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Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Military Board

Fort St George 23d July 1793

Agreed that an extract of the letter from the Military Board on the subject of the ordnance and Military Stores &c. left in the Forts delivered up to Tippoo Sultaun, and of those recd by the Company in the Forts ceded to them, be sent to Captain Doveton, with all the papers relating thereto — and that he be directed to Communicate their Contents to the Raja's and permit them to take copies, if they should be desirous of doing so —

The Board approves the opinion given in regard to the Cloathing and half mounting of the 1st and 2d Bengal Battalions — but before the Contractor can be indemnified, Government must be informed that the amount retrenched from the Paymaster's accounts in Consequence of the unauthorized payment of Stoppages, has been refunded, after which the Cloathing and half mounting are to be delivered over to and considered as the property of the Paymaster. —

The Board cannot pass over in silence the improper Style of one of Captain Pearse's letters to the Military Board on the above subject — His insinuation that Mr Brodie was governed by Motives inconsistent with his public duty is wholly unjustifiable, since that Gentleman acted in compliance with an order of Government

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Government, and could not have been guided by any of those motives which have been imputed to them by Captain Pearson.

Ordered that the above be Communicated to the Military Board. —

Major Orr appointed a Member of the Military Board

Ordered that Major Orr be appointed a Member of the Military Board. —

Resolved that the Contracts with Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott be signed on Friday next.

Chas. Oakeley

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George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Received the undermentioned letters —

Entered in MB. Nos 265 266 267 268 269 —

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions proposing that the Old Paddy still remaining in Store at Trichinopoly be sold off. —

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

From Resident at Cuddalore the letter for the Commodore has been forwarded — encloses two Frenchmen to the Governor General and to this Government. —

From Resident at Cuddalore.

From Adjutant General proposing the promotion of Cornet C. Dallas and Mr. J. A. Monteath Cadet vice Fry of the Cavalry deceased. —

From Adjutant General

From Military Storekeeper requesting an advance of Pagodas 29,359. 2. 30. on account of his Employ. —

From Military Storekeeper.

From Commandant at Tiagar requests further orders regarding the examination of Captain Dulaurens Papers no one in Garrison understanding the French Language Copy of his Parole enclosed also a letter from him to the Governor. —

From Commandant at Tiagar.

Sent and received the following letters

To Captain George Oakes

Of the Royal Navy

To Captain Oakes inclosing Copy of the Commodores letter regarding the Shaw Andaser Conditions under which she will be taken up by Government.

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable the President in

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24th President in Council to enclose, for your information, Copy of a letter from the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis on the subject of the reference made to him regarding the proposal stated in your letter of the 19th Instant, and to acquaint you that if you continue of opinion that the public Service will derive any material benefit from the employment of the Ship Shaw Ardaseer in the way recommended by you, the President in Council will accept the terms offered by Captain Callander provided the period of the Ship's dismission from the Service be in the option of Government and that you have the entire Command of her while so employed.

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24th July 1793.

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

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Ditto in reply.

I have had the honor to receive your letter of this day's date, inclosing Copy of one from Commodore Cornwallis, in answer to which I am to

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24th to acquaint you I am considerably strengthened in the opinion I had the honor to convey to you in mine of the 19th instant by that expressed by the Commodore on the subject of the probable consequence and utility the Ship Shaw Ardasier may be in addition to the Force now cruizing under his Orders. —

I was authorized by Mr. Colt and Captain Cathcart to propose the terms said to Government, and I have only to add that so soon as Government shall have completed their arrangement with those Gentlemen I shall be ready to take upon me the Command of the Ship and will use the utmost dispatch in proceeding to join Commodore Cornwallis. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed Geo: Oakes

Captain in the Royal Navy

Fort St. George

July 24th 1793

25th Sent the following letter

To. Messrs. Balfour and Colt

Gentlemen,

To. Messrs Balfour and Colt Government willing to take up the Shaw Ardasier on the terms stated by Captain Oakes - Conditions -

Captain Oakes of the Royal Navy having stated in a letter to Government under date the 19th

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25th 19th instant the terms on which you were disposed to Charter the Ship Shaw Ardasier to the Company, I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to inform you that he is willing to enter into an engagement for the hire of the Ship at the rate of fifteen thousand (15,000) Arcot Rupees Pr. Month, provided the period of her dismission from the Service be in the option of Government and that Captain Oakes have the entire Command of her, while she is employed on the public Account.

If these terms be agreeable to you, the Commission lately granted to Captain Callander must be delivered up, and another granted to Captain Oakes.

Fort St. George
25th July 1793

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

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.

Received letter from the Nabob entered in C. C. No. 156 enclosing another letter from his Naib of Tripavanum stating that Chinna Murda is still employed in dismantling that fort.

Received the following letter

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley K.B.
President in Council

From Owner and Commander of the Shaw Ardasier tendering that Ship to Government - Terms.

Honble Sir,

Fort St. George

Captain Oakes having

Communicated

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25th Communicated to us what has passed between him and your Honorable Board respecting the freighting of the Ship Ardasier to Government, in consequence of a proposal made to him by us on the 19th instant, and observing therefrom that the Public Service in the present critical juncture requires every assistance however feeble it may be that can be had: we have been induced, from that consideration, as well as from a desire to meet the wishes of Government to tender you the Ship Ardasier for three Months certain, on condition that your Honorable Board will Guarantee the safety of the Ship to the Owners in every respect and pay the same freight that the Ship could clear by prosecuting the Voyage she is now about proceeding on, which, on a moderate computation, would be at least fifty thousand Sicca Rupees. —

Madras
July 25th 1793

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Oliver Colt
Agent for the Owner
" J. Callander
Commander

Received also the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos. 270-271-272. —

From

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From Major Roberts

From Officer Commanding the Nizams Detachment enclosing his correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad.

From Paymaster General

From Paymaster General enclosing Mr. Paymaster Taylors Estimate for August his Accounts for March received.

From Colonel Floyd.

From Colonel Floyd reporting the state of the Army before Pondicherry.

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Received the following letters.

W.m Jackson Esq.re

Secretary

From Messrs Balfour and Colt refer to their former letter for a reply to the Offer made for freighting the Ardasier to Government.

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your letter dated by mistake we presume on the 15th instead of the 25th instant respecting the freighting of the Ship Ardasier to Government for an answer to this letter we beg leave to refer you to a letter addressed the Honorable Board of yesterdays date by Mr. Colt and Captain Callander, which contains the terms on which the Ship Ardasier may be freighted to Government.

The terms being changed since Captain Oakes's proposal of the 19th was owing to the Ship having

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26th having taken in her freight with an intention of prosecuting her voyage to Bengal and returning here with a Cargoe of Rice before the Monsoon. —

Fort St. George
26th July 1793

We have the honor to be
&a &a
(Signed) Balfour & Colt

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

Honorable Sir

From Commandant at Trichinopoly in reply to the Complaint of the Nabob's Son against him.

In reply to Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 10th instant I am exceedingly sorry to be under the necessity of observing to your Honorable Board that the Young Nabob has again been guilty of the unpardonable practice of writing falsehoods to his Father, as the exact reverse of what he has advanced is the real fact, which I will explain in a few words — since my appointment to this Garrison, till March last, I with-stood his every entreaty to lend him Money but, at that period, urged by his sollicitations (alledging the displeasure of his father if he did not remit a considerable Sum upon a particular day) I was induced

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26th to afford him a loan of five thousand Pagodas on the security of a deposit of Paddy when the Bezars were shut up on account of the scarcity of Rice / owing entirely to a Mono=poly of his own, for his Godowns were full / I very earnestly requested of him to dispose of this Paddy but could not prevail upon him to do so untill I actually began to issue the Rice from the public Stores, which alarmed at the idea of being obliged to replace at a fair price, he then readily consented to the sale I proposed, but not under the enormous price of 16th Tritchy finams pr. Collum and immediately afterwards opened the Bezars when there was abundance. I beg leave to observe to your Honorable Board that I have never omitted an opportunity / where the good of the Service did not interfere / to preserve a good understanding with the Young Nabob, but his late treacherous conduct, you will, I trust, allow entitles him no longer to my good opinion, and, as a farther intance of his duplicity, I request to mention that he is now urging me to grant him another loan of Money.

Trichinopoly
23d July 1793

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/ Signed / Thos Bruce

Sent the following letter

To

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No 26

To Captain Doveton

Sir,

To Captain Doveton with the Military Board's Report respecting the Ordnance and Military Stores left in the forts given up to Tippoo and received in those ceded to the Company — Remarks and directions — the Treaty in the form desired by Tippoo — preparing at Hydrabad — papers from Poona respecting the Vists due to that state enclosed

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you extract of a letter from the Military Board on the subject of the Ordnance and Military Stores left in the Forts delivered up to Tippoo Sultaun and of those received by the Company in the Forts ceded to them.

You will observe that the Military Board have not had the means of determining with exactness the quantity on either side, but the President in Council, judging that the information already received would be acceptable to Tippoo, has directed me to send all the papers to you, that you may communicate their contents to the Vackeels, and permit them to take copies if they should be desirous of doing so — the originals are afterwards to be returned to the Office.

In reply to your letter of the 23 instant I am directed to acquaint you that information has been received from Sir John Kennaway that a fresh Copy of the Treaty of Seringapatam is now preparing at Hydrabad to which will be affixed the Seals and signatures of the Nizam

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No. 26

To Military Board.

To Military Board their opinion — regarding the Cloathing and Half Mounting of the 1.st and 2.nd Revenue Battalions approved. orders in consequence — Captain Pearsons insinuation against the Contractor. — disapproved — Major Orr appointed a Member. —

To Captain Dallas.

To Agent for purchasing horses at Hydrabad. some Bills of Lieutenant Nuthall for feeding five horses referred for his opinion. —

To Captain Macleod.

To Captain W.m Macleod the Collector at Dindigul has already been written to, for information regarding the Villages in Veerapatchee claimed by Tippoos Amuldars.

To Messrs Porcher and Co.

To Messrs Porcher Redhead and Co. — must in the first instance produce a Certificate from the Pay Office that M.rs Mitchells arrears were claimed in proper time. —

To Mons.r Dassier

To Supra-cargo of the Christianes — Septimus replying to his request for a Receipt for the property seized on that Ship and for payment of freight.

To Messrs Balfour and Colt.

To Messrs Balfour and Colt rejecting — their tender of the Shaw Ardasier.

To Captain Du Saurens of the French Service.

To Captain Du Saurens in reply to his address forwarded by the Commandant at Tiagar.

To Captain Wahab.

To Commandant at Tiagar enclosing the foregoing. —

To

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To Lieutenant Caldwell of Engineers

To Lieutenant Caldwell directing him to return to his duty under Mr. Topping which he must not again quit without express authority from the Board.

To Mr. Topping

To Mr. Topping in reply to his letter on the foregoing subject.

To Clerk of the Treasury

To Clerk of the Treasury Pagodas 29,359.. 2..30.. to be advanced to the Military Storekeeper

To Ditto

To Ditto Pagodas 5000 to be advanced to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

To Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To Paymaster at Trichinopoly permitting him to visit the Presidency.

To Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam no encrease can be granted to the Allowances to the french Prisoners neither must they be sent to Bengal.

To Ditto

To Ditto with extract from the Military Board's report on the subject of their letter of the 8th ult.mo.

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Sent and Received the following letters

To Captain George Oakes

Of the Royal Navy

To Captain Oakes stating the Board's proceedings in consequence of his Offer of Services in the Shaw Ardaseer and their regret at the unexpected difficulty in Chartering her.

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your

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Ref. your letter dated the 24th instant, and to inform you that, in consequence thereof, the Attornies to the Owners of the Ship Shaw Ardasier were acquainted that the Board were willing to accept the terms mentioned in your letter of the 19th instant provided only that the period of the dismission of the Ship from the Service should be in the option of Government, and that you were in the entire Command of her while so employed. —

To this intimation the Attornies replied that they were desirous of chartering the Ship to the Company for three Months certain on condition that Government would guarantee her safety to the owners in every respect and pay the same freights that the Ship could clear by prosecuting the Voyage she is now about to proceed upon which on a moderate computation would be at the least fifty Thousand Sicca Rupees. —

The President in Council does not think he should be justified in accepting a proposal so different from that communicated by you and so very disadvantageous in itself and directs me to express the concern he feels that he is prevented, by these Considerations, from availing himself of your abilities and

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

To the Honorable the Governor in Council
Madras

Sir,

From Captain Oakes in reply to the foregoing and expressing dissatisfaction at the conduct of Government towards him.

I have this Moment received the honor of your letter of yesterday's date, informing me you have determined not to Charter the Ship Shaw Ardasire. In reply to that part of your letter relating to the terms on which the Ship was at any period of the negociation offered to your Honorable Board, I have only to observe I was neither concerned in or can be responsible for, I had no interest or motive in wishing her to be chartered except the hope of advancing the King's and the Honorable Company's Service, under the Command of Commodore Cornwallis, whose situation I think very critical, and I am confirmed in my opinion by letters from the Commodore wherein He does me the honor to express his entire approbation of my Conduct in the handsomest terms Nothing short of the present exigency

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If exigency of the Service could have induced me to accept a Command so derogatory to the Rank I hold in the King's Navy as the Ship Shaw Ardasire would have been under a Commission from Government as a letter of Marque, which I understand by a letter not addressed to me was intended to be given me, had gone to Sea in the Ship Shaw Ardasire. I think I am justified in saying I do not feel myself flattered by the conduct of Government towards me, which I conceive would have been better suited to a Person asking a favor of them than to an Officer of Rank in His Majesty's Service, actuated only by a desire and earnestly solicitous to exert himself for the good of the King's and the Honorable Company's Service.

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I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed / G.e Oakes

Received the undermentioned letters entered in MB Nos 299 300 301 302 303 304 305 306.

From Secretary at Bengal.

From Secretary at Bengal enclosing letters for Cochin and Officer Commanding the Army on the Malabar Coast.

From

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From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions ~ proposing that twelve Bags of damaged Rice may be sold off.

From Storekeeper at Dindigul

From Storekeeper at Dindigul ~ in reply to the Complaint of the Commandant against him.

From Major Roberts

From Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment urging reasons for employing more Bullocks than are allowed by the New estimate ~ the Paymasters letter enclosed.

From Colonel Floyd

From Colonel Floyd ~ with report regarding the Army before Pondicherry.

From Ditto

From Ditto ~ on the same subject.

From Captain Dallas

From Captain Dallas ~ reporting his opinion on the Bills of Cornet Nuthall.

Order thereon

Ordered that the Bills be paid.

From Captain Wilson

From Commander of the Ship Bangalore offering the Services of that Vessel to Government.

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Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Sent letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No 157 ~ on the subject of his Highness's Complaint of the misconduct of the Southern Tributaries ~ of opinion the Reports of his Managers are much exaggerated ~ suggestions.

Despatched the following letters.

To

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To His Excellency Lieutenant General Malartegue

Governor General of the Isles of France and
Bourbon and Commandant of the
French Establishments to the
Eastward of the
Cape of Good Hope

Sir

To the Governor General of the French Islands soliciting relief for the part of the passengers and Crew of the Winterton that were taken on their Voyage to this Coast and carried to the Mauritius.

I trust the motives by which I am solicited to write to you, at this time, are sufficiently powerful to bespeak your attention, and that you will have the goodness to excuse the trouble I give you in a cause so interesting to humanity.

On the 20th of August last our Companys Ship, the Winterton was wrecked near the Island of Madagascar. A great part of the Crew with difficulty reached that shore, where they remained a considerable time under the most aggravating circumstances of distress, at length (as I am informed) by the Assistance of a Portuguese Vessel, sent from Mosambique, they were relieved, and had proceeded some distance on their voyage towards this port, when they

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they fell in with one of your Cruizers, by which they were captured, and part of them carried to Mauritius.

If this Report be true, Sir, I am sure your compassion for the miseries already suffered by these unfortunate people will have afforded them every comfort their situation can admit, but the extreme anxiety of their friends leads them to hope you will add a further mark of your kindness by affording them an early opportunity of prosecuting their Voyage to India.

This act of humanity will be gratefully remembered by many respectable individuals and entitled to every public Acknowledgement in my power to bestow.

I have the honor to be with great Consideration.

&c. &c.

Signed / Chas Oakeley

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To Captain George Oakes
Of the Royal Navy.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your

To Captain Oakes in reply to his last letter above Entered.

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28th your letter of this date, and to acquaint you that he is sorry to find the Proceedings of Government with respect to the offer you made of your Services should not have afforded you the satisfaction at which he so sincerely aimed.

He was disposed to have accepted the terms for which the Shaw Ardisire was first offered, but the second proposal made on the part of the Owners of that Ship could not with any propriety have been admitted, with respect to the intimation given in a letter to which you have alluded "that a Commission would be "made out in your name, in case the Ardasier had been "engaged" I am directed to observe that such information he thought necessary, from the opinion he entertained that no Ship could be offensively employed without a public Commission and he wished to have given such an Instrument only as the Company's Government is empowered to issue to armed Ships employed under its authority — He could not possibly mean on an occasion of this nature to take any step that was not perfectly consistent with the desire he felt to meet your proposal in such manner as might appear the most regular and at the same time, the most agreable to yourself —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed W.C. Jackson Secry
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Sent the undermentioned letters Entered in MB

Nos 307 308 & 309 to

To Secretary at Bengal with intelligence from

To Mr Secretary Hay

Mysore. —

To Paymaster at Palamcotah with directions

To Paymaster at Palamcotah

to victual the French Prisoners arrived there from Tutocoryn.

To Commandant at Ditto with directions

To Commandant at Ditto

regarding them and the English Seamen. —

To Military Auditor General advising of the

To Auditor General

above orders to Mr Paymaster Marten.

Received the following letters

29th

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

Honorable Sir,

From Assistant to the Resident at Hyderabad enclosing a letter from Azem ul Omrah to Tippoo also a Translate thereof. —

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Azem ul Omrah to Tippoo Sultaun with a Copy and English Translate of it for your information, and that of Tippoos Vackeels, whom I beg leave to request may be desired to forward it without Delay. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

[Signed] William Stewart

Biders
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Translate

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Translate of Draft of a letter from Azem ul Omrah to Tippoo Sultaun dated the 4th of Zehudge answering to the 13th July 1793. —

I have had the pleasure of receiving this the Governor General your friendly letter in reply about the appointment of an Ameen for the ascertainment of the — Village of Nuddim Doody / here follows a repetition of it / and have understood the contents: prior to this a friendly — representation of the encroachments of Kutb uddin Khan on the Villages of Tuglecotah and Hunchin Hall was sent to you, doubtless it will have made an impression on your friendly disposition: with regard to the Villages of — Nuddim Doody Tuglicotah and Hunchin hall tho' they were not specified in the paper particularizing the Talooks composing the Nizam's share, yet neither were they specified in the papers containeng a list of all your Talooks, which your Muteaddies before the division took place delivered in so that the right of either party to — take possession of them is not fixed, but depends on an investigation the representation of His Highness's — Talookdars founded on the reports of the Zemindars &c people acquainted with the Talooks as also on the

papers

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29 papers belonging to your Duftur which have come into their hands in the said Talooks is, that Nuddum Doody without doubt belongs to the Talooks of Singummulla and that Tuglecotah likewise belongs to that of Bulhary both of which Talooks appertain to his Highness's Sirkar; yet notwithstanding this representation, conformably to your hint, Mahomed Ameen Arab, a Man of good faith and proper disposition, has been sent for the purpose of investigating and adjusting the Village of Nuddum Doody &c.- Agreeably to what you have written send a trusty person on your part to the above Village, that he and the above Arab may jointly investigate and adjust the business of the said Villages. as, by the favor of God, both sides are firmly bent on doing what is just, God willing the investigation of the matter of right and representation of what is really true will not be neglected in the smallest degree. —

You kindly mentioned that the —— Zemindar of Annagoondy having taken up his abode in his Highness's Talookes was always occasioning trouble and disturbances that it was therefore incumbent on account of friendship and due attention to the Treaty of Peace that no protection should be afforded to

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such thieves, and that I should always be desirous, by acts of good will, to keep the friendship daily on the increase - this has afforded me the greatest surprise, as the above Zemindar resided at Annagoondy during all the troubles and disturbances he occasioned in your Districts as also when he disturbed his Highness's Talooks. —

As Annagoondy belongs to you how can it be conceived that he had taken up his abode in his Highness's Country, your Talookdars who have made such an assertion, God knows what they may have thought: doubtless you will not give Credit to the unfounded representation of such persons, if, for the sake of investigating the truth or falsehood of the person who has made such an ill founded assertion, you will cause them to be produced face to face with his Highness's people, or else mention particularly the name of the Talook of his Highness in which the said Zemindar resided, and from whence he occasioned troubles and disturbances in yours; your doing so may tend to put a stop to the spreading of such reports by those who are desirous of causing ill will and displeasure always consider me desirous of

increasing

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19th increasing the union and friendship and make me happy by constant accounts of your health and occurrenas.

True Translation

/Signed/ Wm. Stewart

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor of

, Madras.

Honorable Sir,

From Sir John Kennaway with a paper of Europe Intelligence - is trying to recover a lost packet express from Poona.

Having found, on my arrival at this place, yesterday, that an express from Poona which passed me the 19th, and by which I forwarded to you a Copy of the Treaty of Seringapatam, signed and Sealed by the Nizam and his Minister, was missing, I do myself the pleasure of sending an Extract of a private letter from Mr. Whithoff to Mr. Stewart, containing some Articles of Europe Intelligence, and am using my endeavours to recover the lost packet.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ John Kennaway

Monghaul

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Extract

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Extract of a letter from M. Whithoff to Lieutenant Stewart Dated Poona 13th July 1793

The Packet which brought the first official advices of the War from England via Bussora of which passed this place two days ago, brought also advices from England to the latter end of February of which the following are some of the Items that have come to my knowledge. The French have offered a Bounty on every Ship taken laden with Grain – a french squadron made a descent on Sardinia; but, a gale of wind coming on they were dispersed 1500 Men they had landed were cut off admiral Goodall is the admiral on the Mediteranean station and has been joined by some spanish Ships. there is a rumour of his having defeated the French Fleet A Promotion of Admirals down to Captain Gardner much below Cornwallis The Channel fleet under Lord Howe and Barrington. Lord Hood going into the Mediteranan Admiral Pell has a fleet of Six Ships of the Line said to be for the West Indies but supposed for the East Admiral M.c Bride's flag is on board the Leopard. the fleet of Holland is commanded by the Dutch Admirals

Byron

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19th Byron. De Ruyter and Zoutman Dumourier has taken Breda by the Treachery or Cowardice of the Governor, who had a Garreson of 3000 Men, and surrendered after firing a very few shot and before the Enemy had erected more than a Mortar Battery the Governor is to be tried. the Duke of York was arrived at the Hague, on his way to Hanover where he takes the Command of 20,000 Hanoverians and Hessians a Camp is formed in Hyde Park where the Royal Standard is hoisted. Lord Amherst Commands the Prince of Wales under the Generals on the Staff among whom are meadows Erskine and Musgrave. the Exeter for Bombay and two other Indiamen sailed 17th. February under Convoy of the Iphigenia Frigate the propositions of the Ministry are carried without a division — Fox Sheridan Erskine Grey Maitland and Lauderdale still speak in favor of the French. Loughborough Chancellor. Eyre succeeds him in the common Pleas Sir A Mc. Donald a Baron of the Exchequer Sir John Scott Attorney General Mr. Mitford Sol. Genl. not a word about a new Governor of Bombay. the Spaniards have settled the Nootka Sound busines by paying us 210,000 Dollars. —

General Abercromby was expected to leave Bombay the 20th instant. it was uncertain whether he

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the 29th he would touch at Madras for 10 Valuable Ships sail about the same time for China under Convoy of two of the large Indiamen that have been armed at Bombay for that purpose the fleet is valued at about 50 Lacks of Rupees. —

True Extract

/Signed/ Graeme. Mercer

Extract of a letter from the Board of Revenue Dated 29th July 1793. —

From Board of Revenue with the information required by Sir John Kennaway — regarding various villages and a Security Bond for the Good conduct of Narsim-rauze recommend his release.

In consequence of your orders under date the 2d. Ultimo, enclosing Copy of a letter from the Resident at Hyderabad, our Acting President was — requested to procure and state such information as he might be able to obtain regarding the Districts and Village thereon mentioned and we have now the honor to lay it before you. —

In a letter to the late Board of Assumed Revenue dated the 7th March 1792 you were pleased to observe ". If Cawetrauze consent to — "become responsible for the good conduct of Narsim — "Rauze we can have no objection to the latter being "released from his present confinement but we do not

think

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At 29 "think it would be advisable to give him his liberty
"under any other Condition less secure." —

The Security above required having been tendered to us by Cawel Rauze we transmit it herewith, and request your orders may be given for the release of Narsim Rauze, and that he be sent under an escort from Vellore to Bom Rauze Pollam, and there to be released. —

A true Extract
(Signed) J. Webbe
Dep^y Secry

I now lay before the Board the information which I have obtained regarding the Districts mentioned in the letter from Government of the 2nd June last — The Purgunnah of Mooseerauk was formerly part of a Jag=
=hyre enjoyed by the family of the Cuglyhatty of Karnool, but, eversince the Nawab Walla Jah's Govern=
=ment was established throughout the Carnatick (which period may be fixed from the fall of Pondicherry in 1765) Mussewauk became part of the Nabob's Dominion, and he accordingly since granted it in Jaghyre to his Mother, and, since her death, it has become Khalsa or Government property. Machesla Poorjala Comm^r ody

and

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To
29th he would touch at Madras & or 10 Valuable Ships sail
about the same time for China under Convoy of two of
the large Indiamen that have been armed at Bombay
for that purpose the fleet is valued at about 50 Lacks of
Rupees. —

True Extract

/Signed/ Graeme Mercer

Extract of a letter from the Board of Revenue Dated 29th July 1793. —

From Board of Revenue with the information required by Sir John Kennaway — regarding various villages and a Security Bond for the Good conduct of Narsim-rauze recommended his release.

In consequence of your orders under date the 2d Ultimo, enclosing Copy of a letter from the Resident at Hyderabad, our Acting President it was — requested to procure and state such information as he might be able to obtain regarding the Districts and Village therein mentioned and we have now the honor to lay it before you. —

In a letter to the late Board of Assumed Revenue dated the 7th March 1792 you were pleased to observe "If Cawetrauze consent to — "become responsible for the good conduct of Narsim — "Rauze we can have no objection to the latter being "released from his present confinement but we do not

think

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29th "think it would be adviseable to give him his liberty "under any other Condition less secure." —

The Security above required having been tendered to us by Cawet Rauze we transmit it herewith, and request your orders may be given for the release of Narsim Rauze, and that he be sent under an escort from Vellore to Bom Rauze Pollam, and there to be released. —

A true Extract

(Signed) J. Webbe

Dep.y Secry

I now lay before the Board the information which I have obtained regarding the Districts mentioned in the letter from Government of the 2nd June last - the Purgunnah of Moosenrauk was formerly part of a Jag=hyre enjoyed by the family of the Jaghyrdar of Karnool, but, eversince the Nawab Walla Jah's Govern=ment was established throughout the Carnatick (which period may be fixed from the fall of Pondicherry in 1761) Musrewauh became part of the Nabob's Dominion, and he accordingly since granted it in Jaghyre to his Mother, and, since her death, it has become Khalsa or Government property. Machesla Goorjala Corimprody

and

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and Temmungeid or Temmimcotah form the greatest part of what is known to us by the appellation of the Palnaud district, which was anciently the Zemindary of a Bramin called Ramrauze, who was dispossessed in 1764 or 1765. ever since which these Districts have been in the possession of the Nawab. It is impossible there may be claims to some parts of these Districts by ancient Jaghirdars, but this can only be ascertained by the stilavarums of the District. I can obtain no information of any village of the name of Nukessa mentioned in Sir John Kennaways letter to Government, but there is a Village in the Ongole District called Nanceswar, which the Nabob took possession of, with the Ongole district, in the Year 1764, from the Zemindar who had it, and has kept it ever since.

[Signed] David Haliburton

Attnee Copy

[Signed] John Read

Depy Secry

Translation

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Translation of a letter from Rajah Cavel Raje Bahadur To David Haliburton Esqre & Co. Members of the Board of Revenue

Dated 7th
Received 18th } July 1793

Because you were displeased with the Conduct of Venkat Narsim Rauze you confined him a Prisoner in Vellore.

The said Narsim Rauze, with a view to Releasement from his present Confinement, requests that you would accept of me as Bail for him, and promises to conduct himself to your satisfaction to remain at his Jageer and to abide by his Agreement. His written Engagement to this effect, together with an Arzee and the security Bond, are now dispatched to your honors: my Vackeel will lay them before you and explain all the particulars.

If you approve of these requisitions be so good as issue an order for Narsimrauzes release, and the withdrawing the Gaard, since your beneficence and Goodness always exceed our Desert, I doubt not

that

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My that you will extend the same to us on the present occasion you are our Patrons and Protectors and this will be a source of consolation to us

What more should I add but that your happiness and prosperity may encrease Daily

A true Translation

Signed A. Falconar

Depy Pr. Sr.

A true Copy

Signed John Read

Depy Secry

Translation of an Agreement given by Venkat Narrunnah Rauz to Rajah Cavit Raj Bahadar

Received 18th July 1793

Whilst I was acting as Dewan to your Sumustanum, I incurred the Displeasure of the Company, for not paying the Peishcush according to the fixed heats, and for acting contrary to their orders in other respects, and was confined, in consequence, in the Fort of Vellore

All this I made repeated applications to be

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29th be suffered to return to my Country it was refused me until I obtained your Security Bond ——

Since you are my Benefactor, do you write to the Company on my behalf, and, having passed your Bond of Security in my favor get me released and if you send for me to be with you I shall conduct myself on every occasion according to your satisfaction

I shall not write any argees or letters without your orders, either to the Company or Nabob, to other Samastanums, or to Gentlemen, to Polygars on others nor shall I be guilty of any deceitful or improper conduct respecting the Samastan nor even meddle with it without your Orders ——

I invoke the God whom I worship Sree Tevovengalanada Swamy, my priest Achuluta Swamy and my conscience to witness the sincerity of this my Engagement wherein if I fail I shall deserve the punishment due to those who are false to their God and their Priest ——

Signed and Sealed

Böppurauze Venkat Narsimrauze

A true translation from the Jentoo Original

(Signed) A. Falconar

A true Copy

(Signed) John Read

Dep. Secy

Translation

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Translation of an Azzee From Venkat Narsimma Rauze To David Haliburton Esqre. &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Without Date

Received 18th July 1793

During the time I acted as Naib to Bom Rauze I incurred the displeasure of the Company for a failure in my Duty respecting their affairs, and was therefore confined in Vellore.

They were pleased to order that I should be liberated provided I obtained the Bail of Rajah Covet Rauze: considering a due performance of these orders as the means of my happiness and prosperity I have accordingly obtained, and now transmit you the Bond of Security of the said Rajah, and I declare that when I return to my Place I shall be united in Word and Deed to Covet Rauze, and conduct myself in every respect to his satisfaction - nor shall I bear Enmity to his Samottem, or, without his Order, entertain a Wish to be made Naib

Since your honors are my sole refuge and protection I hope you will accept the Bail of

Covet

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To

Dl Covet Rauze, and withdraw the Guard which is over me

What more need I represent. may your

happiness Endure! —

A true Translate

/Signed/ A Falconar

Dy Pr Tr

A true Copy

/Signed/ John Read

D.J Secry

Translation of Cavet Rauzes Bond of Security for Venkat Narsim Rauze –

Whereas Venkat Narsimrauze was confined a Prisoner at Vellore – therefore I Cavet Rauze have become Bail for him after his arrival here, when it may be necessary he should appear, I shall produce him, and if I do not I shall be responsible for the consequence. —

To this end I have written and — delivered these few lines as a Bond of Security, to serve when occasion may require – Written this 7th July 1793

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A true translate from the Original written in Persian & Tentass

/Signed/ A. Falconar Dy Pr Tr

A true Copy

/Signed/ John Read Dy Secry

Received

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Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in MB. Nos 311 312 313 314 315 316 317 318 319 320.

From Colonel Floyd.

From Colonel Floyd with Report regarding the state of the Army.

From Mr. J. Wynch.

From Paymaster to the Army is endeavoring to procure Security and shall nominate a person so soon as he is able.

From Polygar of Pallaveram.

From Vencatnarrain requesting a Cowle of protection that he may reside in the Carnatic.

From Commandant at Chinglepat.

From Commandant at Chinglepat has received orders to join his Corps in the field - shall therefore deliver over the Command to the Senior Officer in Garrison

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - Mr. Vaughan complains of Mr. Parrow victualling Troops marching from Garrisons under his payment upon their passing Trichinopoly requests the same may be drawn.

From Resident at Cuddalore.

From Resident at Cuddalore enclosing Copies of letters from and to the Commodore regarding the conveyance of some English Seamen from Tutocorya to the Minerva.

From Ditto at Poona.

From Resident at Poona - no accounts yet received either of Tippoo's 2 or 3 Vessels for the Marattas.

From

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From Lieutenant A. Hughes of the Invalids at Chinglepet

From Lieutenant Hughes requests the Command of Chinglepet during the absence of Capt.n Monson.

From Commandant at Rampore

From Lieutenant Hadow requests to know to whom the fort of Rampore &c. are to be delivered over on his repairing to Madras with the party under his Command.

From Messrs. Porcher Redhead and Co.

From Messrs. Porcher Redhead and Company, with the required Certificate regarding the arrears due to Mrs. Mitchell.

Order thereon

Ordered that the Bill for the same be paid.

Despatched the following Letter.

To the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis

Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in the

East Indies.

Sir,

To Commodore Cornwallis enclosing Copy of the Board's Correspondence with Captain Oakes relative to Chartering the Ardasire in the way he had pointed out Observations.

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 22d instant, and to transmit, for your information, Copy of our Correspondence with Captain Oakes, on the subject of employing the Merchant Ship Shah Ardasire in the way he had pointed

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29 pointed out.

It would have afforded us much satisfaction to have engaged this Vessel had her owners been disposed to freight her on the terms mentioned in the letter from Captain Oakes which we before transmitted to you, but, on expressing our willingness to accept those terms, they made a new demand of so extravagant a nature that we could not, upon any ground, consider ourselves warranted in acceding to it.

We are sorry that this unexpected difficulty should have opposed the desire we felt and still feel to avail ourselves of Captain Oakes's services, and that Captain Oakes himself should not have been perfectly satisfied with our proceedings in consequence of this proposal.

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

Fort St. George
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Despatched the undermentioned letters
entered in MB No 321-322.

To Secretary at Bengal.

To Secretary at Bengal with Copy of a paper containing advices from England also Copies of Colonel Floyd's Reports.

To

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To Lieutenant Stuart

To Assistant to the Resident at Hydrabad advising of the Detachment being credited for the Amount of Captain Dallas's receipt instead of the Nizam as mentioned in a former letter —

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob

[Received letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No 152 - requests that Mootoo Irla Pillah, the Ramnaud Dewan, may be ordered to Madras to attend at this Durbar.]

Received the undermentioned letters entered in MB. No 323 324 325 326

From Sub Secretary at Bengal

Duplicate letters for Cochin and the Officer Commanding the Army on the Malabar Coast. —

From Resident at Cuddalore.

From Resident at Cuddalore forwarding letters from the Commodore, the Aurora and Prince of Wales arrived with Rice for the Army. —

From Major Orr.

From Major Orr - requests the Batta allowed him as Commandant of the Cavalry station near Cuddalore may be continued to him while on duty at the Presidency —

From Captain W. Macleod

From Captain Macleod Tippoo's Deputy expected to arrive shortly at Coverporam. —

Sent the following letters. —

To

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

Sir,

To Commodore Cornwallis with Copy of some News from Europe received Via Bussora.

We have the honor to transmit, for your information, Copy of a letter from Sir John Kennaway to us enclosing an extract of news from Europe brought by a Dispatch overland via Bussora. Sir John, in his letter, refers to a packet for this Presidency which had passed thro' his hands some days before, but which has not yet reached us.

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

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To M. Mekin Esqr
Chief at
Tutocoryn

To Chief at Tutocoryn. orders given for securing the French Prisoners at Calamcotah — requests that the English Seamen found, on Muton Privateer may be sent thither also.

Sir,

I had the pleasure to be informed by Lieutenant Colonel Clarke of the Capture of a French

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Mr.

30. French Privateer by one of your Ships — and perceiving, from the letter you wrote him on this occasion, that you had requested them to send for the French Prisoners to Palamcotah as a place of greater security than Tutocoryn, I have given orders that they shall be received and kept in that Garrison

With respect to the English Seamen who were found on the French Privateer, I request the favor of you to deliver them to Colonel Clarke, in order that they may be sent by the most expeditious means to the Commander of his Majesty's Ships off Pondicherry.

I am
&c. &c.
Signed Chas Oakeley
&c. Council

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters

Letters Entered in MB No. 327-328-329.

To Secretary at Bengal. — To Secretary at Bengal with Copies of letters from the Commodore and Resident at Cuddalore.

To Commandant at Palamcotah. — To Commandant at Palamcotah enclosing the above letter for the Chief at Tutocoryn instructions for sending the English Seamen to Cuddalore.

To Ditto at Rampore. — To Ditto at Rampore in reply to his letter above noted.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor-President

Ernst William Fallofield Esqre.

Tuesday 30th July 1793

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved. —

Read the following letter from the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis received Pr. Triton

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Madras.

From Commodore Cornwallis sends the Triton to Madras in order that she may be dispatched to Bengal to convey the Governor General to the Coast.

Sir,

Having just received a letter from Lord Cornwallis, in which he mentions his having written to you, if the Service will admit of it, to send the Triton India Ship, for him, I have therefore sent Her to Madras to enable you to do so, provided you think proper. The Minerva being the only Kings Ship in these Seas, She cannot go for Lord Cornwallis without me, and even if the Ship could be spared I do not think myself at liberty to leave the Coast when it is probable some of

His

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His Majestys ships may soon arrive without a Flag officer, and will, of course, be unable to act until they receive directions from me.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed W. Cornwallis

Minerva off
Pondicherry
29th July 1793

P.S. I think that french frigate must have been the only one intended for the relief of Pondicherry, and that the others must have gone upon some other Service.

Information of the President, and letters in consequence.

The President inform the Board that he has reaved a letter from the Marquis Cornwallis, dated the 13th instant, on the same subject as that from the Commodore, and proposes, in consequence, that the following letters be written to Bengal and to Captain Burnyeat the Commander of the Triton.

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

My Lord,

Our President having communicated to us the contents of your Lordship's letter to him of the 13th instant, we now despatch the Company's Ship Triton

a To Bengal advising of the despatch of the Triton with a Copy of Commodore Cornwallis' letter inclosed.

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Triton to Bengal for the purpose therein mentioned.

The Triton arrived here this morning from Pondicherry, and brought a letter from the Honble Commodore Cornwallis, Copy of which we have the honor to enclose, together with one from himself addressed to your Lordship.

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30th July 1793.

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

To Captain P. Burneyat
Commanding the Honorable Company's Ship
Triton

To Commander of the Triton dispatching her to Bengal.

Sir,

You are hereby directed to repair on Board your Ship, and proceed, with all possible expedition, to Bengal, on your arrival in the River you will forward the accompanying letter to the Governor General in Council, and follow such orders as you may receive from his Lordship.

Dated in Fort St. George
the 30th July 1793

(Signed) W. C Jackson Secry

approved

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Approved and ordered accordingly.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Cuddalore.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

President and Governor in Council

Fort S.t George.

Honorable Sir

From Resident at Cuddalore requesting an increase to his Salary in consequence of his extra duty and expense from the vicinity of the Army to his Station. Number of Pickets &c. now in readiness.

Having been informed by the Commissary General of the Grain and Provisions that a very considerable quantity of Rice and Paddy is to be sent to this Place for the use of the Army - I have in consequence prepared Places for the reception of it, and have been as active as possible in collecting Boats that it may be landed with Dispatch; and I shall be particularly careful that no Wastage arises that can possibly be avoided.

As the Duties of this Office will require constant attendance with much trouble fatigue and responsibility, and as I derive no advantage whatever from my present station beyond my Monthly Salary, which is by no means adequate to my unavoidable expences I hope I shall not be deemed unreasonable in soliciting such further allowance as you may deem me deserving of; and I shall study to prove myself worthy of any mark of your

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your liberality by my unwaried exertions in forwarding the Public Service.

I have now in readiness for the use of the Army Gabions 735 Pickets of different sizes 21,000 Fasines 1000: of which I have informed the Chief Engineer.

I am with Respect

&c &c

Signed J Kenworthey

Cuddalore 26th July 1793

Read the following letter from the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis.

To the Honorable the Governor in Council Madras

Sir,

I have received the favor of your letter dated the 22d instant. I rejoice very much that the French Privateer has been taken, but I was in hopes that we should have been informed with certainty of the destination of the French Ships which it was said, in the first account, she had sailed with from the Mauritius.

I rather suspect if the force mentioned really sailed at that time that they have stopped at Ceylon with a view of seizing Trincamalé, but if I am right

From Commodore Cornwallis well pleased at the Capture of the French Privateer — Conjectures that the French Naval force intend the Seizure of Trincamalé, has advised with Mr. Kenworthey regarding this Enemy at Tutticorin — his great Zeal acknowledged, also the Boards attention in sending the Volunteers.

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right in my conjecture I think they will find that post in a better state of defence then they perhaps might have expected, and probably that circumstance may prevent their coming this way.

I have advised with Mr. Kenworthy, the Company's Resident at Cuddalore, as to the best method of getting the Seamen you have been so good as to mention round from Tutocoryn; he has had the Goodness to write to Colonel Clarke to send them by boats to Nagore, and, with due caution, on to us. indeed I must confess that Mr. Kenworthy has shewn the greatest zeal and attention since I have been here, in getting us quickly watered, and in every other point of service.

I thank you very much for the Volunteers you were so good as to send me; they are fine lads, and most of them have been two, three, or four Years at Sea.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ W. Cornwallis

Minerva off Pondicherry 28th of July 1793

Resolved in consideration of the Zeal and attention shewn by Mr. Kenworthey in promoting the public Service at this important juncture that he be allowed to draw the additional Sum of two hundred Pagodas

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Mr. Kenworthy allowed a temporary addition to his Salary.

Pagodas 200 p.r Month to commence from the 1.st instant, and to continue while the Army remains before Pondicherry. The Board are also induced to this Resolution by the circumstance stated by Mr. Kenworthy of the extra duties annexed to his Office and consequent increase of expence by the vicinity of the Army to his station. —

Resolved that this Allowance be — Charged to the head of Expedition to Pondicherry in 1793. —

How to which it is to be charged - as well as all Extra Expences attending the Present Service.

Resolved also that all Extra Expences attending the present Service be carried to the same head. —

Read the following letters from the Military Board. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council.

From Military Board proposing regulations regarding Army Clothing and the Off Reckoning Fund. Remarks, and sundry Minutes on the subject - request to be relieved from making a Statement of Off Reckonings for 1791 - Draughts of a G.O. for settling those of 1791 and 1792 and the half mounting for 1792 and 1793 submitted.

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor in consequence of the intimation contained in our letter of the 7.th instant to address you on the subject of the Clothing of the Army and the Off Reckoning fund, and to propose to your consideration the inclosed Regulations on those subjects, which, after bestowing much attention on them, We

Hands

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think well calculated to prevent any possible difficulty in adjusting the Accounts with the Army, and which we think will very fully answer every salutary end in regard to Clothing the Recruits of each season; the system we have now the honor to propose is founded on the hitherto practice of this Presidency, but as it appears from a part of the Military Auditor Generals Minute of the 8th instant on this subject, (of which and all the others delivered in, in the course of our investigation, We have the honor to enclose copies for our information) that the term of an Official Year may probably be determined on in future, so as to conform with the practice of Bengal, we submit to your consideration how far it may be necessary to let the matter lay over till the point is settled; still thinking that, in that case, the system now proposed as the principle, is the most effectual we can point out, and will only require an alteration of dates - only if you are pleased to adopt what we have said in relation to stoppages being allowed to be computed for the Native Supernumeraries authorized to be on the Establishment who have been clothed, We request you to make an early communication of your Resolutions on this head, to the Military Auditor General —

In reply to your Commands contained in

your

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your letter of the 17th July 1792 (calling upon us for a statement of Offreckonings for the Year 1791 we beg leave to observe that it has hitherto been the most usual practice of the Service, and confirmed by orders published on the subject in July 1792, that those statements and Distributions should be settled by a Committee of Offiars annually assembled for the purpose at the Presidency, and we the further reason to solicit you will relieve us from this duty (which for want of the necessary documents, we could not go into sooner) as the Major part of this Board is on the point of going into the field, and as we are of opinion that very sufficient and proper Offiars can be assembled at the Presidency; and, under the hope that you will comply with this our request, We beg leave to suggest the following order to be published by Government on the occasion, that the Off Reckonings for the Years 1791 and 1792, and the half mounting Money for the Years 1792 and 1793 (all of which are now due) may be settled as soon as possible.

Fort S.t George
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We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) John Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
Thomas Pitts
"
By Close
George Maule
Jno Hall

Proposed

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Proposed Regulations on the Subjects of Army Clothing and Offreckonings —

1st That it be regulated with the Court of Directors that all Recruits for the Coast be equipped with Slops and Sea Jackets in the proportion only that may be requisite to serve them during the Voyage, and that, on landing, they be supplied with the Slops now furnished, agreeably to the Printed regulations, and that, in addition thereto, the Town Major do furnish each Recruit with a leather Cap, and a close plain red or blue Cloth Jacket in lieu of the Clothing formerly furnished by the Court of Directors for the Recruits to land with in India.

2nd That the Cloathing thus furnished by the Town Major be made up agreeably to musters to be exhibited hereafter — and charged for at a stipulated price, or according to prescribed rates with a Commission of a certain per Centage. —

3d That, as it is regulated by Government since the 2d July 1792. that the stoppages for the European Offreckoning funds, shall be computed — agreeably to the numbers on the Returns of Corps at

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at the end of the Year — all Recruits arriving at whatever
period of the Year, be included in the Indents for Clothing
to be delivered at the beginning of the following Year and
that, being thus included in the Clothing Indents, they
be likewise included in the corresponding Rolls for
half mounting Money —

4th That although it would appear that the
Clothing furnished by the Stoppages of one year cannot
be systematically termed and accounted the Clothing of
the ensuing year — as Clothing so furnished, under the —"
circumstances of this Establishment, can only be half —"
a year in advance, even computing it by terms of 12 —"
Months so as to make the Soldier's Clothing Account
tally with his Stoppages for each term, and thereby close
about the middle of the Year, the Medium period at which
the Soldiers contracted time of Service expires — yet as, by the
orders of Government, the European Clothing has long
been accounted and denominated in advance, in consequence
whereof Mr. Brodie, Contractor, having, according to the
terms of his Contract, already furnished the European
Clothing for the Year 1793, the new Contractor's first —"
Clothing, to be delivered in January next, must be for
the Year 1794, as otherwise, it would be impossible to
adjust

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adjust the public Accounts the European Clothing do, for such weighty reason, continue to be accounted and denominated as heretofore.

5th That the half mounting money be denominated and accounted the same as the Clothing agreeably to the tenor of the 3d proposition.

6th That as according to the Principles laid down in the foregoing propositions, all demands for half mounting Money necessarily become due on the 1st day of each year all Rolls for half Mounting Money due for any year be regulated so in European Corps as to correspond exactly with their effective strength, respectively, on the last day of the preceding Year as for example The Rolls of any European Corps for the half Mounting Money corresponding with the Clothing of 1794 are to be regulated according to the effective strength of such Corps on the last day of 1793.

7th That a half mounting Roll therefore, made out in duplicate, by Companies, with Corresponding Abstracts, shall be prepared on the 1st day of each Year in each European Corps, agreeably to the above principle signed by the Quarter Master, and countersigned by the

Commanding

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Commanding Officer —

8th That half mounting Rolls be prepared likewise for the Sergeants in each Native Corps at the same period, with Abstracts, Corresponding, signed by the Commanding Officer —

9th That separate Rolls be also prepared in duplicate with Corresponding Abstracts for all effective supernumerary Europeans in each Garrison, not on the strength of any Corps, signed by the Public Staff Officers at those stations where there are Garrison Staff Viz.t — Fort S.t George, Vellore, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Dindigul — Masulipatam, Vizagapatam and Ganjam and that Lists of the Men of this description at Stations where there are not Garrison Staff, be transmitted to the Adjutant General, in order that he may return a Bill on the — Paymaster for the Amount. —

10th That one Copy of these Rolls and Abstracts shall be delivered for payment to the Pay-masters at the different stations, who are to discharge the same, and the other Copy transmitted to the Adjutant General, to be laid by him before the Committee of — Officers which assembles annually at the Presidency in order that the amount may be deducted from the surplus of

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of the Stoppages previous to fixing the distribution of savings.

11th That half mounting Money due to Corps shall be drawn by Commanding Officers of Corps respectively and all demands under this head, due to effective Supernumeraries, not on the strength of any Corps, be drawn by the persons who sign the Rolls - and that the Persons who draw the Half Mounting Money, shall be responsible for the issue of it. -

12th That, in regard to the Native Infantry Offreckoning fund - as the stoppages for that fund for the Year 1792 - are ordered to be computed according to the fixed Establishment at the end of the Year, which admits of no Stoppages being placed to the Credit of the fund for the large detail of Supernumeraries (above 1000) of different Ranks who were allowed by Government to remain on the Native Establishment for that Year, and were, in consequence, included in the Indents, and Clothed by the Contractor - It be submitted to Government whether the Auditor General should not be authorized to include such Supernumeraries in the Returns of the fixed Establishment for 1792 - on which he computes the Stoppages due to the Native Fund for that Year - and that in regard to authorized Supernumeraries, amounting to any material number, such be the rule for succeeding Years.

Proposed

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Proposed Draught of a General Order

for settling the Offreckonings for 1791 and 1792 and the half Mounting Money for 1792 and 1793.

1st That a half mounting Roll, made out by Companies, from each European Corps and half mounting Rolls of the European Serjeants from each native Corps for the Years 1792 and 1793 be transmitted without delay to Mr. James Brodie late Contractor for Army Clothing.

2nd That the Rolls be made out separately for each of those Years, and that the Casualties, specifying the dates, shall be noted opposite to each Man's name.

3d That separate Rolls, made out on the same principle, shall be sent to Mr. Brodie from such Garrisons as have non commissioned and Private Europeans entitled to half Mounting Money for the Years 1792 and 1793.

4th That the above Rolls are to contain the names of every Non Commissioned and private European who has been included in the Clothing Indents for 1792 and 1793.

5th That if there shall be any Men entitled to half Mounting Money for 1792 and 1793 for whom Clothing has not been drawn for those Years, separate Rolls, containing their names, shall be sent to Mr.

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W. Brodie, on the same principle, with two additional Columns, in which shall be inserted the Month and Year of their arrival, or of their being enlisted from any other Service, with the name of the Ship from which they were landed, or of the Service from which they were received. —

6th That the said lists shall be dispatched with all possible expedition in order that they may be laid, with the Accounts of the Contractor, before the Committee of Officers which will be assembled at the Presidency in five and twenty days from this date, for the purpose of settling the Offreckonings for the Years 1791 and 1792 and the half Mounting Money for the Years 1792 and 1793 the Proceedings of which Committee will be published in Orders. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir

From Military Board reporting on the Tenders made by Messrs Chase and Co. of Shot and Shells.

We have duly received your — Commands of the 17th instant, forwarding extract of a letter from Bengal, and Copy of a Tender from Messrs Chase, Sewell and Chase. We judged it necessary to refer

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refer the latter subject to the Commissary General of Stores, whose Report is herewith enclosed - and we are of opinion it will be adviseable to purchase immediately, for the reasons assigned in the Commissary General's Report, such of the large Shells as are serviceable. —

In regard to the round Shot and small Shells the only reason which appears to the Military Board for purchasing such proportion of both as may be serviceable, arises from the probability, which we conceive to be great, that both Guns and Mortars to which they are suited will be taken during the present Service against Pondicherry. —

The Shot and Shells tendered on the present occasion having been captured by his Majesty's Squadron, We are of opinion that it will be reasonable to allow for such proportion as are purchased by the Company at the same rate as was agreed upon in a similar case last War with the French Vizt.

Shots — at 1. 9. P. F. C. Pr. CWt.

Shells — at 1. 27. " " Pr. Do.

List entered in M.B. No. 330

The Commissary General of Stores having examined the Military Stores received from the

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the Storekeeper in the Month of May last, report to the same to be agreeable to muster. We have therefore directed that they be received on the Company's Books. —

We have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed Henry Malcolm
" Jorge Hall
" J. Orr

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The Commissary General of Stores —

informs the Board that he has examined musters of the Shot and Shells tendered by Mr. Chase's House to Government and that he finds the Round Shot said to be 24 Pounder are in caliber equal to English 24 Pounders — there are not any Guns in any of the Forts on the Coast of that Caliber.

Shells "large" to be French 12 Inch Shells, and as there are sveral French Mortars of that Caliber at the Presidency the Shells are suitable for them. —

N.B. — The French 12 Inch Mortar measures 12.70 Inch English measure or thereabouts they are returned on the Books of the Arsenal as foreign Mortars 13 Inch. —

Shells "Small" are 8 1/2 Inches diameter, there are not —

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not any Mortars of that description in the Forts on the Coast. —

July 27th 1793

/Signed/ George Hall

A true Copy

/Signed/ W. Linley

Dep.y Secry.

Resolutions upon the two foregoing Letters from the Military Board. —

Resolved that the General Order recommended by the Military Board be immediately published. —

Resolved to postpone the publication of further regulations regarding Army Clothing and Off.reckonings until it be ascertained from Bengal in what way the Official Year is there determined. Agreed also that the Military Auditor General be directed to correspond with Colonel Murray on this subject.

With respect to the mode suggested for Cloathing the European Recruits in future, the Board cannot adopt it until they know the result of the reference made to the Court of Directors last Year.

The Board having already resolved that the Stoppages for the Native Infantry Off.reckoning Fund for the Year 1792 shall be computed according to the fixed establishment, they can make no alteration

therein

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therein, and particularly as it might involve a question already decided upon with regard to the Stoppages of the preceding Year. —

Agreed that Messrs Chase Sewell and Chase be informed that the Board are disposed to purchase such of the large Shells as are found to be serviceable at the rate of one Pagoda twenty seven fanams P.r Ctt.s —

Read the following letter from Colonel Malcolm. —

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

Honorable Sir

Your Honorable Board will perceive, in the late proceedings of the Military Board, that matters affecting the Agency appointed by Government in 1789 for Cloathing the Army still continue to be agitated which, in their consequences, appear to involve the question "Whether or not the conduct of that Agency was "reprehensible". —

I therefore take the liberty of addressing you on the subject as Mr. William Balfour and Mr. Thomas

Of Colonel Malcolm on the subject of the late proceedings at the Military Board tending to implicate the conduct of the late Cloathing Agency, means taken by him for bringing forward any claims against it.

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Thomas Kingscote have been permitted to return to Europe by which means I am the only person included in the Agency now remaining in India and beg leave to acquaint you at the same time that as Lieutenant Colonel Pitts appeared to consider himself as having claims against the Agency, which, however, if they existed, he has declined to bring forward in a clear and explicit representation I thought it proper therefore to address him by letter on the subject nearly a Month ago, and do myself the honor to lay before you a Copy of it - he has likewise declined to send an answer to that letter. —

In consequence of your Orders the Accounts of the Agency appointed in 1789 were presented to the Military Board shortly after this time last year, and in October last, the charges of the Agency for providing the Cloathing and other matters connected with the subject were laid before Government by that Board. —

From the above considerations, and from the situation in which I am thus placed, it is natural for me to solicit, and I beg leave to do so most earnestly, that your Honorable Board will take under

Consideration

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Consideration what passed before and lately on the subject, and that you will be pleased to declare whether or not the conduct and charges of the Agency are objectionable, and, if either or both are objectionable, that you will do me the justice of informing me to what extent, that I may have it in my power to exculpate the Agency before you. —

The situation of any Servant of the Honorable Company must be exceedingly irksome under circumstances such as I have just now stated after their accounts have been given in, to an Officer employed as I am at present it is peculiarly so, and, as your Honble Board is in posession of the charges made by the Agency, and the other documents as already mentioned, I trust you will consider it an act of justice to comply with the request I have now made in order that the Agency may either stand acquitted, or have it in their power to clear themselves of any imputation against their conduct. —

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

&c &c

(Signed) Henry Malcolm

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29th July 1793.

Sir,

As you appear to have considered for a

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a considerable time past, that you have just claims on the Clothing Agency appointed in 1789, but which the Agents have not admitted, your representing to Superiors on the subject, in order that justice might be done to both parties, would have been a proper proceeding many Months however have elapsed without your adopting that measure, although you still appear to consider the matter in the same point of view, and take frequent opportunities of intimating that you are in profession of Documents to support the justice of your Claims

I therefore think it both just and necessary on my own part to call upon you, at the present time, to come forward on the above subject in regard to points not already decided upon, as you are about to take the field, and as delays in any matter of the kind may prevent the clear investigation of the subject which would otherways take place in justice to both parties.

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2nd July 1793

I am
&c &c
(Signed) H. Malcolm

A true Copy
(Signed) Henry Malcolm

Lt. Col. Thos. Geils
Mount

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Minute of the Board upon the preceding subject.

The opinion given by Government in a letter to the Military Board under date the 29th December 1792 was meant to exculpate the late Agents from all blame in the performance of their Duty — but, as Colonel Malcolm has represented that circumstances have since occurred which induce him to apprehend some attempts hereafter to bring forward questions concerning the Agency when there may be no opportunity of meeting them by proper explanations it is resolved to acquaint him that the Board consider the means he has taken to be sufficient for every purpose of satisfaction that can be desired, and that they should deem it unjust to permit any further proceedings upon a subject already decided.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel Nesbitt.

To The Honorable the President in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Officer Commanding the 52d Regiment reporting the Amount of Cash overdrawn for that Corps on account of Subsistence and Company's Allowances requesting it may be raised on the part of the Company's Reasons for the Officer assigned proposes a mean for receiving Sums still due.

Permit me to request you will be pleased to authorize the Deputy Paymaster of the King's Troops, or other person, to receive the Sum of two thousand one

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one hundred and fifty five pounds Stg.e due by His Majestys 52.nd Regiment, being subsistance of Offcers on Command arriving from Europe, Recruits, Sick men, Prisoners on parole, and others absent from the Corps at the time it was serving above the Ghauts these persons were included in the Monthly Distributions for a Considerable time under an Idea that the several Officers Commanding or having charge of them in their dispersed state would have applied to the Regimental Paymaster, or to the Captains or Officers Commanding Companies, for payment of their subsistence, and other dues, while, on the contrary, these Officers and Men received during this period their subsistence &.a immediately from the Kings Pay Office at Madras without the Regiment having been apprized of the circumstance — thence the accumulation: a large proportion of this Money has been collected by degrees and at intervals, and not without distress from the Officers present with the Corps and who paid Companies at the time, but a considerable Sum still remains due by the late Captain Browns Company, and likewise by that commanded by Lieutenant Hutchinson — the

former

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former died at the Prince of Wales's Island and the latter was killed on the night of the 6th. Febuary. I have to beg you will be pleased further to direct, in order to obtain payment of what is due, that the share of the Six Months additional Batta coming to the Estates of these Officers may be paid to the Paymaster of the Regiment to enable him to discharge what had been received by them on the account above mentioned. The Paymaster, having deducted the amount, will be desired to remit the remainder to the friends of the Gentlemen in Europe, according to the usage and custom of His Majestys Service in like cases.

* I have the honor to be with great respect and consideration. —

&c &c

/Signed/ C. Nesbitt
Lieut Co. 52d Regimt.

Poondamallie
24th June 1793

* I have the Honor to transmit herewith an Abstract of the Money due by the 52nd Regt.

Statement

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Statement of Cash due by His Majestys 52nd Regiment on account of absent Men. Ponnamalee

		£	S	D
Companies	General Trapaud's	254	8	3¾
	Lieutenant Colonel Nesbitt's	169	2	11¾
	Major Bowser's	159	13	4¾
Captains	Hunter's	202	19	5¾
	Russell's	189	2	3¾
	Monsop's	176	8	"
	Dirom's	241	7	8¾
	Conran's	57	"	3¾
	Mackenzie's	217	13	6¾
	Irvine's	139	10	10¾
Captain Hunter for absent Officers and Men		378	"	"
	Total	2155	6	11

Due of the above Sum on account of Recruits

		£	S	D
arrived from Europe in 91		734	18	3¾
Ditto	Ditto for the Men that were on Parole	611	3	8¾
Ditto	Ditto for Men left sick in the Carnatic	428	2	11½
Ditto	drawn by Captain Hunter for absent Officers and Men	378	"	"
£		2155.	6.	11

/Signed/ C. Nesbitt
Lieut Col.

Resolved

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Resolution thereon

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Nesbitt be directed to pay to his Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General such part of the Public Money in his hands as may have been overdrawn on account of the subsistence, and to the Military Paymaster General such part as may have been overdrawn under the head of Company's Allowances — That he be further directed to send to the Board a detailed Statement of the whole by Month and year, as well as by Companies, and transmit, with the Money, similar Statements to the Paymasters abovementioned. —

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Board of Revenue respecting the Claim preferred by Connore Mootiah. —

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 1st. instant with Copy of a Petition presented to you by Connore Mootiah. — on referring to the proceedings we find that the subject was noticed in the General Report of the Board of Assumed Revenue under date 11th October 1792, but we are not in posession of any subsequent documents regarding

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regarding the claim preferred and we cannot discover the Petition said to have been presented to us on the 18th — December last, or that any mention was made of it on our Records — should the application in question appear to you in the nature of a just and regular claim we beg leave to mention that, as the Country has been delivered over to the Nabob, we do not possess any fund from which it could be discharged —

We have the honor to be
&c &c

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/Signed/ David Haliburton
" C. N. White
" Thomas Cockburn

Minute thereon

The Secretary is directed to send for Connore Mootiah, and inform him, by order of the Board, that the reference he has made in his petition to the Grain in the Tinnivelly Country which had been paid for by Government does not apply to his case, since the Grain was not mortgaged by the Nabob, but actually belonged to Native individuals at the time it was seized for the Service of the War —

Mr.

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Mrs. F. Stewart takes the usual Oath, and is admitted on Lord Clive's Bounty. —

Mrs. Frances Stewart, Widow of the late Captain Arthur Stewart, having taken the usual Oath of qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty, the Certificate in her favor is now signed by the Board. —

Read the following letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal. —

To Robert Clerk Esqre

Secretary at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Sub Secretary at Bengal 50,000 Rupees paid there to the Nizam's Vackeel and three Lacks more intended to be paid in discharge of the Old Arrear of Peishcush.

I am directed by Marquis Cornwallis to acquaint you, for the information of the Governor in Council, that an advance of 50,000 Sa Rus. has been made to the Vackeel of His Highness the Nizam, and that it is further intended to advance three lacks more on account of the Old arrear of Peishcush. —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Fort William

7th July 1793. —

Signed C Shakespear

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Accountant General be informed of the above. —

Read the following letter from Captain Doveton. —

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esq.

Secretary in the Military and Political

Departments.

Sir,

From Captain Doveton has informed the Vackeels of the substance of the papers regarding the Disputes on the Coorga Boundary Translate of his Note to them on the occasion

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, accompanying the Papers transmitted to Government by the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast.

After an attentive perusal of all the papers, I wrote a note to the Vackeels, of which the enclosed is a translation - I have also spoken to them fully on the subject - and in their next Arzee, they will communicate the whole to their Master.

Agreeably to your Directions I return the Papers.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ Gabriel Doveton

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July 23.d 1793.

Translation of a Note from Captain Doveton to Seid Golam Ali Khan and Ali Reza Khan

By letters transmitted to the Honble Governor from the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast

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it appears that the Coorga Rajah has lately been writing to those Gentlemen complaining of the encroachments and depredations committed by the People of the —" Ahamade Sirkar, and particularly by the People from the Fort of Arkulgoor — and the Rajah observes that he has hitherto, in consequence of their injunctions, refrained from acts of retaliation, but that his people can no — " longer submit to the treatment they experience. —

The Commissioners, in answer to the Rajah's letters, desire him to restrain his people from every act of retaliation and revenge, and that a Gentleman should be immediately deputed to the Borders in order to ascertain and settle the Business in an amicable manner

It is unnecessary to trouble you with the perusal of all the Papers relative to this affair, but, by direction of the Governor, I beg leave to mention how advisable it would be if Tippoo Sultaun would allow the Talookdar or principal Officer of the Ahamadé Sirkar nearest the Coorga Borders to communicate freely with the —" Gentleman who may be deputed by the Commissioners on this occasion — as there is no doubt that, if such friendly communication take place, the Business will be —" adjusted in a few days, agreeably to what is right, and —"

consequently

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consequently to the satisfaction of all Parties.

Considering that the Adjustment of this affair will remove all cause of future disputes on the Borders, and, in consequence, umasinefs and references to the respective Sirkars, and particularly that it will prevent the mischiefs of mutual relaliation and revenge in the people on both sides, the Governor trusts that the measure advised will meet with the approbation of the Ahamade Sirkar, and that such Orders will be given as tend to a speedy and amicable adjustment.

true Translation

/Signed/ G. Doveton

Read the following letter from Captain Oakes.

From Captain Oakes pointing out the causes of his dissatisfaction at the Board's proceedings relative to his Offer of Services.

To the Honorable the President and Governor in Council Madras.

Sir,

I have received the honor of your letter of yesterday's date, and, as you are pleased to express a "regret" that your proceedings with respect to the offer "I made of my services should not have afforded me the

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"the satisfaction at which you so sincerely aimed" I think it my Duty to return thanks for such intentions towards me, at the same time I must observe there is nothing contained in your letter which removes from my mind the impressions under which I had the honor to address you on the 27th instant and I consider myself as called upon to speak more openly and decidedly on the subject than I, before, saw necessary, or was disposed to do, in order to shew I have not expressed dissatisfaction without being able to point out the causes of it - If you will be pleased to refer to my letter of the 19th instant and to that from your Honorable Board to me of the 24th instant, I think you will perceive there is not a disposition expressed "to "accept the terms for which the Shaw Ardasire was first "offered" as stated in your letter of yesterdays date - on the contrary you propose such a condition / "that the period of the dismission of the Ship" "from the Service should be in the option of Government" / as would be inadmissible on the part of any Merchants - I believe I may venture to affirm no Ship ever was or can be chartered to " a Government or to an individual, on such terms, at any price - I beg it may not be understood that I mean to

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to presume to offer even an opinion on the propriety or impropriety of the Decision of Government, but I have been compelled to note these observations, because, from the very first, I discovered in Government a disinclination to communicate with me upon the Business, and there was evidently a loss of time, as no proposal was made by your Honorable Board to the Agents for the owners of the Ardasire till after Government were in possession of a Proposal from Mr. Colt and Mr. Callender dated 25th instant, between which time and the 19th instant the situation and Destination of the Ship were materially changed, which will account for the difference of the terms to those they authorized me to offer, on the 19th, to your Honorable Board.

I agree with you that the Ardasire could not be employed offensively without a legal authority from Government and that such Commission could only be given to me as Commander of her, but as Government could not fail to know the Commission would have been disgraceful to me upon any other occasion than the present Critical situation of Commodore Cornwallis, I must continue to think it would have been only paying a becoming respect to my rank in the Navy, to have spoken to me on the subject, rather than to Communicate such

your

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your intentions to Mr. Colt and the Master of the Ardasire: it is in that case, and in Government not having condescended to communicate with me on the subject, that I find myself treated in a style more suitable to a Person asking a favor of you, than to an Officer voluntarily offering to take upon him a Command so very derogatory to his Rank, and so full of danger to his Reputation, all which I would readily do to advance His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Service, at the same time I hope no temptation of emolument would induce me to make such a sacrifice of the Rank I have the honor to hold in the King's Navy.

I most sincerely hope the public Service will not suffer from the Ardasire not having been sent to Commodore Cornwallis [who certainly wish'd it] but I shall be ever of opinion that, with very moderate exertions, I might, ere this, have joined the Commodore with that Ship in a state of much better equipment, and in superior force to that I described her to be when first I had the honor to address your Honorable Board on the subject.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
[Signed] G. Oakes

Fort St. George
July 28th 1793

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Remarks of the Board on the subject.

It is only necessary to observe upon the foregoing letter that the Board were, from the first, most sincerely disposed to meet Captain Oakes's wishes - if they could have done so with due regard to the Company's interests - that no objection whatsoever was started when the first proposals came before them - on the contrary Captain Oakes was informed that the Board would take up the Ship at the rate of 15,000 Rupees Pr. Month provided the Commodores should think the measure advisable: that, upon receiving the Commodore's reply, the Board wrote to the Agents for the Owners of the Ship accepting their offer, under the condition only, that the dismission of the Ardasire should be in the option of Government, which was a very necessary precaution, since, from the Commodore's letter, it did not appear that she could be of much utility, or that she would be of any service whatever after the arrival of the reinforce=ments from England, then hourly expected.

Captain Oakes has been misinformed in one particular. He states that "no proposal was made "by Government to the Agents for the owners of the "Ardasire 'till after the Board were in possession of a

proposal

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"proposal from Mr. Colt and Mr. Callander dated the 25th instant, whereas the letter to Messrs Balfour and Colt of that date was dispatched from the Office several hours before the Receipt of the letter from the Agents, and had been resolved upon in consequence of the letter from the Commodore. ——

Read the following letters from the Rajah of Tanjore / entered also in C. C. Nos 159. 160 /.

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart Governor President &c &c &c Dated 24th July 1793. ——

I have received and understand the contents of the letter which your Excellency did me the favor of addressing to me under date the 12th instant, you write that, as the French have declared War against the British Government, your Excellency has given orders for assembling an Army to besiege the Fort of Pondicherry; that, for this reason, measures should be taken to prevent the introduction of provisions from my Country in to Pondicherry during the siege — and that a guard of the Company's Sepoys has been stationed in the Sea ports of Negapatnam and Tremlewash, for the purpose of protecting the Grain which the Merchants have

Collected

From Rajah of Tanjore has given positive orders against the Export of any Grain or Provisions for Pondicherry and shall use every exertion for sending supplies of Cattle Sheep and other Provisions for the Army the quota that may be expected.

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Collected in those from any attempt of the enemy; as well as for preventing the Merchants from conveying it to Pondicherry — whatever enemy may infer war against the British Government, from I shall implicitly consider as my own enemy; and I have given positive orders to restrain the Merchants from transporting grain or other Provision from my Country to Pondicherry. Your Excellency has already provided by posting guards at Wopungerry and Trimelwash, that the Grain collected in those places may not be liable to detriment from the enemy. I have also taken measures for the preservation of it. In consequence of a message from W.m Strange, which informed me of his intention to convey all the Grain from Wopungerry to Trimilwash, and of a request that no impediment might be offered by my Aumildars, but that such assistance as might be necessary should be given — I have issued positive orders to my Aumildars for permitting the removal of the grain and for affording every requisite assistance: your Excellency may be assured that no Grain or other Provision shall be transported from my Country to Pondicherry.

Your Excellency is also very earnest

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upon the necessity of having a sufficient supply of
Provision for the English Army during the seige of
Pondicherry — you therefore request me to give Orders that
as many Sheep and slaughter Cattle as can be collected
in my Country may be sent for the use of the Army.
Being the antient friend of the English, I am zealous to
manifest my readiness to assist their Army with Sheep
cattle and other Provision from my Country. every
means may be used for procuring Sheep: with respect
to Cattle there may be some for agricultural purposes,
and there may be some beasts of burthen, for the
transportation of Merchandize. As this is the very time
of cultivation, slaughter cattle cannot be procured in any
great number. there may however be collected one thousand
head of Cattle, twelve thousand Sheep, and six thousand
fowls, and I shall cause them to be sent, from time to time,
for the use of the Army. —

I have besides given directions that the
Merchants should carry rice, and doll, and ghee, and
whatever other Articles may be wanted by the Army, to
be sold in the English Camp; and, as I have published
this order by beat of tom tom, the Articles will be carried
thither for sale. I have further exempted from imposts all

Articles

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On the	11th of July	1660
	11 August	1660
	11 September	1660
	11 October	1660
	11 November	1660
	11 December	1660
	11 January	1660
	11 February	1660
	11 March	1660
	11 April	1660
	11 May	1660
	11 June	1660

Total Pr Annum 20,000 Star Pagodas

Chas Oakeley

Eli Fallofield

Geory Parry Esqrs

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Diary

31st Received the undermentioned letters—

Entered in M. B. Nos. 331 332 333 334.

From Accountant Genral with list of

From Accountant Genral—

Gratuity due to the King's and Company's Officers from

1st May 1792 to 30th April 1793

From Paymaster at Palamcotah—

From Paymaster at Palamcotah

reporting the Advances made to Lieutenant Brownrigg

of the 75th Regiment, some King's Recruits, and French

Prisoners arrived from Tutocoryn—

From Ditto requesting leave to visit the

From Ditto

Presidency—

From Sepoy Paymaster with Indent

From Sepoy Paymaster

for an Iron Cash Chest for the use of his Employ.

August 1st Dispatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in M. B. Nos. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9.

To Messrs Chase Sewell and Chase

To Messrs Chase Sewell and Chase

replying to their Tender of French Shot and Shells.

To Commissary Genral of Grain and

To Mr Cockburn

Provisions the Twelve Bags of damaged Rice and

the remains of Old Paddy at Trichinopoly may be sold

off—

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To Captain Wilson 1st

To Commander of the Bangalore the Services of that Ship not required

To Resident at Ganjam

To Resident at Ganjam with Invoice and Bill of Lading of Stores sent to that Factory per Snow Daphne

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General — some Bills of Lieutenant Nuthall for feeding five horses to be paid and Major Orr to continue to draw full Batta at Madras Copy of the General Contract for Repairs enclosed —

To Military Board

To Military Board — their proposed regulations regarding Army Cloathing and Off Reckonings cannot be published at present — nor the mode adopted for cloathing the recruits and computing the Stoppages for the Native Infantry Off Reckoning Funds the Offer made to Messrs Chase & Co as recommended

To Mr. J. Wynch

To Paymaster to the Army the Amount of his Security reduced to Twenty thousand pagodas which must be produced in fifteen days.

To Commandant of 5th Regiment of Cavalry —

To Major Orr — may continue to draw Batta — while serving at Madras —

To

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To Colonel Malcolm 1st

To Colonel Malcolm late Agent for Army Cloathing —

To Colonel Malcolm — the means taken by him to meet any questions Concerning the late Cloathing Agency Sufficient for every purpose of Satisfaction — and no further proceedings will be permitted —

Substance of a letter from Rajah of Calastry 2d

Received letter from the Rajah of Calastry (entered in C.C. No 161) the remainder of his Supplies of Cattle for the Army will be shortly Sent — complaint of the disregard shewn by his Son Timmanacts the conditions of the Settlement made by Captain Massey of his Affairs —

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos 10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18.

From Mr Secretary Hay

From Secretary at Bengal enclosing a letter for Commodore Cornwallis —

From Mssrs Chase Sewell and Chase

From Mssrs Chase &Co

Chase shall deliver the large Shells at the rate offered — requests the small ones and the Shot may also be received at a fair Valuation —

From Paymaster at Ellore

From Mr. H. Taylor — explaining the cause of delay in forwarding his Accounts —

From Lieutenant Brownrigg 75th Regiment

From Lieutenant H Brownrigg — with some

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

Sir

To — Ditto with Copy of a letter from Secret Committee advising of the War with France —

We lose no time in transmitting for your Information copy of a letter received this morning, via Bombay, from the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors, advising of the War with France.

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
1 August 1793

Yr Yr

(Signed) Chas Oakeley
Vr Council

To Edward Hay Esqr
Secretary to the Government at Fort William

Sir,

To Secretary at Bengal with Copies of the Official Advices from England of the War —

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you for the information of the Governor General in Council, Copy of a letter received this Morning from the Secretary at Bombay, with copies of the Enclosures to which it gave cover —

The letter Mentioned by Mr Secretary Morris to have been dispatched from Bombay on the

Ditto

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2d 8th Ultimo has not come to hand

I have the honor to be

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Dr Sr W. C. Jackson Esqr

Dispatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B. Nos 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33,

To Accountant General

To Accountant Genral fifty thousand Rupus paid to the Nizam's Vackul at Bengal, and three Lacs more will be advanced on account of the Old arrear of Peshcush—

To Resident at Cuddalore

To Resident at Cuddalore an additional Allowance of Two hundred Pagodas granted him from 1st July, and to Continue while the Army remains before Pondicherry. how to be brought to Account.

To Lieutenant Stewart

To Asistant Resident at Hydrabad—the exess of Bullocks employed with the Detachment will be allowed, if the reasons urged by Major Roberts appear of Sufficient weight— copy of his letter enclosed—

To Ditto

To Ditto with Information regarding Certain Districts in the Nabobs Country—

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Nesbitt — 52 Regt

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To Lieutenant Colonel Nesbit — the Public Money in his hands, over drawn on account of the 52 Regiment, to be paid to the Paymaster General — a detailed Statement of the whole required

To Major Hart

To Deputy Kings Paymaster General with Copy of Colonel Nesbitt's letter and of the foregoing reply — & Directions in consequence —

To Paymaster General

The same to the Military Paymaster — & General —

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General all Extra Expenses attending the present Service to be carried to the head of — Expedition against Pondicherry in 1793

To Accountant General

The same to the Accountant General —

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General with Copy of General Orders of the 30th Ultimo, the Stoppages for the Native Infantry Off Reckoning Fund for 1792 how to be computed —

To Ditto

To Ditto referring Military Paymaster Pearces Additional Estimate for August — and Notifying the Encrease to Mr Kinworthey's Allowance — how to be brought to Account

To Ditto

To Ditto with Copy of a letter from Colonel Nesbitt, and of the Board's reply above noted — Stating also the orders given in consequence —

To

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To Mssrs Woolf and Place approving

To Mssrs Woolf and Place 2 their conduct in investigating the Nabobs Accounts with the Company the Committee abolished

To Commandant at Rannad with

To Colonel Martinz Copy of a letter from the Nabob — the former orders forbidding the Demolition of the Fort of Irepavanum to be — Strictly observed — the conduct of Chinna Marda — to be explained.

To Commander of the Drake Cruizer

To Lieutenant Margetts Ordering him to join the Commodore —

To Commandant at Trichinopoly the

To Commandant at Trichinopoly Loans granted by him to the Nabobs Son much — disapproved — orders in consequence —

To Ditto at Vellore with orders for the

To Ditto at Vellore release of Narsimrauza —

Substance of a letter from the Nabob 3 Received letter from the Nabob Entered in C. C. No 162 requesting that a letter written by the Tahsildar of Kolasgheer without authority may be ordered to be returned to him —

Received the following letter

To

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3 To the Honorable

The Governor in Council

Madras

Sir

From Commodore Cornwallis has received the papers regarding the Shaw Ardaseir acknowledgements

I have this moment received your letter with its inclosure, concerning the Ship Shaw Ardaseir.

I am much obliged to you for the Communication, and I have no doubt of your readiness to assist me in the present weak state of his Majestys Navy in this Country, provided is had been in your Power.

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

(Signd) W. Cornwallis,

Minerva off Pondicherry
31 July 1793 6 Clock P.M

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M B. Nos. 34. 35. 36. 37.

From Mr Cockburn

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - with his Estimate for August and additional Charge for Servants reported.

From Resident at Ganjam

From Resident at Ganjam - Mons. La Redis property will be resolved; requests the Bridge and Ditch on the South face of the fort may be repaired, and a

few

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A few Invalid Artillery — suggests the construction of a Battery on the Beach — letter from Lieutenant Brock enclosed also an Estimate of the former Work

Ordered to lie on the Table —

Order thereon

From Mr I Duncan

From Mr I Duncan — advising of his and Mr Boddams Intention to return from the — Commission on the Malabar Coast to Bengal via — Travancore and the Carnatic — requests that their Escort and Carriage Cattle may be relieved at Palamcotah.

From Commandant at Nellore requesting orders regarding the release of the Troops confined by him.

From Commandant at Nellore

Sent the letter to the Rajah of Tanjore —

Substance of a letter to Rajah of Tanjore

Entered in C.C. No 163 requesting he will cause the — Allowances to Shrfoge and the Widows to be paid at — Madras by Monthly Instalments —

Dispatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in M.B. Nos 38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45.

To Secretary at Bengal — forwarding the Public papers addressed to that Presidency that were saved from the Ship Winterton —

To Secretary Bay

To Resident at Cuddalore with — Instructions for opening the Box of papers found on — Captain

To Resident at Cuddalore

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To Captain Du Laurens on his arrival from Attoor — thirty — pagodas pr Mo. to be allowed him for his Subsistence

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General — referring Mr Cockburn's Estimate for August — the Charge for an Extra Peon and Comicoply — allowed —

To Ditto

To Ditto — with copy of the General — Contract for repairs entered into with Messrs Roebuck and Abbot.

To G. S. Martin

To Paymaster at Palamcotah — " — replying to his request for leave to visit Madras. —

To Commandant at Tiagar

To Commandant at Tiagar with orders for sending Captain Du Laurens and his Box of Papers, to Cuddalore —

No 4

To Clerk of the Treasury —

To Clerk of the Treasury 7,000 Pagodas to be advanced to the Paymaster General

To Commandant at Trichinopoly

To Commandant at Trichinopoly stating the Substance of the letter above noted from Mr Duncan and directing an Escort and 30 Carriage — " — Bullocks to be furnished as requested —

No 5

Substance of a letter from Rajah of Tanjore

Received letter from the Rajah of Tanjore — Entered in C. C. No. 164 has given orders for the remission of Duties upon the Exports of Grain of the last Season —

Received

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Recived the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. No. 46-47-48-49-50-51.

From Commodore Cornwallis expressing thanks for the Copies of Advices recived overland—

From Commodore Cornwallis

From Master of the Snow Josephine respecting the Seizure of his Vessel in Pondicherry Roads by orders from the Commodore —

From Mons.r Mandrevin

From Military Paymaster General with Mr. Paymaster Wilsons Estimate of Cash for August— the amount of that for July

From Paymaster General

From Assistant Deputy Adjutant Genl. Major Pater requests leave to visit Madras—

From Lieutenant M. Wilks

From Lieutenant Sober requesting the discharge of his Arrears of pay—

From Lieutenant Sober of the Invalids

From Board of Revenue the Nabobs letter regarding Salgoody Sems, from Mr. Landons reply to the reference made to him, to have been sent them thro' Mistake— recommend that his Highness be requested to furnish his Servants employed to the Southward with a written Authority to be produced when necessary—

From Board of Revenue

Dispatched the following Letters

To

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5th To the Most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis KG

Governor General in Council at

Fort William

My Lord,

To Bengal with Copy of the Summon sent into Pondicherry and of the reply

Colonel Brathwaite having transmitted us copy of the Summons sent into Pondicherry on the 2d instant, and copy of the Answer returned by Colonel Chermont on the following day, we do ourselves the Honor of forwarding Copies for your Information

We learn from Colonel Brathwaite that the Commodore had written to Colonel Chermont at the same time and that an answer was also given by the latter

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St. George
5th August 1793

(Signed) Chas Oakeley
&c Council

6th

Received the following letter.

The Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President and Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

From Military Auditor General reporting on the Paymaster General's Estimate for August

Hon'ble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letters under date the 22d

and

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6th and 24th Ultimo, with the Estimates in the Military Department for the present Month and beg leave to recommend that the Sum of Two Lacks, Forty three thousand Nine hundred and Sixty Four Pagodas Three thousand One hundred Seven fanams and thirty five Cash (243964 P. 3107 F. 35 C) be advanced to the Military Paymaster General as stated in his General Estimate of the Expence of the Madras Army for the Month of August 1793, and the separate Estimate of Mr H Taylor

Viz.t

Payable at the Presidency	180812. 41. 10
Payable by Bills on the Military Paymaster General	63152. 3065. 75
Pagodas	243964. 3107. 35

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
5th August 1793

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

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor — President

Ernst William Falkofuld Esqr.

Tuesday 6 August 1793

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following letter from Bengal

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal stating their proceedings regarding the french prize Nestor sent thither from — Vizagapatam for disposal on account of the Captors — surprise at the conduct of the Chief & Council at that factory remarks concerning Captures — advise that a distinct account be kept of all Made or that may be made — Sundry papers respecting the Nestor inclosed —

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 19th Ultimo, enclosing Copies of Various Papers from Masulipatam and Ingeram, as well as from Vizagapatam, in which you were advised of the measures taken by the Company's Servants at those Places in — Consequence of the Intelligence of a War with the French.

Our Master Attendant, as is usual with

him

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him upon the Arrival of any Ships and Vessels in this River, having sent us Notice of the Arrival of the Snow Nestor a "French Prize" we were led to enquire whether she had brought any Despatches or Letters for this Government and we were informed that there were not any. It was next mentioned to us that she was consigned to Mr George Tyler, a private Merchant of Calcutta to be condemned, and disposed of on Account of the Captors

There was no Doubt that the Snow was the same that had been seized at Vizagapatam by the Order of the Chief and Council at that Settlement and concerning which they wrote to you as follows on the 11th of June;

"As the Vessell draws too much water "to admit of her coming into the River at this time "of the year, and as it would be dangerous for her to "remain in the Roads, we beg leave to recommend that "she be sent to Bengal, and we request your "Instructions as to the Disposal of her at that Place

But it does not appear that the Chief

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Chief and Council waited for such Instructions, altho', as those instructions were to Govern the disposal of the Vessel, it was evident that they had no doubt of its being, at least in the first Instance, public property. we were therefore surprized to find that the Snow — Nestor had been sent round on private Account, and being advised, by the advocate General, to whom the — Papers received from your Government were — communicated, that the Vessel could not be condemned in the Supreme Court in Consequence of the — Capture at Vizagapatam, and that it would be — Necessary, in Order to give Jurisdiction to that Court, for the Governor General in Council to take Possession of the Vessel here as if she was still French property and nothing had passed at Viragapatam respecting it, we adopted that mode of proceeding, and gave Orders that Possession should be taken accordingly.

The next morning our Secretary — received from Mr Tyler a Letter of which we enclose a, with Copies of the Papers that came with it, relative to this Snow. You will observe that one of the Papers is a

Copy

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Copy of a letter dated the 24th of June from Mr. Snow to Mr Tyler, in which he says "This Letter will be — "delivered to you by Captain Ogilvy who has charge of "a French Snow, named the Nestor which was Captured "in these Roads, you will be pleased to receive her from "him, and have her condemned and disposed of — "immediatly The Procedings of the Bengal — "Government will be your Guide in this Business, "and I have to request Information from you — "respecting the Division of Prize Money at Calcutta "I understand the Vessels captured in the Bengal "River were taken by the Town Major and Master "attendant. In like manner the Nestor was taken "here, which I hope will make the Settlement of the "Business easy Be particular in your Inquiries — "respecting the Proportions of Prize Money to the — "different Parties concerned."

By what means Mr Snow came into the Possession of this Vessel, without your — Instructions, is to us of no moment, but, after she was so, it would have been prudent in him to have been

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at a Certainty, upon a Point which he seems to have taken for granted, that the French Vessels seized here became the Property of those who seized them. the Fact is that some Consideration was desired by the Party employed upon that Duty; but we thought it would be absurd gravely to admit a Right to Prize Money, on the seizure of Vessels making no resistance, where the Duty merely was to board, and the Consequence professes, a Service that might have been performed by a few Peons, if the Charter of Geo. the 2 granted in 1753 by which the Company are entitled to the Benefit of Captures, did not make it necessary that a Military Force belonging to the Company should be employed on such occasions.

It is very true that the Court of Directors in their General Letter to Bengal dated the 3d of March 1758 and to your Presidency dated the 8th upon observing that the Company, in Virtue of the abovementioned Grant are entitled to the whole of the Plunder and Booty which shall be taken in Wars Hostilities, or Expeditions by the Company's own Land or Sea Forces, directed that the Plunder or Booty so taken should be divided, with Exception to Military

Stores

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Stores &c into two Parts, one Moiety whereof should be given among the Captors, and the other Moiety carried to the Credit of the Company; but we could not seriously imagine that any such Captures as those in question if they can be admitted to bear that name, were in the Contemplation of the Company when the Orders was issued

We have only to add, on this Subject, that it is our Intention to keep a distinct Account of all Captures that have been already made or may be made in the Course of the present War in Order that we may be enabled to ascertain the exact Amount in the Event of any Suit of Law being hereafter commenced against the Company either here or in England for the Recovery of Prize Money and we would advise you to adopt a similar precaution.

We have the honor to be,

Fort William
8th July 1793

Sr Sr

Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper
Thos Graham

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To Edward Hay Esqr

Secretary to the Government

Sir, Fort William.

Captain Ogilvy, who was put in Charge of a French Snow, le Nestor, Captured at Vizagapatnam having yesterday, on his arrival, delivered to me a letter to my address, covering a list of the Vessels Stores, and an attested copy of the French Passport or Commission under which She had been Navigated, I think it proper to lay before you, for the information of the Governor General in Council, the latter and its several inclosures- The Vessel in coming up the River lost all her Anchors, and had it not been for the immediate assistance which I dispatched to her, she most probably would have been totally lost

Calcutta
July 8th 1793

I have the honor to be
Yr &c
Signed Geo Taylor

A true Copy
Signed J Fombelle Subscy

Dear

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Dear Tyler

This Letter will be delivered you by Captain Ogelvy, who has charge of a French Snow, named the Nestor, which was captured in this Roads. you will be pleased to receive her from him, and have her condemned and disposed of immediately. The proceedings of the Bengal Government will be your guide in this busines and I have to request information from you respecting the division of Prize Money at Calcutta — I understand the Vessels Captured in Bengal River were taken by the Town Major and Master Attendant; in like Manner the Nestor was taken here, which I hope will make the Settlement of this business easy — Be particular in your enquiries respecting the proportions of prize Money to the different parties concerned

I enclose a list of the Nestors Stores

&c

Yours truly

Signd John Snow

I have given Captain Ogelvy a draft

on

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on you for two hundred Sicca Rupees, which you will be so good as to pay—

A true Copy

Signed J Fombelle Subs.y

Vizagapatam
24th June 1793

List of Stores belonging to the Snow Nestor

3 Anchors
1 Grapnal
2 Europe Cables one very old
1 Coir do
1 Europe Hawser
3 Old Courses
3 do Top Sails
2 Lower Sts.ls
1 Top Mast do
1 Fore Stay Sail
1 Main do
1 Remnant of Canvass
2 Top Masts
1 Lower Yard
2 Guns with Old Carriages

2 Swivels

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2 Swivels
14 Water Casks
23 Blocks of different Sizes
11 Hooks
12 Timbles
4 Hoops
5 Hammers
2 Crows
1 Creeper
2 Can Hooks
5 Bolts
10 Scrapers
1 Small Do Shut Lead
2 Do Do Coopers
Sundry Old Iron Work
5 Compasses
2 Hencoops
Sundry old Tops
1 Long Boat with four Oars
1 Jolly do
8 Handspikes

4 Pumps

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4 Pump Boxes
4 do Spears
4 Buckets
1 Remnant of 2½ Inch Rope
1 Copper pot for the Lascars
1 Medicine Box
12 Bags of Provision Rice
2 do do Dahl

Vizagapatam 23 June 1793 Received from Henry Ilge the Snow Nestor with her Stores as above

(Signed) James Ogilvy

A true Copy
Signed J Fombelle Subscy

Etablissemens
Français
A L'Est du cap de
Bonne Esperance
Commission pour
le Sr Hellet Capne
du Senault Le Nestor. Ann Joseph Hyspolite
Malartic
Lieutenant Gineral des Armees Governeur Gineral
des

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des Isles de France et de Bourbon et Commandant
General des Etablissemens Francais a l'Est du Cap de
Bonne Esperance

A

Andre Julien Dutuy. Conseiller honoraire au Chatelet
de Paris Intendant General des dits Etablissemens.—

A tous ceux qui ces presents lettres verront Salut vû
l'Extrait de la Reception provisoire en Dte de Capitaine
de Marine Marchde du Sr Nicolas jean jaques Hellet
faite le 8 de ce Mois devant M.rs M.rs Les Offrs de la
Jurisdiction Royale et d'Amirauté de cette Isle assistés
d'un Hydrographe examinateur, et de plusieurs Capnes de
Marine particulieres, avons donné Commission au dt
Sr Hellet pour Commander le Senault Le Nestor du
Port de deux Cent vingt tonneaux armé de quatorze hommes
d'Equipage par M.r La matelot pour la mer de l'Inde
et retour ici Prions M.rs M.rs Les Capitaines Commandants
les Vaisseaux des Puissances alliées a la Couronne de
France et enjoignons aux Capnes Commandants les
Vaux de l'Etat et a ceux du Commerce particulier
de laisser librement passer le dit Sr Hellet avec son

de

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dr Batiment de ne lui faire, ne souffrir qu'il lui
soit fait, aucun tort, ne l'Empêchment, mais, au —
Contraire, de lui donner tous secours aides et assistances
dont il pourroit avoir besoin, et seront preatablement
les presentes enregistrées au Greffe de l'Admirauté —

Donné au Port Louis Isle de
France, sous le Sçeau des Armes du Roy, et le —
Contreseing de nos Secretaires le neuf Novembre Mil
sept Cent quatrevingt douze

Signed Dupuy
d'aymmars
Cotte Henry

Enregistre par moy Commis greffier juré de la —
Jurisdiction Royal et d'Amirauté au Registre Destiné
f.e Cent vingt f.es & dr.

Au Port Louis Isle de France
ce neuf Novembre Mil Sept Cent quatre vingt Douze

Signed
I Reserre
/Atrue Copy/
Signed Robt Alexander
Secy

Atrue Copy
/Signed/ I Fombelle
Subjet

on

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On the receipt of the foregoing the following letter was dispatched to Vizagapatam

To John Chamier Esqr

Chief & Council at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Letter to Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

We enclose, for your Information, Copy of a Letter, with sundry papers accompanying it, which we have received from the Governor General in Council of Bengal

In your Letter to us of the 11th June you communicated the particulars of your Procedings with regard to the seizure of the Nestor, a French Snow, at anchor in your roads, requesting our Instructions in consequence, and proposing, as the Vessel drew too "much water to admit of her coming into your river at "this time of the year, and as it would be too dangerous "for her to remain in the roads, that she should be sent to "Bengal" Upon this point also you very properly solicited our Instructions and that they might be extended to the disposal of the vessel on her arrival at that place.

In

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In our reply to this Letter, on the 19th June, we observed that from the nature of the Intelligence received as to the war, it was necessary that we should postpone the Instructions you had requested until we could be furnished with the opinion of the Governor General in Council of Bengal to whom we had referred the particular of your communication

After this recital it is needless to express to you the surprise we felt on perceiving, by the Letter from the Governor General in Council abovementioned, that the French Vessel had been consigned to a private Merchant of Calcutta, to be condemned and sold on account of the Captors, even while the subject of her seizure was under reference to us, and before you could possibly have received an answer to your Letter soliciting our Instructions with regard to the Disposal of her—

This consignment we find was made by Mr Snow, one of the Members of your Board, in quality of Agent for the Captors, and Mr Snow, it seems, totally unmindful of the part he

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he had already taken in the public Councils and Procedings upon this measure, directs his attorney at Calcutta to obtain Condemnation of the Vessel, as if there had been no existing right whatever in the Company, and no reference at all to us upon the Subject.

But there is another point, more material, with respect to this Procuding, upon which it is nessary we should receive an explanation, and that is by what means the authority for possessing and disposing of this vessel became vested in Mr Snow. she was seized under an order from the Chief and Council, and by the Force of the Company, your Board evidently considered her, at least in the first Instance, as the Property of the Company, by requesting our Directions concerning the disposal of her, and we have since received no Information of the reasons which produced so compleate a direction of the Company's right as that now first communicated to us in a Letter

from

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from the Governor General in Council of Bengal

Weare

Va Va

Fort St. George
3d August 1793

(Signed) Chas Oakeley
Va Council

other remarks of the Board in Consequence of the foregoing letter from Bengal

As the reasoning contained in the foregoing letter applies only to the Circumstance referred to by the Governor General in Council regarding the consignment of the Prize to a private Merchant at Calcutta, the Board think it necessary here to observe that, on the 3d of July, their final orders were sent to Vizagapatam, directing that, as War had Commenced in India, the Vessel should be considered a Prize and "disposed of with her Cargo to the best advantage "for the Company" — In reply to this letter the Chief and Council (without noticing, in the smallest respect, the part taken by Mr Snow, wrote, on the 15th Ultimo, as follows — "The Cargo of the Prize has already been sold, but there being no means of selling, at present, the Vessel at this Port, and great danger to be apprehended from her remaining in the roads, it has been judged necessary to send her to Calcutta, where she will be instantly sold at

Public

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Public Outcry, and the proceeds paid into one Treasury
The whole, when realized, will be reported to your honor
in Council

As the Board understood from the —
Passage above quoted that the Chief and Council had
sent the Vessel to Bengal to be publickly sold on —
Account of the Company, they deemed it unnecessary to
give any further orders on the Subject — It was not
until the receipt of the letter from Bengal that they
knew that the Company's right in the property had —
Ever been questioned

Resolved that these Circumstances be —
Explained to the Governor General in Council and that a
distinct account be kept of all captures that have been —
already made or may be made in the Course of the present
War in Order that the exact amount may be ascertained
in the Event of any Law suit against the Company

Read the following Letter from Colonel
Brathwaite —

To

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To the Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Col Brathwaite has joined the Army — Summons the Garrison of Pondicherry to — surrender Copy thereof and of the Answer — has fixed the Bazar price of rice at 9 Seers pr Rupee Remarks — requests Cash for the Paymaster and — Interpriters Allowance for Captain Brathwaite — List of his Staff Appointments — requests they may be confirmed by a General Order —

I have the honor to inform you that I joined the Army on the 28th Ultimo, which I found very healthy, and tolerably well provided with Bazars; on the 29th I determined on ground for a new — encampment, nearer to the Fort, and on the 30th I received news that Lieutenant Colonel Guis, with the Parke of Artillery, was arrived at Killenore, about nine — miles in our rear; this was two days sooner than I expected him, and his March had been uncommonly expeditious; having received this information I immediately issued Orders for the Army to move forward and occupy the ground which I had determined as the properest for our — encampment during the Siege; and we, in consequence moved forward on the 31st, and were joined by Lieutenant Colonel Guis on the new ground, where I formed the Army in the disposition in which they will probably remain — I occupied Posts to the Northward and Southward of

the

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the Fort, and determined on the Spot for the Engineer's Park;
and I transmitted to Commodore Cornwallis an Extract
of that part of my Instructions in which he was concerned.
and a Copy of the Summons I meant to send into
Governor Charmont, and informed him that if he chose
to address the Governor also, I would forward his Letter
with mine; in the evening I received a Packet from
the Commodore, containing his approbation of my
Summons, and a Letter from himself to Mons.r Charmont
On the 2d Instant I sent in the Summons with the
Commodores Letter, and by the return of the Hircarrahs
received a short Letter from Mr Charmont, acknowledging
the receipt of the Summons and of the Commodore's Letter
and requesting to delay 'till the next day the giving his
positive Answer; and yesterday, about one in the
afternoon, I received his positive Answer that, as the charge
of the Place was entrusted to him and the brave Troops
under his Command, it was their duty to defend it. For
your fuller information I have the honor to enclose a Copy
of the Summons I sent in, and a translated Copy of the
Governor's answer; a Duplicate of the latter I also forwarded

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to the Commodore. at the same time with the Governors answer to him.

I do not find that Activity in bringing forward the Stores that I expected nor have they yet been so fully supplied from the Arsenal as I hoped for; but as I delivered my Sentiments on this Subject to the Commissary General before I left Madras, and have since directed the Deputy Commissary General in Camp to write on the Subject, I hope the progress of the Stores to Camp will daily improve —

The supplies of Rice from the Country do not arrive in our Bazar, although every possible encouragement is given, in proportion to the Consumption: the Bazar price has hitherto been nine Seers for the Rupee and as I have not yet heard of any Complaint of that price settled by the Merchants I have thought it more for the advantage of the Company to direct Mr. Hawkins to deliver over, from time to time, such quantities of the Companys Rice as may be necessary for the supply of the Bazar, in preference to serving it out to

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the Native Troops, but I have not settled any thing yet as to what price the Company is to be paid for it, but only that it must continue to be sold in the Bazar at nine Seers for the Rupee; the Retailers will certainly expect a profit; but I think it must be greatly to the advantage of the Company, as if this was not done, the Company's Rice must be served out to all the Native Troops at a much more disadvantageous price; and it was absolutely necessary to do something, as the Bazar has been one whole day without Rice, and, if it is practicable, I wish to avoid the issuing of the Companys Rice to the Troops. Had the two Ships which brought the Rice to Cuddalore been two days later, I should have sent to stop them to the Northward of the Fort, not much more than a mile from the place where they actually anchored, as, if I could have got Boats, the whole of their Cargos might have been landed there, where I have a Strong Post, where there many Houses and Choultries where it might have been lodged, very little more than two Miles from the left of our Camp; and I shall

write

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write to Mr Kinworthy to know if he can transport any thither in Doneys, which may now be done with great security and save much time and expence of carriage; this Post is close on the sea side, and is distinguished by a Saint Georges Flag, very conspicuous at Sea, and where any thing can be landed with the most perfect security, provided Boats can be had

On enquiry I find the Paymasters department has been as yet very scantily supplied with Cash, and I request that you will be pleased to direct the Paymaster General to comply as soon as possible, with the Indent from the Paymaster to the Army, whose disbursements will now encrease upon him very fast.—

I have the honor to enclose a list of the appointments I have found it necessary to make for conducting the necessary duties of the Army, and request you will be so good as to publish the Order for their confirmation. I have not said any thing of an Interpreter; Captain Brathwaite has been extremely useful

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useful to me, and has constant employment for his French in— carrying on some secret correspondence, as well as in translating such French Public Letters as I have received, and may receive, and he is also the only Interpreter I use in communicating with his Highness the Nabobs manager and I hope it will appear reasonable to you that he should be authorized to receive the Allowances usually given to the Interpreter to the commander of the Army; but as he is so nearly connected with me I have not chosen to put him in Orders myself, and leave it intirely to your determination

I have the honor to be

V.e V.e

/Signed/ John Brathwaite

Camp before Pondicherry
August 4th 1793

To Colonel Prosper de Chermont

Governor of Pondicherry

V.e V.e V.e

Sir

I have received Orders to dispossess the French of Pondicherry, and it is therefore that I appear befor the place with such a force, as gives me the strongest reason to expect succes.

Thinking

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Thinking it my duty to avoid the
shedding of Blood unnecessarily, I summon you
to surrender the place into my hands with its Garrison
Ordnance, Arms, Provisions, Military Stores, and
every Species of Public property, and if this is done
without delay, I give you assurances of life and liberal
treatment to every person, and shall not dispossess any
man of his private property

All who have borne Arms must
surrender them with themselves, whether European
or Native, to be disposed of as may hereafter be deemed
necessary but never inconsistently with the promise
I have made of liberal treatment and full security
to their lives and properties

I cannot allow any Arms or
Warlike Stores either Military or Naval, tho' in the
possession of private Merchants, to be considered as
private property, all such I shall expect to be
faithfully Surrendered into my hands; and any person
concealing any, or acting contrary to this must expect

to be

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to be excluded from the indulgence which will be —"
punctually and faithfully shewn to others, who conform —"
themselves strictly to the terms proposed.

I am sensible that this Summons, Sir,
is not in the usual form of a first Summons, and I well
know that, in general, a Summons to a Military Governor
of your respectable Character might be considered as a mere
matter of form, but, when present circumstances are —"
considered, I trust that I may be acquitted of Arrogance
or presumption, if I say that this does not go farther than
a just confidence in my own strength, tempered with —"
humanity, authorises, and that I hope it will be found
to merit, and will meet with your most serious attention,
before you give an answer —

Under all events and in all —"
circumstances, it will be a pleasure to me to manifest
the high respect I have for your personal Character, and
the consideration with which I have the honor to be

Head Quarters
Camp August 2d. 1793

Sir
Va Va
(Signd) John Brathwaite

A true Copy
(Signd) Wm Wilson Secy

To

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To Colonel Brathwaite

Commander in Chief of the British Land Forces
Encamped upon the Red Hills.—

Sir

You have acquainted me that you have received Orders to take possession of the City of Pondicherry the Charge of that place has been confided to me and the Brave Troops under my command; and you must imagine that, among Military Men like us, no considerations can cause us to deviate from what we estem our Honor and Duty. I am then to declare to you our Intentions to defend the place, and I am sure that in the opinion of a General of your Distinction, this Conduct will strengthen the Sentiments of Estem with which you Honor us. With regard to myself, allow me to thank you for all your Politeness, and I shall seize with Eagerness every opportunity that offers of proving the Estem and high consideration with which I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most humble &
most obedient Servant
(Signed) P. de Chermont

Pondicherry
August 3rd 93

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The Honorable the President in Council is pleased to confirm the following Staff Appointments for the Army in the Field

Names	Station	Date of Appointment
Lieutt K Mackenzie	71 Regt Brigade Major 2 Brigade	20 July 1793
Lieutt Falconer	74 Regt adjutant Major Petrie's Corps	Do Do
Lieutt A Fraser	74 Do Do Master to Do	Do Do
Lieutt Colin Campbell	Do Master to Major Vigors Corps	Do Do
Lieutt McKerras	Adjutant to Do	30 July 1793
Ensign Wm Farquhar	Do to the Enginurs	Do Do
Lieutt Mark Gipp	Major Brigade to the 6th Brigade	Do Do
Lieutt Sinclair	Major Brigade Artillery Corps —	Do Do
Lieutt Jos W Tho Guls, Aidde Camp to Lieut Colonel Guls		Do Do
Lieutt Tho Wood	Aidde Camp to Lieutt Colonel Maule	Do Do
Lieutt P Walker	Brigade Major — Cavalry Corps	4th August 1793

Cornet Mclean ordered to join the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry, and to do duty as Adjutant, Vice Walker —

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Ordered

nuefsary, was extremely proper; and we hope that the Arrival of Reinforcements from England will soon enable him to dispense with their afsistance, so that they may prosecute their Voyage, in Company, to China, as you have directed

We observe the Caution with which you have proceeded in consequence of the Intelligence transmitted to the Company's Settlements by Mr Baldwin and, altho' you doubted how far you might be justified in committing any overt act of Hostility without our Sanction, We trust that the occurrences that have happened, and the correspondence that has paſsed, implying that Sanction, will have appeared to you to warrant the most decided, and (as we hope the Event will prove) the most effectious Measures, against the Poſsessions of the French in your part of India.

Our expectation of the little reliance to be placed on His Highneſs the Nabob in procuring Supplies of Cattle Sheep and Grain for the Troops and Followers during the Siege of Pondicherry appears to have been too well founded, and we are glad to observe that, under the same Impreſsion, you early directed

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your Commissary General of Grain and Provisions to —
purchase all the Grain that could be procured in the districts
near Pondicherry, and deposit it at Permacoil, as well as to
make similar purchases in the Tanjore Country whence
the Supplies should be carried by Sea to Cuddalore —

We entirely approve of the Orders you
gave, on the Receipt of Colonel Brathwaite's Letter of the
28th of June, for the Movement of the Force under Colonel
Floyd, to distress the Garrison of Pondicherry, and effectually
cover the Transportation of the Ordnance and Stores —
necessary for the Siege; and we hope that these Orders were
afterwards extended to authorize the most Vigorous —
Operations of every Kind against the Enemy

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

Fort William
15th July 1793

Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper
Tho's Graham

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Secretary at Bombay received here the 1st instant.

To William Collins Jackson Esq

Secretary

at Fort St. George

Sir

From Secretary at Bombay with Duplicates of the Dispatches from England received via Bussora, and forwarded on the 8 July to Madras.

The Honble the President in Council has directed me to transmit you Duplicates of the Dispatches received from the Honble the Court of Directors via Bussora and forwarded in Original to you under the 8th Instant.

I have the honor to be,

Bombay Castle
13th July 1793

Sir &c

Signed John Morris
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Advices from England of the War with France, and Orders in consequence read.

Read Letters from the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 7th and 9th February 1793, advising of the War with France, and directing that measures be taken for dispossessing the French of their Forts and Territories in India without waiting for further Orders.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

We referred to the Collectors in the Tanjore Country the representation of the Rajah, transmitted with your letter of the 12th Instant, and we have now the Honor to lay before you their Answers

From Board of Revenue with the Explanations of the Tanjore Collectors upon the Complaints of the Rajah against them

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St. George
1st August 1793

David Haliburton

(Signed) Chas N White

Tho Cockburn

Extract of a Letter from Mr Ram Dated 25th July 1793

I proceed to Answer the Complaints of his Excellency, dated 1st Instant, transmitted by the Government

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Government to your Board, on the 13th, and by your Board on the 18th Instant.

On the first View these Appear to be the mere Ebullitions of his Excellency's Impatience at the near Prospect of recovering the management of his Country. Similar Letters were written by him the last year, as may be seen by referring to Translate of his Excellency's Letter to Mr Swartz dated 5th July 1792, written with design to be laid before Government; In this is the following Paragraph - But the Collectors shew the Inhabitants unkindness. If now, when the Flood is coming down in all the Rivers, you do not promote the Cultivation, but rather collect the Balances by Severities, How will the Country be cultivated? Should the Country be managed by the Company, they will be able to collect money if the Country is cultivated in the proper season, But if the Country should be delivered to us, we shall be Able to pay the Kists to the Company, and have money for our own Expences" From which, as well as from the present letter, his Excellency's Sentiments are clearly perceivable, that it was his wish to have the Country restored to him with a

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large Balance on it, due to the Company, the Payment of which he expected he might evade, either wholly or in part. He was therefore vexed to see the Exertions of the Collectors to recover Balances, and used every means in his Power to obstruct the Recovery of them, encouraging the Inhabitants from whom they were due to a refractory Conduct —

His Excellency well knows that it is the constant Practice of the Collectors in the Amanne Districts, to withhold a portion of the Government Share of the Paddy for Seed, as they cannot get any so good in Quality or at so low a Price at the End of the Year — It is then but equitable that they should pay this Balance in Specie; but no Merchants will lend Money to Collectors, without the Collateral Security of the Circar, by Warrium Certificates, these being granted to the customary Amount, half of the Money should go to reimburse the Circar for the Grain withheld, the other half enables the Cultivator to procure Servants, Cattle, Tools of Husbandry, &c. — But his Excellency, objecting to the issuing of these, either for the purpose of having the Collection of the Balance or that his Consequence was hurt at the Certificates running in

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the name of the Company — but this latter Circumstance might have been easily got over by his Excellency coming forward to issue such Certificates as the Collectors might have recommended to him; what the Amount of them ought to be, was well known to him or his Servants; and it was equally easy for them to ascertain that not more than a due Proportion was stopt for the Payment of Balances but instead of this his Excellency affected to disbelieve that any Balances were owing; and, by Applying only to the Debtors for information, encouraged them to deny those Balances Any Doubts on which might have been immediately cleared up by calling for the Vouchers of the Payment of the Kists, or still more easily by sending one or two Conicopolys to the Collectors' Dustrum, the neglect of which affords a clear Proof that his Excellency did not wish for conviction, on these Points, at this time —

As it appeared to me that it would not be justifiable to issue Certificates against which the Rajah has thus protested — I immediately informed him that I should grant no more, except at his express Desire signified in writing; and this appeared to me a Sufficient Answer to both of his Excellency's Letters, tho', in my Diary, I took the Liberty of expressing my own

Sentiments

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Sentiments, and that of my principle Dustrum People on the latter —

Having bun prevented from accommodating the Balances with the Inhabitants in the regular mode, I intrusted the principal Circar Servants to Secure the Grain of the principal Debtors, letting them know, at the same time, that if they could procure Money, by means of Certificates, from the Rajah, and so discharge their Balances, it should be released again; and, tho' this was done in a very few — " Instances, it may perhaps have suggested to his Excellency the Idea of Severities; tho', by the Turn of the Expression, it should rather seem to Allude to Corporal Punishment, which was publicly inflicted on four or five Inhabitants of the Neighbouring Villages, not in Order to recover — " Balances, as his Excellency would seem to intimate, but by way of Example to others, for repeated Evasions in not sending in Grain to the Company's Granary The Villages — " within Ten Miles of Tanjour had bun Assessed, in a proportionate Quantity, the latter End of March, at which time there was a large Quantity in the Country and it was their Duty to conform, in this Particular, to the Orders of the Collector they could not however withstand the — " the temptation of selling all this Grain for rather a Higher Price; and this continual Evasion and delay obliged me,

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at three different times, to issue fresh Assessments, to every one of which they consented, but after failed in the Performance; so that I have not been able to furnish the Stockepor with above two thirds of the Quantity Ordered, tho' that Quantity did not Originally exceed 36,000 Collums, or 260 Garce. I have Occasionally punished the Cutcherry Servants, and some of the Sybendus, for Neglects of Duty, but always in public, and in no other mode than with the Chaubuck, never exceeding two dozen lashes. The Board may rest Assured that I never punished any renter for withholding Balances, Otherwise than by confinement; notorious Collums have had Irons put on their legs for the greater Security of their persons — I will not however positively affirm that, at a distance, or in my Absence, other punishments have never been used by People Acting under me, or by Sybendies, after the modes very generally used over these Countries, but these have Always been contrary to my Express Injunctions, and whenever they come to my knowledge, I have not failed to rebuke, or fine, or dismiss the Perpetrators — I forgot to mention, in my last Letter of 23 Instant, that, Genural Discharges for Revenue received being what the Inhabitants have not been accustomed to, I have not hitherto been Appli-

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to for such, by any of the Inhabitants, tho' they have been very generally informed that they should have such granted them upon liquidating the whole of their Balances.

A true Extract

Signed John Read

Dep.y Sec.y

Extract of a Letter from Mr Strange Dated 22 July 1793

I am honored with your letter of the 13th Instant, together with its Enclosures

I have attentively perused the Rajah's Letter to the Governor Dated the 1st Instant, which, in as far as it has a reference to me, has been most Publickly (and to me flatteringly) Contradicted by his Excellency in Person in grand Durbar, when I had the honor, on the 13th Instant, to Resign over my trust to him

He was pleased, in the Strongest Language, to thank me for my Services, and to say that there was no Act of my Management about which either himself or any of his Subjects felt a Moments uneasiness, and that I had done every

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thing for the benefit of his Country that he could have wished—

On the first notice from your Board that it was the Rajah's desire his Servants should be present at the different Repairs to be executed, under the head of Maramut, I sent Notice to his Minister that I was ready to receive them; and Accordingly an Establishment was appointed; to whom (at the Rajah's express request) I paid four hundred Chuckerums being Two Months Wages—These Superintendants Accompanied the Servants whom I had employed in this particular Business on your part—I do not believe there is at this Moment an Inhabitant throughout the Eastern Division whose Interest in these necessary Repairs has been Overlooked, and the Country is, at this Moment, most completely under Water, wheresoever it is required, for the Purposes of the Cultivation.

So soon as the determination of Government to restore the Country to the Rajah was made known to me, I thought it was a Justice due to him not to carry into Effect any Measure of Moment which respected the Interests of the present

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year without previously Communicating to him my Intentions; it was therefore I gave Notice I meant to advance Warrium to the Inhabitants of those Lands held under Aumani Management

His Excellencys Note to me, dated the 13th June, states his objections to this advance bung made — My Ryply thereto Dated the 17th following was admitted by the Rajah as bung fully Satisfactory to him, and the advance of a few Thousand Chuckerums was made, — Accordingly, with his entire Approbation, Accompanied by a desire that I would confine these Advances to those — Lands held under Aumani Management; and, — Acordingly, none other were made by me

My respect from the Rajah inclines me to belive, that his Letter to the Governor of the 1st Instant was not written with his knowledge; or, if it was, that it Certainly was not afterwards read by him because if there was any Ground of Censure for any undue exercise of Severity towards his Subjects I certainly was free from any Share of blame — My letter to your Board of the 21st June, particularly stated to you the Situation

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Situation in which I stood with respect to the
Debtors of Phasely 1200, and it was only in Compliance
with the Rajah's strong Representation to me, Dated
the 29th June, that I forbore further to urge the
Payment of these Ballances, of which, in my letter to
you of the 30th June, I gave you immediate Notice.
— These severely used Ryotts and Putteckdars (in
favor of whom the Rajah's humanity is excited) were
at no time under the Smallest Personal Restraint by
me, nor Suffered Indignity or Punishment of any
kind but if indeed the Circumstance of placing one
of your Peons over each of them, is to be Construed into
the Exercise of undue Severity, then I am culpable
in a very high degree, for I am free to confess I did so.

I am hopeful that this Explanation
of my conduct will satisfactorily do away every
unfavorable impression that might have been intended
to be Excited against me by this very indiscriminating
and extraordinary Letter of his Excellency the Rajah
to the Governor, which has astonished me not a little.

A true Extract
Signd, John Read
Dpy Sec.

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Minute thereon

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The Board are perfectly satisfied with the Explanation given by the Collectors in the Tanjore Country in answer to the Complaints made by the Rajah in his letter under date the 1.st Ultimo and approve of the Steps taken by them in realizing the Revenue and securing the Balances

Mr Strange, in particular, the Board observe, has adduced the fullest testimony of the Rajah himself to his equitable Management, which has been uniformly such as to Merit approbation

Read the following Letter from the Military Board

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakely Bar.t
Governor in Council

From Military Board respecting the Scarcity of Wax Candle - and proposing that the distinction of issuing Candles at Madras and paying Money, in lieu, at out Stations, cease, by a General Order, draft thereof Submitted

Honorable Sir,

We do ourselves the Honor to lay before you a Copy of a letter from the Military Storekeeper, stating the difficulty, at present, of procuring Wax Candles; and proposing in consequence, to supply those made from Spermaceti, until January next, of which latter, We

are

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are of opinion it will not be proper to place any quantity in Store —

The letter of the Military Storekeeper on this Subject brings to our consideration the rule of the Service under which Money, in lieu of Candles, is drawn by Public Officers and Departments at all Stations except the Presidency, where it is provided that the Candles so allowed shall be issued on Indent from the Public Stores, the established rate when money is paid being Two pagodas per month, equal to the allowance of one Candle per day, and in the like proportion according to the regulated number of Candles authorized to be drawn for —

As we are not informed of any useful cause, and believe none can be assigned, for the distinction which has prevailed in issuing Candles on Indent at the Presidency, and paying Money in lieu of them at other Stations, We beg leave to submit our opinion, for your consideration, that it will be proper to regulate, "That money in lieu of Candles be drawn at "the Presidency as well as at all other Stations by the "Public Officers and Departments, entitled to receive

Candles

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"Candles from the Stores, at the rate of two Pagodas per Month
"equal to one Candle perday, and in the like proportion —
"according to the regulated number of Candles authorized to be
"drawn from the Stores"

"That, as Brigade Majors and Quarter
"Masters of Brigade draw Six Pagodas per Month for
"Candles, and Stationary, and as their allowance of the latter
"is two per day, it follows That they are to draw Four —
"pagodas per Month for Candles, and two pagodas per Month
"for Stationary"

"That the Candle allowance hitherto
"drawn from the Stores shall be paid in Money, and be
"included in the Pay Abstracts, commencing with those
"for the Month of August of the present Year."

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St. George
31st July 1793

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
George Hall
I. Orr

To

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To Colonel Malcolm

Acting President & Members of the

Military Board.

Gentlemen,

Finding it difficult, at present, to procure Wax Candles, I beg leave to Submit the accompanying Musters of Spermaceti to you, and to request that I may be permitted to supply them during the present scarcity of Wax, which I apprehend will last 'til January next

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signd) Jos duPre Porcher

Mily Storekr

Fort St. George

25th July 1793

A true Copy

(Signd) I Brodie

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The General Order to be published

Resolved that the order recommended by the Military Board be published to the Army—

Read the following Letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

To

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir,

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions reporting on the Accounts of the Owners &c. of the Carnatic Bullocks engaged for and Sent to the Bombay Army—

When the Bombay Army Marched from Seringapatam in the Month of March 1792 the Carnatic Cattle Vizt

Draught	151
Carriage	436
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the Remains of 10,842 Bullocks Engaged and sent for the Service of that Army by Mr Torin from the Southern Countries were delivered over by Captain Torin, the Agent, to Captain Wells the Principal Agent with the Grand Army, and Captain Torin was ordered back, with General Abercromby's Army, to his Station, for the purchase of Horses — The owners in General, as their Bullocks died, left the Army, and Returned to their Homes; as did the Head Conciptis and Mastris When the Army descended the Ghauts in Expectation of their Accounts being Settled to the Southward, Captain Torin Agreably to Order having only Advanced a part of the Monthly hire, the Owners being in general Indebted to

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the Company for the Advance Made for the Provision of the Cattle

Having had Applications from some of the People on the Subject of the Settlement of their Accounts I sent Repeated Orders to the Conicoplies to Repair to Madras but they pleaded the illness of the Head Conicoply on Charge of the Cadjan Accounts, for not proceeding; and, when Captain Torin passed Palamcotah, on his way from Bombay, in the beginning of December last they were yet there, but promised to Set off immediately for Madras

Captain Torin arrived here in the — Month of January and paid into my Office the Balance of Cash remaining in his hands Pagodas 11.712. 3— The Conicoplies however did not make their Appearance untill the beginning of April, from which period the Settlement has been in progress but owing to the prolixity of the Accounts Closed only a few days ago; and I take the liberty of transmitting the Accounts in their Rough State for the inspection of the Honble Board—

Mr Torin I understand Reported to the Honble Board the Casvatties which happened

in

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in Consequence of the Heavy Rains and Rapid March of the
Detachment in Charge of the Cattle to Paligatchurry; rendered
Necessary from Apprehension of the Enemy then in the
Coimbatore Country — So unfortunate an outset upon a distant
and to the Owners unknown Service, Made it Necessary for
Mr Torin to keep them in good humour and he consented to
allow them, by way of Encouragement and indemnification,
full hire for the Whole Number of their Cattle Entertained
in the Service from the respective dates of Entertainment
(almost the whole were taken into the Service After the
15th September) to the 15th November, Without deducting
the Caswalties — The Accounts shew how heavy the progressive
Caswalties Were, from that period, to the date of delivering over the
Remains to the Grand Army Agent in March 1792

It appears by the General Abstract
Accompanying that of the Advances Made for the Provision
of the Cattle there Remains Balances due by some of the
Inhabitants to the Company / Column G / Amounting
to Pagodas 4513.. 28.. 58.. to be Attributed principally to the
early Sofs of their Cattle, and Balances due to Other
Inhabitants on Account of hire / H / Pagodas 5008.. 2.. 33

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In consequence of the distance and Novelty of the Service upon which the Cattle were sent Mr Torin Was under the Necessity of Employing Servants whom he thought responsible, and to give them Such encouragement as would make it an Object and thereby afford less inducement to desert.— he Accordingly fixed the Head Superintending Mastry's pay at 30 Pagodas p Month and 5 Pagodas for a Dooly, the Head Conicoply at 20 and 5 Pagodas for a Dooly Agreably to which I have Calculated their pay from their taking Charge to 31st May 1792, and they intreated me to allow them half pay from that date to 30th June 1793 Amounting to Pagodas 390 — — Which they alledge is an inadequate Recompence for their labour on a distant and expensive Service, and for the Support of their families at home, which I have Accordingly inserted Subject to your approbation, including this Sum a Balance is due to these people (Nº 6 & 7) including the Arrears of pay to under Conicoplis and some small Charges which Appear to me reasonable Amounting to Pagodas 1011. 22. 31 Making the whole Sum due for hire to the Owners and arrears of pay

to

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to Mastrus and Conicoplus Pagodas 6019.. 24.. 64 but allowing the half pay above Claimed for half the period requested (which I think Sufficient) the whole Amount to be paid will be Pagodas 5824.. 24.. 64

The people who are here have urged very Strongly their Claim to some recompence for the losses Sustained; but, as it has been deemed expedient by Government to reject a Similar Claims from those who Served with the Grand Army, it may not, I apprehend, be thought Adviseable to indemnify them in the present instance, Unless, in Consideration of the Nature of the Service, and as an encouragement in the event of Similar Exertion being hereafter Necessary, the Hon'ble Governor in Council should think it politic to present the Owners of the Carriage Bullocks (the Owners of the Draught not having suffered in proportion) a Gratuity for Serving on the Malabar Coast of 1/6 of a Pagoda ⅌ Bullock, which would Amount in all to Pagodas 5665.. .. 18 Extending it even to the Owners Indebted to the Company, the remainder of Whose Balance, as having arisen from the Total and early loss of their Cattle, Should, in my Opinion, be relinquished, they

having

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having in fact suffered most; and, from the Circumstances of this Case, it may be considered an Act of humanity as well as policy,

If the gratuity is allowed there will be

Required in Cash ..... 3018.. 13.. 68

in Liquidation of Balances due to the Company 2646.. 28.. 30

Total S.P. 5665.. .. 18

The Balance proposed to be relinquished will Amount to Pag.s 1867.. .. 28

And the Total Cash required for the Settlement of the Accounts ..... P.s 5824.. 24.. 64

& for the Gratuity as above ..... 3018.. 13.. 68

Total Required S.Ps 8842.. 38.. 52

As the greatest part of the Inhabitants are to the Southward I purpose to Instruct the Paymasters at Tanjore Trichinopoly and Palamcotah to See the people paid Whatever may be Ordered for them

I am,

Madras
29th July 1793

Yr Yr

(Signd) Thr Cockburn
Actg Cy G.P.

Resolved

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Resolution thereon

Resolved, for the reasons assigned, that the Gratuity be allowed and the Accounts of the Owners &c of the Carnatic Bullocks engaged and sent for the use of the Bombay Army, settled in the way recommended by Mr Cockburn

Mess.rs Woolf and Cecil Smith to meet Two Deputies of the Nabob for the adjustment of the annual Balance account Stipulated in the Treaty, a letter also to be written to the Nabob —

It being stipulated in the Treaty between the Nabob and the Company that a Committee — consisting of four persons, of which two shall be named by his Highness and two by the Company, shall assemble in the Month of August of every year, commencing with 1793, for the purpose of adjusting and drawing out a fair and equitable Statement of the Account called balance Account and particular by described in the Treaty, the President proposes that Mess.rs Robert Woolf and — Cecil Smith be nominated for this Service, and that a letter be written to his Highness informing him thereof, and requesting he will name two persons to Meet the — Deputies on behalf of the Company —

Approved and ordered Accordingly

Read the following letter from Major

Stevenson —

To

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To W.C. Jackson Esq.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From Major Stevenson respecting the misconduct of the Tinnivelly Polygars has endented for a Sett of Tents for his Regiment

Altho I am forbid by Government, in your letter of the 23d May, to take Cognizance of any Complaint preferred by the Inhabitants thro the Nabob's Aumildar, Yet as the same Letter specifies "The Troops Stationd in the Tinnavelly Country are meant for its protection, and you must confine yourself therefore to that object" I think it my Duty to Acquaint Government that the Irregularities and depredations of the Polygars are daily increasing, and, if not Timely stoped, will soon arrive at such a hugth that the Troops in this Country will not be sufficient to keep them in order—

Catabomanaig is plundering the whole Eastern Countries of the Circars, Seizing the principal Inhabitants and ill treating them, to force Money from them, and, it is reported, and well believed by the Country people, has ordered some to be Murdered.

In your Letter of the 23d May above referred to, and which is the only guide I have for my Conduct

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Conduct, you say "It is the province of the Nabobs —
Servants to prevent the Inhabitants of the Circar from being
molested by the Polygars" and, in another part, "you will
observe from the above that the Companys Troops are not
to be employed except in cases of actual disturbance"

I must acknowledge that, in my own
opinion, the conduct I have described is actual —
Disturbance, but I am forbed to act by that part of your
letter which says it belongs to the Nabobs servants to prevent
the Circar Inhabitants from being molested by the Polygars
I flatter myself that Government will be
assured that I have no other Motive than my Duty, and
a wish to prevent an evil, much to be Apprehended, by my
present representation — The Force in this Country is —
small, and should be employed to prevent the growing
insolence of the Polygars, for should a Refractory Polygar
Shut his Gates against the whole Force that could be —
assembled in the Country, we would find it difficult, —
perhaps impracticable, to force an Entrance

At the requisition of the Collector I ordered
two Troops, on the 9th Inst. to seize Shivelinguim pilly —
who had assumed the Management of the Shatoor Pobiam

He

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He got timely Information, and fled from Shatoor to Pulia Taver Poliam; When Lieutenant Sentliger followed him to that place, they shut their Gates, and Mann'd their Walls; from whence they informd Lieutenant Sentliger that Shivelinguem had left that place; and, on his return to shatoor, he found the Gates of that place shut against him by the Grandmother of the Minor Polygar, who supports the party of Shivelinguempilley; but, after a short parley, they opened the Gates, and the Detachment remains in the Neighbourhood of Shatoor, to support the Collectors Manager—

I mention this circumstance to shew how little respect the Polygars shew to the Orders of Government or their Troops, unless their Force is Sufficient to Command respect—

I beg leave with humble Submission to propose means for remedying the Evils I complain of; and, in the first place, to remove the ostensible cause for the Polygars levying Contributions on the circar Countries

The Polygars claim some customary payment called Dishcoud from the Circar Villages, and, on pretence of collecting such payments, they plunder the

Villages

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Villages, and commit great excesses

If such claims are just it will most likely appear in the Accounts of the Collector during the time of the assumed Revenues, or might be adjusted by the Navob's Manager and the Collector of Polygar Peshcush —

The Amount ascertained of all just Claims that the Polygar has on the Circar, might be charged to the Nabob's Account, and respectively deducted from the — Peshcush of the Polygar; and the Polygar could then have no pretence to enter the Circar Towns in an hostile Manner —

The Nabob's Servants have no power or Authority in the Country; and, if not supported by Authority of Government, will find it impossible to collect their Revenues in a Country over-run with Polygars

I also beg leave to recommend that the few Troops that are in the Country should be employed to prevent the increasing Irregularities and Insolence of the Polygars, by Stationing Companies from the 2d Battalion, which may well be spared from — Palamcotah, in the Posts formerly occupied by the —

Companies

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Companies from the 7th, or any other Posts best Calculated for watching the Motions and preventing the Irregularities of the principle Polygars, and by patroling the Polygar Countrys frequently with the 3d Regiment Cavalry —

I beg leave once more to assure Government that I am prompted by Duty alone to represent the Irregularities of the Polygars at this time, It is not confind to one or two, the whole in general are guilty of the same Enormities; and if not speedily checked, it will require a very considerable additional Force to reduce them to order.

Before I conclude I beg leave to inform Government that I have forwarded an Indent for a Sett of Tents for the Regiment to the Millitary Board, which I hope will receive their Sanction; as, with the Two Troops now on Duty, The Officers furnish a Marke without a Fly, their own private property; and the private Tents afford no Shelter from Sun Wind or Rain, they are in such Ragged Condition; and I have been informed by the Collector that it is likely he may have occasion to call for the Services of the whole Regiment

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signd) J Stevenson

Tachenore
July 29th 1793

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Minute thereon

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The Board think it probable that the Misconduct of the Polygars, as stated in the foregoing letter, is occasioned in a great degree by the weakness of the Force in that quarter, but, as they judge it expedient, at present, to Act with forbearance towards these people, it is resolved to direct the Board of Revenue to instruct the Collector to govern himself upon this principle — warning the Polygars however against all acts of violence and apprizing them of the danger that must await any attempt to take undue advantage of the present Circumstances

Resolved that the above be communicated to Major Stevenson

Read the following letter from the Resident at Poona —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

I had the honor to address you on the 13th Instant, Since which it has been Communicated to Me by the Durbar that the Amount of the 2d Kist

From Sir Chas Malet- Lippoo 2d Kist arrived at Darwar 1. July- and the Money is now Shroffing

due

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due him the Nabob Tippo Sultaun arrived at Darwar on the 16th Shawal, or 1 July, But that receipts had not been granted to the Time of the Dispatches from Darwar, as only Half the Money had passed the Examination of the Government Shroffs

Poona
1st July 1793

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) W Mabet

Read the following letter from the Assistant Deputy Adjutant General
To W C Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary.

Sir,

From Assistant Deputy adjutant General — Ensign J.C. Henderson requests to resign the Service —

I am directed by Colonel Brathwaite to request that you will be pleased to lay the enclosed letter before the Honble the Governor in Council, and to acquaint them that he has no objection to the resignation of Ensign John Campbell Henderson

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4 August 1793

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) M Wilks
Asst Depy Adjt Genl

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor and President in Council.

Honble Sir

From the repeated indispositions that I have been attacked with since my arrival in this Country, and from the severe effects of the Climate upon my Constitution, I feel myself unequal to the discharge of the duties of the Military profession; under these Circumstances I have to solicit permission to resign the Honble Company's service.

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Fort St. George
July 31st 1793

Signd John Campbell Henderson
Ensign 24th Battn N I

Resolved that Ensign John Campbell Henderson be permitted to resign the Service

permitted

Read the following letter from the Paymaster to the Nizam's Detachment

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The Honble

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

From Paymaster to the Nizams Detachment requesting to resign that Office.

I have the honor to Solicit your permission to be removed from the Station I hold with this Detachment; and to hope, should other causes not be named on which to claim this indulgence, that my perseverance in the duties of an Employ neither flattering to my feelings, nor, in its nature, Calculated to lead me to Appointments in the Service of higher and more congenial Trust, may be admitted to favor the Successful issue of my application

I have the honor to be

Camp in the Doab
30th July 1793

&c &c

(Signed) Wm Brown

Payr

Resolved

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His Resignation accepted and the Office abolished

Resolved that W Browns resignation of the Office of Paymaster to the Detachment Serving with the Nizam be accepted, and that the Arrangements suggested in Sir John Kennaway's letter of the 23 June last be published to the Army—

Resolution on the occasion

Agreed that the Assistant to the Resident at Hydrabad be desired, after consulting with Major Roberts, to Notify for the guidance of the Commanding Officer of Artillery, the Manner in which it may be most Adviseable to Victual the European Artillery, whether by a daily payment, agreeably to the Bazar Nerick, or by the allowance of the dry Batta, as adopted in regard to the Serjeants of the Sepoy Battalions

Resolved that it be left to Sir John Kennaway to determine the quantum of Allowance to be made to Lieutenant Goldsworthy, in consequence of the appointment which has been Conferred upon him at Sir John's recommendation.

The

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Death of Lieutenant John Nelson of the Artillery —

The Secretary reports to the Board of the Death of Lieutenant John Nelson, of Artillery and Commissary of Stores, at Calcutta on the 19th Ultimo.

Chas Oakeley

E. H. Fallofield

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Despatches the undermentioned

Letters entered in MB Nos. 52, 53, 54, 55 —

To Secretary at Bengal with

To Sec.y Secretary Hart

Mysore Intelligence —

To Colonel Brathwaite.

To Officer commanding the Army — the Military Board written to regarding the despatch of the Stores to Camp — the — rate of the Bazar price of Grain appointed, also his method of disposing of the Public Rice — Cash sent to the Paymaster — his — several appointments confirmed; and — Captain Brathwaite appointed Interpreter — Major Hart permitted to go to Camp, to pay the Bengal Troops

To Military Paymaster

To Military Paymaster Gen.l

General with the Auditors report upon his Estimates. August — orders given for payment of the Balance due thereon —

To Clerk of the Treasury —

To Clerk of the Treasury —

directing the Same —

7th Received the undermentioned Letters from the Nabob entered in C.C. Nos. 165, 166, 167 —

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Substance of letter from the Nabob

From the Nabob stating further arguments in reply to those of the President regarding the Conduct of Lieut Doughton on occasion of the late disputes at Nellore requests the people whom he holds in confinement may be released—

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

From the Nabob complaining of the oppressions committed by a party of troops from the ceded Countries in the Talooks of Attaoor, and of their seizure of the Amils of that place—

Ditto Ditto

From Ditto repeating his complaints of the misconduct of the Timmelly Poligars requests military force may be employed to curb their turbulent Disposition.

Received also the following

Letters

To W. C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary at Fort St George

From Subsecretary at Bengal requesting copy of the orders issued in consequence of a former opinion regarding an — intercourse between the auditor General there, and at Madras.

Sir.

In the last Paragraph but one of the letter from this Government to the

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7th The Governor in Council at Fort St George on the 8th of May 1789 an opinion was — offered that the Intercourse recommended by Colonel Murray in the 11th Paragraph of his Letter of the 2d of April 1789 might tend to promote the object in view, namely, that of introducing and maintaining a general Conformity of System in the Offices of Pay and Control throughout all the Presidencies. I am now directed to request that the Governor General in Council may be furnished with a Copy of the orders that were issued on the above Subject by the Governor in Council at Fort St George—

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) J. Fombelle Subsecty

Fort William
the 19th of July 1793—

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

From Ditto. desiring a supply of Buff Accoutrements—

Sir.

There being no Buff Accoutrements in

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in store here for the Artillery, and the Madras Returns exhibiting about 5000 Setts for the Infantry in store there, which can easily be converted in the Arsenals at this Presidency for the use of the Artillery. I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the inclosed Indent on the Arsenal at Fort St George, and to request that it may be complied with, as well as that the Accoutrements may be sent round by the first the Company's Ships dispatched to Bengal.

Fort William
the 19th of July 1793

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Fombelle
Secretary

Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in MB Nos 50, 51, 52, 53

From Mr.
Paymaster Vaughan

From Paymaster at Madura
with the Certificates of two Invalids who
lately died there

From

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From Asst. Deputy Asst. General three Native officers of the 25th Battalion proposed to be pensioned—

From Lieut. Wilkes—

From Lieut. J. Baillie requesting to be appointed to the charge of the French Prisoners at Palamcotah—

From Lieut. J. Baillie of the Infantry—

From Commandant at Palamcotah shall send the English Seamen at Tutocorin to the admiral without delay—

From Lieut. Col. Clarke—

Account of the Montenton's people—

8th

Sent the following letter to Bengal—

To the Most Noble the Marquess Cornwallis K.G

Governor General in Council at Fort William

My Lord,

1 We have had the honor to receive your Lordship's letters dated the 8th and 15th ultimo.—

To Bengal in reply to their letter regarding the French Snow—a distinct account will be kept of all captures

2 We were surprized to find, by the Journal of these letters, that the French Snow captured in the roads of Vizagapatam had been

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been consigned to a private Merchant at Calcutta, to be condemned and sold on account of the Captors, even while the subject of her seizure was under reference to us, and before the Chief and Council could possibly have received an answer to their letter soliciting our instructions with regard to the disposal of her.

3 In our reply to the letter from the Chief and Council of the 11th June we observed that, from the nature of the intelligence received as to the War, it was necessary that we should postpone the instructions they had requested until we could be furnished with the opinion of the Governor General in Council of Bengal, to whom we had referred the particulars of their communication

4 On the 3d ultimo we sent our final orders directing that, as War had commenced in India, the Snow captured in the roads of Vizagapatam should be considered a "Prize," and disposed of, with her

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"her cargo, at Public Sale to the best advantage
"for the Company" In reply to this Letter the
Chief and Council wrote, on the 15th ultimo, as
follows— "The Cargo of the Prize has already
"been sold, but there being no means of —
"selling at present the Vessell at this Port,
"and great danger to be apprehended from
"her remaining in the roads, it has been
"judged necessary to send her to Calcutta,
"where she will be instantly sold at
"Public Outcry, and the Proceeds paid into
"our Treasury— The whole when realized will
"be reported to your Honor in Council—

5 Not having received any intimation
of the reasons which produced so complete
a deviation of the Company's right as
that first communicated to us in your
Honorable Letter we have called upon the
Chief and Council to report to us by what
means the authority for possessing and
disposing of the Vessell became vested in
in Mr Snow, and to explain the apparent
inconsistency of their Resolutions and ex-
measures

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8th measures respecting him—

6 In regard to the property in captures so made, we never had bottom opinion on the subject— we were convinced that it was vested solely in the Company; and when your Lordship's directions were received here for the commencement of Hostilities, we issued an order to the Subordinate Settlements to dispose of the Prizes captured there solely for the benefit of the Company—

7 We shall, agreeably to your Lordship's recommendation, keep a distinct account of all Captures that have been already made or may be made in the course of the present war, in order that the exact amount may be ascertained in the want of any Law Suit against the Company—

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We have the Honor to be
with respect— &c &c
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c Council

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8th Dispatches the undermentioned
letters Entered in M.B. Nos 60. 61. 62. 63.
64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. —

To Civil Paymaster on
Iron cash chest to be purchased for the
Depy Paymaster —

To Mr Mandevie — the
Subject of his Memorial has no relation
to this Government and cannot therefore
be taken up —

To Military Auditor —
General with Lists of the Kings and —
Company's Field Officers entitled to Gratuity
from 1st May 1792 to 30th April 1793 orders
for payment —

To Ditto referring Mr —
Paymaster Wilson's Estimates for July
and August: Bills of Lading to be for
Arrears of pay to be passed —

To Ditto the Adjutants
of the 2d European Battalion to draw Batta
from 1st July to 30 September, being in
charge of Recruits —

To Civil Paymaster

To Mr Mandevie

To Auditor General

To Ditto

To Ditto

To

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To Auditor General — To Ditto with Copies of orders to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for purchasing Grain for the Army —

To Military Board — To Military Board the large Foreign Bills to be received, and the amount payable to Messrs Chase & Co to be reported —

To Paymaster General — To Military Paymaster General Mr Wilson to be informed he will be removed from his office, if his Monthly Estimates be not in future forwarded at the prescribed period —

To Ditto — To Ditto Mr Paymaster Taylor's Explanations of the Causes of delay in sending his Accounts enclosed — to report whether they be satisfactory —

To Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — the same to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Lieut Wilks — To Assistant Deputy Assistant General enclosing a Letter for the Executors to the late Major Tonyn —

To

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To Executors to the Estate of the late Major Tonyn

To Colonel Floyd Requesting that the Horses in the possession of the late Major Tonyn belonging to the Company may be restored —

To Major Paton permitting him to visit the Presidency —

To Adjutant to the 2d European Battalion may draw Full Batta 1st July to 30th September —

To Commandant at Vellore the Troops in Confinement there, to be released —

To Board of Revenue desiring their opinion upon an application from the Nabob.

To Commandant at Tachinore stating the substance of the Instructions to be given the Collector regarding the misconduct of the Poligars. —

To Commandant at Arnee

To Lieut Bosc

To Lieut Dighton

To Board of Revenue

To Major Stevenson

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Received the following Letters

To W. C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary at Fort St George

From Secretary at Bombay forwarding the following Letter. —

Sir,

I am directed by the Worshipful the — President

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Govt. President in Council to transmit your Packets to the address of the Honble the President in Council of Fort St George receivd last night by the Laurel from the Resident and Factor at Grain —

Bombay Castle
20th July 1793

I have the Honor to be
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) John Morris
Secy

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President and Governor &c &c &c
in Council
at Fort St George

Duplicate

In their Political Department

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

From Resident and Factors at Grain have been obliged to remove the Establishment at Busoora to Grain in consequence of Disputes with the Pashaw of Bagdat advice of the War with France

We have the honor to inform, that a Dispute, which has for some time subsisted between the Pasha of Bagdat, and the Honble Company's Factory at Busora has been carried by his Excellency to such an Extremity, as to necessitate us on the 30th ultimo to remove the Establishment from that place.

On the 6th Instant, the day subsequent to our arrival here, the Resident had the honor to receive from His Majesty's Ambassador

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To the Embassador at Constantinople officially advising of War against Great Britain, and Holland having on the 1st February been decreed by the national Convention of France—

At the same time we deem it indispensably necessary to communicate to your Honble Board the advice of this important Event we judge it our duty to make assurances of exerting ourselves in the most active, and zealous manner to facilitate the transmission by the Route of the Persian Gulph of all publick British Despatches and to prevent, by every means in our power, the conveyance to India or Europe of those of our Enemies—

We are convinced it will be equally painful to your Honble Board to be informed as it is to us to advise you that in consequence of a decree of the National Convention of France His most Christian Majestys was on the 21st January publickly beheaded at Paris

Crave
the 5th May 1793—

We are with the greatest respect
&c &c &c
(Signed) Samuel Manesty
Hurford Jones

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To

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Masulipatam respecting the French Prisoners at Yanam - corresponding and - Mr Pillers request orders regarding the latter - Mr Sonnerat permitted to come to Madras letter of - Chevr Vigier referred the rice he returns has been sold -

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 24th Ultimo, in consequence of which, we have written to Major Wynch, desiring him, in concurrence with the Resident Mr Yeats, to apprize such of the French Prisoners of War, in the Character of Gentlemen, as it may be deemed eligible to remove from Yanam, to prepare themselves to proceed to this place, and that the others, at the discretion of the same Gentlemen, be held in readiness to embark for the Presidency whenever a proper Sea conveyance may offer, or to be sent, under charge of a proper Escort, to Ellore -

Your orders have likewise been communicated to Cole Fraser, that he may inform Major Wynch what number can conveniently be accommodated at

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at Ellore—

Mr Sonnerat late Chief of Yanaon, has applied, thro' Major Wynch, for permission to proceed to Madras, in consequence of Mrs Sonnerat being indisposed, and as this climate does not agree with her during the rainy season.— We did not however then consider ourselves authorized, at the time of Mr Sonnerats application, to comply with his request, but, as your present letter leaves us a latitude in that respect, Major Wynch has now been desired to — inform him, that he may proceed, — with his family, to Madras.—

We herewith enclose copy a letter lately received from Major Wynch, together with Copies of the lists of Prisoners of War at Yanaon and Coringa, which accompanied it.—

A few French Subjects, in the Character of private Merchants, having, for several years past, been

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9th settled at a Village named Naidapullee, in the Guntoor Circar, where they have been permitted to carry on their Traffick — without molestation, we thought it — necessary to desire Major Burr to require of them to proceed to this place, for the purpose of surrendering themselves — Prisoners of War, with which they have accordingly complied. There are five of them in number, all men advanced in years, and who, previous to the War, conducted themselves in a manner to give no Offence. Having taken a written Parole from them, we herewith inclose a translate of it for your information. They are — desirous themselves of being permitted to reside at their former habitations, in the Village of Naidapullee, but we are uncertain how far this — may meet with your approbation, the Village in question, tho not — immediately upon the Seacoast being within

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within a few Miles of Mootapellee, which
small Vessels sometimes frequent, and
where the French formerly used to
land Stores intended for Basalet
Jung, or for Sally, when employed in
his Service.—

We likewise inclose translation
of a letter rec'd from Mr Vezian, late
Commander of the Snow Catherine, which
was captured in these roads: you will
observe, that he requests to be allowed to
retain 250 Bags of Rice, being a part of
the Cargo of the above Vessel, which he
alledges to have been his own property.
We understand ourselves, that whatever
comes under the description of Merchan-
dize, is deemed legal Prize when Vessels
are captured in War; and we did not
therefore consider ourselves authorized to
comply with Mr Vezian's application,
but have directed the amount Sales,
of the 250 Bags of Rice in question,
to be kept a part, until we know
whether

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9th not yet all collected, not can it be till the 6 months additional Batta, shall be paid to the Troops, and that permission be given to the Paymaster of the Regiment to remit the proportion due to the Estates of the two Officers named in my letter of the 24th of June—

The Statement, with the remarks, which I have the Honor to inclose / of Cash remaining due on Account of this money overdrawn / will explain, at one view, every thing that I wish to express; I must however observe that no part of the money which has already been collected is "in my hands" I have nothing to say to it in any shape—

The detailed Statements as required by your letter are all — making out, and as soon as compleated, that for the immediate information of the Honble the President in Council

shall

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9th shall be transmitted to the Presidency without delay—

I have the Honor to enclose a Copy of my former letter* on this Subject, by which you will perceive, and I request you will mention the circumstance, that the collection of the sum due depends entirely on the payment of the Six Months' batta from the money collected to the present period amounting to one thousand three hundred and thirty four pounds eight shillings—four hundred and ninety nine Pagodas, one half, have been advanced to thirty six Invalids, sent to Europe in the late ships being their proportion of the six months additional Batta, and which was paid to them by my Order but with the concurrence of the Commander of the Army—

*Entered in Consult. 30 July—

Camp before Pondicherry
8th August 1794

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) C. Nisbett
Lt Col. 52d Regt

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Lieut Hutchinson ..	44 – 5 – 2¼	Dead ditto
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From Paymasters General —

From Military Paymaster — General with an additional Estimate of Cash for the Army Paymaster for August. –

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From Lieut Oliphant

From Lieut Oliphant requesting — payment of his Arrears of Half Batta and house rent —

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To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

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To Major Hart

To Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops. the Company to be credited for the Amount issued at Palamcotah to some officers and men of the 75th Regiment.

To Military Auditor General

To Auditor General advising of the above —

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to suggest how the Artillery are to be victualled:
the allowance to be made to Lieut. Goldsworthy
left to him—

To Auditor General — To Military Auditor General
advising of Sir John Kennaway's suggestions
on the foregoing subject being adopted—

To Ditto — To Ditto — stating the Division
on the claims of the owners of Carnatic —
Bullocks sent to the Bombay Army and
the Amount payable to them—

To Ditto — To Ditto notifying the
price fixed for Grain in Camp and the
method proposed by Colonel Brathwaite
for disposing of the Company's Rice—

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — The same to the Commissary
General of Grain and Provisions.—

To Military Board — To Military Board Major
Hall to report when all the Stores for
Camp will be dispatched and the
quantity still to be sent—

To Messrs Woolf and Smith — To Messrs Woolf and Smith
appointing them a Committee to meet Two
Deputies

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9th Deputies from the Nabob for the purpose of
adjusting the Balance Amount stipulated in
the Treaty—

To Paymaster at Palamcottah
To Mr Paymaster Martin— the Sum of pay to the Officers and Men of
the 75th Regiment approved—

To Board of Revenue the
To Board of Revenue— replies of the Collectors to the Complaints
of the Rajah of Tanjore — satisfactory — The
Nabob will be requested to give his Southern
Managers a written Authority. Copy of a Letter
from Major Stevenson inclosed. The Instructions
to be given to Mr Landon in consequence—

To ditto the Nabob's letter
To Board of Revenue— relating to Calgody to be referred to Captain
Read—

10th Received letter from the Nabob
Substance of a letter from the Nabob (entered in C.C. No 108) repeating his hope that
the Situation of the Tinnevelly Country may
be attended to.—

Received also the undermentioned
Letters Entered in M.B Nos 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95.—
From

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From Mons.r Pinaud 10

From Mons.r Pinaud relative to the Seizure of his Vessel the Nestor in Vizagapatam Roads. -

From Resident at Ganjam

From Resident at Ganjam - with a second reference regarding the Gun Lascars at Aska. -

From Military Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General - - indenting for different Articles for his Department. -

From Lieutenant — Wilks —

From Assistant Deputy Adjutant General proposing the promotion of Ensign J. Fisher of Infantry to be Cornet of Cavalry vice Haffey — deceased. -

From Captain — Wahab —

From Commandant at Trichur has received the Board's Orders of the 2.d instant Regarding Captain Du Laurens. -

From Major Stevenson

From Commandant of the 3.d Regiment of Cavalry Lieutenant Quarter master Rumley — requests an allowance for measuring men being in charge of Grain. -

Sent the undermentioned letters to the Nabob Entered in C: C: Pp.s 169. 170. 171. —

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Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

To the Nabob requesting he will appoint Two Deputies, to meet Messrs. Woolf and Smith, for the purpose of adjusting the annual Balance of Accounts stipulated by Treaty.

Ditto Ditto

To Ditto stating the substance of Mr. Landons reply to his Highnys's complaint relative to the Indignity offered to his Servant by Chinna Mardoo and the release of some Prisoners confined at Triparanum — Written authority recommended to be granted to his Managers employed to the Southward.

Ditto Ditto

To Ditto in reply to his Highnys's requests that Mootoo Irla Pillay may be ordered to Madras.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

Entered in MS. Nos. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101.

To Chief at Sadras

To Chief at Sadras requesting the assistance of some Masoola Boats for landing Rice at one of the ports near Pondicherry

To Master Attendants

To Master Attendants five Boats to be immediately sent off for the above purpose.

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam with directions to keep

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Keep a distinct account of all Captures made, during the War at any place under their authority.—

To Vizagapatam and Ganjam

The same to Vizagapatam and Ganjam.—

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General referring Mr. Wynch's additional Estimate for August and arrears previous.—

To Clerk of the Treasury

To Clerk of the Treasury with orders to advance the amount, being Pagodas 27.610.—

To Captain Pearson

To Captain Pearson the Embargo on Grain, at Tanjore taken off, orders in consequence.—

11th

Sent the following letter.

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

Gentlemen,

To Board of Revenue. Mr. Landon to be directed to ascertain by personal Examination the nature and Extent of the Depredations committed by the Tinnevelly Polygars.—

As we wish to know, from the best evidence that can be procured, the nature and extent of any depredations that may have been lately committed by the Tinnevelly Polygars, with the names of persons concerned in them, we desire you will send directions to Mr. Landon to ascertain these points by his own personal examination

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11th examination in the District, and to report the result, with his opinion, for our Information.

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10th August 1793

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

12th Received the following letters

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Governmens of
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose you two Letters from the Governor General addressed to his Highness the Nawaub Walla Jah and to Omdut ul Omrah, accompanied by a Copy in English and Persian for the Information of the Honorable the President, and am.—

&c &c

From Persian Translator at Bengal — Enclosing a letter for the nabob

Calcutta
27th July 1793.

(Signed) G: F: Cherry
Pr. Tt.

To the Nawaub of Arcot

Written 27th July 1793.

From Marquis Cornwallis to the nabob expressing satisfaction at His Highness — Completion of one years — Payments and recommending a made for furnishing ample supplies for the Army.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Highness's Letters (vide Letters

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12th Letters Received 1st and 24th. July and have paid particular attention to their Enclosures.-

It is not now necessary for me to enter into any Explanation of the mutual Interests which the Company and your Highness naturally have in the success of a war in the Carnatic, whether it be with a European or a native Power, and it is equally unnecessary to repeat my sentiments of your Highness's anxiety for the Company's success in the present undertaking. I have derived great Satisfaction, as your Highness is pleased to expect that I should, on the completion of one years' Engagements pursuant to the last Treaty, and beg leave to assure you that my Gratification on this Event does not arise less from having had the Opportunity of concluding Engagements with you in person, which at that time appeared to well calculated to afford satisfaction to all the Parties concerned,

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12th than from the Punctuality with which your Highness has executed your Part of the Stipulations - They were founded on mutual Protection, and defence against all disturbance of the general Tranquillity, and your Highness must be sensible that, in= dependent of the national Honor which will Rule the measures of the English Government in the present Seige, rigid adherence to the Engage= ments which have been entered into with your Highness will also, at all times, induce the Company to exert themselves for the preservation of Tranquil= lity in your Highness's and their own Territories. -

The Measures which have been — adopted, with this view, in the appointment of an Army to undertake the Seige of Pondicherry are already known to your Highness, and I have perused your Highness's assurances of furnish= ing every assistance towards the maintenance of the Army, during the Seige, with additional Pleasure, as I have that confidence in your — Friendship as to be convinced that you will

heartily

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12th heartily co-operate with the Government of Madras in such measures as may be thought advisable in that respect. —

I lose no Time therefore, on perusing the application from Sir Charles Oakeley and — Your Highness's reply to it, to suggest to your Highness the mode by which the Army may be supplied with every necessary article, which my own Experience during the long and — arduous War with Tippoo Sultaun, proved not only effectual in regard to the object but, at the same time, beneficial to the Country — Convinced that it is to the Interest of the Inhabi= =tants to find a profitable Market for the Sale of such Articles of consumption as they might be possessed of, where neither Tax nor molestation of any kind prevailed, I issued Dustucks for all goods coming for Sale in my Camp, and I positively forbid the collection of any duty whatever on them, either in the Country thro' which they passed, or in the Bazars where they

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12th they were sold. The Consequence of this measure was the ample Supply of every Article necessary, while the Sellers were enriched by the Assistance which they furnished to the Army, and were thereby enabled to discharge their Rents to Government. I have therefore now to request that your Highness will give positive orders throughout your Country, such as I have directed may be issued in the — Northern Sircars and in the Jaghier, and shall — recommend may be enjoined to the Rajah of Tanjore, that all People under your Highness's authority shall not only have Liberty, but even Encouragement, to sell every Article which they can spare, and that all Goods going to the Camp for the use of the Army may pass free from all Duties and Impediments — whatever. Did not my own Experience of the success of this measure authorize me to make the recommendation of it to your Highness, I should have had no doubt that the Expediency of it would have had full force on your Mind, and therefore shall not trouble you with any farther Arguments in its favor than the fair Prospects which it holds out

of

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12. of supplying the Army without constant application to your Highness, and to the prosperity of the Country, which will fully compensate for the trifling deficiency from the Exemption of the Duties, a deficiency which the Company will also experience, and which they will bear from a Conviction of the advantages which both your Highness and themselves will derive in the successful Issue of the Campaign.

I shall have the pleasure of an Interview with your Highness on my arrival at Madras, when it will afford me particular Happiness to converse with your Highness on those Points which you may think proper to suggest: for your Highness may be assured that I am not willing to Recommend any measure to you, nor to adopt any myself, which may be repugnant to your Pleasure: my earnest desire is to provide for the general welfare.

To Omdut ul Omrah

Written 27.th July 1793

Enclosing a Copy of the foregoing Letter

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12th Letter for his perusal. –

A true Copy

/ Signed G. F. Cherry
Pm. Jt.

To the Honorable the Governor in Council
Madras

Sir,

The Company's Snow Drake joined me on Tuesday Evening the 6th instant. –

From Admiral Cornwallis – the Drake has joined him – receipt of Letters sent. –

I have had the Honor of receiving your Letters, acquainting me of your having Dispatched the Triton; and that enclosing the Copy of a Letter from the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 9th of February 1793. –

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

/ Signed W. Cornwallis

Minerva off Pondicherry
11th August 1793.

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

From Military Paymaster General requesting an Increase of Servants for his Office, List enclosed.

Honorable Sir,

I beg leave to lay before you a List of

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12th of the Establishment which I conceive to be necessary for my Office of Paymaster General; my present Establishment being quite unequal to the duties of the Office.—

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

Fort St. George
12th August 1793

Signed B: Roebuck
M. Pr. General

Establishment of Servants required for the Department of the Military Paymaster General

1	Head Assistant	Pag.s 60	" "
1	Book Keeper	50	" "
10	European and Portaguese Writers for Current Business	200	" "
26	Writers for Copying Accounts	260	" "
1	Cash Keeper	5	" "
4	Peons	8	" "
2	Gollahs	5	" "
1	Peon Pensioned by Government	4	" "
3	Mootchys	9	" "
1	Sweeper	"	30 "
	Office Rent	50	" "
	Pagodas	651	30 "

Signed B. Roebuck
M. P. G.e

Received

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12th Received the undermentioned letters entered in Mss. Nos 102.103.104.—

From Chief at Sadras. Shall furnish every boat he can possibly collect for the purpose required.—

From Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery. Soliciting some Extra allowance to the Serjeants attached to the Gun Lascars, Serving with that Corps.

From Colonel Floyd has directed the Two horses in possession of the late Major Tonyn to be delivered up to the Company.—

Sent the following letter.—

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

My Lord,

We have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that Colonel Brathwaite has communicated to our President, in a letter received this morning, that a large Battery, to enfilade the north Face of the Fort, was begun on the — nights of the 10th and in such forwardness as to give

From Chief at Sadras.

From Captain Thos. Ross

From Colonel Floyd

To Bengal reporting Colonel Brathwaites last advices of the progress of the Batteries before Pondicherry.

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12th give him hope of completing it after the nights of the 11th by small parties to be employed by day light — that Materials had been collected in sufficient quantity to enable him to prosecute the Siege with vigor — and that he should break ground on the 12th at Night. — Colonel Brathwaite added, that the Enemy kept up a warm fire yesterday, — particularly at the new work, but had done no other damage than that of slightly wounding three Native Non Commissioned Officers. —

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We have the honor to be,
with respect. —
Yrs &c &c

J. Lindsay
Charles Oakeley
Yrs &c Council

13th Received the undermentioned Letters
Entered in MB. Nos 105. 106.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From Commissary General of Grain — and Provisions — requests an advance of 5000 — Pagodas. —

From Captain Lindsay

From Captain Lindsay requesting he may be permitted to return to his Command of Permaeil — when the present Service is — concluded. —

AS

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor President

Ernst William Tallofield Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read

Tuesday
13th August 1793

and approved.

Read the following letter from Lord Cornwallis.

Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

&c &c &c

Sir,

From Marquis Cornwallis expressing his anxiety to arrive on the Coast the Nabob has stated his inability to supply the Army subsame of the intended Reply trusts that none of his Servants will be allowed to interfere in the Management of the Camp Bazars

I received a few days ago your letter dated the 16th and this morning I saw your letter to the Board inclosing one that you had received from the Commodore.

A few days must, I think, discover, what turn things are likely to take in the Naval line; and, as my own movements must depend so materially on this point, you will easily conceive that it almost entirely engroses my thoughts. I am using every possible exertion about the Woodcote, but that Ship cannot even leave this Town before the

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the 10th of next month, and surely before that time I may look for some assistance from your quarter.

The Nabob has written to me to state his inability to provide supplies for the army; and I shall in my answer request that He will do what is certainly in his power, and what we have a right to expect from his friendship, by holding himself responsible that all people under his authority shall not only have liberty but even encouragement to sell every Article that they can spare; and by issuing the strictest orders that all persons, either belonging to his own, or the Neighbouring Countries shall be permitted to carry what supplies they please to the Camp, without duties of any kind being exacted from them upon the road; and I must confess that I with the first requisition to him had gone no further.

Lieutenant Colonel Richardson in a letter to Colonel Brathwaite states his apprehensions (in which I fully participate) that if any person on the part of the Nabob should attend the Camp and be permitted, in any respect, to interfere with the management of the Bazars, or with the provision of supplies, the troops and followers will suffer the greatest distress, and I agree most perfectly

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perfectly with him in thinking that nothing can insure plenty to the Army but an invitation to all merchants, Traders, Banjarries and others, to bring such provisions as they can procure, to a free market in Camp.—

It is probable that if any inconveniencies have arisen, some measures will have been adopted to remedy them, before this letter can reach you, But if it should be otherwise. I am well convinced that the sooner the Nabobs Officers are removed from Camp, and the means taken that I have mentioned, the better in will be for the public Service.—

I am with very great esteem

Yr. a Yr. a

Signed Cornwallis

Calcutta
July 25th 1793

In consequence of the above, the following letter was yesterday written to Colonel Brathwaite.—

To Colonel John Brathwaite

Commanding the Army

Sir, I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to transmit for your information an Extract of a Letter which he received two days ago from Lord Cornwallis.—

When the nabob proposed to send one

To Colonel Brathwaite in Consequence.—

one of his Servants with the Army for the purpose of forwarding the necessary supplies of provisions. The Board accepted His Highness's offer in the idea that a person invested with authority from him to issue orders to the several Aumils of the Carnatic would be useful in removing any Impediments that might arise in the passage of Cattle or Grain through the Country, as well as in drawing forth such sup= =plies as might remain in the hands of those Aumils from the Securities of Grain or other Articles taken by them in payment of the Revenue.

The President in Council had not the most distant Intention that this Person should be permitted to have the smallest Interference in the Management or Regulation of the Camp Bazars, which he felt to be a trust essentially apportai= =ning to the Office of Commander of the Army, and Capable only of being conducted under his — public and Official Controul. —

It was for the purpose of enabling you to execute this duty with the more ease

and

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and satisfaction to yourself that the President in Council, in his Letter of the 3rd July, recommended it to you to — appoint a trust worthy Officer to superintend the Bazars under your direction, and it was also with the view of encouraging a plentiful supply of every necessary Article for the Camp, and to establish the most efficient check upon abuses, that he further recommended, by his — Letter of the 11th a strict prohibition of all Duties and Taxes whatever, except on spirituous liquors and intoxicating Drugs which he wished to be put under such regulations as you might think proper, to — restrain the use of them among the Troops — a similar prohibition was afterwards inserted by the Board in the Madras Courier, and published in the Country Languages by Beat of Tom Tom, and by affixing the Notice at the gates of the Town. To complete this — essential object of supply the Nabob was requested to furnish Dustucks for exempting all carriers of — Provision from duties on the road to Camp, and these Dustucks were transmitted to Colonel Floyd before you proceeded from hence to join the army.

The President in Council has thought it necessary to detail the different measures taken by

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by him on the occasion, to shew that no caution has been omitted on his part to procure a free— market, independent of the actual provision made by Government itself, amounting, besides a large— stock of Cattle and Sheep, to upwards of 50,000 Bags of rice. He deems it however a justice due to you, at the same time, to observe, that he entertains the— fullest confidence in your Zeal and intentions to second the views of the Board, and has transmit— ted the inclosed extract only for the purpose of communicating the opinions of Marquis Cornwallis on this important Subject, and of assuring you, at the same time, that if you have experienced, or apprehend any Interference or difficulty on the part of the Nabobs' Deputy in Camp, or if you think his presence can be of no use to the army the Board will immediately request His Highness to remove him.—

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12th August 1793.

Sam.
&c. &c.

I signed W. C. Jackson Jr.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Hydrabad.—

William

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William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the informa-
-tion of the Board, copy. and English Translate. of a letter
which has been sent by Azem-ul-omrah to Syed-u-
Dowlah at Madras, directing him to receive the Balance
of Pishcush payable by that Government to his Highness
the Nizam to the 31. March 1792, amounting, as therein
stated, to 5.95.410. Rupees, from which having desired
the Durbar to deduct 24000. Rupees (the difference of
Exchange on the Cash paid at Calcutta to Meer
Abdul Lutif and also 3,650. Rupees, or 1,000 Star Pagodas,
which, tho' Meer Alum insisted was given, by way
of present at Madras in January 1792, to Mehdy ali
Khan, on his taking leave, Sir John Kinnaway infor-
-med him that he had no knowledge of its having
been paid as such, and could not allow of its being
called so - Acquainted them a balance would then
remain due to the Nizam of only 5.67.760 Rupees, and
requested this sum might be insetted in the above-a
letter, with a proviso that if any others shall have been
paid,

From Lieutenant Stewart with Translate of the Order given to Syed ade Dowlah at Madras to receive the Balance of Pishcush due to 31. March 1792. Statement thereof enclosed - the Charge for conveying Stores to Innicondah re-ferred to Lord Cornwallis, therefore not included in the Statement - the Debit of 3000 Rupees - advanced to the Nizam's Servant at Ganjam has been paid.

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paid on his Highness's account, credit should be
given to the Company for them: in reply the Dubar
informed me that no alteration was necessary, as the
Postcripts had been purposely added to the ministers'
letter to leave a discretion with the Board.

Sir John Kennaway having referred
the decision to the Governor General on the Sum charged
for the transportation of Stores in the account
transmitted by you under date the 18th April 1793
I have to observe that, for the reason assigned by that
Gentleman, I have omitted to mention the matter to
the Durbar, also to include the amount in the
enclosed statement of the balance of Peishcush due
to the Nizam to the 31st March 1792, which I have
formed from the Public Papers of this Residency.

If the Sum, debited his Highness in
the above account received from You, of 3,000 Rupees
advanced at Ganjam Factory to Rehim ali, the
Nizam's Servant, in October 1791, be the same as
is alluded to in the enclosed Copy of a letter
from Mr Crawford, I have to observe, for the notice
of the Board, that it has been paid to Sir John
Kennaway, as clearly appears from that Gentlemans
having

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having given credit for it to the Government Genral, agreably to the enclosed Extract of his Public accounts of Receipts for the expences of this Residency in June 1792.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Bider
25th. July 1793.

Signed W.m Stewart

Translate of Copy of a Letter from Azem ul Omrah to Syed u Dowlah.—

The sum of 5.95.410 Rupees on accounts of the balance of Peishcush for Chicacole &c.a Circars, to the end of 1200 Fusley, and the first Kist of 1201 Fusley after allowing credit for what has been received, is due by the Madras Government to his Highness the Nizam. My friend, you will receive the above amount, and give a receipt for it under your own Seal, and deliver the said sum, by way of a deposit, thro' Kyfel poory Pillay, the Nizam's News Writer, to the House of Delaib Soonder Soucar, whose Gomastah, it has been agreed, is to come here, taking a receipt for the said deposit which you must send to me — What more?

P. S. If the Governor of Madras gives you more or less, you are not to delay acceptance, in — expectation

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expectation of further orders from hence, but to take charge of the money offered.—

True translate

Signed Wm. Stewart

Assistant &c.

Statement of the Amount due by the Government of Madras to his Highness the Nizam on Account of Peishcush to the 31st. March 1792 as collected from the Public papers of the Residency at his Highness's Court.—

The Balance of Peishcush due to the Nizam to the end of 1200 Fuslee year as per Account received from Mr. Secretary Jackson under date the 24th July 1792			625,850 — —
The first Kist of 1201 Fuslee Year ending on the 31st March 1792			350,000 — —
			975,850 — —
1792 Aug.t Deduct Amounts of Elephants sold by Lieutenant Sandys to the Nizams Agent		2450 — —	
1793 February Ditto	Ditto	26,460 — —	
1793 March Ditto	Ditto	8,100 — —	
		59,090 — —	
Feby. Deduct Amount paid at Calcutta by the Governor General in Council to Meer Abdul Lutif Seea Rupees three Lac as per Cent		— — —	30,00,000 — —
April Ditto Amount paid to Meer Mungha for the order in his favor as per Letter from the Nizams Minister		15000 — —	
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		25000 — —	
			408090 — —
Total due to his Highness by the Madras Government			1,383,940 — —

Errors Excepted

Signed Wm. Stewart

Assistant &c.

To

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Fort St. George 12th August 1793.

Public Department

To Sir John Kennaway Bart.

British Resident at the Court of Hydrabad.

Sir,

Agreeably to an Order from the Honorable the Governor General and Council dated 26th January last, but only delivered to me within these few days, I have advanced to "Rehim Ali an Agent who was sent "to Bengal by the Nabob Nizam ally Khan to — " purchase Elephants and Tanjan Horses, and is now " on his return, the Sum of three thousand Arcot Rupees for which I send you his Note, Conformably to the — " directions of the Government General

I have the pleasure to be

&c.a &c.a

Ganjam
26th October 1792.

Signed H.J. Crawford

True Copy
Signed Wm. Stewart Assistant &c.

Extract of Sir John Kennaway Bart.

Public Account of Receipts for the month of June 1792

June 30th By Cash received from the Nizams Minister for money advanced to Rehem ally his Servant, by the — " Chief & Council at Ganjam, on a Letter of Credit from the Supreme Board. — . . . . . Rs. 3000 — —

True Extract Signed Wm. Stewart Assistant &c.

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Minutes and orders in consequence.—

Ordered that the Sum of two Lacks — "
Seventeen thousand seven hundred and sixty Rupees
/2.17.760/ be paid from the Treasury to Syd ul Doolah,
the Nizam's agent at Madras on account of Arrears of
Peishcush falling due the 31st March 1792 and that
the payment be made in Madras Pagodas at the
Exchange of 400 Rupees for 365 Madras Pagodas.—

Ordered also that Syd ul Doolah's
receipt be taken for the Amounts.—

Agreed that a Copy of Lieutenant
Stuarts letter be sent to the Accountant General,
with directions to carry the Sum paid to Rehim Ally the
Nizams Servant by the Resident of Poonah in
October 1791, to the debit of Bengal Presidency, and to
the credit of his Highness, as it appears, from Sir John
Kennaways accounts for June 1792, that the amount
had been paid at Hydrabad.—

Resolved that the Sum charged to the
Nizam in his Accounts with the Company for the
transportation of Stores to Innicondah do remain
in suspence until the result of the reference to
Bengal be known.—

Read the following letter from the Chief
and

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and Council at Masulipatam.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letters of the 27th June and 11th ultimo, and in consequence thereof, the Nizams Agent Runchore Doss, was informed that to the amount of 3,50,000 Rupees was ready to be paid him in Gold, as soon as he might be able to inform us at what Exchange he could receive it. We understand however that he has not received any Instructions on this subject, but Sir John Kennaway, who has just passed this Place, having mentioned four Rupees to one Pagoda as the Exchange at which this money will be received, the amount shall now be paid to Runchore Doss at that rate without delay.—

From Masulipatam three and half Lacks of Rupees will be paid at the rate of 4 Rupees for Pagoda a similar sum to be paid in three by 31st October— letter from Bengal to their Chief on the subject enclosed—

The time that has elapsed since this money was ordered to be paid, can have put the Nizam to no inconvenience, as if it had been delivered to Runchore Doss, it must have remained as this Place, as well as the last money paid to him by

Order

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Order of the Government General, which to this time he has not been able to dispatch for want of Carriage, so greatly has the means of conveyance been reduced, by the loss of People and Cattle during the famine.

We take this Opportunity of transmitting Copy of a letter which our Chief has received from the Sub Secretary to the Government General, by which you will observe, that a further Sum of 350,000 Rupees is to be paid in here by the 31st October on account of the Nizam's Peshcush, and as this is to be paid in Silver, Sir John Kennaway seemed to think that this circumstance would contribute to induce him the more readily to receive the former Sum in Gold.

We have the honor to be,

Masulipatam
4th August 1793.

very Respectfully

&c.a &c.a

Anthy. Sadleir

Signed W. A. Dobbyn

Andw. Scott

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Chief at Masulipatam.

Sir,

The Governor General in Council deeming it adviseable to provide in time for the Payment of the Nizam's Peshcush for the Current year

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Year, an Advertisement was issued both here and at Benares, inviting Proposals for paying into the Masulipatam Treasury the Sum of Three Lacks and a Half of Arcot Rupees in Silver of the Masulipatam Currency — between the 10th. and 31st. of October next.—

2 The Proposals delivered in by Mr. William Fairlie of this Place being the most eligible, they have been accepted; his Terms are to pay the Sum above-mentioned into your Treasury within the Periods specified, for which he is to be repaid in Calcutta at the Exchange of one hundred and eight Sicca Rupees for one hundred Arcot Rupees in Gold or Silver at the Option of Government, subjecting himself to a Penalty of ten per Cent on the amount of such failure as may happen in his Engagements.—

3 You will be pleased to grant to Mr. Fairlie, or to his Agents, Bills on this Government, payable Twenty one Days after sight at the rate of Exchange agreed upon, for such Sums, as you may receive from him, on account of his Engagements, giving due notice to the Governor General in Council when the whole shall have been paid, as well as of any Failures on the part of Mr. Fairlie.—

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4 The Resident at Hydrabad has been advised of the Engagements entered into with Mr. Faulie, and you will, of course, inform him when you are ready to pay the amount of the Peshcush to his Highness's Agents.—

Fort William
15th of July 1793.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
I Signed J. Tombelle Subjy

A true Copy
Signed R. Malcolm
Assistant Secy

Resolution thereon

Resolved that the Chief and Council be directed to issue without delay the Sum of three Lacks and fifty thousand ₹3,50,000/ Rupees in Madras Pagodas at the Exchange of 400 Rupees ₹4% Pagodas, to His Highness's Agent, Runchore Doss, upon his Receipt, giving advise to the Board when the payment is made.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

From Military Board a Set of Standards and Trumpets recommended for the 5th Regiment of Cavalry.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council
Honorable Sir,

We have the Honor to lay before you
copy

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Copy of a letter We received from the Commandants of the 5.th Regiment Native Cavalry, and beg leave to submit it as Our opinion that the rates at which Major Orr considers the Standards and Trumpets may be made for are — exceedingly moderate, and therefore recommend that he may be permitted to make up a set of each for the 5.th Regiment of Native Cavalry. — as there appears to have been an omission in the Book of Regulations with re=gard to Cavalry Standards, and as there are no Trumpets in Store, in consequence of that article in the Indent on Europe never having been complied with. —

We have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

Henry Malcolm

Signed J. Orr

George Hall

Fort S.t George
10.th August 1793.

To James Brodie Esq.re
Secretary to the Military Board.

Sir,

I request you will submit to the Military Board, my Report, that the 5.th Regiment of Native — Cavalry is in want of Standards and Trumpets, and

solicit

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Solicit their permission for me to make up six of each for the use of the Regiment, as I believe there are none in Store.

The Allowance of 150 Pagodas will, from my information, be sufficient; but the Board are the best judges not only of this, but of the proper mode of supplying them I therefore beg their determination.

Five of the Standards were destroyed in the Field, in consequence of a Brigade Order for that purpose, and the remaining one is worn out. The six Trumpets of the Regiment are also entirely worn out on Service.

I have the Honor to be

Hon.ble Sir Hon.ble

Chinsurah

31st May 1793

Signed J. Orr

Major Comm.g 5th Regiment

A true Copy Native Cavalry

Signed W. Linley

Dep.y Sec.y

Minute thereon

The Board have no objection to the provision of a Set of Standards and Trumpets for the use of the 5th Regiment of native Cavalry by Major Orr

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Orr. if the expence do not exceed the Sum of one hundred and fifty Pagodas.—

Read the following procedings of the Hospital Board.—

Hospital Board
12th August 1793

The Hospital Board have great Satisfaction to find, by the Reports of Mr. Anderson, Head Surgeon to the Army, that a General Hospital has been established at some Garden Houses in the vicinity of the Camp, where there are excellent accommodations for the Sick.—By the last Returns the number of Europeans in the Hospital did not exceed 50, and every part of the Army was remarkably Healthy.—

Read a Letter from Mr. Gahagan, Head Surgeon at Vellore, a Copy of which the Board have the honor to forward,

From Hospital Board.—
Mr. Gahagans address upon the appointment of Mr. A. Anderson, as Head Surgeon to the Army, Submitted propose Mr. Galloway to be Stationed at Condapilly vice Duncan.—and Mr. Fawcett, with the 26th Battalion.—Mr. Pitchard requests to visit Madras.—

The Presidents in Council is of opinion that Mr. Gahagans Representation is deserving of attention The

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The Circumstances Stated by him are brought forward with becoming respect — and if the — Appointments of the present Head Surgion to the army be deemed a grievance by those Senior to him in the Service it is proper on the part of the Hospital Board to take due — notice of it. The President in Council desires — therefore that Mr Gahagans letter may be reconsider-ed by the Hospital Board.

Approved

forward to Government agreeable to his desire, altho' they think this an improper time to enter into discussions of such a Nature.—

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr Gallaway assistant Surgeon, be appoint-ed to do duty at the Garrison of Condapille in the room of Mr Duncan removed.

Approved.

Mr Richard Assist-ant Surgeon at the General Hospital

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Hospital Vellore, having re-
=quested permission thro the
Head Surgeon, to visit the
Presidency for a few days, on
particular Business, the —
Hospital Board recom-
=mend his request be —
granted. —

Approved

As it appears, by the
General Orders, that Mr. Dunbar,
Assistant Surgeon, has been
appointed to the Governors
Body Guard, the Hospital
Board recommend that Mr.
Fancourt Assistant Surgeon
do duty with the 20th. Batta-
=lion of Native Infantry till
further orders. —

Approved

The Head Surgeon
having laid before the —
Hospital Board the last
return of Barrack Sick
of the 2d. Regiment of Euro-
=peans, they are sorry to
observe

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observe that several cases are inserted which require Hospital treatment, and have accordingly directed Mr. Gellispie to send all Fevers Fluxes, Ulcerated Legs, and Lues, to the General Hospital.

Sam.l Anderson
Physician General

Signed Colley. L. Lucas
Wm Raine
Head Surgeon

To James Anderson Esqre
Physician General &c.a Members of the
Gentlemen, Hospital Board

It is with great deference and respect that I address your Board relative to a subject upon which Government have already determined, in the Appointment of Mr. Anderson, by your recommendation

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recommendation, to act as Head Surgeon with the army now assembling against Pondicherry; and, when I beg leave to assure you that I have no Interested motive, I trust I shall stand excused in offering those circumstances to your Considerations which to my mind appears a Duty incumbent upon me to state, and which the welfare of the line to which I belong seems to require.

By Mr. Andersons appointment four or five Surgeons Senior to himself, exclusive of the Head Surgeons at the different General Hospitals, will suffer not only a temporary Suspension, but the mortifying degradation, in the Eye of the Public, of being supposed his inferiors in the scale of abilities, upon the conclusion that he must have been selected as the properest Person - one in whom the greater trust and confidence might be reposed - and permit me to suggest to you that, if departure from rights and Customs were established, as in the present instance, it would be impossible for Surgeons to ascertain their situation in the Service - a man would feel little satisfaction in looking up to Rank, there would be an End to emulation, and Carelessness and indifference would supersede Zeal and exertion. -

The line of gradation in the Medical Department

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Department has been clearly and distinctly drawn by the Court of Directors, and, unless in cases of great emergencies, I humbly conceive there cannot be a deviation from it, and as these emergencies do not exist, at this time, Mr. Anderson's Appointment must be considered as bearing extremely severe upon those who are affected by it, and who look up to your Justice and impartiality for relief.

I mean not to trespass upon you, with Eulogiums on the merits and abilities of the several Head Surgeons, imagining that the Stations which they now hold should, of themselves, be sufficient, and point them out as proper persons to act occasionally with the Army.

It may be supposed with respect to the Head Surgeons who have Charge of General Hospitals that they ought to be considered as Stationary, from an Idea, that, from the Number of their Patients, their presence cannot be dispensed with, and which may be the fact in some particular Cases, but not generally so; and this must be strikingly evident when it is considered that, upon a removal of Troops from the Vicinity of a General Hospital, the Patients at that Station must decrease in proportion, and the Head Surgeon might be more usefully employed with the Army, and an increase of expence to the Company would thereby be

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be avoided, and Sir Archibald Campbell once mentioned to me that Doctor Hunter, who had been his Physician General in the West Indies, was one of the Medical Men who assisted in framing the regulations for the Surgeons in the Service of the Honorable Company, and that the Doctor had assured him, that these regulations were, as intended to provide for all General Hospitals, upon a War and peace establishment, in the same manner as had been observed in America, Germany, and in the West Indies, and that it was intended that one — a Head Surgeon, at least, should accompany the Army, either as acting Surgeon General, or to act with the — Surgeon General. —

When preparations were making for the present assembling of the Army, I did not doubt, judging from the force meant to compose it, but that Mr. Lucas, the Surgeon General during the late War, would have resumed that Station, or, should his health or other considerations have induced him to decline it, that the next in Succession would have been called upon to fill it consequently I judged it unnecessary to offer my Services having always manifested a readiness to serve upon every occasion. —

Mr. Anderson may have great merit, but I trust there are those of longer standing in the Service

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service who have equal merit, and so I hope this truth will appear to your Board, and, in that confidence, I am led to hope that you will be pleased to represent their Situation in such a manner as may induce Government to grant them that justice to which they may appear entitled; and, conceiving myself to have been overlooked (in the late Medical Field Arrangement) in a manner derogatory to both my Character and Conduct, I am therefore Induced to request that you will lay this address before the Honorable the President in Council.

I have the Honor to be,

with respect.

August 3rd 1793.

&c. &c.

(Signed) T. Gahagan
Head Surgeon

A true Copy

(Signed) V. Conolly Secretary H.E.

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

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

Honorable Sir,

I take the liberty of representing to your Honorable

...n Military Auditor ...ral requesting an addition ...lary for his Deputy and ...tant, in consequence of ...ch Extra Duty and ...our in the Department ...Madras.

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Fort St. George. 12th August 1793.

Honorable Board that since the 1st of last February, when
Musters were ordered under a new regulation, the —
Deputy in the Military Auditor Generals' Office, Lieutenant
Brunton, and the Assistant, Lieutenant Bruce, have —
performed a laborious duty, exclusive of what fell to
their share in the Audit of Accounts, in consequence
of the Musters they have respectively taken since that
date, but more particularly since the 1st of June by
the inspection and Muster of the draught and Carriage
Cattle and the Drivers, on account of the present —
Service, to which they have attended daily with great
assiduity, and some times twice a day, in order —
that the Service might be forwarded by mustering
the Cattle, whether in small or large lots, when —
required by the agents for the purpose of enabling
him to comply with the several Indents for Army
Carriage, as soon as any number of the Cattle pro=
posed for the Service were reported to be ready
for muster. —

Under these circumstances I trust
it will appear reasonable to your Honorable —
Board to allow of an Addition to the Salary of
the Deputy Military Auditor General, and of the
Assistant in the Office, from the 1st of February last. —

In

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In case your Honorable Board shall be pleased to give my present request an indulgent consideration I take the liberty of suggesting that it may not be necessary to include any addition that may be made under the head of Muster Masters, each of whom upon the Establishment receive Captains pay and Batta, besides an Allowance for Orderlies, because, although the Deputy and Assistants in the Military Auditor Generals Office are Officers who stand in the situation of taking musters, they are not specially appointed Muster Masters.

I have the honor to be with the highest respect.

Hon.ble Hon.ble

I Signed Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
6th August 1793.

Resolution in Consequence.

Resolved for the reasons assigned by the Military Auditor General, that Lieutenants Brunton and Bruce be allowed to draw fifty (50) Pagodas pr Month each, to commence from the 1st Instant.

Read the following letter from the Commanding Officer at Pumacoil.

To

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

President in Council

Fort S.t George.

Honorable Sir,

From Commandant at Pennacoil - with his Accounts of Repairs made there and Bill for Intelligence -

I have the honor to lay before you the accompanying account of Cash I have disbursed in different repairs, on the Hill Fort of Pennacoil, and shall briefly specify what work the People I have employed, performed. For the greatest part of the month of June. the Coolies, and Sepoys were employed in clearing away, a Quantity of loose Stones and Rubbish, in the upper Fort, and in Building up a Breach made at the Gate way, and also a Bastion, and Curtain Wall, that was thrown down at the north West. These have been done with loose Stones, and mould, and the Daily labor was the only expence.

The Choultry on the Summitt, which had been thrown down, in several places. I have built up with Brick. and Chunam, and in the most permanent manner, it is now a good Barrack and Capable to contain 1 Battalion of Sepoys. —

Three months Provisions having been Lodged on the Hill, I have previously Repaired Two Granaries. for the Grain, and another for Salt,

Thee

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The Curry Stuff &c.: Parts of the Walls were broke down, the Floors destroyed, and they all wanted Doors Windows Iron work &c.a Mr. Skardon the Storekeeper has — pronounced them good and durable Granaries — a Quantity of Military Stores, having been lodged on the Rock I have previously completed Two magazines for that purpose. Sufficiently durable and Solid. —

Your Honorable Board granted me permission to go to the expence of a Sum not exceeding Pagodas 500, having originally requested 1000. I have therefore exceeded your authority Pagodas 148-10- but I give my Honor, it is the exact Sum that I have — disbursed, and for these last Two months, I have every Day examined the Works on the Hill, for several — Hours, and I trust when your Honorable Board considers, that there is now an excellent Barrack, for a Battalion of Sepoys, if required, and permanent Magazines of various kinds, which I must have otherways have left unfinished, had I expended only Pagodas 500/ I hope your Honorable Board will approve of what I have done in this particular, and order me to be Reimbursed this — extraordinary

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extraordinary Sum of Pagodas 1418.10 incurred without your —
previous Sanction. — Also lay before your Honorable Board
an Account of Cash disbursed to Hircarrahs and Peons —
employing in procuring Intelligence and Carrying Instructions
to different Detachments in the Neighbourhood, up to the —
20.th of July, having, on Colonel Floyds arrival on the Red
Hills, discontinued to send into Pondicherry for Intelligence. —

I have the honor to be,

Dr.r Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) John Lindsay

Capt.n 71.st Comm.g Permacoil

Permacoil
August 9.th 1793.

Order thereon

Ordered that the Bills be paid and that —
Captain Lindsay be informed that no further charges are to
be incurred on account of Repairs or intelligence. —

Read the following letter from Mr. —
Powney. —

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Governor and President in Council
Fort S.t George

Hon.ble Sir,

From Mr. J. Powney
inclosing a Draft for the
Balance of Cash in
his hands. —

I do myself the Honor to enclose —
herewith, a Bill upon any Shroff at Madras, I was
under the necessity to accept of the Draft on Iyah —
Pillah, which I trust will be duly honored. —

I

(P) a Bill at 30 days sight drawn
on Iyah Pillah at Madras for
the Sum of 3066 Star Pagodas
being the balance in my hands,
as particularly specified in
my Account Current trans-
mitted to the Accountant
General. —

Not having been
able to procure —

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Fort St. George 17th. August 1793.

I have the honor to inform you that I leave this place to day, to proceed, without delay, to the Presidency.

I have the honor to be

Cochin
2d. August 1793

most respectfully

&c. &c.

Signed George Powney

Order thereon

Ordered that the Bill be sent for acceptance.

Read the following letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From Vizagapatam have already permitted some of the French Officers to go to Bengal. The allowances to the Prisoners too small to have heard of the Seizure of the Nestor in Bengal River.

We have had the honor to receive the Letter from Government, under date the 24th ultimo, at the very pressing instance of Mr. Hellet late Commander of the Brig Nestor & of Mr. Maquet the 3d. mate and of Mr. Remondine Passenger our Chief had been induced, previous to the receipt of the above Letter, to suffer those Gentlemen

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Gentlemen to proceed to Calcutta upon condition of their presenting themselves, on their arrival, to the Town Major of Fort William, to whom their Parole was sent, and following his Directions for their future Proceedings.

We beg leave to assure your Honor in Council that the allowance fixed by Government for the French Officers is too small to admit of a decent support, when all their unavoidable Expences are taken into Consideration, and when the Prices of Provisions in these Parts are added to the Account.

Mr. Musquenon, the Chief Mate, and Mr. Chaillet, the 4th. Mate, are still here, with the Warrant Officers and Seamen of the French Prize.

We understand that the Officers of Government in Bengal have taken possession of the Brig Nestor which had been sent to Calcutta for sale.

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Vizagapatam
4th August 1793.

John Chamier
A. W. Gregory

Signed

The Board continue of opinion that the Allowances which have been granted to the French

Minutes thereon

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Finch Prisoners at Vizagapatam are as ample as can with propriety be made, on comparison with those given at the Presidency.

The Board are sorry to observe that the Chief and Council gave permission to the Com-mander and Officers of the Nestor to proceed to Bengal, without waiting for the instructions they had previously requested from Government on the subject. This Step, as well as that which the Board lately remarked with regard to the disposal of the Nestor, manifests a principle of conduct which is disrespect-ful and inconsistent with the obedience due from all who act under their authority.

Agreed that the above be com-municated to the Chief and Council.

Read the following letter from the Assistant to the Resident at Hydrabad.

William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Fort S.t George.

Sir, I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13.th Instant, and, having communicated

From Lieutenant Swanston no accounts of the Arrival of Tippoo's 2.d Son at Kunja-Observations relative to the Currency of the Country in which the Detachment may be serving being made the Standard for their future payments.

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communicated the Contents of it to the Durbar, with a request, that, in case the second Visit from Tippoo Sultaun was not arrived at Kurpa by the latest intelligence from that quarter, some Steps might be taken to — obtain speedy Accounts of it whenever it should arrive, I received for answer yesterday, that its arrival has not been announced to the Durbar, but that the Officer who has charge of his Highness's Receipt at Kurpa shall be written to, for the purpose I mentioned.

Observing, by a letter from Major — Roberts under date the 11th Instant, that some of the Officers of the Ellore Detachment have applied for the Currency of the Country in which they may be stationed, being made the Standard for their — future payments. I beg leave to state, for the notice of the Honorable Board, that I do not conceive — this Standard will answer their expectations, as the Coins current in the different Districts are apt to fluctuate in value, and the Troops would lose — whenever they were issued at a higher rate than they bear in the Company's possessions, as an instance of which, I take the liberty of pointing out an

application

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in one of the enclosures of Major Roberts' letter for reimbursements for the loss said to be sustained on some Madras Pagodas issued last year at Kurpa at the current rate of that place, namely four Rupees four anas, and some at four Rupees two anas each.—

As the Durbar furnish Hydrabad Rupees at the rate of 365 & 100 Star Pagodas and 4 Madras Pagodas at four Rupees each for the Detachments, I do not see any room for further application to his Highness in respect to Coins, except occasionally endeavoring to obtain Rupees or Madras Pagodas at the above rates as Major Roberts may deem most advantageous for the Troops, and have only to add that the Residents' Escort here, and in every situation in which it has served in his Highness's Country has always been paid in Hydrabad Rupees as Sonaits.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm Stewart

Bider
31st July 1793.

Minute thereon

The Board will attend to the observations of Lieutenant Stuart when the subject comes before them from Major Roberts.—

Read

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Read the following letter from Lt. Charles Malet.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Governor

Fort S.t George

Honorable Sir,

From Resident at Poona with Information of the State of Affairs between the Mahrattas and Tippoo, in respect of the Execution of the Treaty requests to be advised of Political measures and Events on the Coast.

I have the honor to enclose such Parts of my Dispatch of this Date to the Governor General as appear requisite for your Information of the State of Affairs between this Court and the Nabob Tippoo Sultan, as far as relates to the Execution of the Treaty of Seringapatam.

Permit me to remind you that Early advice of measures and events on your Coast, at this critical Season, would not only be very acceptable, but is highly requisite to the Support of that Speedy and authentick Intelligence so necessary to the credit of my Station.

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

Poona 27.th July 1793.

Signed C: W: Malet

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona
to the Governor General

Dated 27th July 1793.

On the 21st Instant I received from the Durbar an Answer to the Letter from the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun to this Court, which I have now the honor to enclose, with a Translation of the Substance of the Contents both of Tippoo's Letter and the Peshwa's Answer to it as furnished me by the Minister. Copy of which I have sent to the Governor of Madras. In the Event of future Letters being sent by Tippoo to this Court — through your Lordship's Mediation, permit me to Suggest the Expediency of their being accompanied with Copies for your Lordship's notice, and, if your Lordship thinks proper, Transcripts of the Same, for my Information, on their Delivery to this Court. —

I enquired of the Minister relative to Tippoos Payment of the Second Kist, and the Delivery of the Durbars Receipts, which he told me had not been yet done, but would be as soon as — Advice was received of the whole Sum having — passed the Examination of the Governments Shroffs.

True Extract

Signed J. Uhthoff

Assistant at Poona
Transcribe

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Translate of the Substance as Received from Behro Pundit's of Tippoo's Letter to the Peshwa, transmitted through the Governor General, and delivered to the Durbar by Sir Charles Warre Malet on the 18.th June 1793.

Peace having been concluded between your Circar, the Nabob Nizam al Dowlah Bahader, and the English Company Bahader, on one Part, and the Circar of Afsud ullah on the other, It was agreed mutually to Concede Certain Districts, and Particular Lists thereof were made out, agreable to which the Districts were immediately ceded, and your Officers are now in the Possession thereof. But I now learn from the writing of Lord Cornwallis Bahader that the Districts allotted to you have not been ceded. Verily, no Deviation will take Place from the Stipulations of the Treaty, nor is any one of the Districts allotted to you retained in my Possession, and should there be any Point unsettled, it had better be concluded; For which Purpose, if you will appoint a Person to proceed to the Frontier, and acquaint me with the place I also will send a Deputation of five Persons, Who, having surveyed the Places on the spot, may, should any

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Difference remain, settle the same by negotiation.—
no Protection should be given to the Polighars of
both Parties. They should be seized and returned this
you should be acquainted with. But you will
doubtless have been acquainted with the Annagoonda
man sheltering himself in your Districts, and from
thence molesting my Country It is advisable that the
Treaty, on this Point, should be observed.—

True Translate
Signed J. Uhthoff
Assistant at Poona

Substance of the Peshwas Answer as Communicated
by Behro Punt to Tippoos Letter delivered to the
Durbar on the 8th June by Sir Charles Warre Malet.

Some time ago Sir Charles Warre
Malet, pursuant to Instructions from Marquis Corn-
wallis, made Known that a Letter had been Received
from Tippoo by his Lordship to the following
Purport Viz.

"The Cession of Country to the Peshwa
"has been completed by me, But Differences still
"subsist in the Cessions to be made to me by the
"Peshwah."—

To which the following Answer was
given

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gwin to Sir Charles Warre Malet.—

"That Constant Representations were arriving
"from the amildars (Pishwas) that they found it impracti-
"cable to settle their Respective Districts by the Litigations
"introduced by Tippoo's Officers, on which Account the —
"Settlement of the Purgunnah of Soopa was not comple-
"ted."—

This will have been particularly Ex-
-plained by Sir Charles Warre Malet's Letters to —
Marquis Cornwallis, who, to remove all Cause of
Discontent, will have written the same to you.—
Recent Reports now state that this Government's —
Authority is Established in its Districts, and, the
Points of Discussion being accommodated. my —
amildars have delivered over the Purgunna of Soopa
to your Officers. Hence there appears no necessity
for sending the Person you propose to the Frontier with
Respect to the Zemindar of Annagoondee, Letters were
Received from you, to which answers were given that
this Court was not disposed to support or protect Him,
and that you might punish Him as you thought
Proper, and you punished him accordingly.— as
Present Doanjee Waug has Commenced Distur-
-bances.

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Disturbances in my Districts, for the Correction of which, Troops have been dispatched, from the Tenor of whose approach the said Doanjee Waug has taken refuge in your Districts, whence He is guilty of Disorders. Wherefore it is now written that you should seize and send Him hither without Delay. -

True Translate. -

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Assistant at Poona

Minute thereon

Agreed that Communications be made to the Residents at Hydrabad and Poona, from time to time, of the operations of the Army before Pondichery. -

Death of Cornet T. Haffey

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Cornet Thomas Haffey of native Cavalry, at Palamcotah, on the 25th Ultimo. -

Read the following letter from the Acting Deputy Adjutant General. -

W. C. Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary

From Assistant Deputy Adjutant General - proposing the promotion of Lieutenant Fireworker J. Gourlay - Mr. G. Steele Cadet Lieutenant Fireworker a Gold - to be Commissary of Stores and Mr. Franks Conductor, to be a Deputy — Commissary. -

Sir,

I am directed by Colonel Brathwaite to request that you will be pleased to communicate to the Honorable the Governor in Council his Recommendation that the following promotions and appointments

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appointments may take place.

Lieutenant Fireworker John Gourlay to be Lieutenant vice Nelson deceased. date of Commission 20th July 1793.

Mr. George Steele cadet to be Lieutenant Fireworker vice Gourlay promoted. date of Commission 17th June 1793.

Lieutenant Fireworker Andrew Geils, — to be Deputy Commissary of Stores, vice Nelson deceased.

Mr. Franks conductor of Stores to be Deputy Commissary of Stores, vice Geils promoted.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) A Wilkes

Asst. Dep. Adjt. Genl.

Adjutant Generals Office. Fort St. George 12th August 1793.

Minute regarding the promotion of Mr. Franks.

Agreed to inform Colonel Brathwaite that, as Conductors of Stores have no Commissions, and are expressly precluded from rising in the Service, the Board cannot confer the appointment of — Deputy Commissary of Stores upon Mr. Franks without

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without a disobedience of the Company's orders and that, it will be therefore necessary that he recommend an Officer of Artillery Junior to Lieutenant Fireworker Pitts for this charge.—

Read the following letters from his Highness the Nabob entered also in C. C. Nos 1972 1973.—

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

Dated 30th Zechiga 1207 Hegery

or

8th August 1793.

Received 16th D°. D°.

From the Nabob on the subject of Vencata Soobaihs claim upon him—requests it may be satisfied. his Petition enclosed.—

When I had the pleasure to address you under date 11th of May last, requesting that the amount of the Poligars Peashcush for Phazelly 1199 collected by Colonel Maxwell, and the one fifth Share of the Peashcush collected in the Phazelly years 1200 and 1201 might be carried to the Credit of my Kists falling due on the month of June—& following. I did so, in the full confidence and belief that the claim of Vencata Soobiah had, long

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long previous to that period, been liquidated out of the large balance due to me from my Friends the Company, and I had every just reason for such belief from the — silence observed by Vencata Lobiah. The inclosed — Petition however shews, I was mistaken, and I feel myself called upon, to do him that Justice which he is entitled to, and which he has been too long deprived of, and I therefore intreat my friend, that you will take his — situation and my own, into your consideration. His claims are equitable, and my credit must sustain an injury until they may be satisfied. He enabled me, by his advances, to make good my engagements with my friends the Company, and is of course — entitled to my just and warmest support, and as you have money belonging to me, sufficient to — make that satisfaction, and as you say the faith of the Company is pledged so to do, I trust it will be done without any further delay.

What can I say more?

A true translation

Signed David Haliburton

Persian Translator

To,

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To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

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

The humble Petition of Vencata

Sheweth Soobiah Brahmin

That your Petitioner, in consequence of your Highness having Requested of the Honorable Governor to pay into your Petitioners hands whatever Sums of money were forthcoming to your Highness on account of your Fifth, and the Honorable — Governor having agreed thereto, your Petitioner did Appoint Mr. Lautour his Attorney to demand and Receive the same from the Honorable — Company, he having lent your Petitioner the greatest part of the Money that was advanced to your Highness on the faith of Government — Abovementioned your Petitioner begs leave to state that the said Mr. Lautour did apply accordingly and your Highness will judge of the mortifi= =cation and disappointment accruing your — Petitioner, on reading the enclosed Answer that was sent by Government to Mr. Lautour, by which

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which you will observe that your Petitioner is given to understand that he is not to expect any more money till an answer comes from the Court of Directors as your Highness must be sensible that such a delay must prove ruinous to your Petitioners affairs he humbly prays that your Highness will be pleased to discharge his debts without further delay, and receive back the Assignment of the Money that is due from the Honorable Company For which your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever Pray.

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28th June 1793.

Signed Vencata Subiah

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

Dated 1. Moharram 1208 Hegery
or
9th August 1793

Received 12th Do . . . Do.

From Ditto inclosing forty six Fanams for the Peshcush of the Polygars requests Receipts may in future, be prepared for the Amount.

Enclosed in this Letter I send forty Six Fanams for the Peshcush of the Several Pollagars for the present year 1203 Phazaly, in part amount of the Company's Kists in the last year Assigned over, according to Treaty, the Sum of two Lacks, Sixty four Thousand, Seven hundred and four Pagodas twenty Fanams and twenty Six Cash in part of the Peshcush of the Pollagars you will please to give me a Receipt for that Sum, and in

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in future, furnish me with the receipts in each Kist, for the proportionate amount of the assigned Peshcush of the Pollagars.

What can I say more?

I have translation

(Signed) David Haliburton

Persian Translator

Minutes of the Board on the foregoing subject.

The subject of Vencata Soobiahs claim upon his Highness the Nabob has been already fully discussed. The Board have shewn (vide Letter to the Board of Revenue — dated the 5.ᵗʰ June last) that it was never their intention to make the Company answerable for more than what the fifth of the nett Collections might amount to, and that it was impossible for them to determine the Sum that would fall due to his Highness on account of the Peishcush collected since the restoration of the Assumption by the means of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwells Detachment — whether the — expences of that Detachment be to be defrayed solely by the Company, or paid out of the Collections, can only be determined by the Honorable Court of Directors, to whom it has been resolved to refer the subject, and, as there is nothing in suspence on account of the fifth, except the above, no further payments can be made to Vencata Soobiah, until the result of the reference be known —

Resolved that his Highness be made acquainted

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Acquainted with the opinion of the Board on the claim preferred by his Highness in favor of Vencata Sorbiah.—

Resolved that the accountant General be directed to bring to the Credit of the Nabob the amount of the last years Peishcush and that it be proposed to his Highness to divide the amount in future into ten equal payments, and to give him credit monthly for each, as his respective Kists are received_ that is to say.—

On the 1st of	September	26,470 Pagodas
Do	October	26,470
Do	November	26,470
Do	December	26,470
Do	January	26,470
Do	February	26,470
Do	March	26,470
Do	April	26,470
Do	May	26,470
Do	June	26474 20 26
Total Pr Annum		2,64,704 20 26

Ordered that the Puncahs be sent to the Board of Revenue, with directions to forward them to the parties concerned, provided they

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they are conformable to those received from the Nabob last year.

Chas Oakeley

E. H. Fanshawe

George Parry Esqr

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Minutes of last consultation read and approved.—

Wednesday
14th August 1793.

The Honorable Company's Ships Berrington, Francis, Britannia Princess Amelia, and Rodney anchored in the Roads this afternoon. The Commands of the Honorable Court brought by these Ships are now read, and the — orders passed thereon.—

Gen.l Letters from England p. Berrington Francis — Britannia Princess Amelia and Rodney Read and — orders passed.—

General letter 30th January 1793

Military Department

Ordered that the resolutions of the General Court of Proprietors be inserted in the next Madras Courier, and published in General Orders to the army.—

Para 1. Resolutions of the General Court of Proprietors regarding the late war in India.—

Resolved that — Copies of these paragraphs be sent to the Military Board, with directions to pay the — strictest attention to the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors regarding the Certificates.—

Para 2 & 3 Orders of his majesty's most Honorable privy Council prohibiting the Exportation of Naval Stores, except in — certain cases and for licensing the Company to export sundry Garrison and Ordnance Stores — Directions of the Court thereon.—

Requires no remark.

Para 4. Officers permitted to return to India. Major Johnston has received the full amount of his half Pay.—

The President informs the Board that, by a private letter received this day from Colonel Brathwaite, he learns that the army broke ground towards the

President reports that the army broke ground before Pondicherry on the 12th instant.—

north

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North Face of Pondicherry on the night of the 12th instant, and that in consequence of the Enemy's fire being directed against the enfilading Battery, the approaches were carried on upwards of nine hundred yards without any Loss on our side.-

Ordered that the above be communicated to Bengal and Bombay and to the Residents at Hydrabad and Poona.-

Chas Oakeley

E Wallopfield

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

14th Despatches the following Letters.-

To the Honble William Cornwallis

Rear Admiral of the White

and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships

in the East Indies.

To Admiral Cornwallis - advice of the arrival of five Indiamen - the Names of any of them removed - three packets for his address inclosed -

Sir,

We have the honor to acquaint you that the Honble Company's Ships Berrington - Princess Amelia - Francis - Rodney - and Britannia, anchored in these Roads this afternoon. Three Packets were received to your address which we have the pleasure now to transmit. -

These Ships have brought Cargoes & Stores Recruits &c. for Bengal and Madras, and must necessarely remain here some days to land them, and to take in refreshements; but if you are of opinion that the Services of any of them can be usefully employed at Pondicherry, we shall despatch them to you with all possible expedition. -

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

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Signed Charles Pakeley

&c. Council

To

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To Edward Hay Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at Fort William

Sir

To Secretary at Bengal with similar advice the Army broke ground on the 13th Instant.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you for the information of the Governor General in Council, that the

To Secretary at Bombay. Army under Colonel Brathwaite broke ground towards the north face of Pondicherry on the night of the 12th instant. The approaches were carried on upwards of nine hundred Yards without any Loss.

The Honorable Company's Ships Berrington - Princess Amelia - Francis - Rodney - and Britannia anchored in these Roads this afternoon. They left England on the 5th of April.

Fort St. George the same to Govt at Bombay

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I have the honor to be &c &c

[Signed] W. Jackson Sec.

To Residents at Hyderabad and Poona

Sent also Letters to the Residents at Hyderabad and Poona entered in P. Bk. No. 107 with advice of the above circumstances.

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15 Received the undermentioned Letters entered in. M.B. Nos. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113.-

From Commissary General of Grains and Provisions.- From Commissary General of Grains and Provisions on the subject of serving Rice to the Troops at Permacoil.-

From Colonel Fraser.- From Officer Commanding the Northern Division - requests the Number of Puckallies for Allore may be encreased -

From Military Board.- From Military Board - reply relative to the despatch of Stores for Carnatic - Test Proof of Powder.-

From Mr. J. Wynch.- From Paymaster to the Army offers his Brother George as his Security.-

From Military Paymaster General.- From Paymaster General - with additional Estimates of Cash for the Presidency and Detroy Paymasters for August.-

From Mr. J. Pouney.- From Mr. J. Pouney - forwarding a Letter for Sir Robert Abercromby - from the Rajah of Travancore -

16 Received the following Letter.-

Sir

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W. C. Jackson Esq.

Secretary

Sir,

Town Lieutenant Colonel Nesbitt with the detailed Statement of Money mentioned in his last Letter.

I have the honor to enclose, for the information of the Honorable the President in Council, a detailed Statement of the Money over-drawn by His Majesty's 52d. Regiment, during a certain period, which I trust will be found not only accurate, but explanatory of every part of the transaction. You will be pleased to observe the Subsistance &c. usually paid by the King's Paymaster, with money received under the head of "Company's allowances" is separate and distinct.-

Camp before Pondicherry
the
13th August 1793.-

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

Signed C. Nesbitt
Lieut.t Col. 52d. Regiment

Detailed

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Detailed Statement of Subsistence, Poundge and Companys allowances overdrawn by His Majesty's 52d. Regiment from 1790. to 1792.

Companies		£	s.	d.
General Trapaud's	Subsistence of 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal 3 Privates from 24th. February 1791 to 24th. June 1792. and of 1 Private from 25th. April 1791 to the 24th June 1792 Prisoners of War	87.	15.	2
ditto	of 2 Privates from 8th December 1790, to 24th January 1791 - ditto of 1 Private from 6th to 31st December 90 and of 3 Privates from 25th December 1790 to 24th January 1791 left sick at Cannore	6.	17.	"
ditto	of 3 Privates from 24th February to 24th april 1791 - ditto of 2 Privates from 24th. February to 24th June 91 of 1 Private from 24th. February to 24th. October 1791 - ditto of 2 Privates from 25th august to 24th octo 1791 - and Poundage of 2 Privates from 25th. December 1789 to 24th. June 1791 left sick in the Carnatic	24.	10.	"
ditto	of 1 Serjeant from 25th. December 1790. to 24th. June 1792. - ditto of 3 Privates from 25th octobet 1791 to 23d February 1792. - ditto of 7 Privates from 25th. October 1791 to 24th June 1792. - and Poundage of 7 Privates from 25th. June to 24th. December 1791 Recruits arrived from Europe	63.	2.	7.
	Carried Over...	178.	5.	3.

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Companies Gent. Trapaud's

Brought forward £78. 5. 2.

Difference of Pay of 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal, and 4 Privates from 25th. December 1790. to 24th. April 1792 / Prisoners of War / — 28. 2. 1.

ditto — of 1 Private from 25th. June 1790. to 24th. January 1791 and of 1 Private from 24th February to the 24th April 1791 / left sick in the Carnatic / 2. 2. 11½

ditto — of 3 Privates from 25th. October 1791. to 24th. January 1792. ditto of 1 Private from 25th October 1791 to 24th March 1792. and of 6 Privates from 25th October 1791 to 24th May 1792 / Recruits arrived from Europe / — 13. 8. 3½ — 221. 18. 6½

Lieutt. Nesbitt Subsistence of 2 Privates one from 1st February 1791. to 24th June 1792 and one from 1st March 1791. to 24th June 1792 / Prisoners of War / — 24. 16. .

ditto — of 1 Serjeant and 4 Privates from 25th December 1790 to 24th January 1791 / left sick at Cuddalore — 4. 13. .

ditto — of 2 Privates one from 1st December 1790. to 24th January 1791 and one from 1st to 31st December 1790. ditto ..... 2. 3. .

of 3 Privates from 24th February to 24th April 1791. ditto of 2 Privates from 24th February to 24th June 1791 of 1 Private from 24th February 1791 to 24th June 1792. ditto of 2 Privates from 24th February to 24th December 1791. ditto of 1 Private from 25th October 1791 to 24th June 1792. and Poundage of 6 Privates from 25th December 1789 to 24th June 1791 / left sick in the Carnatic / 18. 11. 9

Carried over ... 80. 3. 9. — 221. 18. 6¾

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		£	s	d
	Brought forward	80. 3 9.	221.	18. 6¾
Companies Acct. Publicks-				
	of 2 Privates from 25th. October 1791 to 23d. February 1792. ditto of 7 Privates from 25th. October 1791 to 24th June 1792. 1 Private from 25th. October 91 to 24th. December 1791. ditto of 2. Privates one from 25th. December 1791 to 24th June 1792 and one from 25th. April to 24 June 1792. and Pourdage of 7 Privates from 25th June to 24th. December 1791 Recruits arrived from Europe	58. 11. 1.		
Difference of Pay.	of 2 Privates from 25th December 1790. to 24th. April 1792 Prisoners of War Exchg. 19. 6. 44.	7. 13. 3.		
"	of 2 ditto from 25th. December 1789 to 24th. June left sick in the Carnatic 21. 23. 32.	8. 12. 2.		
"	of 11 ditto one from 25th. October 1791 to 24th. April 1792 two from 25th. October 1791. to 24th. January 1792 three from 25th ditto. to 24th. March " one from 25th. October to 24th. December 1791. three from 25th. ditto. to 24th. May and one from 25th. April. to 24th. May 1792 and 2 from 24th February to 24th April 1793. Recruits arrived from Europe 32. 39. 20	13. 3. 3¼		
			163.	3. 6¼
Major Brodie's Subsistence	of 3 Privates one from 1st. March 1791. to 24th. June 1792. one from 24th. February to 24th December 1791 and one from 25th. April 1791 to 24th June 1792. Prisoners of War	30. 7. -		
ditto	of 1 Drummer from 1st. December 1790 to 24th. January 1791 and 1 Private from 25th. December 1790 to 24th. January 1791 left sick at Carroor	2. 12. 2.		
	Carried over	32. 19. 2.	390.	2. 1.

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Companies
Majr Brosius

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	£	s	d
Brought forward	32. 19. 2.	390. 2.	1
ditto of 1 Corporal and 4 Privates from 24th February to 24th April 1792 ditto of 1 Private from 24th February to 24th August 1792 ditto of 1 Private from 24th ditto to 24th December 1791 and Poundage of 4 Privates three from 25th December 1789 to 24th June 1791 and one from 25th December 1790 to 24th June 1791/Sick in the Carnatic	23. 3. 10.		
ditto of 1 Corporal from 25th April to 24th June 1792 ditto of 1 Private from 25th December 1791 to 24th June 1792 of 9 Privates from 25th October 1791 to 23d February 1792 ditto of 6 Privates from 25th October 1791 to the 24th June 1792 and Poundage to 6 Privates from 25th June to 24th December 1791/Recruits arrived from Europe/	72. 9. 8.		
Difference of Pay of 3 Privates two from 25th December 1790 to 24th April 1792 and one from 25th December 1790 to the 24th October 1791/Prisoners of War/ Pays. 25. 6. 24.	10. 1. 2½		
ditto of 1 Corporal from 24th February to 24th March 1791 ditto of 1 Private from 24th February to 24th April 1791 and of 1 Private from 24th February 90 to 24th June 1791/left sick in the Carnatic	11. 24. 19.	4. 12. 3½	
ditto of 1 Corporal from 25th April to 24th May 1792 ditto of 9 Privates from 25th October 1791 to 24th January 1792 ditto of 2 Privates from 25th October 1791 to 24th March 1792 and of 4 Privates from 25th October 1791 to 24 May 1792./Recruits arrived from Europe/	39. 30. 23.	15. 17. 9½	159. 3. 11½
Captain Agnew's Subsistence of 1 Corporal and 2 Privates from 24th February 1791 to 24th June 1792/Prisoners of War	60. 11. 8.		
Carried Over	60. 11. 8.	549.	6. 0½

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		£	s	d
Companies Capt. Symes's	Brought forward	40. 11. 8.	549.	6. 0½
	ditto of 4 Privates from 25th. October 1791 to 23d. February 1792. ditto 7 Privates from 25th. October 1791 to 24th. June 1792 and Poundage of 7 Privates from 25th. June to 24th December 1793 / Recruites arrived from Europe /	57. . 7.		
	ditto of 2 Privates - one from 25th April to 24th June 1791 and one from 25th. April to 24th. December 1791 and Poundage of 3 Privates from 25th. December 1790 to 24th June 1791 / left sick in the Carnatic /	8. 10. 9.		
	Differance of Pay of 1 Corporal and 2 Privates from 25th December to 24th April 1792 / Prisoners of War / Pay. 31. 39. 32.	12. 16. 6.		
	ditto of 4 Privates from 25th October 1791 to 24th January 1792. ditto of 3 Privates from 25th. October 1791 to 24th. March 1792 and 4 Privates from 25th. October 1791 to 24th. May 1792 ..... 32. 39. 20.	13. 3. 5½		
	ditto of 2 Privates - one from 25th October 1790 to 24th. June 1791 and 1 from 24th February to 24th April 1791 / left sick in the Carnatic / 5. 41. 40.	2. 7. 4½	134.	9. 4½
Captain Hunter's Subsistence	of 2 Privates from 24th. February 1791 to 24th June 1792 / Prisoners of War /	24. 7. .		
	ditto of 1 Captain, and 1 Drummer from 24th February to 24th June 1791 - ditto of 2 Privates from 24th February. to 24th. April 1791 - ditto of 1 Private from 24th February to 24th. August 1791 ditto of 1 Private from 24th February to 24th. October 1791 - and Poundage of 1 Private from 25th. Decmber 1790 to 24th June 1791 / left sick in the Carnatic ...	21. 19. 11.		
	Differance of Pay of 2 Privates from 25th. December 1790. to 24th April 1792 / Prisoners of War / Pay. 19. 6. 44.	7. 13. 3.		
	ditto of 1 Corporal and 1 Private from 24th. February to 24th. April 1791 ditto of 1 Private from 24th February to 24th. October 1791 / left sick in the Carnatic / 7. 24. 46	3. . . 4½	57. . . 6½	
	Carried over		740. 15. 11½	

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Companies		£	s	d
	Brought forward..	760.	15.	11½
Captain Russells Detachment of 5 Privates one from 1st. February one from 24th. February one from 1st. March and 2 from 25th. April 1794 to 24th. June 1792 / Prisoners of War / ditto of 1 Serjeant and 1 Private from 1st. to 31st. December 1790 ditto of 1 Drummer and 2 Privates from 25th. December 1790 to 24th. January 1794 / left sick at Carroor		63.	4.	8.
ditto of 3 Privates from 24th. February to 24th. April 1794 ditto of 2 Privates from 24th. February to 24th. June 1794 of 1 Private from 24th. February to 24th. October 1794 of 2 Drums from 25th. April to 24th. December 1794 and Poundage of 3 Privates two from 25th. December 1789 to 24th. June 1794 and of 1 from 25th. December 1790 to 24th. June 1794 / left sick in the Carnatic..		30.	19.	1.
ditto of 1 Serjeant, and 1 Private from 24th. February 1794 to 24th. June 1792. of 2 Privates from 25th. December 1791 to 24th. June 1792 ditto of 1 Private from 25th. October 1794 to 24th. June 1792. and of 1 from 25th. October to 24th. December 91 and Poundage of 2 Privates from 25th. June to 24th. December 1791 / left sick in the Carnatic		53.	11.	2.
Difference of Pay of 6 Privates from 25th. December 1790 to 24th. April 1792 / Prisoners of War / ..... Pay. 47. 38. 0.		19.	2.	2.
ditto of 2 Privates from 25th. April 1790 to 24th. June 1791 of 1 from 24th. February to 24th. October 1794 and of 1 ditto from 24th. February to 24th. April 1794 / left Sick in the Carnatic /	22. 31. 86.	9.	1.	8.
ditto of 1 Serjeant and 1 Private 24th. February 1794 to 24th. May 92. ditto of 1 from 25th. October 1794 to 24th. March 92. and of 1 Private from 25th. october to 24th. November 1794 / Recruits arrived from Europe	30. 20. 64.	12.	3.	11½
				188. 10. 9½
	Carried Over.....			929. 6. 5½

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	£	s	d
Brought Forward	929.	6.	8½
Corrections			
Captain Mowat's Detachment of 2 Privates from 24th February 1791 to 24th June 1792.			
of 2 Privates one from 6th February and 1 from 25.			
April 1791. to 24th June 1792 / Prisoners of War /			
ditto of Corporal from 1. to 31st December 90. ditto			
of 1 Private from 7th December 1790 to 24th January 91			
and of 1 Private from 25th December 1790 to 24th January			
1791 / left Sick at Carroore /	50.	19.	2.
ditto of 4 Privates from 24th February to 24th April 1791 of 3.			
ditto from 24th February to 24th June 1791 of 3 from			
24th February to 24th August 1791 of 1 from 24th February			
to 24th December 1791 ditto of 1 Private from 25th December			
1791 to 24th June 1792 and Poundage of 3 Privates from			
25th December 1789 to 24th June 1791 / left Sick in the			
Carnatic /	43.	2.	9.
ditto of 1 Corporal and 4 Privates from 25th October 1791 to 24th			
June 1792 of 4 Privates from 25th October 1791 to 25th			
February 1792 ditto of 1 from 25th October to 24th Decmbr			
1791 and Poundage of 4 Privates from 26th June to			
24th December 1791 / Recruits arrived from Ceylon /	47.	9.	6.
Difference of Pay of 4 Privates from 25th December			
1790 to 24th April 1792 / Prisoners of War Pags. 38. 13 48.	15.	6.	7.
ditto of 1 Private from 26th December 1789 to			
24th June 1791 and 3 Privates from			
25th February to 24th April 1793	14.	15.	12. 5. 11. 3½
ditto of 1 Corporal and 2 Privates from 25 octobr			
1791 to 24th May 1792 ditto of 4 Privates			
from 25 October 1791 to 24th January 1792.			
of 2 Privates from 25th October 91 to 24th			
March 1792 and of 1 Private from 25th			
October to 24th December 1791	28.	14.	3. 11. 6. 9.
			£73. 19. 5½
Captain Dixon's Detachment of 3 Privates from 24th February 1791 to 24th June 1792 / Prisoners of			
War / ditto of 1 Serjeant and 4 Privates from 25th December 1790 to 24th			
January 1791 and of 1 from 1st to 31st December 1790 / left Sick at Carroore /	44.	19.	0.
Carried Over	44.	19.	0. £1103. 6. 2½

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Companies
Capt Conran's

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				£	s	d
Brought forward	55.	1.	8.	1574.	5.	4¼
ditto of 3 Privates from 25th December 1790 to 24th January 1791 (left sick at Carroore) ditto of 1 Serjeant and 4 Privates from 24th February to 24th April 1791. ditto of 4 Privates from 24th February to 24th June 1791. of 1 Private from 24th February 1791 to 24th June 1792 and Poundage of 4 Privates three from 25th December 1789 to 24th June 1791 and 1 from 25th December 1790 to 24th June 1791 (left sick in the Carnatic)	38.	12.	10.			
ditto of 1 Corporal and 2 Privates from 25th October 1791 to 23d February 1792, ditto of 6 Privates from 25th October 1791 to 24th June 1792, ditto of 1 Private from 24th February 1791, to 24th June 1792 and Poundage of 7 Privates from 25th June, to 24th December 1791 (Recruits arrived from Europe)	61.	1.	5.			
Difference of Pay of 1 Drummer and 1 Private from 25th December 1790 to 24th April 1792 ditto of 2 Privates from 25th December 1790 to 24th December 1791 and of 1 Private from 25th December 1790 to 23d February 1792 (Prisoners of War) Pag. 45. 3. 56.	18.	"	8¾			
ditto of 1 Serjeant and 5 Privates from 24th February to 24th April 1791 ditto of 2 Women (allowed by their Husbands) one as Serjeant from 25th June 1790 to 24th May 1792 and one as Corporal from 25th June 1790 to 24th January 1791 Pag. 41. 22. 6.	16.	11.	11.			
ditto of 1 Corporal and 2 Privates from 25th October 1791 to 24th January 1792. ditto of 5 Privates from 25. October 1791 to 24th March 1792 of 1 Private from 25th October 1791 to 24th May 1792. and 1 Private from 24th February 1791 to 24 May 92 Pag. 33. 41. 43.	13.	11.	11	203.	"	5¾
Carried Over				1777.	5.	19¾

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	£	s	d
Brought Forward	1777.	5.	9¾
The following Charges due by Captain Hunter when Paymaster of the Regiment [illegible]			
Subsistence of 1 Lieutenant from 24th February 1791 to 24th April 1792	186.	16.	10.
ditto of 1 Lieutenant from 25 October 1791 to 23d February 1792	53.	16.	10.
ditto of 1 Assistant Surgeon from 24th February to 24th August 1791	68.	17.	20.
ditto of 25 Invalids from 24th February to 24th December	475.	"	"
ditto of 25 Invalids from 25 Dec. 1791 to 24th April 1792	15.	11.	20.
ditto of 1 Corporal, 1 Drummer and 2 Privates from 1 December 1790 to 24th January 1791 ditto of 2 Privates from 25th December 1790 to 24th January 1791 and of 1 Private from 1 to 31st December 1790	19.	38.	35.
ditto of 1 Corporal and 1 Private from 9 December 1790 to 24th January 1791 ditto of 3 Privates from 8 December 1790 to 24th January 1791 1 Private from 5 to 31st December 1790 of 4 Privates from 24th February to 24th April 1791 and Poundage of 3 Invalids from 25th December 1789 to 24th December 1790	34.	8.	22.
Difference of Pay of 25 Invalids from 25th February to 24th June 1790	59.	37.	.
ditto of 2 Privates 1 from 24th February to 24th April and 1 from 24th February to 24th August 1791	4.	33.	16.
ditto of 16 Women allowed by their Husbands 15 from 25th April to 24th June 1790 and 1 from 25 June 1790 to 24th June 1791	28.	11.	38.
	945.	13.	51.
	378	2	5
Total £	2,155.	8.	2¾

Signed C. Nesbit
Lieut Col. 52 Regiment.

Despatched

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Despatched the following letters.-

To Edward Hay Esquire

Secretary to the Government at

Fort William

Sir.

To Secretary at Bengal - no particulars orders were issued relative to intercourse between the Military auditors General -

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Mr^t Sub Secretary Tombelle's Letter of the 19th Instant, and to inform you, in reply thereto, that it does not appear, on reference to the records, that any particular orders were given in consequence of the recommendation contained in the 18th Paragraph to Colonel Murray, Letter to the Governor General in Council of the 2^d of April 1789- A Copy of the whole letter was sent to the Committee appointed for the purpose of drawing up the regulations necessary for bringing into use at this Presidency the Bengal System of Accounts, and copies of all their reports on the subject were regularly transmitted to the Governor General in Council.-

The President in Council lately recommended to the Military Auditor General the intercourse suggested by Colonel Murray - a Copy of the letter to him on the occasion is herewith inclosed.-

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Sec^y

Fort St. George

16th August 1793.-

To

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Fort St. George August 15th 1793.

To the Honble William Cornwallis
Rear Admiral of the White
and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships
in East Indies

Sir.

To Admiral Cornwallis
- forwarding two more
Letters, received p.r
Frances -

We had the honor to inform you -
Yesterday of the arrival of five of the Company's Ships
from England, and to transmit Letters which had
been received to your address.

Our President having this Morning
received two Letters from Captain Burrowes, Com:
manding the Frances, addressed to you, we lose
no time in forwarding them.-

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

Fort St. George.
15th August 1793.

To Colonel Henry Malcolm
&c. Members of the Military Board.

Gentlemen,

To Military Board with
Invoices of Military Stores
Landed ex the Rodney,
Princess Amelia, and
Britannia, and Extract
from the Court's Letter of 30th
January 1793, and papers
referred to therein, Orders
on the subject. the Certificates
of Naval and Ordnance
Stores Landed at Madras
to be furnished punctually -

We herewith transmit Invoices
of Military Stores for Fort St. George Laden on the
Company's Ships Rodney - Princess Amelia -
and Britannia - together with Copies of two
Orders of his Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council -

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We one prohibiting the exportation of Naval Stores except in the cases therein mentioned - and the other licensing the Company to export Sundry Garrison and Ordnance Stores to their Several Presidencies -

We also enclose extract of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 30th of January - and Copies of the Accounts of Goods shipped on the Britannia - Frances - and Princess Amelia - by which you will observe that Certificates are required of such Naval Stores - and Garrison and Ordnance Stores as may be landed at this Presidency, in order that the Company may avoid the heavy Penalties to which they are liable, if the Bond given to the Crown on this occasion should be put in suit. - The Certificates are to contain an exact Copy of the Indorsements of the Cockets sent by the Ships whereon such Stores are laden, and not the particular contents of each Package -

We desire you will pay particular attention to the orders of the Honble Court by transmitting to us as soon as possible the Certificates required, which are to be signed in Duplicate by your Board, and Countersigned by us - It is our wish that these Certificates should be forwarded to England by

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by the first dispatch.-

We have the honor to

&c.a &c.a

Fort St. George

15th August 1793.-

/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley

&c.a Council

Despatched also the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119.

120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132.

133. 134. 135.-

To Secretary at Bengal- with Copy

To Secretary at Bengal.-

of a Paper of Intelligence delivered by the Captain

of the Berrington to the President.-

The same to the Secretary at Bombay

To Ditto at Bombay and Residents at Poona and Hyderabad.-

and Residents at Poona and Hyderabad.-

To Pulicat and Colombo with

To Pulicat and Colombo.-

Copies of Ditto.-

To Secretary at Bengal- with

To Secretary at Bengal.-

two Packets in the Secret Department, received

per Rodney and Berrington.-

To Ditto at Bombay- with three

To Ditto at Bombay.-

packets in the Secret Department, received by

the above Ships and the Princess Amelia.-

To Commissary General of Grain and

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.-

Provisions- the Extra Expenses attending the

present Service to be carried to the Head of

expedition

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Expedition against Pondicherry in 1793.

To Chief at Madras.-

To Chief at Madras - ack nowledging his attention in dispatching the Masoola Boats requested.-

To Mons.r Pinaud.

To Mons.r Pinaud - replying to his representation, concerning the seizure of his Vessel.-

To Auditor General-

To Military Auditor General referring the additional Estimates of Mess.rs Cockerane and Webster for August.-

To Ditto..

To Ditto - with Copy of Letter from Colonel Nesbitt - regarding the Amount of Cash over drawn for the 52.d Regiment, and the detailed Statement above entered - orders for recovering the Sums uncollected.-

To Military Board..

To Military Board - some Buff accoutrements to be sent to Bengal, as applied for - Letter from Commandant of 3.d Regiment of Cavalry, regarding the Quarter Masters Expenses for Servants, being in Charge of Grass reserved-

To Ditto

To Ditto - a Set of Standards and Trumpets may be provided by Major Orr for his Regiment - reference regarding the disposal of the Lascars at Delhi - and an Extra allowance to a Serjeant of the Royal Artillery attached to the Gun Lascars of that Corps.-

to Do

to D.o a Supply of Shells to be sent to Camp by Sea.-

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To Paymaster General.-

To Military Paymaster General advising of the pay advanced to Major Johnston of the Engineers in England.-

To Lieutenant Wilks.-

To Assistant Deputy Adjutant General directing to receive from Mr. Colt the Horses detained by the late Major Tonyn.

To Lieutenant John Baillie of the Infantry.-

To Lieutenant John Baillie- my appointment of Commissary of Prisoners unnecessary.-

To Colonel Braithwaite.-

To Officer Commanding the Army- stating why Mr. Franks, Conductor, cannot be appointed Deputy Commissary of Stores- directions in Consequence.-

To Ditto.

To Ditto- the lowering of the Price of the Company's Grain left to his discretion- his appointment of Assistant Engineers confirmed- a supply of Shells have been ordered.-

To Lieutenant W. Elliphant of the Infantry.-

To Lieutenant W. Elliphant- his Bills for Batta and House Rent cannot be passed.-

To Resident at Tanjore.-

To Resident at Nagore- with a letter for Colombo.-

To Captain Lindsay.-

To Captain Lindsay- will be permitted to return to Permacoil.-

To Ditto.-

To Ditto- his Bills for repairs and Intelligence returned, signed for Payment; no further charges

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16 charges to be incurred -

To Clerk of the Treasury.-

To Clerk of the Treasury - as advance of 3842. 38. 52, to be made to Mr. Cockburn - on account of his Employ.-

17 Received the undermentioned letter entered in GG Pt. 1774. 175. -

Substance of letter from the Nabob -

From the Nabob - has appointed Messrs. Binny and Abbott - to meet Messrs. Woolfard Smith - to prepare the Balance Accounts. -

Ditto Ditto

From Ditto - has sent written authorities to his Southern Managers - Translate thereof Enclosed. -

Received the following letter. -

To the Honorable the Governor in Council Madras. -

Sir,

From Admiral Cornwallis - inclosing Copy of a letter from the Master of the French Snow Josephine, and of his Reply thereto -

The Master of the Snow Josephine, which was taken out of Pondicherry Road by the Boats of His Majestys Ship Minerva, the night of the Eleventh instant, having written me a Letter from Madras; - I desired Captain Whitby to answer it, as He was best informed upon the Subject; - I take the liberty of enclosing a

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a Copy of the Letter and answer, as the master says he has written to the Government of Madras, as well as the Supreme Government, relative to his situation.-

The Plea he makes, appears to me so very strange,- that I apprehend little Credit can be given to so extraordinary a Tale, as that of his having gone has often a Board, as any upon the Coast to lighten his Vessel, and stop his Leaks, and that he landed a great part of his Cargo at a place, which it was well known for fortnight before he arrived there, / for preparations were making to besiege.-

The Vessel was reported to me to have five hundred Bags of Rice on board when she was taken out. I did not therefore think that I would with propriety suffer her to return to Pondicherry Road, particularly as nothing of this kind was mentioned at the time, but it appeared from those on board, that a part of the Cargo had been landed daily, as it could be disposed of.-

This Vessel was at an anchor unmolested upon the Coast, as near Pondicherry as they chose to be, for ten days after she was taken out of the Road, when they received the Master on

board

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board, and, most probably, did receive any thing else belonging to the Vessel that might have been left at Pondicherry.-

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

Minerva off
Pondicherry
15th August 1793.

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Received the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos 138, 139, 140, 141.-

From Chief at Tutocoryn:
-coryn.-

From Chief at Tutocoryn.- expressing thanks for permitting the French prisoners to be kept at Palamcotah. The English Seamen will be sent thither by Sea shortly.-

From Military
Board.-

From Military Board.- reporting the Master Carriages shipped on the Henry for Bengal. Observations.-

From Paymaster
General.-

From Military Paymaster General enclosing his estimate for September.-

From Commandant
at Bamrad

[From Commandant at Bamrad.- with explanations regarding the Demolition of the Fort of Trichinopoly by Chunnah Moorden.]

Sent the following letters.-

To Anthony Sadleir Esq.
Chief &c. Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen. We have received your letters dated the 6th and 8th Instant.- This

To Masulipatam. Three and half Lacs of Rupees to be paid in Gold to the Nizam's Agent at the Exchange mentioned by Mr John Hodges away- the French Subjects at Masulipatam may reside there on parole agreeably to the Nizam's application.-

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His Highness the Nizam being willing to receive the payment of the arrears of Peishcush in Madras Pagodas at the exchange communicated to you by Sir John Shore may, we desire that the sum of three lacks and fifty Thousand ₹3,50,000 Rupees may be issued, without delay, to his Highness's Agent Burrahoor Dass upon his receipt, and advice sent to us when the payment is made.—

The Parole which you have taken from the French subjects residing at Vaidapillee, is very proper, and, while they adhere to it, we shall not object to your granting them permission to continue at that place.—

With respect to Mr. Dozians application we can only say that the circumstances of the times put it out of your power to comply with his request— The property in question was certainly French, and consequently liable to seizure by the rules of War.—

We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Thos Oakeley

&c.a Council

Fort St. George

16th August 1793.—

To

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To John Shaw Esq.
Chief &c. Council
of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

To Vizagapatam. title of opinion the allowances to the French prisoners are ample. The leave granted to the Captains and officer of the Nestor to go to Bengal highly disapproved.

We have received your Letter of the 4th Instant.

We continue of opinion that the allowances which have been granted to the French Prisoners at your Settlement are as ample as we can, with propriety, make them, on comparison with those given at the Presidency.

We are sorry to observe that you gave permission to the Commander and Officers of the Nestor to proceed to Bengal, without waiting for the Instructions you had previously requested from us on this subject. This Step, as well as that we lately remarked with regard to the disposal of the Nestor, more if is to a principle of Conduct which is disrespectful, and inconsistent with the obedience due from all who act under our authority, and we hope therefore that no further Instance of the kind will happen.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Sha. Pakeley
&c. Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147.

To Accountant General - with orders
for bringing to account a Sum paid to the Nizam's
Servant Rehum ale, at Tanjore viz 5779 Ps. the charge
for transporting Stores to Trincondah to remain in
suspense - 3,50,000 Rupees will be paid for Pashcush
at Masulipatam, and the remaining Arrears at
Madras. -

To Accountant General -

To Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copy
of a letter from Colonel Brathwaite, and a Letter from
the Admiral -

To Secretary at Bengal -

To Military Auditor General on addi-
tion of 50 Pags. allowed to the Pay of his Deputy
and Assistants - for the reasons stated by him. -

To Auditor General -

To Military Paymaster General to
report the Extent of the Business in his Office, and
the allotments to each Assistant - before his Establish-
ment can be encreased. -

To Paymaster General -

To Board of Revenue - the second
Complaint from the Nabob against Captain Reads
Servants at Arcot to be sent to him - the Nabobs -
Purwannahs to the Polygars for the present year
sent. Orders on the Subject. -

To Board of Revenue

To Clerk of the Treasury with a Bill
on

To Clerk of the Treasury -

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17 on Iya Pillah for the amount balance of Cash in Mr. Powneys hands, to be presented when due.-

Substance of a letter to the Nabob. 18th Sent letter to the Nabob - entered in C.C. No. 176, in reply to his letters of the 7th and 9th Instant concerning the Irregularities committed by the Tinnivelly Polygars - and stating the Substance of the Orders given to the Board of Revenue on that Subject.-

Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos. 148-149-150-151-152.

To Accountant General - To Accountant General - a Head of Polygar Peishcush to be opened in the Books - onacct on the Subject.-

To Secretary at Bombay. - To Secretary at Bombay - forwarding the letter from the Rajah of Travancore for Sir Robert Abercromby.-

To Admiral Cornwallis - To Admiral Cornwallis - with Copy of the paper of Intelligence before noted.-

To Colonel Braithwaite - To Colonel Braithwaite with Ditto.-

To Mr. Paymaster Vaughan - To Paymaster at Madura - with general instructions in regard to the Store Department.-

To Auditor General - To Military Auditor General referring the Paymaster Generals Estimate for September.-

Received

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Substance of letter from the Nabob

19th

Received letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 877. complaining of the confinement of the Renter of the Sayer at Tricknopoly. by Colonel Bruce - requesting Mahomed Omar may be removed from Madura to Raja Mundry.-

Received the following Letter.

W. C. Jackson Esq.

Secretary to the Political Department.-

Fort St. George

Sir.

From Collector at Dindegul the Verapatchee Pradani offers security recommends its acceptance and release - the Amount -

Be pleased to inform the Honble the Governor in Council that I required security, as directed, from the Verapatchee Pradani. The Bankers or other principal persons at this Place would not become security for him. He then offered me the security of a Poligar Nague, a principal Poligar of this District, my reply was that I did not think the security of any Poligar sufficient, unless he should deposit in the hands of the Company a large sum, to be forfeited in the Event of the Verapatchee Pradani being guilty of Faults similar to those which had incurred the Displeasure of the Board.-

The Poligar appiya Nague accordingly offers 5000 C. Chuckrums as security.

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to be deposited as above mentioned, immediately on the order of Government being received here for the Pradanies Release - and He has given me a Teep of Nartain Doss the Agent of Buchunjees House for the payment of that Sum, together with the Fine of 1000 Shuckrams as soon as Government orders arrive for releasing the Pradane.-

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

Dindigul
14th August 1793.-

[Signed] Alex.r Macleod
Collector

Received the undermentioned
Letters entered in M: B: No.s 153, 154, 155, 156 157,
158, 159, 160.-

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.-

To Commissary General of
Grain and Provisions - requests an advance
of 10,000 Pagodas.-

From Ditto

From Ditto enclosing
Accounts of Rice delivered at Cuddalore - requests
the Balance due may be paid.-

From admiral Cornwallis.-

From admiral Cornwallis - has received
the Letters for him from Europe.-

From Paymaster General.-

From Military Paymaster General enclosing Mr.
Cockburn's Estimate of Grain supplies for August.-

From Lieutenant Wilkes

From assistant Deputy Adjutant General has
received the Horses from Mr. Colt.-

From

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From Lieutenant Hadow — requesting the appointment of Adjutant to the detachment from the 10th Battalion, serving at Madras — with the allowance of the Station —

From Lieutenant G. Hadow —

From Paymaster General —

From Paymaster General —

Read Paymaster Taylors Explanations Satisfactory. —

From Master Master to the Army — requesting an addition to his Salary.

From Lieutenant Hart —

20th

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. Marked A between No. 877 and 878 in reply to His Highness's last Letter regarding the Claim of Vencata Soubiah —

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob —

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Tuesday 20th August 1793 —

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

Read the following Letters from Colonel Braithwaite —

To

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Fort St. George 20th August 1793.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

Sworn Colonel Braithwaite - requests a supply of Shells - the Dealers objects to receiving the Company's Pagoda - cannot - cash arrived - list of Officers appointed to act as assistant Engineers inclosed - requests they may be confirmed - has taken already every possible measure to prevent any interference in the Bungalow - are Exploding Battery will open on the 16th Captain Galpine of the 73 Killed Captain - Lelang - a french Officer, Taken -

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 6th instant since I had the Honor to address you last, various descriptions of Stores have arrived - viz. Carnage, and I have reasons to believe from the Reports sent to me, that all that we shall find eventually requisite will be in good time -

I shall be obliged to you to give Orders to the Military Board, to cause fifteen hundred or two thousand four and one half inch Shells to be forwarded to Carnage as expeditiously as possible, as Lieutenant Colonel Gent is of opinion he can employ them to great advantage, and if these could be sent by Sea, with such other Articles as the Storekeeper may have ready, they may be landed at Sea - Engineer's Path a little to the Northward of Pondicherry, and distinguished by a White Flag with a red cross in it, very conspicuous at Sea, to the saving of much time and expence -

In regard to the rate of the Bazar Prices, I have the Honor to enclose you a

Copy

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Copy of a Letter I have received from the Superintendant of Sepoys, and I feard that the dealers in the Bazar object very much to taking the Neville Company's Paddy, and it unfortunately happens that the Store from which they could, most conveniently, for the Company, be supplied is in Paddy, a large quantity of which had been delivered by Contract and lodged in the Villenore Pagoda. This situation, though contiguous to our first Camp, is about five miles from our present Bazar, and the Paddy is there lodged in bulk, I have given directions for every possible assistance to be given to the Bazar people in point of Carriage and Bags, and have actually detained for that purpose many Carts in Camp, which I should otherwise have returned to Madras; nevertheless, they grumble exceedingly at being ordered to bring this Paddy; It is certain that some Paddy is brought in from the Country, which the Merchants can afford to sell cheaper, but the Supplies are small, and very uncertain.-

I have the honor to inform you that the Paymaster has reported to me the arrival of the Bath in Camp. Major Hart is not yet arrived, but I look for him every hour.-

I am obliged to you for conforming the Appointments necessary for carrying on the duties

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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 6th instant since I had the Honor to address you last, various supplies of Stores have arrived in Carnac, and I have reason to believe from the Reports sent to me, that all that we shall find essentially requisite will be in good time.

I shall be obliged to you to give Orders to the Military Board, to cause fifteen hundred or two thousand four and six pounder Shells to be forwarded to Carnac as expeditiously as possible, as Lieutenant Colonel Gent is of opinion he can employ them to great advantage, and if these could be sent by Sea, with such other Articles as the Storekeeper may have ready, they may be landed at our Engineer's Path a little to the Northward of Pondicherry, and distinguished by a White Flag with a red cross in it, very conspicuous at Sea, to the saving of much time and expence.

In regard to the rate of the Bazar prices, I have the Honor to enclose you a

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Sworn Colonel Braithwaite requests a supply of Shells the Dealers object to receiving the Company's Paper cannot cash arrived Test of Officers appointed to act as assistant Engineers mentioned requests they may be confirmed has taken already every possible means to prevent any interference in the Bazars are unloading Battery will open on the 16th Captain Galpins of the 73d Killed Captain Delany a French Officer, Taken

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Copy of a Letter I have received from the Superintendant of Supplies, and I find that the dealers in the Bazar object very much to taking the Honble Company's Paddy, and it unfortunately happens that the Store from which they could, most conveniently, for the Company, be supplied is in Paddy, a large quantity of which had been delivered by Contract and lodged in the Villenore Pagoda. This situation, though contiguous to our first Camp, is about five miles from our present Bazar, and the Paddy is there lodged in bulk, I have given directions for every possible assistance to be given to the Bazar people in point of Carriage and Bags, and have actually detained for that purpose many Carts in Camp, which I should otherwise have returned to Madras; nevertheless, they grumble exceedingly at being ordered to bring this Paddy; It is certain that some Paddy is brought in from the Country, which the Merchants can afford to sell cheaper, but the Supplies are small, and very uncertain.-

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I am obliged to you for conforming the Appointments necessary for carrying on the duties

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duties of the Army, and for the appointment of Captain Braithwaite to be Interpreter to the Officer Commanding the Army before Pondicherry, with the usual allowances. In addition to these appointments, I request you will be pleased to confirm the appointments of Officers to act as Assistant Engineers according to the enclosed list, I did not mention them before as I wished first to have the Chief Engineers Report on their capacity for the situations, and, after a sufficient trial, he reports them well qualified.-

I have the honor to acknowledge also the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 12th with the enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Marquis Cornwallis. I very early stated to his Highness the Nabob, that it was not possible that any Servant of his could have any interference in the Camp. Bezan, and that therefore the only Instructions from his Highness under which any such Person could usefully act, must be such as related solely to facilitating, to the utmost of his Power, the passage of Supplies through his Highness's Country to the Camp, without impediment or imposition of any kind, and that consequently, the Chief

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and indeed the only one he could be of-ware,
to be ready at hand, in case I heard that any
of his Highness's Managers acted contrary to
his Orders, and threw impediments in the way
of our Supplies, and this is the only one I
have made of him; and I have employed no
Interpreter in conversing with him but Captain
Braithwaite, who, I believe, has convinced him
that a very strict eye is kept over his conduct,
and that if he is found, directly or indirectly,
to interfere in the purchases, his conduct will
be represented, and application will be
made that he may be altogether withdrawn.
I have been led to these explanations with
him, in consequence of reports that Deebashee
had got about him, who had a command of
Money, with a view to obtaining some exclusive
preference in purchasing up the Country; but
this he positively denies, and I think if it
were so, the persons against whom such a
conduct would operate would come forward
with Complaints to which they are publickly
invited, and to which they are well convinced
I should pay the most immediate attention. -

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I have the honour to inform you that we began an Enfilading Battery on the 10th instant, at night, intended for eight Guns and two Mortars, to enfilade the North face, but the soil being unfortunately a very stiff Clay, and a good deal of rain having fallen, our progress has been slower there than I expected, and it will not be ready to open till the day after tomorrow. -

On the 12th at night we broke ground to the Northward of the Fort, and as the alternoon and fire of the Enemy was directed towards the enfilading Battery, we suffered no loss in that quarter, and last night we very nearly completed the approach; and, although the Enemy kept up a pretty smart fire, our work was very complete, and our loss very little. - At the Enfilading Battery our loss has been greater, though, considering the very heavy fire that has been kept up upon it by the Enemy, less than might have been expected, but we have lost a very respectable Officer in Captain Galpine, of his Majesty's 73d Regiment, whose head was carried off by a Cannon shot yesterday morning about four o'clock; besides him we have lost about ten European Rank and file, a very good Jemmadar, and eight or ten

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ten Sepoys. I have, upon the whole, much reason to be pleased with our progress, and to hope for speedy success.-

Captain Ambrose Antoine De L'Etang attached to the Sepoy Corps in Pondicherry, but for the present occasion employed with the Cavalry they have raised, who was very active on reconnoitring our Post, on Sunday last, attended by an Orderly Havildar, fell into an Ambuscade of a Maiguee's Guard from our Pagoda, and was so completely surrounded that he had no alternative but to surrender. It is my intention to send him to Madras, with a Letter addressed to the Town Major enclosing a Despatch of this Date; and, as he is an Officer of very respectable character and general estimation, I beg leave to recommend him to your attention.-

I have this day received a Letter from Colonel Bruce which informs me, that his Majesty's 75th and 74th Regiments will march from Munapettah on the 15th instant, to join the Army before Pondicherry.-

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

Camp before
Pondicherry
August 14th 1793.-

Signed John Braithwaite

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The following Officers having been nominated to serve as Assistant Engineers with the Army in the Field during the Present Service are accordingly confirmed in such Appointment.—

Rank	Names		Date of Appointt.
Lieutenant	Js Farquhar	7th Regiment	30th July 1793.
"	R. Ralfe	73d Regiment	" — "
"	F. Marriott	6th N. B.	" — "
"	J. J Durnford	19th N. B.	" — "
2 Lieutenant	W. Nicolas	Royal Artillery	1st August 1793.
"	J. Hayter	Royal Artillery	" — "

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir.

From Colonel Brath-waite - reports the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Maule - Lieutenant Mc Gregor 73d Rejiment and Lieutenant Casethorne of 2d Battalion -

It is with much concern that I inform you of the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Maule, the Chief Engineer, who was killed by a Cannon Shot yesterday evening between eight and nine o'Clock. I should at any time have lamented the loss of Lieutenant Colonel Maule, but feel it more sensibly just now when his Services were so much required, and when the second Officer of that Corps, Major Gent, is, I am informed, unable to take the field, from a very violent disorder in his eyes. —

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We have had an uncommon fall of rain last night, and there is much appearance of its continuance, it has prevented our progress, and has done some little damage to the Work already done.-

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

[signed] John Braithwaite

Camp before Pondicherry August 16. 1793.-

P.S. Since I had the honor to address you last two Officers have been killed. viz.t-

Lieutenant M.c Gregor of his Majesty's 73.d Regiment and Lieutenant Cauthorn of the 2.d Native Battalion.-

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Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from Colonel Braithwaite

The Board approved the rate proposed by Colonel Braithwaite for the purchase of the Commissary's Grain in consequence of what he had suggested in his letter of the 4th Instant. Resolved however that if upon due examination, it shall appear to him that the Price is too high, it be left to his discretion to lower it as far as may appear necessary, keeping in mind the object of encouraging private dealers to bring their Grain to Camp, which they will not probably do, unless the

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The Bazar Price be adequate to the charge and trouble of Conveyeing it.

The Board confirm the appointments of Officers to act as Assistant Engineers, according to the List transmitted by Colonel Brathwaite.

Orders have been given to the Military Board to send off the Shells required by Lieutenant Colonel Jeils.

Read the following letter from Vizagapatam.

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

Honorable Sir,

From Vizagapatam explaining their proceedings regarding the disposal of the French Prize Nestor.

We have been honored with the Receipt of the Letter from Government under date the 3d Instant, with the several Enclosures, and now beg leave to lay before you the explanations required of Our Proceedings, relative to the disposal of the Brig Nestor, captured in our Roads.

We took Possession of the above Vessell for we had the honour to report to Government) in the Name, and on the Account of the Honble Company; indeed in no other Capacity, but as their Representatives, could We have been justified in taking such a Step. We afterwards, in our Letter of the 11th June, suggested what We thought was advisable; and, having

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Having Solicited the Instructions of the Honorable Board, it was our Intention, as well as our Duty, to wait for them, before we proceeded further in the Business.-

Previous however to the Arrival of the expected Orders, the Weather became tempestuous, and Intelligence was received, that Privateers had been seen off Coringa, the Vessells in our Roads were prepared for resistance by their Commanders, as much as was possible, while we were not without apprehension, that the Prize might in the night be wrested from us.-

Mr. Snow, who, since the Capture, had Superintended the charge of the Brig, being convinced that your Honble Board would approve of the Vessell's being sent to Bengal, judged it expedient to dispatch her to that Place forthwith, and advised us of his having done so in a Letter, of which We beg leave to lay before you a Copy.-

It was proposed, after Mr. Snow had Reported the departure of the Vessell, that a Letter should be written to the Bengal Government, advising them of the circumstances, and Requesting that they would receive Charge of the Vessell, and direct her to be sold on account of the

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the Honble Company, but this Plan was waved, upon Mr. Snow's assuring us, that he would Account to us here, and pay into our Treasury, to Account the Honorable Company, what ever might be the Amount for which the Vessell should be sold, adding, that he had consigned her to his Agent, who, he believed, would be active in his Endeavours to procure a ready and advantageous Sale for her.-

In the Letter which we had the honor to address to you under date the 15th. Ultimo we acquainted you that, "it had been judged neceſsary to send the Brig Nestor to Calcutta, where she would be instantly sold at Public Outcry, "and the Proceeds paid into our Treasury".-

From the above, we trust it will appear to your honor in Council, that there has never been, on our Parts, any dereliction of the Company's Rights, we have also to add, that we never appointed Mr. Snow, nor any one else, Agent for the Captors, nor had we ever seen the Instructions sent by Mr. Snow to his Agent Mr. Tyler, until you were pleased to transmit us a Copy of them with your Letter of the 3d. Instant, now before us.-

Mr.

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Mr. Snow has the honor to explain him-
self more particularly in the accompanying Minute.
As to Ourselves, We hope our conduct will not be viewed
in an unfavorable Light by Your Honor in Council, as
We are not conscious of having, in any Stage of the
Business, departed from the Original Spring of
our Actions, Namely the Interest of our Honorable
Employers.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Chamier
A.W. Gregory
John Snow

Vizagapatam
12th August 1793.

To John Chamier Esqr.
Chief &c. Council
at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

The person in charge of the
Vessel captured on the 8th Instant has represented
to me that she has suffered considerably by
remaining in the roads, and that he has great
apprehensions from the present appearance of
squally weather, in consideration of which I have
directed him to proceed to Bengal without loss
of

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of time, concluding that the seizure of the French Vessels in the River in Bengal by the Authority of Government removes every doubt of the Juse of the Capture here.-

Vizagapatam
23d June 1793.-

I have &c &c
(Signed) John Snow

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Robt Alexander &c

Copy of Mr Snow's Minute

I am concerned my conduct respecting the Ariadne Nestor has not met with the approbation of Government, if I have taken too much upon myself in this business, it was with the best intention, and for the benefit of those that may ultimately receive the proceeds of the prize, and Cargo.-

As it became necessary to send the Ships to a place of safety before the orders of Government were received, on the Subject of her capture, I judged it most expedient to give my Agent at Calcutta instructions to be guided in his proceedings by the measures of the Bengal Government in similar cases, which I understood had occurred in Bengal.-

Vizagapatam
11th August 1793.-

I have &c
(Signed) John Snow

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Robt Alexander &c

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Board in consequence

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The explanation given by the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam of their proceedings relative to the French Prize does not, the Board confess, afford the satisfaction they expected, and, tho' they are sincerely disposed to credit the assurances conveyed in the foregoing letter, they find it difficult to reconcile the object the Chief and Council profess on this occasion to have had in view, to the circumstances which actually appear in the course of the transaction.-

When Mr. Snow reported in his letter to the Chief and Council of the 23d. June, that he meant to send the Nestor to Bengal, he did not speak as if he considered her in any other light than as private property- He referred to no authority, nor asked any permission for this proceeding, but consigned her directly to his own attorney, with private instructions to dispose of her, and to be particular in his enquiries respecting the proportions of Prize Money due to the different parties concerned -

As the Chief and Council had taken charge of the Vessel for the Company, the Board would have expected that the intimations communicated by Mr. Snow of his design to send her to Bengal, would have produced some resolutions expressive of the Company's rights, and that, if it had been judged

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judged necessary (without waiting for the instructions of Government) to dispose of her, that the Chief and Council would have given directions themselves for that purpose, and taken every necessary measure for securing the proceeds to the Company — But on receipt of the orders to Vizagapatam of the 3d July for selling the Vessel, and then the Board were reacquainted, for the first time, "that it had been judged necessary to send her to Bengal, where she would be instantly sold at Public Outcry, and the proceeds paid in to the Treasury" — In this letter, however, there is no intimation of the manner in which she had been actually sent, or of the steps the Chief and Council had taken to secure the proceeds of the sale — and the instructions from inconsistent with the sentiments and intentions now expressed concerning the Vessel —

The Board feel much concern in being obliged to notice any part of the Conduct of the Chief and Council with disapprobation — but the circumstances attending the disposal of the French Prize are of such a nature that they deem it their indispensible duty to declare in strong terms the

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the sense they entertain of it, in the hope that it will excite the utmost care and circumspection in all future transactions relating to the important interests committed to the charge of these Gentlemen.-

Resolved that the above be communicated to the Chief and Council.-

Read the following letter from Vizagapatam.-

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

Honorable Sir,

We beg leave to inform you that Lieutenant Colonel Brereton, with the Detachment under his command, arrived the day before yesterday at Vizianagrum and was, by the Rajah's order, put into possession of the Gates of the Fort Yesterday Evening.-

The interior parts of the Fort being wholly occupied by the Rajah's House, and the Buildings appropriated to his, and his Brothers Families, We did not think it right or necessary to insist upon placing the Company's Troops in those Parts- We have however desired Lieutenant Colonel Brereton

From Vizagapatam Vizianagrum fort giving info. and the Detachment ordered into quarters recommend Lieutenant Barclay for the above Command. Letter from Rajah sent shortly at out for Madras.-

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Prendergast, who has visited the Places in person, to give us his opinion, and if he thinks that the possession of the Gates and Sally Port sufficiently commands the Fort, and all within, we shall not direct him to proceed further.-

In order that the Company may be relieved, as soon as possible, from the Expences occasioned by the Detachments being in the Field, We have desired Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast to order the different Corps to return to their respective Cantonments, excepting four Companies of Sepoys, which We are of opinion, should be stationed at Porto Novo-grum, under Charge of a steady, and experienced Officer.-

We have, in Consequence, fixed upon Lieutenant Barclay of the 26th. Battalion of Native Infantry, for the above Service, and beg leave to recommend him to your Honor in Council to be confirmed in the appointment, to which We have named him for the present.-

Sittanam Pauze has expressed in person to our Chief, and by Letter, the most entire submission to the Orders of Government, and will be prepared, in a few days, to detour for the Presidency.-

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The Rajah Vizeiaram Mauze sent notified that he will, in a day or two, wait upon the Chief, for the purpose of representing divers Matters relating to his Situation.-

We shall, as soon as possible, report to the Board of Revenue on the Subject of the affairs relating to the Revenue in the Vizeiaragrum Zemindary.-

We have the honor to be
&c.ª &c.ª

Signed John Chamier
A.W. Gregory
John Lindow

Vizagapatam
17th. August 1793.-

Minutes thereon

The Board are well pleased to find that there is no longer any necessity for keeping Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast's Detachment in the Field.-

A previous application having been made to the President by Lieutenant Kirkpatrick for the command of Vizeiaragrum, and as he is senior to Lieutenant Barclay, and well qualified for the Station, resolved that he be appointed to it.-

Resolved that Colonel Braithwaite's opinion be taken of the force necessary to be stationed

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Stationed at Vizianagrum.—

Read the following letter from the Resident at Nagore.—

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

Hon'ble Sir,

Letter Resident at Nagore regarding the Seizure, by the Dutch at Columbo, of some Donies belonging to the Merchants of Karikal.—

I think it incumbent upon me to lay before your Honor &c.ª the enclosed Petitions without loosing a moments time.— The Particulars are truely stated, as I have examined carefully into the affairs of the Merchants.—

Should the Donies and their Cargoes be distrained by Mr. Vander Graaf, the whole Race of Cholias Merchants at Karikal will be inevitably undone, together with most of the poor Traders, because each Dony, on a small scale, may be compared to a Register Ship, in which almost every Cholias family vends a risk of ten or twenty Pagodas in Grain Cloth &c.ª—

In order that this matter should not cool, I have dispatch'd a Letter addressed to Mr. Vander Graaf, claiming the release of the Donies, upon the foundation of Justice, Policy humanity, and

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and Honor; but as these attributes, are little valued at Colombo, and the object may be less attended with coming from one in insignificant Station; I hope your Honor &c. will address the Ceylon Government on an occasion of such real importance.

The Dories were absolutely seized at a time when Karikal and its Inhabitants were under the protection of the English flag.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Michell

Nagore
15th August 1793.

To William Michell Esq.
Resident
at Carical

Sir.

We the under written Shoudiars and Merchants of Carical Chinevelly Marikar, Chiniva levi Marikar, Chinapoulé Marikar Checcoolpady, Marikar Chekak marikar, Chinapoulé marikar, Chaike mandia marikar, Mika, Nuah, Marikar Mamed Naguendoo marikar, Eriatandel Marikar, Chockeguenit Marikar, Neera Labay abachackah Sethy Ossin, Kader kenny take the liberty of laying before you that in the Month of January February and March. this present year, we dispatched

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dispatched from this Place for Colombo and the adjacent Villages Twenty Toneys, charged with Rice, Paddy Grains which this place produces, some Cloths and different other Bale goods, which would answer for said Places, all said Twenty Doneys arrived there safe, and their Sundry Cargoes were sold, we bought Sundry Articles of Merchandises there as returns for said Doneys Cargoes, with which five of them were dispatched from Colombo, Now we receive the News by a Mahumed Saya, lately arrived at Nagapatnam from Colombo, that our still there remaining fifteen Doneys, all charged, and on their departure, were arrested, by order of the Governor of Colombo, my Interpreter de Groot, declaring that the Doneys belonging to Inhabitants of Carricaul, should depart on account of war between the dutch Nation and the french, that when he came away, Rudder, Masts and Riggings of the Sundry Doneys were already put on shore, and that they would also put the Sundry Cargoes on shore in the Company's Godowns, but this latter Part of the Government order was not there effected when Mahumed Saya came away from Colombo.

We beg leave to represent your Honor that we were Native Subjects to the French Government at the time when our Doneys sailed for Colombo, who were innocent of the cause and Reasons direct or indirect

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indereet which occasioned war between the dutch nation, and the french, we further offer to your Consideration, that, at the time when the Dutch Government laid arrest upon our Doneys and Cargoes, we were already declared subjects to the English Nation, the allies of the Dutch, and, in consequence, such hostile Proceedings should not take Place, and ed. certainly a misunderstanding, on the part of the Dutch Government which we have the confidence your kind interference and explication will put to right and in good Order.-

Other wise we should, if not all, but many of us, be ruined for ever, for it being all our Property which now is exposed to Loss.-

We petition, conjointly, you will take in due consideration the present perilious state our property is in, and take the nearest steps to assure us the same, and to give us redress for which kind Complian we shall ever pray for your success and welfare we are very humble.-

Signed Names first above mentioned.

A true Translation from the opposite Malabar, examined by me.-

Attested

Signed Peter Battger

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14th August 1793.-

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Minute thereon

Resolved that a Letter be written to the Governor of Colombo, claiming the release of the Bonies belonging to the Inhabitants of Karikal.

The Board observe an expression in Mr. Michells letter which they cannot by any means approve. To speak with disrespect of a foreign Government is highly improper, and it is resolved accordingly to notify the same to him.

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

We have been honored with the receipt of your Commands of the 7th Instant, and, having taken an authenticated Copy of the Paper alluded to by his Highness the Nabob, we transmit the original, and beg leave to mention that we see no objection to its being given up to him.

From Board of Revenue. The original letter required by the Nabob enclosed. The nature of the Paper explained. recommend certain remittances to the Bar and Sana Customs Renters on Mr. Sturgis Division for loss by the Embargo laid on the Tanjore Grain. Correspondence with them enclosed.

The Nature of this Paper will be explained by reference to a Letter from the late Board of assumed Revenue dated the 19th April 1792. wherein you were advised that Mr. Kindersley had Agreed with Mahomed Jamal Hyder, the Nabob's late

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late manager of the Jaghere of Kylasgur to pay the Sircar a Pishcash of 1000 Pagodas Pr. Annum on account of which, this obligation was taken from the agent of Mahomed Jemal. The Pishcush however was with-held by the succeeding Manager; and, in consequence, we obtained your Sanction, under date the 20th April 1792, to deduct the amount from the Nabob's 1/5th which was accordingly directed.-

We take occasion to lay before your Honble Board Copy of our Correspondence with the late Collector of the Eastern Division of Tanjore, relative to remissions which he proposed to grant the Renters of the Sea and Land Customs, in conse-quence of the Embargo on the exportation of Grain; and though we could wish Mr. Strange had required the Renters to have been more specific in their Claims- yet, trusting that he has made every necessary Enquiry before reporting to us on the Subject, we recommend that the remissions stated by him be allowed, amounting to Chuchrums 6742. 6 1/4 ts.-

We beg leave also to transmit you another Letter from Mr. Strange reporting to us that the Officer commanding at the Ports of Vapangerry and Trimulvash will not permit the

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the exportation of the Grain, and to request your orders thereon.-

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

Fort St. George
15th. August 1793.-

(Signed) David Shalubuston
Chas. N. White
Thos. Cockburn

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Strange
Dated 5th. July 1793.-

A Remission will naturally be expected, and ought, in Justice, to be granted to such of your Sea and Land Customs Renters as have suffered a Diminution in their Receipts, in consequence of the Embargo laid on the Exportation of Grain, and which took place on the 5th. Ultimo.-

The Remissions to be allowed may in Reason be adjusted in Proportion to the Amount of the Monthly Rents of each Renter, and, in Justice to the Individuals, as well as in Duty to Government, Some Summary of Opinions what Settlement will be equitable.-

A true Extract
(Signed) John Read
Dep. Sec.y

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Extract of a Letter to Mr. Strange
Dated 26th July 1793.

In reply to your letters of the 20th and 22nd Instant, the Board direct me to inform you that they have taken into considera-tion your reference under date the 5th Instant respecting the remission to be granted the Grain Merchants on account of the advertisement publis-hed in March last remitting the Sea and land Customs on such Grain as might be exported, but they direct that your Accounts be not kept open for the purpose of this Adjustment, as a Settlement may be hereafter made with the merch-ants when the certificates are produced - and, with respect to the Remission to be allowed to the Renters of the Sea and Land Customs on account of any diminution they may have suffered in their receipts, consequent of the Embargo laid on the Exportation of Grain, the Board do not observe that any application has been made by the Parties; and, at all Events, they could come to no determina-tion on the Subject, without a Specific Statement from you of the loss you suppose them to have sustained.-

A true Extract
(Signed) John Read
Dep. Ser.
David

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David Haliburton Esqr.

Acting President and Members of

Revenue Board.

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I am informed that the Officer Com-
manding at the Ports of Carpeangerry and Tonmel-
vasal, will not permit the Exportation of the Grain
laying there. As I presume he is justified therein,
by the Orders he may have received from the Superior
Board, at the time of his appointment to that
Duty, it will therefore be necessary that you
should procure the recall thereof, in Order that
the Intentions of Government communicated to you
under date the 20th. Ultimo respecting the discon-
tinuance of the Embargo, may not be defeated.-

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

Servant

Signed Jas. Strange

Actg. Collector

6th. August 1793.

A true Copy

Signed John Reid.

Dept. Secy.

To

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To David Haliburton Esqr.
Acting President and Member of
Revenue Board
at Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Mr. Secretary Harrington laid com-
municated to me, under date 28th Ultimo, your Orders,
respecting the closing of my Accounts, to which
I shall pay due attention. -

I enclose for your Information
Petitions which I have received from the Land
and Sea Custom Renters; and, as you desire me to
give a specific Opinion as to the real Loss they
may have sustained, in consequence of the Embargo
on the Exportation of Grain, I shall therefore most
scrupulously attend to what I consider as Justice
to all Parties. -

The Land Custom Renter having
received the full Amount of his Duties on the
Grain which, on the 19th of June, I reported to you
as being on the Beach ready for Exportation, and
as I do not conceive that any further very large
Quantity of Grain would have passed his Frontier
for exportation, I am of Opinion therefore, that
he

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he is not entitled to a greater remission on this Account than half the Amount of the Duties that would have been received from him in the Month and a half for which the Embargo lasted. His Lists for the Preceeding Months amount to 3855 Chuckrums and 5 fanams, which for a Month and a half, makes 5783 Chuckrums 2½ fanams, from which sum, I propose a Remission of one half, and which I accordingly recommend.

The Sea Customer's Petition sets forth his Losses to Amount to 3600 Chuckrums in consequence of the Embargo on the Grain. This is a Calculation made on the Supposition that the whole Quantity of the Grain that was on the Beach, at the time the Embargo was laid, would have been exported within the 12th of July, and on which he would consequently have received his Custom. but as it is a question of doubt, whether it would have been, all Exported, I am therefore of Opinion, that he should be satisfied with a Remission of 3000 Chuckrums, and less than that, I do not think should be assisted on. The Embargo was laid on at a Moment, which was particularly fatal to his Advantages, as it was the Period on which larger exports are made than at any other time of the Year. –

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The Petitioner Land Custom Renter

Petition for remission, ought, in my Opinion, to be
admitted on the same footing as what I have recom-
mended for the Mannargoody Mayaveram and Shirdy
Renter- according to that Arrangement, he will be entitled
to a Remission of Chuckrums 851, his Monthly -
Pishcaum first being Chuckrums 1135- These are
Terms which, according to my Judgement, the Petitioner
have a right to expect, your Orders on this Subject
shall be obeyed-

I have the honor to remain
&c &c
Signed James Strange
late Collector

Tanjore
5th August 1793.

Above Copy
Signed John Reid
Depth Sec.

To J. Strange Esqr.

The humble Petition of Nagacheare Customer
of Mayaveram Zeyale and Mannergoody Subhas-

Showeth

That as last year, the Humble Com-
plainer's Concern have been released to remit 2720
Chuckrums from the Sum your Honors humble
Petitioner had stipulated to pay out of the
Customs

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Customs collected in Maiburam Subah, and 1810 Pucchaums from the sum stipulated to be paid out of the Customs collected in Mannargoode Subah, your Honor's humble Petitioner begs that the same Remittance may be granted for the year present.—

Moreover, as, in consequence of an Embargo laid the 25th. of May on Paddy, Rice & dry Grain, a Stop has been put to all Exportation, your Honor's humble Petitioner begs likewise to grant him Remittance on account of the Failure occasioned by the Embargo laid on the abovementioned Articles.—

Mr. Pain has remitted last year three Pucchaums to the Customer of Hurrihagoram, and in this year, He has likewise granted him Remittance, your Honor's humble Petitioner has been obliged to borrow Money in order to pay off the Sum He had stipulated to pay to the Honble Company's Circar,— As your humble Petitioner is a poor man your Honor's humble Petitioner begs you will take his case into Consideration, and grant him a just Remittance.—

I have the
Honor Sir
Your most
Obedient
Humble Servt
John Read
Dept Collr.

To

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To J. Strange Esqr.

The humble Petition of Wael Pully and Alaga Pully customers of the Sea Coast

Showeth

That, in consequence of an Embargo laid the 26th Mayor Paddy, Fruits, and dry Grain, the Revenue of the customs has been greatly diminished, but not withstanding your honor's humble Petitioner has paid off the sum he had stipulated from money which he borrowed. The Failure occasioned by the Embargo amounts to 3600 or 3700 Chackrams. As the order for the Embargo was issued out just at the time of exporting the Grain, your Honor's humble Petitioner has not been able to collect the sum He has stipulated to pay. I am now become a Debtor: my criditors are tormenting me. I am now under poor and distressful circumstances and therefore hope that the Honble Company's Circar will take the case of your Honor's Petitioner into Consideration and grant him a just Remittance.

A true Copy

(Signed) John Read

Depty Secy.

To

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To J. Strange Esqr.

The humble Petition of Wael Pilley Custom
of Pattuckotey Katchawaun and Tonepunde.-

Showeth

That as your Honors humble Petitioner has been a great Sufferer in consequence of the Embargo laid on Paddy, Fruits, Grains, he humbly hopes that the Honble Company will have the Justice to grant Remittance for the failure occasioned by the Embargo your Honor's humble Petitioner according to his agreement has punctually paid every month the sum he had stipulated from the Money collected he borrowed from Merchants.- As your Honors humble Petitioner is a poor man, he humbly hopes that the Honble Company will take his condition into consideration and do him Justice.-

(Signed) Wael Pilley

A true Copy

(Signed) John Read
Dep.y Sec.y

Resolutions on the above.-

Resolved that the original prayer given by the agent of Mahomed Jeraal Hyder to Mr. Hindersly be sent to the Nabob.-

The Board approve the remissions proposed by Mr. Strange to be granted to the renters of

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Of the Sea and Customs in the Eastern Division of Tanjore in consequence of the late Embargo on the exportation of Grain.—

Orders were sent, some time ago, to Captain Pearson to prevent the exportation of Grain from Vaipangherry and Trivadiwash.—

Read the following letter from the Quarter Master General.—

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

Sir.

From Quarter Master General requesting to be appointed superintendant of the Roads.

The Superintendency of the Roads at the Presidency having become vacant by the death of Lieutenant Colonel Maule, I beg leave to solicit your Honorable Board to be appointed to succeed to that situation.—

The grounds on which I have taken the liberty of soliciting to succeed to this appointment, are, that, under most Governments, the inspection of Roades and the superintendance of Roads and communications are naturally considered as coming under the province of the Quarter Master General, and, accordingly, the Officer holding this appointment at Bengal has the charge and superintendance of all the public roads in the vicinity of

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of Calcutta, and the Boats employed in the Service of the Honble Company for the use of that Presidency, on the River.-

I request your Honorable Board will excuse my observing that this appointment has not been considered as annexed to the Chief Engineer.- The late Lieutenant Colonel Maule had it before he was at the head of that Department, and previous to him, it had been occupied by others not in the Engineer Corps.-

I hope, therefore, your Honorable Board will do me the Honor to take my application into consideration, and make this addition to my public situation, which at present is much inferior to the other Quarter Masters General in India, and more limited than in any other place whatever.-

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Camp before Pondicherry
16th August 1793.

Signed J. Richardson
Quarter Master General of the Army

Ordered to lie on the Table.-

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Read the following Letter from Admiral Cornwallis.-

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To the Honorable the Governor in Council
Madras

Sir

I have received the Honor of your Letter dated the 14th. Instant, with the packets enclosed.

From Admiral Cornwallis's opinion that of the Bengal Indiamen should be sent to know, that the Royal Charlotte and Warley may proceed to China.

I have also received the Admiral's Letter of the 14th. Instant, in which he informs me, that he intends proceeding with the Squadron under his Command to Penang, and from thence to the Coast of China, in order to protect the Company's Ships expected from Bengal, and that he will leave the Minerva Frigate at Pondicherry to receive any Letters I may have to communicate to him.

I am of opinion that two of the Company's Ships lately come out, could be sent here when they are ready, it might be desireable to send those bound to China on their voyage, I think it would be advisable to have two at least of the Honorable Company's Ships here, during the continuance of the Siege, and perhaps it may be immaterial whether some of those going to Bengal arrive there before the End of September.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed W. Cornwallis

Minerva off Pondicherry 16th August 1793.

As the Admiral is of opinion that two of the Company's Ships should be stationed

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Stationed off Pondicherry during the Siege, the Board judge it most advisable to continue the Royal Charlotte and Warley on the present Service until the return of the Triton, as it is their wish that the three China Ships should proceed on their Voyage together, in consequence of the orders of the Company, which direct that no Single Ships shall sail for China by the Pitts Passage.—

Resolved that the above be communicated to Admiral Cornwallis, and to the Bengal Government.—

None of the Recruits for Bengal, required to be retained on the Coast.—

As the total of Supernumerary Europeans on this establishment amounted, by the last returns, to Six hundred and ninety nine, including those lent to the Admiral, the Board do not think it necessary to avail themselves of the Permission given by Marquis Cornwallis in his letter of the 12th. of June last to detain any of the Bengal Recruits of the present Season.—

a Dividend Ordered for the Nabob's private Creditors.—

Ordered that the following Sums be issued from the Treasury on the 30th. day of September

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September next to Mr. Thomas Cockburn Register of the private Debts of his Highness the Nabob.-

	Pag.		
Last List of the 1 Year	101.	105.	
New Cavalry Loan	30.	574.	3. 51.
Pagodas	131.	279.	3. 51.

Mr. Franks, Conductor, appointed Deputy Commissary of Stores and Lieutenant Fireworker Gieb, Commissary, vice Nelson deceased.-

The President informs the Board that he has received a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite regarding the recommendation of Mr. Franks Conductor of Stores, to be Deputy Commissary that in behalf of the appointment, the Colonel has stated that this Person is well qualified for the Station, and that, altho' the Commissary's orders positively forbid Commissions to be granted to Conductors, yet there is no prohibition against their being employed in the Store Department. The President therefore proposes that the appointment of Deputy Commissary be conferred on Mr. Franks and that Lieutenant Fireworker Andrew Gieb be appointed Commissary in the room of Lieutenant Nelson deceased.-

Approved and Ordered accordingly.-

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allowance to French Military officers—

Resolved, that all French Military officers, who may be captured during the present War, and detained Prisoners, at any place under this Presidency, be allowed the subsistence drawn by officers of similar Rank under this Establishment.—

Death of Ensign B. Baldwin of the Infantry—

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Ensign Beasley Baldwin, of the 12th Battalion Native Infantry, at Masulipatam, on the 15th Instant.—

Chas. Oakeley

Geo. Parry Esqr.