the Verapatchie Poedanie — Agreed therefore that he be directed to notify to this man that, upon his paying One thousand Chuck= =rums, and giving good Security for his future conduct, orders will be sent to Major Dalrymple for his release.

If Mr. Macleod can make an arrange= =ment with the Poedani for the cultivation of so much of the Land lately laid open, as it will be necessary to keep perfectly clear, the Board think it would be an advisable measure, and it is resolved to direct him to propose it accordingly. —

Read the following letter from his Highness the Nabob entered also in C. C. No 115. —

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.t Governor of Madras Dated 21.st Showell 1207.y Hegiry 1.st 1.st June 1793

From the Nabob pays the Kists due 1.st June not withstanding the Obstacles he has met with. —

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Notwithstanding the Severity of the Droughts in

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one hundred Garce of Rice and 100 Casks of Arrack be sent to Chingleput, to remain there until further Orders. -

Chas. Oakeley.

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George Parry Esq.

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Diary

5th Sent the following letter

to the Nabob, entered also in L 6 No 116.—

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

May it please your Highness!

I have had the Honor to—

receive your Highness's letter of the 2d Instant,

informing me of the Intelligence you had

heard relative to the state of affairs between

the English and French Nations—requesting to

know whether it be true, and professing

your earnest desire on this occasion of

manifesting your Zeal and regard for the

public Interest; all which I clearly comprehend

I took an early opportunity

of communicating to your Son Ambassador

Amra Behauder, for your Information,

the Nature of the accounts that had arrived

by the Drake Cruizer from Suez—They are

from the English Consul at Alexandria,

and, tho' they do not convey any official or

notice of war, the purport of them leaves

no doubt on my mind that War has been

declared; and I consequently feel it to be

my duty to make the necessary preparations

with

To the Nabob—stating the nature of the advices received of the War with France &c preparations in consequence: his offer to assist them accepted with pleasure.—

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in the present Season, the loses which I have sustained from the troubles occasioned by the Disturber Meer — Imam in the Taloak of Pulnaud, the amount of my 5.th Share &c.a from the Polligars of Tinnevelly and Several other Articles which should be deducted in my Kist, yet, in consideration of the delicate nature of my Engagement with the Company and the Recommendation of my friend the Marquis Corn.= wallis Bahauder and yourself that I would punc.= tually discharge my Kists, I do not plead the impe.= diments abovementioned; but, referring them to a future period, I have with the blessing of God fully — compleied payment to the Company of the Sum of One Lack, fifty Six thousand, and four hundred Pagodas, fifteen fanams and fifty four Cash, being the amount of the Kist due on the 1.st of June 1793 and Mr. Clerke has furnished me with Receipts for the Same.

I have written this for your Information. —

"What can I say more."

A true translation

(Signed) David Haliburton

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Agreed to inform the Nabob that the

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Board are perfectly sensible of the punctuality which has marked his Highness's conduct in the discharge of his public engagements, — and that they are under no apprehension that there can ever be a —— failure on his part, whilst the necessity of a strict adherence to the Treaty is so obvious, and the advantages resulting from it are so clear and indisputable. —

Ordered that Letters be written to the Residents at Cuddalore and Nagore — directing them to use their best endeavours to prevent Supplies of Grain from — going into Pondicherry, and to send off — Catamarans to Ships in Sight, coming from the Southward, with advice of the War with France. —

Residents at Cuddalore and Nagore ordered to prevent supplies of Grain going into Pondicherry and to appoint Ships from the Southward of the event with France.

The President recommends that

A supply of Rice and Arrack ordered to Cheinglaput. —

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Chas. Oakeley.

E. Hallowell

George Parry Esqr

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the English and French Nations—requesting to
know whether it be true, and professing
your earnest desire on this occasion of
manifesting your Zeal and regard for the
public Interest; all which I clearly comprehend

I took an early opportunity
of communicating to your Son Omra
Omra Behauder, for your Information,
the Nature of the accounts that had arrived
by the Drake Cruizer from Suez— They are
from the English Consul at Alexandria,
and, tho' they do not convey any official
notice of war, the purport of them leaves
no doubt on my mind that War has been
declared; and I consequently feel it to be
my duty to make the necessary preparation
with

to the Nabob—
stating the
nature of the
advices received
of the War with
France Prepa-
rations in
consequence:
his offer to
assist them
accepted with
pleasure—

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preparations with all possible dispatch.—

For this purpose I have given orders for assembling Troops and providing an adequate equipment of Slaves and Cattle for the Service, and I avail myself with great pleasure of your Highness's offer of assisting these preparations to the utmost of your power, by issuing the necessary Orders to your Amuildo to furnish such means as the natural resources of the Country must supply the principal articles I shall require are provisions and Cattle, for which due payment will be made to the Proprietors, and it is my particular wish that a plentiful Bazars may be provided for the troops and followers when they are assembled in the Neighbourhood of Pondicherry.—

I entirely approve of your Highness's proposition for directing your Managers to withhold supplies of every kind from Pondicherry; and I shall give similar directions to the Servants

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of the Company residing on the Sea Coast
to the Southward of that Garrison.—
I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

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Wrote also a Letter to the

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Vencatagherry

Rajah of Vencatagherry / Entered in 66 N.107/
in reply to his Complaint of the irregularity
of some Sepoys of a detachment when
marching thro' his Country.—
Dispatched the following
Letters.—

To the Most noble the Marquis Cornwallis Kg
Governor General in Council
at Fort William.

My Lord,

We had the honor to inform
your Lordship, in our Letter of the 1st Instant,
that, on the supposition of our being required
to proceed against Pondicherry, in consequence
of Mr. Baldwin's Intelligence, we should
adopt Colonel Brathwaite's Ideas in regard
to the measures of preparation that might
appear to him expedient until we could be
honored

To Bengal with Copy of Colonel Brathwaite's Opinion of measures of preparation for War, necessary to be adopted, and of the Board's reply the two new Battalions raised to be raised over & defenceless State by Sea.—

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honored with your instructions.—

2 Colonel Braithwaite having,
according to our orders, submitted to us his opinion
of the Force that will be necessary to proceed
against Pondicherry, and of the measures to
be taken for the better security of the several
Posts and Garrisons while the Army is in
the Field, we have the honor to transmit
a copy this Letter for your Lordship's
information, together with a copy of our
reply— By the latter your Lordship will
observe that we have judged it expedient,
in the present situation of affairs, to
give orders for raising the two additional
Battalions without further delay, as it
appeared to us a measure of indispensable
necessity, in order to provide for the
12 Battalions of native Infantry intended
for the Field.—

3 We trust that some reinforcement
of ships will shortly arrive from Europe,
as well for the protection of our Trade
on this Coast as to enable us to
prevent supplies from being

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thereon into Pondicherry. —

We have the honor to be,

with respect. —

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&c &c

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

&c Council

To the Honble Sr. G. Vander Graaf &c.

Governor &c &c &c

at Columbo.

Honble Sir,

To the Dutch Government at Columbo — with advice of the War. —

We judge it expedient to acquaint you that from Information received from Mr. Baldwin the British Consult at Alexandria (Copy of which we have the honor to enclose) We have great reason to suppose that War has been declared by France against England and Holland. Mr. Baldwin sent it, at the same time, a Packet from the Dutch consul, which we immediately forwarded to the Government at Pulicat, but conceiving that Intelligence of the War with France, would reach you sooner from hence, We have thought it proper to give you this communicating. —

We have the honor to be

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(Signed) &c &c

Chas. Oakeley

&c Council

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To Colonel John Brathwaite

President &c. Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

To military Board — officers tents to be provided without delay and the fixed monthly expence for Military Stores may be exceeded to a report a proportionate Equipment of Ordnance and Stores for the Army now assembling —

We have received your letter dated the 3d Instant —

We authorize you to give instructions to the Military Storekeeper to cause two hundred Officers Marquees to be made up with all possible expedition, and in the present situation of affairs, we approve of your your exceeding the sum of 2500 Pagodas for the monthly expence of Military Stores as far as the Service may require —

We think it necessary to inform you that, in consequence of Information received concerning the state of affairs between England and France, we entertain no doubt that war has been declared, and we have, in consequence, taken measures for assembling troops to proceed against Pondicherry — Colonel Brathwaite will communicate to you the extent of the Force he has

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recommended for the Seige, and we desire you will report the proportionate equipment of Ordnance and Stores accordingly, that the necessary measures may be taken for providing a sufficient number of Draft and carriage Cattle without delay —

We are &c &c

/Signed/ Chas Oakeley

Sec. Council

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To Colonel John Braithwaite

Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 3d Instant, and to inform you that he has issued the general Order recommended by you, to which has been added the march of the 8th Battalion Native Infantry to Walawjanbad, with the Detachment of Artillery now attached to it —

Orders have been sent to the officer commanding the Southern Division to detach, with the utmost expedition, the two Flank Companies of the 1st European Battalion completed, and the 25th Native Battalion to

To Colonel Braithwaite his proposed measures preparatory to the Seige of Pondicherry generally approved to submit the draft of a General Order embracing all the points recommended — with certain exceptions the peace and safety of the Tinnivelly province to be attended to

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to Cuddalore with one hundred rounds of musket Ammunition p man; and the Board desire you will send such Instructions to Lieutenant Colonel Dupont as you may judge necessary, in order to put him on his Guard, and that he may provide for the safety of Cuddalore — The President in Council approves generally the measures you have recommended to be taken preparatory to the reduction of Pondicherry, which is an object that all others must now of yield to — He is sensible, that the drawing together so large a Force, may in some degree affect the general Security of the Company's Possessions, but he is at the same time persuaded, that no consideration ought to come in competition with the measure of expelling the French from Pondicherry & without loss of Time —

The President in Council has come to the resolution of raising the two Native Battalions without further delay — and desiring therefore that you will recommend two Captains for the Command of them who may

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employed in raising the men In regard to your suggestion for embodying a Black Town militia, the President in Council is of opinion that it would be more advisable to raise Seven independent native companies to be placed under the command of the Black Town Major, and to be trained and disciplined by the Black Town adjutant.

I am directed to call your attention to the defenceless state in which the Peninsula Country will be left, after the removal of the Troops from that quarter, and to suggest whether one Battalion of Major Stevenson's Regiment might not be very advantageously employed in keeping the Polygars in awe, and preserving the peace of the District, which will otherwise, in all probability, be disturbed by these turbulent People.—

The President in Council observe among your arrangements an order for Lieutenant Colonel Baird to proceed to Wandewash upon this occasion he thinks it necessary to observe that the Marquis Cornwallis

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Cornwallis is very desirous that no Officer commanding a Regiment belonging to his Majesty, should be separated from his Corps. —

The President in Council desires you will be pleased to frame a General order to meet all the circumstances recommended by you — and approved by the Board — In which may be included, the four independent Companies — the two additional Battalions and names of the Officers to command them — together with such part of Major Newman's Regiment as you may judge proper to keep in the Tinnevelly Country. —

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/Signed/ W. C. Jackson
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Sent the recommendation Letter

Entered in M B Nos. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. —

To Secretary at Bengal. —

To Secretary at Bengal with Copy of Intelligence delivered by Captain Mandeville, who lately passed thro' Pondicherry. —

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To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions with Copy of the General Orders regarding the movement of Troops — a sufficient Supply of Bullocks to be immediately provided. —

To Ditto

To Ditto with similar Orders, for the transport of the Ordnance & and Stores for the Seige of Pondicherry — the arrangement of the Military Board &c enclosed. —

To Resident at Cuddalore

To Resident at Cuddalore supplies of Grain to Pondicherry to be prevented as much as possible — English Vessels passing in sight from the Southward to be apprized of their danger in approaching that place. —

To Ditto at Nagore

To Ditto at Nagore to the same Effect. —

To Ditto — Ditto

To Ditto at Nagore enclosing a Packet for the Government at Columbo. —

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob —

Received Letter from the Nabob Entered in 66 N.° 118 stating the Obstacles, originating with M.r Vaughan, to the delivery of the Paddy for the &c

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Garrison Store of Maluna — and that Mr. Vaughan has not yet paid for the Grain formerly received on account of the Company. —

Received the following Letter

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — requesting his Indent of Cash for Grain Supplies may be complied with, and another advance for providing Bullocks. —

I the Military Paymaster General informs me that he laid my Indent for Cash required for Grain Supplies before the Honble Governor in Council on the 22d Ultimo, but that no order for the Issue of the Cash has yet been sent to him; as I am under the necessity of making immediate Advances, and of honoring the Bills drawn upon me, I beg the favor of you to obtain the Order to empower the Military Paymaster General to Make the advance required. —

Having procured a rough Estimate of the number of Bullocks which will be required for the movement of that part of the Field and Battering Train to go from hence, and the Honble the Governor in Council having given me Directions to

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the necessary Advances without delay —
I request you will obtain an order for the
Issue of Cash for that purpose — viz.t
To the Provision of 3275 Draught Bullocks
it will be necessary to make an Advance } 9825 —
of 3 Pagodas per Bullock . . . .
To Do. of 3000 Carriage Bullocks for Camp
Equipage and Stores at 2 Pags. each } 6000
and
For Entertaining Carts for the transport
of Rice and Stores to Chingleput } 6000 —
Trichinopoly &c. . . . . .
21,825.

Madras
5th June 1793.

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) Tho. Coxe Hutton
actg. C.G.G.O.

Received also the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mss B. N.o 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. —

From Messrs. Chase and Company. —

From Messrs. Chase. Swan and Chase — requesting to purchase some Military Stores for the use of the Ship Mary. —

From

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From Captain Robertson.—

From Acting Deputy Kings adjutant General—requesting the donation recommended by the Marquis Cornwallis for Charles Ogens, Drummer to the late 98th Regiment, may be ordered to be paid.—

From Military Storekeeper.—

From Military Storekeeper with an account Sale of Timber the Proceeds applied to the provision of Stores.—

From Commandant at Permacoil—

From Commandant at Permacoil representing the Situation of that post—suggests that the Grain in the neighbourhood of Pondicherry be purchased by the Company.—

From Captain Lennox.—

From Commander of the Betsy—requesting authority to act against the French.—

6th Despatched the following letter.—

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

To Board of Revenue with the Board's Con—to mr Lautour's Statement of the Case of S Venkata Soubiah

We have received your letter dated the 25th Instant, and have perused the paper called the Case of Venkata Soubiah transmitted to you by Mr Lautour the

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Attorney to that Person—

It is asserted in that paper that the faith of Government had been pledged to Vencata Doubeah, not only to make good to him the balance of Cash which remained in the hands of the Collectors at the expiration, but also for the proceeds of all Grain then unappropriated—neither of these assertions is founded. General Medows's letter to the Nabob of the 31st May 1792 stated that the balance falling due to his Highness, on account of his Jaghire at the final settlement of the Fasly year would be paid to Vencata Doobiah—But it neither referred to the balances which might be in the Collectors Hands at the time of the restoration of the Country, over and above his Highness's Jaghire thereof, nor to the Grain then on the Ground or stacked—From whatever source Vencata Doubeah has derived his information, it is evident he has been misled, and that a wrong construction has been put upon General Medows's letter above referred to—the promise given therein, was not for the purpose of

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favoring the claim of Vencatah Soubiah, but to accommodate his Highness, nor had we any thing to do with their pecuniary transaction further than to make the former the channel through which one fifth of the net collections of the Revenues passed, on account of the latter - and to this we have adhered; for whatever has been paid on account of the 5r. since that period, with the exception of the sums mentioned in the Nabob's letters to Sir Charles Oakeley dated the 24r. of February and 2d. and 10r. May 1792 has been paid to Vencata Soubiah - and altho' we have resolved to refer the subject of the Polygar Peishcush collected since the restoration to the decision of the Court of Directors, being compelled thereto in consequence of the heavy expences which attended the collections by the Employment of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwells Detachment, yet it is our intention to recommend to the Honble Court that whatever proportion of these collections may be adjudged by them to be due to his Highness on account of his fifth, shall be paid to Vencata Soubiah - But this reference is evidently

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only as the Collections were made after the restoration of the Country, but as they involved an expence to the Company which may ultimately fall to be defrayed therefrom.—

You will communicate the whole or such parts of this letter to Mr. Lawton, as you may judge necessary for his Information, as the Attorney of Vencata Soubiah

We are &c &c

(Signed) Chas Oakeley

&c Council

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Sent also the undermentioned Letters Entered in M B. Nos. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48.

To Secretary at Bengal

forwarding a letter from the Nabob to the Governor General.—

To Secretary at Bengal.—

To Military Board—the Ordnance for the Seige of Pondicherry to be held in readiness—Draught and Carriage Cattle have been ordered.—

To Military Board.—

To Military Paymaster General—Eight Thousand Pagodas to be advanced to the Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies.—

To Military Paymaster & General.—

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To Town Major

To Town Major Captain Lennon's terms of freight to Masulipatam and Vizagapatam approved — provisions for the Troops to be accordingly indented for. —

To Clerk of the Treasury.

To Clerk of the Treasury — Twenty one thousand, Eight hundred and twenty five Pagodas to be advanced to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

Received the Undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. N.° 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54 55. 56. —

From Secretary at Bombay.

From Secretary at Bombay — with information regarding Bauput Painker — Subadar, discharged the Service on that Coast. —

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — requesting an Advance of Eight thousand five hundred (8500) Pagodas

From Ditto.

From Ditto — the Assistant Victualler and Assistant Grain Keeper to the Grand Army request to partake of the Donation. —

From Major Roberts.

From Commandant of the Nizam's Detachment — enclosing a Counted

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Statement of rice Money due to the Sepoys from 6.th January 1791 to 30.th September 1792 inclusive according to the Auditor Generals form — has received Orders to pay off the Arrears by degrees. —

From Military Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General reference Regarding Full Batta drawn by the Brigade Major of the Kings Troops in India. —

From Major Carr

From Commandant of 6.th Regiment of Cavalry — advising of his having thrown his Corps into Cuddalore for its protection in case of an attack. —

From Military Storekeeper

From Military Storekeeper. —

requesting an advance for providing Officers Tents and other Stores. —

From Commandant at Permacoil. —

From Commandant at Permacoil has commenced the Repair of the Defences of the Fort and has thought by for the reception of Grain and Stores — requests two field pieces and a reinforcement — Intelligence from Pondicherry. —

7.th Sent the undermentioned

Letters Entered in No. 13 Nos. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75.

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To Commissary General of Grain and Provision.

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions the Cded Forts may be stored as recommended the difference between the Bazar and Company's price for rice to be paid the troops in money & wherever it can be done. –

To Ditto.

To Ditto the storing of Permacoil approved. –

To Ditto.

To Ditto Rice and Arrack to be immediately sent to Chingleput. –

To Major Orr

To Commandant of 5th Regiment of Cavalry all the Horses lately cast to be delivered over to Mr. Thurston in order to be sold. –

To Storekeeper at Cuddalore.

To Storekeeper at Cuddalore directing him to dispose of them by Public outcry and to transmit an Account Sale. –

To Collector at Dindigul.

To Collector at Dindigul the proposed mode of farming the Varapatchee Poedaumi approved. –

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General directing the purchase of a house for the reception of Europe medicines, at Trichinopoly and of an Electrical apparatus their price. –

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To Military Board—

To Military Board.—

Medicine Godown at Vellore to be built—

—Accounts Expenses of quarters built at

some of the ceded Forts, referred for

examination—Captain Orams Estimate

appears excessive—Colonel Geils's proposition

to make over to the Contractor some Salts

&c received from England—also referred—

—The Account of Stores at Tranquebar for

which the Nabob had claimed Credit, again

called for.—

To Ditto—sundry Carts

To Ditto.

and Gunnies under charge of Mr Cockburn

—to be surveyed.—

To Officer Commanding

To Colonel Braithwaite

the Army, the Services of Lieutenant Colonels

Maxwell and Baird may be employed,

with the Army—Colonel Fraser must

remain in his present Command—the

3d Regiment of Cavalry to be continued

in the Tinnevelly Country.—

To Ditto—the General

To Ditto.—

Order regarding the new Levies published

—his Arrangements for the Pioneers and

Engineer Corps approved.—

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To Mr. Philip Mayne

To Mr. Philip Mayne no Orders regarding him received from England.—

To Lieutenant William Cunningham

To Master Master ..... &c the Southern Division—directing him to Subscribe to the usual Oaths.—

To Captain Doveton.—

To Captain Doveton—Dispos Vackeels to be requested to make good the deficiency in the payment of the Second Instt—Mr. Hughes's letter Enclosed.—

To Clerk of the Treasury.—

To Clerk of the Treasury—Eight Thousand, five hundred Pagodas to be advanced to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To Ditto

To Ditto—Ten Thousand pagodas to be issued to the Military Storekeeper.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Smith.—

To Commandant of Artillery at Trichinopoly—stating why the Claim of Edward Morton, his Prison Batta &c. is inadmissable.—

To Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam—stating the Force Ordered to be assembled for Reducing the Vizianagrum Zemindary, and the Instructions to be given to Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast, in Command of it—other orders on the Subject.—

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To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam, the two
flank companies of the 1st European Regement
to embark, for the above Service, on the 1st
Arrival of the Betsy at that port.—

8th Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in M B. Nos. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80.

From Pulicat

From Pulicat expressing
their acknowledgement for the early Intelligence
given them of the War with France.—

From Paymaster at Ganjam

From Paymaster at Ganjam
requesting some time for procuring a person
to be his Security.—

From Military Board.—

From Military Board
proposing an Augmentation of Lascars in
consequence of the War, and that the order
for their carrying the Tent Poles instead
of Bamboo Coolies, be rescinded.—

From Colonel Braithwaite.

From Officer commanding
the Army—enclosing various documents in
support of Lieutenant James Innes's claim
to resume his Rank and Station on the
Effective Infantry List.—

From Board of Revenue.—

From Board of Revenue.—
requesting the Board will interpose with
the Nabob, for the Release of Mistriavoy, late
Renter

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Ventor of Sautgur, under Mr Kindersley — his Petition enclosed —

Sent the undermentioned Letters to the Nabob entered in C. C. Mr. 11. p. 120. —

Substance of a letter to the Nabob —

To the Nabob a Dustuck for Lieutenant St Leger only necessary at present as the 3d Regiment of Cavalry is to remain at Tachinore — and requesting that all Bullocks coming for the use of the Army, may be permitted to pass Duty free —

Substance of a letter to the Nabob —

To the Nabob acknowledging the punctuality with which he has discharged his Public Engagements for the last year —

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M B Mr. 81. 82. 83. 84.

To Resident at Hydrabad —

To Resident at Hydrabad — requesting he will obtain the Nizams Consent for the temporary absence of Lieutenant C. Mackenzie, the Engineer of Major Roberts Detachment, his Services being required at Pondicherry —

To Judge Advocate Center Division

To Judge Advocate Center Division — with attested Documents, viz — in support of the charge against Captain Bale

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For quitting his post without leave — the — P
Deputy Secretary will attend the Court, if
necessary —

To Colonel Brathwaite

To officer commanding the
Army — the Board cannot at present —
authorize the Capture of Karekal — no
objection to employing the 2.d European —
Battalion in the field, provided there be
left at madras troops of that description
sufficient for Garrison Duties — Colonel
Collins's Services cannot be dispensed with
at Vellore. —

To Resident at Nagore, with
a letter to be immediately forwarded to the
Commodore at Battecalao — directions in
case he shall have left that port. —

To Resident at Nagore. —

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Sent the following letter

To Captain William Macleod

Assistant to the Collector in the
Baramahal and Salem Districts

To Assistant & Collector in the Baramhaul desiring him to meet Sippoo Aumeen for the adjustment of disputes & regarding the said Countries Instructions Copies of all papers & relating to the objects of the Enquiry & Enclosed. —

Sir,

At the recommendation —
of the Marquis Cornwallis, the Honorable
the President in Council has been pleased —
to appoint you the Deputy on the part of —
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this Government to meet an Ameen to be nominated by Tippoo Sultaun for the purpose of adjusting any disputes that may have occurred respecting the ceded Countries & on this side the Peninsula.—

As Tippoo appears now to be very desirous of fulfilling the Terms of the Treaty; and as the Revenues of the ceded Country are fully equal to the amount at which they were rated in the Schedule, the Board do not think it would be advisable for the Company, who wish to live for the future on a friendly footing with Tippoo, to delay the final adjustment of all matters respecting the late Treaty of Peace, by cavilling upon trifling subjects; and you are therefore to act throughout this Business with the utmost Fairness and Liberality—to contest no point where the Company's right does not appear to be unquestionably established by the stipulations of the treaty, and to draw up your Report which / as well as that of Tippoo's Ameen / is to be sent to both Governments, in the

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President in Council also particularly desires that you will employ your best endeavours to complete the enquiry with all possible expedition, as it is essentially requisite that an early report should be made upon it.—

I enclose an extract of a letter written, by the order of Marquis Cornwallis, to Tippoo's Vackeels under date the 23d of August last which will explain the manner in which you are to proceed on the investigation of the disputes in the District of Cauveripoor — In the event of difference of opinion between you and Tippoo's Deputy, your respective opinions, together with such information as may have been procured from the Inhabitants on the Spot, are to be transmitted to the two Governments for their final discussion & decision.—

The papers herewith transmitted will put you in possession of all the circumstances known to the Board regarding the objects of the proposed enquiry both as they relate to the Villages in the Cauveripoor District

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and to the Villages in the Veerapatchee Pollam, taken possession of by the Annaldar of Avracoorchy since the conclusion of the War. —

The President in Council has written to Tippoo Sultaun advising of your appointment, and desiring he will communicate the Name of the Person whom he means to depute, and the probable time when he may be expected to arrive at the place where the investigation is to be conducted. As soon as an answer has been received, you will be informed thereof, and in the mean time, you will advise Captain Read of these instructions, that he may put you in possession of all Circumstances within his Knowledge regarding the points to be discussed with Tippoo's Deputy. —

If any particular Information occurs to you as necessary, in addition to what has been transmitted relative to the villages in the Veerapatchee Pollam, the Board will, upon your suggestion, write to the Collector at Dindigul to obtain it. —

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Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in L. C. N°. 121. 122.—

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.—

From the Nabob enclosing Dustuck required for Lieutenant St Leger, has given orders for the free passage of Bullocks for the Army—and appointed Mahomed Khuli Khander Solar Jung to attend the army for the better supply of Provisions.—

Ditto—Ditto

From Ditto enclosing two Muchulkas in proof that Mahomed Amar is a Servant of his Sircar—has repeated the Orders for his Release.—

Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M. B. N°. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94.—

From Resident at Cuddalore.—

From Resident at Cuddalore with Intelligence from Pondicherry.—

From Ditto.

From Ditto forwarding, by request of the Governor at Pondicherry, a letter from the Governor General at the Islands to the Marquis Cornwallis—Intelligence.

From Captain C. Fenwick at Selam—

From Captain C. Fenwick with Intelligence of the French.—

From Ditto.

From Ditto—with Ditto.—

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From Hospital Board.—

From Hospital Board — with Copy of Doctor Raines letter, on the subject of the late complaints to Government against the Hospital Contractor.—

From Major Roberts.—

From officer commanding the Nizams Detachment — with Copy of his Correspondence with the Resident — intends marching towards Nagheldenny on the 6.th June.—

From Colonel Floyd.—

From officer Commanding the 19.th Regiment of Dragoons — recommending Mr. J. Mayde to succeed Mr. Inverin as Surgeon to that Corps.—

From Commandant at Angole.—

From Commandant at Angole — requests further orders, regarding protection of Suggapah.—

From Ditto at Tanjore.—

From Ditto at Tanjore has furnished the Collector with a party of Sepoys to protect a large quantity of Grain at the Seaports.—

From Ditto at Trichinopoly.

From Ditto at Trichinopoly the flank companies of the 71.st Regiment and the 25.th Battalion will march for Cuddalore on the 7.th June.—

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Substance of a letter to Tippoo Sultaun

Wrote letter to Tippoo Sultaun entered in C.C. N.r 123 acknowledging the R. receipt of the Second Kist and advising of the appointment of Captain W. Macleod to meet his Overtures towards finally adjusting all matters in dispute regarding the Two P. Ceeans requests he will notify the Name of the Name of the Person he shall depute.-

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Despatched the undermen-tioned Letters Entered in M.B N.r 95.96.97.-

To Secretary at Bengal.-

To Secretary at Bengal forwarding a letter from the Governor General at the French Islands to the Marquis of Cornwallis.-

To Ditto.-

To Ditto - with one from Tippoo addressed to the Marquis.-

To Ditto at Bombay.-

To Ditto at Bombay - enclosing a letter addressed to the Dutch Consul at alexandria, received from Pulicat.-

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Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M.B. N.r 98.99.100.-

From Captain Alex.r Read.

From Captain Alexander Read - reporting on the Fort Bodemenaig drog

From Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - with an Indent

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of Rice for Pomanalle and the Mount.—

From Adjutant General.—

From Adjutant General.

Captain Lieutenant P. Sullivan requests to resign his Appointment of Deputy Agent for Cavalry Supplies—and proposing the Promotion of Lieutenant Fireworker A. M. Intire and Mr. W. Stone Cadet, in consequence of the death of Lieutenant John Mackay of the Artillery.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor— President

Ernst William Fallofield Esquire

Minutes of last Consultation

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read and approved.—

Read the following Letter

from the Marquis Cornwallis.—

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor

at Fort St. George

From Marquis Cornwallis, enclosing Translate of a letter from Tippoo—again proposing Lieutenant Macleod to be deputed to meet the person appointed by Tippoo to adjust the Boundary disputes and those of the Districts of Coverypoor

Honble Sir,

I inclose a Translation of a Letter which I

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Sulkeen; and, in consequence of his
Notification that he has appointed an
Amen to meet a Deputy on our Part for the
purpose of adjusting any disputes that may
have occurred respecting the ceded Countries
I repeat my Recommendation of Lieutenant
Macleod to be employed on the Deputation
on your Frontier.—

As Tippoo appears now
to be very desirous of fulfilling the Terms
of the Treaty, and as the Revenues of
the ceded Country are fully equal to the
amount at which they were rated in the
Schedule, I do not think that it would be
advisable for us, who wish to live for the
future on a friendly footing with Tippoo,
as well as our other neighbours, to delay
the final adjustment of all matters
respecting the late Treaty of Peace, by
cavilling upon trifling Subjects, and
I therefore request that you will instruct
Lieutenant Macleod to act throughout this
Business with moderation, candour
and liberality.—

Mr Cherry's Letter to Tippoo
Vakeel

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Vakeels, which I enclosed to you on the 25th. of
august last, will explain the manner in
which I thought the Deputies should proceed
on the Investigation of the Disputes in the
district of Cauveripoor, and, in the Event
of difference in their opinions I recommend
that the Documents employed by each Party
prepare their respective Reports on the
Information which they may have procured
from the Inhabitants on the Spot, and that
the opinions of both be transmitted to the
two Governments for their final decision
and Decision.—

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

Fort William
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From Tippoo Sultaun

Received 29th. May 1793

I have received your Lordship's
Letter, and understand its contents.—

Your Lordship is pleased to
write that several Talooks, which, pursuant
to the Schedule annexed to the Treaty
belong to the Peshwa, and the Nizam are

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still detained by my Officers, and your Lordship, guided by pure motives of Friendship, recommends to me to adopt those Measures towards those Powers which you suggested in a former Letter relative to the adjustment of the Boundary disputes in the Neighbourhood of Cauvery pore, and on the subject of the Talooks claimed by the Rajah of Travencore; that is, to appoint a respectable and capable Ameens, and to send them to the Spot, where they may investigate and make themselves masters of all Particulars, and act in conformity to the Treaty — your Lordship is wise, and, moreover, a wellwisher of Princes in general, but in particular my Friend, and I consider you my Warm Friend and Sincere adviser of my affairs. as your Lordship laid the Foundation of the Friendship subsisting between the Company and my state, I cannot entertain a doubt of the Propriety and Justness of whatever may occur to your Lordship as expedient and advisable for the prosperity of us both — I have delivered over to the Nizam

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and to the Peshwa all the Talooks specified in the Treaty, and their respective Officers have possession of them. However, conformable to your Lordship's Recommendation, two Persons of Experience and Prudence are ready to be sent to whatever parts of the Boundaries of the Nizam's and the Peshwa's Territories they may be directed to go, in order that all frivolous altercations may be adjusted: and Letters are accordingly written to the Peishwa and to Azum ul Omrah, which I transmit to your Lordship to forward to them. In like manner an experienced Man is ready to enquire into the particulars on both sides the Cauverypore, and to ascertain those relative to Talook Balpettah which was made over to the Company in exchange for villages on this side the Cauverypore; and likewise the particulars of the Villages belonging to the Zemindar of Talook aucacourchy. This Person shall be sent whenever your Lordship pleases to direct him to go to the Borders the particulars of the Talooks claimed by

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by the Rajah of Travancore are as follows-
-Those Villages have, time immemorial, appertained to the Rajah of Cochin, who was a dependant on my Government, as is known to all the World- at the Commencement of the War those Talooks were attached by my Government and it is written in the third article of the Treaty that the three States should receive a share of the Country which belonged to me at the Commencement of the War- Thus the Claim of the Rajah of Travancore is ill founded.-

I have paid the full amount of two Kists to the three States, but I have not obtained the Receipts from the Nizam nor from the Peshwa It is of no Consequence, where your Lordship is Concerned, there is no want of Receipts from those states; If I receive them I will inform your Lordship accordingly The remaining Kist to the allied states will be sent in the Month Fuckry F. corresponding with Zekaida 1207 Hegeree or June 1793. It is incumbent on your

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Lordship's Kindness and Friendship that you take the trouble of going in person to Madras, and, in your own presence, send my sons to me. This will afford me great pleasure as well as be satisfactory to the Inhabitants of this Country, and will tend no less to your Lordship's good Name. I am confident that your Lordship will at all times be desirous that a System of Harmony and Friendship be existing and encreasing daily between the Company and me, and that you will lay yourself the Foundation of a personal regard between us. There are certain interested Persons, how well disposed towards me / or us / your Lordship is well aware, should such persons being forward any Selfish Points your Lordship will conceive it a Duty appertaining to Friendship to Communicate them to me, that I may represent all the Facts to you — your Lordship is wise to write more is superfluous. —

Your Lordship writes that you have communicate your Sentiments to

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to Sir John Kennaway on the Subject of the Peishcush from Kurnool that he may inform the Nejam of them, & and that you doubt not that this matter will be settled according to the Principles of Justice and Conformable to the Friendship existing between us - as the Kurnool Business was settled in your Lordship's Presence, at the time of the Negotiation for Peace, I am confident that nothing will happen wrong from any Party. It is very well known that the Nawaub of Kurnool was a Friend and a Tributary of this State from the beginning. The deceased Nawaub Rusoomool Khan disinherited his eldest Son on account of domestic Broils, and, in his place, substituted a younger Son of the age of ten or twelve years, and a day or two before his Death he assembled his relations and Followers of the same sect, and declared his last will in favor of his younger Son alif Khan after his death, and alif Khan obtained a declaration to this Effect, attested by the Seal of the

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Cauzy and his Brothers and fellows — p
followers and Runmust Khan, prior
to his death, wrote a Letter, that, sensible
of his approaching dissolution, he had
nominated his younger son Atif Khan
as his successor, and that he would —
carry on the Pecuniary Negociations with
my Government in the usual and —
Customary manner, and hoping that —
I would observe the kindness towards him. I trust that
your Lordship will consider this maturely
and will write to prevent the Troops of
the Nizam, who are plundering the —
district of Kurnoul, from persevering
in this Conduct, that the pecuniary
Transactions with my Government
may be fulfilled according to usage, and
that the Money may be paid to me. —

Your Lordship further
writes that you had written a Letter
to Golaum ally Khan and ally Raja
Khan on the subject of the Release of
those Prisoners who are still in —
Confinement in my Country but the

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hitherto no answer had been received to it. There is not a single Person confined, nor shall if there be one confined – when the name of the Creator is inserted in the Treaty, what being can have the Power to act Contrary to this momentous matter. Thus let not your Lordship give Credit to the Reports of interested Men. Keep your mind free from these Impressions: Knowing me always desirous to hear of your welfare, I hope your Lordship will favor me frequently with Letters of a Friendly Tendency – dated 6th Ramzaan 1207 or 16 April 1793.

P.S. The Talookdar belonging to the Rajaun, influenced by Litigious motives, keeps Possession of Nudumdoody, a Principal Village belonging to Gooty – But I did not think it worth while to trouble your Lordship with a subject so trifling; as, however, Ajum ul Omra has written on this subject, I am compelled to write to your Lordship that several Robbers & and Notorious vagabonds have fled from my Country and taken up their abode in another person's Talook, and

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have circulated litigious and quarrelsome stories of this Kind. It is not fit that I should be continually writing to your Lordship on such Subjects, and I have accordingly written fully to Golaum ally Khan and ally Reza Khan, who will communicate them to your Lordship. notwithstanding that, with a view to prevent future altercation particulars and manner at full Length have been committed to Paper, still however contention and altercation is improperly and idly kept up. —

A true Translation
(Signed) G. H. Cherry
P. S.

Minute thereon

In consequence of the recommendation of the Marquis Cornwallis Letters were written on the 8th Instant / vide Diary of that day / to Captain Macleod advising of his appointment, and of the instructions by which he is to be guided — and to Tippoo Sultaun, requesting he will nominate a person to meet Captain Macleod

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purpose of regulating all matters relating to the Treaty, and yet unadjusted. —

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Military Auditor General reporting Regulations proper to be adopted for the Military Expenditures on the Coast on the principle of Systems adopted by the Honble Court and the subsequent Instructions from Bengal

In Obedience to your Commands, conveyed in Mr. Secretary Saxon's Letters of 18th October and 9th January last I have applied my time, whenever the current business of the office would permit, to a consideration of the Regulations which appear necessary to be adopted for the Military Expenditures at this Presidency upon the principles of System laid down by the Honble the Court of Directors in their Orders of 4th August 1791 and have likewise considered, for the purposes directed by your Honble Board, the matters pointed out by the Government General on the same subject in their Letter of the 3d December last, which accompanied your Commands

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of the 4th. June following.—

Although the two Orders I have received call upon me, if considered literally, for a separate report in compliance with each, yet as both tend to the same object generally I am induced to believe it will meet with your Approbation if I comprize the whole in one report, suited to the accomplishment of that Object, accompanied by the printed Books of Regulation at this Presidency and by copies of such Orders affecting the System on the Coast as have not yet been inserted in those Books for the purpose of thus conveying to the Government General an account of the Military Offices on this Establishment and their several duties, so far as they are described in these documents, but, as I apprehend they will not sufficiently answer the intention of the Government General in the requisition made to this Presidency in their Letter of the 3d. December last, I shall add such further information as it is in my power to afford.—

The Orders or other documents which are transmitted herewith, in addition to the printed Books, are comprised in thirteen

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Sections, Twelve of which are described on the back, according to the particular heads to which they relate, and the Thirteenth contains copies of Orders which could not be exclusively applied to any one Department of the Service in particular.—

The only Regulations, within my Knowledge that have been published relative to the office of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions will be found under the head of that Department in the printed Books, and in Section 6th. of date 27th. August 1787 constituting the office these documents do not however contain a description of the several duties which have been performed by the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions ever since the institution of the office in 1787, or by the Agency for which it was substituted.—

The Paymaster and Storekeepers at the Out-Stations, this double duty being performed by one and the same person at each of those Stations, are likewise the Official Deputies of the Commissary General

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General of Grain and Provisions, and they P
transmit to him their Accounts, as well as
the Returns as P Order of 1 August 1787.—

He draws Grains by Indents,
which is previously passed by Government,
from the Garrison Storekeeper at the P
Presidency, for the use of the Army or P
Detachments of it in the Field, and for
the out stations / Factories excepted / in
all cases when the Supply to proceed from
the Presidency, but in all cases when the
Supplies are not to be drawn from the P
Presidency they are provided by the Commissary
General or by the Deputies, by his Order, the
Grain being in general furnished to them
by the Collectors or the Nabobs Managers.—

The Commissary General and
his Deputies respectively provide the
various other Articles used in victualling the
Troops and supplying the Granaries at
all stations except the Presidency; such
as Wooden Cups—Bamboo measures—Brass
cocks—Ropes for the Company's Carts—P
Gunny Bags for Rice and Salt—Sheep
Slaughter Cattle—Ghee—Firewood—Salt &c

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with Copper marcals and other measures.-

This Department also provides Freight, when required, for Grain or other provisions of which it has the charge or Supply and likewise land carriage: the Commissary General being the Bullock agent and the subordinate Paymasters being the Deputies in all the duties of his Office except when a Deputy, as in the Field, is specially appointed. Carts however are an exception in regard to the land carriage, as that article is provided by the Military Storekeeper, but the Carts are kept under the charge of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.-

Monthly Accounts (Those in the Department of Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency excepted) of charges in the Garrisons - Victualling the Troops - of purchases and Sales by Wastage or otherways - in short the whole accounts of Receipts Issues and Disbursements are ordered to be sent by the Deputies to their principal in this Department, and they fall to be entered in his Books after audit.-

The Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is the channel to and from

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From Government in all communications relative to the Duties of this Department, and he recommends or disapproves, according to the circumstances of the case in his judgement in regard to all Statements Estimates Rates of purchase Sales Losses &c reported by his Deputies, and by them to Government.—

The advances to this Department are constituted either by Cash from the General Treasury, for which the Commissary is Debited in the General Books, or through the medium of the Grain which he draws from the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency, and of the Arrack from the Agent for Spirituous Liquors, the amount being carried to this in general Books as so much Cash, into which the Grain as frequently falls to be turned by the Sales that take place either in the issues of Grain to the Troops / who receive Rice from the public Stores at 70 Pagodas Madras Garce when the market price is above that rate / or when new Grain is placed in Store, and that it is thought proper from that cause, or from the old being damaged,

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to sell off the whole or a part of what is in hand. –

The Accounts in the Department of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions are audited separately, that is to say, the Commissary General is considered in regard to them in the same light as the Paymaster General is for the Accounts of the Pay offices; and the Commissary in them Debited for the Total of the advances to his Department, and receives Credit for the amount passed in the separate accounts of the Deputies and himself, as he has occasion to make disbursements in the Department as well as his Deputies. –

The Books of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions are immediately subsidiary to the General Books, in which the Commissary stands Debited for the advances of Cash, and for the Grain or other provisions or articles which he receives from the Garrison Storekeeper, agents for Spirituous Liquors, or the Military Storekeeper. –

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He receives Credit in the same books for the amount of the Sales of Grain at the out stations; for issues to the Troops of other Establishments, under their respective heads, and by military Charges for all other Expences and Disbursements of the Department, unless when directed to carry any part of the Expence to a separate head as having been incurred on account of a particular Service or expedition.—

The Business in the Office of Agent for Spirituous Liquors is conducted under the same principle of System in regard to being immediately subsidiary to the General Books, with that of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions; the charge of the Liquors at the out stations is with his own Servants, for whom he is responsible, the sale of them is limited as by General Order in Section 6th and the profits arising on the Sales fall to be distributed as by the rules directed.—

This Officer has the charge at the Presidency of all the Spirituous

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Liquors received from Bengal or otherways on account of the Company; and he likewise provides them, when a further supply is thought necessary by a special Order given at the time. —

In regard to the supply of Spirituous Liquors for the army or Detachments of it in the Field, he stands in the same relation to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions that the Garrison Storekeeper does in the case of Grain required for the same purposes; but more comprehensively, as he supplys the liquor which may be so required from the out stations as well as at the Presidency. —

The Books of the agent for Spirituous Liquors being immediately subsidiary to the General Books, he receives his advances of cash, when required, from the General Treasury; but the amount arising on the Sales of the Liquors prevents this proceeding in general; he is however Debited in the General Books for the Liquors he receives from Bengal or elsewhere, and has Credit in the same books by

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by the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions on account of the Liquor delivered to that Officer, and by Cash for the amount of which he pays in, arising from the Sales of made under his own immediate direction or that of his Servants.—

The Agents Commissions and the Charges of the Department together with the Leakage and Wastage are set off against the profits in the Agents Books.—

In regard to the Military Storekeeper, I have little to add, in this place, to what is contained in Section 8th. and the printed books of Regulations, in which latter, although there is occasion to refer to this Officer, under his Official designation of Military Storekeeper, it would appear that he has in general been considered more as an Officer of Supply than of Charge, and, that, from this Cause there are not any Regulations which provide specially for his executing the duties of a Military Storekeeper—I have included in Section 8th. a minute applicable to this subject, with the resolutions upon it/

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which was given in at the Committee of Stores by Mr. Savage, when he succeeded Mr. Petrie as Military Storekeeper in 1789.-

The advances to this office as well as to the other two are granted from the Treasury direct under the head of Military Storekeeper, although, in fact for conducting the business of this Department as an Agent of Supply and for which he is Debited in the General Books.-

Prior to the Orders of March 1790, which will be found in Section 1st this Officer held a Seat at the Committee of Stores, the duties of which Committee having been then placed in the Military Board, the Storekeeper of course ceased to have the same influence in regard to the Military Stores which was open to him while the controuling board over that Department was separately admitted, and he held a Seat at it.-

The Books kept by the Military Storekeeper are also subsidiary to the General Books, and he stands Debited therein for his advances of cash and

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and for the Ordnance, Arms and Military Stores received at the Presidency from Europe Bengal or elsewhere.—

He receives Credit in the same books for the amount of the Sales of Ordnance, Arms, and Military Stores that are admitted authority: and, likewise for the other issues of those articles which are distinguished in his books as made to Presidencies, Factories, and to the Kings Troops—he has credit for the office charges of his Department and, under the head of Military Charges, for all articles of military Stores issued to the out Stations or to Troops in the Field, unless directed to carry them to a separate head—and by Profit and Loss for the difference between the Sales and prime cost of unserviceable Stores, by which last Entry it appears that the office might be so far considered of a civil nature as the credit, in this case, is given under the head of "Profit and Loss" instead of "Military charges" to which it seems more properly to belong.—

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It becomes necessary to add that the Books of the Military Storekeeper comprehend only the receipts of the Military Stores at the Presidency and the charges attending them, together with the Issues from the Presidency; and also that the Receipts and Issues at the out stations and with the Army or Detachments of the Army in the Field, appear, and are brought to account no otherways than in the separate books of the several Storekeepers, and by the Returns they transmit to the Military Board, accompanied by Vouchers for the Issues, which are examined and reported upon to that Board by the Commissary General of Stores and lodged in his Office, the examination and report being for the purpose of checking Irregularities in the expenditure of the Stores, and in the Indents made from time to time on the Presidency, as the Indents for compleating the several Stations to their allowed proportions of Military Stores are passed at the Military Board of which the Commissary General of Stores is a member, there is not however

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any annual account of Quantities taken, as in Bengal, to which the rates are annexed in regard to the aggregate quantity at the commencement of each year, or in regard to the Total of the Receipts Issues and Ballances at the Presidency and subordinate Magazines at the close of each year, with the exception of those directed, by your Order of the 9th. March last, to be sent to the Accountant General by the respective Storekeepers. —

It is to be observed, however, as an exception on this head, that, at the Factories under this Presidency, General Books are kept, in which the amount of remains of Stores at the Factories and their Dependencies appear. —

The Garrison Storekeeper here is the Officer in charge of Grain or other Provisions received into Store at the Presidency from Europe, Bengal or elsewhere, and he issues them, by Sale or otherways under the Orders he receives from Government; or from the Governor, in particular cases, when the

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admit of his receiving an Order of Council, ~~&~~
exclusive of which he complies with the
Indents of the Commissary General of Grain
and Provisions for the Supplies of Grain
on account of the Army or Detachments of
the Army in the Field, and of the out stations,
with the exception of the Factories as ~~&~~
already noticed to which latter places, and
to the other Presidencies, or for the use of
Detachments sent by Sea from the ~~&~~
Presidency, or for the Troops at the Presidency,
the issue is conducted as a part of the ~~&~~
Garrison Storekeeper's Duty. —

When the articles under
his charge are sold, in the case of a ~~&~~
Superfluity, or of the Grain being damaged,
or when new Grain is placed in Store,
it is done, by Order, at public Sale or by
Retail, according to the circumstances of the
case - and the amount of the Sales is paid
into the Treasury Monthly. —

He is to check on the
Quality of Stores offered or ordered to be
received for the Service of his Department,
which Duty he executes by receiving and
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reporting such as are of good quality, and by
applying to Government for a Committee of
Inspection on such as he judges exceptionable
on comparison with the samples or otherways.

Besides Salt, Firewood, Sugar
Biscuit, Salted Beef and Pork and Grain
of different Kinds, he is in charge of Cooking
Utensils, Oil, water Casks, Pots, Pans, Curry Stone
and Rollers, Scales and Weights and a variety
of other articles of the same description &
considered as Garrison Stores, which he
provides, when required, with exception
of the Water Casks and such of the articles
as he may obtain by Indent on other
Storehouses. —

He makes purchases, by Order,
of Grain, and engages Freight, occasionally,
but few instances of either have occurred
for many years back. —

The Books of the Garrison
Storekeeper are immediately subsidiary to
the General Books, in which he stands
Debited for all advances of Cash which,
when required, but this seldom happens
in time of peace, he receives from the

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General Treasury, and also for the Grain or other Provisions or articles that belong to his Department received into Store at the Presidency from Europe, Bengal, or elsewhere.—

He receives Credit in the same Books for the Cash paid into the Treasury arising from his Sales—he is likewise Credited, under the head of the different Presidencies, Factories and Departments for the amount of his Issues carried to their Debit—By Profit and Loss for Loss arising on any particular Store, and by charges Merchandize for his office charges, the accounts of this Officer are sent annually to the Military Office for audit, after being presented by him to Government; but, in some other respects, they appear to be considered of a civil description, as neither the profit nor loss arising on his Accounts, nor the charges for his office Establishment are brought to account in the General Books, under the head of Military Charges.—

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The Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and the Military Storekeeper have a Salary and an allowance for office Establishment. The Salary of the agent for Spirituous Liquors arises by a Commission on the agency as p Order of 29th January 1789 in Section 6th; the Garrison Storekeeper has no Salary, but is allowed for office Establishment, and both the Salaries and the allowances for office Establishment in these four Departments appear only in their own accounts, as they pay themselves out of their receipts from the p Treasury or from the Sales.—

It also appears that the p Military Storekeeper and the Garrison p Storekeeper give their Journals in, Monthly, to the Accountant General; that he posts them in the General Books, and that to him p likewise their Journals and Ledgers are p sent at the close of each year; on the same principle the books of the other two offices fall to be given, in like manner, to the Accountant General, but this appears to be prevented, by the nature and extent of p the Accounts they contain, until the books

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are brought up and presented for the closing Entries of each year in their respective Departments, after which they fall to be sent home — and their Stock in hand P / of these four Departments / stands as so many Ballances, at the end of each official year, under their respective heads in the General Books. —

The Accounts of these four Departments fall to be audited P annually in the Military Office of P Audit. —

The printed Books of Regulations at this Presidency, and the Orders copied in Sections 18 & 19 afford every information in my power to give P concerning the Office of Commissary P General of Stores — I have remarked in Section 5th that this officer was appointed a Member of the Military Board by P order of this Presidency under date 6th December 1786. —

Having thus laid before you, in communication with the printed Books of Regulations at this Presidency and

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and the copies of other Orders now transmitted, an account of the offices of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, agent for Spiritueous Liquors, Military Storekeeper, Garrison Storekeeper and Commissary of General of Stores, and which also includes a description of their several duties as part of my Report on reference to your Commands of the 9th. January on the Letter of the Government General under date the 3d. December last, it follows I conceive that, on considering these several details the present situation of the Offices of Military Auditor General, Military Paymaster General and subordinate Paymaster as well as the Office of Accountant General so far as his Books relate to the Military Expenditures may be clearly ascertained. —

I now beg leave to state my opinion that, in order to establish a System at this Presidency on the principles which have been directed, it will be necessary that all Advances on account of the Military Expenditures shall be seen in the books of the Military Paymaster General, as the proper medium through which they should issue; that all Disbursements as well

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well as advances for these Expenditures shall be brought to account monthly if possible in his Books and those of the Military A. Auditor General; and that the constitution of every Office connected with the Military A Charges shall be so established and the A Regulations by which they are to be governed so framed as to afford the means of speedy and efficient Check on all those advances & and Disbursements, from which it will follow, if I am correct in thus stating the object intended to be accomplished and the means, so far, of effecting it, that several alterations will fall to be made in many of the Offices and Departments under this Presidency.—

With this out line before me, in so far as regards the general principle and uses of the intended System together with the usage of the Service on the Coast which operates to prevent uniformity with the Bengal System I shall report further in obedience to your Commands, by suggesting for your consideration an arrangement of the public

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publick offices and Departments of Supply account and Controul connected with the Military Expenditures at this Presidency, which I hope will be found to embrace the general principles directed by the Honble Court, and to provide, at the same time, for Uniformity with the Bengal System in all matters except such as may fall to be differently detailed here without a deviation from the sound principles of Controul contained in the papers with which I have been furnished.—

The Arrangement of the publick Offices and Departments at this Presidency which appears to me necessary for the above purposes in addition to the Orders already signified, is as follows.—

1st That the Duties of the Military Board shall be executed in exact conformity to the Orders of the Company under date of September 1785 with such variation only as shall appear to have been found necessary in practice at Bengal, and may be applied consistently, to the Service at Madras—and that the Commissary General of Stores

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shall be excluded from holding a Seat at the Military Board.—

2d That the charge of the Military Stores at the Presidency shall be declared to be in the Commissary General of Stores, because, although that Charge appears, in a great measure, to be considered the duty of that Officer at present still the responsibelity for the Military Stores at the Presidency can never be said to be clearly established in him, while there is another Officer who stands P specially appointed Military Storekeper at the Presidency, who granted a Receipt to his predecessor in the Office for the Account Remains of the Stores at the time of his P nomination; and, who, in other respects, P executes, in part, the duty of Military P Storekeeper.—

3d That the Charge of the P Spirituous Liquors in Store at the Presidency shall be placed in the Garrison Storekeeper in addition to the Grain and other Articles now in his custody.—

4th That the care, at the Presidency

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Presidency of the principal Depot of
Military Stores and of Grain and Provisions
/considering the Spirituous Liquors laid in
for the use of the Troops as an article
which may be classed in the latter &
description / being therefore provided for the
former with the Commissary General
of Stores, at the latter with the Garrison
Storekeeper, these two Officers and all
others employed in a similar manner
shall be confined to the care of the
articles placed under their charge, and be
responsible for rendering a faithful
account of them, neither receiving nor issuing
any without regular authority; — and
consequently, that they shall have nothing
to do with purchases, but be considered as a
check on the quality of the Articles offered
for the Service in their respective
Departments. —

5th That the Supplies in the
Grain and Provision Department sent
from the Store at the Presidency for the
use of the Army in the Field and for all
the distant Stations, shall go directly from

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the office of Garrison Storekeeper, without employing a Department under the denomination of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions or the agent for Spirituous Liquors, as the medium through which the issues of that description from the Store at the Presidency are to be conducted.

6th That a certain number of Storekeepers shall be appointed, in the proportion required, for the care of the Military Stores and of the Grain and Provisions at the Out stations, including the Factories, and considering the Spirituous Liquors as above; — that the Paymaster of those Stations now acting in the three-fold capacity of Paymaster, Storekeeper, and Deputy to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, shall be confined to the duties of a Pay office; — and that the appointments of Commissary of Stores, Deputy Commissary of Stores, and Inspector of Stores, now on the Establishment, in a certain proportion for the Out stations, shall be annulled. —

7th That the Commissary General

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General of Stores and the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency, and the Storekeepers at the Out stations shall send Returns Monthly, and report to the Military Board, to the extent required to enable the Military Board to perform the several duties, in regard to Military Stores and Provisions, expected from that Board by the Company's Orders of September 1785; — and, in general, that all other Offices and Departments connected with the Military Expenditure, the office of Audit and the Pay Offices excepted, shall report to, and be subject to the Control of, the Military Board, to the extent required by the said Orders, with such exceptions only as may arise from the proviso made in the 1st Article of this Arrangement, relative to the functions of that Board, as regulated in Bengal. —

8th That the Storekeepers at the Out-stations shall keep separate Accounts and Books of the Articles of under their charge, and shall returns and reports them separately; — that is to say

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by distinguishing the "Military Stores" from the Articles considered in the "Grain and Provision Department:" — and that there shall be a fixed Office Establishment for each, drawn for in the Storekeepers abstract, in which Extra Charges, when admitted, shall appear as per Form for drawing out abstracts. —

9th That the Monthly Returns of the Grain and Provision Department shall be made out on the same principle as is observed for the Military Stores, — but, that, instead of the columns in the latter for Serviceable, repairable and unservicea= -ble, the Returns of the former shall exhibit not only the quality and quantity of the Grain &c. but in seperate columns of what year — when received into Store — In good condition — Damaged — Unserviceable. —

10th That the Military Board shall take from the Returns an Account Quarterly, if possible — at all events every half year, or annually at the close of each official year, of the receipts, issues

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issues and remains both of Military Stores and of the articles in the Grain and Provision Department to which shall be annexed the rates on the same principle as appears to be followed in Bengal relative to the Military Stores; and shall report the same.—

11th That the Military Board shall twice in each year take into special consideration the state of the Grain and Provision Department and report upon it to Government,— that is to say, in the Months of November, which is the proper period for ordering new Grain to be placed in Store, and in the Month of July, which is the proper period of considering the sales which may be admitted with most advantage to the Service.—

12th That an adequate number of Agents be appointed or Contracts be entered into, for the Supplies required, and that, as Officers of Charge are precluded from making Purchases it follows, upon the same principle, that Officers of Supply shall be excluded from leaving the Charge, on account of the Company, of the Articles they provide or of any other article which may be made up

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or supplied, by conversions or otherways, in
communication with the Articles they provide
for the Service.—

13th. That to each Agent shall
be granted an adequate Salary and allowance
for Office Establishment; but that neither
shall arise by a Commission, Percentage, or
otherways depending on the quantum or rates
of the Supplies or Purchases; and that
adequate Salaries and allowance for Office &
Establishment be likewise granted to
Paymasters, Storekeepers, and all others
employed in Duties of Trust.—

14th That the payment of
Company's allowances to the Roiy's Troops
shall be taken from the Paymaster General,
and be the duty of a distinct Office— that
a Paymaster of Extraordinaries be likewise
appointed, whose duty shall be conducted as
described in Colonel Murray's Letter to the
Government General under date the 2d. of
April 1789;— that the Paymaster General
shall be accounted the only channel of
application to Government for advances
on account of the Military Expenditures
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and that the Bills for every articles of P
Military Expence shall be discharged at one
or other of the Pay Offices, that of the P
Paymaster General excepted, who, in the
case of advances for any particular work
or Service, will keep the Account as P
39th Article of the Regulations of April
1792.—

15th That the General Books kept
at the Factories be no longer permitted, in
order that the whole of the Military P
Expenditures incurred there, as well as at
all other Stations, may pass through one
and the same channel, into the General
Books, in the Accountant General's office
at the Presidency.—

I have formed my opinion
concerning the general Arrangement P
which should be adopted of the Military
Offices at this Presidency on considering
the duties allotted to the Military Board
as well as the principles of System P
which appear in the papers before me:
but, not being acquainted with the P
Regulations for that Board which have

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been adopted in Bengal and the relative situation in which it stands to the Military Offices there, I cannot take upon me to say how far the Arrangement I have suggested is in exact conformity to the practice of that Presidency, but am induced to believe it will accord in material points with the System observed there.

In regard to the Provision Department it is not meant that the P Monthly Returns shall be the only P communication from the Storekeeper, the Vouchers for the Receipts and Issues P should also I conceive be forwarded in the same manner as is followed relative to the Military Stores, with such other documents as may be required to enable the Military Board to judge of the P regularity of the Storekeepers proceedings as well as the actual Monthly state of the Provisions, which will appear P in the additional columns I have proposed to be inserted in the form of Returns; they will not only afford information P

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concerning the period of Supplies being laid in, and of what years Crop in regard to the Grain in particular, but will also be of the means of determining pretty exactly on the correctness of the Reports which frequently fall to be made of the different Articles on account of their being old, damaged, unserviceable &c. in consequence of which Sales might otherways take place very injudiciously. —

The Issues from the Presidency to the Stores at the Out-stations &c. being conducted directly from the Garrison Storekeeper, instead of being transacted through the mediums of another Office, will save the Expence of double Office Establishment exclusive of the loss by Wastage and otherways, which is generally increased, I imagine, in proportion to the number of Deliveries or parties authorized to receive and issue the Grain or other Articles of Provisions; and upon this account it would be useful were the Native Troops to receive Money for the difference between the Company's rate

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and that of the Bazare, instead of having
Rice served out to them when the Bazare
price of that Article exceeds Pagodas 70 P
Garce; besides which it is to be noticed
that this practise often counteracts, in
a great measure, the purpose intended by
placing Grain in Store at particular P
Stations, as it may at times be difficult,
and at all events very expensive, to replace
the Issues thus admitted.—

I do not understand that the
Agency for Spiritueous Liquors occasions
any charge against the Company, but
that it defrays its own Expences exclusive
of paying the profits arising for distribution
among the Commanding Officers of Stations,
to whom it may be considered more P
advisable, in one point of view, to allow
an adequate fixed sum over emolument
in lieu of the eventual profits depending
upon the Sale of Spiritueous Liquors.—

Your Honorable Board having,
within these few days, directed the P
Military Board to give an Opinion on
the number of Storekeepers that will be
required

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required under this Presidency and the
class of Servants most proper to be employd
in that duty in consequence of your intention
to separate the Offices of Paymaster and
Storekeeper, as incompatible to be held by
one and the same person, a report from
me in this place, on the same head, may
be considered unnecessary, were it not
that the subject is included in the Orders
I received separately sometime before. —

Under the Arrangement I have
suggested in other respects, I am of Opinion
that Twelve Storekeepers will be required
exclusive of the Garrison Storekeeper at
the Presidency and the Commissary General
of Stores, with the Deputy now allowed
for the latter Office. —

On advertising to the situation
of the Service in matters connected with
the Selection for this duty, it does not
appear to me that the post of Storekeeper
should be filled, as a fixed rule, from
any one class of Servants in particular,
although it may be found most advisable
in general, to place the charge of Stores

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in Military Officers.—

The Stores, as now in charge, supposing the care of the Provision Store to be provided for as a separate branch, comprehend many considerable Articles, such as Arms, Accoutrements, Camp Equipage &c. that are not exclusively considered of the Ordnance Branch; and as the Corps of Artillery cannot well spare as many Officers from Regimental Duties as will be required for the care of the Military Stores, it may be found inconvenient to make the selection of Storekeepers from that Corps solely— If however it shall be thought proper to place Officers of the Corps of Artillery in charge of the Stores at the principal Military Out stations it may prevent the appointment of Commissaries of Ordnance at such stations, which would otherways, I imagine, be necessary— at present there is at Trichinopoly besides the Paymaster who is Storekeeper, an Artillery Officer holding the post of Commissary of Stores— and there is at the

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Mount a Commissary of Stores and a D
Deputy from the same Corps whose duty,
from the situation of that Cantonment, is
principally in the Ordnance Department.

Twelve Storekeepers at the
Out Stations or as many as shall be d
determined upon, appointed for the care
of the Military and Provision Stores on
the principle of selecting Artillery Officers
for the duty at places where Commissaries
of Ordnance shall be thought necessary,
may perhaps be found the most convenient
mode of executing the duties in the p
present state of the Service, as it will
neither occasion any material deficiency
of Officers for Regimental Duty in
the Artillery Battalions, nor leave the
Ordnance and Store Branches of the
Service unprovided, on a supposition
that under each Storekeeper is placed
a sufficient detail of Conductors and
Store Serjeants, with other Servants of
an inferior description required for
the execution of the Duty, under the
Orders of their Superior. —

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In regard to the number of Paymasters I beg leave to submit the following arrangements on a supposition that they are to be employed solely in the duties of a Pay Office.—

1 Military Paymaster General
1 Deputy Do
1 Paymaster of Extraordinaries
1 Paymaster of Company's Allowances
to the King's Troops.

} to reside at the Presidency

North of the Kistna

1 Paymaster.
2 Deputies or Assistants

The Paymaster to reside at Masulipatam, and to make the payments in the Masulipatam District.—

The two Deputies to make the payments in the Vizagapatam and Ganjam Districts respectively.

Center Division

1 Paymaster
3 Deputies or Assistants

The Paymaster to reside at the Presidency and the Deputies to be stationed one at Vellore one at Arcot, and one at Seringapatam.

The Paymaster of the Center Division to make the payments

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payments at the Presidency and at the Stations within the Jaghire, his Deputy at Vellore to pay the Stations between the Penare and the Coleroon, those paid by his preincipal within the Jaghire excepted- the Deputy at Angole to pay the Stations between the Ryna and the Penare and the Deputy at Chinagurry those in the Ceded Countries north of the Coleroon.—

South of the Coleroon

1 Paymaster

1 Deputy or Assistant

The Paymaster to reside at Tanjore, and to make the payments in the Tanjore and Trichinopoly Districts, and at Negapatam and Nagore—

The Deputy to be stationed at Madura and to make the payments there and

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at Pallamcotah, Deindigul

and their Dependencies.—

The total Establishment

of Military Paymasters, on this plan, will

then consist of one Paymaster General

with a Deputy, Five Subordinate Paymasters

and Six Deputies or Assistants.—

In arranging the detail for

this Department of the Service, you

may think it necessary to consider whether

or not it will be proper that a Member of

Council at the Chief ships of Masulipatam

and Vizagapatam shall continue to hold

the Office of Paymaster at those stations,

which has been the rule of the Service

hitherto, although they receive no Salary

for executing that Duty.

It becomes necessary to

lay before you the following account

of present Monthly Expences for the

Military Pay offices, and those for the

business of the Military Stores & Provisions

that you may be able to form a

judgement of the additional Expence to

be

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be incurred by granting adequate Salaries to Paymasters upon a reduced Establishment in point of numbers, while, at the same time, the duty of Paymaster and Storekeeper shall be separated and adequate Salaries to be allotted for the Officers of the latter description

Present Monthly Expence for the Military Pay officers and of those employed for the Military Stores and Provision Department

	Monthly Salaries		
		P.	F.	b.
1 Military Paymaster General. £	600	—	—
13 Subordinate Military Paymasters, each receiving at present Captains Pay and Batta for performing the several duties of Paymaster, Storekeeper and Deputy to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions	1126	39	20
1 Sepoy Paymaster at the Presidency	32	—	—
1 Military Storekeeper at the Presidency	500	—	—
1 Assistant to Ditto	20	—	—
1 Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency no Salary allowed.			
Carried over	2278	39	20

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Brought Over	2278.	39.	20
1 Commissary General of Grain and Provisions	38.	—	70
1 Commissary General of Stores	106.	1	60
1 Deputy to Ditto	26.	25	65
2 Commissaries of Stores	76.	1	60
1 Deputy Commissary of Stores	19.	—	35
6 Inspectors of Stores	114.	2	50
The Total Expence of Servants for the above Offices, such as Writers or Clerks Bookkeepers, Peons Conicopolies, most likely to be Monthly	2506.	27.	6
Total present Expence Monthly for Salaries and Office Servants	5165.	15.	46

The Additional Expence to be incurred under a new Arrangement will therefore be found on establishing adequate Salaries and Allowance for Office Servants to the following detail, which it is supposed will be sufficient for the duty of the Pay Offices, and for the charge and preservation of the Ordnance and Military Stores and of the Provisions —

1 Military Paymaster General

1 Deputy Military Paymaster General

Subordinate

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5 Subordinate Paymasters

6 Deputies to Ditto

1 Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency

1 Commissary General of Stores & Military Storkeeper
at the Presidency

1 Deputy to Ditto

12 Military Storekeepers at the Out Stations

Having thus stated what has occurred to me relative to an Arrangement of the Military Pay Offices, and those for the care and preservation of the Ordnance and Military Stores, and of the provisions, the Departments of Supply fall to be considered. They stand at present, in the Military Department on the Coast, as follows

Agents — One for Spirituous Liquor. One for Draught and Carriage Bullocks. Two for Horses. — One for Military Stores, and one principal, with six Subordinate agents, for Horse Grain. —

It becomes necessary to observe in this place that although the Department of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is not denominated an agency

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it appears to be in some measure of that
description, although so constituted in regard
to the functions and separate responsibility
of the Deputies and the superintending &
directing powers of the Commissary
General, as not to warrant my including
it under the head of Agency.

The Contracts are for Army Cloathing,
for Gun Carriages, for Works and Buildings
and their Repairs, - and for Hospitals.

In regard to the Contract
for Works and Buildings and their Repairs,
it becomes proper to note, in this place,
that it is general, without distinction of
Civil and Military: but that the Charges
under each of these heads are distinguished
by the Contractor giving in separate Bills
according to which the Expence is passed to
Civil or Military Charges. -

In consequence of the
arrangement which has been suggested in
regard to the Military Pay Offices, and the
care and preservation of the Ordnance and
Military Stores and of the Provisions, some
other alterations appear necessary. -

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The charge of the Military Stores at the Presidency being placed in the Commissary General of Stores it does not appear objectionable to allow the Military Stores to be provided by Mr. Porcher under the denomination of Agent, on the terms he supplies them at present, which has been productive of a very considerable Saving, on comparison with the rates formerly charged for the same articles.—

The other Agencies which appear necessary, if Contracts for the same purposes cannot be conveniently adopted, are one, for the General Supply of such quantity of Grain and Provisions and Spirituous Liquors as may be necessary, in addition to the imports of these articles received from Bengal; and one for Victualling the Europeans, which latter duty falls only to be conducted at this Presidency, to any extent, when there is an Army or a large detachment in the Field.—

I have the honor to inclose a List of the Offices as now paid in

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the Military Department under this Presidency, and also the report of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions on the subject of the Monthly Expence of Feeding the Europeans.—

Although some parts of this Letter, in communication with the copies of Orders and the inclosures herewith transmitted, may afford, in general, the information required by the Government General in their Letter of the 3d December last, I shall here bring the several matters more particularly to notice by referring to the paragraphs as numbered, and explaining, on each separately, or on two or more together.—

Paragraph 3d The Words "at present" appear to have been meant to apply generally to the practise, at the time, of the subordinate Paymasters sending their accounts to the Pay Office General, but without reference to the form of the accounts, the period of transmitting them, or other particulars which, in compliance with the 46th Article of Fort St. George Regulations in

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in April 1792 will be found in the printed book of Forms herewith forwarded, and the circular Letter from the Paymaster General which accompanied the book.—

All Bills, the subject of matter of which is allowed by the Regulations, are discharged without previous reference to the Military Auditor General, in all cases where the regulation establishes the Check or rates under which the proper amount of the charge may be determined by the Paymaster; but all other Bills, not coming under the description of fixed allowances, fall to be sent to the Military Auditor General, to be passed, previous to payment those of a contingent nature that have been previously reported upon by the Military Board to Government are sent to the Military Auditor General by the Secretary of Government in the Military Department with an Order to pass them written in the face of the Bill or in a separate Letter, and the same rule is observed in cases where

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the Charges are of a nature that Government doesnot see it necessary to call for the ^ previous report of the Military Board.—

Paragraph 4th I beg leave to refer to the printed Book of Forms the Accounts are made out so as nearly to answer the Form for the Annual Statement received from Bengal.—

Prior to the new System there was no annual Statement sent home, I believe, otherways than from the Accountant Generals office.—

A copy of the Annual Statement for the year 1792/3 will be prepared in the Military Auditor ^ Generals Office according to the Bengal Form for the purpose of being transmitted to that Presidency.—

Paragraph 5th The new System appears to me to answer the description given of it in this paragraph, by the Government General, and, although the natives of this Country are averse to new Customs or ^ modes of proceeding even in matters ^ where only forms of accounts are altered,

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there can be no doubt I conceive of their
comprehending the new System, provided it
is thoroughly understood by their Superiors
in the different offices, under whose direction
they are employed.—

The alteration produced by
the new System, at this Presidency, is
great, not only in regard to forms but
to first principles in some instances;
under such circumstances some delays
appear to have been unavoidable, but
I have no doubt of its being brought
compleatly into practise here in the
course of a few months; and, this being
accomplished, the duty of every man in
the Department of Military accounts
will be simplified and be executed
ultimately, in my Opinion, with more
satisfaction than was open to them
under the former System.—

Paragraph 6th I must here beg leave
to refer, generally, on the subject of
these two Paragraphs, to the explanations
contained in the Letter and to the Copies
of Orders in Section.—

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are ordered to be provided according to samples of each kind delivered to the Agent, and of which Duplicates are lodged in the Arsenal, when a Supply is reported ready for Inspection the Survey is proceeded upon by the Military Board, or by a Deputation from it, by taking without Selection, a proportion of each kind produced by comparing the several Lots thus taken with the samples, and by rejecting those which are of inferior quality.—

This mode appeared to me to answer usefully; but, for the reasons assigned by the Government General, it appears preferable to consider the Storekeeper after separating the Custody from the Supply, as a Check on the quality of Stores, while, at the same time, the general superintendence is in the Military Board.—

The Military Board not only check the Indents from the Out stations, but those for daily, monthly, and Quarterly Issues, at the Presidency to Individuals, as in the case of the Candle Allowances, and to Corps in regard to Arms and Accoutrements, and the Articles allowed for

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for keeping them in repair, but these latter are generally left to the Opinion of the President exclusively.—

Although the general Indents from Stations may be carefully examined, I conceive, by the Military Board, the other Descriptions of Indents may more properly be complied with by the Storekeeper independent of such reference, and be afterwards checked when the Books of Issues, and the Vouchers are examined.—

Paragraph 8th. Is answered by foregoing parts of this Letter, and by the Explanations in Section 1st. neither the Commissary General of Stores nor the Military Storekeeper are entitled to a seat at the Military Board by the Orders of September 1785 from home the former holds a seat at the Military Board by appointment of this Government dated 6th December 1786 the latter has no seat at the Military Board.—

Paragraph 9th. I beg leave to refer to the Regulation in the printed book under the Head of Ordnance Department.—

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No Account of Quantities and of Receipts Issues and Ballances to which the rates are annexed are kept at this Presidency, with the exception of what relates to the subject as explained in the part of this Letter concerning the Military Storekeepers Office.—

Paragraph 10th The Payment of the Company's allowances to the Kings Troops will fall to be made by a separate Officer, as they are now discharged by the Paymaster General at this Presidency.—

Paragraph 11th The Forms already sent appear to me, at present, to be sufficient, but I imagine the Regulations which describe the relative situation of the Military Board at Calcutta to the Military Offices there may be useful at this Presidency in finally arranging the System.—

Paragraph 12th & 13th There is no appointment of Deputy Paymaster General at this Presidency—a Deputy of this description in each branch of the Service, Civil and Military, may, perhaps appear useful on

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considering the important duties allotted to the principals.—

Some charges, properly of a military description, such as Boat hire for the embarkation of Troops, are at present discharged by the Civil Paymaster, and this requires to be altered.—

Paragraph 14th. 15th. & 16th. I beg leave to refer to Sections 1st. and 3d.—

There is at this Presidency a Contract for Works Buildings and Repairs, and the bills under this head fall to be passed in the same manner as at Bengal, only that the Military Board here is authorised to decide in cases where the Expence does not exceed One hundred (100) Pagodas and the Chief Engineer on trifling charges such as repairs of Doors Windows Locks &c. not exceeding Five (5) Pagodas at a time—on the former the Military Board reports to Government, and on the latter the Chief Engineer reports to the Military Board.—

Paragraph 17th. I beg leave to refer, as the subject of this Paragraph, to the

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enclosed report from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, and to what relates to his Office as explained in this Letter.—

In regard to Paragraphs 13th, and from that to the conclusion of the Government General's Letter, I trust the explanations required will be found in the foregoing Report, or in the copies of Orders and Regulations at this Presidency herewith forwarded.—

Your Honble Board will I trust be sensible that it is extremely difficult to describe with precision any System which has been varied in many of its parts from year to year for a considerable time past, or even to collect with certainty the various documents necessary to explain it in a clear and comprehensive point of view—although many of the Regulations at this Presidency appear in the General Orders Books, yet others have been admitted through the channel of Letters to particular Officers or Departments without having been delivered over, in some instances or Instances, to their Successors at least soon only

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only account, in this manner, for several parts of the existing System, the original authority for which I have not been able to trace — although the practice appears to have been sanctioned for many years. —

There are but few of the Departments and Regulations on the Coast that have remained, without considerable variations, for Eighteen months at a time; and as there is no one book which contains the whole, arranged methodically, or even the separate parts, it has consequently been almost impracticable to collect copies of all the Military Regulations and Forms established at this Presidency for the purpose of being forwarded to Bengal, in compliance with your Orders of 9th January last. —

I have, however, collected — 4 copies of those regarding the principal Arrangements and Departments, in addition to what is contained in the printed books, and I shall hope that, with the explanations contained in this address, they will answer the purposes for which they have been

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required in describing the Military Offices under this Presidency and their several duties.—

I have also, in obedience to your Commands, suggested some alterations & which appear to me necessary, for the accomplishment of the Object contained in the Company's Orders relative to the Military Expenditures, and for establishing uniformity at this Presidency, with the System followed at Bengal. It will be adviseable I conceive that whatever is adopted in this respect shall be announced in Orders some little time before the date from which the alteration is to take effect, and also that Officers placed in charge of Stores, of whatever description, shall only be removable at the close of the Official Year after they have brought up their Accounts and Books; and that removals of this kind shall take place as seldom as possible to prevent the losses that are likely to be sustained every time Articles of Stores, Grain in particular, are measured or reckoned in delivering over the Charge to the new Storekeeper.—

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The circumstances I have mentioned above, affecting the means of acquiring the necessary information concerning the P matters on which I have been directed to report, accompanied by all the Military Regulations and Forms established at this Presidency, will I trust be admitted as my apology for not having presented my report at an earlier period: even now I am apprehensive that some points, although I shall hope not P material ones, may have been omitted.—

The Compilation of the Code of Regulations I have been instructed to draw up is in some degree of forwardness, but cannot be completed until a new Arrangement is adopted concerning the matters at present requiring alteration. I propose to draw out the Regulations conformably to the Plan proposed to the Government General in Lt. Murray's Letter of the 2d of April 1789, which P accompanied the Bengal Forms sent to this Presidency, as the best which, in my opinion, can be adopted.—

I have the honor to be with the highest respect.—

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(Signed) Henry Maleden
Mil. Auditor Genl

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P. S. In June 1791 the appointments, Salary and allowances of Civil Storekeeper, at this Presidency, were struck off, and his charge divided between the Import Warehousekeeper and the Military Storekeeper; in consequence of which the Marine Stores have been under the care of the latter since that date with an allowance of Pagodas 33. 1. ℔ month for Office Servants on their account, but without increase of Salary; — The Military Storekeeper keeps separate Books in this Department, and the Marine Stores are sold by him on account of the Company but never, I understand, at a less rate than an advance of 30 ℔ Cent on the Invoice price. The amount of the Sales are paid into the Treasury Monthly. —

I observe that I have — omitted to express my Opinion that the Storekeeper at Out stations should not hold a Seat at the Committee of Stores, and that, as that Committee and the Committee of works at the Out stations, conduct the same duties in a subordinate capacity as fall to the Military Board, it does

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does not appear to me consistent to exclude the Senior Officer of Artillery from a Seat at the Board of Works at the Out stations — The distinction in the denomination of these two Committees may appear unnecessary on considering that the discrimination has been abolished in regard to the Military Board to which these Committees report, and act under its Orders —

I do not understand that the appointments of Directors and Sub Directors of the Laboratory, which exist at this Presidency, are thought necessary at Calcutta I am not informed how this duty is performed there; it may be thought proper to consider these appointments in the final arrangement of the Offices at this Presidency —

I have mentioned the Month of November as the best period for ordering Grain to be laid in, as I understand it is the proper time for the persons employed in the duty to make their Bargains. the Grain of the first quality then agreed for will be deliverable in February or March —

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
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List of offices now Paid on the Peace Establishment in the Military Department under the Presidency of Fort St. George — exhibiting the Salaries and allowances drawn on account of Office Establishment. —

		Allowance for office Establishment	Salaries for 6 months	Allowance for 6 months
		Pag.s f.s d.	Pag.s f.s d.	
1 Military Auditor General		466 28 "	747 " "	
1 Deputy	Ditto	Ditto	150	
1 Assistant	Ditto	Ditto	50	
1 Accountant			100	
1 Master Master General is the Military Auditor Gen.l				
1 Deputy Military Auditor General Masters at the Presidency and at St. Thomas's Mount				
1 Assistant to the Military auditor General Masters at Poonamallee and Sripasore				
2 Masters Masters	Center Division	each Captains Pay & Batta	171 " "	58 12 "
2 Masters Masters	Northern Division	Ditto	171 " "	52 35 "
1 Masters Master	Southern Division	Ditto	85 21 "	20 " "
1 Military Storekeeper at the Presidency			500 " "	116 39 "
1 Assistant	Ditto		20 " "	" " "
1 Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency				139 27 "
1 Military Paymaster General			600 " "	333 23 10
1 Paymaster for Fort St. George St. Thomas's Mount, Sripasore, and Poonamallee		Captains Pay & Batta	85 21 "	116 21 "
1 Paymaster for the Sepoys at the Presidency			32 " "	36 21 "
		Carried forward	2631 28 "	1621 10 10

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		Salaries of Month	Allowance for Office Establishment Do. month
Brought forward		2431 28	1621 10 6
1 Paymaster for the Army left at Penneacoil, Cuddalore, Verdachellum and Palamcottah	Captains Pay & Batta	85 21	99 36
1 Paymaster for Wallajabad Arnee Arcott, Cummatore Vellore & Ambor	Ditto	85 21	282 13 4
1 Paymaster of Trichinopoly & Tiagor	Ditto	85 21	121 22 32
1 Paymaster for Madura Dindigal and the Maravar Countries	Ditto	85 21	151 1
1 Paymaster for Pallamcottah	Ditto	85 21	46 10 0
1 Paymaster for Tanjore and Vellum	Ditto	85 21	54 30
1 Paymaster of Nagore	Ditto	85 21	
1 Paymaster for Ongole, Nellore Rampore Guntoor, Innicondah Jemmencottah and Belumconddah	Ditto	85 21	26 1 21
1 Paymaster for Illore Samalcottah Condapillee Rajahmundry	Ditto	85 21	87 3
1 Paymaster of Masulipatam			65 2
1 Paymaster of Vizagapatam			66 24
1 Paymaster for Chicacole and Easmencottah	Captains Pay & Batta	85 21	30 12
1 Paymaster for Ganjam and Aska	Ditto	85 21	65 2
1 Paymaster of Kistnaghery Ryacottah Koongoor by Pinagra Tengricottah Cunabudda Droog Trepatore Tankeredroog Salem Attore and Samcul	Ditto	85 21	196 22 4
			3160 6

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		Allowance Salaries for Office ₤ month	Establishment ₤ month
Brought forward		3457 28 "	3149 1 6
1 Commissary General of Grain and Provisions	Captains Pay	37 21 "	145 31 "
1 Principal agent for Supplying the Cavalry with Gram	is the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions		
1 Subordinate Agent for Her Majesty's Regiment of Light Dragoons		50 " "	" " "
1 Subordinate Agent for the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry		50 " "	" " "
1 Ditto do for the 2 ditto		50 " "	" " "
1 Ditto do for the 3 ditto		50 " "	" " "
1 Ditto do for the 4 ditto		50 " "	" " "
1 Ditto do for the 5th ditto		50 " "	" " "
1 Director of the Laboratory at the Presidency		60 " "	" " "
1 Sub Director of do at ditto		50 " "	" " "
1 Commissary General of Stores at the Presidency	originally the Pay of Lieut Colt Goudrick was afterwards added 30 Rs ₤ month Extra	105 " "	40 " "
1 Deputy Ditto at Ditto		25 16 60	" " "
1 Commissary of Stores at St Thomas Mount	Captains Pay	37 21 "	" " "
1 Deputy Ditto at Ditto	Lieutenants Ditto	18 31 60	" " "
1 Commissary of Stores South of the Coleroon	Captains Pay	37 21 "	" " "
1 Inspector of Stores at Trichenopoly	Lieutenants Do	18 31 60	" " "
1 Inspector of Stores at Vellore	Ditto	18 31 60	" " "
1 Inspector of Stores at Tanjore	Ditto	18 31 60	" " "
1 Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam	Ditto	18 31 60	" " "
1 Inspector of Stores at Vizagapatam	Ditto	18 31 60	" " "
1 Inspector of Stores in the Baramall	Ditto	18 31 60	" " "
1 Barrack master of Fort St George & St Thomas's Mount	Captains Pay & Batta	85 21 "	7 10 60
1 Barrack master Center Division	Ditto	85 21 "	16 " "
1 Barrack master Northern Division	Ditto	85 21 "	16 " "
1 Barrack master Southern Division	Ditto	85 21 "	16 " "
Carried forward		4558 3321 3390	" 46

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	Salaries pr month	allowance for Office Establishment pr month
Brought forward	4558 33 20	3390 " 46
Judge advocate General — Lieutenant Colonels Pay	75 " "	" " "
Deputy Judge advocate Center Division Captains Pay & Batta	85 21 "	" " "
Do. Do. Do. Northern Division Ditto	85 21 "	" " "
Do. Do. Do. Southern Division Ditto	85 21 "	" " "
Adjutant General Lieut. Col. Pay & Batta	225 " "	40 " "
Deputy Ditto Majors Ditto	176 10 40	" " "
5 Brigade Majors each Captains Pay	187 21 "	" " "
Quarter master Genl. Lt Coll. Pay & Batta	225 " "	40 " "
Deputy Ditto Majors Ditto	176 10 40	" " "
8 Brigade Quarter masters each Captains Pay	187 21 "	" " "
Fort major Captains Pay & Batta	85 21 "	" " "
Fort adjutants each Lieutenants Pay	168 31 40	" " "
Secretary of the Military Board	100 " "	153 22 40
Deputy to Ditto	50 " "	" " "
Agent for purchasing horses at Hydrabad	404 31 40	" " "
Agent for purchasing horses at Arcot	164 31 40	" " "
Medical Storekeeper at the Presidency	100 " "	8 " "
Deputy Ditto	30 " "	" " "
Medical Storekeeper at the General Hospital at the Presidency	30 " "	" " "
Assistant Surgeon at the Garrison Dispensary at the Presidency	20 " "	" " "
Secretary to the medical Board	50 " "	23 10 40
	7211 22 60	3654 33 46

N.B. The Military Auditor General formerly under the designation of Commissary General has always been considered the Master Master General at this Presidency but he does not draw any Salary or allowances for office

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Establishment otherways than under the
head of Military Auditor General as above,
and the Deputy and Assistant Military
Auditor General, Two Lieutenants appointed
in Government Orders, who take the Musters
at Fort St George, the Mount and Poondamallee
and Tripasore, are paid on the same
principle as they have no exclusive
Salary for performing that duty. —

The practice followed at
this Presidency of establishing the
Salary of Officers bearing a double
commission has been, in general, by
expressing "that they are to draw
"Lieutenant Colonels Pay or Lieutenant
"Colonels Pay and Batta — Captains Pay
"or Captains Pay and Batta &c &c "According
to the rate determined upon as the proper
salary — all Salaries as Constituted are
explained Accordingly in the above list,
and extended for a months of 30 days: but
in all such Cases the Salary will be
one days Pay and Batta more, according
to the rate, in a months of 31 days, with
a deduction on the same principle in

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the months of February.—

In the Columns of "allowance
"for office Establishment" is the Sum which
the Principal of each office or department
is authorized to draw for the Clerks or writers
Bookkeeper Peons, Messengers, Conicopolies
or other Servants, which they respectively
hire for Conducting their business, whether
the Same happens to be Confined to one
Branch, as in the case of the Garrison
Storekeeper and some others, or Comprehends
different branches, as in the case of the
Paymasters.—

The Paymasters at Stations
are members of the respective Councils
there, and receive no Salary for the duty they
perform in Consequence of being Paymaster.—

As Batta appears in the
"Table of Pay and allowances to the
"Company's Staff" to be part of the Salary
of the Judge advocate General and
Commissary General of Stores, and is
not so included in the above list, it
becomes necessary to explain that the
insertion of the batta to them, as part

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their Salary, in that Table is an error of the Press, as it has never been allowed to those Officers, except when in the Field.—

As part of the above officers have Quarters or Offices, the property of the Company, in which to transact their Public business, and must receive a monthly Allowance in Cash, in lieu of them, & the rates, under this head, are not included above.—

The Agency for Spirituous Liquors not included above as the Salary depending upon a Commission or Plantage on the purchases is variable. The Agency for Bullocks omitted. The Salary on this Account, at Pagodas 600 ₱ month, was struck off. Lockhart continues to draw Pagodas 24 ₱ month for Office Servants for the Bullock Agency.—

The Acting Deputy Adjutant General of the Kings Troops receives the same Batta, that of Major, with the Deputy Adjutant General of the Company's and the same allowance

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For office Establishment as drawn by the adjutant General of the Company's Troops is allowed to the Deputy adjutant General of the Kings.—

The Paymaster General of draws Pagodas 92 P month (not included above) on account of office Servants for the payment of Company's allowances to the Kings Troops but has no Salary exclusively for that duty; Major Hart the Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops, draws Pagodas 117 monthly on account of office Servants for his Payments to the new raised Regiments and the detachment of the Royal Artillery; and rises in common with every other Officer employed on duty in the General Staff of the Kings army in India.—

(Signed) Henry Meleadow
Mty Aud Genl

To

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To Colonel Malcolm

Military Auditor General.

Sir,

I have received your Letter &
Covering Copy of a Paragraph of one from
Government General to this Presidency, &
underdate the 3d December last, and calling
upon me for a Statement of the monthly
expence for Victualling the Troops, and to
specify the particular terms upon which
the Duties are performed. –

The European Troops on this
Coast supply themselves out of their Pay, and
are only Victualled at the expence of Govern-
-ment when on field duty, which Constitutes
their Batta; new years day, the Kings Birth
day and Christmas day excepted, on which
days Batta is allowed to them in Garrison.

The Expence of Victualling
is variable, according to the price of the
articles used for that purpose, and the
amount of the Charge, of course, depends
upon the number of Removals of Troops, or
Detachments sent into the Field. –

The terms on which they
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are victualled may be considered an agency, being a part of the duty of the office of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, and of Paymasters acting as his Deputies. The Salary of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, and his present office establishment, are before you. The Paymasters draw no Salary for the Duties they perform as his Deputies; their establishment of Servants for the Charge of the Grain you have also before you.—

As I suppose it is the object to see the present expence of victualling the Troops, I have therefore taken the whole Charge incurred on that account in my Office at Madras, from 1st May 1792 to 30th April 1793 Amounting to Pagodas 5101. 23. 77.—

The Number of men victualled in the course of the year gives 62.941 for one day. Consequently the Expence of each man pr day 4 fanams 79 Cash and a fraction. In which is included the wastage on Rice, Salt and Arrack upon

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upon the march, Servants Wages sent with Detachments, and Carriage for the provisions, hired for the occasion. The Expence under these heads is P increased in proportion to the distance the Troops move, the proportion of it included in the 4 Fanams 79 Cash P is 75 3/4 Cash. -

I have however to observe that the Rice Composing a part of the Charge, issued to me by the Garrison Storekeeper, was at a very high rate, the average being Pagodas 15 7 34 47 P Garce which greatly enhanced the Expence the arrack received from the Arrack Agent is Charged to me at 18 Fanams P Gallon, The average Price of Sheep 3 P Pagodas, The average Price of P Slaughter Cattle 3 Pagodas P Bullock and the Average price of Salt, Pagodas 10. 9. 60 P Garce - The three last articles were purchased by me, and a part received from the Camp Commissary

The Day Batta allowed to the Men when provisions cannot be served

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Served is 3 fanams 30 Cash ₰ day, as detailed in the Regulation for the Department of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, or when any Articles of Provision are deficient, the men are paid for such in Cash, According to the rates thereon ₰ laid down. —

Madras
9th June 1793.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Thos. Cockburn
acty 67 G. G O.

/a true Copy/
/Signed/ Henry Maclean
Mily Sec. to Govt.

Minute and resolution ₰ thereon. —

As the Military Auditor General has entered so fully upon the subject of his report, it is only necessary for the Board to observe, that they approve generally of the alterations he has suggested — they believe the report comprehends every thing material relative to the instructions from the Court of Directors, and to those received from the Governor General in Council — But as the explanation of

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various departments, and the consequent creation of new offices, to which adequate salaries must be annexed, will involve a considerable expence on the Company — the Board do not feel themselves authorized to carry any part of the System now proposed into effect, until they are in possession of the sentiments of the Bengal Government upon it. —

Resolved therefore, that a copy of the report, with the accompanying Documents, be transmitted to the Governor General in Council with the above observation; and that his Lordship be also informed, that the Board propose, provided the Auditor's suggestions meet his concurrence, that the change shall take place on the 1st day of May 1794. —

Read the following letter from the Resident at Hydrabad. —

William

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William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Copies and Translates of Answers, relative to the depredations committed by Meer Imaum in the Palnaud &c. &c. charged with Inattention. —

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2d. Instant concerning the Depredations committed in the District of Palnaud by the Zemindars of Nesoor and Chitpole headed by Meer Imaum, who it may be necessary to acquaint you, has for some months, thrown off all obedience to the Nizam's authority, plundered the Country within a few miles of the Capital, and eluded every attempt that has been made to seize his person. —

Having immediately forwarded a Translate of the particulars enclosed in your letter to Mr. Allum, the Dubar Vakeel, and desired, as well on account of the reputation of the Nizam's Government as of the friendship subsisting between the two States, that effectual steps might be taken to bring the Banditti to due punishment

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and, if possible, to recover the property
plundered by them in the Sabob Walajah's
country, I have now the pleasure to
enclose, for the information of the Board,
copies and Translates of the answers
I have received from the Durbar on the
subject. —

My duty compels me to
forward these papers without omitting any
part of them; but candour obliges me to
add that this is the first time I have
received any complaint of inattention in
Mr. Sadlier in the instances alluded to,
which I have no doubt he will be able
to account for, if it has happened, to
the Board's satisfaction. —

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

Hydrabad
23d. May 1793.

Translate of a Letter from Meer Alleem to Sir
John Kennaway Bart. dated 5th of Shawal
answering to the 16th May 1793.

At this time Meeran
or Dowlah the Talookdar of Nelgonda
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and Dewercoonda has sent to his Highness the Nizam a copy of a letter which he has received from Mehir ali Khan Amil of Palnaud concerning the depredations committed by Meer Imaum and other Zemindars of Dewercoonda in the Company's Talooks, and seizure of the Fort of Serivengeolah. Copy of the said letter and of the one which his Highness has directed Munnaru u Dowlah to write in reply to Mehir ali Khan are inclosed for your information; you will learn the particulars from them. —

Postscript. I have received your kind letter acknowledging the receipt of the Khureetah, and containing an account of the disturbances occasioned by Meer Imaum; for the present a body of troops in addition to those formerly sent, has been ordered to attend Munnaru u Dowlah the Talookdar of Nelgonda and Dewercoonda: if at this time the Company's Troops will also join those of the Nizam in pursuing and rooting out these troublesome Zemindars and

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disturbers in future be detorred from —
acting. —

The little attention of Mr.
Sadleir has been the cause of the evil
of the present disturbances, for had he
prevented the Zemendars of the Company
Talooks from affording protection to these
people, matters would not have come to
this pitch. This matter is too evident
to you, my friend, who wrote several letters
to that Gentleman on the subject, to
require being further dwelt on. —
Translate of copy of a letter from Mahir ali
Khan Aumil of Palnaud to Mumeen ul Dowla
alluded to in the foregoing letter. —

I have derived great satisfaction
and confidence by hearing of your being at
Nelgonda Mirmal, Segahe, Suffoor &
Luckeme Dio Perooni papyah, Mulcoahe
Ramuia Despondeah and Mer Imaeen
&c. disturbers Zemendars of Dewarcoonda
having united, have caused such disturbance
in the Talook of Palnaud, for these two
months past, with a large force, that
there is not a village but what has felt
their

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their hand and oppression. On the 13th of Ramzan at the instigation of Komar Peermah they united, and, with a large force, made a night attack on Tenneycotah — garrisoned by the English, in which there was much property and money belonging to the English, and work houses and Gods of the Nabob's Sircar; they succeeded in their attempt on the Fort, killed and ill treated vast numbers, and, these established, they continue to destroy and burn the villages on all sides; they have plundered about a lack of Pagodas worth of the Company's and the Nabob's property, and the loss of the inhabitants is inestimable This is a business in which the English are concerned, their Garrison has been defeated, and doubtless it will be lengthened to great importance, and not be considered as a trifling matter that is soon overlooked. The English Chiefs have already heard of it, and their Troops are dispatched. By the favor of God the Talook of Dowreconda is under your charge, doubtless you were

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not informed of the above business; however,
after hearing of it, you should not remain
idle or fail to exert your endeavors in
settling matters, and in punishing these
people. at present they are conveying inum-
=erable articles to your quarter. threaten the
above Zemindars and declare to them that
they shall be made to pay tenfold for every
article so conveyed away; I am hopeful
you will make so speedy an arrangement
on your side that nothing may be carried
away: doubtless your injunctions and
arrangements will effect this. Send a few
People this way that these people may
be punished and seized, on this side also
they will soon be chastized. -

Translate of Draft of a letter directed by his
Highness the Nizam to be written by
Meerum u Dowlah to Mehir ali Khan
in reply to the foregoing letter

I have received and
understand the contents of your Kind
letter on the subject of the Depredations
of Meer Imaum &c. rebellious Zemindars

of

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of Dewurcoonda, and capture of the Fort of Temeryedah, the state of the case is this, the Zemindars of Kermanet, Nelgonda and Dewurcoonda for these two or three years past have been wicked plunderers, who, taking protection from the Zemindars of the Company's Polooks, have been constantly in the practice of plundering his Highness's villages, and the travellers on the high roads; whenever the Troops of the Sircar were sent against them it was found impossible to punish them properly, on account of the Company's Districts, which it was necessary to have entered to have effected their due punishment; and which was always refrained from in consideration of the damage the Sircar Troops might occasion in them, and of the complaints the Company would make on the subject to his Highness; in consequence of this predicament several letters were procured from Sir John Kennaway the Resident at his Highness's Court, to Mr. Sadlier, Chief of Masulipatam, requesting that the

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Company's Zemindars might be prevented
from affording protection to those of his
Highness, and that they might be
particularly enjoined on this head. besides
which, abdul Mujid Khan, a person well
informed of the above grievances was sent,
above a year ago, for the express purpose
of removing it, to Masulipatam, to wait
on Mr. Sadleir; however he made no
impression on that Gentleman, and
the Company's Zemindars continued to
afford protection to those of his Highness's
who, residing in the utmost confidence
in the Company's Districts, spread their
devastations far and wide in their
Highness's villages and country. This
being the case how can it be any way
surprising that these people should have
joined Meer Imaum, who has also almost
eighteen months been plundering and
ravaging different parts of this Highness's
country, in committing depredations in
the Company's Districts. If, even now,
the Company's Zemindars shall be
enjoined to refrain from affording any
protection

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protection to those of his Highness, the
adjustment of these matters would be
an easy task. by the favor of God en a
short time these wicked disturbers
would be destroyed, root and branch. If
you will, agreeably to what you have
written, make a proper arrangement in
this business, that the Company's
Government, and obtain a Detachment
to punish these people, a proper mode
of punishing these short sighted disturbers
will also be adopted by his Highness's
Sircar; and if it should be proper, the
Troops of both Sircars may join to
punish them, and follow them wherever
they may fly, and not forbear the
pursuit till they shall be completely
destroyed root and branch; but if,
notwithstanding the depredations of
these people, the Company, on their
side, shall overlook or neglect them,
God knows how far they may be
encouraged to carry their mischief. What
has happened is owing to the neglect
of Mr. Sadleir, who, for years, has shut

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his eyes in the business of these disturbers, and brought matters to their present pitch. The particulars of these matters have been written to you for your information, merely in consideration of the friendship subsisting between his Highness's Circar and that of the Company, which, in fact, are one and the same; that, after learning the real state of them, the Company may take such steps as may appear proper. In short his Highness's Troops are ready to serve with and join those of the Company to punish these rebellious Zemindars; Do not suppose that there is any neglect on this side.—

I have Translated
(Signed) Wm Stewart
Assistant

Minute thereon

Agreed that copies of the above be sent to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, for the purpose of enabling Mr Sadlier to reply to and refute the charge preferred against him

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Inclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a Letter which I have received from the Governor of Pondicherry, requesting to know the cause of the warlike preparations making at this Presidency.

Read the following Translation of a Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor of Madras &c. &c. &c.

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Sir,

From the Governor of Pondicherry requesting to know the cause of the warlike preparations making at Madras.—

The Harmony and good understanding which exist between our respective Nations, appear to me to oblige otherwise the step which I have the Honor to take in respect to you.—

I learn that preparations for War are making at Madras; and, as I have not received any official Intelligence on this Subject, and as they give great uneasiness to the Inhabitants of Pondicherry, permit me to request that you will inform me if possible, what may be the reasons which occasion this Armament, it is not, Sir, that I desire to penetrate the Secrets of your Nation, but Circumstances require that, on my part, I should solicit from your

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Candour, the Cause of a Rupture as
unexpected, and which comes so "mal a
"propos," to disturb the good Faith which
exists between the Subjects of great Britain
and the French who inhabit this part
of the World. I expect Sir from your
Generosity a sincere explanation on this
Point; and be assured whatever may be
the reason of it, it will only add to the
Sentiments of esteem, which I have ever
entertained for the English Nation. —

I have the honor to be
with a high consideration. —

Sir &c &c

(Signed) P. S. Chermont

a true translation

(Signed) T Chase French Trans.r

Resolved, that the following
answer be returned. —

To the Honble Colonel Chermont
Governor of Pondicherry &c &c

Sir,

To Ditto in answer. —

I have had the honor to
receive your letter of the 7th Instant, P
advising

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advising that the warlike preparations making at Madras give great uneasiness to the Inhabitants of Pondicherry, and soliciting from my Candour an explanation of the motives which threaten to disturb the Harmony and Good understanding that have so long subsisted between the Subjects of Great Britain, and the French Residents in India —

I beg you to believe, Sir that I feel disposed, on every occasion, to act with sincerity and candor towards you — but, in the present instance, I cannot, consistently with the trust reposed in me, afford any explanations of the nature you require — I am satisfied you will make due allowance for the circumstances which compel me to this reserve, and that you will permit me to assure you of the high consideration with which I have the Honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) Chas Oakeley

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Ordered

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Ordered that copies of the letters from and to the Governor of P. Pondicherry be sent to Bengal.—

Read the following letter from His Highness the nabob Jentered also in L.L. N.° 124.—

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob Walla Jah Bahauder to Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t Governor of Madras.—

Dated 27.th Showal or 7 June 1793

Received . . 8 D.s

From the nabob has contoders for collecting P. Bullocks and Provision for the Army & measures will also be taken for appointing Bagars.—

I have received your letter dated the 6.th of June, informing me of the war between the English and French nations, and of your considering it necessary to make preparations by P assembling an army, collecting bullocks and provisions, requesting my assistance for the same purpose, and also to appoint bagars for supplying the army when it is sent against Pondicherry; all which I understand— I am well satisfied with the information you have given me of the real state of affairs, my friendship for the Company and English nation, and

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the ready assistance I have always shewn are manefest. I have no other wish than the succes and aggrandejement of my friends, and have, on all occasions, promoted it, when no other prince in Hindostan or Dukan did the same. the former proofs I have given of my friendship are all sufficient - yet, on the very first information I had given to me of approaching hostilities, I sent my son Ambet ul Omra to you, to advise what was best to be done, and, by the Blessing of God, I am ready to give every assistance to my friends, as far as lays in my power. I have sent orders to all my Aumils to collect bullocks for hire, and provisions for the army - there is but little grain in the country on account of the drought, but whatever can be got, shall be collected, you will be so good as to inform me of the - quantity of this, as well as the number of bullocks that will be wanted, and, as you will consider the present state of the west districts for want of rain, you will also take measures for collecting

these

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these articles from Tanjore and other places—
when the army goes against Pondicherry I—
will take measures for supplying bazars;
but you will be so good as to give me
information a fortnight before it is assembled
it was very proper to stop all provisions
from going to that place by sea. I have, on my
part, given positive orders to my Naibs in the
Carnat Province to do the same by land— The
measures you have taken on this occasion
are very proper and prudent, and will be
the means of giving the less trouble to my
noble Freind Marquis Cornwallis— What
shall I say more?

A true translation
(Signed) David Haliburton
Persian Transl.r

Minute thereon

Resolved that a copy of this
and of the former letter from his Highness,
wherein he offers to assist the preparations
making for the seige of Pondicherry to the
utmost of his power, be sent to Bengal,
together with a copy of the Presidents reply
to the first of these letters.—

Read

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Read the following Letter
from Colonel Brathwaite, with Enclosures
entered in Mss B. Nos 101. 102. 103. 104. 104. 106

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite enclosing the opinions he has collected regarding the climate and situation of Arnee.—

I have the honor to enclose to you Copies of Letters I have received on the Subject of the healthiness or unhealthiness of Arnee, in comparison with Vellore, and other Stations and you will find the result to be, that the place is healthy. The very little said against it seems rather to rest on the low and inconvenient buildings there, than the situation.—

By the enquiries I have made among the natives, I am confirmed in the opinion that it is, upon the whole, an healthy situation, indeed I believe it to be as much so as any situation so far removed from the Sea Coast; there is no doubt but the Sea Coast agrees best with European Constitutions, but I really believe Arnee

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Arnee of an inland Station, to be as healthy as any.—

I have the Honor to be,
with respect.—

Military Head Quarters &c &c
Madras June 5th 1793. (Signed) John Braithwaite

Minute thereon

As it appears, from the above report, that Arnee is estimed a healthy situation for Troops there can be no further objection to the measures proposed regarding that station.—

Read the following letters from the officer commanding the Army on the Coast.—

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

Hon.ble Sir,

From Colonel Braithwaite stating his construction of the Marquis Cornwallis's Desire that no Commandant of a Kings Regiment be separated from his Corps—regards orders in regard to different officers he intended to call to the Field of opinion the 3d Regiment of Cavalry should continue in the Trichinopoly Country

Previous to my taking up the whole of the subject of Lt.Col. Gunstary Jackson's Letter of the 4th instant, I think it will be best to speak to the Letter in part, and particularly to one Paragraph of it, as I think, by so doing, time will, in the end, be saved, the Paragraph is as follows.—

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"The President in Council
"observes among your arrangements, an Order
"for Lieutenant Colonel Baird to proceed to
"Wallajaubad" upon this occasion he thinks
"it necessary to observe, that the Marquis
"Cornwallis is very desirous that no officer
"commanding a Regiment belonging to his
"Majesty's should be separated from his
"Corps". -

I am apt to believe that the Marquis's meaning is, that no officer commanding any of his Majesty's Corps should be separated from his Corps, by being removed from it, for the sake of emolument, to any permanent command, which might cause such separation, and not that any officer Commanding any of his Majesty's Corps should not be separated from his Corps for the execution of some temporary active Service; and I am led to put this interpretation on this desire of the Marquis, which you have done me the honor to communicate, because the very Officer in question, Lieutenant Colonel

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Colonel Baird, was separated from his Corps during the war, by being appointed to the Command of a native Brigade, and Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell has been since separated from his Corps for a particular Service.—

I have been exceedingly puzzled to determine how to collect the twelve native Battalions which I have pointed out, and which, considering the present establishment of Battalions, is fewer than I could wish to employ. It was absolutely necessary to draw the 9th native Battalion out of Madura, and I know no way how to provide for that Garrison but by throwing into it His Majesty's 71st Regiment: you will recollect that two Companies of that Corps are already detached to Dindigul, and that I proposed to draw to the Army the Flank Companies of it, so that there would be only six weak Companies of it remaining for Madura, which is Commanded by Major Sale, by the appointment of Government; I thought

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I thought therefore that I might with great propriety avail myself of the services of so active an Officer as Lieutenant Colonel Baird, to Command one of the European Brigades of the Army.—

and I think it proper also to inform you, that I wished also to avail myself of the services of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell; but to do this I must also withdraw him from his Corps and Command, which probably you may object to, from the importance of his present situation, not only as it relates to his Corps and Tanjore, but on account of the present state of the Southern Countries, and as he has already been selected for the Service of the Tinnevelly Country, where perhaps his presence may be again required.—

And as Colonel Fraser has repeatedly applied, since the first Possession of war to be employed in the Field, it was my intention also to call him up to the Army, and to this

also

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also you might perhaps object as the P
Commands a Division of the Army; but
I will add, in that case, I should have
proposed to send Colonel Collins to P
Command the Northern Division I request
to be honored with your Commands in
regard to these my intentions, as that P
if you should object to my employing
all, or any of these Officers on the Pondichery
Service, I may change that arrangement
which I had made up in my mind, and
was about to lay before you. —

From what you are P
pleased to say of the Peninsula Country
I am apt to think it will be safest to
let the 3d Regiment of native Cavalry
remain there altogether. Cavalry, if we
were aware that nothing would be P
attempted during the Siege by any of
our neighbours, is not so essentially
necessary, and I will therefore, if you
please, in lieu of drawing the P
3d Regiment of native Cavalry to
the Army, encrease my Force in P
Infantry, by adding to my former detail
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The 3d Battalion of European Infantry from Velore.—

I have the honor to be with respect.—

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&c &c
Signed/ John Braithwaite

To The Hon^ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Hon^ble Sir,

From Colonel Braithwaite submitting a general Order regarding the new Levies—proposes that the 3d Battalion be ordered to Trichinopoly this arrangements for the Engineer and Pioneer Departments

I have the honor to lay before you the sketch of the Order which I submit to your consideration to be issued by you if you should approve it for carrying into immediate execution every measure relative to the new levies which are become necessary, and in it I have included the Officers I beg leave to recommend for the Command of these Battalions; viz^t Captain Francis Torrens, and Captain Edward Gibbons both of them Officers of great merit, and such as I think perfectly well qualified for the very important charge, which I shall ever consider the

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Command of a native Corps to be. The
Officers I have recommended to be
adjutants viz.t Lieutenant James
Wilson and Lieutenant Robert Kelly
are very meritorious and promising
young Officers, who have been long
posted to native Corps, and are well
acquainted with the language, manners
and customs of the native Soldiers. —

I send this in previous
to laying before you further arrangements
for the Service in contemplation, as the
getting these Corps into some shape is
a necessary preliminary to future
movements. —

And I request that you
will be pleased immediately to order the
7.th native Battalion, which is the most
distant Corps to be employed, to march,
with as little delay as possible, to
Trichinopoly. —

And I recommend also
that all the Engineers on the Establish-
-ent, except one Captain and one
Subaltern for the Service in the
Baramahal

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Baramahal and Salem Countries, may
be ordered, those now to the Northward
and in the Center Division to repair
without loss of time to the Presidency,
and those to the Southward of Tellicherry
Tellicheroon to Cuddalore and I should
be well pleased if Mr. McKenzie,
of the Engineer Corps, who is now
doing duty with Major Roberts's
detachment, could be ordered to the
Presidency for the approaching
service:—

I have been informed by
Lieutenant Dowse that he has an
opportunity now of getting some good
Pioneers who served in the late War—
I could wish very much to see this
very useful Corps augmented by the
addition of one hundred and fifty,
they now consist of four hundred
and fifty and I would recommend that
two officers be added, one Serjeant,
four Havildars and four Naigues,
and two Puckalies, which will just
complete six Companies of one

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hundred each: of the Service we are preparing
for was not in contemplation I should
strongly recommend this addition to the
Pioneer Corps for which there is so much
to do in the Baramahal and Salem
Countries; and as the Pioneer Corps is so
necessary a part of the Establishment,
I hope the Officers doing duty with it may
be returned in that Corps only, and not
take from the strength of other Corps;
and even to these I shall find it necessary
to go and beg to propose a temporary
addition of two or three Subalterns / Junior
to Lieutenant Douse / with parties of
Europeans from the Corps in Garrison, as,
should a Seige take place, some European
Pioneers will be indispensibly necessary;
but it will be for that Service only.—

I have the honor to be,

with respect.—

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&c &c
/Signed/ John Braithwaite

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By Government

The Honorable the P
President in Council is pleased
to resolve that the following
detail of Troops shall be P
levied forthwith to be formed
and stationed as hereafter P
described, Viz.t

Two Native Battalions
one to be denominated the
31st. Battalion of native P
Infantry and to be raised
at Trechinopoly the other
the 32d. Battalion of Native
Infantry to be raised at the
Presidency.—

Also Four Independent
Companies of Native Infantry
to be raised at the Presidency.—

These Companies to
Consist each of 1 Subedar, 1 Jamidar
5 Havildars 5 Naigues, 1 Drum-
-mer 1 Puckally and 90 Privates.

The 31st. and 32d. Battalions

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to be of the same Establishment as already adopted for the Corps of Native Infantry with the addition to each Company of 1 Havildar, one Naique and 22 Privates.-

The Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers required for the New Levies to be furnished from the Supernumeraries on the Establishment, and a Detail of Privates to be drawn from the old Corps for the 31st and 32d Battalions, in the proportion that will give the 10 men per Company.-

An Augmentation of one Havildar one Naique and twenty two Privates is also to be made to each Company of the 5th 11th 12th 13th 20th 25th and 30th Battalions.-

The further detail necessary for carrying these Orders into effect will be issued by

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By the Commanding Officer of the Army.-

The following promotion of Officers to take place pursuant to the resolution of Government regarding the new Levies.-

Lieutenants Donald Mac Donald and Charles Corner to be Captains date of Commission.-

Ensigns Charles Stanley Morgan
William Annesley
R. W. W. Mathews
George Wright
Peter Wright
John Jeremiah Meyer
Mathew Stewart
Sir John Cox, Bart
Robert Brice
Josiah Marshall
John Lloyd Jones
Robert Mackay
James Davis
George Gerrard Johnston
James Wallace
William Waighton to be Lieutenants - date of Commissions

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Mr. Archibald Kelso Cadet
George Pippard — do.
R. F. Fowler do.
William Fraser do.
John Campbell Henderson do.
I. S. Blosfeld do.
Charles Agnew do.
John Raoenkell do.
Nicholas Ayan do.
Charles Savoet do.

Ensigns. date of Commission

To Command the 31st Battalion

Captain - Francis Towers.

Adjutant to Do. Lieutenant James Wilson

To Command the 32d Battalion

Captain Edward Gebbings

Adjutant to Do. Lieutenant George Abbot

Abraham Kelly.

The four Independent Companies of Native Infantry to be in charge of the Town Major of Fort St. George -

The Adjutant of the Black Town is also to act with these Companies which are allowed a Serjeant Major and Drill Serjeant and one Corporal -

To

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To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite proposing that Karikal and the Sepatam the Road, be occupied by a Detachment from Negapatam whether to call the 2d European Battalion, and Colonel Collins to the field.—

I have heard this morning that the French sent two Ships from Pondicherry to the Southward on the 3d of the month, particulars I have not been able to learn; but I think it would be well that Nagore and Negapatam should be put upon their guard; and, if these Vessels are only gone to bring away what there is in Carnical, and perhaps a quantity of Grain, I should not think it impracticable for Captain Ross who has with him at Negapatam altogether a very pretty Force, as you will see by the subjoined detail, with a small field Train, if authorized by you so to do, to surprize at one and the same time Karical and the Vessels in the road; if he succeeded in the attempt it certainly must distress the French, and the acquisition of the vessels, would enable him to transport his Corps and some Stores &

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From the Southward to Cuddalore.-

I beg leave to remind you of the Letter I had the honor to address to you on the 5th instant, and to suggest that, as so many Recruits will be arriving both for His Majesty's and the Company's Service at Fort St George, I should think that the Honble Company's 2d Battalion of European Infantry might be held ready to be employed on the intended attack of Pondicherry; and I certainly would wish to be as strong in European Force as I could be, as every day confirms the report, that a large European Force is hourly expected at Pondicherry from the Islands.-

I have the honor to subjoin for your immediate recollection the details at Negapatam and Tegore.-

And have the honor to be with respect.-

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Lt. Col.
[Signed] John Braithwaite

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	Captains	1st Lieutenants	2d Lieutenants	Adjutant	Qr Master	Surgeons	Mates	Sergeants	Drums	Privates
Royal Artillery at Negapatam	4	3	4	1	1	1	2	6	4	129

Ordnance 4 Pr. 1
3 Pr. 1
1 Pr. 1
8 inch Howitz 1
5½ Do. 1

	Captains	Lieutenants	Lieut.s & Adjutants	Subalterns	Surgeons	Mates	Sergeants	Drums & Fifers	Effectives
2d at Negapatam	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	2	62
3d at Nagore	1	2	1	3	2	1	2	4	64 Invalids

P. S. Since writing the above, I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 6th: as the Garrison of Vellore will be much reduced by the Force which will be withdrawn from it to the Field, I request to know, if you have any objection to my calling out Colonel Kelling for the Field Service, in which case the Command of Vellore will devolve upon Major Murray, who is ordered into that Garrison with

a detachment

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a detachment of dismounted Troopers.—

(Signed) John Braithwaite

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Braithwaite submitting a General Order regarding the Army to be formed & explanation thereon.—

I have now the honor to
submit to your consideration, the Sketch of an
Order to be published by Government, and
which I trust comprehends every thing
necessary for Government to publish in
the way of preparation, either as to the
primary Army of check upon Pondicherry,
or the alternate Army to be formed for its
reduction: what will remain, will be
briefly your approbation of such
appointments as it will become necessary
to make of temporary Staff from His
Majesty's and the Company's Officers,
when the Army comes to be formed. It
will consist, I believe, exclusive of the
Engineer department, Artillery, and Cavalry,
of two Wings, and each Wing will consist
of three Brigades; one European and two
Native, but this I shall have the honor
to

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detail to you more particularly hereafter, in the mean time you will observe, that I have called for all the Staff who are in constant pay that can be spared to be employed in the Field. There is nothing in this Order that has not already been submitted to your consideration and met with your approbation, except in relation to the Artillery department, and in that Lieutenant Colonel Gaitz has stated to me his wish to have as many officers as possible, which has induced me to propose the ordering into the field the Inspectors of Stores from Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Vellore.—

Lieutenant Colonel Gaitz also expressed a strong desire that Lieutenant Scott should be the Commissary of Stores in Camp, and Major Hall suggested the idea of his being immediately appointed Deputy Commissary General to act under him in the fitting out, and it appears to me that this will forward the Service and enable Lieutenant Scott to undertake

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the charge in the field to greater advantage,
and, as the Commissary General of Stores
cannot be spared from the Presidency, I
think it will be with more propriety
that the efficient officer in this depart-
-ment in the field, is stiled Deputy
Commissary General, than simply Commissary
I therefore do not hesitate to recommend
this measure strongly. The officer I
recommended to succeed Lieutenant Scott
as Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam
viz. Lieutenant Fireworker James Hall
distinguished himself much in the
last War, and was most severely
wounded, and I have lately been informed
that both the Marquis Cornwallis and
General Medows wished for an opportunity
to notice him, his station is with Major
Roberts's detachment, but his wounds
have lately distressed him so much, that
he has been obliged to quit it and come
to the Coast, and it is not probable that
he will soon, if ever, be again fit for
field service. —

I am

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In looking over the list of Conductors and their Stations, it appeared that a sufficient number for conducting such a Train could not be called into the field without great inconvenience to the Stores in some places; it appears therefore necessary to recommend the appointment of four new Conductors, and this I the more readily do as the Persons recommended are of very distinguished merit, Mr. Sidney Montague and Mr. Pierce came from Bengal and served in the Artillery Park during the last war, and have remained at the Mount ever since, employed as Writers by Lieutenant Colonel Gaile, in expectation of appointments to come into the Service as Conductors. Serjeant Waterman who now Commands in a Fort of his Highness the Nabobs, Palamcottah near Tuddalore, is a man of singular merit, as is also Serjeant Johnston, and the Service would holds out now no opportunity of rewarding meritorious Serjeants but by making them Conductors, and I should

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should the Plan for the future arrangement of the Military Store department, which the Military Board have to propose, be adopted, a still further encrease of the Establishment of Conductors will become requisite.—

I have said nothing in this Order as to the movement of his Majesty's Artillery from Seringapatam though they make part of the Force to be employed, because I think their Services may be wanted where they are, previous to their moving; and because I should suspect Mr. Mitchell may secure a sea conveyance, which may bring them very shortly, and quite in time if procured one month hence.—

I have also omitted to make any mention of the movement of Major Kerr, with his Corps, to the Presidency, although that movement was mentioned to you in a former Letter, as I think it will be better to move that Corps by a special Order, as soon as we are informed of the full security of

Cuddalore

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Cuddalore.—

Nor have I said any thing of Captain Allen and his Establishment of Guides, because I really do not know on what Service they are employed, & never having had any communication on that subject; but as every Corps that is Ordered at any time to move requires a Guide from Head Quarters if Captain Allen's Services are required elsewhere I request that he may be ordered immediately to send his Guides as follows, ten to Colonel Floyd, ten to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, and the rest to me, otherwise more expensive Establishments of less capable Barkarrahs must be entertained.—

When movements are made I shall as far as I am able provide a security for the Honble Company's Buildings and Bolts.—

I have the honor to be with respect.—

Military Head Quarters
Madras June 10th 1793

P.S. I have the Honor to enclose to you

I. & C.

Signed John Braithwaite

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a Return of the Troops to be employed on the approaching Service, agreeable to what I mentioned in my Letter of the 5th instant.—

In addition to the move-
ments directed in the General Orders of
Government of the 4th Instant.....
.....Government have
thought it necessary by Orders directed
to the Parties and not hitherto published
to call the two Flank Companies of the
Horrible Company's 1st European Battalion
and the 25th Native Battalion to Cuddalore.
And it is now resolved
and Ordered that the Troops Ordered to
assemble at Wallajabad under the command
of Colonel Floyd Cojt. His Majesty's
19th Regiment of Dragoons, the Horrible
Company's 4th Regiment of native
Cavalry, His Majesty's 72d and 73d
Regiments, and the 6th 8th and 19th
Battalions of the Horrible Company's
Native Infantry be reinforced with five

Brigades

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Brigades of Field Peices from the mount and the whole encamp and be held ready to march on a Short warning.-

and that the following Troops in the Center Division do indent for Field equipage.-

His Majestys 36th. Regiment

His Majestys 52d Do.

The Corps of Artillery at the Mount

The Battle company 3d Batln. European Infantry and the Flank companies of the Battle companys 2d Do. and the 3d 5th and 23d Battalions of native Infantry.

The Deputy Adjutant and Deputy Quarter master General to repair without loss of time to Wallajabad to receive the Orders of Colonel Floyd.-

Lieutenant Colonel Wiseliffe and Brigade major Turing and Brigade Quarter master Graham to Indent for Field equipage and proceed to Wallajabad and to be for the present attached to the native Infantry there as a Brigade.-

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Lieutenant Colonel Dugald Campbell to Indent for Field Equipage and hold himself in readiness to move. -

The Corps of Pioneers under the Command of Lieutenant Dowse to be augmented by the addition of two Subalterns one Serjeant four Havildars four naigues two Puckallies and 150 Privates, and to be formed into Six Companies - Their Corps is in future to be considered as a Corps on the Establishment and the Officers attached to it are to be returned in their Corps only.

Lieutenant Grove of the 1st Native Battalion. -

And Lieutenant Charles Armstrong of the 18th Do. are appointed Pioneer Officers. -

The whole of the Engineers under this Presidency in the Center and Northern Division with the Exception of one Captain and One Subaltern Only for the Baramahal and Salem Countries to repair, with as little delay as possible, to the Presidency, Bermacoil or Cuddalore as may be most convenient for their present

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present situation. —

Lieutenant John Taylor Senr.
of the 22d Native Battalion to Command
Salem, vice Mc Donald promoted, and
Captain Read to cause One Company
from Salem with an Officer to proceed to
Kamcul, to relieve Lieutenant Long,
and the Companies of the 23d Native
Battalion are to join their Corps at Ar-
attoore. —

The Officer Commanding at
Tiagar is, without delay, to Detach four
Companies of his Battalion under the
Command of His Eldest Subaltern to
Attoore, to relieve Captain Campbell
and 23d Native Battalion — as soon as
relieved and Collected, Captain Campbell
with the 23d Native Battalion and the
Pioneers ordered by a late Order to assemble
at Attoore must make the best of his
way to Cuddalore, reporting to Head
Quarters the time he expected be there. —

Lieutenant Frew Inspector
of Stores at Vellore, in case the Guns
Ordered to be got ready there, should move

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is to move with them, but without prejudice to his present employ.—

Lieutenant James George late Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam is appointed Deputy Commissary General of Stores, and to join the Artillery at the mount without Delay.—

Lieutenant Fireworker James Hall of the 2d Battalion of Artillery to succeed Lieutenant Scott as Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam.—

Mr Watson Conductor from Amboore to proceed to the Mount.—

The following movements and preparations to take place South of the Coleroon.—

His Majesty's 71st Regiment the Flank Companies Excepted to move into Madura, and Major Dalrymple will be pleased to send two Companies of the Horse Company's 13th Battalion of native Infantry into Madura also.—

As soon as the Troops are arrived to Join the Garrison of this Fort the 9th Battalion of native Infantry is to march

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march out and Lieutenant Colonel Baird with the Flank Companies of his Majesty's 73d and the Bombay Company's 9th Native Battalion is to march to Tritchinopoly and there Encamp.—

Four Companies of the 5th Native Battalion to march to Tanjore, which is to be Garrisoned for the present by these four Companies, and His Majesty's 76th Regiment, the Flank Companies Excepted, and two Companies, remain at Vellum— the Garrison of Tanjore thus formed, Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell with the Flank Companies of his Majesty's 76th Regiment and the Bombay Company's 2d and 24th Native Battalions to march to Trichinopoly, where Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell is to Command the Troops collecting South of the Coleroon for Field Service and on his arrival the Corps of Artillery at Trichinopoly to move out and Encamp with four Eighteen Pounders the Bombay Company's 1st Native Battalion of Infantry is to move out and Encamp also.

Two Parties of Pioneers to be

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be formed from the Honble the Company's
1st Battalion of European Infantry and to
join the Encampment each party to
consist of one Subaltern two Serjeants, two
Corporals and 30 Privates — The Commanding
Officer of the Southern Division to appoint
the Officers to Command those parties who
are to be junior to Lieutenant Dowse, to
these parties are to be added such men
from the Corps as can possibly be spared
who have been bred Smiths, Carpenters
Sawyers, or miners. —

Lieutenant Colonel Capper
and Major Vigors to join the Camp at
Pricheinapoly, as also Brigade Majors
Nightingale, and Bannerman, and
Brigade Quarter Masters Reid and
Gethings — and to be employed by Lieutenant
Colonel Maxwell as Brigade and Staff
Officers till further arrangements take
place on the Junction of the whole force
about to be employed. —

Lieutenant D'Cerne, as
Commissary, to remain at Pricheinapoly
and some Younger Officer, for the present,

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to be sent from the 2d Battalion of Artillery to relieve Lieutenant Darke at Tanjore, and Lieutenants Darke and Prescott to join the Corps of Artillery in Camp without prejudice to their present Employ as Inspector. –

All the Engineers South of the Coleroon without Exception to repair immediately to Cuddalore. –

Mr Franks Conductor at Trichinopoly to proceed to the mount without Delay. –

Mr Warden Conductor at Trichinopoly to take the Field with the Corps of Artillery. –

Mr Stevens Dr at Madura

Mr Ticken Dr at Dindegul to repair Directly to Trichinopoly and join the Corps of Artillery there. –

Mr Montague } at the mount
Mr Pierce }

Sergeant Wallerman now Commanding at Palamcotah near Cuddalore and Sergeant Johnston late Quarter Master Sergeant of the 13th Native Battalion

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are appointed Conductors and to repair to the mount immediately.—

The Chief Engineer to make the necessary Indents for the equipment of his Corps for the Field, and Individual Engineers repairing to the Presidency, Cuddalore or Permacoil are not to indent at any of the places from whence they start.

Orders relative to Ordnance and Military Stores in general, will be sent through the military Board to the several Departments— and to the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and the Agent for issuing the Bullock Company's Arrack relative to their Departments through the Secretary of the military Department.—

Major The Board to lay before the Military Board immediately an arrangement for a General medical Establishment for the Army in the Field.—

Matters being thus prepared, all future Orders relative to movements &c will be issued by the Officer Commanding the Army, to whom Officers Commanding and Heads of Departments are

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are to make such reports and communications of the State of preparation in which they are, as may enable him to judge.—

As soon as the 21st Battalion raising at Trichinopoly shall be found to be in such a state of forwardness as to admit of it, the Officer Commanding the Southern Division is to send the remaining four Companies of the 5th Native Battalion to Tanjore.—

Minutes and resolutions on the four foregoing letters from Colonel Braithwaite.

Agreed to inform Colonel Braithwaite that the Board have no objection to his availing himself of the services of Lieutenant Colonels Maxwell and Baird with the Army in the Field, but that, as Colonel Fraser is in the Command of an extensive and important charge, where his services can be very usefully employed, they wish him to remain.—

Resolved that the 3d Regiment of native Cavalry be cantoned in Tinnevelly Country.—

Agreed

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Agreed that the General order recommended by Colonel Brathwaite regarding the new Levies be published to the Army.—

Agreed that the 7th Battalion of native Infantry be ordered to march to Trichinopoly with as little delay as possible.—

The Board approve the arrangements recommended for the Engineer and Pioneer Departments.— Ordered that a Letter be written to Sir John Kennaway requesting he will apply to the Nizam for his consent to the temporary absence of Lieutenant Mackenzie from the Detachment.—

The Board cannot adopt the proposition of Colonel Brathwaite regarding Karical and the two French Ships, as it is not their intention to proceed to any act of Hostility towards the French, until official accounts of the war be received from England, or that the French themselves become the aggressors in this part of the world.—

Colonel

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Colonel Collins being in the Command of a Frontier Post of very great importance, the Board cannot think of calling him from it at this Juncture—

Agreed that the Draft of the order submitted with Colonel Brathwaites letter of the 10th instant be published to the army.—

Agreed that Captain Allan of the Guides be directed to conform to the recommendation of Colonel Brathwaite, and to proceed himself to Walajanbad to act under the orders of Colonel Floyd in case he cannot go on with the Service on which he is now employed, without the Assistance of the Guides.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

From military Board with a present state of military Stores in the arsenal, enquiries in consequence.—

Hon'ble Sir,

We have the Honor to lay before you, a Return of the present State of Military Stores in the Arsenal shewing

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shewing the stated proportion of Articles for Fort St George, what remains in the Magazines, and what articles are wanting to complete the stated proportion, likewise to submit to your Honorable Board whether it might not be prudent, on the present occasion, to authorize that the stated proportion for the Presidency may be compleated, as far as can be done, by providing without delay, such as can be provided here, and by indenting on Fort William for such as cannot be provided here, and may be furnished from thence.—

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Chas Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
Thomas Geely
Jn Richardson
BJ Close
Geo. Maule
George Hall

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Agreed to authorize the provision of such stores as can be furnished

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Furnished at the Presidency in order to
complete the stated proportion for Fort St. George
but that it be not permitted to interfere
with the preparations now on foot for the
Siege of Pondicherry.—

Agreed to indent upon
Fort William for such Military Stores
as cannot be provided here, so soon as a list
be furnished of the articles required from
that Presidency.—

Read the following letter
from the Commissary General of
Grain and Provisions.—

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Military
Department

Sir,

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions suggesting a mode of conveying stores to Chinglepute. is taking steps for collecting Grain at Pennacoil.—

Since my address to you
of the 5th Instant I received your Letter
enclosing Copy of the arrangements
proposed by the Military Board, and
the directions of the Honble the Governor
in Council to be guided thereby in
providing Draught and Carriage Bullocks

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The following Statement will shew the Carriage and Draught, required agreeably thereto — the number ordered and what is wanting to Complete. —

	Carts & Draught Bullock & Carriage Bullocks required to complete the arrangements ordered	Draught Carriage Carts ordered	Draught Carriage Carts wanting to complete the Military Chest	Draught Carriage Carts required
At Trichinopoly				
For the Heavy Guns		232	232	
For the Carriage of Stores		1698	1698	
besides the necessary Carriage for the Corps Equipage of Corps to march from the Garrison				
At Tanjore				
For the Carriage of Stores		583	583	
besides the necessary Carriage for the Corps to march from thence.				
At Vellore				
For the Guns		1656	08	
Besides the Carriage for the movement of Corps from Amboor, Vellore Arcot Cannatore Arnee and Velagaudabad. —				
and the following is required				
At Madras				
For the Battering and Field Train		4040		
Ordered as per my Letter of the 6th Instant		3275		765
Wanting to Complete at Madras				
Carried forward		5163	339	765

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Carts Draught and Carriage Bullocks required to complete and Carriage the arrangement of this Establishment

Carts Draught and Carriage Bullocks wanting to Complete — Ordered

Draught Carts Draught Carts Draught Carts

Brought forward 5163 333 11 765

Madras continued

required for the Carriage of Stores from Madras } . . . 16,033 11

of which I have ordered for Camp Equipage and Stores } 4000

wanting to Complete 12,033

Required for the Transport of Stores which Cannot be carried upon Bullocks . . . . . } 2472

Ordered for the Arrack and Provision Carts &c. . . . } 325

Total number of Bullocks and Carts Ordered to be Entertained — Exclusive of what may be required for the movement of Corps from Stations . . . . . } . . . 5488 333 273

Wanting to Complete . . . 765 1203

The number of Bullocks wanting to Complete is great, and I therefore propose to order 1000 or 1500 more carriage Bullocks at Madras, as part of the number already ordered

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must be supplied the Corps and Departments to move from hence and Poonamalle – but even that addition with every effort in my power to make to procure as many Carts as possible, will be very inadequate, unless it is immediately resolved to send on by Ships to Chinglepat with the Bullocks and Carts as they Come in, all the Stores to be dispatched from Madras – From whence they can again be moved on by Ships to Permacoil under Cover of the Army of Observation so soon as formed – This I hope may be effected without occasioning greater delay than must necessarily arise by waiting until the full Equipment of Cattle ordered, Could be completed, and will most undoubtedly prove a very material saving of expence –

The Honble Board will perceive that I have made no provision of Carriage Bullocks for the Grain Department – I am now sending One Hundred Garee of Rice to Chinglepat on Carts – from whence, like the Stores, it can be Conveyed by Ships to Permacoil

&c

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as soon as practicable, and in Consequence of Directions received from the Honble the Governor in Council I instructed Mr. A. Skardon to proceed without delay to A Permacoil, with a view to Collect all the Grain to the North and West of Condicherry, and, by offering a liberal price, to deprive the Garrison of what there is every reason to believe would to them prove a most essential Supply - as well as to Encourage bringing into Permacoil Grain from the Surrounding Countries -

I have likewise, in Consequence of Instructions from the Honble the Governor in Council called upon the Resident at Tanjore to inform me what quantity of Paddy he has in his A Districts, how many Garce he can beat into Rice in the Course of the month, and whether he can procure Freight for it to Cuddalore in the months of July and August - There is I understand under Mr Strange's Charge on the Coast about 3000 Garce of Paddy which, if A required, could I conclude be brought to

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Cuddalore, and that alone is equal to the provision of 50,000 Men / the probable N. number of fighting men and followers to be fed / for four and a half Months. —

I have further ordered one Bullock load of Grain for Each horse to move with the Cavalry equal to 14 days supply, and have given directions that as the Loads are Expended, the Bullocks are to be sent back daily to the respective Grain Stores for Fresh Supplies. —

I am &c &c

(Signed) Thos. Cockburn
acty Q.M.G.

Madras
11th June 1793.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the mode suggested by Mr. Cockburn for the conveyance of the Stores to Chingleput be approved, and that a copy of the letter be sent to the Military Board for their Guidance. —

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue. —

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir.

From Board of Revenue reporting the measures taken by Mr. Strange for the security of the Grain at Trichinopoly and Vasangerry: - has laid an Embargo on the Exportation of Grain from the Tanjore Districts his letter on the subject. -

We have the honor to lay before you a Copy of a Letter just received from the Collector in the Eastern division of Tanjore: the measures adopted by him for the security of the Grain at Tremmilwaash and Vasangerry appear to us to be proper, and we beg leave to request your orders regarding its future disposal, and the General Embargo on the Exportation of Grain from the Districts under his management. -

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
10th June 1793.

&c &c

(Signed) David Haliburton
Chas. S. White
Jno. Cockburn

To David Haliburton Esqr.
Acting President and Members of
Revenue Board,

Gentlemen,

I have this Day received

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Mr. Deputy Secretary Reads Letter of the 2d Instant acquainting me with the Determination of Government, to restore to His Excellency the Rajah the Management of His Country on the 12th of next Month; to which I shall pay due Obedience.—

Considering as I do the present posture of Public Affairs in regard to France, I think it my particular Duty to state to you, the very perilous and unprotected state to which a large and valuable Store of Grain is exposed on the Beach of the Ports of Tranquebar and of Sapongerry in the District under my Management.—

I cannot at this moment take upon me to state to you exactly what the Quantity may amount to; but I have reason to believe it is little, if any thing, short of three thousand Garce.

It seems reasonable to suppose that the first Object of the attention of the French at Pondicherry will be directed to the means of Providing Subsistance

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Subsistance for the defence thereof, and it is obvious, that their Wants can no where be so Speedily Satisfied, as by P making themselves masters of these Ports, which, in their present defenceless State, they may readily do, and with very little momentary exertion, ship off the greatest part of this Store; and if hindered from Securing the whole of it, at least they will destroy that which they are not able to take away. The Acquisition to the Enemy of such a Valuable Store of Grain, at such a moment as the present, appears to me an Object of the utmost and importance. To Guard P against so great an Evil, I have thought it consistent with my Duty, to make a Requisition to the Commanding Officer of Sepoys for Two Companys of Sepoys to be posted at each of these Ports, which Num of Apprehension will be sufficient to prevent the Landing of Boats, and, in taking this great Responsibility on myself, I rely, as well on the Candour of your Board,

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as on the upright motives which have ever actuated me in the Discharge of the great Trust with which I have been honored. -

As it is possible that the Commanding Officer, may be in possession of such Political information as may Justify his refusal to grant the military aid I require, so therefore, if what I have suggested meets your approbation it will be requisite, that no time is lost in giving your Specific orders on the Subject; for the mischief which I apprehend may happen, will, if at all be speedily accomplished, and it is on this apprehension that I have thought a reference to you in the first Instance might defeat the purpose intended. -

I have moreover thought it Consistent with my Duty, to lay an Embargo on the Export of all Grain until I shall be honored with your Commands on the Subject; my Reason for so doing is, that no Country Boats can possibly escape through the Roads of Pondicherry

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if it is an Object of Political expediency to intercept them — and many of them might be tempted to Land their Cargoes there, if no such hinderance was to take Place. —

If what I have done meets your approval I shall be highly gratified by the Communication of it. —

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Jas. Strange
Coll.

Tanjore
5th June 1793.

A true Copy
(Signed) John Read
Depy Secy

Minute thereon

The Board entirely approve the measures adopted by Mr. Strange for the Security of the Grain at Trincalimaly and Vasungenny, and the orders issued by him prohibitory of the exportation of Grain from the Districts under his management. The Board are not informed whether any part of the Grain at the two Ports abovementioned be public Property — but to whomsoever it belongs

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It is resolved that the Collector do hold it
under his charge until further orders,
reporting to the Revenue Board, for the
information of Government, the quantity
belonging to Individuals, and the names
of the Proprietors.—

Read the following Letter
from the Governor and Council at
St Helena, received per Royal Charlotte.—

To the Honble the President and Council
for all the Forces and Affairs of the
English Nation at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

In obedience to our Honble
Masters' Orders, and agreeably to our intimation
contained in Letter under date of the 27th
Ultimo, We have embarked on Board the
Ship Royal Charlotte for your Presidency
Three Sergeants, Three Corporals, One
Hundred and two Privates and two
Women, Wives to two of the latter, The
Men have all agreed to serve Five
Years from their Arrival in India and

have

From St Helena
enclosing a return
of the Detachment
embarked on the
Royal Charlotte
for the Coast.—

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have received Bounty accordingly — This Detachment We have entrusted under Captain Pryce to the care of Sergeant Major Michael Newman an experienced and good Non commissioned Officer — A List of the Detachment, and Copy of the Articles they have Signed to, go enclosed — And that they may arrive in Health and prove serviceable to your Establishment is the sincere Wish of —

D.r Sir

Your

Signed Rob Brooke

F. Robson

Wm Wrenghame

St Helena
8th April 1793.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Cuddalore —

The Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bart

Honble Sir,

From Resident at Cuddalore reporting the steps he has taken for securing the Fort against surprize — Intelligence from Pondichery

In consequence of the intelligence contained in your letter of the 31st ultimo I lost no time in taking such steps as my situation afforded to guard against any Attempts

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which might be made from Pondicherry —
Major Ors has stationed Parties of Horse
on the Roads to watch and communicate
the Motions of the French; and, that P
nothing might be wanting in point
of defence about, 300 Coolies were P
immediately set to work to stockade the
North and South Angles of the Fort
and to put things in the best state
of defence they would admit — Arms have
been given to about 130 Polygars, and
altho' much dependence cannot be P
placed on these Men, they shall be P
made as useful as possible; and I have
the pleasure to say that the Inhabitants
have offered to defray the Expence of
these preparations — As the Fort is
very extensive and very weak, and the
Sea Face in many parts entirely open
it has been judged expedient to select
the most defensible Bastion as the
principle Place for resistance, and
for the security of the Factory House
— The Flag Staff Bastion is the one

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fixed on, and much has been done to it in a short time, and, if property defended, it is capable of resisting the whole of force the French can bring against it — I have concerted means with Major Orr for the Cooperation of his Regement, and I beg leave to assure you that no Efforts shall be wanting to defend the Honble Companys Property, and to repel any Attack that may be made on the Place —

A Boat will sail this Night, with such Dates as I have in readiness, and I have given the most pointed directions to the Masters of it, to make a good offing, and to stand clear of Pondicherry Roads —

Two Vessells anchored in Pondicherry Roads yesterday with Military Stores which are now landing — several thousand Inhabitants have already left the place, and an Order was this Day published directing such as had not a stock of Provisions sufficient

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sufficient for 5 or 6 Months, to depart — the greatest consternation prevails throughout the Place, and they are in want of allmost every necessary but particularly of Grain —

Cuddalore
5th June 1793.

I am with Respect
&c &c
(Signed) J. Reneworthey

Minute thereon

The Board approve the measures taken by Mr. Reneworthey to secure the Fort of Cuddalore against any surprize on the part of the French — they depend upon his vigilance and activity for the safety of the Company's possessions entrusted to his charge — and hope that the reinforcement ordered from Trichinopoly will arrive at Cuddalore before any attempt can be made to molest them. —

Read the following letter from the Commandant at Permacoil —

To

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

Honble Sir

From Commandant at Permacoil stating intelligence from Pondicherry and the Repairs he is making towards strengthening the Hill proposes the repair of a choultry on the Summit.

I have the Honor to acquaint you that a Naigue's Guard, I have posted at a Choultry Six miles from Pondicherry Report to me that Fire wood, Grain and other Articles, though in small Quantities, is still carried into Pondicherry, by 4 different Roads - This being the act of the Nabob's Amuldars, I await your further instructions, with regard to the propriety of an interference on my part in this particular. -

The French are now very strict in examining all Black People that pass the Gates of Pondicherry, A Hircarrah Sent from this two days ago returned this morning, who after having been interrogated at a Choultry within the Place was liberated. He counted Twenty Six Guns on the Works and Ten upon the Parade, which they now Transporting, in different directions

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They have a great many
Coolies working at the North angle of the
Fort, and also upon a Rising Ground out
of the Fort, between the Villenatoe and
Madras Gate — a great many Inhabitants
have left Pondicherry, where they
appear to be in great Alarm — I am
informed, at the same time, from a
Cuddalore, that they are under apprehen-
sions, of an attack from Pondicherry, as
the Garrison is far from strong. —

I acquainted your Honble
Board, that in consequence of Mr. Hardon
having received Orders to Lodge Provisions
on the Hill, and to guard against the
resquest of
that I had taken it upon me to employ
what Coolies I could collect, to clear a
away the rubbish in the Fort and to
build a Breast work at the Gate way.
in these and other works I have thought
necessary, I have paid for Salem about
Six Pagodas per Day, which being an
expence unauthorized, your Honble Board
will determine on the propriety of what
I have

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I have done, and also Honor me with your instructions, with regard to a further continuation of this expence, which I shoulde allways endeavour to conduct, with the utmost economy — The Choultry on the Summitt, tho' much injured, is notwithstanding, very capable of Repairs and an object, will worth the expence as it can certain with ease 250 men with abundance of Room also, for a Quantity of Military Stores — were your Honble Board to allow the Sum of 500 Pagodas, for these two objects, the Barracks and Military Stores, I would willingly undertake the work, which could be finished in Five or Six Weeks, with a compleat Repair, sufficiently durable for a number of years; I trust your Honble Board will consider my motives in making these representations as a desire, on my part, to forward the Service to the utmost extent of my ability. —

I remain with Respect
&c. &c.

Permacoil June 6th 1793.

(Signed) John Lindsay Depy Qr. Mr.

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Captain P
Lindsay be permitted to disburse such
a sum as may be absolutely necessary
to complete the repairs detailed in the
foregoing letter, taking care that the P
whole do not exceed five hundred 1500 Pagodas

Read the following letter
from the Rajah of Tanjore, entered also
in C. C. N° 125.1.-

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of P
Tanjore to the Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bart
President Governor - Dated 8th June 1793.

The letter together with
the treaty you have formed, which
your Excellency did me the honour of
forwarding through the means of my
Vakeel Iramchuck Sombagee arrived
here on the 5th Instant - Having
understood the contents, I this day sent
to invite Mr Thomas Peirce, Captain
and the other Senders, and affixed my
Seal and Signature to the treaty and
schedall in their presence. They are
forwarded with this Letter, which my
Vakeel

From the Rajah of Tanjore, returning the Treaty duly executed. -

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Sir I will have the honour of delivering
As I have been favored by
the Hostile Company and upheld by
them, truly upon the English, their
faith, and sincerity, and I shall be ever
ready to afford them such assistance
as may come within the reach of my
power. –

I am confident in your
honour and dignity that the country
will be restored to my hands on the
12th July according to the resolution,
which you have passed for that
purpose. your Excellency may be assured
that there never will be the smallest
deviation on my part in the Company's
affairs. Believe me always your
sincere Friend. To Friend why should
I write more? –

A true translation
[Signed] J. Webbe
Jr. J.

Resolved

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the Counterpart thereof signed by the Board in consequence, and ordered to be forwarded to the Rajah.—

Resolved that the Counterpart of the Treaty with the Rajah of Tanjore be now signed by the Board, and transmitted to his Excellency.—

Read the following Extract of a Letter from the Governor and Council of St Helena, addressed to the Public Department.—

Extract of a Letter from St Helena, Dated 27th March 1793

Our last addresses were forwarded by the Ship Ocean, under date of the 12th and 14th March 1792, and Duplicate of the former by Ship Valentine.—

From St Helena requesting that the Hammocks belonging to the military embarked on the Royal Charlotte may be returned to them.—

Since the above Period, We have been favored with your several Letters dated 26th January 17th March 31st July and 5th June 1792.—

By the Ship Ocean, which arrived here on the 12th February last, was returned the Sergeant and Fifer which were sent to your Presidency upon that Ship with the Detachment, the Drummer dying upon the Passage.—

Having again received Orders from the Honble the Court of Directors, to

Forward

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Forward upon the Ship Royal
Charlotte to Madras, One Hundred
Military of this Garrison, We
shall do ourselves the Honor
to address you on this subject
by a separate Packet, whenever
that Ship is near upon Sailing, W
but we are sorry to observe, that, W
as the Hammocks have not W
been returned, which were furnished
the Detachment for Ceylon, W
We shall be under the necessity
of putting the Company to an
extra expence in providing W
New ones for the present W
Draught: at the same time W
we cannot but take Blame W
to ourselves on this Account, W
as, upon reference to our last
Letters, we find it was W
never requested, but that it W
was particularly desired. —
We therefore request that as it is

possible

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probable We may be Ordered, &
again to send Men to your &
Presidency, that you will be
pleased to give Directions that
the Hammocks furnished &
the present Detachment, may
be returned to us again upon
the same Ships. —

A true Extract
Signed J. Webbe
Depy Secy

Ordered. —

Ordered that the —&
Hammocks belonging to the
St Helena Detachment be &
retained on the board the Royal
Charlotte and carried back to the
Island

returned

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Island, agreeably to the desire expressed
by the Government at that place.—

Chas Oakeley.

E. H. Fanshawe

George Parry Esq

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Memorandom of G. O.

By Government

The Honorable the President in Council is pleased to resolve that the following detail of Troops shall be raised forthwith to be formed and stationed as hereafter described, Viz.t

Two Native Battalions one to be denominated the 31st. Battalion of native Infantry and to be raised at Trechinopoly — The other the 32d. Battalion of Native Infantry to be raised at the Presidency. —

Also Four Independent Companies of Native Infantry to be raised at the Presidency. —

These Companies to Consist each of 1 Subedar, 1 Jemidar 5 Havildars 5 Naigues, 1 Drummer 1 Puckally and 90 Privates.

The 31st. and 32d. Battalions

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to be of the same Establishment as already adopted for the Corps of Native Infantry with the addetion to each Company of 1 Havildar, one Naigue and 22 Privates.-

The Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers required for the New Levies to be furnished from the Supernumeraries on the Establishment, and a Detail of Privates to be drawn from the old Corps for the 31st and 32d Battalions, in the proportion that will give the 10 men per Company.-

An Augmentation of one Havildar one Naigue and twenty two Privates is also to be made to each Company of the 5th 11th 12th 13th 20th 21st and 30th Battalions.-

The further detail necessary for carrying these Orders into effect will be issued by

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by the Commanding Officer of the Army.—

The following promotion of Officers to take place pursuant to the resolution of Government regarding the new Levies.—

Lieutenants Donald Mac Donald and Charles Conner to be Captains— date of Commission.—

Ensigns Charles Stanley Morgan
William Annesley
R. W. W. Mathews
George Wright
Peter Wright
John Jeremiah Meyer
Mathew Stewart
Sir John Cox, Bart.
Robert Brice
Joseph Marshall
John Lloyd Jones
Robert Mackay
James Davis
George Gerrard Johnston
James Wallace
William Haughton to be Lieutenants— date of Commissions

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Mr. Archibald Kelso Cadet
George Pippard — Do.
R. F. Fowler — Do.
William Fraser — Do.
John Campbell Henderson Do.
I. S. Blofeld — Do.
Charles Ayres — Do.
John Ravenhill — Do.
Nicholas Ayan — Do.
Charles Savoet — Do.

Ensigns date of Commission

To Command the 31st Battalion
Captain Francis Towers.
Adjutant to Do. Lieutenant James Wilson

To Command the 32d Battalion
Captain Edward Gebbings
Adjutant to Do. Lieutenant George Abbe

Abraham Kelly.

The four Independent
Companies of Native Infantry to be
in charge of the Town Major of
Fort St. George.—

The Adjutant of the
Black Town is also to act with them
Companies which are allowed a Serjeant
Major and Drill Serjeant — and
one Conicopoly.—

To

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To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Braithwaite proposing that Kerikal and the Vizeadrain the Road, be surprized by a Detachment from Negapatam & thus to cut the 2d European Battalion, and Colonel Bollins to the field. —

I have heard this morning that the French sent two Ships from Pondicherry to the Southward on the 3d of the month, particulars I have not been able to learn; but I think it would be well that Nagore and Negapatam should be put upon their guard; and, if these Vessels are only gone to bring away what there is in Conceal, and perhaps — a quantity of Grain, I should not think it impracticable for Captain Ross who has with him at Negapatam altogether a very pretty Force, as you will see by the subjoined detail, with a small Field Train, if authorized by you so to do, to surprize at one and the same time Carreal and the — Vessels in the road; if he succeeded in the attempt it certainly must distress the French, and the acquisition of the Vessels, would enable him to transport his Corps and some Stores —

From

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from the Southward to Cuddalore.-

I beg leave to remind you of the Letter I had the honor to address to you on the 5th instant, and to suggest that, as so many Recruits will be arriving both for His Majesty's and the Company's Service at Fort St George, I should think that the Honble Company's 2d Battalion of European Infantry might be held ready to be employed on the intended attack of Pondicherry; and I certainly would wish to be as strong in European Force as I could be, as every day confirms the report, that a large European Force is hourly expected at Pondicherry from the Islands.-

I have the honor to &c
subjoin for your immediate recollection
the details at Nagapatam and Negore.-

And have the honor
to be with respect.-
&c &c
[Signed] Colin Braithwaite

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Royal

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	Captains	1st Lieutenants	2d Lieutenants	Adjutant	Qr. master	Surgeons	Mates	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates
Royal Artillery at Negapatam	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	6	4	129

Ordnance 4 Pr. 1
3 Pr. 1
1 Pr. 1
8 inch Howitz 1
5½ Do. 1

	Captains	Lieutenants	Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Gunners & Matrosses	Invalids
2d at Negapatam	1	1	2	2	4	10	2	62
3d at Nagore	1	2	1	3	2	12	4	64 Invalids

P. S. Since writing the above, I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 6th, as the Garrison of Vellore will be much reduced by the Force which will be withdrawn from it to the Field, I request to know, if you have any objection to my calling out Colonel Kelling for the Field Service, in which case the Command of Vellore will devolve upon Major Murray, who is ordered into that Garrison with a detachment

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a detachment of dismounted Troopers.—

(Signed) John Braithwaite

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Braithwaite submitting a General Order regarding the Army to be formed Explanation thereon.—

I have now the honor to submit to your consideration, the Sketch of an Order to be published by Government, and which I trust comprehends every thing necessary for Government to publish in the way of preparation, either as to the preliminary Army of check upon Pondicherry, or the alternate Army to be formed for its reduction: what will remain, will be chiefly your approbation of such appointments as it will become necessary to make of temporary Staff from his & Majesty's and the Company's Officers, when the Army comes to be formed. It will consist, I believe, exclusive of the Engineer department, Artillery, and Cavalry, of two Wings, and each Wing will consist of three Brigades; one European and two Native, but this I shall have the honor to

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detail to you more particularly hereafter, in the mean time you will observe, that I have called for all the Staff who are in constant pay that can be spared to be employed in the Field. There is nothing in this Order that has not already been submitted to your consideration and met with your approbation, except in relation to the Artillery department, and in that Lieutenant Colonel Gaile has stated to me his wish to have as many officers as possible, which has induced me to propose the ordering into the Field the Inspectors of Stores from Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Vellore.—

Lieutenant Colonel Gaile has expressed a strong desire that Lieutenant Scott should be the Commissary of Stores in Camp, and Major Hall suggested the idea of his being immediately appointed Deputy Commissary General to act under him in the fitting out, and it appears to me that this will forward the Service and enable Lieutenant Scott to undertake

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the charge in the field to greater advantage,
and, as the Commissary General of Stores
cannot be spared from the Presidency, I
think it will be with more propriety
that the efficient officer in this depart-
ment in the field, is stiled Deputy
Commissary General than simply Commissary
I therefore do not hesitate to recommend
this measure strongly. The officer I
recommended to succeed Lieutenant Scott
as Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam
viz.t Lieutenant Fireworker James Bell
distinguished himself much in the
last war, and was most severely I
iwounded, and I have lately been informed
that both the Marquis Cornwallis and
General Medows wished for an opportunity
to notice him, his station is with Major
Roberts's detachment, but his wounds
have lately distressed him so much, that
he has been obliged to quit it and come
to the Coast, and it is not possible that
he will soon, if ever, be again fit for
field service. —

I &c

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In looking over the list of Conductors and their Stations, it appeared that a sufficient number for conducting such a Train could not be called into the field without great inconvenience to the Stores in some places; it appears therefore necessary to recommend the appointment of four new Conductors, and this I the more readily do as the Persons recommended are of very distinguished merit, Mr. Sidney Montague and Mr. Pierce came from Bengal and served in the Artillery Park during the last war, and have remained at the Mount ever since, employed as Writers by Lieutenant Colonel Geils, in expectation of appointments to vacancies to come into the Service as Conductors. Serjeant Waterman who now commands in a Fort of his Highness the Nabobs / Palamcottah near Tuddalore / is a man of singular merit, as is also Serjeant Johnston, and the Service at both sides out now an opportunity of rewarding meritorious Serjeants but by making them Conductors, and I should

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should the Plan for the future arrangement of the Military Store department, which the Military Board have to propose, be adopted, a still further increase of the Establishment of Conductors will become requisite.—

I have said nothing in this Order as to the movement of his Majesty's Artillery from Negapatam though they make part of the Force to be employed, because I think their Services may be wanted where they are, previous to their moving; and because I should suppose Mr. Mitchell may secure a sea conveyance, which may bring them very shortly, and quite in time if procured one month hence.—

I have also omitted to make any mention of the movement of Major Orr, with his Corps, to the Presidency, although that movement was mentioned to you in a former Letter, as I think it will be better to move that Corps by a special Order, as soon as we are informed of the full security of Cuddalore

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Cuddalore.—

Nor have I said any thing of Captain Allen and his Establishment of Guides, because I really do not know on what Service they are employed, & never having had any communication on that subject; but as every Corps that is Ordered at any time to move requires a Guide from Head Quarters if Captain Allen's Services are required elsewhere I request that he may be ordered immediately to send his Guides as follows, ten to Colonel Floyd, ten to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, and the rest to me, otherwise more expensive Establishments of less capable Barkarrahs must be entertained.—

When movements are made I shall as far as I am able provide a security for the Horrible Company's Buildings and Lotts.—

I have the honor to be with

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respect.—

&c &c

(Signed) John Braithwaite

P.S. I have the Honor to enclose to you

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a Return of the Troops to be employed on
the approaching Service, agreeable to
what I mentioned in my Letter of the
5th instant.—

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In addition to the move-
ments directed in the General Orders of
Government of the 6th Instant.....
.....Government have
thought it necessary by Orders directed
to the Parties and not hitherto published
to call the two flank Companies of the
Bombay 1st European Battalion
and the 25th Native Battalion to Cuddalore.
And it is now resolved
and Ordered that the Troops
assemble at Wallajabad under the command
of Colonel Floyd Vizt. His Majesty's
19th Regiment of Dragoons, the Bombay
Company of 4th Regiment of native
Cavalry, His Majesty's 72d and 73d
Regiments, and the 6th 9th and 19th
Battalions of the Bombay Company's
native Infantry be reinforced with five

Brigadier

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Brigades of Field Peices from the mount
and the whole encampt and be held ready
to march on a Short warning -

And that the following Troops
in the Center Division do indent for
Field equipage -

His Majestys 36th Regiment
His Majestys 52d Do
The Corps of Artillery at the Mount
The Grenadie Company & Battn
European Infantry and the Flank Companies
of the Battalion Companys 2d Do and the 3d
5th and 23d Battalions of Native Infantry.

The Deputy Adjutant and Deputy
Quarter master General to repair without
loss of time to Wallajabad to receive the
Orders of Colonel Floyd -

Lieutenant Colonel A
Bielcliffe and Brigade major Turing and
Brigade Quarter master Graham to
Indent for Field equipage and proceed
to Wallajabad and to be for the present
attached to the native Infantry there
as a Brigade -

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Dugald Campbell to Indent for Field Equipage and hold himself in readiness to move.-

The Corps of Pioneers under the Command of Lieutenant Douse to be augmented by the addition of two Subalterns one Serjeant four Havildars four naigues two Puckallies and 150 Privates, and to be formed into Six Companies- This Corps is in future to be considered as a Corps on the Establishment and the Officers attached to it are to be returned on their Corps only.

Lieutenant Grove of the 1st Native Battalion.-

And Lieutenant Charles [illegible] are appointed Pioneer Officers.-

The whole of the Engineers under this Presidency in the Center and [illegible] with the exception of Northern Division with the exception of one Captain and One Subaltern Only for the Baramahal and Salem Countries to repair, with as little delay as possible, to the Presidency, Permacoil or Cuddalore as may be most convenient for their present

Lieutenant Colonel Campbell is included

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present situation. —

Lieutenant John Taylor Senr.
of the 22d Native Battalion to Command
Salem, vice Mc Donald promoted, and
Captain Read to cause One Company
from Salem with an Officer to proceed to
Namcul, to relieve Lieutenant Long,
and the Companies of the 23d Native
Battalion are to join their Corps at Ar-
attoore. —

The Officer Commanding at
Trichinopoly is, without delay, to Detach four
Companies of his Battalion under the
Command of His Eldest Subaltern to
Attoore, to relieve Captain Campbell
and 23d Native Battalion — as soon as
relieved and Collected, Captain Campbell
with the 23d Native Battalion and the
Pioneers ordered by a late Order to assemble
at Attoore must make the best of their
way to Cuddalore, reporting to Head
Quarters the time he expected be there. —

Lieutenant Frere Inspector
of Stores at Vellore, on case the Grent.
Ordered to be got ready there, should move

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is to move with them, but without prejudice to his present employ.—

Lieutenant James George Scott Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam is appointed Deputy Commissary General of Stores, and to join the Artillery at the mount without Delay.—

Lieutenant Fireworker James Hall of the 2d Battalion of Artillery to succeed Lieutenant Scott as Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam.—

Mr Watson Conductor from Amboor to proceed to the Mount.—

The following movements and preparations to take place South of the Coleroon.—

His Majesty's 71st Regiment to be pleased to march to the Flank Companies Except the Grenadier and Battalion Companies to move into Madura, and Major Dalrymple will send two Companies of the Native Corps into Madura also.—

As soon as the Troops are arrived to form the Garrison of this Fort the 9th Battalion of Native Infantry is to march

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march out and Lieutenant Colonel Baird with the Flank Companies of his Majesty's 73d and the Bombe Company's 9th Native Battalion is to march to Tricheinopoly and there Encamp.—

Four Companies of the 5th Native Battalion to march to Tanjore, & which is to be Garrisoned for the present by these four Companies, and His Majesty's 74th Regiment, the Flank Companies Excepted, and two Companies, remain at Vellum — the Garrison of Tanjore thus formed, Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell with the Flank Companies of his Majesty's 74th Regiment and the Bombe Company's 2d and 24th Native Battalions to march to Tricheinopoly, where Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell is to Command the Troops Collecting South of the Coleroon for Field Service and on his arrival the Corps of Artillery at Tricheinopoly to move out and Encamp with four Eighteen Pounders the Bombe Company's 1st Native Battalion of Infantry is to move out and Encampalso.

Two Parties of Pioneers to be

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be formed from the Honble the Company's
1st Battalion of European Infantry and to
join the Encampment each party to
consist of one Subaltern two Serjeants, two
Corporals and 30 Privates — The Commanding
Officer of the Southern Division to appoint
the Officers to Command those parties who
are to be junior to Lieutenant Dowse, To
these parties are to be added such men
from the Corps as can possibly be spared
who have been bred Smiths, Carpenters
Sawyers, or Miners. —

Lieutenant Colonel Capper
and Major Vigors to join the Camp at
Trichinopoly, as also Brigade Majors to
Nightingale, and Bannerman, and to
Brigade Quarter Masters Reid and
Gibbings — and to be employed by Lieutenant
Colonel Maxwell as Brigade and Staff
Officers till further arrangements take
place on the Junction of the whole force
about to be employed. —

Lieutenant D'Cerne, of
Commissary, to remain at Trichinopoly
and some Younger Officer, for the present,

to

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to be sent from the 2d Battalion of A
Artillery to relieve Lieutenant Darke
at Tanjore, and Lieutenants Darke and
Prescott to join the Corps of Artillery
in Camp without prejudice to their
present Employ as Inspector. –

All the Engineers South
of the Coleroon without Exception to
repair immediately to Cuddalore. –

Mr Franks Conductor at
Trichinopoly to proceed to the mount
without Delay. –

Mr Warden Conductor
at Trichinopoly to take the Field with
the Corps of Artillery. –

Mr Stevens D. at Madura
Mr Lichon D. at Dindegul to repair
Directly to Trichinopoly and join the Corps of
Artillery there. –

Mr Montague } at the mount
Mr Quince }

Sergeant Wallaman now
Commanding at Palamcotah near Cuddalore
and Sergeant Johnston late Quarter
master Sergeant of the 13th Native Battalion
are

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are appointed Conductors and to Repair to the mount immediately.—

The Chief Engineer to make the necessary Indents for the equipment of his Corps for the Field, and Individual Engineers repairing to the Presidency, & Cuddalore or Permacoil are not to indent at any of the places from whence they start.

Orders relative to Ordnance and Military Stores in general, will be sent through the military Board to the several Departments— and to the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and the Agent for issuing the Hon'ble Company's arrack relative to their Departments through the Secretary of the military Department—

Major The Board to lay before the Military Board immediately an arrangement for a General medical Establishment for the Army in the Field.—

Matters being thus prepared, all future Orders relative to movements &c will be issued by the Officer Commanding the Army, to whom Officers Commanding and Heads of Departments are

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are to make such reports and communications of the State of preparation in which they are, as may enable him to judge.—

As soon as the 31st Battalion raising at Trichinopoly shall be found to be in such a state of forwardness as to admit of it, the Officer Commanding the Southern Division is to send the remaining four companies of the 5th Native Battalion to Tanjore.—

Minutes and resolutions on the four foregoing letters from Colonel Brathwaite.—

Agreed to inform Colonel Brathwaite that the Board have no objection to his availing himself of the services of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell and Baird with the Army in the Field, but that, as Colonel Fraser is in the Command of an extensive and important charge, where his services can be very usefully employed, they wish him to remain.—

Resolved that the 3d Regiment of native Cavalry be continued on Permanent Country.—

Agreed

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Agreed that the General order recommended by Colonel Brathwaite regarding the new Levies be published to the Army.—

Agreed that the 7th Battalion of native Infantry be ordered to march to Trichinopoly with as little delay as possible.—

The Board approve the arrangements recommended for the Engineer and Coinage Departments.—Ordered that a Letter be written to Sir John Kennaway requesting he will apply to the Nizam for his consent to the temporary absence of Lieutenant Mackenzie from the Detachment.—

The Board cannot adopt the proposition of Colonel Brathwaite regarding Karical and the two French Ships, as it is not their intention to proceed to any act of Hostility towards the French, until official accounts of the war be received from England, or that the French themselves become the aggressors in this part of the world.—

Colonel

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Colonel Collins being in the
Command of a Frontier Post of very great
importance, the Board cannot think
of calling him from it at this Juncture.—

Agreed that the Draft of
the order submitted with Colonel Brathwaite's
letter of the 10th instant be published
to the army.—

Agreed that Captain Allen
of the Guides be directed to conform to the
recommendation of Colonel Brathwaite, and
to proceed himself to Walajaubad to act
under the orders of Colonel Floyd in case
he cannot go on with the Service on which
he is now employed, without the Assistance
of the Guides.—

Read the following Letter
from the Military Board.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

From military Board with a present state of military Stores in the arsenal suggestion in Consequence.—

Hon'ble Sir,

We have the Honor to
lay before you, a Return of the present
State of Military Stores in the Arsenal
shewing

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shewing the stated proportion of Articles for Fort St George, what remains in the Magazines, and what articles are wanting to complete the stated proportion, likewise to submit to your Honorable Board whether it might not be prudent, on the present occasion, to authorize that the stated proportion for the Presidency may be compleated, as far as can be done, by providing without delay, such as can be provided here, and by indenting on Fort William for such as cannot be provided here, and may be furnished from thence.—

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

Fort St. George
8th June 1793.

Signed John Braithwaite
Henry Malcolm
Thomas Geils
Jn Richardson
By Close
Geo. Maule
George Hall

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Agreed to authorize the provision of such stores as can be furnished

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Furnished at the Presidency in order to complete the stated proportions for Fort St. George but that it be not permitted to interfere with the preparations now on foot for the Siege of Pondicherry.—

Agreed to indent upon Fort William for such Military Stores as cannot be provided here, as soon as a list be furnished of the articles required from that Presidency.—

Read the following letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions suggesting a mode of conveying stores to Chinglepaut, is taking steps for collecting Grain at Pennacoil.—

Since my address to you of the 5th Instant I received your Letter enclosing Copy of the arrangements proposed by the Military Board, and the directions of the Honble the Governor in Council to be guided thereby in providing Draught and Carriage Bullocks

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The following Statement will shew the Carriage and Draught, required agreeably thereto — the number ordered and what is wanting to Complete. —

Carts & Draught Bullocks required to complete the arrangements for Military Stores

Carriage Bullocks ordered to Complete.

	Draught Carriage Carts	Draught Carriage Carts	Draught Carriage Carts
At Trichinopoly			
For the Heavy Guns	232	"	232
For the Carriage of Stores	1698		1698
besides the necessary Carriage for the Corps			
Equipage of Corps to march from that Garrison			
At Tanjore			
For the Carriage of Stores	583		583
besides the necessary Carriage for the Corps to march from thence. —			
At Vellore			
For the Guns	1656	108	
Besides the Carriage for the movement of Corps from Amboor, Vellore Arcot Cannatore Arnee and Velagawbad. —			
and the following is required			
At Madras			
For the Battering and Field Trains	4040		
Ordered as per my Letter of the 6. Instant	3275		765
Wanting to Complete at Madras			
Carried forward	5163	339	765 " "

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Carts Draught and Carriage Bullocks required to Complete the arrangement of this Establishment

Carts Draught and Carriage Bullocks wanting to Complete — Ordered

Draught Carriage Carts | Draught Complete | Draught Carriage Carts

Brought forward . . . . . 5163 333 " 765

Madras continued

required for the Carriage of Stores from Madras } . . . 1653 "

of which I have ordered for Camp Equipage and Stores } . . . 4000

wanting to Complete 1033

Required for the Transport of Stores which cannot be carried upon Bullocks . . . . . } 272

Ordered for the Arrack and Provision Carts &c. . . . } 325

Total number of Bullocks and Carts Ordered to be Entertained — Exclusive of what may be required for the movement of Corps from Stations . . . . . } . . . 5488 733 272

Wanting to Complete . . . 765 1205

The number of Bullocks wanting to complete is great, and I therefore propose to order 1000 or 1500 more Carriage Bullocks at Madras, as out of the number already ordered

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must be supplied the Corps and Departments
to move from hence and Poonamalle - but
even that addetion with every effort in my
power to make to procure as may Carts as
possible, will be very inadequate, unless
it is immediately resolved to send on by Ships
to Chinglepat with the Bullocks and
Carts as they Come in, all the Stores to be
dispatched from Madras - from whence
they can again be moved on by Ships to
Permacoil under Cover of the Army of
observation as soon as formed - This Steps
may be effected without occasioning greater
delay than must necessarily arise by
waiting until the full Equipment of
ordered, Could be Completed, and will most
undoubtedly prove a very material saving
of expence -

The Honble Board will
perceive that I have made no provision
of Carriage Bullocks for the Grain
Department - I am now sending One
Hundred Garee of Rice to Chinglepat
on Carts - from whence, like the Stores,
it can be Conveyed by Ships to Permacoil

as

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as soon as practicable, and in Consequence of Directions received from the Honble the Governor in Council I instructed Mr. P. Reardon to proceed without delay to P. Pennacoil, with a view to Collect all the Grain to the North and West of Pondicherry, and by offering a liberal price, to deprive the Garrison of what there is every reason to believe would to them prove a most essential Supply - as well as to Encourage bringing into Pennacoil Grain from the Surrounding Countries -

I have likewise, in Compliance of Instructions from the Honble the Governor in Council called upon the Resident at Tanjore to inform me what quantity of Paddy he has in his P Districts, how many Garce he can beat into Rice in the Course of the month, and whether he can procure Freight for it to Cuddalore in the months of July and August - There is I understand under Mr Strange's Charge on the Coast about 3000 Garce of Paddy which, if P required, could I conclude be brought to

Cuddalore

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Cuddalore, and that alone is equal to the provision of 50,000 Men / the probable No. number of fighting men and followers to be fed / for four and a half Months. —

I have further ordered one Bullock load of Grain for each horse to move with the Cavalry equal to 13 days supply, and have given directions that as the Loads are Expended, the Bullocks are to be sent back daily to the respective Grain Stores for fresh supplies. —

I am &c &c

Madras
11th June 1793.

/Signed/ Thos. Cockburn
acty C.T.G.G.O.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the mode suggested by Mr. Cockburn for the conveyance of the Stores to Chingleput be approved, and that a copy of the letter be sent to the Military Board for their Guidance. —

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue. —

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Board of Revenue reporting the measures taken by Mr. Strange for the security of the Grain at Trichinopoly and Vasangeny: - has laid an Embargo on the Exportation of Grain from the Tanjore Districts his letter on the subject. —

We have the honor to lay before you a Copy of a Letter just received from the Collector in the Eastern devision of Tanjore: the measures adopted by him for the security of the Grain at Tremulwaash and Vasangeny appear to us to be proper, and we beg leave to request your orders regarding its future disposal, and the General Embargo on the Exportation of Grain from the Districts under his management. —

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
10th June 1793.

/Signed/ David Haliburton
Chas. A. White
Jno. Cockburn

To David Haliburton Esqr.
Acting President and Members of
Revenue Board.

Gentlemen,

I have this Day received
mr

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Mr. Deputy Secretary Reads Letter of the 2d Instant acquainting me with the Determination of Government, to restore to His Excellency the Rajah the Management of His Country on the 12th of next Month; to which I shall pay due Obedience. –

Considering as I do the present posture of Publick Affairs in regard to France, I think it my particular Duty to state to you, the very perilous and unprotected state to which a large and valuable Store of Grain is exposed on the Beach of the Ports of Tarnoulam and of Sapurgerry in the Distrect under my Management. –

I cannot at this moment take upon me to state to you exactly what the Quantity may amount to; but I have reason to believe it is little, if any thing, short of three thousand Garce.

It seems reasonable to suppose that the first object of the attention of the French at Pondicherry will be directed to the means of Providing

Subsistance

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Subsistance for the defence thereof, and it is obvious, that their Wants Can no where be so Speedily Satisfied, as by P making themselves masters of these Ports, which, in their present defenceless State, they may readily do, and with very little momentary exertion, ship off the greatest part of this Store; and if hindered from Securing the whole of it, at least they will destroy that which they are not able to take away. The Requisition to the French of such a Valuable Store of Grain, at such a moment as the present, appears to me an Object of the utmost and importance. To Guard P against so great an Evil, I have thought it consistent with my Duty, to make a Requisition to the Commanding P officer of Sepoys for Two Companys of Seapoys to be posted at each of these Ports, which I am of Opinion will be sufficient to prevent the Landing of Boats, and, in taking this great Responsability on myself, I rely, as well on the Candour of your Board,

as

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as on the upright motives which have ever actuated me in the Discharge of the great Trust with which I have been honored. -

As it is possible that the Commanding Officer, may be en possession of such Political Information as may Justify his refusal to grant the military aid I require, so therefore, if what I have suggested meets your approbation it will be requisite, that no time is lost in giving your Specific orders on the Subject; for the mischief which I apprehend may happen, will, if it is to be speedily accomplished, and it is on this apprehension that I have thought a reference to you on the might defeat the purpose intended. -

I have moreover thought it Consistent with my Duty, to lay an Embargo on the Export of all Grain until I shall be honored with your Commands on the Subject; my Reason for so doing is, that no Country Boats can possibly escape through the Roads of Pondicherry

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if it is an Object of Political expediency
to intercept them — and many of them
might be tempted to Land their Cargoes
there, if no such hinderance was to take
Place. —

If what I have done
meets your approval I shall be highly
gratified by the Communication of it. —

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Ja.s Strange
Coll.r

Tanjore
5th June 1793.

A true Copy
(Signed) John Read
Depy Secy

The measures adopted by Mr. Strange for
the Security of the Grain at Trincalavash
and Vaisungerry, and the orders issued by
him prohibitory of the exportation of
Grain from the Districts under his
management. The Board are not informed
whether any part of the Grain at the
two Ports abovementioned be public
property — but to whomsoever it belongs

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It is resolved that the Collector do hold it
under his charge until further orders,
reporting to the Revenue Board, for the
information of Government, the quantity
belonging to Individuals, and the names
of the Proprietors.-

Read the following Letter
from the Governor and Council at
St Helena, received per Royal Charlotte.-

To the Honble the President and Council
for all the Forces and Affairs of the
English Nation at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

In obedience to our Honble
Masters Orders, and agreeably to our intimation
contained in Letter under date of the 27th
Ultimo, We have embarked on Board the
Ship Royal Charlotte for your Presidency
Three Sergeants, Three Corporals, One
Hundred and two Privates and two
Women, Wives to two of the latter. The
Men have all agreed to serve Five
years from their Arrival in India and

have

From St Helena
enclosing a return
of the Detachment
embarked on the
Royal Charlotte
for the Coast.-

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have received Bounty accordingly — This Detachment We have entrusted under Captain Pryce to the care of Sergeant Major Michael Newman an approved and good Non commissioned Officer — A List of the Detachment, and Copy of the Articles they have Signed to, go enclosed — And that they may arrive in Health and prove serviceable to your Establishment is the sincere Wish of —

D.r Sir

Your

Signed Rob Brooke

F. Robson

Wm Wrangham

D.o St Helena

8.th April 1793.

Read the following letter

from the Resident at Cuddalore —

The Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bart

Honble Sir,

In consequence of the

intelligence contained in your letter

of the 31st ultimo I lost no time in

taking such steps as my situation

afforded to guard against any Attempts

From Resident at Cuddalore reporting the steps he has taken for securing the Fort against surprize — & Intelligence from Pondichery

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which might be made from Pondicherry —
Major Ors has stationed Parties of Horse
on the Roads to watch and communicate
the Motions of the French; and, that
nothing might be wanting in point
of defence about, 300 Coolies were
immediately set to work to stockade the
North and South Angles of the Fort
and to put things in the best state
of defence they would admit — Arms have
been given to about 130 Polygars, and
although much dependence cannot be
placed on these Men, they shall be
made as useful as possible; and I have
the pleasure to say that the Inhabitants
have offered to defray the Expence of
these preparations — As the Fort is
very extensive and very weak, and the
Sea Face in many parts entirely open
it has been judged expedient to select
the most defensible Bastion as the
principle Place for resistance, and
for the security of the Factory House
— The Flag Staff Bastion is the one
fixed

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fixed on, and much has been done to it in a short time, and, if properly defended, it is capable of resisting the whole of Force the French can bring against it — I have concerted means with Major Orr for the Cooperation of his Regement, and I beg leave to assure you that no Efforts shall be wanting to defend the Honble Company's Property, and to repel any Attack that may be made on the Place. —

A Boat will sail this Night, with such Dates as I have in readiness, and I have given the most pointed directions to the Masters of it, to make a good offing, and to stand clear of Pondicherry Roads. —

Two Vessells anchored in Pondicherry Roads yesterday with Military Stores which are now landing — several Thousand Inhabitants have already left the place, and an Order was this Day published directing such as had not a stock of Provisions sufficient

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sufficient for 5 or 6 Months, to depart — the greatest consternation prevails throughout the Place, and they are in want of allmost every necessary but particularly of Grain. —

I am with Respect

&c &c

(Signed) J. Renewsorthey

Cuddalore
5th June 1793.

Minute thereon

The Board approve the measures taken by Mr. Renewsorthey to secure the Fort of Cuddelore against any surprize on the part of the French — they depend upon his vigilance and activity for the safety of the Company's possessions entrusted to his charge — and hope that the reinforcement ordered from Trichinopoly will arrive at Cuddalore before any attempt can be made to molest him. —

Read the following letter from the Commandant at Permacoil. —

To

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

Honble Sir.

From Commandant at Permacoil stating intelligence from Pondicherry and the Repairs he is making towards strengthening the Hill proposes the repair of a Choultry on the Summit.—

I have the Honor to acquaint you that a Neiguie's Guard, I have posted at a Choultry Six Miles from Pondicherry Report to me that Fire wood, Grain and other Articles, though in small Quantities, is still carried into Pondicherry, by 2 different Roads—This being the act of the Nabob's Amuldars, I wait your further instructions, with regard to the propriety of an interference in my part in this particular.—

The French are now very Strict in examining all Black People that pass the Gates of Pondicherry, A Peircarrah Sent from this two Days ago returned this morning, who after having been interrogated at a Choultry within the Place was liberated—He counted Twenty Six Guns on the Works and Ten upon the Parade, which they now Transporting, in different directions

They

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They have a great many
Coolies working at the North Angle of the
Fort, and also upon a Rising Ground out
of the Fort, between the Villenalore and
Madras Gate — a great many Inhabitants
have left Pondicherry, where they
appear to be in great Alarm — I am
informed, at the same time, from P
Cuddalore, that they are under apprehen-
sions, of an attack from Pondicherry, as
the Garrison is far from strong. —
I acquainted your Honble
Board, that in consequence of Mr. Hardon
having received Orders to lodge Provisions
on the Hill, and to guard against the
risque of any attempt from Pondicherry
that I had taken it upon me to employ
what Coolies I could collect, to clear
away the rubbish in the Fort and to
build a Breast work at the Gate way.
in these and other works I have thought
necessary, I have paid for Salem about
Six Pagodas per Day, which being an
expence unauthorized, your Honble Board
will determine on the propriety of what
I have

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I have done, and also Honor me with your instructions, with regard to a further continuation of this expence, which I shoulde allways endeavour to conduct, with the utmost economy — The Choultry on the Summitt, tho' much injured, is notwithstanding, very capable of Repairs and an object, will worth the expence as it can certain with ease 250 men with abundance of Room also, for a Quantity of military Stores — were your Honble Board to allow the sum of 500 Pagodas, for these two objects, the Barracks and Military Stores, I would willingly undertake the work, which could be finished in Five or Six Weeks, with a compleat Repair, sufficiently durable for a number of years; I trust your Honble Board will consider my motives in making these representations as a desire, on my part, to forward the Service to the utmost extent of my ability. —

I remain with Respect
&c. &c.

Permacoil June 6th 1793.

(Signed) John Lindsay Depty Qrs

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Agreed that Captain P
Lindsay be permitted to disburse such
a sum as may be absolutely necessary
to complete the repairs detailed in the
foregoing letter, taking care that the
whole do not exceed five hundred 1500 Pagodas

Read the following letter
from the Rajah of Tanjore, entered also
in C. C. N° 125.

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of
Tanjore to the Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bart
President Governor — Dated 8th June 1793.

From the Rajah of Tanjore, returning the Treaty duly executed.—

The letter together with
the treaty you have forwarded, which
your Excellency did me the honour of
forwarding through the means of my
Vakeel Trumebuck Dombagee arrived
here on the 5th Instant — Having
understood the contents, I this day sent
to invite Mr Thomas Peirce, Captain
and the other Senders, and affixed my
Seal and Signature to the treaty and
schedall in their presence. They are
forwarded with this Letter, which my
Vakeel

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Sir I will have the honour of delivering
As I have been favored by
the Hon.ble Company and upheld by
them, I rely upon the English, their
faith, and sincerity, and I shall be ever
ready to afford them such assistance
as may come within the reach of my
power. –

I am confident in your
honour and dignity that the country
will be restored to my hands on the
12th July according to the resolution,
which you have passed for that
purpose. your Excellency may be assured
that there never will be the smallest
deviation on my part in the Company's
affairs. Believe me always your
sincere Friend. To Friend why should
I write more. –

A true translation
/Signed/ J. Webbe
Mr. T.

Resolved

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Resolved that the Counterpart of the Treaty with the Rajah of Tanjore be now signed by the Board, and transmitted to his Excellency.—

The Counterpart thereof signed by the Board in consequence and ordered to be forwarded to the Rajah.—

Read the following Extract of a Letter from the Governor and Council of St Helena, addressed to the Publick Department.—

Extract of a Letter from St Helena, Dated 27th March 1793

Our last addresses were forwarded by the Ship Ocean, under date of the 12th and 14th March 1792, and Duplicate of the former p.t Ship Valentine.—

From St Helena requesting that the Hammocks belonging to the military embarked on the Royal Charlotte may be returned to them.—

Since the above Period, We have been favored with your several Letters dated 26th January 17th March 31st July and 5th June 1792.—

By the Ship Ocean, which arrived here on the 12th February last, was returned the Sergeant and Fifer which were sent to your Presidency upon that Ships with the Detachment, the Drummer dying upon the Passage.—

Having again received Orders from the Honble the Court of Directors, to

Forward—

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forward upon the Ship Royal
Charlotte to Madras, One Hundred
Military of this Garrison, We
shall do ourselves the Honor
to address you on this subject
by a separate Packet, whenever
that Ship is near upon Sailing, &
but we are sorry to observe, that, &
as the Hammocks have not &
been returned, which were furnished
the Detachment for Ocean, &
We shall be under the necessity
of putting the Company to an
extra expence in providing &
New ones for the present &
Draught: at the same time &
we cannot but take Blame &
to ourselves on this Account, &
as, upon reference to our last
Letters, we find it was &
never requested, but that it &
was particularly ~~ord~~ per Alfred. —
We therefore request that as it is

probable

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probable We may be ordered, &
again to send Men to your &
Presidency, that you will be
pleased to give Directions that
the Hammocks furnished &
the present Detachment, may
be returned to us again upon
the same Ships. —

A true Extract
(Signed) J. Webbe
Depy Secy

Ordered that the &
Ordered. —

Hammocks belonging to the
St Helena Detachment be &
retained on the board the Royal
Charlotte and carried back to the
Island

returned

&

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Island, agreeably to the desire expressed
by the Government at that place.—

Chs Oakeley.

E H Fallofield

George Parry Esq