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The entries made in pencil on the margin in the volume were made with the help of the papers in the bundle at the time of the weeding and destruction of records.

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Diary

Received the undermentioned letters

Entered in MB Nos 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions with his Estimate for July. has been obliged to Employ a few additional Peons &c.a

From Commissary General of Grain & Provisions. —

From Resident at Cuddalore advising of the detention of the French officer as a Prisoner at Vellore.

From Resident at Cuddalore —

From officer Commanding the Nizams Detachment the Resident has consented to the Native Commissaries officers being drawn for as Privates in regard to Rice Copy of his letter inclosed.

From major Roberts

From Secretary to the Military Board with a Letter and Box containing Musters of Accoutrements for the Secretary to the Military Board at Bengal.

From Secretary to the military Board.

From Adjutant General referring the Claims of Lieutenant Colonel Patterson and the officers of the Garrison of Masulipatam to the French Draw lately captured at that port.

From Adjutant General

Petition of Connore Mootiah preferring his Claims on account of Mortgages upon the produce of Salt in the Ongole Country for Fasly 1189 and 1190.

Petition of Connore Mootiah —

From

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From Colonel Martinz

From Commandant at Rammad
in reply to the Boards orders prohibiting the
demolition of any Forts in that Country, except
by express authority

From Town Major

From Town Major with List
of Recruits who have Volunteered the service
on board the Minerva requests orders for providing
Bedding for them.

Dispatched the undermentioned
letters entered in Mb Nos 92. 93. 94. 95.

To Mr. Secretary Hay

To Secretary at Bengal enclosing
a letter from His Highness the Nabob to the
Governor General.

To Ditto

To Ditto with Copy of letter
from Permacoil containing Intelligence
from Pondicherry.

To Captain Macleod
at Nameul.

To Captain Macleod advi-
sing of the appointment of Seid Mahomed
Cawn Asuph as Deputy on the part of Tippoo
and desiring him to hold his Conferences
with him at Cauveripauam.

To Town Major

To Town Major permitting
him to provide Bedding for the Recruits
above mentioned.

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Received the undermentioned letters

Entered in 66 Nos 147. 148

Substance of a letter from Rajah of Calastry.

From Rajah of Calastry in reply to the requisition for supplying Cattle and Sheep for the Army.

Do do from Rajah of Vencatagherry.—

From Rajah of Vencatagherry — on the same subject

Received the following letters.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor In Council

Honble Sir

From Attorney General of opinion that the Property of the Vessel and her Stores wrecked at Bimlipatam vests in the Company.—

On Mature Consideration of the letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam requesting your decision in the disputes relative to the property in the Pirate ship abandoned by her Commander and crew at Bimlipatam, I have the Honor to submit it to you as my opinion that had De Cameron, the Commander, been owner of the ship the property would be now vested in Lieutenant Dick Captain Oglevey and the other persons left on board either as a free gift in which case they would have a title as by purchase or as first occupants after the dereliction, which would give them as good a title by the law of nations. But

as

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as it appears that some French Merchants were the owners, Lieutenant Dick &c cannot, as I conceive, support a Claim under either title for De Bimeton could make no donation of the property of others and the derilection of a Ship by her Crew and her Commander cannot in any degree affect the right of the owners but though the right of the owners be not affected by the Act of the Commander, it is by the Laws of war & by these laws I apprehend, the property in the Ship Stores &c.a now rests in the honble Company subject however to the payment of reasonable Salvage

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I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Benjamin Sullivan

To the Honorable Charles Oakeley Esqre
Governor and President &c.a &c.a &c.a
and the Gentlemen of the Council
at
Madras

From Government at Colombo expressing their thanks for the advice sent them of the war—

Honourable Sir & Gentlemen

We had the honour to receive the letter you were kind enough to favor us with dated the 4th of this month We are very sensible of the kindness you had to communicate us the Intelligences you received from Mr Baldwyn

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British Consul at Alexandria and have the
honour to present our thanks for it

From those Intelligences we are
equally led to suppose that France has declared
War to England and Holland. And we have lost
no time in sending proper orders to every place
belonging to this Government to put things in
such riser as the present Circumstances require

Any Intelligence we may be apprized
of, Important to your Government, you can be
assured we ..... will forward it to you with
all possible speed, and hope you will continue
to favour us with the News you will get, which
may be of importance to our Government.

We will put to work with the —
utmost preparedness every expedient which you
may think proper to propose to us, as much as
will be in our power, to promote the Interest
of our respective Sovereigns

The above mentioned intelligence
we forwarded immediately to Commodore
Cornwallis who arrived in the latter end
of last month at Trincanomale with the
Frigate the Minerva, who was forced to put

in

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10.th in there to repair the damage she had sus-
-tained in the great Andamans

We have the Honour to be
&c.a &c.a &c.a

signed

W I van de Graff
C van Angelbeek
D C v Driberg
B L van Lutter
A Samlant
I A Vollenhove
D D van Ranzow

Colombo
the 22.d June 1793

Received also the undermentioned Letters
Entered in MB No.s 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101.

From Mess.rs Chase and Company.

From Mess.rs Chase Sewell and
Chase tendering some shot and shells taken
on the French ship Le Citoyen

From Paymaster at Cuddalore

From Paymaster at Cuddalore
reporting that all the Horses lately cast from the
5.th Regement near Cuddalore have died

From Military Board

From Military Board a Lascar
Establishment will be hereafter submitted Giving
regarding the Lascars at Aska. the Cloathing
Contract drafting a Report of Lieutenant Colonel
Ross of the State and Condition of the Fortifications
on

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on the Coast enclosed also a correspondence with
Mr Vaughan opinion respecting 331 Cotts under
Charge of Lieutenant Wilks. Have received in
March and april.

From Commandant of 3d Regiment
of Cavalry referring a letter from the Deputy Gran
Agent on the present System of feeding the Cavalry

From Captain Macey

From Captain Macey reporting the
Number of Cattle and sheep that will be supplied
from Calastry

From Lieutenant Thos Hart

From Lieutenant Thos Hart —
requesting payment of his Half Batta Certificates
Sent the undermentioned Letters

Entered in MB Nos 102, 103, 104, 105

To Mr Francis Lautour

To Mr Lautour
to the property seized on board the Christianus
Septimus referred to the Investigation of a
Committee appointed for the purpose

To Mr Dasseir in reply to his

To supracargo of the Christianus Septimus. —
letter regarding the detention of the above ship

To Captain Mayo
To Commander of the Liverpool
inviting him to land the Bales mentioned in
his affidavit

To Sea Customer
To Sea Customer with orders
to take charge thereof.

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Received the following Letters

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Bengal the Ordnance & Carriages will be sent round very shortly —

1 We have received your Letter of the 30th Ulto requesting that we would send round to you, by an early opportunity; Ordnance and Gun Carriages of different Descriptions.

2 We have given Orders for selecting and proving the number of Guns required from amongst the best in Garrison, and as soon as they are proved, shall direct that they be fitted to the Carriages, annexing a corresponding Mark to the Guns and Carriages to shew to which Gun each Carriage has been fitted.

3 We have also given Orders for completing the Draught Chains for the Equipment of the Ordnance abovementioned, and shall send the whole round as early as possible

We have the Honor to be
&c &c
Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper
Thos Graham

Fort William
the 21st June 1793

/signed/

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To Wm C Jackson Esqre
Secretary at Fort St George

Sir,

From Sub Secretary at Ditto requesting that Musters of different descriptions of Madras Field Carriages may be sent round also the Madras rates of each in detail

I am directed by the Governor in General in Council to request that the Governor in Council at Fort St George will be pleased to give orders for sending round to Bengal, by the first opportunity, Musters of the undermentioned Madras field Carriages of the Construction of those which were in use during the late war It will be preferable to receive them unpainted if there are any in store, but if there are not, rather than any considerable delay should take place his Lordship in Council would wish them to be sent round painted

One six Pounder field Carriages with Limber Yoke, Chain Traces, and all appertanances, complete

One 5½ In Howitzer Carriage with D. Do Do

One 8 In Do Do with Do Do Appurtenances complete

One Store Bandy, with yoke Traces and all Appurtenances complete

One Arrack Bandy, with Casks, yoke, Traces and all appurtenances complete

Sam

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2 I am at the same time Directed to request that the Madras rate for each of the above Articles may also be furnished in Detail.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Obed.t Humble Servant

To W.m Jackson Esqre

Secretary to

Government

Fort William

the 17.th of June 1793

(Signed) J.r Sombelle

Judge Adv.te

From Secretary at Bengal requesting that 30 Barrels of powder may be sent to Prince of Wales Island

Sir

There being a Difficulty in getting Freights for Thirty Barrels of Gun Powder which this Government is desirous of Sending to Prince of Wales Island, I am directed to request that the Governor in Council will be pleased to forward that Quantity thither by one of the China Ships

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obed.t Humble Servant

(Signed) J. Sombelle

Judge Adv.te

Fort William

the 25.th of June 1793

From Lieutenant Manning of the Brig Concord

Received also a Letter from Lieutenant Manning Entered in M.B. No 186 with a Demand for Stores for the use of His Majesty

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Majesty's Brig Concord

Dispatches the following letter

To the Most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis &c

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

My Lord,

1 We have been honored by the receipt of your Lordship's letter dated the 20th Ultimo

2 In our letter of the 27th ultimo we replied to the points contained in the Governor Generals letter to our President of the 8th and 12th of that month and explained particularly our reasons for transporting by Land the Stores intended for the seige of Pondicherry. We have now the pleasure to inform your Lordship that considerable progress has been made in this important service, and that we hope by the end of this month it will be nearly if not altogether completed.

3 Having Communicated to Colonel Brathwaite your Lordships recommendation regarding the Battalion Companies of the 75th and 74th Regiment, he has addressed us a letter on the occasion

To Bengal stating the progress made in conveying Stores for the seige of Pondicherry the calling the Battalion Companies of the 75th and 74th Regiment to the Coast, & reasons for reasons given by Colonel Brathwaite this letter enclosed, also one from the Commodore the recruits applied for by them per Colonel Malcolms letter stating only the statement of the War expences is not yet ready enclosed,

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11 occasion copy of which we have the honor to
enclose for the reasons given therein and because
your Lordship was unacquainted, at the time
you wrote, that the 3d Regiment of the Compa-
nys Europeans, complete with officers, had been
ordered on the present service, we have judged
it advisable not to call any further part
of the European Regiments from the Southward
until we hear again from you

4 We had previous to the receipt
of your Lordships letter given directions to
engage as many Bengarries as possible to attend
the Army, for the purpose of supplying the
followers, and we rely much on the exertions
of Captain Alexander Read, to whom we have
written on the Subject

5 We have the honor to enclose
Copy of a letter from the Honorable Commodore
Cornwallis, and to inform your Lordship
that we have selected from the recruits of the
season, forty men who Voluntarily offered
their services on the occasion. The Companys
Ships Royal Charlotte Warley and Triton
sailed from hence on the 6th Instant, and
were joined the next morning by the Commodore.

We

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We mentioned in our letter of the 16th. May last that we had given directions to the Military Auditor General to prepare a Statement of the extra expences incurred at this Presidency on account of the war, according to the prescribed form, and to lay it before us on or before the 1st Instant We have now the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Auditor stating the reasons why this account is not yet ready to be transmitted to you

We have the honor to be

Fort St George
10th July 1793

with respect
Yr. a Yr.
/signed/ Chas Oakeley
Yr. a Council

To the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis
Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships
in the East Indies

Sir —

To Commodore Cornwallis forty Recruits sent to them by the Brig Concord.

We have had the honor to receive your letter dated the 8th Instant, and in consequence of your desire, we have selected from the Company's Recruits lately arrived forty Men, as Yr. Return enclosed, who Voluntarily offered their services to act —

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as Seamen on the present occasion We shall send them on the Vessel lately captured by the Minerva, and we beg leave to request that they may be returned so soon as their services can be dispensed with

We have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
/Signed/ Chas Oakeley.
&c.a Council

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To Messrs James Call, I Du Re Boucher & Chas Baker

Gentlemen

It having been reported to Government that there was strong ground of suspicion that French property had been brought hither the Danish ship Christianus Septimus, and on the private ship Liverpool, lately imported, orders were given to the Master attendant to land such property, and to give it in charge duly to the Sea Customer until it should be ascertained to whom it belonged. Mr Frances Lanbour, a Merchant of this place, has since stated his right to part of the property in question, and the President in Council has been pleased to appoint you a Committee

To Messrs Call Boucher and Baker appointing them a Committee for ascertaining the right to the property seized on the Christianus Septimus & Liverpool. Instructions: Summary letters and papers on the subject enclosed.

You

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for the purpose of determining this point you are therefore to call upon Mr Saubour to lay before you such Books and Papers as may have relation to the case, and you will require the attendance of such other person or persons as may be capable of giving information thereon, reporting to the Board your proceedings, and the opinions you may form in Consequence.

I enclose, by order, copies of all the papers that have been received on the above subject; and, as it appears, from the Master Attendants letter of the 6th Instant, that the Treasure which was brought hither by the Christianus Septemus, with 2 Chests of Coral, had been received, in an irregular manner by a person named Saumy, on account of Negapak Chitty, you will call both these persons before you, and, if it shall be found, upon their examination, that their right to the property is, in any respect, doubtful, you are to inform Negapak Chitty that he is immediately to deliver over the whole to you in the condition in which he received it.

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I am &c &c
(signed) W C Jackson
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Sent also the undermentioned letters
Entered in MB Nos 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115
116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121.

From Mr. Paymaster Wynch

To Paymaster to the Army requiring
security for the due performance of his office

To Commandant at Tiagar

To Commandant at Tiagar with
orders regarding Captain De Lauren, and the
examination of his papers.

To Mr. Secretary Kay.

To Secretary at Bengal with
Intelligence from Mysore

To ditto.

To Secretary at Bengal enclosing
a letter for the Secretary to the Military Board
here; the Box of Muster Accoutrements sent on
the Liverpool

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain
and Provisions may supply the additional
Store of Grain for the Garrisons in the Guntoor
Circar

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General
referring Mr. Cockburn's Estimate for June Capt.
& Dighton to be paid for Half Mounting
supplied the Depoys at Chevalapetore

To ditto

To ditto Lieutenant Wilks
appointed Assistant Deputy Adjutant General with
an Allowance of 80 Pagodas pr Mensem

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To Ditto the usual extra allow=
=ances to be paid to the Men who lately served
as Artillery Men at Cuddalore.

To Ditto

To Military Board-Lieutenant
Bose's application for Beasties for the recruits
under his charge referred. Receipt for the Stores
sent to Vizagapatam Wm Betsy enclosed.

To Military Board.

To Ditto Stores to be supplied
for the Brig Concord - Indent enclosed.

To Ditto

To officer commanding the army
the Battalion Companies of the 73.d & 76.th Regimts
not to be called to the field for the reasons given
by him

To Colonel Braithwaite

To officer Commanding the army
letter from Major Dalrymple regarding the
insufficient force that will be left in Bundegul
after detaching the three Companies of Sepays
ordered to Pulney.

To Ditto

To Mr. G Powney enclosing a
letter for the Rajah of Travancore.

To Mr. Powney at Cochin

To Commandant at Tiagar.

To Commandant at Tiagar.

Captain Du Laurens will be placed under
his charge. Instructions regarding him. 30 —
Pagodas Pr. month to be drawn for subsisting
him

To Ditto at Trichinopoly desiring
his reply to a representation of the Nabobs
Son

To Ditto at Trichinopoly

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against him

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Received the undermentioned Letters
Entered in Mb Nos 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127

From Captain Alexander Reade.

From Commandant in the Baramahal stating the proposals made to him by the Bramarries: suggests that all dealers with Rice passports be exempted from Duties has sent the property of the Bangalore Inhabitants to Captain Lovelace

From Captain James Campell Commanding 25th. Battalion

From Captain J Campbell at Vaigar intends leaving Captain Du Laurens with the Commandant having received no orders regarding him

From Commissary Genl. of Grain and Provisions

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions requesting an advance of 15000 Pagodas for the Deputy Agent for Bullocks with the Army.

From Secretary to the Military Board

From Secretary to the Military Board the stores for the Brig Concord supplied

From adjutant General

From adjutant General proposing the promotion of Ensign G Wahab vice Lieut. Watson deceased.

From Captain Mayo

From Commander of the Liverpool requesting a Compensation in consequence of the detention of that Vessel

Sent the following Letters.

To

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To 12th
To John Chamier Esqre
Chief & Council
at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

We have received from the Board of Revenue copy of your letter to them under date the 23d ultimo, with copy of the Chief's Minute of an Event so important to the successful issue of the expedition now on foot as the entire submission of Setteram Razu to the requisition made to them by you for repairing to Vizagapatam, we wished to have been apprized in a letter directly from yourselves. We desire that you will in future report immediately to us every thing relative to the present service which is necessary for our information, making, however, at the same time, all such communications to the Board of Revenue as may be proper for their guidance

To Vizagapatam have heard from the Board of Revenue of the submission of Setteram Razu & in future every thing material relative to the present service to be reported directly from themselves.

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4th July 1793

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

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Sent also the undermentioned letters
Entered in MB Nos 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134.
135. 136.

To Resident at Cuddalore

To Resident at Cuddalore with
directions for providing Caboons Rockets and
Lascines on the terms offered to them by the Wood
Cutters and for hiring as many Catamaran
Vembers as possible

To ditto at Hydrabad

To Resident at Hydrabad enclos
Copy of a letter from Masulipatam in reply
to the Complaint of Meer Alleum against Mr.
Sadleir

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam with Extract from
the Military Board's report regarding the artificers
thought necessary by Colonel Frazer for Samul
cottah and Rajamundry

To Ditto

To ditto three Lac and fifty
thousand Rupees to be tendered in Madras
Exchange Extract from Sir John Kennaway's
letter enclosed.

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General
respecting Regulations for the Check and Controul
of Contingent Charges with the Army Colonel
Brathwaite requests an Assistant from his office
may attend him no objection if one can be spared

To

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To Colonel Brathwaite

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To officer Commanding the army no
objection to the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel
Richardson to the superintendance of the Bazars
Remarks and Instructions on the occasion. the
Appointment of Mr. Pearce annulled, & Mr. Pollock
& Serjt. Wynne appointed Conductors. the subject of his allow-
-ances will be favorably noticed to the Governor
General

To Resident at Nagore the raising of
two independent Companies of sepoys unnecessary
at present

To Resident at Nagore

To Paymaster at Tanjore acquaint-
-ing him with the Board's resolution regarding the
allowances to the Family of the late Rajah of Tanjore

To Mr. Paymaster Pearce

To Clerk of the Treasury 15,000 Pagodas
to be advanced to the Commissary General of Grain
and Provisions

To Clerk of the Treasury

15th Received the following letters.

To Wm Chs Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Government
at Fort St George

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor
General to transmit to you a Packet from
myself to the Vackeels from Tippoo Sultaun
Containing

From Persian Translator at Bengal enclosing a letter from the Governor General to Tippoo Translated

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Containing a letter from his Lordship to Tippoo Sultaun Copy of which accompanies in English and Persian for the Information of the Honble the President.

Calcutta
27th June 1793

I am
Sir &c.
Signed G Stuart
Secy

To Tippoo Sultaun

From Marquis Cornwallis to Tippoo advising of his intention to Embark for Madras.

written 26th June 1793

I have already communicated to you the Intelligence which had reached me of the Commencement of Hostilities between England & France, and I informed you also of the Measures which I have pursued in Bengal that such an occurrence in Europe may not disturb the Tranquility prevalent throughout India

I did myself the pleasure also to inform you of my intentions to return to Europe, and I availed myself of the Friendship which is established between us to assure you of my anxious wish to see your Sons at Madras prior to my final departure for Europe as you request I need not repeat my declaration that as well with a view to your satisfaction

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satisfaction in this respect as for a Personal Gratification which I shall derive from another Interview with them, I shall eagerly embrace the opportunity that now offers. Circumstances having occurred, which require my Presence at Madras, I lose no time to inform you of my Intention to embark as soon as a vessel can be ready to receive me on Board, and that I shall go to Madras, on my way to Europe, where I trust I shall meet with the young Princes in perfect Health and where I hope to have the pleasure of hearing frequently from you, and of bringing all points to a Conclusion thro' the means of your Vakeels.

A true Copy
G S Cherry
Secr.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor &c.a
Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir,

This serves purposely to Enclose Extract of my last Dispatch to the Governor General on the subject of the Payment of the 2d Kist by the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun to this state.

I am with respect &c.a
(signed) C W Malet

From Resident at Poona on the subject of the Payment of Tippoo 2d Kist to the Marattas

Poona
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Extract of a Letter from Sir Charles Warre Malet Bart.
Resident at Poona dated 29th June 1793 to the most noble
Charles Marquis Cornwallis K G Governor General at
Fort William

I embraced the opportunity of the Meeting
to acquaint the Minister with what Yeppoo
had written + your Lordship regarding the Payment
of the second & last, and intended Payment of the
third; to which he replyd, that nothing further
had reached him regarding the second but that
its Arrival at Turkunhully 25 Cos from Darwar
the stipulated Place of Payment That he had sent
a Person from hence for the specific Purpose of
hastening the Payment, But had not yet heard
of any further Progress That the object was the
Requisition of the Money, and, when it was received,
what objection could he have to Granting a receipt
I enquired, if any Cause of Delay had Arisen in
the Kind of Coin offered by Yeppoo He said that
Point was not come to, for that the Money had
not yet fallen under the Inspection of the
Government Shroffs that would be charged
with the Valuation of it, and that I might rest

assured

+ With the Peshwa and Minister on the 19th June

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Advice of the Earliest Intimation of any
Payments that took place

True Extract
C. W. Malet

Received the undermentioned Letters
Entered in Mb. Nos 137. 138. 149. 150

From Commissary General of Grain
and Provisions submitting Mr. Porcher's tender
for the delivery of Grain at Cuddalore

From Commissary Gen.l of Grain and Provisions

From Agent for the Purchase of
Horses regarding the care of the Horses now on
their way from Hyderabad.

From Capt.n Scales

From Commandant at Permacoil
with Intelligence from Pondicherry

From Capt.n Lindsay

From Messrs. Porcher Readhead &
Co. preferring a Claim on the part of the late
Captain Mitchells Widow, to arrear of Lord Clives
Bounty due to her

From Messrs.s Porcher and Company

Sent the undermentioned
Letters Entered in Cb Nos 149. 150.

To the Rajah of Tanjore requesting
explicit
he will be more in regard to conveying to
Sherfogee and the Widows the distribution made
by Government of the allowance of the late
Tuleshna.

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

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Saheb:

Sulebehna Bhaij the Collectors will be called upon to reply to the Complaints against them remark upon his communicating with them in English

Ditto recommending that the Embargo on Grain be continued for the present, and that he prevent any supplies going to Pondicherry during the siege; urging them also to send as large a supply of Slaughter Cattle and sheep as possible to the Army

Ditto Ditto

Dispatches the undermentioned letters Entered in MB Nos 141, 142, 143, 144, 145 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158 159, 160, 161

To Captain Alexander Read

To officer Commanding at Kistnagherry the Treasure arrives there from Seringapatam to remain in charge of Tippoos People until further orders

To Lieutenant Johnstone of the Engineers at Ryacotah

To Lieutenant Johnstone censuring his Conduct towards Mr Paymaster Hughes regarding the District Artificers

To Mr Paymaster Hughes

To Paymaster in the Ceded Countries notifying the above

To Messrs Chase & Co

To Messrs Chase Sewell & Chase the Board still adhere to their former resolution

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in regard to their Claim on the part of the Captors of Manacail &c.

To Commandants at Chingleput

To Commandants at Chingleput and Permacail

and Permacail directing them to join their Corps in the field, if required, by the officer Commanding the Army

To Commissary General of

To Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Grain and Provisions &c. Vouchers tender of Grain to be accepted,

To Resident at Ganjam &c.

To Resident at Ganjam

La Rose's property to be restored upon his giving a Parole

To Residents at Hydrabat and

To ditto at Hydrabat & Poonah

Poona in consequence of the Arrival of Lippoos 2d Vist at Vistnaghurry

To Military Auditor General

To Auditor General

with Copy of the Regulations established at Bombay for the Guidance of that office & directions in Consequence

To Ditto with Orders regarding

To Ditto

the payment for some Hats, Cockades &c. to be received from Lieutenant Colonel Geils for the Cloathing of the Artillery Corps.

To Ditto notifying the abvance

To Ditto

of

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of 15000 Pagodas for the Deputy Agent for Bullocks

To Ditto

To Ditto advising of the approval of some temporary appointments made by the officer Commanding the Detachment formed at Vizagapatam. Extract of a letter from the Chief and Council enclosed. Lieutenant Molloy to draw Staff Pay only in one Capacity

To Ditto

To Ditto the Post Master in Camp to draw fifty Pagodas p.m. Mensem.

To Postmaster General

The same to the Postmaster General

To Military Board

To Military Board. the Pioneer Establishment approved and published. the recruits will be cloathed by Government. Lieutenant Colonel Geils will be indemnified for the Hats and Cockades as recommended.

To Ditto

To Ditto the Musters of the Field Carriages &c. required at Bengal to be sent there Copy of the Sub Secretary's letter Enclosed

To Captain Doveton

To Captain Doveton. Vepiaos Vackeel to be informed that the 3 Kist arrived at Kistnagherry cannot be received at present.

To Colonel Brathwaite

To officer Commanding the Army. the property of the Ship and Cargo seized at Masulipatam vests by the laws of war in the Company

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To Captain Lindsay

To Commandant at Permacoil

his Bills for Intelligence papers

To Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue with

Copies of letters from the Nabob in reply to

the representations made by the President on

behalf of Kishen Rao

To Execution to the Estate of the late Colonel Brown

To Captain A Brown the orders

to the Paymaster at Tanjore, of the Nature he

has solicited, cannot be granted.

To Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam the temporary

Appointments made by Colonel Prendergast

approved.

Sent the following letters.

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To the Most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis K G

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

My Lord,

To Bengal with advice of the arrival of Tippoos 3 Sons at Kistnaghery and the directions thereon in Consequence

We have the Honor to

acquaint your Lordship that we have receive

information from the officer Commanding

at Kistnaghery, that on the 10th Instant a

party belonging to Tippoo arrived at that

place in charge of Treasure, and that public

letters concerning it, from the Sultaun, were

on the road to Madras

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Keeping in view your Lordships instructions of the 1st December last, we have directed Captain Dovetan to intimate to the Vackeels that we could not receive the Money which their Master had sent until we had information of the payment of the 2d Kist to the Nizam and the Mairattas

We have the honor to be with respect

Yr. a Yr. a Yr. a

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
Yr. Council.

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To the Honble Sir Robert Abercromby K B
Governor in Council
at Bombay

Honble Sirs

To Bombay with advice of the preparations for the seige of Pondicherry.

We have the honor to inform you that, in Consequence of the intelligence received from the British Consul at Alexandria of the War between England and France we are making every preparation for the seige of Pondicherry, which we hope will commence early in the next month

The Commodore with His Majestys Frigate Minerva, reinforced by the Honorable Company's

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Company's ships Warley Triton and Royal Charlotte, is cruizing off Pondicherry for the purpose of intercepting any supplies that may be coming from the Islands; and, as a part of the Army intended for the seige is already arrived in the Neighbourhood of that place, We trust the Garrison will very soon be deprived of all resources from abroad.

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

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

Gentlemen,

We have received your letters dated the 3d and 8th Instant

The Instructions which you transmitted to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam respecting Vizeram Rauze and Sitteram Rauze were conformable to the orders we had given, and must be strictly attended to.

We are glad to find that Sitteram Rauze has paid so ready an obedience to the requisition

To Board of Revenue the Instructions sent to Vizagapatam prepare no orders can be given at present regarding the disposal of Sitteram Rauz orders on the subject of the outstanding balances of Tanjore the Guntoor & the sea port in the Eastern Division to remain under Mr Stranges charge to report the balance of Cash in the Collectors hands Copy of a letter of Complaint from the Rajah against their proceedings

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requisition made to him, as it affords room to hope that the Negotiation with the Rajah will terminate without the necessity of coercive means. With regard to the disposal of Sitteram, and to the allowance to be granted to him, we can say nothing until we know the result of the demands made upon Vizeriam Rauze. We direct however that he be not permitted to leave Vizagapatam until further orders.

We would have the same rule observed respecting the Balances outstanding in the Tanjore Country at the expiration of the assumption as was practised in the case of the Nabob Viz.t that the whole not received on the 11th July, or provided for by Security, be made over to the Rajah.

We approve the orders you gave for granting releases in full to all those who chose to settle accounts finally for the period of the Company's management.

The Grain at the Sea Ports in the Eastern Division must still remain in charge of Mr. Strange and we shall write to the Rajah desiring that the Embargo may for the present be continued.

We

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We shall furnish you with our instructions regarding the Balance of Cash in the hands of the Collectors as soon as we are informed of the amount

We enclose extract of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, with the papers to which it refers, and, although we doubt not that the Complaint is unfounded we would have you, notwithstanding, call upon the Collectors to reply satisfactorily to the circumstances stated by his Excellency.

We are &c &c

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(signed) Chas Oakeley
&c Council

Sent also a letter Entered in MB.

To Secretary at Bengal.

No 162 to the Secretary at Bengal enclosing a letter from the Nabob to the Governor General and Copy of Intelligence from Pondichery.

Received the following letters Entered on MB. Nos 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172.

From Cloathing Contractor with an Indent of Broad Cloth

From Contractor for Army Cloathing

From Commissary General of Grain and provisions submitting three proposals made

From Commissary Genl of Grain and Provisions

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made to him for the delivery of Grain at Cuddalore for the Army recommends the acceptance of that Ps Venkiah

From Hospital Board

From Hospital Board. Mr Conolly begs to withdraw his plan for an Hospital for Lunatics that he may prepare the necessary Estimates & render it more Complete

Mr of Powers proposed as a Sub Assistant Surgeon to the Field Hospital and Mr Kennedy for the Artillery with the Nizams Detachment Mr. Meir requests leave to visit the Presidency

From Secretary to the Military Board

From Secretary to the Military Board with a packet containing the usual quarterly return of Stores for Bengal

From Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General complaining of the great Arrear of the Accounts of the Paymaster at Ellore

From Ditto

From Ditto with an Abstract Estimate of the Depay Paymaster for Cash for the present Month

From Capt. Allan of the Guides

From Captain Allan requesting he may be ordered to take charge of this Department of Guides in the field

From Capt. Doveton

From Captain Doveton that given to Tippoos Vackeel the intimation ordered by Government

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Government

From Commandant — at

From Capt.r Lindsay

Permacoil with Intelligence from Pondicherry

From Vizagapatam

From Vizagapatam the Detach-

ment ordered, has assembled where it will

remain for a short time

Dispatched the following letter

To the Most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

My Lord.

1 Our Secretary has laid before

us the letter addressed to him by Mr. Secretary

Hay under date the 27.th Ultimo, accompanied

by one from your Lordship to the officer

To Bengal the Battalion Companies of the 75.th and 76.th Regiment have been ordered to join the Army.

Commanding the Army on the Coast

2 As your Lordship is so fully

persuaded that considerable advantage will

be derived from the services of the Battalion

Companies of his Majestys 71.st and 76.th Regiments

with the Army in the Field, we have given

directions for their joining with as little

delay as possible, and shall provide for the

Garrisons from which they are drawn ex-

the

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the best manner our remaining Force will permit.

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

Sent the undermentioned letter
Entered in MB Nos 173. 174. 175. 176.

To Colonel Brathwaite

To officer Commanding the Army
the Battalion Companies of the 71st & 76th Regiment
ordered to join the Army. the Detail ordered
for Tanjore, where Lieutenant Colonel Conyng-
-ham is to command in the absence of
Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell. Tents for the
above Corps ordered. the other recommendations
in his letter of the 14th Instant may be
adopted, excepting only the appointment
of a Chaplain

To Military Board

To Military Board with
directions for providing Tents for the Corps
abovementioned.

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions the proposals of Pinkiah may be accepted.

To

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Hospital Board

To Hospital Board directing them to nominate an assistant Surgeon for the Pioneer Corps.

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Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in Mb Nos 177. 178. 179. 180

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. Captain Robertson makes a second proposal for delivering rice at Cuddalore recommends its acceptance cannot complete his Annual General Statement from want of Mr. Commissary Taylors accounts

From ditto

From ditto requests an advance of 5000 Pagodas for the Deputy Commissary to the Army.

From Commandant at Dindegul

From Commandant at Dindegul. reporting the Complaint of the Garrison Lascars against the Paymaster, for withholding their pay for three Months past.

From Capt. Macey

From Capt. Macey reporting the supplies the Calastry Rajah has promised to furnish for the Army. the Rajahs request that a place near the Pallams may be fixed for receiving their respective supplies

At

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At a Consultation

Present.

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor President.
Ernst William Tallofield Esqr

Tuesday
16 July 1793

Minutes of last Consultation read
and approved.

Read the following letter from Bengal

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

Honorable Sir

From Bengal enclosing form of a Commission for Private Ships acting against the French and of the Bond to be entered into: recommend they be observed, at this Presidency: Application for one for the Hampshire a letter from the Advocate General and a notice published, here also enclosed.

We think it proper to transmit to you a Copy of a letter to our Secretary and its enclosure from Messrs Hamilton and Aberdein Agents for Captain John Rees of the ship Hampshire, requesting from us a Commission for acting in the present War against the French

On the arrival of the Intelligence upon which we agreed, to act from Mr Baldwin His Majesty's Consul at Alexandria that War has been declared by the French against England and Holland, we referred to our Advocate General for

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for his opinion whether, under the Company's Charters, or the existing Acts of Parliament, we had power to grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal against the French in the present War, and, if not, whether we could grant any and what Commissions for a similar, or at all Corresponding Purpose.

We enclose a Copy of his answer to this Reference. It appeared therefrom, that we had no Right to grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, but that, by the Charter of the 26.th of the King, the Company obtained Powers which might be legally exercised, in the three Presidencies by issuing Commissions in the Name and under the Seal of the Company to the Commanders and other officers of any Vessels they might think proper to employ, to act offensively and defensively against any Power with Great Britain within the Limits to which the Authority of their Governments extends. We were informed that we might enter into such stipulations with the owners and Commanders of such Vessels as we pleased, provided were not repugnant to the Laws of Nations or to Treaties by which the British

Empire

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Empire is bound and governed, and it was recommended to us that security should be taken to make full satisfaction for any Damage or Injury they should commit in Breach of the Laws of Nations or of Great Britain or in Violation of the Leagues and Treaties by which his Majesty and the Company are bound with their Powers

We accordingly determined, to issue these Commissions, and take the proposed Securities, according to certain Forms, of which we enclose Copies, and we beg leave to recommend to you to adopt the same measure, and adopt the same Forms at your Presidency. A Copy of a Notice which we published, on the 11.th Instant is also sent herewith

Our Secretary has been directed to mark in Red Ink upon the Forms the Discriptions of Persons to whom the Commissions is to issue and of those who are required to execute the Bonds as well as the Amounts in which the Company are secured by the latter

Should you think it proper to order a Commission for the Hampshire and Circumstances

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Circumstances should admit, you will probably think it advisable to antidate it to the time at which she was taken up by your Govern= ment to carry Dispatches to the Commodore

We have the Honor to be

Sir
Your
Most
Obedt
Servts

Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper
Thos Graham

To Edward Hay Esqr
Secretary to the Government

Sir,

As Agents for Captain John Rice, of the ship Hampshire, we take the liberty to send you a Copy of a letter just received from him No 1, as also Copy of his Application to the Madras Government, tendering his services, No 2, and have to request You will be pleased to lay the same before the Honorable Governor General in Council

By Captain Rices letter it would appear that, altho' his services have been accepted of, he has not procured a Commission as it may eventually be of much

Consequence

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consequence to him to have possessed such a document We shape our requests to have it issued by the Honble Governor General in Council will not be deemed improper, or if that cannot now be done, We beg it may be recommended to the Madras Government since Captain Reid, was dispatched from thence on public service to grant him a Commission of the date of his departure or to make such record on their Minutes as will have the effect to justify his Conduct should he Capture any French Vessels

We have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Hamilton & Aberdein

A true Copy

J. Sombelle

Secy

Copy Letter

Capt. Jo Reid

to

Hamilton & Aberdein

Madras 4th June 1793

My dear Friends

Accounts arriving here of War with France

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Frana, I tendered the ship Hampshire to this Government, a Copy I send you enclosed, and I am to beg the particular favor to procure for me letters of Marque for the ship Hampshire, John Reid Commander, Mounting 16 Guns, 100 Men, Frigate built, Figure Head, and bound to the Coast of Malabar, this, my friends, in case I fall in with any thing in my way as I mean to make Reprisals and send to Calcutta, keep the Letters of Marque in your possession for me which will justify my Conduct in Capturing any French Vessels

I am now dispatched for the Andamans to find Commodore Cornwallis

I am &c.a &c.a

Signed Jo Reid

A true Copy

Signed Hamilton & Aberdeen

A true Copy.

J Bombelle

Secy.

Copy

Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley &c.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

Being ready to sail for

Bombay

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Bombay with the Ship Hampshire under my Command. I take the Liberty of tendering my Services to Government, and if your Honor has any Dispatches you wish to Convey to the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis I will take the Andamans in my way and trust to the Chance of finding him there

And should your Honor think the Hampshire can be of further service to Government at this present Crisis I beg leave to inform you that she is a fast sailor and that in 48 hours might be completely equipt Man'd and Ready for sea as a two and thirty Gun Frigate in which Capacity she formerly was in His Majestys Navy, and I have had myself the Honor to hold a Commission in that Service 15 years.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) John Rich

A true Copy
J Sombelle
Sub Sec.

To

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To Edward Hay Esq.
Secretary to the Government

Sir

I have had the Honor of receiving your letter of the 11th Instant desiring my opinion whether the Governor General in Council has Power, under the Company's Charters, or the existing acts of Parliament to Grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal against the French in the present war, and, if not, whether he can grant any and what Commissions for a similar or at all corresponding Purpose

I have considered the subject as well as the Time within which my Answer to your letter was required, would permit, and am of Opinion that the Board has not any Right to grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal to any Person or Persons whatsoever but, by the Charter granted to the Company by his late Majesty in the 26th Year of his Reign, the Company is empowered, to raise and maintain Forces both by sea & Land and to appoint Generals and Officers for the —

Defence

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Defence and safe Guard of them Several Presidencies in India and the Dependencies thereof, and, upon just cause, to invade and destroy the Enemies of the same.

The Rights given by that Charter may, I conceive, be lawfully exercised in the three Presidencies by issuing Commissions, in the name and under the seal of the Company, to the Commanders and other officers of any Vessels they may think proper to employ, to act offensively and defensively against any Power at war with Great Britain, within the Limits to which the Authority of their Governments extends.

Under such Commissions the Power holding them will, in my opinion, be authorized to carry on Hostilities against the Enemy, to invade their Territories, capture and destroy their ships within the Limits I have mentioned; and, if the Board shall deem it expedient for the public Interests to arm Vessels and issue Commissions to their officers against the French in the present war, they may, I think, enter into such Stipulations with the Owners and Commanders of such Vessels on behalf of

of

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of the Company as they may think proper
provided the same are not repugnant to the
laws of Nations or to the laws or Treaties by
which the British Empire is bound and govern'd.
I cannot suggest any other
Means of complying with the wishes of such
Persons as have applied for letters of marque
and Reprisal on the present occasion, and if
it shall be the determination of Government
to exercise the powers granted to the Com-
pany under the Charter abovementioned
by issuing Commissions to the owners or
Commanders of private Vessels I beg leave to
recommend that Security be taken to make
full satisfaction for any Damage or Injury
they shall commit in Breach of the laws of
Nations or of Great Britain, or in Violation
of the leagues or Treaties by which His Majesty
and the Company are bound with other
Powers

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
W. Burroughs
Advt. Genl.

Calcutta
June 13th 1793.

Signed
a true Copy
J Tombelle
Secrey

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The United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies

To Greeting

Whereas open Hostilities have taken plac between His most sacred Majesty the King of Great Britain and the French Nation, And whereas we, the said United Company are duly authorized and empowered by virtue of a Charter in that behalf given and granted unto us by his late most sacred Majesty George the 2, by the Grace of God then King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, under his Royal Sign Manual and bearing date at Westminster the 8th of January in the 26th year of his Reign to raise and maintain Forces and Armies both by sea and Land, and to appoint such and so many Generals Commanders and other officers as we shall think fit, for the purpose of encountering and repressing, by force of Arms, all and every the Enemy and Enemies of our said Sovereign Lord the King his Heirs and Successors and of ourselves

and

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and the said Enemies and every of them, their Ships, Armour Ammunition, and other Goods, to invade and destroy in such manner as in and by the said Charter is provided mentioned, and contained: Now We the said united Company, in consideration of the premises, and, reposing especial trust and confidence in your good conduct, Loyalty and courage; do by these presents, and under and by virtue of the Royal Charter aforesaid; constitute and appoint you I. L. to be a in our Naval and Marine Service for and under our Presidency of Fort and to be of the Ship of War employed in our said Naval and Marine Service against the said French Nation, during the Hostilities aforesaid, and during our pleasure and the pleasure of our Governor in Council; for the time being, of and for the said Presidency of Fort but without any pay subsistence, charge, allowance, or other compensation whatsoever to be had or demanded by you from us or our Successors on account of such your appointment under this our Commission save as herein after mentioned; you are therefore duly to Command, exercise, and keep in good order and discipline, all the commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers,

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Officers, Seamen and others, Subordinate to you, "
according to such Authority, rules, powers and Provisions,
as in and by the said Charter are mentioned and
contained, and as legally may be done: And we
do hereby command them to obey, you conformably
thereto as their Captain, in which station you are
to observe and follow all such Orders and directions
as you shall receive from time to time from us, our
Governor in Council for the time being, in pursuance
of the trust hereby reposed in you. And we do by these
presents authorize and empower you the said N., by
force of Arms or otherwise, to apprehend, seize and "
take the Ships and Goods belonging to the French
Nation and the people thereof being enemies of our
said Lord the King and of ourselves pursuant to the
powers and within the limits in the said Charter
for that purpose mentioned and prescribed; and, to "
bring the same to such port as shall be most "
convenient in order to have the same legally adjudged
and condemned as prizes. And for the better and
further encouragement of you the said N. and of
the owners, Commissioned and Warrant Officers,
Seamen and others, of and belonging to the said Ship

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and in lieu of pay, subsistence and other Charges and Allowances. —

We the said united — Company do hereby relinquish and quit claim to all and every part and parts, Share and Shares, of and in all each and every Ship or Vessel, and of and in all Stores, Goods, Arms, Ammunition and other Articles whatsoever, taken or found in or on board of all each and every Ship or Vessel which shall be captured and finally condemned as lawful prize by the said Ship under and by virtue of this our Commission, or any other Commission by us granted or to be granted for that purpose; And we the said united Company do hereby promise and agree that all and every Share and Shares of and in all each and every such Ship or Vessel, Stores, Goods, Arms, Ammunition and other Articles so captured and finally condemned as aforesaid, and the produce thereof, which we, the said united Company, might lawfully claim and be entitled unto, shall be divided amongst and given up unto you the said the Owner or Owners of the said Ship, and the Commission, and Warrant Officers, Seamen and

others

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others of in and belonging thereto, in such shares and proportions as shall be hereafter for that purpose ordered, settled and agreed upon by our Governor in Council of and for our Presidency of Fort aforesaid. In witness whereof our Governor and Council Counsellors of our Presidency of Fort aforesaid have hereunto set our common Seal and subscribed their respective Signatures.

Fort William in Bengal
the of 179

Registered in the Secretary's Office

Know All Men by these presents that We

are jointly and severally held and firmly bound unto the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East

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East Indies in the Sum of

of lawful Money

of aforesaid to be paid to the said United

Company or to their certain Attorney, Agents, Successors

or Assigns, for which payment to be well and truly

made; We do hereby bind ourselves jointly and each

and every of us by himself severally our each and every

of our respective Heirs, Executors, and Administrators

firmly by these presents, sealed with our Seals dated this

day of in the year of our Lord

Christ; One thousand seven hundred and Ninety.

Whereas

at the desire and request of the said I. I. is

authorized and empowered by a Commission of and

from the said united Company bearing even date with

these presents constituting appointing the said I. I.

Captain in the Naval and Marine Service of the said

united Company for and under their Presidency of Fort

and Commander of the Ship of

War belonging to the said and at the desire and

request of the said employed in the said Naval

and Marine Service of the said United Company

against the French during the present open Hostilities

and during the pleasure of the said United Company,

and

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and the pleasure of the said Governor in Council for
the time being of the said Presidency of Fort
but without any hire, allowance or charge whatsoever
for the same, to set upon by force of Arms or
otherwise, to apprehend, seize and take the Ships and
other Vessels, Goods, Monies, and Merchandizes belonging to
the French Nation and the people thereof being
Enemies of our Sovereign Lord the King of Great
Britain and of the said united Company, pursuant
to certain powers and within the limits in a certain
charter or Letters Patent of His late Majesty of
Great Britain, King George the second, under his
sign Manual granted to the said united Company
and bearing date at Westminster the eighth day
of January in the twenty sixth year of his Reign
for that purpose mentioned and contained and to bring
the same to such port as shall be most convenient in
order to have the same legally adjudged and condemn-
=ned as prizes. And Whereas the said [redacted]
have, in
consequence thereof, undertaken that the said [redacted] and
other the Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers
Seamen, and others to be employed in and on board
the said Ship
shall and will, well, truly and
faithfully

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faithfully, at all times, during the period aforesaid, observe and follow all such instructions, Orders and directions as they and every of them shall and may from time to time receive from the said United Company, or the Governor in Council of the Fort aforesaid for the time being.

Now the condition of this obligation is such that if the said CHARLES NO and other the Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, Seamen, and others to be so employed in and on board of the said Ship, shall and do well truly and faithfully at all times during the period aforesaid observe and follow all such instructions Orders and directions, as the said united Company, or their Governor in Council of the said Presidency, of aforesaid for the time being shall and may, from time to time duly transmit to them every, or any or either of them as far as the said instructions, Orders, and directions, the said Ship's Captain and other the Commissioned Officers Warrant

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Warrant Officers, Seamen and others, the said Ships Company for the time being, may any way concern and according to the true intent and meaning of the said instructions, Orders, and Directions, and if nothing shall be done by the said Captain and other the Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, Seamen and others the said Ships Company, contrary to the Law of Nations and the laws and statutes of the realm of Great Britain aforesaid; or contrary to any of the leagues and treaties, existing, between his Sovereign Majesty the King of Great Britain and other powers or between the said United Company and other powers. And if they or some one or more of them shall give and make full satisfaction for any damages or injury, which shall or may be done by them, any or either of them to any of his said Majesty's Subjects, or Allies or Neuters or their subjects. And moreover if they or any of them shall not take any Ship or Vessel or other Goods, Monies, or Merchandizes, belonging to the Enemy or otherwise liable to confiscation through consent or clandestinely, or by collusion, by virtue, Colour, or pretence of the said Commissions or any or either of them there this obligation to

be

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be void and of none effect, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue. ——

Signed, Sealed, and delivered,
where no Stamps are to be
had or in use, in the ——
presence of ——

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Notice is hereby given to all owners and Commanders of Ships and Vessels, who may be desirous of Acting in the present War against the French under Commissions from the Honorable Company; that they are to make application, in writing, for the purpose of obtaining such Commissions at the Military Secretary's Office between the hours of 10 and 3 O Clock each day. The application is to contain a short description of the Ship or Vessel, the number of her Masts, her Tonnage, length, breadth and name. ——

The name or names of the Owner or Owners and those of the Officers must also be added. ——

Security will be required for the due performance of the trust reposed in the Persons to whom the Commission may be granted. For any Ship

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Ship or Vessel that in England would be manned with less than one hundred and fifty Men security to the extent of 15,000 Rupees will be expected and for such as would require that number or more Sicca Rupees 30,000

The Security must be given according to an established form in the names of the Owners or Owners Commanders and Officers and of two persons having no concern or interest in the Ship.

Published by order of the Honorable the President in Council

Signed C. Hay
Dep. Secy. to the Govt.

A true Copy
Signed J. Tombelle
Secy.

Resolutions in Consequence.

Resolved that the form of the Commission and Bond of Security recommended by the Governor General in Council to be observed at this Presidency, be substituted for those entered on the Minutes of Consultation the 2nd instant

Resolved that whenever application be made for a Commission for the Hampshire the same be antidated to the time when she sailed from

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from hence in quest of the Commodore the Board remark that the Governor General in Council entertains an opinion that this Ship has been taken up by —— Government, which is not the case Captain Reid —— offered his services to carry despatches to the Commodore and to touch at the Andamans in his way to Bombay for the purpose of delivering them, if the Minerva — which was at that time probable, were there — the offer was accepted but without any condition binding on —— Government. ——

Proportion in which the Secretary's Fees on Ship. Commissions are to be rated. ——

The President proposes that the Secretary's Fees on the Commissions be rated in proportion to the Amount of the Security taken — that is — if Security be taken in the Sum of 30,000 thousand Sicca Rupees, the Fees be fifty Star Pagodas — and if 15,000 Rupees, the Fees to be twenty five Pagodas. ——

Approved and ordered accordingly —

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite. ——

To

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of expenditure, which can only be produced by the establish-
-ment of positive Rules for, and checks on, every branch of
expenditure. I have hitherto been silent on this subject,
not knowing whether Government might not publish
some determined system of regulation to be adhered to
as the authority for all disbursements on the present
Service, but, as no such publication has hitherto appeared
in orders, I have thought it necessary to call your
attention to this important subject from the motive of
not wishing either to appear to have been negligent on
my part, or desirous of exercising powers which you
might not mean should be vested in me. It is an
unpleasant subject to treat of in this way, but not
having the advatage of a seat at your Board, as has
usually been the case with my predecessors in Command,
which would enable me to bring forward such matters
verbally, it is the only mode by which I can convey my
ideas to your honor in Council, and I hope I shall
stand fully acquitted by you, of being actuated by any
other motives, on this occasion, than the general idea
of establishing correctness and regularity throughout
and ascertaining the degree of responsibility attached to
my own situation in regard to the public disbursements

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of all kinds arising from the service on which I am about to be employed. And I should esteem myself much obliged to you, if you will be pleased to allow me, (if a system previously published by you does not render it unnecessary) an Assistant from the Military Auditor Generals Office to go with me to the Field, that I might employ him to examine and report upon all charges for my guidance.

I have the honor to lay before you an Extract of a letter from the Resident at Cuddalore to the Chief Engineer, and to recommend that the Resident may be authorised to cause the materials specified to be made up without delay, as the prices appear reasonable: and though we should meet with every thing requisite for the preparation of them on the spot, we have a probability of saving time by having this resource at command also.

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

Military Head Quarters
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Extract of a letter from John Kenworthy Esqr Resident at Cuddalore to Lieutenant Colonel Maule Chief Engineer Dated 6th July 1793.

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"The Wood Cutters &c have been with me with a muster of a Gabion and Pickets, all very good, which they have offered to make upon the following terms to be delivered at Cuddalore Viz.t —

Gabions 3 feet Diameter 4 feet high at 10 Fs. Pagoda

Do. — 3 feet Diameter 3 ½ high at 15 Fs. Pagoda

from 600 to 800 to be ready in the course of 3 Weeks.

Pickets

1 to 1 ½ Inches Diameter 2 feet 6 Inches long at 1 ¼ Pagoda Fs. 1000

1 ½ to 2 Inches Diameter 5 fet 6 Inches long at 5 Pagodas per 1000

2 to 2 ½ Inches Diameter 4 ½ to 5 feet long at 12 ½ Pagodas Fs. 1000

10,000 of the first Assortment, 5000 of the second and 3000 of third to be ready in three Weeks. —

Fascines 10 Inches Diameter 9 feet long with five Bindings 25 Fs. Pagoda 3000 to be ready in 3 Weeks

The Above are the lowest rate at which the People will engage to provide materials, and, should you be of opinion that there will be a risque in floating them down to Pondicherry the Topt Lascars, Bamboo Coolies and the Agents Carts &c might be employed in transporting them as you will

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will be in a standing Camp - If I am authorized by Government to set these People at Work I shall do it with good will and shall endeavour to encrease the Quantities of the several Assortments if necessary". —

Signed/ John Kenworthy

A true Extract

Signed/ G. Maule

A true Copy

Signed/ Wm. Wilson Secry

Minutes thereon

Agreed that the Military Auditor General be directed to report, with as little delay as possible, how far the Arrangements established by Lord Cornwallis during the late War in the Mysore Country will apply in the present case and whether any, and if any, what further regulations may be proper for the conduct of the several Departments of expenditure and supply —

Agreed also that he be directed to state whether an Assistant can conveniently be spared from his Office to accompany Colonel Brathwaite to the Field

Ordered that the Resident at Cuddalore be authorized to procure the number of

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of Fascines Gabions &c. mentioned in his letter to the Chief Engineer. —

Resolved that the following Advertisement be published in the Madras Courier and communicated by beat of Tom Tom to the Inhabitants of of the Black Town. —

Notice for encouraging Supplies of Provisions for Camp to be published

"Public Notice is hereby given to all Persons disposed to convey supplies of Provisions to the Camp before Pondicherry, that orders have been given through the Country for exempting every Article of this nature from duties on the Road, and that the President in Council has strictly prohibited all Taxes, Fees, or impositions of any kind, or under any denomination or pretence whatsoever upon Articles brought to the Camp Bazars for sale, excepting only spirituous Liquors and intoxicating Drugs, which will be put under such regulations as shall appear to the Officer Commanding the Army, best calculated to restrain the use of them among the Troops." —

Read the following letter from the Resident at Cuddalore. —

Honorable Sir

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Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that

From Resident at Cuddalore, advising of the Supplies he intends to furnish the Commodore. Copy of a letter to and from him enclosed. has provided the Paddy ordered, and — received 15 Pr. Farra from Nagore. —

the 25th Battation of Sepoys and the two Flank — Companies of Europeans moved out of the Fort this afternoon and encamped at New Town, they will — march early to morrow morning to join Colonel Floyd on the Red Hills. ——

All the French Ships left Pondicherry Roads last night, the Commodore got under way this morning at day light, perhaps with a view of falling in with them, but as a Ship was seen this afternoon to the Northward, I imagine he has been unsuccessfull and is returning to his Station. —

On the arrival of the Commodore off Pondicherry I immediately dispatched a letter to him making an offer of my Services in procuring Refreshments for his Ship or in forwarding his — Dispatches &c. enclosed is his answer, and I have, in consequence, addressed a letter to him, Copy of which you will herewith receive — some Expence will be — incurred in consequence of any assistance I may afford him or the Ships composing his Squadron, but I beg

leave

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leave to assure you that in promoting the publick Service, I shall on every occasion attend to strict Oeconomy.

Three Ships, which I suppose are the Indiamen under the Commodores Orders, were seen this afternoon standing towards Pondicherry

Conformable to your Orders of the 19th June I have laid in Store for the use of the Garrison, 25 Garce of Paddy and I have received 15½ Garce from the Resident at Vagore, but of all matters which relate to this Department of the Service I shall regularly advise the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

Cuddalore
12th July 1793.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Kenworthey

To J. Kenworthey Esqr.

Sir,

I am very much obliged to you for your offer of Service. I have stopped some Boats going to Pondicherry — I cannot spare Men to send them to Madras or to take care of them. I should be

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be glad to send them to Fort St. David's to be taken care of — The Minerva will soon be in want of fresh Water, I should be glad to know if any can be obtained — and I shall be very thankfull for any information you may be able at any time to send me the India Ships parted from me the other day and I wonder they are not arrived —

I am &c &c

(Signed) W. Cornwallis

Minerva off Pondcherry 11th July 1793.

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Kenworthey

To the Honorable William Cornwallis

Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in the East Indies.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of yesterday — If you will be pleased to send the Boats you have Captured to this place or to Fort St. Davids I shall station —

Lepoys

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Sepoys on board to take care of them or to proceed with them to Madras, as you may deem most proper — I now dispatch two Chelingas, and, should you be pleased to send me empty Water Casks, they shall be filled and returned to you with all possible dispatch. I shall do myself the honor of communicating to you such intelligence as I may from time to time receive — On one of the Chelingas I take the liberty of sending an English Seaman who lately left his Ship at Porto Novo. —

Cuddalore
12th. July 1793

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

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Kenworthey

Minute thereon

The Board entirely approve the Resident's communications with the Commodore — Resolved that he be directed to afford every assistance that the Minerva may stand in need of. —

Read the following letters. —

To

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To W.C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed to request that you will lay before the Governor in Council at Fort St. George the enclosed Copy of a letter written yesterday by the Commander in Chief to Colonel Brathwaite Commanding Officer of the Troops at your Presidency.

From Secretary at Bengal inclosing Copy of a letter from the Marquis Cornwallis to Colonel Brathwaite

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort William
the 27th June 1793

(Signed) E. Hay
Secry to the Govt.

To Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Troops under the Presidency of

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have received your letter, dated the 10th Instant, with its enclosures, and am obliged to you for the ample communication that you have made

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made to me of the Steps that have been taken, and of the orders that have been issued, in consequence of the present situation of Affairs.

I have already notified to the Government of Fort St. George that although it is my intention to repair, as soon as possible to Madras, I would not wish the attack of Pondicherry to be delayed for a moment, as soon as you are assured of a sufficient supply of Artillery Stores, and Provisions to enable you to carry on the seige with unremitted vigor: and I trust, from your letter, that there will not be so much difficulty in conveying by Land the apparatus necessary for so considerable an undertaking as I was, at first, inclined to suspect

It is unnecessary for me to repeat the Sentiments which I have expressed in my letters to Sir Charles Oakeley and to the Government of Fort St. George relative to the employment of those two fine Corps the 71st and 74th Battalions, and other matters, all of which will doubtless have been communicated to you; but I wish to recommend to your Peculiar attention as Commanding Officer

the

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The strict enforcement of the Order against making any Collections in the Camp Bazars except on spirituous liquors and intoxicating Drugs, as I conceive this measure to be of the greatest importance for securing a plentiful supply to the Army. —

I have every reason to approve of your zealous exertions, and of all the arrangements, with the few exceptions, which I have mentioned in the letters alluded to; but I cannot help expressing my surprise that you proposed the transfer of the Horses of Major Pater's Corps to the 11th Regiment after I & Co strongly recommended that the former should be the first mounted. —

I have only to add that as the time of my arrival on the Coast must be in some degree uncertain I shall in the mean time rely with confidence on your experience for conducting the Military operations with judgement and activity and for preserving the Army in strict and regular discipline; and I shall also trust that you will avoid unnecessary Appointments of every kind, and exert

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exert the utmost vigilance to prevent waste and peculation in all the public Departments. —

I am with the great esteem

&c. &c.

Signed Cornwallis

A true Copy

Signed J. A. Ross Military Secry

A true Copy

Signed E. Hay Secry to the Govern.t

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir

From Colonel Braithwaite encloses Copy of the above letter from Marquis Cornwallis recommends the Battalion Companies of 71st and 72d Regiment be ordered to the Field and a detail in consequence. Opinion re Major Dalrymples letter regarding the Garrison forces of Dindigul - other recommendations. —

I have the honor to enclose, for your information, the Copy of a Letter I had the honor to receive yesterday from the most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis. —

You will perceive by it that his Lordship's lays much stress on the advantage to be derived from the Services of His Majesty's 71st and 72d Regiments, I request therefore that you will reconsider the subject, and adopt the plan I had the honor to propose

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propose to you in my letter of the 6th instant by which
the 73d may at least be drawn to the Field, and, if
you have confidence in the tranquillity of the Polygars
and neighboring powers, or are of opinion that it is not
probable that any serious consequence will attend their
being withdrawn from the Southward, both Corps
may, I trust, be ordered to join the Army —

As I have so fully explained the
state the Forts of Trichenopoly Tanjore Madura and
Dindigul will be in, in my letter of the 9th it is not
necessary for me to say more on the subject, than that
my latest information is that the new Battalion
is nearly compleated the ordered Establishment. I should
therefore hope that orders may be issued for Colonel
Bruce to send one compleat Company of the 1st
European Battalion, and the remainder of the 3d
Native Battalion, to Tanjore, as soon as matters are
prepared for withdrawing the 73d and in that case
I would recommend that Lieutenant Colonel —
Cunningham be sent to the Temporary Command
of Tanjore, as the accounts I have of Captain Hope
do not incline me to recommend him for such a
situation

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situation, I believe the 1st European Battalion unless enabled by a great recovery of the sick cannot do more — and Madura and Dendigul, the former especially must remain weakely Garrisoned, if both the 71st and 74th — Regiments are called away; but I must say that the Services of these Regiments will be highly advantageous to us, and that I hope they may join us soon enough to render very important Service, though their arrival must be late; time might be saved by ordering Drafts to be made up everywhere to the Southward, and sent from the places nearest to the head Quarters of these Corps at Madura and Tanjore, while such as can be sent from hence, may be also sent to Trichinopoly for their fuller Accommodation. —

In reply to Mr. Secretary Jacksons' Letter of the 10th instant: inclosing a Copy of a letter from Major Dalrymple, on which you desire my opinion I have the honor to inform you that I think two Companies of his Majesty's 71st Regiment and three Companies of the Honorable Company's 13th Native Battalion, a very sufficient Garrison for Dendigul, supposing that no calls are made upon that Garrison

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for Detatched Services, but that, in all such cases, the Troops stationed in other places in the District are called upon.

I have the honor to inform you that there will be about sixty three sick in his Majestys 36 and 52d Regiments when they march and that as Mr Orr, the Surgeons Mate of one of the Regiments, must, on account of an inferior state (which does not however disqualify him from attending the sick) be left at Pondamale, I would propose that those sick of these his Majestys Regiments should continue at Pondamale under the care of Mr Orr and I would also propose that an Officer of one of the Corps should be left in charge of Pondamale and to take charge of the recruits of his Majestys Regiments that may be expected shortly to Arrive —

I shall make no appointments but such as the Established rules of Service authorises as staff to Corps and Brigades formed in the Field and these will be few, as so many of the Establishment staff are ordered to the Field, and I shall have the honor to submit them to you from Camp for your Confirmation. —

I shall be obliged to you to permit Lieutenant Montgomery to attend me to the Field without

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for Detatched Services, but that, in all such cases, the Sepoys stationed in other places in the District are called upon.

I have the honor to inform you that there will be about sixty three sick in his Majestys 36 and 52d Regiments when they march and that as Mr Orr, the Surgeons Mate of one of the Regiments, must, on account of an inferior state [which does not however disqualify him from attending the sick] be left at Pondamale, I would propose that those sick of these his Majestys Regiments should continue at Pondamale under the care of Mr Orr and I would also propose that an Officer of one of the Corps should be left in charge of Pondamale and to take charge of the recruits of his Majestys Regiments that may be expected shortly to Arrive —

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I shall be obliged to you to permit Lieutenant Montgomery to attend me to the Field without

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without expence to the Company, as an Extra aid du Camp
as Lieutenant Samsons indisposition will render him,
for some time at least, incapable of any exertion, and
Lieutenant Montgomery informs me he can do it
without hindrence to his present Agency; I request
your authority also to appoint a Provost Martial for
the inforcement of regularity and strict discipline in
the Camp and its environs, with the usual Allowance.

I submit to your Consideration whether
it may not be proper to appoint a chaplain to the Army
in the Field I believe the Revd. W. M. Kay is the
only one who has simply his Regimental duty to attend
to, and if none of the others can be spared to join the
Army, and the duty of the whole falls upon him, I think
he will be intitled to draw extra allowance as chaplain
to the Army, If you think it proper to order him to
act as such, otherwise he is attached to his Majesty's
72d Regiment solely.

I have the honor to be with great
Respect
&c &c
Signed John Brathwaite

Military Head
Quarters
July 14th 1793

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Resolutions in consequences.

As the Governor General seems so well persuaded that considerable advantage will be derived from the services of the Battalion Companies of his Majesty's 71st and 74th Regiments with the Army in the Field Resolved, that an order be issued directing that these Corps be held in readiness for active Service, to move at such time as Colonel Brathwaite may judge necessary —

Resolved also, that orders be issued for the march of one complete Company of the 1st Battalion of European Infantry and the remainder of the 5th Battalion of Native Infantry to Tanjore and that Lieutenant Colonel Cunningham be appointed to the Command of that Fort during the absence of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell. —

Agreed that the Military Board be directed to give immediate orders for preparing a sufficient Number of Tents for the Corps of his Majesty's Regiments ordered to the Field, and in the manner recommended by Colonel Brathwaite. —

The Board approve the other recommendations contained in the Colonels letter with

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with the exception only of the Appointment of Chaplain to the Army, about which he will receive their Sentiments hereafter.

Read the following Letters from His Highness the Nabob entered also in C.C. Nos 151 152/

Translation of a Letter From His Highness the Nabob Walajah Bahauder &c &c To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor of Madras.

Dated 10th
Received 15th 1793

From the Nabob requesting that the supply of Cattle now collecting by the Polygars of Calastry Vencatagherry &c be included in the number promised by his Highness and that a direct demand be not again made upon any of his subjects.

In my letter of the 7th June I informed you of my consent to supply Sheep and Bullocks, in the proportion of our third share, and suggested that the rest might be collected from Tanjore and the Company's Jaguer: I am at present exerting myself, through the Blessing of God, to make up that Complement. With this view, I have written to the Polygars of Vencatgherry, Calestry to Bomraj to Merore and Nalcotty, but I have just now learned that you have sent a person to Vencatgerry, Calestry and to Bomraj to demand Sheep and Bullocks in your own Behalf.

To afford the necessary Supplies to the Army of my Friends, is a matter of the first consideration with

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with me. —

These Polygars, conformably to my Orders, have collected, and are sending Bullocks &c. I request you will do me the favor to include these in the number demanded of me by my friends the English for the siege of Ponaicherry — and, in future, that if any supplies from my Polygars be requisite, you inform me of the same, and do not except regarding the payment of the — Peishcush, make a direct demand on any of my subjects thus the influence of my authority will be confirmed. If, in such an Administration as yours this infringement of it take place, the instance will become a Precedent to future Governments.

What more shall I write?

A true Translation

/ Signed / David Haliburton

Persian Translator

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

Dated 5th Zuhrige 1207 Hegery
or
15th July 1793

Received 16th Do. Do.

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your

From the Nabob repeating his Complaints against the late conduct of Lieutenant Dighton at Mellore and desiring he may be prohibited from interfering with the internal Management of the Country — sorry to hear of the Outrages complained of by Canal Ram — shall send orders to Chittore on the subject.

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Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, relative to a Complaint preferred by Lieutenant Dighton the Officer Commanding Wallore and expressive of your sentiments regarding the people who attends upon the person of my Phouzdar of that District.

Anxious to avoid every disagreeable discussion I have refrained from troubling you upon the subject of a variety of complaints that have been made to me against Lieutenant Dighton and hoped that a representation to himself, upon the impropriety of his conduct might have been sufficient to prevent Complaints of similar nature in future; but, as Lieutenant Dighton has addressed you, and as you are pleased to give full credit to his assertions, I am constrained much against my inclination, to bring forward matters which otherwise would have remained unknown to you.

Lieutenant Dighton, for reasons that I am unacquainted with, has shewn himself inimical to my Government, and, indirectly, offered me every disrespect in his Power. The accompanying Arzdast from my Phouzdar speaks to the fact, and, in some degree, particularizes the severe and I presume unjustifiable measures he has thought proper to

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pursue, and I believe it will be found upon investigation that Lieutenant Deighton's narrative is not altogether correct; but, Sir, admitting it to be as he has stated it, and that upon his insisting that the Phouzdars Manager should apprehend persons against whom he had become irritated, and that the Phouzdars Manager had refused compliance, was it in her Delicate, justifiable, or necessary, that he should have drawn out his party with loaded Arms to enforce such compliance; and how must it be considered by the world that an Officer in the service of friends the Company, and Commanding in one of my Forts, should draw out his Garrison, with loaded Arms, against the Officers of my Revenue, and what might have been the consequence if my Servants had not at length complied with Lieutenant Deighton's arbitrary commands; of course he would have made use of his Arms as that must have been the purpose for which they had been loaded. I shudder at the thoughts. If my Servants at any time act improperly, upon a proper representation, I am always ready to correct them, and to give every satisfaction where it may appear due. Lieutenant Deighton then should have made his complaint to you previous to his offering any harsh treatment towards

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towards my Servants, nor should he have carried any severe measure into effect untill he had first obtained your sanction to that end; were it to be otherwise, what would be my situation, from continual interruptions and repeated disgrace to which my People would be liable, my affairs would be thrown into the utmost confusion, my Revenues could not possibly be collected, and I should be rendered totally incapable of fulfilling my engagements with my friends the Company, whose interest I ever have, and ever shall regard, as my own: and I am to hope the consideration is and always will be reciprocal, and I therefore trust you will be pleased to order the releasment of my People whom Lieutenant Deighton holds in confinement, and that you will be pleased to direct him not to interfere with my Managers, as I am convinced you well know that an Officer Commanding in any of my Forts has no manner of right to intermiddle with the internal Government of my Country, otherwise than to protect and assist the people whom I may employ in collecting the Revenues, and those People must, of necessity, have Guards and Attendants, or they never would be enabled to discharge the duties of their Office: and these Guards and Attendants are also necessary appendages to rank and station, and without

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which there would not be shewn that respect which is due,
and without which Business would not be carried on with
requisite promptitude. when these points are considered, and
when it is also considered that the Cutcherry of the —
Phousdar of Nellore is held in the Fort and that the —
Renters Aumils and Principal Inhabitants have their
places of residence there, I am persuaded that you will
see in the reasonableness but the absolute necessity
that steps be taken for removing the troops belonging to me at Nellore should remain
there within the four Walls, which is broken down in —
several places. To encrease prosperity and happiness to
this Country, and to make its riches flow as formerly, —
there must be but one mind and one interest, and God
knows with what sincerity I aver, that I regard the
interest of my friends the Company as my own. —

You say in the conclusion of your
letter that you have lately received a letter from Cavet
Rauze a Copy of which you have enclosed to me. believe
me that I am very sorry the outrages he speaks of —
should have happened — I have sent Orders on this —
subject to the Jaghiredar of Chittoor, and, (God willing)
I will speedily take proper steps in the Business. — —
Cavet Rauz has written likewise to me to the — —

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same effect.

What can I say more?

A true Translation

/Signed/ David Haliburton

Persian Translator

Translation of an Arzudasht from Noor ud deen Mahomed Cawn to Jung mahob Dated 16th Zeleaud 1207 Hegira or 20th June of 1793.

I have already addressed to your Highness three letters regarding the irregularity and disturbance committed by the Commanding Officer at Nellore in drawing his sword and loading Firelocks of his Sepoys against the Sirkar's People, without any mischief on their part. I have herein enclosed three Papers of the above occurrances, bearing the Seal and Evidences of the Rejsauldars Commandants and Soubadars &c. who are acquainted with these Busines which I hope would pass by your August sight. the Circars People would have exceedingly corrected him for the injuries and immoderate conduct he has unjustly done towards them but having a fraid of your Highness

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Highness over passed all his mischief and wickedness, and made silent in order that it may not offend your Highness. The aforesaid Officer has still kept under his Guard one Trooper and also a Boy or brother to Mahomed Tippoo Jamadar whose Sword he kept under the Circar's Guard under this assertion that the Jamadars station and his own being equal it would be improper in consequence to keep the Jamadars Sword under his Guard - Seeing the disturbance and violence of the Officer, when I was at four Cose distance from Nellore, I wrote to Sheashagerry, who was in the said place, desiring him to ask the — Officer and inform me whether I can expect his permission to come into the Fort or not, to which the Officer replied that I may come only with my attendants, and should not bring the Sepoys and Troopers - The Officer since — dispatched one Balakisten Commandant of the Company to me, with the aforesaid message, I returned an answer that, from the beginning, Commanding Officers were appointed and employed in this place and the — same Sepoys, Troopers, and the Renters had been always here upon their duty; that the Houses of the Aumels Renters, and the Inhabitants are composed a habitation

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in the fort that these People are belonging to the Circar and under Phousdar, who is empowered to correct them and put the Busineſs of the Circars Government in good order, that this regulation has been continued in every Fort which was inhabited from the beginning of the Company's Garrison therein, and even in this place also, and that the Commanding Officers had been not allowed to interfere in the Circars Government busineſs but only to place Guards at the Fort Gate and taken care of the same — that no Commanding Officer has ever attempted to offer such unjustice as he has been the Author of these Proceedings of which I have fully addreſsed to your Highneſs, that I and the Sepoys and Troopers are the Sirkars Servants, how can I leave off them and come in the Fort — I am encamped with the aforesaid People out of the Fort, wherever your Highneſs will Order me to remain I will remain there, and manage the Circars busineſs, but the Officer, without being corrected for the abovementioned conduct, the Circars Servants are to be contemptible. —

Minutes of the Board on the two foregoing Letters from the Nabob —

It did not occur to the Board that there could be any neceſsity for appriziing the Nabob of the

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the various measures they had taken to supply the Army with Provisions — the letters written to the Polygars were simply to request that Mr. Cockburns Servants might meet with every encouragement in procuring cattle in the Pollams which would be paid for at a fair and reasonable price: tho' his Highness had promised his utmost endeavors to obtain supplies, it would not have been prudent in the Board, on that account, to have taken no steps themselves — there was ample in the Country for all their exertions, and as it was not intended in the prosecution of the object in view, to use any other means than the influence of fair dealing with the Inhabetants, the Board do not perceive how their proceedings could interfere with the authority of the Nabob, or tend, in the smallest degree, to impede those measures on his part which were directed precisely to the same end. —

The Board are concerned to find that the Nabob has taken such offence at the conduct of Lieutenant Dighton, since the matter appears to them in a light different from that in which it has been represented to his Highness by the Phousdar at Nellore — It is not to be doubted that the Fort of Nellore stands precisely upon the same footing as the other Forts in the

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the Carnatick, which, by the Treaty with the Nabob are to be Garrisoned and defended by the Company's Troops. — — Lieutenant Dighton, to whom the safety of the place is entrusted, feeling the responsibility of his situation very naturally, asserted the right of quelling any disturbance committed within the Garrison — the mischief in this case arose from there being a larger number of the Nabobs than of the Company's Troops in the Fort — It is neither consistent with safety, nor prudence to admit separate and independent authorities in any Military station — To maintain a proper degree of discipline, there must be only one Command, and, with the view therefore to prevent any differences whatever between the Nabobs and the Company's People at Nellore, it is resolved to recommend to his Highness /at the time the foregoing circumstances are communicated/ to order the armed Men belonging to the Phousdar to remain without the Garrison and if the Business of the Circar require his /the Phousdars/ presence in the Fort — that he will bring only such attendants as are usually about his Person. —

Agreed that the Nabob be further informed that he may rest assured that if Lieutenant Dighton be found to have interfered in any respect

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in the internal Management of the Country, he will not escape with impunity — but that while he directs his attention to the maintenance of good order within his own Command, and confines himself to that object, the Board trust he will have his Highness's approbation as well as their's. —

Read the following letter from the Resident at Hyderabad. —

W. C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From Resident at Hyderabad on the subject of the Soucars refusal to receive the Pechcush in Star Pagodas requests it may be rendered in Madras Pagodas & suggests the abolition of the Paymastership on Mr Brunsquelling it. arrangements in consequence. —

I have communicated to the Nizam's Minister the substance of the information contained in your letter of the 23d Ultimo respecting the offer that had been made to the Soucars at Madras, appointed by his Highness, of four Lacks of Rupees, to which I have not yet received any reply: and, concluding the amount was meant by the Board to be paid in star Pagodas, which are said to sell at a discount of 20 or 25 pr. Cent on the Company's rate of 365 AR. pr. 100 Star Pagodas, I attribute to that circumstance the refusal of the Bankers to

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to take the Money & the silence of the Durbar concerning
it. Star Pagodas being hardly known or saleable here
I would recommend that any tender of Cash which the
Board may find it necessary to make to his Highness's
Agents in gold, either at Madras or Masulipatam, should
be in Madras Pagodas, which may be got rid of more
easily, and generally, at little or no loss —

On considering of the proposed charge
on the Nizam as per the account enclosed in your letter
of the 23d Ultimo for the transportation of Stores to
Innaconda, I have thought it advisable to delay preferring
it till I can learn the pleasure of the Governor General in
Council on the subject.

Economy, being at this time very —
necessary, in the expences of the Detachment, serving with
the Nizam on account of the excessive high price of
Rice in the Country where they are serving, and the
duties of a Paymaster having been much reduced since
the Bengal mode has been adopted of Commanding
Officers paying their own men, I beg leave to submit —
to the Board whether this Office might not be abolished
altogether, on Mr Brown, the present Paymasters, expected
relinquishment of it: the duty of the victualling —
Department —

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Department to the Europeans, the only one in which the Paymaster has much to do, might, I think, be performed, and probably much more to the comfort of the Men, by the Commanding Officer of artillery, who might be allowed to pay them daily agreably to the Bazar herieth, the amount to be included in his monthly accounts; or he might be restricted to allowing them the dry Batta in the same manner as it is paid to Sergeants of Sepoy Battalions. —

Should the Board see no objection to the above mode of victualling the Artillery Men, the only duty that will remain for a Paymater to execute would be to bring into one general account those of the different Corps, seeing that all charges and vouchers were made out agreeably to the established regulations and forwarding them to the Paymaster General, which any Officer I dare say, would be glad to perform for a very moderate allowance, and thus the expence of Conocopolies and other charges, that always accompany the above two Departments, might be done away. Lieutenant Goldsworthy appears to me to be a deserving Officer, and a proper person for the above employ, in the case the Board approve of the

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the suggestions I have here submitted to them.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed John Kennaway

Hydrabad
23d June 1793.

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in Consequence.

The Sowcars appointed by the Nizam to receive the Peishcush being called before the Board, the President enquires if they have yet received any orders from Hydrabad, and whether they are disposed to receive a payment on account of the Nizam, provided it be made in Madras Pagodas. The Sowcars reply, that they cannot accept any offer of the kind, not having, to this time, heard from Hydrabad on the subject.

Resolved that the above be communicated to Sir John Kennaway, and that the Chief and Council at Masulipatam be directed to make an offer to the Nizam's Agent at that place of paying the Sum of three lacks and fifty thousand (350,000) Arcot Rupees in Madras Pagodas.

Agreed to inform Sir John Kennaway that so soon as Mr Brown notifies his wish of relinquishing the Office of Paymaster the arrangements suggested in the foregoing Letter will be adopted by the Board.

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Board. —

Read the following letter from Captain William Macleod. —

To William Collins Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Honorable Board.

Sir,

From Captain W. Macleod enclosing his Bills for Intelligence from 1st January to 30th June.

I have the honor of transmitting to you my accounts from the 1st of January to the 30th of June 1793 amounting to P. ₹ C. 651.6.62. the order for the payment of which I request you may be so obliging as direct to be sent to Lieutenant Grant Commanding the Governor's Body Guard. —

I also forward the Report of Harcarahs who returned yesterday from Seringapatam. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed / William. Macleod

Parnutty

3d July 1793. —

Ordered that the Bills be paid

Ordered to be paid.

Read the following letter from the Commanding Officer at Hestnaghurry

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council &c &c.

Honorable Sir

From Lieutenant Cuppage reporting the arrival of the 3d Kist at Kistnaghurry. —

I have the honor of informing you that a party of Sippoos arrived here yesterday in charge of Treasure, I am informed by the head man that he has Public letters that he had directions not to deliver them here but to forward them by Camel Horcarras to Madras which place he tells me they will reach in three days. The head Man was desirous of guards from this Garrison, which I considered my duty not to grant, informing him that no charge could be taken of the Treasure, until I had the honor of your Orders. —

I am with respect

&c &c

Kesingerry
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/Signed/ J. Cuppage Lieut.
Commanding at Kistnaghurry

Minute thereon.

Upon receipt of the foregoing letter, orders were given to Lieutenant Cuppage not to receive the

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the Money until further orders; and Captain Doveton was directed to inform the Vackeels that until Official Notice had been given by the Residents at Hyderabad and Poona of the Payment of the second Kist to the Nizam and the Marattas the third Kist could not be received by the Company. —

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Woolf and Place. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Messrs Woolf and Place reporting the result of their Investigation into the state of the Nabobs Account with the Company with sundry other Papers on the Subject. —

We have now the honor to lay before you the result of our investigation into the accounts between the Honorable Company and His Highness the Nabob. —

You have already been informed of the obstacles we experienced to a meeting with the Servants of His Highness, appointed to confer with us; and, having received your orders to proceed upon the remarks and account sent by him to Messrs. Moubray and

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and Woolf, notwithstanding their defective state, we were under a necessity of having recourse to the records as the only remaining channel from whence we could draw information We must however beg leave to call your attention particularly to the circumstance we wished to guard against Viz.t the want of signature to give authenticity to the remarks and account in question and to suggest the propriety of this being pointed out to the Governor General that no advantage may hereafter be taken of it

Mr Place accordingly undertook the research of the Records, and, finding that some of the Items brought forward by the Nabob, Viz.t the Pay to Sepoys and Current Charges, were of a very comprehensive nature not adverting to any formal Treaty, but to be determined by agreements made in that spirit of confidential Intercourse which, until very lately, was the only mode of carrying on transactions even of the most serious nature, with the Nabob, conceived the design of tracing the origin of his connection with the Company and upon what grounds he first became chargeable with a Military force and the expences attendant on the defence of his Garrisons - He had made some progress in

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in the execution of this design, when, being informed that the report was very urgently required by the Govenor General, he was obliged to leave it unfinished but imagining that so far as he has done may be useful, We beg leave to offer it to your honor.

In the prosecusition of his second plan and reply to His Highness's remarks he — still deemed it necessary, in order to conform with the extensive duty allotted to the Committee, (Viz.t to state in a clear and distinct manner the Grounds — and arguments by which the different Articles were supported by each of the parties) to enter very deeply and fully into the Articles of Pay to Sepoys and the Current Charges — The necesity of it he hopes — will appear, upon perusal, and excuse the length of his replies — The answer to these and the other Items in the Nabobs remarks we beg leave to refer to; on the Principle of which, after attentive consideration, we have both coincided — We beg leave however —

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to observe that they are principally intended
with the exception of what relates to the
beforementioned Articles which are to be —
separately determined / to vindicate the charges
to which they respectively apply, as connected
with the original principle upon which the
charges of the War were to have been —
apportioned, or to shew the unreasonableness
of the Sums for which the Nabob claims
a separate Credit. —

The Principle laid down in
the conclusion of the accompanying answers
to the Nabob's remarks for the Adjustment
of the Expences of the War of 1780 and
of the Nabob's Account in general, was the
acceptance of the proposition made by the
Court of Directors, in their letter of the
20th August 1788, to relinquish all further
claim

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claim upon the Nabob for those expences on the Condition of his making over to them the Tanjore Peishcush, after mature investigation, has also met with our joint concurrence, and, conformably thereto, We beg leave to lay before you a state of his old or separate Account to the time from whence his Restbundy Account takes its Commencement

We have the honor to be with great Respect —

Honorable Sir

Your most Obedient and

Very humble Servant

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/Signed/ Robert Woolf

Lio. Place

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D[itto] His Highness the Nabob Wauluajah's Company made upon Conformity with the Principle laid—

To Balance due by the Nabob as per Separate Account
Current made up in the Accountant General's Office ended 9th Sept 1791 ..... 733,241.25.2½

To Amount of Assigned Revenue to be taken from the Nabobs Credit
and carried to that of D[itto] War with Hyder Ally. —

The Amount carried to the Credit of the Nabob under the head of Assigned
Revenue on the General Books as follows. —

The 30th April 1783		5,23,536.21.77
the 30th April 1784		7,96,772. - 32.
the 30th April 1785		20,22,297.12. 5.
The Collections of D[itto] from the 1st of May to the Surrender of the Assignment June 1785	2,62,605.22.30	35,70,211.21.4

For the following, being Agustements in the Superintendants books and
Credited in the difference between the ordinary and extra ordinary Disbursements. —

To the Amount of Salt Petre received by the Paymaster at Vellore from the Nabobs
Stores which was carried to the Nabobs Credit in June 1785 ..... 120.20.16.

To the Amount of an over charge made on the Nabobs Account in May and June
1785 which was carried to the Nabobs Credit in April 1786 on adjusting
the Accounts with the Military Paymaster. ..... 724.25.56.

To D[itto] D[itto] for an over charge in Bullock hire which was also carried to the
Nabobs Credit in April 89 ..... 2,907.23.87.

To D[itto] for Stores received from the Nabob by the Military Storekeeper which
was carried to the Nabobs Credit in November 89 ..... 375. " " 4,147.33.69

To the Amount of Cash received from the Nabob in May 1788 for the building of the
Barracks at Arnee for which the Nabob has erroneously been credited in his Separate
Account ..... 5,000. " "

Pagodas ... 43,13,901. 6.14

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His Separate Account Current with the Honorable } &c.
down by Mejr. Woolf and Place appointed a Committee to investigate the same }

By the difference between the Superintendants Disbursements brought to the Nabobs Debit from 1st December 1781 to 30th June 1785 as actually made, and the average Amount fixed by the Committee for the Peace Establishment of his Troops and Garrisons as follows.

Superintendants Disbursements from 1st December 1781 to 30 April 1782	19,673,27.25	
Average Amount for 5 Months at the rate of Pagodas 471,000 pr. Annum	196,250. " "	24,77,27.25.
Superintendants Disbursements from 1st May 1782 to 30 April 1783	6,22,675.33.72.	
Average amount from Do. to Do.	471000. " "	15,16,75.33.72
Superintendants Disbursements from 1st May 1783 to 30 April 84	3,14,92,34.59.	
Average Amount from — Do. — to — Do. —	471000 " "	3,43,92,34.59.
Superintendants Disbursements from 1st May 84 to 30th April 1785	6,34,151 3.73.	
Average Amount from — Do. to Do. —	471000 " "	16,151. 3.73.
Superintendants Disbursements from 1st May to 30th June 1785	84,973. " "	
Average Amount at the above rate of 471000 pr. Annum for 2 Months is	78500. " " 6473. "	66,77,16,27.75.

By the Amount of Pay and allowances paid by Mejr. Sulivan and Hepplesley to Nabobs Troops at Bevanadaporam at Tripatore for which the Nabobs is debited on the General Books ending April 1781 is now Created upon the Principle laid down for the War expences — 13,93,33 1. 15.

Deduct the amount over charged in the above and was afterwards refunded by Colonel Martin and others — 49,24.7.13. — 13,93,48,30. 2.

80,70,65 21.77

By Balance — 35,06,135.24.7.

Pagodas — 43,13,201 6.14.

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Robert Woolf

(Signed) Lio. Place

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Opinions and Remarks of the Board on the Report of Majr. Woolf and Place dated the 1st July 1793

Opinions and Remarks of the Board on the above Subject

The Board having carefully perused the Letter and Report of the Gentlemen appointed to investigate the account between the Company and the Nabob, and maturely weighted the objections brought forward by His Highness against that account, as well as the Grounds on which it is supported, now proceed to state their own opinions and Remarks upon the whole subject before them.

It were to be wished that, in this discussion, the Nabob had thought it proper to conform to the mode prescribed by permitting his Deputies to meet those on the part of the Company for the purpose of mutual explanation upon the several contested articles. But His Highness, tho repeatedly and earnestly invited to adhere to the principle of examination suggested by the Governor General, chose to discuss the subject in his own name, rather than by delegation, and in writing, rather than by personal conference. Thus the Deputies on the part of the Company were precluded

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precluded from that free open and candid Information which their instructions taught them to expect, and were liable to still further embarrassment by the Nabob's declining to authenticate the Remarks he had delivered, and by his expressly reserving to himself the privilege of making further objections hereafter, should the Circumstances of the examination render such a step advisable. —

The Board might perhaps have been warranted in declining to proceed in an Enquiry, that had so far deviated from the letter and spirit of the mutual agreement unair which it was instituted; but, anxious to receive the objections of the Nabob in any mode in which he chose to convey them, they ordered their Deputies to take his Remarks into consideration and to report their opinion upon them with as little delay as possible.

When the Board consider the difference between the Demand stated by the Company to be due to them from the Nabob and the demand brought forward by the Nabob against the Company, they are not surprised that the Deputies should have been so much perplexed by the want of explanations,

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or that they should have felt the necessity of having
immediate recourse to the Records of the Company for
the purpose of tracing, from its Commencement, their
connection with the Nabob, and the nature of those
Engagements on which their respective Claims are founded.
In this research which appears to have
been undertaken by one of the Deputies of Mr. Place, there
are evident Marks of laborious diligence and attention to
the subject of Investigation. Every thing material relative
to the account between the Nabob and the Company is
brought forward, and applied with great ability to the
elucidation of the contested articles, and the Board are
of opinion that, in whatever mode these Articles may be
finally determined, the Materials now selected from the
Records will supply information highly useful and
necessary to the Decision. ——

Considering the importance of the
Interests which have connected the Company and the
Nabob for upwards of 40 Years it is remarkable that
there should not, until very lately, have existed any
written treaty or other Instrument defining the nature
and extent of the Engagements between them. In tracing

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the History of this connection, it appears that every —"
obligation, political or pecuniary, was accomplished by the
Intercourse of letters — these do not always afford so sure
a criterion for the judgement as the formal —"
stipulations of a Public agreement — nevertheless it cannot
be denied that the Records exhibit certain principles
by which the Nabob's account may be tried with a —"
considerable degree of accuracy; and, upon these principles,
the Board now proceed to examine the disputed Articles

A & B — With regard to the first two Items, or
overcharges as they are called, for the Seapoy —"
Establishment kept up for the defence of the Carnatic,
the Board, having deliberately weighed the objections
urged by the Nabob and the arguments brought
forward on the part of the Company, are of opinion,
that the pay of the three disputed Battalions has
been justly and fairly carried to the Nabob's Debit.
In deciding this point the Board apprehend it is
sufficient to observe that by the early and effectual
support given by the Company to the Nabob, they
set him in the Government of the Carnatic — that,
being utterly incapable of maintaining himself in
his

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his new Dominion, he presed them to take the defence of the Country upon themselves, and, so early as the year 1765 when the Sepoy Establishment had been augmented to 10,000 Men, he particularly requested that no diminution might take place in the Number that this force instead of being exorbetant appears indeed to have been disproportioned to the nature and extent of the territory to be defended: for, by the joint opinion of Generals Laurence and Caillaud, it was found that, out of the whole number, two Battalions could not be assembled without leaving some part of the Provinces defenceless.

The Nabob, it is true, some years afterwards [1769] declared his inability to support the charge of 10,000 Sepoys, and the Government, yielding to the plea of poverty, reduced them to 7000. but the Court of Directors, after consulting the opinion of experienced officers at home, determined that the Native Establishment for their own and the Nabobs Possessions in the Carnatic should be 12,000 Men of which number it was judged reasonable by Government that the Nabob should pay 10,000. To this proposition His Highness objected in the most pointed

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pointed terms, and, as his Sentiments at this period were become very unfavorable to the Company's administration, no efforts of argument or purswasion, could make the smallest impression upon his mind. —

The Court of Directors approved the Resolution of alloting 10,000 Sepoys for the Nabob's possessions, as absolutely necessary to the service required; and, fully sanctioned by the Nabob's former requisition, They directed their opinion to be communicated to His Highness, and, if he should still withhold his Consent, that this Number should, nevertheless, be charged to his account. —

The Board conceive that when the Company had, at the Nabob's instance, assumed the charge of defending the Country, and, by the same authority, had determined the quota of Troops necessary for this purpose, no subsequent change in his Highness's sentiments (from whatever cause) could be admitted as a reason for weakening that Force, or for discontinuing to charge the expence of it to his Debit. all the arguments therefore drawn by the Nabob from his consenting, at one time, to admit the

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the charge as matter of favor, and at another to allow it in consideration of his being put in possession of the Tanjore Country, have no weight whatever they only prove that he availed himself of the Embarrassments which the Governor and Council had brought upon themselves by disbursing the pay of the full Establishment ordered to be kept up, and that the fear of losing the Money, tho' fairly expended on his account, induced them to receive it under any denomination or with any condition the Nabob chose to annex to the Payment

With regard to the ability of the Carnatic, at any period, to make good the Expence of 10 Battalions of Sepoys, the Board, judging from their own experience, and from the Nabob's present Engagements, cannot admit the smallest Force to any objections founded upon this plea, and, as no private Incumbrances could reasonably be allowed to stand in the way of that first and most essential object, the preservation of the Country, there is not even a single pretext for refusing to abide by so just a charge.

C The Credit taken by the Nabob under this Reference for Pagodas 706,351 .. 60 is on account of

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of an Extra charge in the Superintendants Books, as explained in the answer made by the Company's Deputies to this Article It is necessary here to observe that this and several other Items in the Credit taken by the Nabob have reference to the charges of the second war with Hyder Ally which will be treated hereafter and are to be determined on the principles of the proposition offered on the part of the Company to His Highness, and formally accepted by him that proposition, however, is not once mentioned in the Nabobs' present remarks, and it appears evident indeed, from his letter to the Governor dated the last, that he considers himself free from the obligation incurred by his acceptance of it: Such conduct it is impossible to reconcile to any Idea either of consistency or prudence.

D The objection under this reference is removed by the explanation given in the answer to the Nabobs Remarks.

E The fact being as stated in the answer to the Nabobs Remarks, the Board are of opinion that the mode proposed for adjusting this Item is very proper

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proper. —

F The Credit taken by the Nabob under this Item seems to want every kind of proof that is necessary to support a claim of this nature — For the articles of Stores said to be delivered at various times amounting to Pagodas 10,295.18.25. no voucher is produced, nor is there any specification of Date name or Place — the Board have no reason to suppose that the Company's Servants, at the different garrisons, or with the Army, would decline granting receipts for what was actually delivered that the Nabob did, in some instances, complain of the difficulty of obtaining Receipts for Grain supplied from his Stores is true, but that difficulty did not, in any Instance, appear to have arisen from a disinclination to acknowledge what was actually received, but from differences between the Company's Agents and the Nabobs' Servants with regard to the measurement and Price, in which the former thought undue advantages were attempted to be taken — The Nabob himself says that Receipts were given for different supplies to the amount of Pagodas 7,698.1.35. for which, of course, he had Credit. —

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G The Claim made by the Nabob under the Article is for the value of Troop Horses with the Accountrements &c transferred from His Highness's Service to that of the Company. The answer given by the Deputies to this claim is very full and the Board agree generally in their remarks: at the same time they think if the Nabob can shew, by any return or other voucher, the Number of Horses &c delivered, that he should be allowed credit for the amount at a reasonable valuation. This transaction took place at the Beginning of the War of 1780, when Hyder was actually laying waste the Country, and the public confusion was very great on all sides. Had the Nabob at that juncture thought of making any claim, the number and value of the Horses &c might have been ascertained with some degree of accuracy. But the time which has elapsed makes it now utterly impossible. If the Governor General be of opinion, under all the circumstances stated, that any allowance should be made upon this account, the Board are inclined to think that half the amount for which the Nabob has taken credit would be very ample. —

H The Board are of opinion that the Claim

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Claim of Credit under this Head is all founded, but the Sum charged to the Nabob on account of difference between the real price of Grain issued to Sepoys and the rate at which it was charged to them, being a loss on account of the War and being already included in the Credit taken by the Nabob under the Item C[illegible] no further remark is required in this place. ——

I The negotiation carried on between the Nabob and the Danish Government for the purchase of Military Stores, without the knowledge or sanction of the Company's representatives, was certainly, upon every account, improper: yet if the Government at that time so far countenanced the Proceeding, in any stage of it, as to receive a part of the Stores into the Company's Arsenal, for such part the Nabob has undoubtedly a right to Credit. the Board can trace no order from Government requiring these Stores to be delivered to Sir Edward Hughes; nor is it probable that more were received by the Company than they have given — a credit for, but a letter has been written to the Military Board desiring a particular Report of the quantity deposited

deposited in the Arsenal; and if it should be found to exceed what has been carried to account, further credit will, of course, be given. ——

K It is not expressed for what account the Canvas mentioned in this Item was supplied; but as it appears by the Notes that passed between the Nabob and Lord —— Macartney, to have been delivered upon the order of the former, the Board are of opinion that the Nabob should have Credit for the Amount.

L The consent of the Nabob to relinquish the two Districts of Vellenour and Bahour, which were ceded to the French by the last treaty of Paris, could not have been a very free one — It was however a necessary sacrifice to the honor of the national Engagements; and, considering all the Circumstances of the case, there was Merit even in a —— reluctant accommodation. but, as the Nabob yielded what was required of him without stipulating, or probably, expecting any equivalent, the Board are at a loss to account for his present determination to demand Credit for the annual value of the lands from the period they were relinquished; upon this subject the Board wish to avoid offering any particular Remark, because they are unwilling to call in question the original Merit of the Nabob's Compliance. —— The

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M The same observations will apply here that were made upon the Item **F**. No credit can properly be allowed for any articles said to have been supplied during the War, unless vouchers of some kind are produced. The Nabob urges the distracted situation of the Country at that time as the cause of his not having been able to procure regular accounts from his Servants. That such distraction prevailed is certainly true, and the Board would feel great pleasure in admitting every reasonable claim to consideration on this account if they could ascertain where the point of reason lies. But the want of vouchers, and the natural disposition of Aumils, at such a time, to take every advanta in accounting for their Rents, make it impossible to decide with any regard to Propriety, otherwise than by adopting the common principle of rejecting what cannot be supported by Proof. It appears that when the present claim was first brought forward, the Government appointed a Committee to examine it, and such part as could be sustained was admitted. The Board observe that the Company's Deputies have closed their Remarks upon this Item by a reflection which seems to have been dictated with some warmth, and which their judgment m

on a further Consideration, would probably, have omitted. —

N&O As the Credits taken under these —"
references are connected with the subject of the War Expences
and included in the Item C, it is unnecessary, to remark
upon them in this place. —

P&Q The same observation as the foregoing. —

R&S The Items under this reference. № 1238
5 are of the Class comprised in the Remark N&O —"
№ 1 is a Credit taken by the Nabob for Pagodas —"
2,19,313.6.14. which he thinks improperly, charged to his
separate account — This Sum was advanced for the disburse=
=ment of a large arrear of Pay and feaing Money due
to the Cavalry in his own Service, at the Commence=
=ment of the War of 1780 — The state to which the —"
several regiments were reduced had (very naturally, in a
crisis so dangerous) given serious cause of alarm; and
the Nabob earnestly solicited a loan from —"
Government to enable him to settle their accounts, —"
faithfully promising to repay the Money when —"
tranquility should be restored — the Government —"
(tho' its own necessities at that period were particularly
urgent

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urgent and that it was impossible to raise so large a Sum otherwise than by borrowing (at interest) consented to make the advance required, and, with much trouble and embarrassment, at length accomplished their Nabob's wishes - on perusing the Correspondence nothing can be more clear than that the transaction was considered by both parties purely as a loan to relieve his Highness from the difficulties that pressed upon him; that it had no concern whatever with any existing Engagement relative to the defence of the Carnatic, and that the Circumstances attending it were such as ought in reason to have called from the Nabob an acknowledg-ment of the sincere and disinterested friendship he experienced on that occasion.

The remaining Item under this reference / Pagodas 80,409-23-38 / is not supported by voucher, explanation, or Remark of any kind, from the Nabob. In the answer, some attempt is made to account for it; but whether the conjecture be right or wrong, the Board will not presume to determine this Highness can have no claim for this or any other

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Credit unless some authority be produced. In this instance he is altogether silent and the Item itself is too general to afford the smallest clue to information. —

The Nabobs Remarks under the head of Current charges are so fully answered by the Deputies that further observation may perhaps be superfluous: yet the Board deem it incumbent upon them to say a few words upon a subject which has, at various times, been much agitated, and with very opposite Sentiments. —

By Current charges are meant the ordinary disbursements formerly made on account of the Nabob, in time of Peace, for the pay of his proportion of the Sepoy Establishment, and the charges of his Garrisons. Before any specific Treaty was concluded for regulating the aids to be furnished by his Highness towards the general defence, the advances made by the Company in his Behalf were subject to some variation. The number of Sepoys to be kept up for the Carnatic had indeed been settled at 10 Battalions, of 1000 Men each, but the Garrison Charges of every Denomination — the expences of Batta, of Arms, accoutrements &c, had not been,

and

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and from their nature could not be, fixt at any precise amount: the Nabob says he never agreed to pay on account of the Current Charges a greater Sum than Pagodas 3,60,000 per Annum, but it does not appear that any agreement at all upon this point was ever intered into, and, however much the Company's Servants might have wished to reduce the expences, it was impossible for them to undertake that they should not exceed 3,60,000 Pagodas per Annum, or any other given Sum.

That the Nabob frequently objected to the amount of the Current Charges, and declared that he would not be answerable for more than a certain Sum is clear enough; and that Government, as frequently declared their anxious wish to reduce those charges and to avail themselves of any suggestion he could offer for so desireable a purpose is equally manifest. The Correspondence on this occasion, indeed, like that before noticed, in respect to the three disputed Battalions, proves the miserable state of dependance into which the Company were thrown by the want of some systematic arrangement for regulating their connection with

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with the Nabob and for providing a sure mode of
reimbursing their advances upon his account. This defect
was a perpetual source of embarrassment and they were
frequently compelled by their necessities to submit to the
most mortifying concessions — But, amidst all the
inconveniences and disappointments to which they were
exposed, they never yielded their right to be paid what
they actually disbursed for Current Charges: and if the
Character in which they acted, as Defenders of the
Carnatic — if formal Engagements to make good the
amount of their pecuniary advances for this Service —
if the Quantum of the Current Charges, compared
with the extent of the force kept up and the number
of Garrisons maintained, or with the Sum now required
for similar purposes, be duly and impartially considered,
no doubt can remain of the just claim of the
Company to be reimbursed every Pagoda that has
been debited to the Nabob under this Head. —

V & VI The Board are concerned to observe further
Claims, to a very large amount for Grain Cattle &c, said
to have been delivered to the Company's Servants at
different places, but without producing any authorities
whatever

whatever, or even mentioning dates or other Circumstances
necessary, to support the charge. It is extraordinary how-
ever that tho' in a former Remark [F] the Nabob complains
of the Conduct of the Company's Servants in refusing to
give Receipts for Articles supplied from his Stores, he
refers, on this occasion, to no less a number than 3692 as
actually in his possession. If he have such vouchers, why
is he so unjust to himself as to withhold them at a
time especially appointed for the discussion of his Claims.
He declares himself ready to prove the Issues asserted to
have been made; yet keeps back the vouchers when that
proof is solicited - all that the Board can say upon
this and other general declarations of the same kind is,
that they are sincerely disposed to satisfy the Nabob in
every just claim, but their duty obliges them to reject all
demands that are not vouched, and particularly such as
are entirely vague and unsupported.

X His Highness under this Item has
taken Credit for what he calls an overcharge in the Rent
of the Ingshire. He held these Lands in farm
from the Company, until after the Commencement
of the War, at which time they were completely
overrun.

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overrun and laid waste by the Enemy, and Government,
for the mutual advantage of the Nabob and the Company
took them into their own Hands — while he kept
them he was undoubtedly responsible for the Rent,
and this is all that has been carried to his Debit. The
last Kist fell due the 1st. September 1780. —

If, instead of taking credit for any part
of the Sum carried to his account as an overcharge, the
Nabob had preferred his claim to a remession of Rent,
in consideration of the Calamity which had fallen
upon the Jaghire, the Plea would have been regular;
but, as it rested with him to mark and prove the claim,
and not with Government to satisfy the loss by any
premature deduction of Rent, the imputation of an
overcharge seems to be particularly unmerited. —

That the Jaghire suffered extremely
by the Depredations of Hyder's Horse in July August
and September 1780 is an indisputable fact, but the "
actual loss sustained by the Nabob on that occasion
was never regularly stated, or proved in any way — "
whatever. — The Board, in consultation the — "

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The 6. September 1791, gave it as their Opinion that if the Company were inclined as matter of Indulgence to allow any deduction from the rents of the Jaghire the best mode perhaps would be to write back to the Nabob's Credit the amount of the Rents that fell due after the Enemy's Horse entered the District. This might perhaps be more than the real loss amounted to, and the Board are inclined, for the reasons stated in the answers of the Deputies, to think it is: but, if the Company be disposed to shew favor, at all, in this case the mode proposed appears the least liable to objection of any that can now be adopted. —

The Board, having gone through the several Remarks of the Nabob, and the answers opposed to them on the part of the Company, proceed to give their opinion upon the adjustment recommended in consequence of the Nabob's acceptance of the proposition tendered to him by the Company's Orders of the 20th August 1788. —

The assignment made by the Nabob of his Revenue in 1781 was declared, on his part, and understood on the part of the Company, to be

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be meant exclusively for the support and expences of the War; and the Board see no cause to doubt that the act is still so interpreted by the Nabob, and so understood by the Company.—

The Net Receipts from that assignment were carried to the Credit of the Nabob's account because it was originally intended to debit him for his full proportion of the War Expence — whenever it could be precisely ascertained; but, the Company having agreed, on certain terms, to forego that Intention, and to rest satisfied with what had been already appropriated by the Nabob to the Service of the War, it follows, of course, that the Revenue expressly assigned for that service must be written off from His Highness's Credit to the Credit of the Second War with Hyder Alley. —

To this effect is the opinion of the Deputies, supported by a variety of agreements — which the Board approve — They also concur with those Gentlemen in thinking it most conformable to the Company's meaning that all the charges

carried

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carried to the Nabob's Debit which can be supposed to have any relation to the War should be struck out of his separate Account - The mode proposed by them for ascertaining the amount of such charges appears, under the Circumstances they have stated, the least exceptionable of any that could be adopted.

There is one Article still, connected with the present subject, to which it seems necessary to advert - By the Treaty of 1786 the Nabob agreed to pay 12 Lacks of Pagodas per Annum in liquidation of his Public and Private Debts - The Company's share of what has been received on this Account standing on the Books under the Head of Public and Private Creditors of the Nabob is Pagodas 10,39,527 f. 32 m. 67 - In the orders above quoted, of August 1788, the Court of Directors say "We propose that, in lieu of the annual Payments to us "for the Debt incurred on account of the War he the "Nabob should make over to us the Peshcush payable "from Tanjore, together with the arrears due upon it" The annual Payments here mentioned are the

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Company's Proportion of the 12 Lacks; and the Nabob having accepted the proposition tendered to him, the Board apprehend that the amount received, to the time of such acceptance, should be carried to the Credit of the second War with Hyder Ally.—

It may be proper, before the Board conclude, to observe, that the account to which the Nabob's present Remarks and objections are confined is what is usually called his old, or separate account, as it stood at the close of the second war with Hyder Ally. His Highness has not touched at all upon the Pistbundy Account arising out of the Treaty made with Sir Archibald Campbell in 1787, but, in a letter to the Governor dated the 20th July 1791, he transmitted some observations upon that account, which were replied to on the Minutes of Council the 6th September that year.

The Committee's Report to be kept a part, and the Original Papers to be delivered to the Governor General on his arrival

Resolved that the proceedings of the Committee be entered in a separate Book and that a Copy be transmitted to England.—

Resolved that all the papers delivered in by the Committee, with the Minutes of the Board

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Board, be kept in readiness to be delivered to Marquis Cornwallis on his arrival at Madras, and that a letter be prepared for his Lordship, stating the cause of the delay which has arisen, in bringing the subject to a close, on the part of the Committee.

Read the following letter from the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast.

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

Honorable Sir

From Commissioners on the Malabar Coast on the subject of the Coorga Rajah's Encroachments of Tippoo's Officers in this Country — the arrangements proposed for adjusting the line of Boundary.

Having since the date of our letter of the 22d Ultimo received Complaints from the Coorga Rajah of the encroachments which he alledges to be making by the Officers of Tippoo Sultaun's Government on his Country, we have the pleasure to enclose a Copy of the letter of Instructions which we have thereon written to the Supravisor and Chief Magistrate of this Province, to the end that, from the particulars therein recited, you may direct such Communications

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Communications as may appear to you suitable, to be made to the Vackeels of that Prince, for the purpose of establishing such an intercourse between this part of the Company's Territories, and the Officers of his Contiguous Dominions, as may tend to the Preservation of the Peace on both sides; and as this object is, in our Opinion, of very essential Importance, in respect not only to the promotion of Harmony between the two Governments, but also as far as regards the preservation of the lives of the " Inhabitants, on either side of the line of boundary, we trust that the means of attaining it may meet with the early Consideration of your Government.

We have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

/Signed/ Jonr Duncan

" William Page

" Charles Boddam

Calicut the 25th June 1793

William Gamul Farmer Esqre

Supravisor & Chief Magistrate of the Province of Malabar

Sir

You are already apprized of the " Complaints

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Complaints preferd whilst you were in the Commission on the part of Tippoo Sultaun's Government against the Coorga Rajah, for ravages alledged to have been committed by that Rajah, but, from Sir Robert Abercromby's letter to us of the 26th March forwarding an Extract of one to him from Lieutenant Emmitt of both which Copies are here transmitted, it would appear that no such outrages as alledged in Tippoo Sultaun's memorial have taken place since the peace; and we have advised the Madras Government accordingly. —

In the course however of the present Month we have received two Complaints from the Coorga Rajah, representing the Encroachments made by Tippoo Sultaun into what he terms his Districts of Amara, Soolea and Ersawara Sunny; altho, by a former letter which he wrote to you and Major Dow in September last, as recorded on the Commissioners Proceedings of the 2d October 1792, he appears to have reported his having, for the sake of peace, meritoriously relinquished the two former places, and therefore it does not appear to us upon what footing he can now reclaim

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reclaim them, as you will observe by the accompanying copy of Mr. Duncan's last letter to him on the subject; to which copy is prefixed for your fuller information on the subject the copy of the Coorga Rajah's first Complaint as recorded in our Proceedings of the 2nd Instant together with our reference thereon to — Lieutenant Colonel Hartley, and the information — received in consequence from Lieutenant Emmett, which last not being so clear as to afford us satisfaction as to the Grounds of the present Dispute, and being apprehensive lest the encroachments, on the one part, of Tippoo Sultaun's Government, or, the wantonness of the Coorga Rajah on the other, may, unless we — interfere, produce hostility on the Borders, we do — therefore desire you either yourself to write immediately to the Coorga Rajah, or to direct Mr. Dalley, the — Northern Superintendent with whom he is we — believe already in habits of Correspondence to advise that Rajah that, in pursuance of our Instructions, it is intended immediately to depute a Gentleman; accompanied by Lieutenant Emmett, into that part

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part of the Country, to inquire into and adjust the dispute in question, as well as any others which may exist relative to the Boundaries, unless he / the said Rajah / shall immediately signify in his reply, by your or Mr. Galley's Messenger, that these disputes have been amicably terminated, and that there is no longer occasion for our immediate assistance to preserve the peace in that quarter: but, incase the Coorga Raja shall, thereon, signify the necessity of, and his desire that such a deputation shall take place, you will immediately depute Captain Murray, / whom we believe to be peculiarly well qualified for such a Service / into that Country accompanied by Lieutenant Emmett, and, in the mean time, cause / these Gentlemen should be desired / as we shall request Lieutenant Colonel Hartley, to intimate to them / to hold themselves in readiness to depart on the shortest Notice; which, to save time, may, at once, be signified to them by Mr. Galley, incase the Coorga Rajah's Answer require their presence; in which event the Instructions to Captain Murray are to be to the following effect.

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That, as that Gentleman has already had some experience of the Coorga Rajah's Character, he endeavour to suit himself to it, so far as may tend to gain thro' that Chieftains Good will, those points of justice and expediency / in respect to any boundary adjustment that on his arrival in that Country, he may find necessary / which in the present state of our connection with him may, we conceive, be more easily and effectually obtained by the mild means of persuasion and conciliatory argument, than by positive requisition or order, to which last Captain Murray is only to have recourse incase he finds it indispensable for the attainment of right to both parties, and for the maintenance of Peace on the borders, on his reaching which, he is to acquaint the nearest Officer of Tippoo Sultaun's Government / who will naturally be the Chief person in the contiguous District, in respect to which the boundary dispute will of course exist / that he is deputed, with full powers on the part of the Honorable Company's Government, to enquire into, and bring to an amicable termination whatever Disagreements or subjects of Contest of that nature may

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may exist between the two Countries; inviting, thereupon, the said Tippoo Sultaun's Officer to unite and cooperate with him in this enquiry, to the end that, whatever shall appear by their joint investigations to have, before the commencement of the late War, belonged to, and made part of, the Coorga Territory, may now be confirmed to it, or otherwise declared, with equal fairness, to appertain to the Dominions of Tippoo Sultaun, and the limits to be marked out accordingly, in which process should any difficulties arise either from the Coorga Rajah's refusal to submit to Captain Murray's opinion or from that Gentleman's differing, on any part of the subject, with the Nabob's Agent, he is to report the same for your Information, and, incase our Commission shall, by that time, have been dissolved, you will yourself decide on the points that may be thus referred on the principle of possession, up to the date of the late War, with the strictest views to equity on both sides. —

Should the Nabob's Agent refuse or decline to co-operate with Captain Murray on his Invitation as aforesaid, all that will then be in that Gentleman's power to effect must consist in satisfying himself

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himself, as far as in his power relative to the proper boundary limits, wherever they may be in dispute, his views of, and opinions on which he is to report to you, with the Grounds thereof, when, conformable to the Judgement which you may pass on his report, he is accordingly to point out the line of Demarkation to the Rajah, and also to transmit a written account thereof to the nearest Officer of Tippoo's Government as aforesaid, warning him that, the enquiry having been made from the best materials that the nature of the case and their refusal or declining to co-operate would admit of, we shall not, on our part, allow of any infraction thereof. —

We shall again write to the Madras Government to suggest the expediency of their promoting a co-operation between Tippoo Sultaun's Officers and the Honorable Company's on both sides of the boundary, towards the adjustment thereof, and should any Information reach you in consequence, you will, we have no doubt, readily avail yourself of the assistance that may thence become derivable: but, in the mean time, as it behoves us to exert every means within our power

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towards the accommodation of all difficulties, we desire you will immediately begin to proceed according to our above Instructions. —

We have the honor to be

S.r &.c

Calicut

the 2d June 1793

[Signed] Jonathan Duncan

" William Page

" Charles Boddam

A true Copy

[Signed] Peter Paré Travers

Acting Secry to the Commission &.c &.c

Extracts from the Proceedings of the Commissioners

2d June 93

Read the following Translation of part of a letter from the Rajah of Coorga to Mr. Duncan.

Translation of part of a letter from the Rajah of Coorga to Mr. Duncan, received on the 2nd of June 93. —

For these 2 or 300 Years, Amra and Soolia 7 Villages and, besides that, the place called Enawra Seemy, are under the Coorga Country — now in respect to Enawra

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Ersawra Seemy, Tippoo Sultaun hath sent me word that "he has received Orders from the Company's Government "to seize on whatever Country, I have got," and, accordingly, a Hircarrah of Tippoo Sultaun, having arrived at Ersawra Seemy, called on the Ryots, and having thus summoned the Ryots, and given Cowls to them, he has determined to erect therein a Lekrycotta for stockaded sort of Fortification wherein he may establish a Post: now, before the Peace having taken place between Tippoo Sultaun and the English, I had brought under my power a very considerable part of Tippoo's Country, but as, on the Peace, the Governor of Bombay ordered that I should relinquish and give up the Country of Tippoo Sultaun, I in consideration of his having given this order, as a friend, did therefore relinquish the Country of Tippoo; but now Tippoo Sultaun is setting up a Dispute about Ersawra Seemy; besides which his People come into Amra and Soolea, and are committing Ravage and Plunder. Heretofore an Engineer Gentleman came into my Country, and, having viewed the frontier on both sides, relinquished the Ground appertaining to Tippoo Sultaun's Country, and did, at the same time, place stones, and

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mark these places out as being within my side of the Boundarys as well Ersaura Seemy, as Amra and Soolea, to the end that no dispute might happen in time to come; notwithstanding all which Tippoo Sultaun coming into my Country is committing Violence; which how long shall I remain a passive spectator of. Till this time I have been content to continue explaining and expostulating, but I will no longer brook it, the Peoples Letters, whom I sent to collect the Revenue of Ersaura Seemy and Amra and Soolea, are herewith sent, that you may see clearly how this matter stands.

Dated the 21st May 1793

A Copy of the preceding Translation is transmitted to the Commanding Officer of the Troops in the Province of Malabar with the following letter.

To Lieutenant Colonel Hartley

Commanding the Troops in the Province of

Malabar.

Sir,

We enclose the Translate of a written Communication which has just reached us from the Coorga

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Coorga Rajah, in respect to which we will be obliged by your procuring and favoring us, as speedily as possible, with the Report of Lieutenant Emmett, as to what may be within that Gentlemans knowledge concerning the real matter of Right, between the said Rajah and Tippoo Sultaun, relative to the three places Ersawra Seemy and Amra and Soolea therein mentioned; and if you can yourself add any farther Information on the subject, we shall be gratified by the Receipt of it.

We are

&c &c

(Signed) J. Duncan

" Wm Page

" Chas Boddam

" Calicut 2nd June 1793

Proceedings of the 25th June 1793

Read the following letter and Enclosure from the Secretary to Colonel Hartley in answer to our reference of the 2nd Instant.

Peter Pare Travers Esqre

&c &c

Sir

Colonel Hartley requests you will be so

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so obliging as to lay the enclosed Extract of letter from
Lieutenant Emmett before the Commissioners.

Calicut
17th June 93

Sam
&c
W. Browne Secy

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Emmett respecting
the claims of the Coorga Rajah.

On particular examination of the
Rajahs letter it appears to me he wrote incorrectly, as in
the beginning he speaks of Soolia and Amra / properly
Amer / as two Villages whereas they are two small
Districts adjoining each other, and do not contain any
Villages of the same name; the Boundaries of these
Districts, I have every reason to belive, were correctly
ascertained, and that both of them have been under the
Coorga Rajah, between two and three hundred Years, and,
consequently, any encroachment on the part of Tippoo
Sultaun on those Districts must be blamable on his
part, tho', perhaps, he may have cause for so doing.
The Place called Eswara Seeny,
appears, from the Rajahs letter, to border on some part
of

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of the Soolea or Aamer Countries, and not contained within either of them; in which Case the Coorga Rajah can have no claim to such Country: by the Information of his own People, I heard of no such place as Ersawra Seemy, in any part of the Coorga Country, either above or below the Ghauts: the Countries bordering upon Soolea and Aamer, towards Mangalore, are Irenaar, Pangeah, and Soubramane, the latter joins the Ghaut Mountains, of which there is a pass of the same name; near a famous Pagoda dedicated to a God called Eshwarrah, and, from Information, is situated about 5. Miles N: of the Northern Boundary of Aamer.

Before I conclude this letter I must take the liberty, to mention to you that, before I began the Survey, of the Coorga Country, I was led to understand that two or three Creditable Men of Tippoos were to have been with me, as well as those of the Rajahs, which would have been fixing the line of Division to a certainty, and would have been attended with no more trouble on my part; I mentioned this matter to the Coorga Rajah before I began the Survey: he appeared to know nothing respecting

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respecting Tippoo's People being to attend me, and appeared to disapprove of the measure; in consequence of which I wrote the following Paragraph in letter to Majors Sartorius and Auchmuty, and heard nothing further respecting the People of Tippoo being ordered to attend me.

Nundidroog 5. January 1793

"In describing the other part of his "Boundaries it appears that there is a small part of them, "extending over a plain Country, from Hooshalnuggur "to the Ghauts in dispute between him and Tippoo. I "told him that, to ascertain it to the satisfaction and "justice of both parties, it would be advisable that one or "two of his and Tippoo's People should be present on the "spot, and there come to a Determination of the line of "Division, to which he appeared to disapprove: This "circumstance I consider absolutely necessary to inform you "of, that I may be guided by your advice, lest a partial "line should be fixed upon on the part of the Rajah."

(Signed) G. L. Emmitt
Surveyor

Cananore
12th June 1793

A true Extract
(Signed) W. Brown Secry

Read

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Read the following Letter and Enclosure from the Coorga Rajah received yesterday by the Dawk from Tellicherry thro' Mr. Taylor the Chief of that Settlement.

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The Rajah of Coorga
To
Jonathan Duncan Esqre.

After Compliments.

After Peace was concluded between the English and Tippoo, his Sardar and people, passing the Boundaries, came within my limits, and caused great disturbance to my People: but, there being a Peace, I winked at the intrusion, and did not retaliate; and have hitherto persevered in this Conduct. In order that there might be no disputes, you sent hither an Engineer, who, having surveyed and taken a written Account of our Several Boundaries, caused Stones to be placed, which he said were not to be passed by either party, after which he went away: shortly after one of Tippoo Sultaun's Hircarrah, with a thousand Men, passing

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passing the bounds prescribed by the Engineer, came about a Month ago, to my Districts of Amarra and Sallay and a Country, worth* 7,000 which have belonged to me for a long time, and committed great cruelties on my People. I have not yet avenged their wrongs, but I cannot any longer forbear retaliating: you must not therefore afterwards blame me. — Ilately writ you a letter inclosing a Petition to me from my Provinticar Canicapitan and People in consequence of the cruelties of Tippoo's People, accompanied by a letter for the Bombay General, which I sent to Mr. Taylor, in order to be forwarded. I have yet received no answer to that letter, and whether it has reached you or not I am uncertain. a Month ago much disturbance was caused. Tippoo's Subedar of Arkulgood is now come with a Thousand Men, half way into my Country of Edavanadda, wherein is situated Dewarally a Country well worth 7,000 and, having passed the limits fixed by the Engineer, he is causing great disturbance to my People; in consequence of which the Provarticar and Canicapula I placed there, together with the Inhabitants have, written me a Petition, which I enclose for your Information, and by it, you will

*Rupees I suppose Pr. Annum/

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will be made acquainted with the particulars of the
busines. How often will I forbear to punish the Treſpaſses
and cruelties committed within my limits, and how can
I be quiet and ſuffer my People to be thus so frequently
oppreſsed? hitherto I have desired them to bear with it.
they answer that, losing their Children Cattle and effects,
they cannot live; that their lives are in Danger; but
that if such oppreſsions are continued to be committed
they must be retaliated, even at the risk of their lives.
I have hitherto forbore, that I might not lose your
friendship, or act contrary to your desire. I cannot now
forbear any longer: my people did not paſs beyond the
Stones placed as Boundaries by the Engineer. Tippoo's
People have praſsed them, and have come into my
Districts. I must certainly, commit hostilities against
them do not afterwards blame me. send a person of sense
to hear and enquire into this Business, and you will
soon know which party has paſsed the Boundaries of
the other; you know well that I cant always forgive.

The Commiſsioners remark that the
term above translated in these "Words" and a Country
worth 7000 is reported to them to be in the Original

Essawa Sunny

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Ersaura Seemy - Ersavara being 7000 and Seemy place and this term is said to be the proper and distinctive name of a Spot or District of the Coorga Country, thus called - perhaps from really being or having been originally worth so much, tho, however that may be, It is if their Information be right now no longer a relative but has become a positive name of a Place. —

Waisack bob 10th / Runnere Stile 14th June 1793

Kela Gouroo, Provartichar Sivo Gouroo Nambiar Canicapula Werapaia Bairay Gouroo and Appie — Gouroo of Edavanadde and Mullecker Junium, Provartichar Linguia, Canicapula, Mullee Weray Gouroo Billahada Chundoo Gouroo and the rest of Gourun mar and all the Inhabitants of the Hobillee of Dewarallie —

To the Swamie

We are ready at your Command - Tippoo Sultaun's people formerly passed the Bounds, came

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came into our Districts and Committed cruelties, those cruelties we did not retaliate, not having your orders we suffered the oppressions committed, in order that there might be no disturbance in future. an Engineer came to survey the Bounds, who, having surveyed, and taken a written account of them, placed a Stone at the Limit, and then went away. a month thereafter, Tippoo's Sardar and a thousand Men, passing the limit where the Engineer placed the Stone, came into these Districts, putting every man of ours that fell into their hands to the sword, and carrying away our Women Children and effects in this manner. Tippoo's People come into our Districts to commit oppressions. We will not go into their Districts without your orders. We have hitherto forbore to avenge the Cruelties committed by his People, but we cannot forbear any longer. We before writ for your orders; in answer you desired us not to be affraid, that you would take care of us, that the English, you, and Tippoo, had made a Peace; that the Engineer came, in consequence, to fix the Boundaries by placing a Stone; that we were not to go into his Districts, and that his people were not to come into our

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our Districts, we acted in conformity to your Orders. the
Subedar of Arkulgoad and a thousand Men, having
now passed the Bounds as fixed by the Engineer,
have come into our Districts, putting every Man to
the Sword and carrying off our Women Children Cattle
and effects, claiming as theirs the half of Edawanadde
worth ₹1000, and Dwarally, on this side the Caveri —
they have taken possession of two or three of the Tarrahs,
and have placed a Guard, saying that their Boundaries —
extend as far as they have advanced, it is their Intention
to advance still farther: with your leave we will take —
care of the Bounds, and oppose any that may pass —
them, the Guard placed at the limit seeing a number
of Tippoo's People coming, and not having Orders to make
opposition, retired: if a Guard is placed at the limit,
and proper care taken, no Enemy will come: they knowing
there is no Guard at the limit, they therefore come to
commit oppressions, and we have no Orders to retaliate;
if they are always to come in this manner to put the
men to the sword carry off the Women Children —
Cattle and Effects, how can we remain any longer —
as your Ryots; We have hitherto conformed to your
Orders

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Orders, we cannot any longer remain in Peace, and see our Men put to the sword, and our Women Children and effects carried away; we must oppose force to force: do not afterwards blame us: you will consider well of this, and afford us immediately security. ——

The above letter being addressed to Mr. Duncan and appearing to him to require a speedy answer he accordingly wrote one immediately, and Despatched it, to be forwarded thro Mr. Taylor the Chief of Tellicherry, with all possible dispatch, and he, at the same time, desired Mr. Taylor to write himself to the Coorga Rajah that, in a very short time, an English Gentleman, or a well informed Native, should be sent as Commissioner, to enquire into the circumstances of present contest relative to the Boundary in question. ——

Mr. Duncan

To the Coorga Rajah

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I have received your 2 letters and understand the Contents. Whatever you have written concerning

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concerning Camara and Soolia and Eswara Seeing I have understood, but I also observe that, in a letter which you wrote on the 8th of Sept 1791 agreeing with the 8th May 1792 you signify your having relinquished or given up both Amarra and Soolia; However, in 2 or 3 Days, a Person shall be sent from this to make enquiry, and, 'till then, it behoves you to make use of forbearance, and in no shape to enter on any Dispute or contest - the person in question shall go and ascertain the point.

Dated the 20th June 1793

True Extracts
Signed Peter Pare Travers
Acting Secry

List of the Accompanying Packet

No 1 Letter of this days Date

No 2 Copy of a letter to the Supravisor and Chief Magistrate of the Provence of Malabar under date of the 21st Instant

No 3 Extracts from the Proceedings of the Commissioners referred to in the above Letter to the Supravisor excepting

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excepting the letter and Extract under date the 26th March from Sir Robert Abercromby, which was transmitted in the Voucher (No 1) accompanying the letter to Fort St. George under date of the 22d Ulto. =mo. —

A true List
Calicut
the 21st June 1793

(Signed) Peter Paré Travers
Acting Secry

Minute thereon

Resolved that Captain Doveton be directed to communicate such parts of the above as may be necessary for the information of the Vackeels, in order that they may write to their Master for his acquiescence in the arrangements proposed for the adjustment of the Coorga Boundary. —

The Board of Revenue to send orders to the Resident at Cuddalore, for the management of the Districts lately Dependent on Pondicherry

The President proposes, that, as the Army is now in possession of the Districts belonging to the French near Pondicherry, orders be given to the Board of Revenue to send instructions to the Resident

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Resident at Cuddalore to take upon himself the Management thereof, and to make such Provision as may be practicable for the security of the Revenue and the welfare of the Inhabitants, so long as they shall remain under the Company's Authority.—

Approved and ordered accordingly

Chas. Oakeley

Elk Fallopfield

George Parry Esqr

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17th "

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Diary

Despatched the undermentioned Letters, Entered in M.B. Nos. 181 - 182 - 183 - 184 - 185 - 186 - 187 - 188.

To Capt. Pater. Read.

To Commandant in the Ceded Districts - the Bunjaries may be assured that no Taxes whatever will be exacted from them; the Board hope therefore they will engage to Bring Supplies to Camp on their own Account.

To Secretary at Bengal with Intelligence from Mysore.

To Secretary at Bengal.

To Ditto - with Copy of the Intelligence from Pondicherry, received from the Resident at Cuddalore.

To Ditto -

To Commissary Genl. of Grain & Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, the Proposals of Capt. Robinson for the Delivery of Rice at Cuddalore may be accepted.

To Resident at Cuddalore.

To Resident at Cuddalore

The Assistance given to the Commodore approved. To continue to send any Intelligence from Pondicherry that may come to his Knowledge.

To

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To Commandant at Dindigul.

17th To Commandant at Dindigul, two Companies of the 71st Regiment, and three of the 13th Batt.n deemed a very sufficient Garrison. Captain Oliver with, of course, Report to Two of the three Companies of Sepoys ordered to Sylney, to be detained for the present.

To Officer Commanding the Army with Copy of the Intelligence from Pondicherry, received from Mr Kennett.

To Col Brathwaite

To Clerk of the Treasury

To Clerk of the Treasury 5000 Pagodas to be advanced to the ——

Commissary General of Grain and Provision.

Received a Letter from

18th. the Rajah, Entered in C.C. Pro 153. submitting sundry Reports from his Managers of the Substance of a Letter from the Rajah Disturbances committed by the Tinnevelly Polygars. Remarks.

Received also the following Letters,

To

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Fort St George, July 1793.

18th To W. C. Jackson Esqr
Secretary at
Fort St George

Sir

I am directed by the
Governor General in Council to request
that the accompanying Letters, addressed
to the Governor and to the Civil Commissioner
at Pondichery, may be forwarded by
the first convenient Opportunity that
offers; they were transmitted to this
Government under flying Seals, and are
from Monsieur Panon, the late French
Chief at Patna, giving Advice of the
Capture of the French Factory at that
Station; The Cover of one of them has
been accidentaley a little torn.

From Secretary at Bengal enclosing Letters from the late French Chief at Patna to be forwarded to Pondichery.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Fort William
the 2d July 1793.
J Fombelle
Secretary.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary in the Military and Political Depart.

Sir,

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From Capt. Doveton enclosing a Receipt of Tippoo Sultaun's Vakeels for the Sums that Sum by Captain Read and paid into their Hands

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July 17th 1793.

18th

I have the Honor to enclose a Receipt from the Vakeels of Tippoo Sultaun for the Sums of Money transmitted to me by Captain Alexr Read, which, agreeably to the Directions of the Honorable the Governor in Council, I delivered into the Vakeels' Hands.

I have the Honor to be
&c.a. &c.a. &c.a.
(Signed) Gabriel Doveton

Translation

Received from the Hands of Captain Doveton the undermentioned Sums of Money, being the Property of certain Inhabitants Merchants of Bangalore, of which they were deprived by a Dubash, and which, by order of Marquis Cornwallis, being recovered, is now delivered to us in order to be restored to the said Merchants; Viz

Star Pagodas	1388	
Do	100	
Arcd. Rupees	937	
Cant. Fanams	1194	1/2 fanam equal to one Pagoda

Dated 6th Zilcad
May 1207

(Signed) Golam Ali Khan
Ali Reza

Received

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18th

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M.B. Nos 189 - 190 - 191 - 192 - 193 - 194.

From Resident at Cuddalore

From Resident at Cuddalore. The Frigate chased by the Commodore proves to be the Cybele, of 40 Guns; shall collect as many Fascines and Cattamaran Timbers as possible.

From Secretary to the Hospital Board

From Secretary to the Hospital Board, Mr W: Marten proposed as Assistant Surgeon to the Pioneer Corps.

From Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General, requests an Advance of 25,000 Pagodas, in Part of his August Estimate.

From Ditto

From Ditto, no Coopers for the Ordnance and Artillery Departments in the Field, will entertain under the Pay and Batta allowed both War, requests Orders.

From Adjutant General

From Adjutant General, proposing various Details to be ordered to the Presidency.

From Ditto

From Ditto proposing

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18th proposing that Pennaud Naig, Subadar of the 3d Battalion, be placed on the Pension List, Certificate enclosed.

Sent Letter to the

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.

Nabob, Entered in C.C. No 154 on the Subject of the Measures taken by Government for securing Supplies of Provisions for the Army - and objected to by His Highness.

Dispatched the

following Letters

To the Most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis Kg.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

My Lord

To Bengal inclosing Copy of the Commodore's Letter advising of a French Frigate being on the Coast.

We have the Honor to transmit to your Lordship, Copy of a Letter from the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis received this Morning - The Letter is without Date, but we believe it to have been written on the 15th Instant.

It appears by Intelligence received from the Southward that the Frigate chased by the Commodore was

the

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Fort St George, July 1793.

18th The Cybele from the Mauritius.

Fort St George
18th July 1793.

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

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

To Board of Revenue the Resident at Cuddalore to be directed to assume the management of the French Districts round Pondichery.

The Army being now in Possession of the Districts belonging to the French near Pondichery, We desire you will send Instructions to the Resident at Cuddalore to take upon himself the Management thereof, and to make such Provision as may be practicable for the Security of the Revenue, and the Welfare of the Inhabitants, so long as they shall remain under our Authority.

Fort St George
17th July 1793.

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

Sent the undermentioned
Letters

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18th "

Letters Entered in MB Nos 195, 196, 197, 198, 199,

200, 201, 202.

To Secretary at Bengal

To Secretary at Bengal.

with a Letter from the Secretary to the Military

Board.

To Resident at Hyderabad

To Resident at Hyderabad,

the Arrangements he has proposed, will be

adopted so soon as Mr Brown notifies his

Wish to resign the Paymastership.

To Ditto

To Ditto - the Soucars again

refuse a Payment on account of the Peshcush.

altho' tendered to them in Madras Pagodas -

a similar Offer has been ordered to be made

at Masulipatam.

To Paymaster at Madura &c.

To Paymaster at Madura

&c. directing him to reply to the Complaint

of his having withheld the Pay of the Sascars

at Dindigul - in mean time the Arrears to

be immediately discharged.

To Col. Brathwaite

To Officer Comanding

the Army - desiring he will give Orders for

providing

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18th

providing for the Care of the Horses expected from Hydrabad - Captain Dallas's Letter enclosed - also his Opinion whether Part of the Guides with the Army may not be returned to the Baramhaul.

To Lieut Hart of the Infantry

To Lieut Hart in Reply to his Application for Payment of his half Batta Certificates.

To Military Storekeeper

To Military Storekeeper with Orders to procure Freight for thirty Barrels of Gunpowder, to be shipped on one of the Indiamen cruizing off Pondichery, or, eventually, Landed at Cuddalore.

To Commandant at Tiagar.

To Commandant at Tiagar, with Copy of the Letter written to Captain Campbell, and directing him to examine Captain des Laurens' Papers.

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Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M B. Nos 203 - 204 - 205.

From Military Storekeeper.

From Military Storekeeper.

has engaged Freight for the Gunpowder on the Tiscan

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19th

Tuscan Ship Aurora, at 1 Pagoda per Barrel.

From Captain Lindsay.

From Commandant at Permacoil, with Intelligence from Pondichery.

From late Commandant at Attore.

From Captain Campbell.

has requested Capt Wahab to examine the Papers of the French officer abovenamed; the Board's order having only reached him at the Red Hills.

Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M B. Nos 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224.

To Commissary Genl of

To Commissary Genl. of Grain & Provisions.

Grain and Provisions - a convenient Place near the Pollams to be fixed upon, for receiving Charge of the Cattle and Sheep, supplied by the Polygahs of Calastry and Vencataghery and Bommarauze.

To Mr Paymaster Taylor.

To Paymaster at Ellore calling upon him to explain the Cause of the great Arrear of his Accounts - Paymaster

Generals

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19th General's Letter enclosed.

To Resident at Ganjam.

To Resident at Ganjam enclosing, for his Guidance, Extract from the Military Board's Report relative to the Sascars required at Aska.

To Major Roberts

To Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment - Rice Money for the Native non Commissioned Officers to be paid at the Rate proposed by Sir John Kennaway.

To Auditor Genl.

To Military Auditor General, an additional advance of 12,00 Pags ordered for the Sepoy Paymaster for July - also 5000 Pags issued to the Commissary Genl of Grain and Provisions.

To Ditto

To Ditto, the Extra Charge of 37 Pags made by Mr Cockburn for Peons and other Servants in his Department, approved.

To Ditto

To Ditto, with Copy of a Letter from the Barrack Master at the Presidency, to the Quarter Master Genl, respecting some Cots; the Opinion of the Military Board thereon

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19th thereon (enclosed) approved.

To Military Board

To Military Board - thirty Barrels of Gunpowder to be shipped on the Aurora

To Dirco

To Dirco - the Ordnance and Gun Carriages applied for to Bengal will be supplied - Letter from thence enclosed - Messrs Cha Chase & Company tender some Shott and Shells - their Opinion desired.

To Dirco

To Dirco - the Subject of Col. Ross's Report of the State of the Fortifications on the Coast, will be taken up at a proper Time. Lieut Wilks may continue in Charge of the Forts stated in his Letter - and keep them in Repair on the usual Terms.

To Paymaster Genl.

To Military Paymaster General

Coopers may be engaged on the lowest Terms for which they can be had.

To Col. Braithwaite

To Officer Commanding the Army - two of the three Companies of Sepoys to be stationed at Pytney, ordered to be detained at Dindigul for the present.

To

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19th

To Col. Brathwaite

To Officer Commanding the Army, notifying the advices from the Commodore of a French Frigate being on the Coast

To Ditto

To Ditto, enclosing some French Letters, in Order to be forwarded by Colonel Floyd to the Governor of Pondicherry.

To Capt. Doveton

To Capt.n Doveton ~ enclosing sundry Papers received from the Commissioner on the Malabar Coast, suggesting an Arrangement for adjusting the Cooga Boundary ~ Directions on the Subject.

To Board of Revenue.

To Board of Revenue, referring for their Opinion the Petition of Conore Mootiah.

To Capt.n Maxo

To Captain of the Liverpool no Compensation can be made for the Detention of his Ship.

To Clerk of the Treasury.

To Clerk of the ~ Treasury, 1200 Pags. to be issued for the Depot Paymaster, in Addition to his July Estimate.

To Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam ~ with

Copy

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19th

Copy of the Attorney General's Letter regarding the Right of Property in the Wreck at Bimlipatam ~ Directions.

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor ~ President

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Friday

19th July 1793.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letter

from the Board of Revenue.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Honble Sir,

From Board of Revenue submit another Report from Vizagapatam of their Proceedings relative to the Vizianagrum Zemindary - various Remarks on the Rajah's Conduct - and Extracts from their Proceedings on the Subject - further Remarks on the Rajah's present Offer - recommend that the Country be sequestered without further Delay - Letter ordered to stand over by the Chief and Council

Having received a Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam, reporting their further Proceedings relative to the Zemindary of Vizianagrum, We lose no Time in laying a Copy thereof before your Honble Board, with our Remarks upon the Subject, that we may be furnished with your final Orders

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Fort St George, 19th July 1793.

shall withhold therefore the late Orders to the contrary.

Orders.

Having referred to the State of Vizeram Tawzee's Arrears at the Commencement of last Year, and to the Correspondence that passed thereon, we find a very striking Coincidence of Circumstances when compared with his present Conduct.

On the 21st February 1792. the Chief and Council submitted to your Honble Board a Proposal for the Liquidation of his Arrears, amounting, at that Time, on Account of Jumma & Phasely 1200 to ..... 4,01,100.. and a Kist due on the 25th February ..... 2,25,000..

6,26,100..

This Proposal was referred to the late Board, who observed, in reply, under Date the 17th March, that it "professing to clear off one half of his "Balance in the present Year, besides his current "Jumma, and the other half &c. in the ensuing, "is coupled with Conditions which plainly shew "it is an Expedient to gain Time, and that by "acquiescing therein, the Arrears instead of ~.

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"nine Lacs; whereas the proposed Kistbundy provides
"for the Payment only of 5 Lacs within the Month
"of August, and by extending the Payments for that
"Year to February following, he will be able to
"appropriate the Revenue of the ensuing Year, to
"clear the Demands of the past, by such Anticipatio
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"other Words, the present Balance will be doubled,
"whenever it shall be found necessary; and we
"think the Period at hand to interpose the Authority
"of Government to prevent the continued Mismanagement
"and Misapplication of the Revenue arising from
"Incompetency in Vizeram Rauze to administer
"his own Affairs".

Your Commands, in Reply

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"the Proposition made by Vizeram Rauze, and

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Fort St George, 19th July 1793.

"can by no Means consent to so unfavorable
"an Arrangement for the Current Year, tho'
"we were willing, on Account of the Season,
"to allow of an Indulgence with Regard to the
"Balance due at the Close of the last. We
"would have you insist therefore, upon the
"immediate Discharge of the Sum due this
"Year, according to the Kists, with a reasonable
"Security for the remaining Payments at the
"stipulated Periods, and if this be not complied
"with, the Chief and Council must require
"an Assignment of Lands sufficient to secure
"the whole of the Company's Demands upon
"him."

These Orders were communicated to the Chief and Council, and the Report of their Proceedings in consequence, was forwarded to your Honble Board, under Date the 10th July, accompanied with the Observations and Opinions of the Board of Revenue, of which the following is an Extract.

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Fort St George, 19th July 1793.

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"We observe from the Chiefs
"minute of the 29th Ultimo, that he was induced
"to defer communicating our Orders to require from
"Vizeram Rauze the immediate Discharge of the
"Current Summa, and, in case of Failure, to
"take an Assignment of the Zemindary for the
"Liquidation of the whole Balance and ~~
"growing Kists until he should have discharged
"the first Kist of 2,25,000 Rupees due in February
"last, which was then coming in, lest the Knowledg
"of our Intentions might render precarious what
"was before in Train of speedy Receipt - the Event
"proves the Precaution to have been judicious;
"for, after completing the Sum, he made no
"further Payment."

"If the Country has
"suffered by Scarcity in the two last Years, as
"stated by the Rajah, and as we fully admit,
"so much more blameable was it in him
"to lavish his Revenues in idle Expences, at a
"Time when he owed a large Balance to

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"the Company, and had been warned of
"the Consequences of disregarding their just
"Claims upon him - We have not heard, and
"we do not believe that the Rajah's Zemindary
"has suffered in a greater Degree than the
"adjacent Havellies, from which about three
"fourths have been received, and from the
"Rajah only ½ part of a Jemma, fixed in
"the Proportion of ½th below the general Rate
"of Assessment upon other Zemindaries."

"We should entirely
"agree with the Chief and Council upon the
"Impropriety of taking an Assignment of
"the Zemindary in a Season of general Distress
"and Famine, if the immediate Realization,
"from the Country, of the Company's Demands
"upon the Rajah, incited the Measure; disclaiming
"any such Motive, we think Humanity urges
"the Interposition of Government to mitigate,
"by every practicable Means, the Sufferings
"of the Inhabitants; and our Ideas of comparative

"Mildness

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"Mildness between the Rajah's Administration
"and that of the Company, must undergo a
"total Change, not to believe that such —
"Interposition would be felt and acknowledge
"by them as a Blessing".

"When we reflect
"that although, for several Years, little more
"than one Sixth Part of the gross Revenue
"was demanded from Vizeram Rauze, and,
"even at the present time, considerably less than
"from any other Zemindar, constant Difficulty
"has been experienced in obtaining Payment
"of the Jumma - that, deaf to all Admonitions
"and Warning, he has allowed a Balance
"to accrue in the present Phasely beyond
"the Proportion of Deficiency in other adjacent
"Parts - when we consider his Incompetency
"to the Administration of his Affairs, which
"has often been represented, and that the
"Resources he ought to be able to command,
"are dissipated, unmindful of his Duty

"and

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"and Public Engagements, either an adequate —
"Assignment should, we conceive, be taken of his
"Countries, in case of his Refusal, the whole of
"them sequestered in Punishment of his Misconduck,
"and to satisfy the Company's Claims."

The Proposition having
met with your entire Approval, the necessary —
Measures were taken to carry it into Effect; but,
previous to the transmitting of the final Instructions,
the Chief and Council submitted, for the Determination
of the Board of Revenue, several Points, which
we referred to you under Date the 29 August,
and the following is Extract of the Letter which
accompanied them "We do not believe that the
"Muchulkas of the Renters of certain Districts, who
"might receive Orders from Vizeram Rauze to pay
"their Rents to the Company, or indeed that any
"Transfer of Authority, even to Persons of most Importance
"in the District, would be a sufficient Security —
"against the Influence of the Zemindar, should he
"afterwards be inclined to appropriate the Revenue

"to

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"to himself ~ his past Conduct deprives us of ale
"Confidence in him, and we are therefore of Opinion
"that the Assignment should be absolute and
"without Reservation."

"Whatever may remain due
"of the current Summa should, we think, be added
"to his Balance of the preceding Phasely, and the
"Amount divided equally upon the next four
"Years, in Addition to the Summa of 9 Sacs, and
"an Assignment, equal to the annual Discharge
"of this Demand, should be made over to the
"Company, so that the Zemindar will have a
"motive for making the utmost Payments in
"his Power, as the Means of lessening the
"Amount of the Assignments to be required of
"him."

"Under the Sanction of
"your Approval, we have already informed
"Vizeram Rauze that, in case he completes the
"Payment of his Current Summa, we shall not
"demand any Assignment; and, no doubt, you
will

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"will think it right faithfully to adhere to this
"Promise - but, in whatever Degree he may fail
"in this Particular, We think an Assignment
"should be insisted on to the Amount of the
"Residue, with one fourth Part of the old Balance
"added to the current Jumma, for we can see no
"Cause for greater Partiality towards Vizeram Taver
"than has, in a Variety of Instances, been shewn
"to other Zemindars; more especially when we
"advert to his frequent Failures and Mis-conduct,
"notwithstanding the very favorable Terms on which
"he has, for a Series of Years, been permitted to
"hold his Zemindary.

"If, contrary to Expectation,
"the Rajah Vizeram Rauze should discharge his
"current Arrears, We propose that the old Balance
"on Account of the last Year, be divided on the
"two succeeding Years, to be paid in Addition
"to the 9 Lacs of current Jumma, and that, on the
"first Failure, according to his present or any future
"Kistbundy that may be agreed to, be assessed

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"in the same Proportion of 2/3rds of gross Revenue
"for which other Tributaries are made answerab
"and that an Assignment, equal to the Payme
"of that encreased Jumma, together with such —
"Balance as may be due, be rigorously exacted".

These Sentiments were entirely concurred in by your Honble Board, and the consequent Instructions were sent to the Cho and Council, under Date the 11th. September, for their Guidance — and, on the Rajah discharging his Arrear of current Jummah to the 25th. Septr 1793, in the Month of November following, the Conditions for the Payment of 4,01,100 Rupees the Arrear of the preceding Year 1200, and of the Current Jummah, with the Penalty annexed to his last Failure, were fully explained to him

We have been induced to insert the foregoing Extracts from our Proceedings, that the Subject may be more completely before you, and, as it appears that the Reasoning contained therein will apply in a stronger Degree under present Circumstances we

shall

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Shall now offer some Remarks upon the accompanying Letter from the Chief and Council, with our Opinion as to the further Steps which should be adopted.

At this Period last Year the Arrears due from Tippoo Sahib amounted to (including 5 Lacs Balance of 1200 Phasely) above six Lacs and one thousand Rupees; and on the 25th September there was a Balance against him on account of the preceding Phasely ... S. 01100 ..

and Current Jumma ... S. 89,000 ..

Rupees 8,90,100 ....

This Year in the Month of July, the Balance due from him (including the 5 Lacs Arrear of Phasely 1200) exceeds 8½ Lacs, which, added to the two Kists falling due in August, and September, will make, at the End of the present Phasely, (25th Septr) a Demand on account of the Arrear of 1200 Phasely ... S. 01,100 .. ..

and Current Jumma 1202 ... 9,00,000 .. ..

Total Rupees 13,01,100 .. .

exclusive of the Arrears due on Account of the Families of Pykarow & Juggernaut Sawze.

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When the Rajah made his Proposal, in February 1792, for the Liquidation of his Arrears, and current Jumma, the same Amount was to be paid by him on or before the 25th September following (including his February Kist afterwards discharged) as will be payable on the 25th Sept.r next. He then promised to pay 11 Lacks (including Current Jumma, and Two Lacks of the Arrear of Phasely 1200) If therefore the Reasons above quoted for rejecting the former Proposal were admitted, they must be considered to apply with greater Force in the present Instance.

The Proceedings of the Chief and Council notice, it was made a Condition that the Proposal (tendered by Vencatapelly Rauze on the Part of the Rajah) should be given in writing by Vizeram Rauze - and we could have wished this Preliminary had been complied with, before they addressed us on the Subject,

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more particularly so, as the Proposal only mentions the Payment of one Sum, without specifying within what Period the remaining Balance is to be discharged; but we must naturaley infer, from the Rajah's own Propositions, of the 5th Instant, that he wishes to throw it back, until the first Kist of the next Year becomes due.

With Respect to the Object of realizing within one Month, the Sum of Rupees 5,50,000 compared with the smale Collections to be expected from the Country under Management, and the Mode suggested by the Chief and Council to secure the Regular Payment of the Company's Kists, with a Proportion of the Arrears in future, We conceive that the just Reasoning of the late Board, on a similar Arrangement proposed in more explicit Terms by the Chief and Council last Year, may well be adduced on the present Occasion against its Admissibility.

With Respect to the

Plea

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Plea made of the Rajah's Inability to raise in one Place, a sufficient Sum to answer the Demands of Government, we must observe that it rather tends to confirm the Opinion so often expressed of his improvident Dissipation; and tho' the Rajah withholds his Current Rents, he has, when pressed, come forward, at different Times, with offers of considerable Payments within a very short Period.

Superadded to these Considerations, we hold the Conduct of the Rajah within the last Year, to have been in a higher Degree culpable than at any former Period, not only from this Instance of his palpable Breach of Faith in withholding his Rents, but having acted in direct Disobedience of the Company's Orders, so often repeated to him, by the Employment of Sitteram Taugee in the Management of his Country.

Under ale Circumstances we conceive that Sitteram Taugee has incurred the

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the Penalty of which he was apprized in Case of Failure in his present Years Summa Viz.t. "to be assessed in the same Proportion of 2½ p.r Cent. "Gross Revenue for which other Tributaries are "made answerable, and an Assignment equal to "the Payment of that increased Summa, together "with such Balance as may be due to be rigorously "exacted." and we accordingly recommend, that the "Chief and Council be directed to signify the same to him, and, as a further Punishment for his total Failure and Misconduct, that it has been resolved to sequester his Zemindary, and to keep it under Management on Account of the Company 'till his Arrears, and increased current Summa are wholly paid off, and he shall prove ~ himself more deserving of Confidence by a thorough Change in his Habits and Behaviour.

We beg leave to recommend also that no Time should be lost in transmitting us your final and positive Determination, in order to remove that Suspence which cannot fail

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fail to be materially prejudicial to the Country as well as to impress on the Mind of the Rajah the Consistant Resolution of Government to punish his Breach of Faith and Disregard of their positive Commands.

It appears from the Proceedings of the Chief and Council, that Sitteram Rauze has been directed to repair to the Presidency; a Measure we cannot but deem expedient in the present Situation of Affairs; and we therefore presume that your late Directions for his Continuance at Vizagapatam would, if forwarded, arrive too late; on which Account, and your having formerly concurred in Opinion with us, that his distant Removal from the Zemindary is an Object of Consideration, We hope that withholding the Directions above alluded to, will meet with your Approbation.

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

David Haliburton
Chas. R. White
Tho. Cockburn

Fort St George
18th July 1793.

(signed)

To

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Fort St George, 16th July 1793.

To David Haliburton Esqr.

President &c.a, Members of the

Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

We have now the honor to report our further Proceedings relative to the Zemindary of Vizianagrum.

The Rajah Vizeearam Rawze arrived at this Place on the 2d Instant, and visited the Chief on the following Day — Sitteram Rawze arrived several Days before, having withdrawn himself from the Management Agreeably to the Instructions contained in your Dispatch of the 3d. Ultimo, Our Chief personally, and in writing, demanded from the Rajah the immediate Payment of his Arrears, both old and new, amounting to Rupees 850,000 ... ... which not being complied with, We this Day met, for the Purpose of issuing the necessary Orders for the Sequestration of the Zemindary of Vizianagrum.

After

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After having resolved upon the different Steps to be taken, We were preparing to adjourn when the Rajah's Dewan Vencatapully Nawze arrived, and requested Leave to deliver a Message from the Rajah: this being complied with, he made a Proposition, in the Rajah's Name, that will be found on our Minutes of Consultation, of which we beg Leave to enclose a Copy, and refer to.

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Nothing can be more certain than that the Offer of the Rajah to pay 550,000 Rupees in one Month, will convey to our Treasury a much greater Sum than we should probably be able to realize from the Country, if under our Management, in the Course of Several Months; so far, therefore, as it relates to immediate Receipts, it is, undoubtedly eligible, and, as what refers to future Settlements is under your Control, there is nothing to prevent your requiring from the Rajah, after the abovementioned Sum is made good, an Arrangement

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Arrangement by which the regular Payment of the Company's Rists, with a Proportion of the Arears, may be secured for the future.

This, We are of Opinion, may be effected by requiring from the Rajah to make over to us such of his Renters, as we may fix upon, who shall bind themselves to us, and be accountable to us only, for the Amount of their respective Rents. We should be careful to make Choice of the most responsible Persons, and to enforce Payment, while, at the same Time, We should protect from Demands either from the Rajah or his Dewan. We think this Measure very feasible.

We should certainly not have ventured to have postponed the Execution of the Orders of Government, transmitted to us thro' the Medium of your Board, had we not been convinced of the absolute Impracticability of the Rajah's paying in, such a Sum as 850,000 Rupees at one Time, since the whole Amount of Specie

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Current in the District would perhaps —
scarcely admit of such a Payment at once in any
one Place in it.)

We request your Instructions
as early as possible upon the Subject of this
Letter, in the mean Time, the Rajah and his
Brother will remain at Vizagapatam.

We are,

Vizagapatam
7th July 1793.

Dr Sir, Dr Sir, Dr Sir,

John Chamier
A. W. Gregory
John Snow

(signed)

A true Copy

(signed) John Read
Dep.t Secr.

Vizagapatam
Sunday
7th July 1793

At a Consultation Present

John Chamier Esq.r
Mr A. Wm Gregory
& Mr John Snow

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

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The Chief lays before the Board, Copy of a Letter written to him by the Rajah Vizianam Rauze, with a Copy of the Answer given thereto.

From Vizianam Rauze to the Chief,
18th July 1793.

I have received your Letter of this Day. In your Letter of the 27th of last Month, you desired I would remove my Brother from the Management, and pay immediately my two last Kists, together with my old Balance— I am ever obedient to the Company's Orders, and, accordingly, removed my Brother from the Management. In regard to the Company's money; on Account of the three last Year's Scarcity, and the late Troubles, all the Countries have been reduced to a ruined State; which have been the Cause of the Company's Money remaining unpaid. It is now very difficult for me to pay my Arrears of the two Kists and the old Balance. In fifteen Days from this Date, I shall pay

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on Account of my Arrears the Amount of
and by the 7th August the amount of the 2nd Kist
one Kist. the 3d and 4th Kist that will
become due on Account of this Year, I shall
pay by the 18th of February next — the old
Balance, deducting the Amount of the Sea
and Land Customs, due to me, the Remainder
I shall begin to pay from next Year, and I
request you will favor me accordingly, and
by doing so, I shall be able to support myself
and my Inhabitants.

A true Copy
(signed) Robt. Alexander
Secy

A true Copy
(signed) John Read
Secretary

From the Chief to the Rajah
Villiaram Cauze

I have received your letter
of yesterday's Date, and am sorry to observe
that it does not announce your Acquiescence in
what is required from you.

Nothing now remains but to send
to you the Letter from the Governor of
Madras, which Ramnapah will deliver
to you with this address. —

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In the letter from the Governor you will perceive that his resolution to sequester your Zemindary is taken, and, in conformity to this Resolution, the Chief and Council will immediately take charge of the Zemindary on account of the Honble Company. –

I have no doubt that your respect to the Company's Government will induce you to submit yourself entirely and readily to their Will – and you will therefore be so good as to acquaint me where you wish to reside during the Sequestration. –

I request of you to send to me tomorrow morning the Cutcherry Servants and the Renters, that the accounts may be forthwith examined, and the Balances collected. –

Vizagapatam
6th July 1793

A true Copy
(signed) Robt Alexander
Secy.

A true Copy
(signed) John Read
Dpty Secy

The

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The Chief delivers in the following Minute.

Agreeably to the Resolution at our last meeting, I sent to the Rajah yesterday Evening the Governor's Letter, with one from myself, of which I have laid before the Board a Copy.—

In conformity also to the Instructions of the Board of Revenue, I have sent to Sitteram Rauze a Letter, requiring him to proceed to Madras.—

In order to carry into full Effect the Sequestration of the Zemindary of Vezianagrum, I beg leave to propose that the following Measures be adopted.

That a Proclamation be issued throughout the Country, notifying that the Chief and Council, in the name of the United Company, have assumed the management of it.

That a Tax be sent to the following Principal

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Principal Surdars among the Hill People Viz.t

Mooky Raya Bapaul Rauze of Singawarapoobattah

Mullapa Rauze . . . of Tada

& Appul Boopathy . . . of Madigul

directing them immediately to come to Vizagapatam.

That Lieutenant Colonel Brandergoot be directed to march to Nojanagrum, but not to take possession of the Fort until further orders, or until the Rajah's Family be removed from it.

That the Punters and all the Cutcherry Servants be directed to attend here, in order that the State of the Circar Accounts be examined into without loss of time, and the Outstanding Balances collected.

That a List of Cutcherry Servants with their allowances be prepared and laid before the Board. (Signed) John Chamier

A true Copy (Signed) Robert Alexander Secy

A true Copy (Signed) John Read Dep.y Secy The

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The Chief submits to the Board the Propriety of attending to one Person the Charge of examining into the Circumstances of the Zemindary, in order to ascertain what Balances are due, and to make out the Statements &c which are required by the Board of Revenue — The Chief is willing, if the Board approve, to undertake this Business and to lay before them, with as little Delay as possible, the result of his Enquiries and Investigations

Approved and ordered accordingly.

Agreed that Letters be drafted to Governor and to the Board of Revenue reporting our Proceedings relative to the Sequestration of the Nagiengrum Zemindary.

The Board are informed that Vencatapatty Rauze, the Rajahs Dewan, is just arrived, and wishes to deliver a message from the Rajah.

Agreed

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agreed that he be admitted —

Vencatapatty Rauze, being accordingly admitted, acquaints the Board, that he waits upon them by the Rajah's order, to inform them, that, notwithstanding the distressed state of the Country, which is well known, he will settle with his Renters, so that, in the Course of one month, from the present date, he will pay the full amount of the two Kists due, being Rupees 4,50,000 and one Lack of the arrears in all Rupees 5,50,000 in three equal Payments. —

Vencatapatty Rauze having made the above Proposition, is desired to retire. —

The Board proceed to take into Consideration the Rajah's Proposition, and are of Opinion, that it is such a one as merits attention, being well convinced that, if the Zemindary were sequestered, it would not be practicable for the Company's Representatives to collect in one month, nor probably

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probably in Several, such a Sum as four
and a half Lacks of Rupees — It is, in
in consequence, agreed that Venkatapatty
Pauze be desired to acquaint the Rajah
that the Rajah's Proposal will be attended
to, upon the following Conditions —

That it be delivered in Writing

That it be understood, that if
he fails in making any one of the Proposed
Payments, the Chief and Council will
immediately execute the Measure of Se
questering the Zemindary, as already Notified
to him. —

That the Chief and Council do not
bind themselves to the Ratification of the
Rajah's Proposition, but merely engage to
postpone executing the order for Sequestration,
until the Determination of Government
upon the Proposition is known. —

Venkatapatty Pauze being called
in, the foregoing is communicated to him,

and

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and he is desired immediately to notify it to the Rajah — We then withdraw. —

Agreed that the Ship we desired to send a Tahsil to the Hill Zurdars Mentioned in his minute desiring them to come forthwith to Vizagapatam, that they may account for their Conduct, and an Enquiry may be made into their Grievances, if any be found to exist. —

Agreed that a Letter to the Board of Revenue be immediately prepared, reporting the above Measures, and that a Copy of this days Proceedings be sent to them. —

A true Copy

(Signed) Rob[t] Alexander Sec[y]

A true Copy

(Signed) John Read

Deputy Sec[y]

Remarks and Resolutions of the Board on the foregoing Subject

The last instructions regarding Vizianagram Rauze were conveyed in terms so conclusive, that the Board had no expectation of a further reference

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reference from the Chief and Council of
Vizagapatam on the subject. — They had
declared in the most express manner, that
Vizianaram Rauze had forfeited all claims
to their further favor — that his disrespect
towards the Company's authority, and his
total neglect of the engagements into which
he had entered — and above all his employ-
ment of Sittaram Rauze, in direct op-
position to their repeated orders, gave
them not the smallest hope that any measure
short of a complete registration of the Zemindary
would be effectual to remedy the mischiefs
which had been occasioned by his misconduct —
That, however, in their wish to avoid coming
to extremities with him, they had been inclined
to afford him one more, but the last opportunity,
of preserving the Country in his own hands,
by the immediate payment of the whole of
his arrears, both old and new, and the instant
removal of his Brother from all concern in
public affairs — That they were aware of the
difficulty

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difficulty he might find in raising so large a Sum, but, as that difficulty had been the effect of that mismanagement and neglect of which they had so often complained, they could by no means admit it as a reason for postponing the demand any longer.—

Under these circumstances the Board cannot approve the Propositions that have been submitted by Vizianam Razu; and, as they agree entirely in opinion with the Board of Revenue that this Zemindar has incurred the penalty of which he was apprized, in case of failure, it is resolved, that the Zemindary be sequestered and kept under Management on account of the Company, until the whole of the arrears be liquidated, and until Vizianam Razu prove himself more deserving of confidence, by a thorough change in his habits and behaviour.

Resolved that the Board of Revenue be directed to communicate the above to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, that the same may be

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be carried into immediate execution —

It is not the intention of the Board at present to agitate the question respecting the increased Income, as the Knowledge they will acquire by being in the management of the Revenue, will enable them at some time hence to determine with more accuracy the extent to which the Country should be applied. —

Resolved that Sillaram Rauze be removed to Madras — and that as soon as the Rajah Nojaram Rauze has chosen the place of his own residence during the Sequestration, the allowances to be made to him, be determined. —

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

From Board of Revenue recommending that the Pagoda now Growing at Tanjore be taken up for Revenue and Copies of Letter inclosed. —

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to transmit to you Copy of a Letter, this Day received from the

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the late Collection of the Eastern Division of the Tanjore, and, for the Reasons therein mentioned, and conceiving that little danger is to be apprehended, while the Squadron under Commodore Cornwallis is at Sea, we beg leave to recommend that the Embargo on the Exportation of Grain be discontinued

We have the honor to be,
Hon.ble Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servants
David Haliburton
Chas. N. White
Tho.s Cockburn
(Signed)

Fort St George
18th July 1793

To David Haliburton Esqr.
acting President & the Members of Revenue Board

Gentlemen,

Fort St George

During my Visit yesterday to the Rajah, I thought it my Duty to state to Him your Commands to me respecting the Embargo on the Export of Grain from the Eastern Division, and to mention to Him your

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Your Having directed me to take charge thereof, untill further orders – I express'd to His Excellency my opinion, that He would very much meet the Wishes of Government if he would continue in force the Embargo, and suffer me to remain in charge of the Grain, untill such time as I heard from you relative to it, which could not be long, since I had many Days ago, written to you for orders on the subject – His Excellency was pleased to say, that, as He could never have a Wish seperate from the Interests of Government, so therefore he desired me, he would give the necessary orders. –

I cannot conceal from you, the very great and just uneasiness, which the Grain Merchants feel, in Consequence of your Orders respecting their Property in the Ports of the Eastern Division – a great part of the Body ready for Exportation, has been on the Beach for two or three months back

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back, and, exposed as it is to the Weather, is daily perishing — From the Insulated Situation of Vapuengerry, it is Subject to more particular Decay, and Rot than elsewhere, from the lowness and dampness of that Place, the bottom of every Ship, is more beginning to Sweat and Rot, and, should the Rivers rise any thing above the usual Level, which is not unfrequently the Case, many thousand Cubicums must inevitably be Carried into the Sea. —

The uneasiness of the Merchants is naturally increased from the Knowledge they have, that you have not put any Restraint on the Trade of Nagore or Negapatam, and that the Inhabitants there are consequently prospering, in the benefits and advantages they meet with, for their Grain to the Northward of those Ports. — They have solicited me to transmit for them a memorial to Government, or, otherwise, to state to you the

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the Ruin on which they would be involved
if this partial Restriction on Trade is of
longer Continuance. —

As it was a measure, which
at the time, I thought myself in Duty
obliged to Suggest to you, and as I now
foresee the Ruin, in which the Individuals
must be involved, whose Property is thus
at Risk, so therefore am I the more solic-
itous in my application to you, to take
into your Serious and early Consideration, the
Circumstances as I have here stated them
to you. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c &c &c
(Signed) Ja.s Strange

Tanjore
18th July 1793

A true Copy
(Signed) John Read
Deputy Secretary

The Board would be much inclined
to afford the relief suggested by Mr. Strange to the
Proprietors of Grain in the Tanjore Country if

* Minute thereon

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if there were any certainty that, on taking off the Embargo, no part of it would be conveyed to Pondicherry — If therefore the late Collector be of opinion that he can take proper precautions to prevent any portion of it from going to the Enemy the Board will not object — and to effect this — they think Security should be taken from the proprietor in Double the amount of their property in the Grain in question, that no part or parcel thereof be exported from the Tanjore Country to any other than the Company's Ports. —

Read the following Letter from Captain Oakes of the Royal Navy. —

Honorable Sir

From Captain G. Oakes of the Royal Navy tendering his services to Government in the line of his profession — Terms on which the services may be chartered

The present warlike state of our marine Force on this Country, added to the Critical situation of Commodore Cornwallis, will, I trust, be a sufficient apology for my making a tender of my services in any way Government may think I can be

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be useful, and I hope it will not be thought presuming in me to inform you that the ship ardasere is ready to be chartered to Government by the Month, or for three months certain, at the rate of 1500 Rupees P. month. She is armed with twelve 9 Pounders, and twelve 4 Pounders, has on board 115 Men including Officers, and is ready to proceed to Sea immediately. - and I further take Leave to say that, should Government approve this Proposal, I shall with great pleasure take upon me the Command of the Ship, and would undertake to go to Sea to night or tomorrow Morning to obey such orders as you may be pleased to give me. —

I would be necessary to put on board 60. or 70. Europeans, which I conceive may be easily done to day.

I have the honor to be with great Respect

Sir, Your

Madras
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(Signed) J Oakes Captain in his Majy Navy

Resolved

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Resolved that the following letters be written to the Commodore and to Captain Oakes.

To the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis
Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships
in the East Indies.

Sir,

To the Commodore Cornwallis and.

We have received a letter from Captain George Oakes of his majesty's Navy (copy of which we have the honor to enclose) offering his Services in the line of his profession, in any way that may be acceptable to us. —

We are very sensible of the zeal which has marked the conduct of Captain Oakes on this occasion, and are most readily disposed to avail ourselves of his Services in any way that your may approve; but we are at a loss to determine how far it may be advisable to hire and man the merchantships he has mentioned, or any other Vessel of that description, for the purpose of employing her as an armed Vessel

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vessel under his command, and we wish, at any rate, to have the benefit of your opinion on the subject of Captain Oakes's Proposal, before we return a decisive answer to it. —

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We have the honor to be,
Sir
Your
[Signed] Charles Oakeley
Pres. Council

To Captain George Oakes
of the Royal Navy

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and to convey to you their acknowledgments for the ready offer of your services in the line of your profession, which he would very chearfully accept without further consideration, if he were not of opinion that a necessity exists for referring the matter to the previous opinion of the Commander in Chief of his majestys Ships, to whom a copy of your letter has been sent, and you may be assured that, if the Commodore

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Commodore acquiesce in the proposition sug-
gested in your letter, the President in Council
will have much pleasure in meeting your
wishes on the occasion,

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

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Read the following letter from the
Resident at Cuddalore. —

Hon'ble Sir,

From Resident at Cuddalore with Intelligence of the Transmission of Provisions dispatched from the Islands — and of the Strength of the Garrison of Pondicherry — both inclosures & Memo

A Frenchman arrived here last night from Pondicherry, he formerly served in the Kings Marine and is a modest and intelligent man — he informs me that he left the Islands the 1st June last, that the Cybèle a 40 Gun Frigate had been sent to Bourbon for Provisions, and was expected to return about the 2d or 3d of last month, when it was supposed she would sail, with another Frigate of the same force, to escort 7 Vessels, laden with ammunition, to Pondicherry —

exclusive

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exclusive of the above, there were two Frigates and a Corvette at the Islands. —

There are only 7 Pieces heavy Cannon 24 Pounders in Pondichery — the last Ships brought Pieces of 8 & 12 with Balls of 36, so that they can not be employed — The Troops have declared at Pondichery they will post to Death General Chermont if he does not grant him safety on all occasions, and it has been agreed in case of surrender by Capitulation, or otherwise the Tree of Liberty shall be taken down, to prevent the English mounting it — There are strong Blockhouses to the North on the Bastion St Hopital, which is the post the French suppose we shall attack — are mounted. —

3 Pieces of 24

2 Mortars

4 Pieces of 12

on the top of the Rampart, and in the angle of the Bastion or its out Work, 3 Pieces of 8, and 3 of 12 are placed. —

The Bastion

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Bastion de St Laurent - South.

2 Pieces of 24

2 Mortars

3 Pieces of 8

Bastion de St Louis - South - the same as on the Bastion de St Laurent

The Causeway from Cuddalore Gate, is cut in two Places, one near the Gate, the other in the centre of the Road leading to the River - here is a Battery united - a Demi Lune is formed near the Gate, almost as high as the Rampart of the Fort, and a masqued Battery.

at the South angle of the Fort there is a Stockade and Chevaux de Frize running a considerable way into the Sea, this has been one washed down, but renewed.

Thus are in the Fort

European Infantry mostly Recruits about	500
Sipoys including Recruits	1100
Garde Nationale 5 Companies	200
European artillery	46
Sailors attached to Do	60
Topasses Do — Do	50
Coffries Do — Do	15
Topasses Guard National	50
Pbriars	50
Total fighting men	2071

The

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The Topasses, Sepoys and Pariars receive 6 Rupees P Month and Provisions

The artillery men 20 Rupees P month and Provisions. -

The Officers have relinquished half their Pay, for which they receive Paper. -

There is neither Wheat, milk, or Ghee to be had, Rice sells at 1/2 a Pagoda the Bandeliary

person -

Before the 13 Bastions, are raised

13 Demi Lunes, and several Intrenched Batteries -

The great Tank has been cut to overflow

the Southern Part of the Fort -

The Walls of the Burying Ground, are

razed, and many others in the Neighbourhood

of the Blancharies -

Were the intentions of the French

to erect the Tree of Liberty, on the Road Villy to

induce the English Soldiery. -

all the Gates excepting the Fellamere

and Mount Gates are blockaded up. -

Mem

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New Colours have been given to the Troops with the benediction of the Clergy — on the " Colours of the regulars is the Motto "Discipline et Obeissance à la Loi" on those of the National Guards "Respect Francois, Liberté ou la mort"

all the Works are constructed in a " masterly manner, the Engineer is esteemed the best in the French Service,

I shall communicate the above Intelligence to the admiral and Colonel Floyd. —

The Minerva gave chace to a sail this morning, in the S. E. Quarter, she was in sight this afternoon, near to a two masted Vessel at which she fired some shott, and which I imagine she has captured — The three Indiamen are " now cruizing between this place and Pondicherry

I have the honor to be,
per, ves
(signed) J. Huxworthy

Cuddalore
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agreed that copy of the above be sent to Bengal and to Colonel Brathwaite. —

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Read

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Read the following letter from the
Hon'ble Commodore Commanding —

The Honorable the Governor in Council
Madras.

Sir,

From Commodore Cornwallis with a Copy of Resolutions thereon — which is ordered to be read — Account of a French Frigate being on the Coast —

When I came off Pondicherry, I observed only a small ships and a Snow close in with the Town — Captain Whitby undertook to go with the Boats of the Minerva to bring them out, He went the night of the Eleventh, but the ship had unluckily sailed a few hours before, He brought out the Snow, which they said was a Dutch — the Papers on board every thing was a French — I could not however send Her to Madras, as it would be attended with much inconvenience, therefore She was released, with positive directions not to return to Pondicherry. —

Yesterday Morning we saw a large Ships off — which we chased, the India Ships had then joined me, but finding that we dropt them without coming up with the Chase, which I had every reason to believe was

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was a French Frigate,) I joined the Indian 11
ships, which I thought it not advisable to 11
separate, and, having directed them to anchor
before Pondicherry, for the purpose of preventing
Supplies from being received at that place. —
I stood after the French Ship again, but I did not
see her, I spoke a vessel, in the evening under
Danish Colours from Trankebar, the master said
that a large French Frigate had been off that place
the Evening before, they sent a Boat on shore, but
did not anchor, I think it likely that this Frigate
may be a forerunner of some others at no great
distance, which the Conduct of those on board
seemed to indicate, I thought it proper, that you
should be informed, that an Enemy's Ship of
Force was undoubtedly upon the Coast, and
I hope we shall very soon have some of His
Majesty's Ships here. —

I was much pleased to see the English
Encampment at the Back of Pondicherry,
the morning of the Eleventh
I have the Honour to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) W. Cornwallis

Minerve

agreed

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Agreed that copy of the above be sent minute thereon - to Bengal - and that the substance of the letter be communicated to Colonel Braithwaite Resident at Nagore -

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary
Fort St George

Sir

Transmitt at Nagore with the same Intelligence & description of the Frigate - request his Orders for a Detachment to be supplied

Please to inform the Honorable the Governor that a French Frigate arrived to mount 40 Guns, and carrying 300 men, passed Tranquebar yesterday Evening at 4 P.M - a French Officer landed there to collect intelligence - The Frigate on leaving Tranquebar stood to the Northwards - she hoisted English Colours / Red / at the Mizen peak is a very long ship, narrow hogged, and her fore top Gallant mast has a rake aft - her sides appeared painted with Tar and red ochre; she carried a small blue vein at the main top gallant mast head only - from those

(broken backed)

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these points a Sailor may know her

beg the favor of you to mention

to the Governor that the small stock of

Military Stores for this place which was long

since Indented for in Town to the Military

Board have not yet arrived — Two Indents

have been forwarded by our Commissary of

Stores, the first near a year since — As we

have few Arms and few men to secure

three Settlements, I hope he will think

it expedient we should have the subsidiary

articles towards our defence. —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

(Signed) Wm Mitchell

Nagore

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P.S. The Frigate appears to be the Sybille

from Mauritius — 44 Guns & 350 men, and it

was given out they wished to meet with

admiral Cornwallis. —

Read

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Read the following letter from the

Military Auditor General

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From military auditor general — with opinions concerning the best mode of charging and settling contingent charges in the field and the Dispatch of the principal Deputy auditor — submits a Draft of General order relative to Issues of Grain from the Company's Store — with hereafter report for Lord Cornwallis's regulations regarding supplies and Expenditures will apply to the present case — an assistant cannot be spared from his office — proposes additions to the general orders regarding family bills —

I do myself the honor to report

as follows in answer to your orders contained

in Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 11th

Instant. —

It is difficult, if not totally impracticable, to establish Regulations for

the Check and Controul of Contingent Charges

in the Field, the necessity of incurring them

will depend upon the exigencies of the service,

of which the Commanding Officer of the Army

must be the best judge, and, when once paid,

the quantum of each article or work as well

as the rates, will likewise depend on the

watchfulness of that Officer over the public

expenditures of this nature —

The principal Contingent Charge

arising

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during the last War fell to be incurred for the
purchase of Materials and Stores which were to
be provided under the Regulations published as
a General order under date 8th December 1790 -

In consequence of the ample Supplies
which have been furnished for the ensuing Season,
from the arsenal at the Presidency and -
different other quarters, I should conceive it would
be advisable to annul the part of the above
General order that relates to the provision of
Materials and Stores of every description, and to
request the Commanding Officer of the army
to point out such other Contingent Charges
as he may judge will fall to be incurred.

I am also of opinion that it will be
advisable to call upon the Bullock agent, the
military Paymaster General, the acting Com-
missary General of Grain and Provisions, the
Commissary General of Stores, and the agent
for Grass Supplies, for a List of the Tents,
artificers, Lascars, Clerks, Writers, Conicopolies
and others falling to be paid for by the
Company

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Company as the Establishment of those
Departments in the Field which they shall
judge necessary for the Offices, with the
army of Deputy Bullock agent - Paymaster
- Commissary of Grain and Provisions -
Deputy Commissary General of Stores -
and Deputy agents for Grass Supplies
in order that the same may be considered
of and established to the extent that shall
be required: - and that the same proceeding
be followed in regard to the Departments
of the Chief Engineer and the Quarter M
Master General. —

The Expences for the above Establish-
ments have in general amounted to a
very considerable sum and as the Regula-
tions are not sufficiently explicit &
concerning them, in some instances
and totally silent in others, I am induced
on the present occasion to propose them
being judged of and established under
authority

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authority previous to their being paid

I am led to consider from the
communication lately given to the Military
Board of a Letter from the acting Commissary
General of Grain and Provisions relative
to that Department and the Provision of Bullocks,
that it is intended to provide for the Issue of
Grain from the Company's Store, on Indents to
the Native Troops, and therefore take the liberty
of referring to the General orders of Government
on that subject under date 25th May 1790, at the
commencement of the last War, for the purpose
of bringing under your consideration such orders
concerning those matters as it may be
necessary to publish on the present occasion,
on a supposition that Deliveries of Grain
are to be made from a public store with the
army, otherways than for victualling the
European Troops.

Under this supposition I have
drawn up an order, which is enclosed, providing

to

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to the best of my judgement, for such matters as do not appear to have been sufficiently detailed in the Regulation of the 25th May 1790, or for such as it may be necessary to add in consequence of some alterations in regard to the mode of drawing Pay & allowances, & which have taken place since, in which you will observe that I have adverted to the rule by the Bengal Forms, which considers every description of Public Followers paid for at the Expence of the Company to be to draw for in the abstracts of the Corps & Departments / or of Individuals not so included in Corps) to which they are to attached for the future thereby limiting the Paymasters abstract to the Establishment which may be allotted for his own separate Department as a Pay Office. —

In regard to the rate at which the Company is to be reimbursed for the Grain delivered on Indents from a public Store with the army, you will observe that I have

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had made no alteration of what has formerly
been accounted proper on that head, and that,
as the value of the Grain so delivered was
considered, under a conversion of the Tanams
at 42 P. Pagoda, it is so stated in the accompany-
ing draught of an Order, but which will be
left to be directed otherways if you shall
be of opinion that the conversion of the Tanams
should be at Forty Five, or at the Bazare Exchange
The part of your Commands of the 11th
Instant which directs me "to state, with as
"little delay as possible, how far the arangements
"during the late War in the Mysore Country
"will apply in the present case, and whether
"any - and if any, what further Regulations
"may be proper for the conduct of the several
"Departments of Expenditure and Supply" -
shall be obeyed without any delay that can
be avoided on my part, but these matters
require a very minute consideration, -
especially as the expediency of applying
his

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his Lordships Regulations in the present case falls to be reported upon in communication with some that have lately been published, which it may be found inconvenient or of not much consequence to alter for the period they are likely to be in force in the course of the present Expedition. —

As your Honble Board has no objection to an assistant, (provided one can be conveniently spared) from the Military Auditor Generals Office being sent to the Field to Examine and Report upon all Charges for the guidance of the Officer Commanding the Army, I am extremely sorry to acquaint You that the Assistant in the Office Lieutenant Brune, cannot be spared, on account of the multiplicity of Business to be performed in it at the Presidency; and I beg leave to add that it does not appear

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appear to me, in considering the Bengal System ordered to be in force on this Establishment, that an Officer in the line of a Military auditor of accounts should be with the army in the Field, because if he is to act exclusively under specific Powers vested in him, the appointment will operate to prevent the audit of the accounts in the Office at the Presidency; or, if otherways, that the nomination of an Assistant to serve in the Field can only tend to fetter or embarrass the audit in the Office at the Presidency — In other respects, such an Officer can only be useful in regard to Contingent Charges, the Propriety and extent of which appears to be much more properly a party of duty to be exercised by the superior judgement of the Commander of an army, under such latitude as Government may chuse to grant. —

In regard to the intimation communicated to me in Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the

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The 29th ultimo that the accounts of the Deputy Agent for Bullocks, of the Commissary of Grains and Provisions, and of the Paymaster with the army in the Field are to be given in upon Honor, I request to be instructed particularly as to the extent to which I am to allow that principle to guide me in auditing their accounts, as, this point being immediately marked at first, will prevent future references on the subject from the Parties concerned. —

On the subject of your orders relative to Family Rolls for the purpose of assigning a proportion of the pay of the Soldiers in the Field to their absent Families I beg leave to report my opinion, that the Regulation passed at the commencement of the last War will answer with the following additions. —

That the officers Commanding Corps, to the absent Families of which a

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"a proportion of the Soldiers Pay is allotted shall
"send to the Military auditor General Duplicates
"of the Family Rolls they deliver to the Paymasters"
"That they shall send weekly Returns
"of Casualties affecting the Family Rolls to the
"respective Paymasters, and Duplicates of such
"Returns to the Military auditor General"
That, as the Paymaster with the "
army in the Field enters the full amount
of each abstract, according to the discription
of the Corps, in his account Disbursements,
he shall give Credit in his account Current
with the Military Paymaster General for
the amount of the Stoppages on account
of the Family Rolls, specifying each Corps"
That the Commanding Officers of
corps shall insert in a N. B. at the bottom
of their abstracts the following Words – To be
deducted on account of Family Rolls – and
then enter the Sum, in writing as well
as figures." – I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Obt
Humble Servt
/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily. Aud Genl

Military auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
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P.S. 17th July 1793 - It has occurred to me, since drawing out the inclosed draught of an Order, that, as the Commissary of Grain and Provisions in the Field is directed to adjust his account of Grain deliveries with the Officers Commanding Corps previous to his furnishing the Paymaster with the List for ascertaining the quantum to each, that you may consider it more advisable for the Paymaster to make the Stoppage at once from the amounts instead of discharging the abstracts and afterwards receiving the money for the value of the Grain, in which case it will only be necessary to substitute that made, in pursuance to the proceedings contained in the 2nd & 3rd paragraphs of the order: in either case however it may be necessary to retain the part which directs the Paymaster to give a Credit for the amount and to also that

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that the Stoppages are to be made from
the Batta. -

(signed) Henry Malcolm
Mtg Aid Genl

Proposed draught of a General order submitted
to the Consideration of Government

Government is pleased to direct
that the General Orders of the 25th May 1790 be
considered in force on the present Service with
the following alterations and additions.

That as the Pay and Batta and
other allowances of the several Corps and
Departments are drawn for in one abstract
Signed by the Officers Commanding respectively
to whom the account of the abstracts are
paid, the Commissary of Grain and Provisions
in the Field is to give to the Paymaster, on the
first of each month, after adjusting any
difference that may appear between his
Grain account and those of Corps, a List
containing the number and description

of

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of the several Corps and Departments to which
Grain has been delivered on Indent in the
course of the preceding month, specifying
opposite to each, the quantity of Grain con
the value of it in Fanams and Cash, i
instead of passing an abstract of the d
quantity of Grain on the back of the Batta
Bills of Companies, with the values of it, as
directed by the orders of 25th May 1790; and
that the Commissary shall Debit the Paymaste
for the value of the Grain at the Exchange of
42 Fanams P Pagoda, which is equal to
the rate of Eleven fanams for Twelve Puck
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Deliveries of Grain in the Field to the
Native Troops, as Said General order,
and equal to the rate of one fanam for
one Puckka Seer or Pagodas 114.12 Grain
as regulated by the same order in the d
Deliveries of Grain in the Field to the
Followers. —

That

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2d That it shall be the duty of the Paymaster to demand the value of the Grain from the Officers at the head of Corps and Departments at all times when a Months Pay and Batta is issued, and of the latter to discharge the same on a Receipt being granted by the Paymaster, who is to give Credit for the amount in his account with the Military Paymaster General. —

3d That in case there shall be any delay or difficulty in settling the account at the time a Months pay and Batta is issued, it shall be the duty of the Paymaster to report on the subject to the Commander in Chief, in order that due payment may be made. —

4th That the adjutant General of the army shall furnish the Paymaster, on the 1st of every Month, with a Return of the Casualties of each Corps in the preceding Month, specifying the dates, in order to check any difference which may appear, in consequence of deaths and desertions, between the amount Debited by the Commissary and Credited by the Paymaster on account of Grain Deliveries to the Troops, and that the said Returns of Casualties shall be transmitted, as Vouchers, with the Paymasters accounts. —

That

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Grain has been delivered on Indent in the
course of the preceding month, specifying
opposite to each, the quantity of Grain and
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quantity of Grain on the back of the Batta
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directed by the orders of 25th May 1790; and
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Officer Commanding the army.

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That

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5th That the Grain Rations to the Gun Lascars shall be drawn for on one Indent from each Corps, instead of being drawn for on separate Indents for Pioneers and Brigade as directed by the orders of 25th May 1790.

6th That, as every Description of public Followers paid for at the expence of the Company are placed on the Field by the orders of the 25th May 1790, under the immediate orders of the Corps & Departments respectively to which they are attached during the Service, and are likewise to be returned Monthly, or oftener, by the Officers at the head of the said Corps and Departments, in which Returns the Casualties are to be noted according to their dates, it is now resolved, and ordered accordingly, that the said Followers of every description, Bullock Men excepted, shall be included and drawn for by the Corps and Departments to which they are attached in abstract forms of which will be furnished by the Military Paymaster General in order that

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that the Title charges may thereby appear distinctly.—

7th That although the Bullock Drivers are not to be so drawn for, in consequence of the Bullocks and Drivers being provided for the whole of the Service by a separate agency, still that they shall be under the orders of the Corps and Departments respectively to which they are attached for the Service, and that the Bullocks and Drivers shall be returned on the 1st and 15th of each month noting Casualties with their dates.—

8th That the Secretary of the military Board and Paymasters or others who have supplied Corps and Departments on Indent with Doolies and with Dooley bearers, Lascars, artificers, Puttalies or other Followers paid for at the expence of the Company, shall, without delay, furnish the said Corps and Departments with Lists and corresponding abstracts of the number of each discription so supplied, specifying

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specifying the periods up to which each allowance had been paid to them on the case of the Followers who were on the pay of the Company previous to the orders requiring an addition of numbers to the Establishment at the time of the Invasion being sent in; but,

4th That in the case of the Followers paid at the Company's Expence who have been entertained for the present Service, separate Lists, with corresponding abstracts, shall be furnished to the Corps and Departments specifying the period from and upto which each description of allowance has been paid to them. —

10th That Duplicates of the said Abstracts shall be transmitted to the Military & Auditor Generals. —

11th That the Corps and Departments respectively shall draw for the Pay & other allowance of the said Followers paid by

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by the Company from the date up to which
they shall appear to have been paid by the
Secretary of the Military Board, and by Paymasters
and others who have supplied them on Indent,
or to which they have been paid by the Paymaster
of the army in all cases when he may have
drawn pay or allowances for them (previous
to the receipt of this order) concerning which
he is to furnish the necessary information
to the Corps and Departments. —

12th — That, in consequence of this arrange-
ment, the Paymaster of the army is not to
draw the Pay or allowances for any description
of Followers except in the proportion allowed
to his own Department separately as a Pay
Office under the principle of every other
establishment of public Followers being
drawn for and provided with the Corps and
Departments respectively to which they are
attached, Bullock men excepted, for the
reasons already assigned —

That

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13th That although the Lascars for
the Service of the Fort and Stores (commo
called Garrison Lascars) will fall to be
drawn for and provided during the
present Service in the manner now
ordered it is nevertheless to be understo
that such of them as have been established
in the Company's Service previous to
the preparation for the present expedi
shall not be dismissed nor discharged,
except by authority of the Commander
in Chief or as contained by the adjut
General. —

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Majr Adjt Genl

Resolution thereon

The Board approve the recommenda
contained in the foregoing letter but cannot dec
it necessary to publish the order respecting
Sepoy Families, or to issue any Orders for th
commencing the 6th of the 8th December 1790. d
the latter could to have effect, at the appointed
of the late War. —

Approved

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Agreed that a General order be published directing the Bullock agent – Military Paymaster General &c.a &c.a to transmit the Lists required by the military auditor General. –

Agreed to inform Colonel Malcolm that the attestation required at the foot of the Accounts of the Deputy agent for Bullocks – Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions – and of the Paymaster in the Field, is in no respect to interfere with his audit. –

Read the following letter from the military Board. –

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Military Board recommend that a large supply of Tents be immediately ordered – on minute of the quarter master General &c. inclosed – also Bills for ordnance Stores

Having, agreeably to your Commands under date the 15th Instant, addressed the military Storekeeper, directing that Tents should be made up every where to

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to the Southward, and sent from thence
places to the Head Quarters of His majesty's
H. and 74th Regiments, from his answer
in consequence, we have ordered all
that can be mustered at Vellore, and all
the Presidency to be immediately sent to
Trichinopoly, and entertain great hopes
that such a supply, with the very little ad
assistance from the Southern districts will
be sufficient to quell those Disposition
motions —

We have to know the honour
to inclose, for your information, copy
of a Minute delivered in by the Deputy
Master General — In consequence of which
we have authorized the Store Keeper to
make up the dining Tent for the Com-
mander in Chief immediately, and
recommend to your Honorable Board
that we may be enabled to authorize the
military

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Military Store Keeper to make up the supply
of Tents, as fast as possible, as stated in the "
Quarter Master General's Minute, of the 4
different descriptions, and in the order therein
specified. —

Enclosed are two bills which we have
received from Messrs Topping and Parry, 4
Contractors for Gun Carriages, the discharge
of which we beg leave to recommend to your
Honble Board, as also the Scavenger Contractors
for the Fort for the 2nd year, which became
due on the 3d Instant. —

We have the Honor to be
with Respect &c &c &c

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" John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
(Signed) Jn Richardson
B Y Close
Geo. Maule
George Hall

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The Quarter Master General begs

leave to express to the Board his opinion

upon the necessity of directing the Military

Storekeeper to make every possible exertion

in making up Tents of every description

(Sepoy Tents excepted) and at such Stations

as may be most convenient, in order

that the Public service may not suffer

by a deficiency of those very necessary

articles

The Statement of Stores required

to be kept in store annually by the establish-

ment previous to the late war, remitted

previous to the Board until the returns

come in, and the number that will then

appear

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appear necessary to be made use, could not be completed in less than a year if all the Tent makers on the Coast were to be kept in constant employment.—

The reasons for abolishing the Sepoy Tents has been expressed in a former Minute, and, should the Board think proper to discontinue the use of them, it will remain with them to determine the proportion of private Tents to be given to Sepoy Corps in lieu of those now in use.—

The Quarter Master General from an apprehension that the army, in the event of any accident, may be distressed for Tents, begs leave to propose that the Board do immediately direct the Military Storekeeper to

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To make up with all possible expedition the following number and description of Tents &c for the Commander in Chief Coming and over Stepping

20 ... Field Officers
300 ... Officers
1500 ... Private
300 ... Bell
150 ... Marquey

Tents to be made up and supplied on the following order from the Commander in Chief Viz. Fort the Officers and Hospital Bell and marquey for the Commander in Chief Stepping and the Field Officers Tent.

The above number but little above what would be the quantity that would be required to complete the stated number for the peace establishment

(signed) Jno Richardson
2d Mr Gl of the Army

Military Board
16th July 1793

above Copy
(signed) W Lindsay Dep. Secretary

Madras Harbour

Agreed that the Military Board be authorized to send on such Stores to the Military Storekeeper to make up, with the additions, the Tents stated by the Director Master General to be necessary for the present Service.

Ordered that the Bills of the Contractors for Gun Carriages be paid.

Chas Oakeley

D Fanshawe

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

20th Received the following letter

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint

you, that I have this day received a Letter from

Colonel Floyd, from which I think it necessary

to extract the following Paragraph, as I think

it material that you should have the earliest

information on such a subject, the only Instructions

I gave to Colonel Floyd on the subject of the villages

dependent on Pondicherry was, that all such as

desired Could should have it, and be allowed to

remain quiet in their possessions, and that,

as those Countries might, probably, shortly be

our own, every encouragement should be given

to the Inhabitants, and strict orders given a-

against plundering or molesting them. Colonel

Floyd writes me under date the 18th Instant "I have

" the honor of reporting to you, that this morning

" I received a visit from the Person appointed by

" his Highness the Nabob to supply the army.

" I do not exactly recollect his Name, but I have

no

Brown to Colonel Braithwaite
- receiving of the Nabobs
manager at Camp
having taken possession
of the French district
round Pondicherry -
the southern Frontier
with the Royal artillery
have joined - recom-
mends Chaplain
Oliver for the temporary
Command of Cuddalore

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20th no doubt of his being a proper Person as far
as I can judge from his appearance and
Manner, he assures me that the most
abundant supplies are at hand, and will
continue to pour in to the Camp, he makes
a particular request that the Cattle may
not be driven in from the Inhabitants
on account of their not having Forage, nor our
their Sheep forced from them, for that he
may rely on his care for the abundance of
Sheep. He intimated that something of
this sort had happened from Permaul
I immediately promised him to use my
influence to put a stop to it, and shall
accordingly
approve Captain Lindsay's order
That Maib of his Highness informed me that
he received orders from the Poonah to take
possession of the Tallookas lately occupied
by the French, and inquired if there was
any orders to the Officer Commanding at
Villenore in opposition to his, as the Officer
had been making his inquiries formerly
(properly I think) by whose authority
they

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20th "they came there, I told him that it would not
"have been amiss to have mentioned it to me
"first, but having received no instructions on
"the subject he should not be interrupted in
"the execution of the order he had received
"from the Nabob; reflecting within myself
"that a short Letter from Government
"would, at once, regulate this matter; and
"I should not be sorry if you would be
"pleased to convey this information to Govern-
"ment"

I have the honor to inform you
that Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell with the
Southern Troops, and also his Majesty's
artillery, have joined the Camp. –

As you have been pleased to
order Major Dalrymple to proceed to Camp
with his Corps, I beg leave to recommend
that Captain Oliver be, in the interim,
appointed to the Command of Dindigull

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I have the honor to be
with respect
&c &c &c
(Signed) John Braithwaite
Recd

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20th Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in Mds B. Nos 225. 226. 227. 228.

From Commissary General of Stores and Provisions - enclosing Copy of his Instructions to the Agent for Bullocks with the Army.

From Commandant in the Guntoor Circar - with the continuation of his correspondence with the Chiefships of Masulipatnam.

From Officer Commanding the Cavalry detachment at Hydrabad - with his accounts of feeding five horses belonging to the Native Officers under his Command. -

From Military Paymaster General enclosing his Estimate for August - complaining of the Neglect of Paymasters in sending their accounts and Estimates - requesting a General Order may be published enjoining punctuality -

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mds Bks Nos 229. 230. 231. 232. 233.

To Secretary at Bengal with Intelligence from Pondicherry. -

To Resident at Cuddalore enclosing a Letter for the Commodore. - To

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To auditor General 20th

To Military auditor General - his several recommendations of the 17th Instant confirmed with a few Exceptions, and orders given accordingly - the attestation to be made to the accounts of Mssrs Skardon, Dynch and Hawkins not to interfere with his audit.

To Paymaster General

To Military Paymaster General with Copy of the General orders of this date. -

To Mr Cockburn

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions with Dittos - Ditto -

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Officer Commanding the army - orders given respecting the French Districts and Captain Rivet appointed to Dindigul -

21st

Sent the following letter. -

To Colonel John Brathwaite

Commanding the army on the Coast

Sir,

To Colonel Brathwaite directing him to proceed to take Command of the army before Pondicherry - General Instructions. -

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to desire you will proceed with all convenient Expedition, to take the Command of the army assembled before

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20th before Pondicherry, and that, on your arrival,
you will summon the Governor to surrender
the Fort into your Hands.

In case of his refusal you are
to employ the Force under your command
in such manner as shall appear to you
most advisable to reduce the place; and to
the President in Council, relying on your
Judgment and experience, assures himself
that you will adopt the most vigorous
measures for this purpose; and that you
will keep in view not only the probability
of attempts on the part of the French to
throw in fresh Succours from the Islands
or from Europe, but also the advanced season
of the year, and the risk of total failure
should the siege, by any unforeseen
accidents be protracted till the setting
in of the rains.

The President in Council desires
that you will communicate regularly
with Commodore Cornwallis, who is employed
in blockading the Port of Pondicherry; and that
you

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20th if any proposition be made to you for
surrendering the Town, you consult his opinion
respecting the terms, as he must necessarily,
by his situation, become a party with you
to any Capitulation that may take place in
Consequence. The President in Council thinks
it advisable that you should guard as much
possible against all future Embarrassment
with respect to the garrison and Fortifications
by reserving them entirely at the Discretion
of Government. -

In conducting the important
Service committed to your Charge, the
President in Council esteems it an object
highly becoming your care and attention to
provide, as far as may be practicable,
against all unnecessary Expences in the
Field - It is impossible by any Regulations to
determine what is in its nature uncertain, and
depending upon circumstances which cannot be
foreseen: of all contingent Demands therefore the officer
Commanding the army must be the best Judge; and
the President in Council is convinced that he can

establish

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21st establish no Check upon this part of the Disbursements more effectual than your prudence and zeal for the publick Service. —

The very ample supply of Materials and Stores of every Description which has been furnished for the present Service will, it is hoped, preclude the necessity of further Expences under this Head, but if any thing more should occur to you as necessary the utmost dispatch will be used in providing it here, or, if the articles required can be obtained cheaper or with greater facility on the Spot, the President in Council leaves it to your discretion to order them to be provided under such Checks as shall appear to you most likely to prevent extravagance or waste of the publick Money. —

As the issue of Military operations is so much the Province, you will have it in your Power to take the sense of Government upon every point that you may be desirous of referring to it's decision

and

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21st and, with so little loss of time, that in cases of doubt, the President in Council recommends it to you to adopt this mode in preference to all others - A compliance with your application for an assistant from the auditor Generals office would be attended with so great Inconvenience during the present multiplicity of business in that Department, and the President in Council thinks such assistance the less necessary, as the opportunity of reference is so easy & and certain -

The President in Council desires you will keep him regularly advised of your Proceedings, and assures you of his Cordial support and good wishes for the success of the Expedition

I am
Sir
your Hble
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secretary

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To

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To David Haliburton Esqr.
Pres. Member of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

We have received your letter
dated the 18th Instant, with Copy of &c letter
from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam
and Minutes of their proceedings of the
4th Instant. —

Our last instructions regarding
Vizeram Rauze were conveyed in terms so conclusive
that we had no expectation of further reference
from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam
on the subject. — We had declared in the most
explicit manner, that Vizeram Rauze had
forfeited all claim to our further favor — that
his disrespect towards the Company's authority,
and his total neglect of the engagements into
which he had entered, and, above all, his
employment of Sitaramma Rauze, in direct
opposition to our repeated orders, gave us not
the smallest hope that any measures short

of

To Board's Minutes
the proceedings of
the Revenue Board
dated 4th Instant
referred to
Ordered that the Secretary
do intimate to the Board
that the Minutes
referred to
have been
received
and
approved

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21st of a compleate sequestration of the Zemindary, would be effectual to remedy the mischiefs which had been occasioned by his mismanagement. That, however, in order with to avoid coming to extremities with him, we were inclined to afford him one more, but the last, opportunity, of preserving the Country in his own hands, by the immediate payment of the whole of his arrears, both old and new, and the instant removal of his Brother from all concern in Public affairs — We were aware of the difficulty he might find in raising so large a sum, but as this difficulty is the effect of that Mismanagement and neglect, of which We had so often complained, we would by no means admit it as a reason for postponing the demand any longer. —

Under these Circumstances we cannot approve the Propositions that have been submitted by Vizianam Pauge, and, as we agree entirely in opinion with you, that this Zemindar has incurred the penalty of which he was appriz'd in case of failure we

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25. We direct that the Zemindary be registered and kept under Management on account of the Company until the whole of the arrears be liquidated, and until Vizianam Rauze prove himself more deserving of confidence, by a thorough change in his Habits and Behaviour.

You will communicate all without loss of time these instructions to the Chief and Council of Vizeapatam that they may be carried into immediate execution. — It is not our intention at present to agitate the question respecting the increased Income, as the knowledge we shall acquire by being in the Management of the Revenues, will enable us, some time hence, to determine with more accuracy, the extent to which the Country should be assessed.

The Chief and Council will, of course, apprize Vizianam Rauze of the resolution we have finally taken, and, as

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21st as soon as he has fixt the place of his Residence during the Superintendency, we shall determine the allowances to be made to him - We approve the Intention of removing Sattaramrauze to Madras. -

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We are
your loving
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
for Council

Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in Mis. Nos 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239.

To Military Board

To Military Board - Vide to 4 be provided with all Expedition - Bills for ordnance Work passed. -

To Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue - stating the provisions under which the Embargo on Grain at Tanjore may be taken off.

To Thomas Light Esqr.

To Governor of Prince of Wales's Island - advising of 30 Barrels of Gunpowder being sent thither on one of the Indiamen - Invoice and Bill of Lading Enclosed. -

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To Captain Wade — 21st — To Commander of the Aurora with order to receive it on board and ship it on one of the Indiamen cruizing off Pondicherry. —

To wide the minute — To Ditto of any of those ships to be -directing that it be conveyed to Prince of Wales's Island —

To Secretary at Bengal — To Secretary at Bengal - advising of the above order —

22d — Received the undermentioned letters, Entered in Mss: Nos 240-241-242-243 -244- 245-246-247 —

From Sub Secretary at Bengal — From Sub Secretary at Bengal — with a Letter for the Secretary to the Military Board.

From Mr Cockburn — From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - relating to purchases of Grain - requests an advance of 5000 Rs for payment for that delivered at Pennacoil —

From Mr Paymaster Garrow — From Paymaster at Trichinopoly requests leave to visit the Presidency —

From

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From Resident at Cuddalore 22d

From Resident at Cuddalore

From Resident at Cuddalore with Copy of the Commodores letter to him - the Danes at Tranquebar grant passports to all French Ships for a certain Description -

From Adjutant Genl

From Adjutant General - the State of Ensign Kelso's health renders him unequal to the services of a Military Life - suggests that he, therefore, be permitted to resign. -

From Captain Macleod

From Captain Macleod has received the orders for mustering Tippoo's Deputy at Cauveripooram - requests the Board of the Information required from the Collector at Dindigul

From Mr. Topping

From Mr. M. Topping - his Assistant, Lieutenant Caldwell, has repaired to the Presidency, in consequence of the G.O. of the 11th June - foreseeing it was not intended to affect him. -

From Mr. Bowney

From Mr. Bowney - shall leave Cochin for the Presidency as soon as the Rains subside. -

Sent

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Substance of Ld
Letter to the Nabob

22 Sent Letter to the Nabob ordered on
G.C. No. 165 expressive of concern for the offence
which His Highness has taken at the Conduct
of Lieutenant Dighton at Vellore — further
Observations on the subject of the late differences
there — recommends that the Circar Troops
remain without the Garrison —
Sent the following Letter

To the Most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis 1793
Governor General in Council
at Fort William

My Lord,

To Bengal — with
copy of the above
Instructions to
Colonel Braithwaite

We have the Honor to transmit,
for the Information of your Lordship, a Copy
of the Instructions we have given to Colonel
Braithwaite on his proceeding to take the
Command of the army assembled near
Pondicherry —

We have the honor to be
with respect —

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Your Lordships
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c &c &c Council

Dispatched

this to be
ed till
day
C.O.

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22d Dispatched also the undermentioned
letters Entered in Mr B. Nos 248-249-250,
To Secretary at Bengal — with
Copy of the letter from Cuddalore, above
noted. —

To Secretary at Bengal

To Resident at Cuddalore — the
Indiamen to receive any assistance they
may want. —

To Resident at Cuddalore. —

To Military auditor General
refusing the Paymaster Generals Estimate for
august. —

To Auditor General

23d Recieved the following letters

From the Hon^ble Sir Charles Oakley Bar^t
Governor of Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

a reasonable correspondence
having been discovered between Malek Cpaun
Khan, the Nizam's Vaqueel of Yarmeny, and
Tippoo Sultaun, I lose no time in transmitting
you a Translate of one of the Letters. Having
attentively

From Resident at Hyderabad a
translate Correspondence
detailed, between Malek
Cpaun Khan the Nizams
Vaqueel & Tippoo — "
Translate of one of the
letters, inclosed. —

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23d attentively considered what is called the original Memshoor of Tippoo to Malek Ejaaz, the recollection I have of this shall endeavour without dwelling on the improbability of Tippoo's disclosing views or designs of a great political importance to a common acquaintance, have occasioned some doubts in my mind of the paper being genuine; tho that recollection, I confess, is too imperfect for me to give an opinion with certainty either one way or the other. -

I have the honor to be

Hydrabad
10th July 1793

per per
(signed) John Kennaway

Translate of a Memshoor from Tippoo Sultaun to Malek Ejaaz

I have received your Arze, and Azeez ul Annahs Letter to you, which you forwarded to me thro Kummer-ud-Deen Khan, and have understood the contents. In short the case is, that my Government

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23. Government, which is eternal, is the "
Gift of God, if any one is desirous of
weakening it, no endeavors can ever "
effect its degradation; even the "
confederacy of the three States is a
weak measure: for, notwithstanding
the loss any state may have sustained
of Crores by means of enemies, they will
see the day of retribution. God willing,
the time of retrieving that is also near
at hand. For the present the Standard
and Troops of the Hydere Sircar have
been sent with Kummr-ud-Dun Khan
for the purpose of furnishing the "
Zemindars of Annagoondy &c. they
proceed from hence to Gooty: it is nec-
essary that you should in confidence
and without any apprehension
have a meeting with the said Khan,
you will learn all particulars "
from him personally. my wish
is that you should attach yourself
to the Hydere Sircar faithfully and
heartily "

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23d heartily, as well in appearance as
in reality, in that case, doubtless
you will meet with favor. agreeable
to your paper of requests, the Value
of Tarrumy &c shall be confirm
to you; Moreover you shall be
favored with Kurpah, Gurjycotah
and Kummum, on condition of
your collecting three Thousand Hor
and Three Thousand Infantry, of
, one of the force now with you,
as also a Jaguer for your personal
Expences, in that quarter, to the amou
of a Lack and Twenty five Thousan
Rupees, In regard to the Exact of
Horse, the hiring, discharging, increas
and diminishing their numbers
shall be left entirely at your
option. I have learnt the requests
made for a supply for the Jaygeers
of collecting troops, and, agreeably
thereto, have sent an order on the
Darogah of Gooty, concerning the
Delivery

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23d Delivery of a Lack and Twenty five Thousand Rupees; it is necessary that you send for, and receive the said sum from thence, and collect Troops agreably to Engagement. I have understood what you wrote about my seizing Dunteinna Koory Kar Yemca and taking possession of the small Fort of Emmenpilly: But, the said small Fort not being to be compared with Gunjycotah, it is not worthy of being destroyed, in a Agreeable Consideration of what consequence can it be. I therefore write you to keep your own Garrison in the said small Fort. The Fort of Gunjycotah is near your Talook, attach to yourself the Naigs and Garrisons of it, in such a manner as you think best, and arrange matters on so firm and proper a footing, that on receipt of my orders to take possession of the Fort, it may come into the hands of the Hyderee Sirkar without Delay. By this means your great attachment and wisdom will

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23d will appear in a favorable light. Collect
and send me constant news of your
Northern quarter: further particulars
you will learn from Kummered Dass
Letter. — Written the 11th of the
Month of Beharee, in the 43rd year
1218 of Mahommid, by Ghulam
Mahommid Moonshy. —

True Translate
[signed] Wm. Stuart
Assistant

True Copy
[signed] Graeme Mercer
acting Assistant

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter
of the 21st instant, conveying your orders to me
to take the Command of the army to be
employed

From Colonel Stevenson —
in reply to the Instructions
above entered. —

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23 employed for the reduction of Pondicherry,
and some general Instructions.—

I am flattered by the confidence
you repose in me, and by the liberality of
your sentiments, and the cordial wishes
you express for my success, and the promise
you hold out to me of your support; and
I shall exert my endeavours to merit them.

The reduction of Pondicherry is an
undertaking of magnitude, and the obstacles
to surmount, may be greatly increased if
supplies of men, ammunition, and stores
are thrown into it by Sea; but the ample
preparation of artillery, ammunition,
and Stores made on our part, and the
very gallant and hitherto irresistable
army intrusted to my Command, give
me every reason to hope for success, and
upon such terms, as will best subject
Pondicherry to the discretion of Government.

I have the greatest reason to be
satisfied hitherto with the activity mani-
fested in all Departments, but the extraordinary
exertions

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23. operations which have been made in the
Carriage and Draught Department,
when all circumstances are considered
call for any warmest approbation. We
are still some what behind hand in
regard to Stores to be issued from the
arsenal on Indent for this Service, but
I have reason to believe that the Militar
Storekeeper has done, and will do his
utmost to get them expeditiously forwa
ard, and I have great dependence that
every thing will be supplied so as to
enable me to push on the Siege with
unremitting vigor, and that unless the
rains fall premature[illegible]y and in great
quantities, we have very reason to
hope for success, as I trust we shall
have sufficient time for our purpose
before the setting in of the ordinary
Monsoon. -

You may rely on my attention
to economy so far as is consistent with the
active operations, and you may depend
upon

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23. upon me, as far as my judgment and experience goes, that no unnecessary expence shall be incurred, and that I shall upon all necessary occasions, refer to Government, and keep you advised of our progress.—

I propose to set out for Camp on Wednesday the 24th and think I shall be on the ridhiles on Sunday, but I do not mean to summon the Governor of Pondichurry to surrender till the arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Gells and the Battering Train, and shall immediately communicate to you his reply. In the interim I shall endeavour to communicate with Commodore Sir Cornwallis, that he may, if he chuses, be a party in the Summons.— his Services are of the highest importance to our operations, and have already apparently produced the best effects, by preventing the arrival at Pondichurry of a Frigate that sailed from the Islands, it is said, with a strong reinforcement of heavy Guns and artillery

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23. Mem. I shall endeavour to communicate
regularly with the Commodore, and if
proposals should hereafter be offered
for the surrender of the Fort, I shall
certainly communicate the Terms
proposed with your Sentiments thereon
that he may be properly in the Capitulation

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

(signed) John Braithwaite

Military Head Quarters
Madras - July 22d 1793

Wrote the following letter

To The Honorable Commodore Cornwallis
Commander in Chief of his majesty's Ships
in the
East Indies

Sir,

We have the pleasure to
convey to you the intelligence of the capt
of a French Privateer of some force off
the Port of Tutacoryn on the 15th Instant
an armed Ships belonging to the Dutch
Govt

To Commodore Cornwallis
advising of the Capture of the
French Privateer off Tutacoryn
and promising to promote
the Service of the English
Fleet as much in their
power

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23 Co. Company. a copy of the letter from the Dutch Chief at that Port to Lieutenant Colonel Clark, the Officer Commanding at Palamcotah, containing the particulars, we have the honor to enclose.—

We beg leave to offer to your consideration the expediency of procuring the Services of the English Seamen found on the Privateer for the use of your ships, and if we can afford any assistance in the Removal of them from Tutacorin, and you will be pleased to suggest the mode, we shall most readily adopt it.—

We have the honor to be,
with great Esteem
&c., &c.,

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

Sent the undermentioned letter &
Entered in Mis. Nos 251. 252.

To Resident at Cuddalore, enclosing
the above letter for the Commodore.—

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Resident at Cuddalore

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To Secretary at Bengal

B. To Secretary at Bengal - with Letter of the above Capitulation - Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Clarke's letter and of that from Chief at Tellicherry - inclosed. -

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Governor - President

Tuesday 23d July 1793 - Ernst William Talbot Esquire

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis. -

The Honorable the Governor in Council Madras.

Sir, I have had the Honor of

From Commodore Cornwallis to the Governor - dated 19th Instant

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most sincerely of Captain Oakes's zeal,
and I am also well convinced of His
activity. — If a superior force of the
Enemy should appear, there is no
doubt but that our number being
increased, would serve to intimidate,
and, although much could not be
expected from a Merchant Ship, in
want of Officers accustomed to such
Service, and without European Seamen,
yet I think Captain Oakes being in
Command of a Ship equipped even
in that manner, would add much
to Her importance.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your
(Signed) W. Cornwallis

Minerva off Pondicherry
22d July 1793

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Captain
Oakes that if he continues of opinion that
the public service will derive any
material benefit from the employment
of the Ship I have ordained, in the way
recommended by him, the Board will
accept

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accept the terms offered by Captain Cullander,
provided the period of the ships dismission
from the service be in the option of the
Government, and that he / Captain Baker /
have the entire command of her while
so employed. –

Ordered that a copy of the Com-
modore's letter be sent to Captain Baker –

The Secretary reports to the Board
the following Casualties in the Military
Establishment. –

Various Casualties reported. –

Ensign John Richard Meade of the 1st Batt. N.I. a
Hillsborough, the 4th Instant
Captain John Turing Commanding the 4th Batt. N.I. a
Penang, the 13th Instant
Lieut. Henry Blacker of Infantry, at the Presidency
on the 16th Instant
Lieut. Edmonds Torry of the Corps of Lascars at
on the 25th Instant.

Read the following letter from the
adjutant General

To

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To D. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary Military Department

Sir

From adjutant General
respecting the promotion of
Lieutenant W. Kenny
and Ensigns J. A. Fraser
and M. Hawes. —

Colonel Brathwaite has desired me to
communicate his Recommendation, to be laid
before the Honorable the President in Council,
that the following Promotions may be
ordered to complete to the Establishment
Viz!

Lieutenant William Kenny to be
Captain of a Company vice Turing deceased
date of Commission 14th July 1793 -

Ensign Thomas Aug.s Fraser to be Lieutenant
vice Kenny promoted, date of Commission
14th July 1793. -

Ensign Mathew Hawes to be Lieut. vice Blacker
deceased date of Commission 17th July 1793.

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I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) By. Close
adjt Genl of the army

ordered

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Promotions ordered

ordered that the Promotions be made
Read the following letter from Colonel
Brathwaite –

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite – Recommends Captain G. Baxter for the Command of the 5th Battalion and Garrison of Bourgon near Tellicherry –

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 16th instant inclosing the Copy of a Letter from Mr Kinnoorthey. Mr Kinnoorthey was so attentive as to send a similar Letter to Colonel Floyd, who transmitted a Copy of it to me and, at the same time, expressed himself sensible of the attentions of Mr Kinnoorthey, and the zeal which he uniformly manifested to forward the Service, and to relieve the Cutcha distresses of this Country, which appeared for want of an adequate Provision. The intelligence contained in Mr Kinnoorthey's Letter appears very correct, and agrees with

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very account I have before obtained, except that the number of European Infantry &c has been, in every account I have before seen, stated much higher, varying from 700 to 1000, but no account till this have stated them lower than 700.

In consequence of the Death of Captain James Irving, who Commanded the 1st. Native Battalion, I beg leave to Recommend Captain Gabriel Doveton for the Command of it. I know no Officer on the Service better qualified to command a native Battalion, he is an excellent officer, and perfectly acquainted with the Language, Manners, and Customs, of the Natives, and is much beloved and respected by them. He is in attendance on the sons of Tippoo Sultan, in which charge he has acquitted himself so well, most, I am sensible, accept him. entirely for some time longer, but as I wish to distinguish him as an Officer of merit, I could be glad that this duty, which at cannot probably now last long, should not

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not preclude him, and that he should
be appointed to the Command of the 4th
Native Battalion, but not to join till
further orders.

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Madras - July 18th 1793.

I have the honor to be
with respect
dear Sir
Your most
(Signed) John Braithwaite

Captain Davison appointed

Resolved that Captain Davison
be appointed to the Command of Pioneers
and of the 4th Battalion of Native Infantry
but not to join till further orders.

Read the following letter from
Colonel Braithwaite.

To The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir,

Your Colonel Braithwaite's reply to the orders regarding the Pioneers from Bengal to the Coast & Captain Davison's appointment to Pondicherry

I have the Honor to acknowledge
the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter
under date 17th - 17th - 18th - 18th - and 20th
I have already had the honor
to recommend to you, that, during the
absence of Major Dalrymple, that Captain
Davison

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Oliver may be ordered to take the Com-
mand of the Fort of Dindigul, which
accommodation you have been
so good as to adopt. —

In regard to the intelligence
conveyed to you by the Honble Com-
modore Cornwallis, of which you
have done me the honor to send
me a Copy, the reports I have heard
confirm the opinion of the Com-
modore, namely, that the Frigate
he chased is only the forerunner
of three destined to throw succours
into Pondicherry, and some of
accounts state the whole armament
to consist of three Frigates, one Corvette,
and seven sail of Storeships and
Transports; and it is confidently
stated from Tranquebar, that an
artillery officer in the French service
landed there from this Frigate for
a few hours, and that she has on
board thirty heavy Guns for Pondicherry,

and

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and a strong reinforcement of artillery and

In regard to the Horses expected

from the Northward, I have directed the

Adjutant General to communicate to you

the measures I should propose should be

adopted on the occasion, as also a plan for

providing for the details of Fort St George, to

which I beg leave to call your attention, as

I am anticipating that the three Companies

the 2d Native Battalion, else detained here

for Garrison duty, should, as soon as posse

be sent to join their Corps, as I shall have

occasion for the service of there. —

As soon as all the Troops are a

assembled, I will return to Cuddalore when

as many of the Corps of Guides as can

possibly be spared from Conjy, and I have

no doubt of being able to send there an

half of them, and perhaps the whole.

The three Letters enclosed to me

for the Governor of Pondicherry, giving

notice of the surrender of the Factories of

Patna and Cyanam, I have enclosed to Colon

Floyd

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Lloyd with orders to send them in
by a Flag of Truce.—

I shall immediately communi-
cate to Colonel Lloyd the orders which
the Board of Revenue have been
instructed to send to the Residents
of Cuddalore, relative to the Districts
belonging to the French near Pt
Pondicherry.—

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

Military Head Quarters
Madras July 21st 1793

Read the following letter

From Masulipatam.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs,

We have the honor of
acknowledging the receipt of your
letters of the 19th ultimo and 2nd
Instant, as also of your Secretary's
letter

From Masulipatam — stating the measures of security taken & also recommendations in consequence of the Notification of War — Letter from Colonel Fraser on the occasion — Inclosed — The Construction of a Battery, ordered. —

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Letter of the 27th ultimo, directing Hostilities
against the French. We accordingly wrote
to Colonel Fraser, recommending to him
to come to this place, for the purpose of
satisfying himself as to the means of
defence, and pointing out what might ap-
pear to him necessary to be done. a Copy
of Letter received from him on this subject,
is herewith inclosed, and effect shall be
given to what he has therein recommended,
so far as depends upon us.—

You will observe that he recom-
mends the constructing a Battery at
Coringa, for the defence of the River and
Shipping that resort to it, in which we
entirely concur, and shall give the neces-
sary directions for that purpose. Coringa
being the only place on this part of the
Coast, where the Country shipping can
shelter themselves from French Cruizers,
and it also appears to us necessary, for the
protection of the Factory of Ingeram, in
that neighbourhood. The Colonel has al-
so

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likewise recommended, that application be made to your Honor &c. for a Company of artillery being sent to this District, when they can be spared, in lieu of the Company formerly stationed at Ellore, and at present with the Detachment of Troops serving in the Nizam's Country. This we accordingly recommend to your consideration, there being at present no artillery men in the District, or in the Circars, and, as the Colonel Troops proposes the ordering thither 20 Europeans accustomed to the Gun exercise, from Ellore, that number of men, would be of little service in the defence of a Fort so extensive, if any serious attempt were to be made against it, which we trust however will not happen. It may not be improper for us, nevertheless, to mention, that during the last War, besides the Detachment of Europeans captured at Arcot, who were afterwards sent to this place and trained to the artillery practice, one hundred native Lascars were raised and trained to the Gun exercise, a part of whom afterwards served

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served with General Jones in the Carnatic &
Country.—

We are sensible, with Colonel
Fraser, that the Military force at present
stationed in the District is not sufficient to
admit of any effectual means being taken
for preventing attempts that may be made
by the Enemy's Cruizers, by means of their
Boats, for plundering places situated on
the Sea Coast, and destroying the Vessels that
may be found there; such for instance as
Narsapore with the Factory of Madrapatam
Bandarra Dunka, Upparah, Vallarah, &
Pantacotah &c. and that all the could do would
be to paint it out. It is true that such attempts
might be of no permanent consequence, but
by creating an alarm, might prove of great
inconvenience to the Revenue.—

The Chief and Council of Juggernaut
report, which is particularly exposed, appli-
cation for a company of Sepoys to be station-
on the opposite side of the River, at Cuttack
for the protection of their Factory, which a
com-

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very few men might plunder, before assistance could be sent to them from Coringa. Being of opinion, that it might be improper to weaken the effective force under the Command of Major Wynch, we suggested to Colonel Fraser, the propriety of ordering Lieutenant Riddell, with the half company of Native Invalids, which had been stationed at Coringa, for preventing the Slave Trade carried on by the French at Yanam, to proceed to Cocanadah for the protection of Juggernaikporam, and its neighbourhood, and also to co-operate when necessary with Major Wynch. The Colonel at having informed us, that he entirely concurred in the propriety of this measure, Lieutenant Riddell, with the half company above mentioned, has been ordered to Cocanadah accordingly, which the Gentlemen at Juggernaickporam have thankfully acknowledged. —

Your Honor &c — will observe, what Colonel Fraser has mentioned in regard to the removal of all French Prisoners of War from the

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served with General Jones in the Carnatic &
Country —

We are sensible, with Colonel
Fraser, that the Military force at present
stationed in the District, is not sufficient to
admit of any effectual measure being taken for
preventing attempts that may be made
by the Enemy's Cruizers, by means of their
Boats, for plundering places situated on
the Sea Coast, and destroying the Vessels that
may be found there, such for instance as
Masulipatam with the Factory of Madapollam
Bundermadunka, Upparah, Vellarak, &
Pondicotah &c. and that all he could do would
be to point it out. It is true that such attempts
might be of no permanent consequence, but
by creating an alarm, might prove of great
inconvenience to the Revenue —

The Chief and Council of Juggernaut
report, which is particularly exposed, applies
to us for a company of Sepoys to be stationed
on the opposite side of the River at Cuttamah
for the protection of their Factory, which a
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very few Men might plunder, before assistance could be sent to them from Courtallum. Being of opinion, that it might be improper to withdraw the effective force under the Command of Major Wyndh, we suggested to Colonel Fraser, the propriety of ordering Lieutenant Riddell, with the half company of Native Invalids, which had been stationed at Courtallum, for preventing the Slave Trade carried on by the French at Tranquebar, to proceed to Cottanadah for the protection of Juggumaikporam, and its neighbourhood, and also to co-operate when necessary with Major Wyndh. He Colonel Fraser having informed us, that he entirely concurred in the propriety of this measure, Lieutenant Riddell, with the half company above mentioned, has been ordered to Cottanadah accordingly, which the Gentlemen at Juggumaikporam have thankfully acknowledged —

Your Honour will observe, what Colonel Fraser has mentioned in regard to the removal of all French Prisoners of War from the

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the Sea Coast, in which we also agree with
him in opinion; but know of no place
in this District, where those not admitted to
their Parole, can be properly secured. The
Fort is no doubt sufficiently secure, but
there is no Building which could
be allotted for the accomodation of the
Prisoners, of suffering the Casemates &
under the Rampart, which are so
exceedingly damp and unwholesome,
particularly during the rainy season,
that no men could be kept there but
at the most imminent risks of their
lives - In our opinion, it ought to be
most strongly urged upon all reputed that all
the Prisoners of War, or at least such
of them as cannot be entrusted upon
their Parole, might be sent to Bengal,
and we are accordingly ordered to
recommend this being done in case
upon Honor we should disapprove of
We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) Wm Medows
Wm Hudleston
Wm Dobbyn
And.w Scott

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Anthony Sadleir Esqr.
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen, In conformity with the letter which I had the honor to address to your Board on the 2d Instant in reply to yours of the 5th I left Ellore the next day, having previously issued a notification to the Troops in the Division under my Command, that hostilities were ordered to commence against the French in every part of India.-

Since my arrival here I have examined into the State of the Stores in the Fort and of the Works, and I think it may be my duty to recommend to the Board, to make application to Government for a compleat Company of artillery, to be stationed in this Circar, in lieu of that which was sent to serve in the Nizam's Country, and which therefore forms no longer any part of the force of the Northern Division - But until the Government may find it convenient to comply with this requisition, I propose, providing it meet with your approbation, to order here from Ellore about 20 of those men who have been accustomed to the management of artillery, belonging to the 4th Battalion of European Infantry.

I also beg leave to recommend, that a Battery be thrown up at Coringa, for the defence of the River, where there is generally a number of ships and vessels - and, as there is no Engineer at present in the Division, I recommend that this service be left to the direction of Major Dyrick who is very capable of it - The Expence will be but trifling, and it may be of considerable use - and I advise that 2 twelve Pounders be sent from the Stores here, compleated with ammunition, for that Battery, in addition to the 2 three Pounders now there, and I propose to send a few good Gunners, if they can be found, from the Regiment at Ellore, to join the half Company of Europeans whom I left at Coringa. - You must be sensible

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sensible Gentlemen, that in the whole extent of
Coast, Between this place and Coringa, there
is no other Military Post, if we except a few Sepoy
Invalids at Muglatore, than the present one at
Coringa, and as there are several Rivers and
Inlets where Cruizers might send in their
Boats, and do abundance of mischief, without
a possibility of sending a force in time to
prevent it - the present Military strength
of the District does not however admit of any
measures being taken that might effectually
prevent such attempts - and I only point
them out to show that I am not inattentive to
what may happen, & which I wish could have
been provided against - But this cannot be
done without an additional Military force

I am of opinion that all French
Prisoners of war ought to be removed from the
Sea Coast, in order to prevent them from all
holding any correspondence with Cruizers in
case any should come upon the Coast. Those to
whom it may not be proper to admit of Cantonment
Prisoners at large upon their Parole ought more
particularly, I think, to be removed to some place
in Land, where they can best be subsisted and where
their Persons can best be secured, without hurt or
inconvenience to themselves. —

Masulipatam
8th July 1793

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

(signed) C. Fraser

A true Copy (Signed) R. Malcolm
Asst Sec'y

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the orders given by the Chief and Council of Masulipatam for the Construction of a Battery at Coringa.

The Board are of opinion it will be proper to remove all French Prisoners of War from the Sea Coast, but they cannot acquiesce in the Measure Recommended of sending them People to Bengal, unless it were known that such measure would be agreable to the Governor General in Council. — Such of the Prisoners, however, not on Parole, as cannot be accommodated at Masulipatam, may be sent to the Presidency. —

Read the following letter from Vizagapatam

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

at Fort St George.

From Vizagapatam — the Cargo of the French Snow already sold, and the Vessel sent to Bengal for the same purpose — the proceeds will be paid into their Treasury — the French Officers complain of the allowance granted them — the Dutch professing no Influence at Masulipatam

Honorable Sir,

We have been honored with the Receipt of the Letter from Government under date the 3d Instant, respecting the Snow Captured in Vizagapatam Road, the allowance to be made to the French Prisoners &c. &c.

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The Cargo of the Braye has already been sold, but there being no means of settling a persuit the Vessell at this Port, and great Danger of her apprehended from her remaining with the Roads it has been judged necessary to send her to Calcutta where she will be instantly sold at Publick Outcry and the Proceeds paid into our Treasury. The whole when realized, will be Reported to your honor in Council. —

The Commander and Officers of the French Prize complain very much of the allowance which Government has fixed for them, stating confidently that it is considerably less than what was allowed in the former War, and declaring that as much was given to the Common Seamen in Calcutta, as is now allowed for them — They earnestly beg permission to proceed when opportunity offers, to Bengal with which we hope your honor in Council will be pleased to comply. — Paroles have been expedited from them agreeably to your Instructions —

We have communicated to the Board of Council at Trincopatam, what was directed

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but We think it necessary to mention, (what possibly may not have occurred to you) that the Dutch Chief and Council possess no authority whatever in Bimlipatam. – They cannot order a Boat, or procure a Patamar Buoy, but thro the medium of the Rajah, or Vizaram Rauze's Amildar, Cutwall, or other public Servant – The whole Government, & Police of the Town are vested in the Renter, under the authority of the Rajah, and the Dutch have not more Influence than any other of the Inhabitants. – It is very certain, that if they had possessed the means of prevention, they never would have suffered any French Man to have established themselves at Bimlipatam. –

We have the honor to be
with great Respect
Sir &c &c
(signed) John Chamier
" N.W. Gregory
" John Lindo

Vizagapatam
15th July 1793

It appears extraordinary that the officers of the French Corps should make complaint of the scantiness of the allowances granted to them, as it is an

minutes thereon)

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an established practice in Europe to treat all Prisoners alike in regard to pay, and to make no Consideration, on the part of the Government, in respect either to rank or station, unless the Prisoners themselves have the means of obtaining better treatment by the influence of their private Credit. In the case in question a very handsome provision has been made by Government for the maintenance of the French Officers at Vizagapatam, tho' there be no prospect of reimbursement to the Company for any part of the Expence they may ascertain on this account.—

Agreed that the above be communicated to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam—and that they be also informed that the Board cannot acquiesce in the recommendation for sending the Prisoners to Bengal.—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel Clark.—

William

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William Collins Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir

From Commandant at Palamcottah - with advice of the Capture of a French Privateer by a Dutch Ship - by which order Disposing the French Prisoners - and some English Sailors taken on board - Letter from the Chief at Tutecorin & inclosures

I have the honor to Enclose, Mr. Makerr's letter to me, which I have just now received, and I have Ordered a Detachment of 100 Sepoys, to March this afternoon, under the Command of Lieutenant Taylor, to Escort the French Prisoners here, until I shall have the orders of Government concerning them. With respect to the English Sailors that Mr. Makerr mentions, I have wrote him, that I had no objection to let them remain at Tutacorin with him, if they would be of use to him there, but would not allow them, on any account, to be sent from that Port, until I should recive the orders of Government concerning them. — I hope soon to have the honor of the Commands of Government, both, with regard to the English Sailors, and the French Prisoners. —

I have the honor to be, with great Respect. —

Palamcottah
27th July 1793

for Sir
/ Signed / George Clark
Lt. & Com.g

To

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To Colonel Clark

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acquaint
you that the Dutch Company's armed Ships
the Leyden, has taken yesterday off this Road a
French Privateer mounting Ten Guns, commanded
by Captain John Malet, the Crew of which
Ships consisted of 82 Men, and she carried 12 Guns.
There were also found on board two English
Officers and twenty two Sailors of the English
Ships lost near Madagascar who were taken
by the Privateer on a Portuguese Vessel, which
was bringing them to Moçambique.

It is a great Satisfaction to me Sir that
these people are saved by one of our Vessels, and
as our Ships is in much want of a reinforcement
of Men I have proposed to these English Sailors
to take Service until the arrival of an English
Ship, to which they shall be given up.

But I am very uneasy about the
French Prisoners as they exceed in Number our
weak Garrison which consists, for the most part
in Invalids, and on that account it is very
necessary that I am relieved from them. — I

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I beg of you Sir, to have the
goodness to receive these Prisoners for me, and
that, in Consequence, you will be so good as to
send without delay a Detachment to receive
them, as, in truth, I find myself incompetent
to send them to you. –

I assure you that my Nation will
acknowledge this assistance with Gratitude,
and nothing will be more agreable to me than
to find an occasion to serve you, and to
contribute for the Interest and advantage of our
respective Nations. –

I have the honor to be with esteem

Sir, Sir

Tutocorin
16th July 1793

(Signed) M. Mehrin

a true Translator

(Signed) J. Chase French
Translator

Remarks thereon

agreed that a Copy of Mr. Mehrin's
letter be sent to the Commodore, and that the
expediency of procuring the service of the
English Seamen for the use of his Ship be
offered to his Consideration, assuring him that
the

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the Board will afford such assistance in the Removal of them from Tulacoryn, as he may suggest. —

agreed that Lieutenant Colonel Clark be informed that the French Prisoners are to remain for the present at Palamcotah, to be victualled by the Paymaster upon the same terms as have been already settled for the Prisoners of War in the Northern Circars. —

Read the following Letter from Captain Doveton. —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary in the Military & Political Department

Sir /

I beg leave to acquaint you that the Nawaub of Tippoo Sultan have again spoken to me on the subject of the Treaty required by their master from the Sirkar of the Nawaub of Sanoor Sak Bahadre as expressed in the Treaty of Seringapatam. —

The presentation of this subject on the part of the Nabobs is in consequence of Letters received yesterday from their master, desiring

Doveton. —

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them to make fresh application to the H
Governor, and to obtain and transmit to him
the Treaty without delay. —

Tippoo Sultan, in his Letter
to his Vakeels, observes, That he pays the H
stipulated Visits in performance of an
article of the Treaty of Seringapatam, — and in
that in consequence of an article in the same
Treaty he makes his demand upon the H
Sirkar of the Nawaub Asoff Jah to perform
what is therein inserted relative to the delivery
of that Treaty to the abamade Sirkar. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
(Signed) Gabriel Doveton

Fort St George
July 23. 1793

ordered that a copy of the foregoing
Letter be sent to the Resident at Hydrabad. —

Copy sent to Sir John Kennaway

Read the following letter from the
Resident at Poona. —

To The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor &c.
Fort St George

Hon"ble Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose Extract
of my address of this Date to the Governor General,
for your Information in your Communications
with

From Sir Charles Malet stating the Barbarous reply to Tippoo's application for the payment of the 2d Kist.

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with the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun's Vackeel,
on the Subject of the Payment of the
Remaining Kists to this State. -

Poona
5th July 1793.

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

(signed) C.W. Malet

Extract of a Letter from Sir Charles Warre Malet Bart. Resident
at Poona - To the Governor General at Calcutta
dated 5th July 1793.

In addition to my Duty of Representations
to the Durbar for Information Relative to the
Payment of the 2d Kist, I communicated to
the Minister the Representations of the Nabob Tippoo
Sultaun on that Subject Contained in his
Letter Received by your Lordship on the 6th June
Copy of which Reached me the 3d Instant, in
Mr. Chirry's Letter of the 10th ultimo, Also Copy of
your Lordships Answer and Regret at being
Exposed to such frequent Trouble on a Subject
Seemingly too Plain to admit of any, the whole
Cause of which should, agreable to Tippoo's Letter,
have been Cancelled in the Month of June by
the Payment of the 3d Assignment. -

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To this I have again received for answer that every thing that has reached the Durbar relative to the 2d Kist has been communicated to me, & as to the 3d the Durbar is ignorant of any steps being taken for its Payment. Sir Charles Oakeley has been made acquainted with this State of the affair. —

True Extract

(signed) C.W. Malet

ordered that the above be communicated to Captain Doveton for the information of his Vessels.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Hydrabad. —

W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, for the information of the Board, copy of my correspondence with Mr. Paymaster Brown, on the subject of the Bullocks employed with the Ellore Detachment, being an excess on the number

ordered thereon

from Sir John Kennaway - relative to some Bullocks employed with the Detachment - over & above of the number fixed by the Store Estimate - In correspondence with the Paymaster in charge of Captain Dallas's Recruits for 12000 Rupees - prepared to proceed to the Malabar Coast - these Lieutenant Thwaites in charge - Copy of this Letter to Mr Cherry ordered. —

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number stated in the new Estimate, and I have to request the Board will decide upon it.—

I enclose also a Receipt from Captain Dallas for Twelve Thousand Rupees advanced to him for the purchase of Horses from the money received from the Nizam on account of the Ellore Detachment.

The state of my health having rendered my resorting to the Sea Coast, for the benefit of change of air, necessary, I propose leaving this place for Masulipatam on the 15th or 16th Instant and shall leave the charge of the office, during my absence, with Mr Stewart my Assistant, to whom I have to request any Commands of the Board may be in future directed.—

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

Hyderabad
12th July 1793

(Signed) John Kennaway

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P.S. I inclose for the Information of the Governor in Council Copy of my Letter of the 10th Instant to Mr Persian Interpreter Avery.—

William Brown Esqr.
Paymaster to the Ellore Detachment
Camp

Sir I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th ultimo, and all the inclosures therein mentioned except your account Current for April

As the sum inserted in the said Estimate under the head of draft and Carriage Cattle which includes the Carriage of all the Officers Tents amounts to little more than what is Charged in the account of your Disbursements to you will be pleased to send me an abstract of the Number attached to each department, and the

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grate of them.

I am
&c &c &c
(Signed) John Kennaway

Hydrabad
9th June 1793

True Copy
(Signed) Graeme Mercer
acting Assistant

Sir John Kennaway Bart.

Resident at the Court of His Highness the Nizam

Hydrabad

Sir, I have been honored with your
Letter of the 9th Instant, which confirms me
in my apprehensions of having omitted to
enclose the account Current for the month
of April in my Packet transmitted on the
12th ultimo, but, having consequently, a
forward one for that month to Mr
Mercer, for the purpose of being forwarded
to you in the want of such omission,
I trust this Letter may be satisfied by the
honor you will have done me of receiving
it at his hands. ——

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The best mode of replying to the second paragraph of your Letter touching the draught and Carriage Cattle employed with the Detachment, is by the inclosed return furnished by the Deputy agent in the Department at the desire of the Commanding Officer, not Knowing of any other Public Disbursment of this nature at present existing with us. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

Capt Spencer
Royal Edenburg
21st June 1793. —

/Signed/ Wm Brown
Pay.r

a true Copy

(Signed) Grome Mercer
acting Assistant

Return of the Draught and Carriage Bullocks in the Public employ with the Major Roberts's Detachment

Draught Bullocks	Carriage Bullocks	How Employed
190	"	With the Guns and Tumbrils
"	319	With the Park Stores
"	32	With Artg. Regt. do and Tents
10	7	With Victualling Department
"	6	do with the Quarter masters do —
200	394	Total Bullocks

Estimate

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Estimate of the Monthly Expences

200 D.ᵗ Bullocks at 9 P.ᵈˢ 8 f.ᵒ each Month ... 138 1 "

4 Maistries with ᵈᵒ at 2 f.ᵒ ea ᵈᵒ . 8 " "

394 Coss Bullocks at 1½ P.ᵈˢ ea ᵈᵒ . 591 " "

7 Maistries with ᵈᵒ at 2 f.ᵒ ea ᵈᵒ . 14 " "

1 Head Maistry with the whole at 5 " " 1056 4

Allowance to agent . . Pr month 50 " "

ᵈᵒ . . . . ᵈᵒ for writes & Stationary 10 " "

ᵈᵒ . . . . ᵈᵒ for a Corricoly . . 5 " " 65 " "

Total monthly Expence . . . 1121 4

Camp near Naghaldonny
21.ᵗ June 1793. —

(Signed) A. Lindsay
agent for Draught
and Carriage Bullocks
with the Detachment

True Copy

(Signed) Grame Mercer
Acting Assistant

William

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William Brown Esqr.

Paymaster to the Ellore Detachment

Sir

I have been favored with your Letter of the 21st ultimo. –

As it would appear, by the return enclosed in it of the number of Bullocks employed in the Detachment, that in some of the Departments they exceed the number allowed by the New Estimate, a Comparative Statement of which is enclosed, I have to desire that no such excess may be in future admitted of, without the express order of the Board for that purpose.

Agreably to the intimation in your Letter of the 2d June of your having received the amount from Lieutenant English, I transmit you that Gentleman's receipt for 713 Rupees, for which I have now debited the Detachment.

I am &c
(Signed) J Kennaway

Hydrabad
9th July 1793

True Copy
(signed) Grome Mercer
acting Assistant
Comparative

Comparative Statement of the Bullocks allowed in the several Departments by the new Estimate and the return given in by Lieutenant Lindsay

	By the Estimate		By the agents returns		Excess	
	Draught	Carriage	Draught	Carriage	Draught	Carriage
With the Guns and Tumbrils, spare included	178	-	190	-	12	-
Park Stores, spare included	-	225	-	349	-	124
Quarter Master of artillery 1st	-	6	-	32	-	26
Victualling Department	-	-	10	7	10	7
	178	231	200	388	22	157

True Copy
(signed) Graeme Mercer
acting Assistant

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G. T. Cherry Esqr.

Persian Translation to the Governor General

Fort William

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the r
ecipt of your Letter of the 10th June enclosing Copies
in Persian and English of a Letter received the 6th of
the same month from Tippoo Sultaun addressed
to the Governor General.

You may confidently assure his
Lordship that there was no delay in delivering r
this Highness's receipt for the first Kist, as it was
a considerable time in Major Roberts's possession ready
for delivery, and intimation thereof repeatedly given
by the Major to Tippo's Officer, as an inducement for
him to advance to the place where the money he was
in charge of was to be paid. —

In respect to the receipt for the second r
Kist, Lieutenant Stuart has assured me that it
has been dispatched to Ghulam ali Khan, the per-
-son appointed to receive the amount. —

With regard to the Treaty demanded
by Tippoo's Vakeel, bearing the Seals and Signatures
of the Nizam and his Minister, he was transmitted

to

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to Sir Charles Oakeley with the annexed Seal — alone, is as valid as any that can be given the omission of the Signatures proceeded from its being deemed disrespectful in this Country for a Minister to sign any Instrument bearing the Signature of his Sovereign, a point of form which Tippoo's — Vakeels must have been well aware of, for from Copies in Persian, prepairing with the Ministers Signature, and shall be transmitted to Sir — Charles Oakely as soon as received. The reason of the Nizams demanding that the Treaty signed by the Minister at Seringapatam should be restored, must have originated, I imagine, in its having been verbally agreed, which it was in my presence, between ali Raja and Meer Alum, that the Treaty signed by the Minister alone should be sent by Tippoo by a Couple of Canoe Hircarrahs to Hydrabad, and thence that was to be executed by the Nizam & the Minister jointly, received in Exchange for it —

The whole however being a matter — of form, I hope that when the Nizam sends me the new Treaty under his own Signature and that of the Minister, he will also authorize the delivery of

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fit to the Vackeels without demanding the one
expected by the Minister at Seringapatam on
return. —

In respect to the appointment of Commrs for
the adjustment of contested places on the boundaries,
Lieutenant Stewart has been unprovided in his
applications for final instructions being sent
to Mahomma Ameen Arab, the person appointed,
and an answer being dispatched to Tippoo —
Letter advising him of it, both which points,
owing to Ceremonies consiquent on Births
and Marriages, have been hitherto delayed.
Lieutenant Stewart acquaints me, under date
the 7th Instant, that he hopes they will be
dispatched in a few days, but as they have been
delayed much longer than they ought to have
been, considering the period of his Lordships
proposed departure, I have written a strong
remonstrance to Meer Alum against such a
dilatory mode of proceeding, and stating the
consiquences which may arise from it, which
Letter I have left to Lieutenant Stewarts discretion

to

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to deliver or not as he may find necessary.—

Hydrabad
10th July 1793

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) J Kinnaway

True Copy
(Signed) Grome Mercer
acting Assistant

Resolved that orders be sent to Major
Roberts to volunteer no greater number of Bullocks
than what is provided for by the new Establishment
and on no account to admit of charge beyond
the establishment now fixed.—

Resolved that Captain Dallas be appointed
agent to the Military Auditor General with Directions
to see that the foregoing orders be made in the
Books of the Military Paymaster General.—

Read the following letter from the
Commander of the private Ship Ahasuerus.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

From Captain Clements with the Establishments agreed for the Commissariat for the Ship Ahasuerus.—

Sir

I in the prosecution of taking out the Ordnance
Commission, found upon the following

The

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The Shaw Andaour Commanded by James
Callander Mounting 24 Guns is 800 Tons
Burthen, Bombay Built. The Property of
Daz Nasservangee Merchant of Bombay &
John Callander First Officer
Henry Hall . . Second do
Laurence Dundas Campbell Third do
Compliment of Men . 150
Messrs Balfour and Coet attorneys & agents for the owners
at Madras . —

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Com. Viz. Viz. Viz.
(Signed) Jas. Callander

Ordered that the Commission be made
out and dated the 20th of July. —
order thereon

Read the following letter from the Ot
Commanding Officer of Tiagar

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor & President in Council
Viz. Viz. Viz.
Madras

Hon'ble Sir,

From Commandant at Tiagar - inclosing a letter from Captain Dulaurens to the Governor. —

I have the honor to forward
you a letter from Captain Dulaurens
of

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of the Regiment serving in India, who
has been left here, by Captain Campbell, on
his parole, and waits the decision of your
Honble Board. —

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

(Signed) G. Mahal
Captain Commanding
Tiagar

Honorable Sir

I have the Honor to inform you
on the 3d Instant of my Detention at Attoor
from whence I departed under the orders
of Captain Campbell commanding at
Battalion of Sepoys, and continued with
him 'till we arrived at his abode near
Tiagar, when he delivered me over to
the charge of Captain Mahal, Commandant
of that Place — Having received no
answer to my former Letter, I hope for
Pardon in intruding it on your memory,
and respectfully solicit my Removal from
hence to Madras — Captain Campbell
having

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having demanded my Parole of Honor,
I have written a sacred, and solemn
Engagement that I will not clandestinely
pass the English Territories. —

may I again entreat an
answer to my letter, by complying with
which request Honble Sir, you will
greatly oblige an Officer impressed with
most respectful sentiments for your
character. —

Tiagar 17th July 1793 /Signed/ Mich. Cetegan L. Dulaurent

agreed that a Letter be written
to Captain Du Laurens expressing concern
that the circumstances of the War between
the English and French Nations render
it indispensably necessary that he should
remain, for the present, at Tiagar, on his
Parole, as a Prisoner of war, and acquainting
him that particular orders have been sent
to Captain Wahab to observe the utmost
delicacy towards him in the examination
of his Papers, and to treat him, in all
other respects, with the very attention that
the

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the nature of this situation will admit.

Read the following letter from
Mr. Dassier, Supercargo of the Danish Ship
Christianus Septimus

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

and Governor in Council

Sir,

Mr. Dassier requests his Claim for Freight for the Property Lodged on the Ship Christianus Septimus and for payment of the Freight &c.

The answer you honored me with of the 10.th Instant makes no mention of a Receipt, nor even the payment of the Freight, which I claimed on the Letter I had the honor to write to you under date the 3.d of this month, for the Merchandize taken by your order, out of my Ships and deposited in the Honble Company's Godowns, and Mr Boyd having since then many times promised me one or the other, I thought it unnecessary to trouble you again with a new request on the occasion.—

But as the sailing of my Vessel is fixed on for tomorrow, and not yet being recieved either with a receipt for the Goods which is indispensibly necessary for my discharge as well as that of the Captains, nor with the Payment

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Payment of the amount freight, which I conceive justly
due to me, Will ayre. if you please give an early
a possible your orders for the accomplishment
of both these points. —

I have the honor to be with the utmost
perfect respect. —
Yrs &c &c

Madras
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(Signed) Chs Dasier
Atty Master

(Signed) J. Chase Provl
Translr

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Mr Dasier that
no receipt can be given nor freight paid for
the property seized on board his ship as "
belonging to French Subjects — and that upon "
examination it shall appear that the articles "
lodged in the Company's Warehouse are "
not the property of French Subjects, the whole "
will be delivered up by the Company to the "
persons who can prove their right. —

Read the following Letters from the
Military Board with Enclosures entered in
Mil. Bs. Nos 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264.

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley &c.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Military Board reply to the Letter of 18th June from Ganjam and Vizagapatam report regarding the Ordnance & Stores left in the Forts given up to Tippoo and ruined in them retained by the Company - Survey papers inclosed & Records in the subject - Observations respecting the Cloathing and Establishments of the 1st & 2d Battalions Coffrees - Correspondence inclosed. -

We are honored with your Commands under date the 20th ultimo desiring Us to furnish you with the information required thereon - on examining the Records in our Secretary's Office We found that they did not furnish Us with means sufficient to give your Honor the information required We have therefore referred the subject with all the documents relative thereto, to the investigation of the Military Auditor General. -

In reply to copy of a Letter from the Resident at Ganjam, and from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam, with the papers thereon referred to, which you have done Us the Honor to enclose, We cannot but be of opinion, that the Letter we had the honor to address your order date 26th April last, a copy of which appears to have been transmitted to them by your Honorable Board, is fully explicit - and provides that all the Stores actually allowed to

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to a Battation, under the head of Regimental Horse, should remain with each Corps under charge of a Regimental Officer - and We also had the Honor Specially to remark, that it would be proper that a sufficient number of Tents for covering each Corps, in proportion to their number, should also remain with them, that they might be so provided as to be easily put in motion, should their services be required - but we did not recommend that they should therefore be provided with Bullocks, Maistries, drivers, Lascars, Bamboo Coolies &c - which seems to be supposed to have been our intentions by one of the inclosures from Chief and Council of Vizagapatam; and we think that it is not necessary to supply the Corps with these, but as often as there is an actual necessity for putting them in motion. -

In obedience to your Commands contained in your Letter of the 3rd October last - the Commissary General of

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of Stores has been endeavouring to form the com-
parative Statement you required and we have
been endeavouring to procure for him every in-
formation in our power — and We have now
the Honor to enclose to you the result on a Minute
delivered in by the Commissary General referring
to and explanatory of the numbered documents
delivered in by him at the same time, and
assigning the reasons why he has not been able
to make this comparative Statement so full
and clear as We could wish it to be, and
at thought, now that an Inspector of Stores has
been appointed for the Barramahal and Salem
Countries, with full Instructions from the
Commissary General of Stores, We expect that
some thing more may be ascertained as to perfect
quantities, weights, and measures, yet We are
persuaded that no endeavours on our part will
make Us to furnish you with such a Report
as to put it in your power to strike a decisive
balance, and we think it better to afford you
now such information, as the enclosed will
furnish, than to delay the matter to so late a
period

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period as must follow the minute investigation
of the Inspector of Stores —

Observing, in the Station "I." of
Tippoo Sultaun's Vakeel, that there was an Iead
of Guns and Stores left by the English near
Seringapatam, which was not comprehended
in Your Honors letter, which only referred
to Guns and Stores in the several Forts +
interchangeably delivered — We endeavoured
to obtain what information We could,
and, on reference to Lieutenant Nelson,
Commissary of Stores with the army, We +
were informed that he was absent, "gone to
Sea on account of ill health" and the Officer
acting for him, Lieutenant Fireworker D
Beaumont informed Us that he had no
papers which enabled him to give any
information on this subject — We then
addressed a letter to Lieutenant Colonel
Gills, a copy of which We have the honor to
enclose, and have also the honor to enclose
to you a copy of his Letter in reply, and
the List of Stores which We imagine are +
those

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Sir

Those alluded to, by Tippoo Sultaun's Vaukeel, but from the tenor of your Letter, We did not think ourselves authorized to bring them into a comparative statement, furnished by the Commissary General of Stores, although it may be necessary you should be furnished with it, to account for that head in the Statement delivered in by Tippoo Sultan. —

And we think it necessary to observe to you, that the Majistrate General informs us, that, to the best of his recollection, it was not the intention of the Commander in Chief to charge those Guns and Stores in Account against Tippoo Sultan. —

We beg leave to acquaint you, in answer to a paragraph in your Letter of the 4th March last, that, finding in the course of our correspondence with the several parties connected with the subject referred to by the latter from the Contractor for army Clothing of the 25th February last, that the acting Paymaster at

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at Tanjore had made an unauthorized Expenditure of Stoppages to the 1st and 2nd Bengal Battalions which was the principal cause of Captain Pearson and Lieutenant Hughes declining to receive the Clothing and Half mounting for those Corps. We are therefore of opinion, that the Contractor should receive Payment for the same, and that, as the Military Auditor General has informed Us he has retrenched the amount of Stoppages thus paid without Authority, the Company, We conceive, will suffer no loss.—

We have the honor to lay before you copies of the several papers, which appear on our Records concerning this Business, and have no doubt it will appear to you, as it has done to Us, that a misconception or want of due attention to orders has occasioned the difficulties that have arisen, rather than any delay in the Contractor in forwarding the Clothing, which appears to have been sent nearly

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[illegible] as the weather permitted, after
our Agreement made on August that he should
deliver the Clothing at the several places
where the Troops were stationed. —

Fort George
12th July 1793.

We have the Honor to be
your &c.
" John Braithwaite
" Henry Malcolm
(Signed) " Js Close
" Geo Maule
" George Hall

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakley Bar.t
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Military Board in favour in consequence of the number of Regt. entitled to the Drafts of Provisions ordered for the Garrison

Our President Colonel Braithwaite,
the Commanding Officer of the army on the Coast,
having informed us, by letter we did date 20th
Instant, that business would prevent his at
attending the Board at the meeting of that day,
and that, as he was to leave the Presidency in
three or four days, He did not mean to take
his Seat until his return from the Field, we
think it advisable to take the present op
portunity of acquainting you that, as the
Senior

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Senior officer of artillery, the Quarter Master General,
the adjutant General, and the Chief Engineer also
proceed to the Field, the military auditor General
and the Commissary General of stores will be the
only officers remaining at the Presidency who have
been considered as members of the military Board
for a considerable time past. –

It appears, by the General orders of the
15th April 1786, that the Senior officer of the Troops
at the Presidency, as well as the Commander in
chief, is a member of the military Board, but we
do not perceive that the former has been summoned,
as such, while the officer at the Head of the army,
not being specially appointed Commander in
chief, presided at the military Board, whereby
it appears to have been considered that the
Commanding Officer of the army being at the
Board, under this circumstance, it was not
therefore thought necessary to summon the
Senior officer of the Troops at the Presidency;
the Commanding Officer of the Army, when
stationary at Fort St George, being, in one sence,
the Senior officer of the Troops at the Presidency.

As by the 2d article of the Instructions of
Government to us under date the 28th April 1786,
it

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it requires three Members to constitute a Military Board, and as the Board will be reduced to two Members, from the causes above mentioned, in two or three days, We beg leave to request that a Government will give such directions under the circumstances already described, as will render the Military Board efficient during the absence of the Officer commanding the army, and of the other Officers, members of the Military Board, who proceed to the Field. —

We circumstances above stated, not being assigned on Record, as causes for not summoning the Senior Officer of the Troops at the Presidency — We have therefore judged it necessary to make the subject matter of reference to your Honorable Board.

We have the honor to enclose you the draughts of Contract with Messrs Roebuck and Woods drawn out by the Honorable Company's Solicitor conformably to the several stipulations and rates. — We have the Honor to be

Fort St George
22nd July 1793.

(Signed) Geo Geo
Henry Makedow
Jn Richardson
J Y Close
George Hall