

No. 184
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Forwarding the undermentioned
Letters ordered on Mr. [illegible]

From Resident at Hyderabad

From Resident at Hyderabad requesting that Mons.r Raymond may be permitted to purchase some ammunition, Tents and other articles for the use of the Nizam's Troops.

From Mr. McGee

From Mr. McGee requesting that he may be placed on the Pension List.

From Chief Engineer

From Chief Engineer - with an Estimate for a thorough repair of the General Hospital.

From Mr. Black

From Mr. Black requesting that the Board will interpose their good offices with the Nabob for the payment of the sum due from his Highness to his late Majesty.

From Captain Bowser

From Commandant of the 7th Battalion requesting that the Sepoys may be served with rice from the Stores at Trichinopoly.

From Colonel Floyd

From Ditto at Trichinopoly advising of a Party of Sepoys having been furnished from the Dindigul, at the requisition of the Collector

From Colonel Collins

From Ditto at Vellore - The Mysore Princes left that place.

Received

Fort St. George March 1794.

Recieved the undermentioned Letters

Extract from P. Nos 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66.

From Mr. C. Farrow — From late Paymaster of Trichinopoly - requesting Copies of Papers from the different Officers.

From Agent for Horses &c. &c. — Forwarded - is about to send a Lot to Arcot &c. where they will arrive about the 15th April - hopes the followers may not be detained.

From Captain Dallas

From Mr. Secretary Brodie — From Secretary to the Military Board - with Packet for the Secretary to the Military Board at Bengal.

From Lieutenant Agnew — From Commissary of Stores at the Mount - with an Indent of Stationary.

From Colonel Braithwaite — From Commander of the Army - with Copies of his Instructions for the Officers that may command the Sepoy Companies to be stationed at Amee Teinomallee &c. &c. - advice of a party being fired upon in the Tettapone Country by some Armed people.

From Major Stevenson — From Commandant at Tachinore - requesting that the Troops there may be on the same footing in regard to Supplies of Rice as those at Calamestah.

Dispatched the following Letter

To

1145 Fort St. George 3d March 1794

To David Halliburton Esq.
&c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

We think it proper to send for your information copy of a letter which we have received from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam, with copy of our Answer.

To Board of Revenue with Copy of a Letter regarding a Requisition for Troops at the Pottahs of the Poddapore Immindary - and the Serious consequences attending it.

We have been anxious, by every means in our power, to prevent the use of Military force except on very urgent and particular and of Necessity: and this was a principal motive with us for reducing the Revenue Peons, who were, we believe, for the most part employed as instruments of terror in the execution of duties, which properly belonged to, and might with equal effect have been performed by the Civil Authority.

From the Circumstances stated in the Letter from Masulipatam it would appear that the requisition made of Major Stevenson at the Instance of the Poddapore Zemindar, was by no means necessary, and as the consequence attending it has been so serious we have thought it incumbent upon us to express our disapprobation of this measure, to the Chief and Council in very strong terms.

Fort St. George
12th March 1794

We are &c. &c.
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council
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Dispatched all the undermentioned
letters Entered in M: B: Nos. 67. 68.

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General
the General order of the 12th Ult: meant to extend
to Native Corps – Extract of letter from Hospital
Board with an Explanation of the 5th Article of the
New Medical Regulations enclosed – also copy
of that given by Mr. Cochrane upon his Indent
for 2000 Pagodas for the additional Donation

To Major Gowdie

To Major Gowdie – his contingent
Bill, with exception to the charge for Lascars,
will be paid, when made out afresh.

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Substance of letter from the Nabob

Received Letter from the Nabob
Entered in C: C: No 24. the Building of the
Bridge at Trichinopoly will now be attended
with beneficial consequences – orders will soon
be given, if the Measure be still thought
proper.

From adjutant General

Received a letter from the
adjutant General Entered in M: B. No 69.
Lieutenant Hargrave of the Cavalry, requests
an Extension of his Leave of Absence.

Dispatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned
letters Entered in Mr. B. No. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78.
79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85.

To Prize Agents to the late
Detachment at Coimbatore — the Company's moiety
of Booty and Plunder taken by that Detachment
will be paid to his order on the 4th April for
distribution.

To Lieutenant Hamilton Hall

To commandant at Amboor
any fixed allowance for writers and Intelligence is
does not appear necessary.

To Captain Macpherson

To Secretary at Bengal — inclosing
a letter for the Secretary to the Military Board
there.

To Mr. Secretary Hay

To Civil Paymaster — Mond.
Pantaun to receive 25 Rupees p. Month for
Subsistence.

To Civil Paymaster

To Commissary General of Grain
and Provisions — only Paddy and Salt to be laid
up at Tiagar, — the Stock of the former now on
hand to be sold, as proposed — the Repair of the
Granary has been ordered.

To Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To Ditto — the damaged Rice at
Cuddalore to be inspected by a Committee — and
afterwards sold if the Tender made at Chunglepet
be

To Ditto

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to be accepted and the Granary at Pondicherry re-
fused. — Also Bills of Captain Robertson for
Victualling a Detachment from the 7th Regiment
to be passed, if regular. —

To Ditto

To Ditto — directing supplies of Rice for the 7th Battalion at Hyder. —

To Major Roberts

To Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment — with instructions to remit to Madras the Balance due from his Highness, reserving a Sum equal to the discharge of all arrears due to the Troops, and sufficient to provide against future wants, in some degree. —

To Mr. Kelsall

To Executor to the late Mr. Gordon's Estate — all arrears due to the deceased, will be paid on application to the Paymaster at Masulipatam. —

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam — with directions for appropriating the factory house — the Secretary's Office — and the Record in Council's house — no Cutcherry at the Garden house necessary. —

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General — the Barrack and Stable built by Major Lennox near Arcot, to be paid for — Establishment for the Office of the Adjutant General. —

To

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15 To Military Board the Masulipa-
tam Estimates approved with certain exceptions as
the same stated - also the Repairs at Tiagar -

To Military Board Bill of the Gun Carriage Contractors passed -
Sommer order for resuming the Subject of Check
and Controul over the Engineers Department -
repeated - the office Establishment for the adjutant
General approved - also the sending to Bombay a
Copy of the Gun Carriage Contract -

To Ditto - the value of the Tents
To Ditto presented to the Mysore Princes at the Marcon-
to be written off the Books -

To Commander of the Army -
Colonel Braithwaite the horses cast at Arcot to be delivered over to
Mr. Wynch for Sale -

To Paymaster at Arcot &c -
To Mr. Paymaster Wynch with orders for disposing of them -

To Town Major - Subsistence
To Town Major of 25 Rupees p.r Mensem to be drawn for -
Mons.r Nestoure - his papers returned -

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters
Entered in M: B: No. 86. 87.

To Captain Doveton

To Captain Doveton - enclosing a Letter from Azeem ul Omrah addressed to H. Tippoo.

To Commandant at Ryacottah

To Commandant at Ryacottah directing him to forward the above Letter to Captain Doveton.

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Received the undermentioned Letters
Entered in M: B: No. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95.

From Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - with Mr. Hughes Report of progress in supplying Grain for the ensuing Season - his Estimate of the Expected Expense and of Repairs and Buildings for securing the Grain.

From Auditor General

From Military Auditor General - with State of Audits on the Accounts of the Grain and Provision Department and Paymasters - will shortly Report the outstanding Balances.

From Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General - did duly communicate the Board's orders of the 27th November respecting Mr. Stewart's Bills to the Paymaster at Angole.

From

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From adjutant General — with

From adjutant General a certificate of Lieutenant Colonel Clarkes 2d Ditto health. —

From Ditto proposing the 4th promotion of Ensign Alex.r Maclean. —

Petition of Soobramoneyan late Sicbadar of Sibbendy — requesting the payment of some Arrears of Pay —

From Commandant at Conde — cherry — soliciting a Subsistence for Mons.r Carcon — an Officer of the French Navy. —

From Colonel Kyd

From Vizagapatam — with a Letter from the Dutch Chief and Council at Vizagapatam Bimlipatam, on the subject of the expected Removal of Lieutenant Cranston from the Command of the Party stationed there. —

From Vizagapatam

At a Consultation

Present

The Hon.ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Governor President.

Tuesday 15.th March 1794

Ernst William Hallofield } Esquires

and

George Westcott } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation — Read and approved. —

Read

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Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir

I have received a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson under date the 7th Instant written by your Order, and I read it with much surprize, which would have been accompanied with concern, had I been conscious that I had by any act of mine betrayed an ignorance of the right line of my duty, so as to merit the hint which that letter is meant to convey to me, as to the authority under which Troops are to be moved, being perfectly clear as to the line of Conduct I had pursued I could not be concerned, that I could not but be surprized, as Mr. Jackson's letter said to be written in reference to a letter of mine of the 12th Instant, good at once to a subject, which is no where to be found in my letter, nor in any correspondence of mine, and states, that I had, in consequence of Reports from the Baramahal Country, put Troops in Motion without any Communication with Government, and of course without its Authority.

I know

From Colonel Brathwaite in consequence of the Board's letter regarding the late movement of the Troops from Pinagra for checking Chiefs Poligars - Surprize at the Settlement supposed therein, and the indirect Conduct of Captain Read, which caused them - Copy of a letter from him enclosed

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I knew that I had done no such thing, and I was not able to trace a single line in any letter of mine which could have led Government to form such a conclusion - I examined all my correspondence, and the returns to inform myself if possible of some circumstance which might have given rise to this idea in Government, but all in vain - I found that an alarm had taken place in the Baramahal Country, at Ashtoor, and Hagar, & from all which I received Reports of depredations & committed by Chil Naigue, and that a Company had been moved in the former, first by Captain Read before he left that Country and afterwards another Company by Captain Campbell who commanded in his absence - I recollected to have approved, in conversation, what Captain Read had done, and an Extract of my letter to Captain Campbell, which I have the honor to enclose, will shew how far I approved his Conduct, and that I did not give much credit to the alarm for in truth I had conversed both with the Governor and Conductual Comrah on the Subject, and was surprized to find they had received no information of the kind - Further Accounts however coming from Captain Read's assistants

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assistants he waited upon me, and I proposed to
him what appeared to me the best plan and
disposition to surprize Chel Naigue, and as he
concurred in idea with me, and promised to be
prepared with Scouts; I immediately laid my Plan
before Government in the Answer to my letter of the 12th
ultimo to which Mr. Jackson replies under date the
7th Instant, and although near a Month elapsed
between my addressing Government on this Subject
and my Receipt of the Answer, I took no Step whatever,
nor did I issue any order, or give any Instruction, or
by any means occasion the March of a Single
Soldier - In my letter I simply reported, as far as
had come to my knowledge, what had been done,
Viz. "two Companies have been moved from Pinagee
"by the Officer commanding in those Countries &c."
and then proposed what further I thought necessary
to be done - What had been done, had been done
without Orders from me by the Officer Commanding
on the Spot, exercising that discretionary power
which I always supposed to be vested in him, &
and which Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter admits
to be vested in him, was approved by me, and
reported by me to your Honor in Council as soon

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as I know it myself; but I made no mention that I had put any Troops in Motion; on the contrary, the tenor of all that I wrote on this subject in my letter of the 12th Ultimo as far as related to myself, conveys exactly the sentiments of Government as expressed in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 7th Instant namely, "that no unnecessary time "would be lost in taking the opinion of "Government before a Measure was finally "resolved on".

Sensible of the propriety of such a mode of proceeding, having reported what had been done on the Spot by the exercise of the discretionary power vested in the Officer commanding, I proposed what further I thought should be done - determined to take no step till I should receive the authority of Government so to do.

This being exactly the case, I was extremely puzzled to discover, what had given rise to those ideas in Government expressed in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter - at length it occurred to me that it was possible that Captain Read might have had some Communication with Government with which I was unacquainted, and on this idea I addressed a letter to Captain Read;

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Read, his Answer with its Enclosures, copies of which I have now the honor to lay before you, at once removed the Mystery.

I have the highest opinion of Captain Read in whatever point of view, I consider him, and of this I believe he is very sensible, but I must own that on this occasion he has surprized me by deviating from his usual discretion - first in considering the conversation which I had with him, in consequence of the reports I had received from ashore and Tiagar, at which he shewed me the letter he had received from his Assistant, and informed me that he had previous to his leaving the Country advanced a company from Tanagra with the same Object in view which had since induced Captain Campbell to move another, all which I disproved, and at which I proposed a future Arrangement, as orders and resolves on my part, and stating them as such to Government and, secondly, in entering into a Correspondence with Government on the Subject of the Military Operation without first deputing his letter to my inspection and Consideration; and here I cannot but observe, that, however improperly

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and unguardedly Captain Read expressed himself, I might have hoped it would not have made any impression on Government then in possession of my Letter of the 12th Ultimo, which flatly contradicts what has been indirectly set forth by Captain Read - for that Letter is expressly to repeat what others had done, and what I proposed should further be done, and there is not a trace in any communication of mine to your Honble Board that I had either resolved on any thing, or ordered any thing: I had simply approved of the mode in which an existing power had been exercised by others, but, conscious that no such power existed in me, or could exist, but in some case of very extraordinary emergency, such as this was not, I immediately subjoined to my Report of what had been done by others - what I thought might further be done with the least hope of Success. As it may happen notwithstanding existing Orders, that some other Officer may in future address you on Subjects which may involve me, without Communicating to me Copies of what has been written, I request that you will do me the Justice not to come to any Resolution, so as to record any thing which may imply the slightest disapprobation of my Conduct, without a previous Communication with me

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Private

I perceive by the General Orders &
and Mr. Jackson's letter to me of the 7th that &
you have adopted my Plan in preference to &
Captain Read's - the fixed Stations he proposes,
I conceive, are meant to operate as a Constant &
Check on Chil Nagur, but I must own I took &
up the matter with more sanguine Hopes; &
my object was to surround him as well and as
nearly as I could, with temporary Stations ready
at all times to move at a moments warning -
with the Hope of Surprizing him and so to &
quash the Matter at once - and if that fails
the determining on fixed Stations to hold him
in Check may be a Subject of future Considera-
-tion and Arrangement; and in proposing any
thing of that sort to you, I shall certainly &
be chiefly influenced by the Information with
which Captain Read shall furnish me.

Orders are now preparing for the
several Officers, towards whom I look for giving
effect to my Plan, and I shall have the Honor
to communicate them to your Honor in Council
- I shall also communicate them to Captain
Read, with an Extract of so much of this Letter
as

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as relates to him, and shall send him a copy of
Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter to me of the 7th
Instant, which I trust will set his mind at
ease in regard to the exercise of a discretionary
power.

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

Military Head Quarters
Madras March 11th 1794.

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite
to Captain Campbell Commanding the Troops
in the Baramahal &c. under date February
4th 1794.

"I have received your several
Letters - since the receipt of the first I have endea-
voured to gain some Intelligence relative to the force
and Views of Chil Saeyud, and conceive the rumour to
arise from some affair of but little consequence, as his
Highness the Nabob has not communicated any
Intelligence of Depredations on any part of his
country, which he could not fail to be advised of,
and to represent had any serious Mischief either
been Accomplished or apprehended; however you
have done very well in sending a company to Tripatore
if the Inhabitants were under any apprehension, as
also to frustrate any Intention of Disturbance.

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"The 25th Native Battalion is now ordered from Pondicherry to Salem &c. and if any of the Chil Naigue's Banditti remain this may afford you the means of employing more force and perhaps of surprizing them".—

a true Extract
(Signed) W.m Wilson
Sec.y

To Colonel Brathwaite
Commanding the Army

Sir.

I have received your letter desiring I will remind you of the circumstance of your giving authority to remove two Companies from Pinagra. The Company that has been moved from that place was ordered to Coteingora by Captain Campbell, Commanding in my absence, and (as you supposed) afterwards approved of by you — on my receiving information of Chil Nyg.r Defec= =dations I waited on you, and read the letters I had received from Lieutenant Graham and Meanrs, which contained it, when you approved of my Proposal of advancing the above Company to Shanganna, and resolved on the posting another Trincomally, also on the having three other Companies in readiness at Ahtoor, Tiagar and Arnee (one at each) ad

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as the other steps necessary to prevent his incursions
in future – The service proposed requiring there should
be no delay, I understand what you said, respecting
the two Companies under my command, as an order,
and concluded that your orders were issued the same
day for the movement of a Company to Trinc=
=mally and the holding the other two in
readiness; for it did not occcur to me, that the
authority of Government, was previously necessary,
to the Sudden Movement of so small a force,
upon any emergency.

Having given this recital, I do
myself the honor of laying
correspondence with Government, to account for my
having Communicated with it on the Subject, and
as containing all that I have said upon it.

To Account for the detaching of the
Company from Periagra, allow me to acquaint
you, that as Commanding a District, I have
hitherto, imagined myself to be invested with a
discretionary power to order out Guards, or small
Detachments, upon any emergent Occasion, for its
protection as it was evident to me that was the
object in a great Measure of troops being stationed
in them; and on that idea, I directed Captain
Campbell, who Commands in my absence, to
furnish

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furnish such Detachments, on receiving applic=
=ations for them, from any of my Assistants
in the Revenue Department, and impressed with
the necessity of losing no time in apprehending
the bands of Robbers, that infest the Country, he
thought it advisable to authorize the Officer
Commanding at Penagra, eventually, to detach a
Company, should Mr. Munro desire it, that place
being so far from ahtoor / Captain Campbell's
Station / that the opportunity might be lost
by the delay that a reference would require —
Though he has only informed me of his having
given such orders to the Officer Commanding at
Penagra, it is probable that he has also desired
the Officer Commanding at Kistnagherry, and
Poracotah to comply with similar Requisitions
from Lieutenant Graham on account of those
places being 30 Miles more distant than Penagra
The Security afforded the Inhabitants by spreading
an expedition, warranted, I thought, the Steps that
have been taken; the reporting them immediately
to the Commander in Chief was a matter of course;
and the responsibility of Officers for their Conduct
/ those Subordinate to the Commanding Officer
of the Districts, and he to the Commander in Chief
sufficiently prevented, I imagined any movements

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that was not absolutely necessary, but it appears that herein I have been Mistaken, for Mr. Secretary Dock-
-sons last letter informs me that "it is only from Govern-
-ment any order can properly issue on a Subject of
"that Nature". — I am nevertheless inclined to believe
that that intimation is only meant to reserve the
power to Government alone of forming larger Detachments, than it is probable would ever be
necessary for the protection of a Country against thieves,
or for any occasion in time of peace, and that it is
not intended to prevent my employing such Parties
against them, as their Number may render necessary —
I am desirous however of having my Authority to act
upon all occasions defined, for the restriction "of not
moving Troops "without permission, literally considered,
seems to prohibit the power of employing them
on Detachment, without specific instructions, which
would so often retard the public service, that, as I
humbly conceive, it Cannot be intended by the
Honorable Board — therefore I request to know, if
you will be pleased to address it on this subject, or
advise, that I should myself submit these doubts to
its Consideration. — I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
18th March 1794

Wa: Wa:
/Signed/ Alex: Read

True Copy
/Signed/ Wm Wilson Secy

Read

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Read the following letter from
Captain Read.

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

Honble Sir,

I am concerned to find by a Correspondence with Colonel Braithwaite, that in a letter he had lately addressed to your Honor, he has past some animadversions on my Conduct, had I been previously informed of my having incurred his displeasure, a few circumstances I might have submitted to his consideration would probably have induced him to think I am not so Culpable as he has represented, but the greatest fault I have committed in the first instance, being literally, as the Colonel has stated, my having Mistaken what he said in a conversation for orders, which any person else might have done, and in the second, my having communicated to Government on military operations proposed, which I did merely with the view of laying before it the whole of the information which from its requisition, I thought might be desired. I trust that my Conduct in either case, will not appear so blameable, as to affect that favorable opinion of me, which my Superiors, and you in particular, have done me the Honor, repeatedly, to express, on former occasions.

I am &c &c.

(Signed) Alex Read

(Copy)

I am Captain Read concerned that he should have mistaken Colonel Braithwaites opinion for an order for moving troops from Conagra and thereby incurred his censure.

Fort St. George
15th March 1794.

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Minutes on the two foregoing letters from Colonel Brathwaite and Captain Read.—

Upon the foregoing letters it will be only necessary to observe, that it was the business of the Officer in the Command of the Baramahal during the absence of Captain Read, to have made Government acquainted at this time with the Movement of the Troops from Penagra. The letter from Captain Read of the 2nd instant led the Board to conjecture that the Officer Commanding the army had directed such movement, and under this impression it was that they deemed it right to express to Colonel Brathwaite what their Sentiments were on the Occasion and this was done, without any implication or censure with regard to the Measure, which the Colonel was told, was in itself proper, and what would have been adopted, at his recommendation— It appears by the explanation now given, that Captain Read mistook the opinion of Colonel Brathwaite for an order, and acted upon it— in doing so, he brought upon himself an unnecessary responsibility, since, had the propriety of the measure been questioned, (which, however, it was not) the opinion by which he was governed, would not have availed him.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from
Colonel Brathwaite.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

I have been thus long prevented from replying to a letter of Mr. Secretary Jackson's of the 24th of January enclosing a copy of a letter from the Physician General recommending the Cultivation of the Bastard Cedar Tree at the Cavalry Cantonments for the feeding horses, waiting for the reports from the several Commanding Officers of the Cavalry Regiments, and am now unwilling longer to delay laying the result before your Honble Board, although I have not as yet received any reply from Major Stevenson, which I attribute to his extreme ill state of health.

I imagine that the four letters of which I have now the honor to enclose Copies will suffice to enable Government to form a judgement, Viz. one from Colonel Ll. J, one from Major Young, one from Major Pater, and one from Major Orr.

These Gentlemen in General seem to think the measure will be of great utility, and I think, although the subject of the expence had not

* From Colonel Brathwaite relative to the Culture of the Bastard Cedar Tree for feeding horses — Letters from the Commandants of Cavalry on the Subject

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not been fully gone into, that sufficient has been said to enable Government to form a very near guess at, what expence - will attend the causeing five such plantations to be made, namely, one at each Cavalry Station; and I am of opinion that the expence will be warranted by the introducing / through these means / generally the Cultivation of a Tree which is stated to afford such Excellent food for Cattle, by which, no doubt, Agriculture will be much assisted, and I will own to you that I look more to such general advantage to be derived, from it than to its particular utility as affording food for horses, and that for a reason which I am surprized has not occurred to any of these officers whose letters I have now the honor to enclose - and that it / taking it for granted that it is good and wholesome food for horses / whether it is a wise measure to accustom the horses in Peace time at their Cantonments to a any means be carried to the field with them - as the sudden change of diet, and particular from a nicher succulent food such as this is described to be, may occasion them to fall off, and become so weak as not to recover their Strength again during the Campaign - which appears to me a consideration deserving of the most serious attention. —

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The situation I now hold has
caused me to think it a duty incumbent on me
to state what may materially affect the Service
I am nevertheless a great Advocate for introducing
the growth of these Trees on the general principle
of their affording Nourishment for Cattle, and
think Doctor Anderson has great merit in
starting the subject, and as the Officers who have
written on the subject all appear willing and
desirous to superintend the Cultivation, I cannot
but recommend that the Plantations should
be made.

Military Head Quarters
Madras March 18th 1794.

I have the honor to be
Sir: Your
[Signed] John Braithwaite

Lieutenant Walter Wilson
Secretary to Colonel Braithwaite

Sir,

I was favored with Colonel Braithwaite's
Commands this year, of the 27th Ult. with Copy
of a letter from Doctor Anderson to Government,
recommending the Cultivation of the Bastard
Cedar Tree.

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1169 Fort St. George 12th March 1794.

I beg you will inform Colonel Brathwaite that there is plenty of Ground in this Neighbourhood of various sorts, not in cultivation, and apparently very favorable to the design, and I have no doubt of obtaining leave from the Nabob to enclose the quantity of three hundred Acres, as he has already said so in general terms. I have a very high opinion of the utility of the measure, and shall Zealously superintend the undertaking, if Government thinks proper to authorise it.

I am informed that three hundred Acres may be enclosed with a Ditch 3 feet deep, 3 feet broad at bottom, and four at top, with the Contents thrown up as a Bank of the same Dimensions, but I reckoned for 150 or 160 Star Pagodas.

A Mistry and twelve Gardners at cost 20 Pagodas \ Month.

perhaps a few Pagodas more as may be necessary for constructing a Pickotta, for the Seed bed, or, Nursery of young Plants. If the Seeds are sent me now, I imagine the plants will not be fit to remove till after the next Monsoon, which will also be the properest time for making the enclosure, this it may be begun upon now, if necessary.

I have the honor to be

Gardens,
near Trichinopoly
Feby 28th 1794

Wa: Wa:
Signed / J. Lloyd
Lieutenant

True Copy
Signed / Wm Nelson
Secy

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Fort St. George 18th March 1790.

Lieutenant Wm. Wilson

Secretary to the Commander of the Army

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter, with one enclosed from the Physician General, respecting the cultivation of the Bastard Cedar at this Station, I can only observe on this subject, that the high ground is so very barren and at such an immense distance from Water, combined with the land Winds, which perhaps are more violent, than any place in India, that I do not conceive it possible, it can ever arrive to any perfection, or utility without it can be placed in the low grounds which are all cultivated with Paddy, how far more useful it may be for this Cantonment to take two or three hundred Acres of Ground, from the Inhabitants for that purpose, it will be hard for me to say, tho' from the present appearance of the Weather, we shall have a very severe, and hot season.—

I beg

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I beg leave to inform you that the Gentlemen of the Cantonment, and myself who have Gardens near the Nullah, shall be happy to Cultivate the Bastard Cedar, and pay every attention that lays in our power.

I have the honor to be,

Cavalry Cantonment
near Arcot
Jany 30th 1794

Wt. Wt.
/Signed/ Wm Young
Major Commanding

True Copy
/Signed/ Wm Wilson
Secy

Sir,

I have had the honor of your favor of the 27th instant accompanied by a copy of a letter from Doctor Anderson, Physician General, on the Subject of propagating plantations of the Bastard Cedar; and in reply permit me to request that you will do me the favor to inform Colonel Braithwaite, that after maturely reflecting on the matter, my opinion readily assents to an obvious practicability of accomplishing it — but as to the expence of the undertaking, what little experience I have had in similar pursuits, is too

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too limitted to enable me to judge of it with any degree of Precision. It must however I conceive depend on various causes, such of the nature of Soil, contigious=ness or distance of water, and the time and means requisite to the procuring it &c. &c.

In the vicinity of this Cantonment a great deal of ground may be laid out doubtless to advantage, agreable to the Doctor's proposal, but the whole of that discription, such as is recommended, in the Neighbourhood of Connatore is peculiarly sterile and unproductive. aid of Manure must consequently be afforded, and as a deficiency of Water is often felt here, particularly at this season, owing to the last very partial Monsoon, not scarcely extending to this part of the Country Wells must necessarily be dug and Pecotahs raised.

Whatever the expence may be of carrying the design into execution, the first year I should conceive will nearly compriss the whole, except what may be deemed expedient on account of a proportionable number of people for the purpose of attending the Plantation and keeping it in order after it's once formed.

Connatore
Jan.y 30th 1794

I have the Honor to be,
Wr. Wr.
/Signed/ L. Pater
Major Comm.g 2d. Batt.n of Coy.s
Trust.y
/Signed/ Wm. Wilson Secr.y

To

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To Captain Wilson

Secretary to Colonel Brathwaite

Sir,

I have had the honor of receiving &
your letter dated the 27th of January, enclosing a copy
of one from the Physician General to Government &
"recommending the planting and rearing of Trees
"to feed horses upon" and I beg you will inform &
Colonel Brathwaite, that I have "in consequence of
"his directions" made the enquiries he wishes, and
find the neighbourhood of this station to be every
where promising spots for such a plantation, there being
a variety of Soils, and most of them appear to be
favorable for the growth of Trees.

I cannot take upon me to ascertain
precisely, the first expence of making such an &
enclosure as the above letter describes - but I conceive
that a Sum between 25 and 35 Pagodas, for every
hundred Acres, would be sufficient, with the allowance
of two or three Coolies to keep up the fence - the pay
of one Cooly is one Pagoda and half monthly -
Doctor Anderson's Calculation of the Number of &
Gardeners necessary to look after the Trees - is most
to be depended upon, on account of his judgement and
Experience

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experience on all these Subjects - the only information therefore, that I remain for me to give on this Head, is to repeat that the Monthly pay of a Mastry, at this place, is four Pagodas, and that of a Gardner two. —

Horses being fond of the produce of this Tree does not appear entirely to establish its importance, and utility, - until such time as a fair experiment can be made, whether such food is wholesome, and perfectly safe, to be given in quantities and for a length of time - But no doubt, this remark has already occured to the Physician General, whose recommendation alone must be sufficient authority to encourage its culture, and grant for the useful purposes recommended. —

In case the plantations are carried on, it strikes me that plats of Guinea grass might be entersperse over such Enclosure, at a trifling additional expence, to great public advantage, as well on account of its being easily raised in large quantities, from the spreading quality of the Guinea Grass, as because it is known to be a safe, and wholesome food for Horses. —

Should Government think proper to make the experiment proposed in the Physician General's letter, I will be very happy to superintend at this Station and to give every assistance in my power. —

I have the Honor to be,
Wm. Wm.
/Signed/ Lorr
Major Comm.g 5th R. N. Regt.

Cantonment near Cuddalore Feby 27th 1774

True Copy
/Signed/ W. Welsh
Lieut.

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The Board, concurring entirely with

Minute on the Subject

Colonel Brathwaite in the opinion given against the cultivation of the Bastard Cedar for the use of the Cavalry, deem the plantations proposed by Dr. Anderson as an useful expence to the Company— If the Leaves of this Tree be of such general utility, particularly to horned Cattle, the natives of the Country, will, for their own interest, encourage the propagation— and it is in this way that the benefit would be more extensively felt, than by any other that the Board could adopt.—

Read the following Letter from Colonel Brathwaite.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite stating some difficulties in executing the Order regarding the relief of the Commands— requests orders.—

Some difficulties having occurred in carrying into execution the order of Government of the 25th Ultimo relative to the relief of Commands— I think it necessary to address you on the subject, that I may be fully satisfied as to your intention in regard to the following Commands, which, although they may be supposed to come within the spirit of the order, are not strictly speaking within the letter of it, according to the ideas of some Officers who have addressed me.—

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The Hill forts near Vellore are all certainly garrisoned by Detachments from Native Battalions, and therefore strictly within the letter of the order, but then the principal one on which the others depend is commanded by Captain Godfrey of the Invalid Establishment, who considers that this Command was bestowed on him as an indulgence, and that he cannot be supposed to be included in a detail of Relief prescribed to take place every six Months among the subalterns of Native Corps. I shall remain therefore with your Honorable Council to determine whether Captain Godfrey is to remain in the Command of the Hill forts as an indulgence to him as being on the Invalid Establishment or to retire from it at a given time, in the latter case I am of opinion that no Officer is required in that Situation, and that Colonel Collins may be authorized to provide for those posts in the following manner.

A Jemedar's Guard to be stationed in future at the Hill fort Saderoon near Vellore.

An Havildars Guard at the Middle Hill.

A Naigue's Guard at Mortiseheer to be relieved Monthly. This disposition to take place whenever upon order Captain Godfrey to withdraw from the Command, an Officer not being thought necessary for that Station.

I have &c

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Chengleput though Garrisoned in
part by a Company from the 10th Native
Battalion has also both European and Native
Invalids in it, and may be thought therefore not
to come within the strict letter of the order —
Sullore — the garison consists of only
half a company of the 10th Native Battalion and
sixteen Lascars — it is not therefore properly speaking
a Command to which an Officer can go in rotation, —
Officers in general not being detached but with a
company; It is however commanded by Lieutenant
Dighton of the 7th Battalion and I believe the 10th
Company have no civil Servant in that Country
nor any other Military Officer, I request therefore to
know if that Command is to be relieved in rota=
=tion by an Officer from the 10th Native Battalion,
and here I cannot but observe to your Honor that
I believe the first Officer for Command in that
Battalion is Lieutenant Peters, who, from casual
visitations of slight symptoms of Insanity may not
be such an Officer as you would wish to be trusted in
Command, though in general he has been found to do
his duty very well under Command — and similar Cases
may occur in other Corps, which may perhaps render
it prudent to deviate from the strict letter of the order,
which directs, that Officers shall be furnished for Com=
=mands strictly by the Roster: at all events I think the
Military Board may be authorized to withdraw some of the
Lascars from Sullore, as the Number appears to be out of
proportion to the Garison. —

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The above are all that occur to me to mention in the Center Division of the Army, concerning which there is any difficulty, as I do not suppose it is your intention that Officers above the Rank of Captain in Commands garrisoned by Native troops should give way to Subaltern, although no exception is made but in the case of Captain Lindsay, when the Station is the Head Quarters of the Corps, as your intention by the order appears clearly to go to Garrisons consisting of Detachments from Native Corps, and not to the removal of the Head Quarters of any Corps, and I am inclined to believe that your order is not intended to operate on mixed Garrisons consisting of Effectives and Invalids, such as I have stated Chinglipett to be, and Cuddalore is, nor of those consisting entirely of Invalids, of which last description are the Commands of Puddicottah, Nagore, and Negapatam, in the Southern Division.

In the Northern Division there are Commands of which Colonel Fraser entertains his doubts, such as Arcot, Commanded by a Selected Officer Lieutenant Charles Moody, the Detail under him has varied according to Circumstances, It now consists of one Ensign and fifty two Rank and File from the 8th Battalion.

Mugglestone

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Muggalatore a similar Command, at present Commanded by Lieutenant George Brownes of the 19th Native Battalion - there the Detail has varied also, and at present consists of a Subaltern, and fifty nine Rank and file from the 8th Native Battalion

Conringa where at present Lieutenant Riddel of the 26th Battalion commands half a Company of the 4th European Battalion and a few Effective Artillery men.

Of the above fixed Stations Colonel Fraser entertains doubts, I therefore request your Commands concerning them, - He also expresses himself at a loss concerning Barrampore and Chicacole, at both which places there are only Detachments of Native Troops Viz. at Barrampore three Companies of the 18th Native Battalion - at Chicacole six Companies of the 27th Native Battalion; but these are the Stations of the Field Offices Commanding in the Districts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam; and Chicacole is also the Head Quarters of the Native Brigade stationed in the northern Division of the army - of the other Garrisons, such as Masulipatam Vizagapatam, Ganjam, Condapilly, Rajahmundry &c. either mixed Garrisons, Head Quarters of Corps, or Composed entirely of Invalids, he entertains the same idea that I do, namely, that the order of Government is not meant to operate on them

There

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There are some temporary Detach-
=ments and a prodigious number of scattered
Details of Troops all over the country employed on
Civil or Revenue services, under native Commissioned
or Non Commissioned Officers, with which I do not
mean to trouble you just now, as I am preparing
to lay before your Honor in Council a Return of all
the Native Troops at present so employed, which I
fancy are more than you suppose, and which if
continued will soon reduce the Native Corps to
that wretched state, in which the Northern
Battalions were always found to be, when called
upon for Actual Service, previous to the raising
the Sibendy Corps.

I have the honor to be,
Hon: Hon:
[Signed] John Braithwaite

Military Head Quarters
Madras March 13th 1794.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

From Lt Col Braithwaite Major Vigors requesting the command of Candapilly Battalion in the room of Major Vigors may remain at Head Quarters — and that no Junction may take place in the field Batta Allowances — requests the services Details of the 5th Regiment at Trichinopoly may join their Corps.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an
application from Major Vigors, to which, in justice
to very great merit and very long Service, I cannot
best give the warmest support — There is not in the
Service a more active or better officer than Major Vigors,
nor

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nor any one that has been more employed on a
actual service, and he can say, what I believe no
other officer of his Rank, and who has been so long
in the Command of a Native Battalion as he was,
can say, which is, that it never fell to his lot
to have a command.—

In order to mark the good opinion
I had of him I embodied the Grenadiers of the
Honble Company's European corps at the late
siege of Pondicherry, and gave the command of them
to him with a separate and important Post, of
great consequence in forwarding the attack, and his
vigilence and activity for his situation was
that on which the Enemy ought to have alled
gave me complete satisfaction. I accordingly therefore
recommend that this his request may be complied
with.— I perceive, indeed, by a letter which
Government has addressed to the Military Board
that it is your intention that Condapilly should be
in future a subaltern's command, but I sincerely
hope you have not finally decided so, as the sup-
=pression of another field officer's command will
bear hard indeed on the Honble Company's Coast
Establishment; officers who have served long, and
risen to high Rank, ought, in the ordinary course

of

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of all services to improve in situation, and it was on that principle that many Commands heretofore held by officers of inferior rank were made field officer's commands when the number of Field officers were augmented, as, without some such Arrangement, old Captains in the command of Native Battalions would rather be sufferers by promotion - at present, exclusive of myself, there are in the effective Infantry of the Honble Company's Coast Establishment three Colonels, nine Lieutenant Colonels and nine Majors; in all twenty one, to distribute among these as they now stand, there are only ten situations in which they can receive full Batta - Viz: Palamcotah, Madura, Pondicherry, Vellore, Guntoor, Condapilly, Ellore, Vizagapatam, Chicacole, and Berampore, and to the much smaller number of his Majesty's Field officers are allotted seven full Batta situations, Viz: Dindigul, Secundermale, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, arnee, Mallajaubad and Condanalie, which provides for every field officer in His Majesty's service in the Country, with the exception of Major Shaw, of the 74th Regiment lately arrived from Bengal, the Senior Captain of the 36th Regiment filling however the full Batta Station of a King's field officer at Manroire. —

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As nothing can tend more effectually to keep up that Harmony that at present exists between the services than an impar= tial, and, as far as can be, equal Distribution of ad= vantages, Down I shall be very sorry to see any re= duction of the field officers full Batta situations at present allotted to those on the Coast Establish= ment. I am aware that I lately recommended the reduction of one myself, namely, Samulcottah, but it was because it was literally the most unim= portant station in the Circars, and in which nothing could have induced me to wish to see a Company's field officer continued but that they might have a proportion of commands. Has I re= commended that Vellore and Trichinopore heretofore field officers commands in the line of his Majesty's field officers might be now commanded by Captains, I recommended that the Company's Field officers should be discontinued at Samulcottah.

Condapelly though from the presidi= =gious call for Sepoys to be otherwise employed in the Northern provinces, it has been only garrisoned by Native Invalids is a post negatively of great importance, for were it to fall into the hands of an irregular Enemy ever, it would be difficult to dislodge him, and he would have it greatly in his power to distruct

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obstruct our communication with the Circars by the fords of the Kistna: It is also frontier in the high track from the Circars to Hydrabad, and therefore an Officer of experience and Vigilence is well bestowed there, and as the Major of the Native Brigade North of the Kistna would, if not there, be at Ellore where he would have half Batta, it makes only the difference of half batta, to fix him at Condapilly, and I hope the arguements I have used will keep your honor in Council be deemed of weight sufficient to warrant that very trifling Expence.

I request that Captain Madden may be ordered to send the Effective Details of his Majesty's 52d. Regiment from Trippassore to join the Corps at Pondamalee.

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

Military Head Quarters
Madras March 27th. 1794

Sir

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

Sir,

In the event of Major Bonneau's ~
promotion I presume to solicit and hope I may be
found to have some claim to succeed him in the
command of Cundapilly.

From Major Vigors requesting the Command of Cundapilly

I have served the Honble Company
twenty five years during which time I have had
the peculiar good fortune to be employed on every
general service, at both sieges of Tanjore, the expedition
against the Western Polligars under Colonel ~
Cosby in 1777 that to Bombay under Colonel ~
Kelly, the whole of Hyder's war which commenced ~
in 1780 during the late war with Tippoo Sultaun ~
and at the former siege of Pondicherry, in so long ~
a period of service I have to thank God for so ~
remarkable a continuance of good health that I ~
never was a day absent from my Station — For ~
near ten years I was adjutant of the 9th Battalion
N. I. and may be allowed to take some little credit
to myself from the acknowledged good conduct
of the Corps: soon after my promotion to the ~
Rank of Captain, I was appointed to the ~
Command

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command of the 2d. Battalion and may without the imputation of vanity assert there was not a more efficient Native Corps in the army — To the present Commander in Chief I am indebted for the very flattering Situation I was placed in at the late Siege of Pondicherry to the Command of a Battalion of European Grenadiers, to whom also I beg to refer with confidence for the exactness of the above Statement.

I have thought it a duty I owed myself to be thus particular, and have only to add that I never before applied for or was appointed by Government to any Command — I have been encouraged to make this application by the attention that has been shewn in your Government to the fair claims of every individual and have the Honor to be —

&c. &c.

Signed / Wm. Vigors

Switchiendroby
18th of March 1794

Resolutions on the foregoing letters from Colonel Brathwaite —

Resolved that Captain Godfrey be allowed to continue in the Command of the Field Fort near Vellore, until he shall have held it three years from the date of his appointment; and that the disposition recommended by Colonel

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Colonel Brathwaite be then adopted.—

Resolved, that Chenglapet continue to be a Captains command— that the charge of Nellore remain for the present with Lieutenant Dighton— and that orders be sent to the Military Board to withdraw some of the Lascars stationed at that place.—

The general order of the 20th ultimo, evidently applies as Colonel Brathwaite supposes to Garrisons consisting of Detachments from Native Corps, and not to the removal of the head quarters of any Corps— neither does it operate on mixed garrisons consisting of effectives and invalids, nor on those consisting entirely of Invalids, nor on the stations of the Field officers in the Southern Division.—

As Nozud and Mugulatore come within the order, the Commands are consequently to be relieved agreeably thereto.—

Resolved that Colonel Brathwaite be desired to state his opinion whether the 45 Europeans stationed at Cottenga under Lieutenant Riddel may not now be withdrawn, and 45 replaced by a few Sepoys, until the arrival of some force from England, shall remove all apprehension of danger from the Enemy's Privateers.—

For

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For the reasons given by Lt Colonel Brathwaite the Board consent that Condapillee shall remain as a Field Officers Command; and that it shall be conferred on Major Urban Vigoni, upon the promotion of Major Bonnevaux.

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

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

Honble Sir,

In obedience to your Commands of the 6th Inst. I have examined the distri=butions of Reckonings for 1791 and 1792 as they stood in the proceedings of a Com=mittee of Officers assembled for the purpose under the orders of 30th of last July and which also included the adjustment of the half

From auditor General with draft of Journal asking for distribution of Reckonings and half Mounting for 1791 and 1792.

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half mounting for 1792 and 1793 — the several dis=
=tributions and proportions laid down by the
Committee appear to me to be correct, in consequence
of which and your Commands on the subject I
have the honor to lay before you herewith a
prepared draught of a General Order, the
mode of payment is included, but, in regard to
the time of discharging the amount if payable
under the order, I have used the freedom of leaving
a blank space wherein it may be inserted. say
on the first of next Month or at such time as
you may be pleased to determine upon.

The amount if payable under the
Order stands as follows

	Ps	F	C
Off Reckonings 1791	61489	20	37
Half Mounting Money	2437	36	—
Off Reckonings 1792	55469	5	9
Half Mounting Money	2387	32	40
Total	121714	10	6

say One hundred and Twenty one thousand seven
hundred and fourteen Pagodas, Ten fanams
and six cash.

I have the honor to be,
Wa: Wa:
Signed Henry Malcolm
Mil.y Aud.r Genl
G.O.

Military Auditor Generals Office
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G.O: By Government

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The Offreckonings for 1791 and 1792 and the half Mountings & Money for 1792 and 1793 having been settled conformably to the General Orders of the 30th Last July, the distribution of the Offreckonings is published and the payment of both allowances directed as follows.

P 76 & 76

Artillery 1791

Distribution of Extra Shares to Lieutenant Colonels

To Lieutenant Colonel Gaile ..... P 76 1000 " "

To be deducted from the above the Contractors Charges for 69 Caps as p his receipt which number appears to have been received over the strength of the 1st Battalion of artillery ..... } 17.10.40

Remained to Lieutenant Colonel Gaile ... 982 31 40

To Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham ..... 58 " "

Moorehouse 31 15 48

Smith 490 26 32 1587 31 40

Distribution among the whole of the Field Officers and Captains of Artillery.

To Lieutenant Colonel Gaile 446 27 64

Sydenham 42 36 45

Moorhouse 30 31 46

Smith 446 27 64

Major R Tull 446 27 64

G Wall 446 27 64

J Slipper 94 3 67

Captain Gibson 446 27 64

G Carlisle 446 27 64

G Mandeville 446 27 64

T. O. Brien 446 27 64

R Bell 118 28 46

T Clarke 446 27 64

R Hawley 446 27 64

2 Bell 403 35 59

T. A. Tanner 352 18 70

W. B. Isaacke 365 38 18

2 Pugh 327 41 28. 6253 11 19

Carried over Pagodas ..... 7836 " 59

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Brought over Pagodas ..... 7836 " 59

Infantry

Distribution to Adjutants of European Battalions

To Lieutenant Leith acting Adjutant 1st Battalion from the 1st of April to the end of the year 19 Months/the three Months preceding unclaimed ..... 180 " "

Lieutenant Pirie ..... 240 " "

Lieutenant Mealy ..... 240 " "

Lieutenant Crane ..... 240 " " 900 " "

Distribution of Extra Shares to Officer Commanding European Battalions

576 17 12

To Captain Parr ..... 223 24 8 800 " "

Captain J Torrens ..... 800 " "

Lieutenant Colonel Collins 653 6 62

Lieutenant Colonel Tolan 113 40 18

Captain R Ogilby ..... 32 36 52 800 " "

J Kennedy .....

J Young 131 21 40

C Lelande 54 33 70

J B: Butler 444 38 62

E Gibbings ..... 168 31 62 800 " "

Distribution of Extra Shares to Majors 160 4 75

To Major J Roberts 98 18 41 258 23 36

A Pynch .....

Distribution of Shares to Field officers of Infantry ..... 400 " "

To Colonel John Braithwaite 32 36 60

Eccles Riley ..... 400 " "

Thomas Bruce ..... 400 " "

Charles Fraser ..... 400 " "

Thomas Bridges ..... 400 " "

Lieutenant Colonel E Collins 169 1 32

J Bilcliffe 250 40 48

J Dupont ..... 400 " "

J Durand ..... 400 " "

J Oldham ..... 200 " "

J Trent ..... 400 " "

T Prendergast ..... 400 " "

G Clarke ..... 400 " "

R Tolan ..... 400 " "

H Montgomery ..... 400 " " 3632 36 60

Major J Cuppage .....

Carried over Pagodas 47627 18 75

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	Brought over Pagodas	17627 18 75
Major Robert Sale	400 " "	
C.D. Bonnevaux	400 " "	
A Wynch	400 " "	
D Burr	400 " "	
F Gordie	400 " "	
H Malcolm	400 " "	
A Langley	400 " "	
G Roberts	400 " "	
	367 5 20	3167 5 20
Distribution of Shares of 400 Pagodas to Captains Commanding Battalions of Native Infantry		
1st Battalion Captain A Brown	400 " "	
2d do A Montgomery	400 " "	
3d do W Flint	400 " "	
4th do A Dawes	93 6 10	
5th do I Turing	306 35 70	
6th do R. Kyd	400 " "	
7th do A Macpherson	400 " "	
8th do R Chase	400 " "	
9th do I Dunwoody	400 " "	
10th do R Croker	400 " "	
11th do I Hoey	400 " "	
12th do D McMills	400 " "	
13th do I McKennon	400 " "	
14th do I Oliver	400 " "	
15th do G Mahab 400 " "	400 " "	
To be deducted from the above Clothing drawn for 50 Sepoys over the Establishment	49 " 17 " -	
Remains to Captain Mahab	350 25 "	
16th do Alexander Read	400 " "	
17th do B Vigors	400 " "	
18th do G Mwat	400 " "	
L: Mestropp	151 9 30	
19th do I Little	248 32 44	
20th do I Leighton	400 " "	
21st do G Tollemache	400 " "	
22d do W Vigors 2d	400 " "	
23d do I Oliver	400 " "	
24th do I Campbell	400 " "	
25th do W Bruce	400 " "	
26th do A Stuart	400 " "	
27th do I Cox	400 " "	
28th do G Stuart	400 " "	
29th do Andrew Read	400 " "	
30th do I Dalrymple	400 " "	
C Roberts	400 " "	
T Malcolm	32 36 60	
	367 5 20	11950 25 "
Distributions of Shares of 200 Pagodas to Captains Commanding Battalions of Native Infantry		
1st Battalion Captain A Brown	200 " "	
2d do A Montgomery	200 " "	
3d do W Flint	200 " "	
4th do A Dawes	46 24 5	
I Turing	153 4 75	800 " "
Carried over Pagodas		33545 7 15

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Brought over Pagodas 33565 7 15

5th Battalion	Captain	R Hope	200	"	"
6th do		A Mcpherson	200	"	"
7th do		R Chase	200	"	"
8th do		J Dunsmoody	200	"	"
9th do		R Rocher	200	"	"
10th do		J Knox	200	"	"
11th do		D McNeile	200	"	"
12th do		L McKennon	200	"	"
13th do		J oliver	200	"	"
14th do		G Mahab	200	"	"
15th do		Alexander Read	200	"	"
16th do		B Vigors	200	"	"
17th do		G Mcat	200	"	"
18th do		J Mcdonald	75	25	70
		J Little	124	16	10
19th do		J Leighton	200	"	"
20th do		G Fotheringham	200	"	"
21st do		W Vigors	200	"	"
22d do		London	200	"	"
23d do		Campbell	200	"	"
24th do		M Bruce	200	"	"
25th do		A Stewart	200	"	"
26th do		Lloyd	200	"	"
27th do		E Stewart	200	"	"
28th do		andrew Read	200	"	"
29th do		J Dalrymple	16	18	30
30th do		G Roberts	183	23	50
		J Halcott			5200 " "

Distribution of Additional Shares of 200 Pagodas to Captains Commanding Battalions of Native Infantry According to Seniority

		16	18	30
To Captain	G Roberts	183	23	50
	J Halcott	200	"	"
	W Vigors	200	"	"
	G Mcat	200	"	"
	B Vigors	200	"	"
	M Bruce	200	"	"
	A Brown	200	"	"
	A Montgomery	200	"	"
	W Flint	200	"	"
	J Dunsmoody	200	"	"
	R Rocher	200	"	"
	L McKennon	200	"	"
	G Fotheringham	200	"	"
	J Knox	200	"	"
	J Cox	200	"	"
	G Mahab	200	"	"
	R Hope	200	"	"
	A Stewart	46	24	5
	N Davies	200	"	"
	J Leighton	200	"	"
	J oliver	200	"	"
	E Stewart	200	"	"
	R Chase	200	"	"
	andrew Read	200	"	"
	A Mcpherson	200	"	"
	J Dalrymple	200	"	"
	alexander Read	200	"	"
	D McNeile	200	"	" 5246 24 5

Carried over Pagodas ... 43991 31. 20

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Brought over Pagodas 43991 31. 20

Distribution of Shares to Officers of European Invalids

To Lieutenant Colonel	I Hughes	309	33	69
	I Patterson	600	"	"
	I Dupont	223	23	8
Major	I Shaw	600	"	"
Captain	D Kennedy	600	"	"
	I Towns	600	"	"
	F Torrens	107	40	"
	C Pearson	200	"	"
	G Hodson	200	"	"
	W Godfrey	200	"	"
	W Hammonds	428	32	71. 4377 19 68

Distribution for the Native Invalid Fund. —

To Captain Raymonde Town Major	4353	10	10

Distribution for the Body Guard. —

To Lieutenant I Grant	337	21	53

Distribution for the Regiments of Native Cavalry

To Major	Lonyn	161	11	"
	I Murray	1801	9	63
	I Peter	1912	30	10
	I Stevenson	1620	20	63
	W A Young	1660	12	"
	H Darley	396	24	"
	Jones	878	29	40 8627 21. 16

Total Pagodas 64489 20 37

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Artillery

Distribution of Extra Shares to the Lieutenant Colonels

To Lieutenant Colonel	Gils	1000	" "
	Smith	600	" " 1600 " "

Distribution among the whole of the Field officers and Captains of artillery. —

To Lieutenant Colonel	Gils	439	21	54
	Smith	439	21	54
Major	R Tutto	439	21	54
	G Hall	439	21	54
Captain	E Lagon	439	21	54
	C Carlisle	439	21	54
	C. F. Mandeville	439	21	54
	R. Bell	262	1	45 3318 27 23

Carried over Pagodas ..... 49178 27 23.

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	Brought over Pagodas		4918 27 23
Captain J. Clarke		439 21 54	
R. Howly		439 21 54	
J. Bell		439 21 54	
W. B. Isaacke		439 21 54	
J. N. Tanner		439 21 54	
J. Pugh		439 21 54	2637 4 4

Infantry

Distribution to Adjutants of European Battalions

To Lieutenant Leith	70 " "	
Ensign Bagshaw	110 " "	
Lieutenant Boyd	60 " "	
Lieutenant Pierce	124 " "	
Lieutenant Bate	116 " "	
Lieutenant Mealy	50 " "	
Lieutenant Grant	190 " "	
Lieutenant Crane	240 " "	960 " "

Distribution of Extra Shares to Officers Commanding European Battalions.

To Captain Francis Torrens	313 4 12	
Lieutenant & Lord Conyngham	486 24 68	800 " "
Collins	620 10 12	
Bilcliffe	179 31 68	800 " "
Tolson	287 4 44	
Captain Kennedy	105 8 32	
Major Cuppage	113 40 48	
	293 30 36	800 " "
Lieutenant Colonel Grant	179 30 8	
Captain Butler	423 1 32	
Major Gordie	184 4 16	
Captain Ebbing	13 6 24	
McLean		800 " "

Distribution of Extra Shares to Majors

		42 30 76

To Major Cuppage

Distribution of Shares to field Officers of Infantry

	400 " "	
To Colonel John Braithwaite	400 " "	
Thomas Bruce	400 " "	
Charles Fraser	302 18 72	
Thomas Bridges	400 " "	
Edward Cokens	400 " "	
Lieutenant Colonel J. Bilcliffe	400 " "	
J. Durand	317 33 20	
E. Conyngham	82 8 60	3102 18 72
H. Montgomery		

Carried over Pagodas 11860 39 15

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	Brought over Pagodas			148 60 39 15
To Lieutenant Colonel	Oldham	400	" "	
	Flint	400	" "	
	Pendergast	400	" "	
	Clarke	400	" "	
	Tolson	400	" "	
	Huppage	400	" "	
Major	Sale	400	" "	
	P.D. Bonneau	400	" "	
	Wynch	400	" "	
	Burn	400	" "	
	Gowdie	400	" "	
	Malcolm	400	" "	
	Langley	400	" "	
	Roberts	400	" "	
	Vigne	400	" "	
		97 23 8		
Distribution of Shares of 400 Pagodas to Captains Commanding Battalions of Native Infantry.				5697 " 23 8
1st Battalion	Captain A Brown	400	" "	
2 do	A Montgomery	310	5 6	
3d do	W Flint	400	" "	
4th do	J Twining	400	" "	
5th do	R Hope	400	" "	
6th do	A Mcpherson	400	" "	
7th do	R Chase	400	" "	
	J Bowser	215	36 24	
8th do	J Dumergue	184	5 6	
9th do	R Lyster	400	" "	
10th do	J Knox	400	" "	
11th do	D McNeile	400	" "	
12th do	L McKennon	400	" "	
13th do	L Oliver	400	" "	
14th do	G Mahab	400	" "	
15th do	Alexander Read	400	" "	
16th do	B Vigne	400	" "	
17th do	G Hunt	400	" "	
18th do	L Little	400	" "	
19th do	J Lighton	400	" "	
20th do	G F Cuningham	400	" "	
21st do	H Vigne	400	" "	
	H Campbell	400	" "	
22d do	J Oram	302	18 72	
23d do	H Campbell	400	20 5	
24th do	W Bruce	400	" "	
25th do	A Stewart	400	" "	
26th do	J Cot	400	" "	
27th do	G Stewart	400	" "	
28th do	Andrew Read	400	" "	
29th do	J Dalrymple	400	" "	
30th do	F Hakesto	400	" "	
Distribution of Shares of 200 Pagodas to Captains Commanding Battalions of Native Infantry.				11910 5 6
1st Battalion	Captain A Brown	200	" "	
2d do	A Montgomery	155	2 43	
3d do	W Flint	200	" "	
4th do	J. Twining	200	" "	
5th do	R Hope	200	" "	
6th do	A Mcpherson	200	" "	
7th do	R Chase	200	" "	
	J. Bowser	107	39 37	
		92 2 43		1355 2 43
	Carried over Pagodas			33823 " 27 72

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Brought over Pagodas ..... 33823 27 72.

1st Battalion Captain	T. Dunvody	200 " "		
4th do	R Crocker	200 " "		
2d do	J Knox	200 " "		
6th do	D McNeile	200 " "		
1st do	L McKennon	200 " "		
13th do	J Oliver	200 " "		
19th do	G Nahab	200 " "		
11th do	alexander Read	200 " "		
5th do	B Vigas	200 " "		
16th do	G Mecat	200 " "		
7th do	J Little	200 " "		
9th do	J. Leighton	200 " "		
7th do	G Fotheringham	200 " "		
8th do	A Vigas	151 9 36		
12th do	D Campbell	48 32 64		
	J Oram	200 " "		
2d do	L Campbell	200 " "		
3d do	W Bruce	200 " "		
4th do	A Stewart	200 " "		
5th do	J Cox	200 " "		
6th do	G Stewart	200 " "		
1st do	Andrew Read	200 " "		
8th do	J Baby mple	200 " "		
9th do	T. Halcott	200 " "	4600 " "	
20th do				

Distribution of additional Shares of 200 Pagodas to Captains Commanding Battalions of Native Infantry attending to Seniority

		151 9 36	
To Captain A Vigas		200 " "	
	G Mecat	200 " "	
	B Vigas	200 " "	
	W. Bruce	200 " "	
	A. Brown	165 2 63	
	A Montgomery	200 " "	1306 11 99
	W. Hebbert		

Distribution of Shares to Officers of European Invalids

To Lieutenant Colonel John Paterson		600 " "	
	J Dupont	600 " "	
Major J Short		600 " "	
Captain D Kennedy		231 32 23	
	L Towns	600 " "	
	C Pearson	200 " "	
	R Chase	243 11 64	
	G Hodson	200 " "	
	W. Godfrey	300 " "	
	T. Moore	300 " "	
	W Hammond	600 " "	4475 1 67.

Distribution for the Native Invalid Fund 2394 2575

To Captain R Gosmonde Town Major 1710 18 43 4105 2 38

A Beatson

Distribution for the Body Guard 306 2 64

To Lieutenant A Grant

Carried over Pagodas ..... 48616 5 "

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Brought Over Pagodas — 436165 "

Distribution for the Regiments of Native Cavalry.

To Major D Murray ——————— 1082 1021.

D Pater ——————— 1688 2923

D Stevenson ——————— 1919.15.20

W.A. Young ——————— 1090 41 41.

J. Orr ——————— 1071 2964.

Total Pags ——— 55469.5 9.

The Paymasters of the respective Stations are hereby authorized to include in their Indents for the Months of May next, the sums required to enable them to discharge the amount of the Off reckonings and half mounting Money, as above mentioned, - and in the event of their not being furnished with Cash they are permitted to draw on the Military Paymaster General for the sums required. —

The Off reckonings to be discharged on the separate Bills, for each year, of the Officers respectively at the Stations where they are now quartered, with the exception of the Shares of the deceased and of those absent from the Coast, the former of which are to be

paid

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paid by the Military Paymaster of Fort St George on receipts to be granted by the Executors or administrators, and the latter by the same Paymaster, on the receipts of the attornies of the absent Officers.

The amount due on the half monthly Rolls laid before the Committee of Officers is to be discharged at the present Stations of the respective Corps for which purpose they are to be returned to the Corps countersigned by Lieutenant Colonel Beledliffe the President of the Committee, after annexing to each Roll the sums payable respectively as admitted by the Committee, and the several half mounting Rolls being thus countersigned by the President, are to be the Paymasters voucher for discharging them.

The Military Auditor General will give directions for carrying the Ballances, as entered in the proceedings of the Committee, to the credit of the respective funds in the books of the Military Paymaster General, and will also signify the further necessary orders for the entries to be made in adjusting the Succeeding accounts for the two years in the same Office.

By order

Agreed

1200 Fort St. George 18th March 1794.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the General Order for the distribution of the Muckonings for the years 1791-2 be published.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Hyderabad.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Governor in Council

Sir,

Fort St. George

From Captain Kirkpatrick with a letter from Azeem ul Omrah to Tippoo.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 14th Ultimo, and to enclose, for transmission to Seringapatam, the Nabob Azeem ul Omrah's reply to Tippoo Sultaun's last letter forwarded by you under date the 27th January, together with a copy of it for the information of the Board.— and am &c. &c.

Camp near Bedir
4th March 1794

(Signed) Wm Kirkpatrick

Translation

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Translation of copy of a letter from Azeem ul Omrah to Tippoo Sultan dated 4th March 1794

I have been favored with your letter in answer to mine on the subject of the mission of Meeran Hussein for the adjustment of the differences relative to the frontiers and his having remained for eight months in the neighbourhood of Bulhary and his being at this time at Gooty, with several other particulars all which I understand.

I wrote you some time since that Mahomed amin Cawn Bahauder had been sent to the district of Seringapatta and that he had informed the Talookdar of Gooty of his arrival there, in order to adjust the differences relative to the frontier and that his delay had been occasioned from his receiving an answer from that Talookdar to the following effect "No one is yet arrived here appointed on our part as proposed "to mean on the part of Tippoo. for this business "nor neither have we received any orders on the subject"

I

from Azeem ul Omrah to Tippoo the Ameen before sent, has been again ordered to meet the one deputed by him

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I wrote you also Mahomed Amin Cawn Bahauder was thereupon reduced to the necessity of investigating the matter in dispute by himself and had returned in the beginning of the month of Sulfer / about the 8th of September / - Now that you have informed me in your above letter that Meran Hussain has been sent on your part to Gooty, fresh orders have in consequence been dispatched to Mahomed Ameen Cawn Bahaudar / whose integrity, is justly celebrated / to repair with all possible diligence to the Neighbourhood of Gooty, and to investigate the Matter in dispute with justice and equity, without any particality towards this Circar, along with Meran Hussain the person deputed by you, - and he will without doubt act accordingly -

My friend from the time the treaty took place at Seringapatam between the different powers and that friendship was in consequence established between them, the foundation of which was to be the faithfull execution of that treaty - from that time I say, to this moment there has not been the

blessing

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blessing of the divine providence, been a single
thing done by this Circar or the persons in alliance,
any way contrary to the treaty above mentioned, or
the friendship, between us, in order that it might
gather daily strength - and this is our constant
desire and the object we have in view - accordingly,
when at this time the representatives of the
Company made application in consequence of
the treaty, to His Highness to be informed whether
leave should be given for the return of your
Children - altho according to that treaty, this
was not to take place, until the execution
of all the articles, / one of which was the adjust-
=ment of the differences respecting the frontiers
and that His Highness should be put in posses-
=sion of all the villages ceded to him / and notwith-
=standing your Talookdars have not delivered these
villages up to this Circar, of which a particular
list was sent to you - yet notwithstanding these
considerations, His Highness, from the excessive
generosity of his disposition, and from his desire
to preserve and increase the friendship established
between the allied powers and yourself, and being con-
=vinced also that the matter in dispute respecting the
frontier.

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frontier would be settled, hereafter, in an equitable manner, did not oppose the return of your Children and he even expressed his sorrow at the circumstances which had occasioned so long a Separation of them from you, in consequence of which they were allowed to return. I hope your eyes will be very soon gratified with the sight of them which will afford the greatest satisfaction to all your friends.

As it is evident that the tribe of Zemindars and Ryots on the frontiers, consider it to be their advantage to involve their Superiors in disputes in hopes of a change and as it is also evident that unless the several limits of the districts are ascertained these people will have an opportunity given them to make complaints - I have no doubt but you will have this constantly in view, and take the trouble to give orders to be as expeditious as possible in ascertaining and fixing the respective limits, as it will be the means of encreasing the friendship existing between us, which will be preserved from the evil designs of those who wish to interrupt it, so that the good consequences of this our mutual friendship may be felt by all ranks of people, and the Country remain in peace - You will consider me as firmly fixed on my friendship for you, and favor me frequently with accounts of your welfare.

A true translation
(Signed) David Haliburton
P. T.

The

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The letter from Azem ul omrah addressed to Tippoo has been forwarded to Captain Doveton.

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
17th March 1794

Mr. Roxburgh having intimated to us his intention of returning to Bengal, and having requested permission to resign his Station at Samulcotah we recommend that he be struck off the list of Surgeons on this Establishment.

We are sorry to acquaint Government that Mr. Francis Blake, Assistant Surgeon, died on the 7th Instant at Palamcotah - we recommend that Mr. John King be appointed to the 2d

From Hospital Board propose that Mr. Roxburgh be struck off the List — Death of Mr. Blake — recommendation in consequence.

This does not appear necessary — Mr. Roxburgh this appointed to duty in Bengal, is still considered as on the Coast Establishment.

Bills of Mr. A. Anderson for Medical Assistance to certain descriptions of persons not in the Service who have been treated in the General Hospital — the Senior Members will occasionally visit the General Hospital

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To
21st Battalion of Native
Infantry, vice Blake, &
and that Mr. Robert
Addison, Assistant Surgeon,
be appointed to the 4th
Battalion of Native
Infantry, vice King. —

Read a letter from
Mr. Alexander Anderson
Surgeon to the Presidency
Hospital Copy of which we
have the honor to enclose.
As the different descriptions
of persons he points out
are real objects of Charity,
and have no other means
of Relief when affected by
Sickness, we trust that
Government will Sanc-
tion the payment of
the Bills, and that a
provision will be made
for all future charges of a
like nature. —

approved

Orders have passed for the payment of Mr. Alexander Anderson's Bills — By the accompanying Copy of a Letter to the Town Major, and an extract of a General Order, the Hospital Board will perceive that provision has been made for the different descriptions of persons mentioned in the Surgeons letter. —

In

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The Physician Genl and Chief Surgeon alternately to visit the Presidency Hospital once a Week, and the latter to visit each General Hospital on the Coast once annually—

The Board consider it to be a very necessary part of the Superintendance required by the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors, that the Members of the Hospital Board should themselves personally inspect the general Hospitals, but as such Visitations appears not to have been hitherto made, the Board in compliance with the Spirit of those orders, think it proper to direct, that the Physician General and Chief Surgeon shall alternately visit the General Hospital at the Presidency, once a week, and that the Chief Surgeon shall annually make one visit to each of the other general Hospitals on the Coast, at such time as may be approved by the Hospital Board, reporting, at his return, such remarks as may have occurred to him for the information of that Board, and of Government.

As Mr. Maxwell Thompson has been found guilty by the Sentence of a general Court Martial of the principal Charges preferred against him, the President in Council desires that the Hospital Board will recommend a fit person to take charge of the Sick of the Regiment Stationed at Ellore.

In compliance with the wishes of the Government, the Senior Members of the Hospital Board will make occasional visits to the General Hospital being always disposed to direct their attention to whatever may be deemed beneficial to the Service.

/Signed/ Jas Anderson
Physician Genl

Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon

To

1208 Fort St. George 18th March 1794

To, Mr. Valentine Conolly
Secretary to the Hospital Board

Sir,

I have to request you will lay before the Hospital Board the enclosed Bills for a few patients whom I found in this Hospital on taking charge, and which the Paymaster declines to discharge, there being no provision made for them in the Medical arrangements of the 4th of last December.

The patients alluded to are people of the following descriptions.

1st. European Seamen or others, belonging to private Vessels, or in the service of individuals, who are, on being taken ill, discharged from their employments, and who are not able to support themselves during their sickness [illegible] in general, to the Town Major or Relief, who sends them to the General Hospital.

2d. European Women sometimes apply to be admitted into Hospital and for whom there is no provision.

2d

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3rd Natives not in the service of the Company are frequently sent to the Hospital, and in particular Lascars from the Shipping, and as the return of the Vessels to whom they belong, is very precarious, little opportunity is afforded for receiving payment for their expences, people of this descrip= =tion seldom apply unless they are bed ridden by disease, or are disabled by Accidents of broken limbs, wounds &c. and it is impossible under such circumstances to turn away such objects, they must of course become a burthen to the Surgeon unless Government are pleased to relieve him from it — as the diet of the Natives is more simple and cheaper than that of Europeans, I do think Six fanams per diem will be sufficient to afford them every comfort — The expence for these three descriptions of patients cannot be any consid= =deration to Government, as it has amounted on an average of the last two Months, to about 26 Pagodas per mensem.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) A. Anderson Surgeon

General Hospital
Fort St. George
15th March 1794

a true Copy
(Signed) T. Conolly Sec.y

Read

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Read the following letter from Bengal

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

Honble Sirs,

We have to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter, dated the 23d of last month,
enclosing the Translation of one written to you by
the Governor General of the French Islands, on the
19th of September, upon which we shall communi-
=cate to you our Sentiments, in a few days.

It has been owing to an oversight
that you were not informed of our wishes, corresponding
with the Intimation in the Governor General's letter to H
Highness the Nabob, that he should be allowed to
purchase such of the Ordnance and Military Stores
taken at Pondicherry as he might wish to have, as
far as they were not wanted by your Government,
and we accordingly now recommend that the H
permission may not be refused.

From Bengal - recommends permission for the Nabob to purchase Guns and Military Stores taken at Pondicherry.

We have the honor to be
Sirs, Sirs
Signed J. Shore
" Robt. Abercromby
" Wm. Cowper

Fort William
28th of February 1794.

Resolved

1211 Fort St. George 18th March 1794

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Military Board be directed to furnish the articles applied for by the Nabob, upon his Highness's praying for the same, according to their value at the time of its delivery.—

Read the following letter from the Attorney General.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor In Council

Honble Sirs,

From the Attorney General — of opinion the Seizure of the Ship Cæsar was legal — Remarks —

I have had the honor to receive your Secretary's letter of the 27th Ultimo informing me that, in consequence of my letter of the 21st of January, copy of which had been transmitted to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, a question had been brought forward, which rendered it necessary to call for my further opinion regarding the legality of the Seizure of the Ship Cæsar in the Roads of Coringa — and that the question in point is whether, admitting the Validity of the Sale, the Ship became thereby British property, since the purchaser was a Native of Yanam, and had lived for many years under the protection of the French Flag.—

This

Fort St. George 19th March 1794

This circumstance of the Purchaser being a Native of a French Settlement, and being so under the protection of the French Nation did not appear in any of the papers transmitted to me with your Secretary's letter of the 15th of January. Uninformed both as to the place of his birth and as to that of his residence I considered him as a Native of the Circars under the protection of the British Flag, and therefore concluded that the Cowar, if lawfully acquired by him, ought to be regarded as British property.

So Material a difference in the case must necessarily occasion a change in the opinion I then formed, and lead to a conclusion directly contrary to that which I had the honor to Submit to you; for considering protection and Allegiance as reciprocal duties, the Inhabitants of Yanam, if before the capture of that Factory they were under the protection of the French Flag, cannot be regarded in any other point of view than as French Subjects, and it can consequently make no difference whether

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whether the Casar belongd to a man of this description or to a Native of France; for, in either case I conceive she is liable, as the property of an Enemy, to seizure and confiscation.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Benj.n Sulivan

Fort St. George
13th March 1794.

Resolved, agreeably to the opinion of the Attorney General that the Ship Casar be sold on account of the Company.

minute thereon

The Board cannot avoid expressing their disapprobation of the Style of Mr. Yeats's remarks on the former opinion given by the Attorney General in this case — Resolved, in consequence, that their Sense of its impropriety be communicated to him by the Chief and Council of Masulipatam.

Read the following Letter from Captain William Macleod

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary &c. &c.

Sir,

From Captain Macleod - requests payment for some presents made to Tippoo's Sons - and a Gratuity for his late Services - an account of the former enclosed.

Indisposition has prevented my making an earlier acknowledgement of the receipt of your letter dated the 7th of February.

Please to make known to the Honorable the Governor in Council that I consider myself much honored by the flattering and very satisfactory terms in which he has been pleased to signify his approbation of my conduct in the embassy with Tippoo Sultaun's Sons.

Syd Mahomed Cawn having in the name of his Master presented me with a Moorish dress and some Shawls, which for several reasons could not with propriety

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propriety be rejected, I was necessarily ob-
liged to make a return to him of, at least,
similar presents, which I had previously pro-
=vided, knowing that Exchanges of that nature
are usual on such occasions. Accompanying
is an account of my Disbursements for that
purpose — Please to explain to the Honble
the Governor, that it was not from inclina-
=tion on my part to give presents that
I made these to the Nabob, but that he having
first made such to me, I had no alternative,
than to yield to that custom. —

I hope the Honorable the Governor
may not deem me unworthy of some
allowance during the time I was employed
in the Deputation. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) William Macleod

Account

Salem
8th March 1794

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Account of Disbursements in purchasing Articles presented to Syd Mahomed Cawn Tippoo Sultaun's Ass.r by William Mackleod upon being deputed to enquire into Claims relative to the Bounds of the Countries ceded to the Madras Government.

1793			Pag.s	℔	ℒ
		To Sundry Articles purchased from Wright & Hurst — Fort St George			
July	25	1 Case of Pistols 65			
	"	" 1 Pocket Book 4			
	"	" 1 Ditto 3			
	"	" 1 Small Spying Glass 6			
	"	" Cooly hire of the above from Madras ℔ 33 ..		79	33 "
		To Sundry Articles purchased at Trichinopoly			
August	"	A Moorish Dress Silver Muslin &c.a 51 .. 11 .. 20			
	"	" 3 Shawls @ D.s 12 .. 41 .. 20 ..... 38 .. 33 .. 60			
	"	" 1 Ditto ..... 13 .. 15 ..			
	"	" 1 Ditto ..... 12 .. 3 .. 60			
	"	" 1 Ditto ..... 11 .. 30 ..			
	"	" 1 Ditto ..... 11 .. 11 .. 20			
	"	" 1 Ditto ..... 8 .. 15 ..		146	30 "
		Some Scarlet cloth		6	33 "
		Total Pagodas .. 233		6	"

Salem
2d March 1794

E. E.

Signed/ Williams Macleod

Resolved

Fort St. George 8th March 1794

Resolved that a Gratuity of five hundred /500/ Pagodas be presented to Captain H. Macleod, as a compensation for his trouble, and a mark of the Board's approbation of his conduct during the Negotiation with Tippoo's Agt.

Five hundred Pagodas to be presented to him

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Lieutenant James Wallace of the 28th Battalion Native Infantry at Yelboorga in the Nizams Country on the 4th Instant.

Death of Lieutenant James Wallace of the Infantry.

Resolved that the sum of thirty thousand /30,000/ Pagodas be devided amongst the Tanjore Creditors on the 10th day of April next.

Dividend of 30,000 Pagodas amongst the Tanjore Creditors - named

The Secretary lays before the Board the proceedings of the General Court Martial held for the trial of Mr. Maxwell Thompson, Surgeon of the 1st Battalion of European Infantry

Proceedings of the General Court Martial on Mr. Mc. Thompson read.

The Board having attentively perused the proceedings, are of opinion that Mr. Thompson is wholly unfit for the station he fills. Resolved, in consequence, that the Hospital Board be directed to recommend a Surgeon for the Ellore Regiment, and that the conduct of Mr. Thompson, as brought forward by the evidence in favor of the prosecution

Mr. Thompson dismissed the Battalion in consequence

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prosecution, be particularly noticed in the next
dispatches to the Honorable Court of Directors.

Chas. Oakeley

Eli. Fancourt

Geo. Warde

Ex. Geo. Parry

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Diary

Received the following letter

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor &c &c &c in Council

Honble Sir,

From Lieutenant Dowse the North and South faces of Pondicherry levelled also the Grand Magazine progress on the West face - requests orders in regard to the Arsenal.

I have the honor to inform you that I have now entirely completed, as far as in my opinion is necessary, the Demolition of the Works on the North and South sides after removing as much of the Rampart and Glacis as was required to fill the Ditch in every part considerably above the highest level of the Water. I did not think it proper to proceed further, as the Chief object was thereby obtained; but, in order to render the devastation as wide and general as possible I employed constant parties on the Rampart and Glacis to destroy the Strong Turf with which the whole had been secured — What now remains can scarce be said to bear any resemblance to a fortification, but is merely a bank of sand, which every succeeding shower of Rain will lessen: it would therefore be employing the people to very little purpose to remove any more of it. — one part only I have been obliged for

19 for the present, to leave unfinished to preserve a free current for the water in the Canal that runs through the Town, which would otherwise become very offensive, and might render the place unhealthy. —

On the West face the working parties have been extended to the Wallaoor Gate on one side, and to the Wellinoor Gate on the other, but the Soil is here so extremely firm, that the progress of the Work is rather slow – I have also employed a party constantly in front of the Barracks occupied by the 73d Regiment.

The Grand Magazine near the Wellinoor Gate has been effectually destroyed – the miners are at present employed on the Sally port, and other small pieces of Masonry about the Fort till the powder shall be removed from the Magazine on the Parade – this is formed out of some old ruins and is not very strong, but as it is capable of containing a great quantity of powder [illegible] comes necessary to destroy it.

I take the liberty to request I may receive instructions from your Honorable Board regarding the Arsenal, which, from its extent, strength, and design is a place of considerable importance. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) W Dowse Lieut.
Comman.t Pioneers

Pondicherry
March 16 1794

Return

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19 Return of Coolies employed in destroying the fortifications of Pondicherry in the Month of March 1794

		Carriage Bullocks	Buffaloe Mustrics	Mustrics	Men Coolies	Women Coolies	Total of Coolies
1794 March	1	4	6	60	2298	701	2999
	2		6	60	2307	696	3003
	3		6	60	2305	695	3000
	4		6	60	2309	692	3001
	5		6	60	2301	696	2997
	6		6	60	2294	704	2998
	7		6	60	2300	702	3002
	8		6	60	2302	694	2996
	9		6	60	2304	696	3000
	10		6	60	2303	692	2995
	11		6	60	2306	694	3000
	12		6	60	2295	700	2995
	13		6	60	2300	705	3005
	14		6	60	2304	702	3006
	15		6	60	2300	694	2994
		4	90	900	34528	10463	44991

/Signed/ W. Dowse

Lieutenant Comm.t Pioneers

Received the undermentioned Letters —

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entered in Lets Nos 96 97 98 99 100 101 102

From Colonel James Balfour requesting

From Colonel Balfour of the Bombay Establishment —

to be informed — whether or not the Company's Moiety of

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20th of captured property during the Mysore War has been paid to the Captors. ——

From the French Prisoners at Madras

From the French Prisoners - proposing to take up a Neutral Vessel with the Passage Money that the Company may be pleased to allow them - on which to proceed to France. ——

From Mr. Secretary Brodie

From Secretary to the Military Board with a letter and some patterns of Cavalry furniture for Bengal. ——

From Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General with his Estimate of Cash for April. ——

From Resident at Nagore

From Resident at Nagore with an Indent of Military Stores for that place. ——

From Colonel Nixon

From Commandant at Pondicherry forwarding a Certificate of the dangerous Characters of Laboulet and Le Nestour, who lately left that place for Madras. ——

From Mr. E Garrow

From late Paymaster at Trichinopoly specifying the papers of which he requested Copies. —

21st Despatched the following letter,

To Captain Beatson

Town Major

To Town Major - prescribing the rate for admitting and procuring for persons not in the Service who may require Medical Assistance from the General Hospital

Sir,

In order to prevent the Company from being

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21st being subjected to any unnecessary expence on account of persons not in the Service, applying for admission into the Presidency Hospital, the Honorable the President in Council has come to the resolution of prohibiting any one from being received by the Surgeon, who shall not bear a Certificate from you, and as it frequently happens that Sea faring men, as well Europeans as Lascars, are sent on Shore from private Ships, you are, upon all such occasions to take the opinion of the Surgeon in regard to the sums that should be demanded from the Commander or Commanders of the said Ships, in order to defray the expences that will probably be incurred during the stay of the Men in Hospital – In case this be objected to by those to whom the Men belong, you will withhold the Certificate, unless the persons making application be affected with disorders that render it absolutely necessary to send them to the Hospital and you will then grant the Certificate, reporting the Circumstance however to Government.

The above regulation is to be your Guide also, when persons in the Service of individuals apply for Certificates.

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

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Sent also the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. —

To Captain Macleod

To Captain Macleod granting him a Gratuity of 500 Pagodas as a reward for his trouble and a mark of the Board's approbation of his conduct during the negotiation with Tippoo Asoff. —

To Resident at Hydrabad

To Resident at Hydrabad the letter from Azem ul Omrah to Tippoo has been forwarded to Seringapatam. —

To M. M Gie

To M. M Mc. Gie his request to be placed on the Pension List cannot be complied with.

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General referring the Paymaster Generals Estimate for April. —

To Chief Engineer

To Chief Engineer requiring an Estimate of the repairs immediately necessary to the General Hospital that sent by him, not being the one before called for.

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Received the following letter.

To William Collins Jackson Esqre

Secretary at

Fort St. George

From Secretary at Bombay, the Volunteer Sepoys sent there on the China Ships return on the Windsor and accounting for those detained.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your two letters of the 24th and 29th December 1793 and am directed

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22d directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to
acquaint you the Volunteer Sepoys belonging to your
Establishment that came round in the China Ships are
now returned on the Windsor Captain Hall conformable
to the enclosed Roll, which also specifies the Pay and
Batta they have received ——

Said Ismaul Jemidar and Sam —
Permal are confined in the Town Jail for some ——
misdemeanor until the Quarter Sessions, when they will
be tried and one Havildar one Naigue and six Sepoys
are detained as Evidences against them, they will all be
sent round by the first opportunity that offers after
the Sessions are over, which commence the 1st of next
Month ——

The Commander of the Windsor has
been paid 30 Rupees P.r Man Freight agreeable to
the enclosed Copy of his Order.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed John. Morris
Secry

Bombay Castle
10th. February 1794

Received the undermentioned letters —
entered in ~~WB No~~ 108 109 110 111 112.
From Commandant in the Guntoor
Circar

From Major Burr

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2d 22d Circar with his Correspondence with the Chiefship of Masulipatam.

From Resident at Hyderabad.

From Resident [illegible]ydrabad inclosing a letter from the Nizam to Tippoo with a Persian Copy.

From Major Roberts.

From Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment inclosing his Correspondence with the Resident.

From Lieutenant Samuel Crane.

From Adjutant to the 1st. European Battalion soliciting preferment in the Staff line.

From Vizagapatam

From Vizagapatam forwarding Estimates of repairs required to the Public Buildings there, prepared by the Engineer.

Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in Mil. Br. Nos. 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135.

To Colonel Balfour of the Bombay Service.

To Colonel Balfour in reply to his letter above noted.

To Civil Paymaster

To Civil Paymaster a Pension of thirty Pagodas p.r Mensem granted to Monsr. Conçon an Officer of the French Navy at Pondicherry to commence from the 1st instant.

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

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92d Provisions — the Regiment of Cavalry at Tachinore to be put on the same footing in regard to Rice, as the Sepoys at Palamcotah.

To Import Warehouse keeper

To Import Warehouse keeper directing certain Articles to be supplied the Nizam's Agent for the use of His Highness.

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam — the Ship Cæsar to be sold on account of the Company Copy of the Attorney General's subsequent opinion on the subject enclosed — the Style of Mr. Yeats's remarks on the former one disapproved.

To Auditor General.

To Auditor General with Copy of the letter to the Town Major, above entered, for his Information.

To Military Board.

To Military Board with directions for the delivery to the Nabob of such of the Ordnance and small Arms taken at Pondicherry as he may have occasion for — the same being paid for, with such charges as may accrue in moving them or otherwise.

To Ditto

To Ditto — 3000 Condemned Musquets and one lac of Flints to be supplied for the use of the Nizam — his Agent paying for the same.

To Ditto.

To Ditto — with orders to withdraw some of the Lascars from Nellore.

To Lieutenant Farquhar Gaile

To Commissary of Stores at the Mount his

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22d his Instant of stationary complied with —

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Commander of the Army with the Board's decision in regard to the Commands of the Hill Forts near Vellore — Chungleput, Nellore, Nozid and Muglatore — explanation upon the General Order of the 20th Ultimo to state whether the Europeans at Coringa may not be replaced by a few Sepoys — Condapillie to continue as a field Officers Command and will be confined on Major Vigors — the orders to Major Petrie and Captains Wahab and Campbell approved —

To Ditto

To Ditto the party in charge of the lot of horses on the road to Arcot not be detained there — Copy of Captain Dallas's letter enclosed. —

To Major Yeunge

To Commandant at Arcot — Lieutenant Cosby to repair to the Presidency, to give evidence for the Commitment of two European Privates confined for Murder.

To Lieutenant Hargrave Cavalry —

To Lieutenant Hargrave — prolonging his leave of Absence. —

To Captain Doveton

To Captain Doveton — forwarding a letter for Tippoo Sultaun from the Nizam. —

To Commandant at Ryacottah

To Commandant at Ryacottah — directing him to forward the above letter to Captain Doveton —

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To Lieutenant Colonel Clarke

To Lieutenant Colonel Clarke with leave to go to Europe and embark at Anjengo - to report however so soon as he has taken his passage. —

To Colonel Nixon.

To Commandant at Pondicherry - a — Pension of 30 Pagodas p.r Mensem granted to Mons.r Courcon. —

To Paymaster at Ditto.

To Paymaster at Ditto notifying the same. —

To Colonel Floyd.

To Commandant at Trichinopoly - — informing him of the Nabob's Objection to the building of the Bridge over the Nullah, upon the ground of it's not being, in his opinion, necessary. —

To Colonel Collins

To Ditto at Vellore and Pondicherry requiring the attendance of certain European privates at the Presidency for the purpose of giving Evidence. —

To Doctor Gahagan and Mr. Chalmers Surgeon Colhoun - with similar Orders. —

To Doctor Gahagan and Mr. Colhoun -

To Commandant at Vellore notifying the requisition last Noted. —

To Colonel Collins

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Received letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 25 - advising of the apprehension of one of the Robbers who infested the Ceded Countries and of the Attempt made by the Tanjore Colleries to rescue him - proposes that he be delivered over to Captain — Read. —

Substance of letter from the Nabob

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Recd the following Letters.

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Auditor General reporting on Mr. Roebuck's Estimate for April and Mr. Vaughan's for February

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of April 1794 forwarded to me with Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 20th Instant I have the honor to report that the Sum of Star Pagodas two Lack, fourty five thousand, Eight hundred and fourty Eight, twenty two fanams, and twenty five Cash /2,45,848.. 22.. 25./ is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the 1st of the insuing Month Viz.t

	Pags	f.	C
From the General Treasury at the Presidency	171,911	10	47
From the Subordinate Treasuries by Bills upon the Military Paymaster General	73,937	11	58
Pagodas	245,848	22	25

As I perceive by the Copy: Transmitted to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of 12th Instant of Mr. Cochrane's letter and Statement of the 5th that Mr. Cochrane has received the amount of his additional

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11th additional Estimate under date the 25th February for three thousand Pagodas, it becomes unnecessary to report upon that Estimate agreeably to your Commands to me of the 5th instant, but in regard to Mr Vaughan's Estimate for February sent for my Examination at the same time I beg leave to Report that, as it was not included in the General Estimate for February, the Amount Viz.t Pagodas nine thousand nine hundred and ten /9910/ falls to be issued for the Military Expences of that Month.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ Henry Malcolm

Military Audr Genl

Military Auditor

General's Office

Fort St. George

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor in Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Auditor General reporting certain Claims to the first Dmation, the Amount having been omitted in the Abstracts Statement enclosed.

I beg leave to lay before you in consequence of repeated Applications from Corps and Individuals a Statement of Claims which were rejected on Audit, as

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24 as being Supernumerary to the amount of the corresponding Abstracts and Ranks under which the first Donation was paid - there can be little doubt that at the time the first Donation was drawn mistakes of this kind were very likely to happen, but I do not consider myself authorised to pass the Bills for the Amount without your further Orders - I have therefore thought it best to bring the whole of these kind of Claims before you in this manner, requesting your sanction, at the same time, if you shall see it proper to pass the Bills - If both the first and second Donation for which application is made in the detail of the inclosed Statement is paid it will not exceed Pagodas 920 and if the second Donation only shall be allowed, it will be Pagodas 463..22..40 as the Pensioner of Pioneers and the dismissed Jemadar claim only the second Donation.

In regard to the latter / the dismissed Jemadar / his importunities have been so frequent both at the Adjutant Genrals Office and mine that it is owing to these Causes I now take the liberty of mentioning his claim, as the claim of another Jemadar and many privates of other Native Corps have been

rejected

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24th rejected without my receiving any further application or trouble —

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

/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily Asst. General

Military Auditor
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Detail included in the Long Rolls for Additional Donations supernumerary to the Number for which the first Donation was paid in the corresponding Abstracts and Ranks and stated by the Officers Commanding Corps to have been omitted in drawing the first Donation —

European Corps	Sergeant	Rank & file
19th Regiment Light Dragoons	"	1
74th Regiment	"	1
2d Battalion of Artillery	"	4

Native Corps	Syrangs	Naiks	Lascars	Rank & file
1st Regiment Native Cavalry	"	"		3
3d Ditto Ditto	"	"		3
4th Ditto Ditto	"	"		4
5th Ditto Ditto	"	"		1
3d Battalion Native Infantry	"	"		1
10th Ditto Ditto	"	"		3
13th Ditto Ditto	"			2
15th Ditto Ditto	"	1		10
23d Ditto Ditto	"	"		15
28th Ditto Ditto	"	"		2
Gun Lascars attached to 1st Battalion Artillery	3	1	"	13

/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor Genl.

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N.B. Besides the above there is a Certificate signed by Lieutenant Dowse, of a Pensioner who lost a leg in the action of the 15th May 1791 who was above the Ghauts on the 1st February 1792 but not included on the Strength of the Rowers: also the Trumpet-Major of the Body Guard / Joseph Spitz / whose first Donation was drawn among the Rank and file at the Rate of Pagodas 5. 22. 40 instead of Pagodas 7 as a Sergeant, and from a similar mistake in the Long Roll given in for the additional donation was likewise short drawn for a second time in the same proportion.

Jemidar Goopaloo of the 2d Native Battalion having been dismissed the Service by the sentence of a General Court Martial since the 1st February 1792 - and prior to the Long Rolls for additional Donation being given in was noted in the Casualties accordingly - the General Orders of 18th last June having classed dismissed persons and Deserters in the same list, and as it is not the custom of the Service to issue pay or other Allowances for Deserters from the Native Corps the claim of this Jemidar for additional donation stands rejected until the authority of Government is obtained his offence Viz" being drunk

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"24th drunk on duty" was committed on the 1st April 1792.

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/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily Audr Genl

Received also the undermentioned letters

Entered in MB No. 136-137-138-139-140-

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — Provisions — transmitting his Estimates for April. —

From Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery — on the subject of a charge for house Rent &c. retrenched in his Accounts by the Auditor General.

From Colonel Braithwaite — From Commander of the Army — forwarding an address from Lt. Edward White formerly a Captain, one from Colonel Floyd, relative to quartering the 6th Regiment of Dragoons and another from Captain Oliver complaining against Lt. Vaughan — Major Agnew — requests an Extension of his leave of Absence. —

From Chief Engineer — From Chief Engineer enclosing the Estimate above required. —

From Major Brodie — From Commandant at Poonamallie stating that the Nabob's people exact a Duty for Sheep passing thro' the Country for the use of the Cantonment

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At
24 Cantonment.

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.

Sent letter to the Nabob, entered in C.C. No. 26 informing him that Orders have been sent to the Military Board for the delivery of the Ordnance and small Arms he applied for.

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor & President

Ernst William Fallofield

&

George Westcott Esqr.

Tuesday
At
25 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

From Bengal - conveying their sentiments and instructions in regard to the 7th Article of the Treaty with Tippoo - think the demand of proof that Refugees come under the discriptions in it objectionable - Arguments on which Captain Doveton should confer with the Vackeels - means suggested for discovering the Characters and situations of Refugees.

Honble Sir,

We have received your letter of the 5th Ultimo

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ultimo, with it's several Enclosures, to gether with two addresses from Sir John Kennaway under dates the 6th and 8th of February on the subject of the 7th Article of the Treaty of Seringapatam with the several Papers referred to.

In our Interpretation of the terms of the Treaty we did not conceive that we had extended it beyond the limits of a fair Explication; that it authorized the restetution of Ryots, that is the Cultivators of the Soil, petty Renters, or Leaseholders, not Zemindars or Artizans of any Description, or that the term, official Trusts comprehended more than the Officers of Government employed in the management and Collection of the Revenues as well as Zemindars in Balance.

Sir John Kennaway however, misled probably by the apprehensions of Captain Read, considers the expression of financial Trusts, as assigning a latitude of Interpretation to the terms of the Treaty greater than they imply without particularizing how they are extended by our explanation. But, admitting the Inference of a liberality of concession, we are not aware that Tippoo Sultaun has more right to expect it should be imitated in this instance by our Allies than in the Article of the adjustment of the Boundaries between our respective

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respective Territories. —

But as the introduction of Terms not specified in the Treaty may tend to widen the limits of discussion which it is certainly prudent to narrow as much as possible, as it might lead to claims on the part of Tippoo, which, however unsupported by Treaty, might give rise to altercation, and as the terms of Aumildar and Zemindar are familiar to our Allies and will be better understood by them, we think it upon the whole advisable that those terms should be literally adhered to; that all Demands for the restitution of Refugees should be regulated by them and that if Persons of any other description be surrendered, it should be done under an explanation that the concession is a matter of favour and friendship, not of Right.

With respect to the question which you have referred to us whether any proof is to be required that the Refugees come within the Description of the Treaty, we acknowledge that the Decision is attended with Embarrassment and we should hope that it will not be forced upon you.

The requisition of Proofs not only strongly conveys an impeachment of Tippoo's veracity

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but will be construed as derogatory to the Dignity and independance of the Mysore Government, and as implying an assumption, on our parts, to decide between Tippoo and his subjects. It presumes an investigation, in the course of which the opposition of the assertions of those, who seek our Protection to the claims of Tippoo Sultaun must be particularly offensive. — On the other hand it is too probable that if the terms of the Treaty be strictly adhered to, as the rule of decision on the Claims of Tippoo, every person whom he may think proper to claim, will be demanded under the Description of those Terms whatever his Character or situation may be and thus the true meaning and Intent of the 7th Article of the Treaty may be eluded, and we might eventually become parties in acts of Injustice or oppression; or, what would be of the worst consequence we might be called upon to restore many, in offensive subjects who have been urged by the severity of Tippoo's Government to transfer their Industry to our Territories.

On a reference to the preliminary negotiations of the congress of Seringapatam an Extract of which has been transmitted by Sir John

John Kennaway, it appears that an indiscriminate
Claim for the restitution of Ryots was proposed on the
part of Tippoo as an Article of the Treaty; and from Sir
John Kennaway's explanation, that it was maturely
considered by Lord Cornwallis and positively rejected
It was, therefore, clearly understood, by all parties, that
they had a right to give protection to Persons of certain
descriptions, as they were bound to surrender others of a
defined quality; and if all would act with reciprocal
good faith, there would be no difficulty in the execution
of the 7th Article of the Treaty.

This is to be presumed and the
contracting Parties ought not to shew any suspicion
of each other's sincerity, until their acts shall fairly
imply the want of it. The Requisition of Proof in the
first instance, before the Demands of Tippoo are of a
nature to justify the requisition, or a refusal of compliance
is therefore exposed to objection, not only as conveying
suspicions of his sincerity, but as liable to the
Imputation of an intention to evade the Treaty.

It appears to us, upon the whole
most advisable, at present that persons claimed
specifically in the Terms of the Treaty should be

surrendered

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surrendered, without requiring proof that they correspond with the Descriptions in it unless the persons required should be indisputably known not to be within those Descriptions but if it should appear that advantage is taken to extend those claims to Ryots, or beyond the Persons described, which will soon be discovered, it will then be necessary to oppose the Claims by a representation in reply to them founded on the Article of the Treaty, and with reference to the Explanations communicated by Sir John Kennaway: we are not unaware of the difficulties attending the exercise of discretion in the rejection or admission of Tippoos Claims, but as it depends upon him, in fact, to fix the limitations to it by avoiding improper or unauthorized Demands it appears to us the most eligible alternative, under the difficulties attending the question, as the opposition to his Claims will never take place as long as they are warranted by the Treaty of Peace.

The Communication of our Sentiments, and Determination, to Tippoo, without conveying suspicion, or Imputation may, we conceive, tend to prevent the Exorbitancy of Demands

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Demands on his Part, and we therefore recommend that Captain Doveton should be instructed to confer with the Wackeels on the following Arguments.

It is an established Point that when the Treaty of Seringapatam was settled, a general Restitution of Refugees was proposed and rejected, and the Claim for restitution was restricted to Persons of a Certain description only, Viz! Aumildars and Zemindars in Balance; none but Persons answering to this description can be claimed under the Treaty of Peace; and it is incumbent upon all the Parties concerned to be well assured that they are not misled, by any misrepresentation, to require the Restoration of Ryots or others under the Description in the Treaty who do not in reality come within it: for the Treaty which sanctions the restitution of Aumildars and Zemindars in Balance gives also a right to the parties to give Protection to Refugees of other Descriptions such for instance as Ryots Artificers Merchants &c and if people of this Character should be demanded as coming within the Descriptions in the Treaty the imputation of a non compliance with it will

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rest with those by whom the Demand is made, not upon those by whom it is refused — that it is necessary to the contracting parties, who mean to act, in this, as on all other occasions, with perfect sincerity and good faith, to facilitate the Performance of the conditions of the Treaty, by removing all impediments to it — that with respect to the particular article under consideration this may be in a degree effected by a particular specification of the employ of the Person demanded and the Date of his appointment, or, if a Zemindar, of the Name of his Zemindarry and Pergunnah; in short, that we are well disposed to act fairly and friendly and trust that Tippoo Sultaun will ever be influenced by the same Principles

It seems probable to us that the proposed explanation will induce Tippoo to forego Requisitions which he may conceive we have a right to refuse, but if it should lead him to make any proposition similar to that in Sir John Kennaways letter, or any other for ascertaining the Characters of the Persons who may be claimed under the 7th Article of the Treaty of Seringapatam it should be received with attention and consideration. —

We further recommend to you the Establishment of such means as your local knowledge may

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may suggest for ascertaining the Characters and situations of all Persons taking refuge in our Territories from Tippoo Country, that you may be prepared, by immediate reference, to discover whether they come within the descriptions of the Treaty: for this purpose we suggest to your Consideration the following hints — that the most positive Injunctions be laid upon the Polygars under your authority situated on the Boundaries of Tippoo Sultaun prohibiting the reception or harbouring of any Persons suspected of being Plunderers or Robbers under Denunciations of the severest Punishment if they should be found to disobey your Orders. The discovery of Plunder in their possession may often lead to the detection of their disobedience and the reception of it may be presumed as strong proof of Guilt.

That upon the arrival of any refuge from the Country of Tippoo the Polygars as suggested by Captain Macleod should be enjoined to report the Circumstance immediately to the Collector, stating for his information the account which the Person taking protection gives of himself and the Polygars should be answerable for producing him when required.

By comparing the account thus

delivered

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delivered by the Polygars with an Examination of the Person himself if necessary, and of his Papers and Property (if he have any) by the Collector, his real Character and Official situation may we presume be often discovered, and hence it may be ascertained whether he comes under the terms of the Treaty, or is a Person worthy the Protection of our Government. To the restitution of Tomba Dour, mentioned in Captain Macleods letter, we see no objection, and deem it proper and advisable.

With respect to the restitution of Criminals, the determination is a matter of discretion, as well as with regard to all others not defined by the Terms of the Treaty. We by no means wish it to be established as a General Rule that none are be restored but such as are described by Treaty. It may in some cases be for the Benefit of both states that not only Criminals but Defaulters should be surrendered to condign Punishment. All that is requisite on such an occasion is, not to admit the Claim, as having the sanction of the Treaty nor to grant it, when there is reason to believe misrepresentation. If your Sentiments on this or any other part of these Instructions should differ from ours, We request to be favored with

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with them.

Fort William
7th of March 1794

We have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed { I Shore
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

Minutes in the foregoing

Resolved that instructions be sent to Captain Doveton to converse with the vakeels of Tippoo on the points recommended by the Governor General in Council, in relation to the 7th Article of the late Treaty; and that the Board of Revenue be advised of the means proposed to be adopted for ascertaining the Characters and situations of all persons taking refuge in the Company's Territories from Tippoo's Country.

The Board entirely concur in the sentiments expressed in the foregoing letter and trust that the Communication of them to the Mysore Government will effectually operate against any improper requisition on the part of Tippoo in future.

Read the following letter from Captain Doveton.

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqre

Secretary in the Military and Political Departments

Sir,

From Captain Doveton—
the Princes arrived at
the head of the
Peddanaig-durgum
Pass.—

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Young Princes, with all their attendants, arrived at the foot of the Peddynaig-durgum pass on the 15th Inst.— On the 16th they halted in order that their Carts &c. baggage might proceed up the pass—and this morning the Princes themselves ascended the Gautt—and are now encamped at the head of the Pass—I am happy to add that they are in the most perfect health.—

Meer Maady-Ali Khan, who has been sent by Tippoo Sultaun in order to provide whatever may be necessary on the road, met me at the head of the Pass with Compliments from his Master.

The party of Cavalry and Battalion—
under the Command of Captain Cameron proceeded this morning from the foot of the pass, to the places of their destination.—

I beg leave to mention that I drew—
from the Stores at Vellore a few small Articles for

the

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the use of the Princes. —

Head of the
Peddanaig Durgum
Pass. March 17th 1794

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Gabriel Doveton

Read the following proceedings of the
Hospital Board. —

From Hospital Board
recommend Mr. A
Anderson for the 4th
European Regiment at
Ellore - Mr. Thompson
requests leave to visit Madras.

approved

Hospital Board
24th March 1794

At the Hospital
at Ellore appears to have
been in a deranged state
and as the whole District
suffers very considerably
from sickness in consequence
of the late famine and
other causes; we think it
absolutely necessary that a
person of Experience and
knowledge should be
attached to the Regiment
Stationed there; and with
this view we recommend
that

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approved

that Mr Alexander Anderson
be appointed to take charge
of the 4th Battalion of
European Infantry, as we
have the most perfect
reliance upon his professional
Abilities ——

Mr Thompson ——
having preferred a request
thro' the Head Surgeon for
permission to visit the
presidency on his private
affairs, we recommend ——
that it be granted. ——

/Signed/ Jas Anderson
Physician General
" Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon.

Read the following letter from
the Military Storekeeper.

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.
President and Governor &c. in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Military Storekeeper with his Accounts for October November and December.

I beg leave to lay before you my Accounts for the Months of October, November, and December 1793, with Accounts Current shewing a Balance in my favor of Star Pagodas 9,190.5.77 for which I request you will be pleased to order to be discharged.

I have the honor to be with great respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jos: DuPre Porcher
Mility Storek.

Fort St. George
19th March 1794

Order thereon.

Ordered that the Sum of nine thousand one hundred and ninety Pagodas five fanams and seventy seven Cash (9.190.5.77) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Storekeeper, being the balance of his Account Current to the 31st December 1793.

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

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Honble Sirs

From Board of Revenue on the subject of the requisition made by the Chief and Council at Masulipatam upon Major Wynch for Troops. Observations in regard to the Armed Bons kept up by the Zemindars of that District.

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 12th Instant with the papers which accompanied it.

We beg leave to mention that we were entirely unacquainted with the circumstances and correspondence, alluded to by the Chief and Council at Masulipatam and we feel equally sensible with your Honorable Board of the Impropriety of their conduct It has also been our anxious wish, as our different Representations to you and directions to the Subordinate Stations will explain, that Sepoys should not be employed, except in cases of urgent necessity, in the Collection of the Revenue, at the same time we beg leave to observe that in order to check the incursions of the Hill People, to establish a proper state of subordination among the Zemindars, and to put a stop to those acts of disobedience, hitherto so frequently practised by them to the great loss of Revenue and oppression

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oppression of the Inhabitants, we, some time ago, recommended that a sufficient Military force should be kept in readiness in the Circars to give efficacy to the Civil authority until the orders of Government and of those Acting under them shall be duly attended to and respected in the Districts as the most effectual means of repressing that spirit of contumacy and resistance to the Company's Authority of which the present is a flagrant instance.

Our opinions on this point have gained strength from the recent information derived of the internal state of those Zemindaries which have lately fallen under the immediate Management of the Company, where it appears there are large Bodies of Peons, of various descriptions enjoying considerable Revenues from the Country, who, tho originally intended for it's protection, have assumed an authority highly oppressive to the People, and to such an extent has it been exercised that it appears to have been found necessary to establish a force to protect the Inhabitants from their violence and depredations.

The Reduction of this Hereditary Armed Banditte is an object of the first importance to

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to the peace, and Welfare of the Country; but, however strongly impressed with the necessity of the measure, we are at the same time sensible it can only be — " accomplished by degrees, and by having a Superior — " power to check their repractory spirit, and to awe them into Obedience. —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

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18th March 1794

/Signed/ David Haliburton

" Chas. N. White

" Thos. Cockburn

Read the following letters from the — Resident at Poona. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Sir Charles Malet with Extract from his letter to Bengal relative to the release of the hostages without the formal assent of the Peshwah.

I have the honor to enclose Extract of my Address of this Date to the Governor — General

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General,

Poona
7th March 1794

and to be with Respect.
&c &c

C. W. Malet

P.S. I have just had the pleasure to learn from Captain Kirkpatrick the Nizam's Acquiescance in the Release of the Hostages. ——

[Signed] C. W. M.

Extract of a letter from Sir Charles Warre Malet Bart, Resident at Poona, to the Honorable the Governor General, dated 7th March 1794. ——

Since my last address of the 3d instant I have been favored with a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson of the 14th Ultimo, intimating the intended release and Departure of Tippoo Sultaun's Sons from Madras on their Return to their Father's Capital, accompanied with a letter from Captain Kirkpatrick of the 28th Ultimo, mentioning his having received similar Intimation, and his Hopes, in consequence thereof, of being able to acquaint me, by his next Dispatch of the 5th of his Communication on the subject to

his

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his Court. —

I have therefore thought proper to defer advising this Court of the Intention of the Madras Government, until enabled to accompany my communication on, with the requisite explanations, that must rest on the Advises promised me by Captain Kirkpatrick, and to which I shall request him to add the Document containing the Conditional Assent of the Nizam to the release of the Hostages on which your Orders for that purpose have been issued to the Madras Government, which conditional Assent is mentioned in Captain Kirkpatrick's Address to you of the 22d Ultimo, as having been officially signified by Sir John Kennaway under date 28th December but with Copy of which I have not been furnished. —

Permit me, Honorable Sir, to submit to you, at the same time, whether, agreeable to the Engagements of the three states, this Court can be called on to enforce Tippoo's Compliance with any Points, that being left unsettled at the time of the Return of the Hostages, it may hereafter be found proper to insist on unless its formal Assent to their Return is previously obtained on an explanation of the Case: since otherwise in

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in the event of altercation ensuing, the Peishwa probably may evade taking a part in terminating it, on the Plea, that as Hostages were taken to ensure a faithful Execution of the Treaty of Syringputtun, and released previous to that execution without his Assent He cannot be answerable for the consequences. ——

As these Circumstances appear necessary to be known to the Government of Madras I have by this Post transmitted Copy of the above to Sir Charles Oakeley. ——

True Extract

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Asst. at Poona

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Sir Chas Malet the Peishwa has fully acquiesced in the release of the Hostages.

I have the honor to enclose Extract of my letter of this Date to the Governor General &c. and to be

&c &c

(Signed) C. W Malet.

Poona

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Extract

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Extract of a letter from Sir Charles Warre Malet, Bart, Resident at Poona, to the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart Governor General Dated 10th. March 1794

I have great pleasure in acquainting you that having, since my last Address of the 7th. made known to this Court, in such manner as appeared to me best calculated to prevent Cavil, the intended release of Tippoo Sultaun's Sons, with the entire approbation of the Nabob Nazim, even though some territorial Points of small importance remained unsettled with his Government, but which it is not doubted will be speedily and amicably adjusted the unreserved acquiescence of the Durbar, in the liberation of the Hostages, has, in Reply, been communicated to me by Behroo Punt, through my Munshy.

True Extract

[Signed] J. Uhthoff
Ast. at Poona

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite. To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir

From Colonel Braithwaite states the Charges for the house given up for an Artillery Barrack at Nutnagherry — and for another Barracks at Sankhydroog.

I have now the honor to lay before you "
Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Cuppage the Officer Commanding at Nutnagherry, stating the charge of the Officer for the house he has given up as a Barrack for the Detachment of Artillery, this charge comprehends the original expence and some little matter added to render the House applicable to the present purpose and appears to me very reasonable. ——

I also have the honor to lay before you Copy of a letter from Captain Oram —— "
Commanding at Sankerridroog stating what has "
been done for the accommodation of the Detachment of Artillery stationed there, and as Captain Oram "
seems to have acted solely from a principle of "
forwarding the Service and his proposal is a very fair one, I venture to recommend it for your adoption.
Captain Bong of the Engineer Corps is now on duty at Salem, which is but a short run from —— "

Sankerridroog

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Sanketteriarroy, and, with your approbation, can be ordered to survey the Building, and report its value. —

I have the honor to be with Respect

&c &c

/Signed/ John Brathwaite

Military Head Quarters Madras March 27th 1794

Lieutenant Wilson

Secretary to Colonel Brathwaite

Sir

I have had the honor of your letter by desire of Colonel Brathwaite. —

Lieutenant Gurnell has stated to me the expence of additions and repairs of the house proposed to be given up by him for the accommodation of the European Artillery, at one hundred and fifty Pagodas.

One entire new Varanda has been made to the house new outhouses have been built and the house has gone through a thorough repair. — On examining the buildings it appears to me that they could not have been executed at a less Expence. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ J. Cuppage

Lieut. Comdg Kistnagherry

Colonel

Kistnagherry February 1st 1794

True Copy

/Signed/ W. Wilson Secry

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Colonel John Brathwaite

Commanding the Army &c &c &c Fort St. George.

Sir,

I had the honor to inform you early in the Month of January, in reply to a letter you did me the favor to write, enquiring whether the Detachment of European Artillery for this place could be accommodated with Quarters / "that a Barrack for the Men could be prepared "at a small Expence, and that the Detachment on it's "arrival should be accommodated" / In both these instances I trust I have not been faulty by keeping my word, for by the permission of the Collector, the Men on arrival inhabited the public Cutcherry for the few days till the Barrack, which is now finished, should be completed. I have built it, Sir, with it's offices, from their very foundation and herewith enclose you the Dimensions of the Buildings, and an account of what materials they are composed, and how fitted up, but declining to make any specific charge, least for a moment it might be supposed such Estimate was over-rated and unfair. all that I request is that an Engineer may be ordered hither

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hither to estimate what the Buildings and Offices, are really worth when of course I trust to be reimbursed the Expense I have been at — I had not incurred the risk of Building the Barrack &c without the permission of Government had there been any other place where the Men could be lodged and on this plea I rest with confidence that Government will see the justice of complying with my request — I am to hope Sir for your good Offices, in representing the circumstance to Government and have the honor to be.

&c &c

Sankeydroog
15th March 1794.

/Signed/ I. Oram
Capt. Comm. Sankeydroog

True Copy
/Signed/ W Wilson Secy

Minutes thereon

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed to pass Lieutenant Gurnells Bill for the sum of One hundred and fifty /150/ Pagodas being the amount disbursed by him on account of Repairs to the house given up for the accommodation of the European Artillery at Kistnaghurry. —

Those does not appear to be any necessity for ordering Captain Borg to Sankeridroog

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it will be sufficient if Captain Oram declare upon honor the actual cost of the Barrack constructed for the accommodation of the European Artillery at that Station.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Military Board the Prize Agents entitled to payment for the additional arms delivered at Pondicherry Estimate of Repairs to the Granaries Magazines &c at Dindigul inclosed.

We have the honor, in reply to a part of your letter under date the 5th instant to acquaint you that, on examining the Storekeepers Return at Pondicherry, We find that he has actually received into his Stores the number and quality of Arms, stated in the List of the Prize Agents, which accompanied their letter under date the 5th instant which have not yet been paid for, and as they appear to be precisely upon the same footing with those already paid for, We recommend that the Prize Agents do likewise receive their amount.

In order to set this matter in a clear point of view We have the honor to enclose a Statement

compiled

comprised in three columns the first column shews the number of Arms already bought on the Company's account the second states what Mr. Shardon has received and has now actually on his Books, which gives a surplus of Arms not comprised in the former account as set forth in the third column, and corresponds exactly with the Statement now delivered in by the Prize Agents.

We have now the honor in consequence of our Report to your Honorable Board under date the 24th January to lay before you copy of an Estimate forwarded to us by Major Trapaud for the Repair of the Granary, Magazine and the Storehouses in the upper Fort of Dindigul amounting to Pagodas eight hundred and fifty, twenty seven fanams, and thirty five Cash ₱850. 27 f. 35 c. which having examined & found reasonable, We beg leave to request that we may be authorized to order the Contractors to undertake the work without delay - and shall on a future day report to your Honor in Council what further work may be deemed essentially necessary accompanied with Estimates

for

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for the same. ——

Fort St. George
21st March 1794

We have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Jn. Richardson
" By Close
" W. Gent
" George Hall

Return of Musketry captured at Pondicherry shewing No as per Prize Agents Return to Government and number as per Storekeepers Return dated 1st November 1793 and the difference more in the latter than the former.

		No. per List of Prize Agents as given into Govt. which were found eligible &c.	No. as per Return of Mr Sharden Storekr at Pondicherry dated 1st November 1793	Difference more as per Storekeepers Return
Muskets with Bayonets	Serviceable	4555	4761	206
	Repairable	786	984	198
	Dutch	148	150	2
Carabines	Cavalry	509	539	30
Pistols	pairs	944	960	16

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A true Copy
/Signed/ W. Linley
Dy Jeay

/Signed/ George Hall
Commsy Genl Stores
Estimate

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Estimate of Bombproofs to be constructed and of Repairs to be made to the Granary, Storehouses, Quarters, and Guard Rooms in the Garrison of Dindigul.

Squares			P. F. C.
	Upper Fort Granary		
15	Terrace one course	7 " "	Pf 34 Pc 105 " "
12	Flooring paving with two Courses Wall bricks	4 31 40	Pf 0 Pc 57 " "
	1216 Cubf of Brick and Chunam to raise a Wall 50 by 30 ft 4 f high and 2 ft thick	" 2 20	Pf Cubf 65 6 "
45 1/2	Plastering inside and out 1 Coat of fine Chunam	1 21 "	Pf 68 10 00
198	Joists 5 ft long 6 In Sq Pc 24 7/12 Cubfeet	1 4 "	Pf Cubf 27 3 "
	1 Door 6 1/2 by 3 1/2 feet 22 3/4 Sup ft feet	" 11 20	Pf Sup ft 6 3 75 5 72 23 35
	Store houses & Magazine		
	5191 Cubft of Brick and Chunam for partition Walls	" 2 20	Pf Cubf 272 4 "
			Total Star Pags 850 27 35

A true Copy

(Signed) W. Linley

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Resolved that Credit be given to the Prize Agents for the additional Arms delivered to the Storekeeper

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Storekeeper at Pondicherry. ——

Resolved that the Granary, Magazine and Storehouses in the upper Fort of Dendigul be repaired agreeably to the recommendation of the Military Board.

Read the following letter from his Highness the Nabob / entered also in C.C. Apl. 27 /

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

From the Nabob has sent strict orders to the Rammand Rajah to suspend all Duties on Grain and refrain from acts of Oppression requests that Mootoo Irlah Pillah may be ordered to Madras Copy of his Muchulka.

Dated — 18th Shaubaun 1208 Hegery

or

21st March 1794

Received 21st Ditto Ditto

Your letter dated 4 Shaábaun 1208 Hegery answering to 7th March 1794 mentioning the famine in the two Murwars which had compelled numbers of the Ryots to quit the Country — that the Collector had, by your Orders, suggested to the Renter of Rammand and the Peashear of Shevagungah the necessity of an exemption of Duties on grain during the present scarcity — that the Renter of Rammand paysno attention to this, and forcibly takes away the Grain which the Ryotts have

to

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to subsist upon, and that it was necessary I should give Orders to him on the subject of remitting the Duties on Grain, and of treating the Ryotts with justice - I have received, and understand the Contents. —

From the want of Rain in the present Year there is a great scarcity of Grain throughout the Southern Country - I have caused charity houses to be erected in the several Districts of the Circar that no one may die for want of food - the issuing of Orders in all affairs to the Pollagars of the Country, who are my subjects, belongs solely to my Government; and, accordingly, my friend in his justice, holds this — constantly in view that my Rights may be preserved I - have written strict Orders to the Renter of Rammaud on the subject of an exemption of duties on Grain during the present scarcity, and of refraining from acts of oppression - and I send a Duplicate of the order herein - my Friend - It is the rule of this Country for me to appoint the managers to such Pollagars as do not walk in the paths of rectitude, or who are too young to manage themselves - and I accordingly did so heretofore at Vencatgherry and likewise in Rainnaud during the Company's Assumption of the Revenues: the youth of

Rannaud

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Ramnaud for certain reasons imprisoned the Manager who had been appointed by me, and, through obstinacy, ruined the affairs of that Country: he dissipates large Sums of Money, in Dances in building Houses and in making improper presents - I send enclosed, for your information, Copy of a Muchilka given by my Servant Mutta Isla pillah - you will be pleased to order him to come to me, that with the blessing of God, I may make a proper arrangement - In this arrangement, not the least deviation from the treaty of the 30th January 1792 will be made. I trust you will not admit of any delay in this business and that you will, in your wisdom see the necessity of this arrangement and the good that will result from it.

I have inclosed a letter addressed to Colonel Martinz with a translation - If you think it proper, be pleased to forward it, and to write orders yourself on this subject.

What can I say more?

A true Translation

/Signed/ David Haliburton

Persian Translator

Translation

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Translation of Copy of an Enayet Namah

from His Highness the Nabob Wallaujah Bahauder To
Mutta Ram Ling Seatpatta the Renter of Ramnaud dated
18th Shabaun 1208 Hegery answering to the 21st March 1794

It has been made known to us that you exercise various oppressions over the Ryotts of the District of Ramnaud; and, altho a famine rages, that you take away by force the Grain which the Ryotts have for their subsistance, and that numbers of the People have abandoned the Country, and are still emigrating to other parts and that your oppression is daily increased. These accounts are very disagreeable to us - your appointment to the District was made in the view that you would be mindfull of your obedience to the Circar, and the happiness of the Ryotts - and your having, instead thereof, attempted acts of violence has excited our displeasure. As it is incumbent upon us to redress the grievances of the Inhabitants, you are therefore directed to forbear from acts of violence and oppression towards the Ryotts, to refrain from extorting a single Doody from any one and to make a total exemption of all Duties upon

Grain

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Grain in your District during the present scarcity - and you are quickly to inform us of your having done so - In case of any neglect or delay in this matter, be assured of incurring our severest displeasure. ——

In consequence of the scarcity of Grain in this Country, I have not only remitted the duties but have caused places to be erected for the distribution of victuals and various other charities to promote the happiness of the Ryotts. ——

A true translation of the Persian Copy

Signed David Haliburton

Persian Translator

Translation of a Copy of Muchulka said to be given by Mootoo Islah Pillah Dated the 15th Rubbeelowell 1200 Hegery answering to the 16th January 1786. ——

Whereas I have of my own free will and accord agreed to Rent from the beginning of the Phuslay 1195 at the full sum of three Lacks of Arcot Rupees at the Buzar Exchange, the District of Vellymaguer otherwise called Rammandpoor and the District of Pullymadda

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Pullymudda depending upon Madura in the Carnatick — "
Payenghaut and in the Soubah Nutharnagur otherwise called
Trichinopoly, together with the Pay of the People stationed "
therein, besides the expences of Seatputtee and serving with two
thousand peons and the Almagahaur Sebendy the — "
Rufsoomdars Yoomiahdars, Enamdars, Shotranedars "
Muchmadars the Mewars and Chuhoonee the Repairs
of Tanks watercourses Banks, the expences of the Pagodas
and charity Houses Saudrwarid the Purkaya &c Expences
the Jaraems and Cummuls of the Circar and without any
reservation for earthly or Heavenly Calamities. I do therefore
engage and give it in writing that I will pay the said sum
yearly without leaving any balance into the Circar's "
Treasury according to the Voydabundee, and obtain "
Receipts for the same, and in such Month as I do not
pay the Money according to engagement, from that
Month I will consider myself dismissed, and I will pay
the Money to the Circar according to engagement up to
the day of my dismission — If it should happen that
any part of the Rent should remain unpaid I will
not plead that there are outstanding balances due
from the Ryotts in the District, but pay it to the
Circar myself and without a proper sanced from the
presence

presence I will not expend a single Daume or Dirrem. I will
render into the Circars Office the Jamabhbuch and other
Papers agreeable to the Rules of the Circar - I will keep the
Ryotts easy and satisfied, and strenuously exert myself to
improve the Cultivation and increase the Revenue and
population. I will continue the Ryotts share to them as
usual - the tax upon the dry Grain I will receive according
to custom, and will not exact any thing more - the Yoomiah
Shotrams &c in Money or Ground &c I will continue as
usual - I will not make any new Grants to any one of
Enams in Land or Yoomiahs in ready Cash or Shotram
Villages - I will effectually repair the Tanks and Cutdawes
the Woods in a proper manner I will serve the Circar with
2000 Carnatick Malchlock Peons &c without requiring
Pay or Batta for them and whenever or wherever I am
ordered I will repair without excuse or delay with my
Troops, and perform all the Duties of fidelity and
servitude, and whenever the Naibs of the Forts and Fuddie
shall require articles of Provision of any kind I will
according to orders from the Presence supply them
without excuse and take a Receipt for the same and

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I will receive such old Articles fit to be exchanged as the Naibs may deliver over to me, and place new in their stead, and will not suffer any loss to happen: such materials for the repair of the Fort and Warlike Stores as may be wanted I will supply — I will not suffer any ammunition Brimstone Saltpetre &c to go from the District to Enemies &c but as much of these Articles as I can procure I will purchase and put into the Fort I will not suffer any troubles of Enemies, seditious Men, Colleries, thieves, and assassins &c to prevail in the District and incase any such disturbances should happen I will punish them — I will not suffer the Ryotts Inhabitants Travellers and the People passing and repassing to Rameswaram to be molested by Colleries &c should any Robbery be committed I will trace the Robbers and be answerable myself for the stolen Goods — I am not to recognize any other than the Circar nor directly or indirectly Correspond or enter into any agreements with them, such Articles of Provision, ammunition, Guns &c belonging to the Circar as may be in the hands of the disaffected I will find out, and deliver them up to the Circar according

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according to the Account excepting the Body of Carnatics Peons I will not keep up any Horse or Sepoys nor will I purchase Guns &c any one who may be guilty of Crimes Deserving of Death I will confine, and represent the same, and act agreable to Orders - In case I deviate or depart from what is written above, I am to consider myself dismissed - considering God to be Omnipresent and Omnescient I will act with impartiality in matters relating to Justice and Equity - with those who are attached to the Circar I will be on terms of Friendship and at enmity with its Enemies.

Wherefore I have written these few lines by way of a Muchulca to serve as a sanad hereafter.

Payment of Kists Viz.t

1st Kist in the Month of Audy			15,000	
Ditto of	Awany		15,000	
Ditto of	Perlayey		15000	45,000
2d Kist Ditto of	Allpeyey		25,000	
Ditto of	Carlighee		25,000	
Ditto of	Margaley		25,000	
Ditto of	Tye		25,000	100,000
3d Kist Ditto of	Mauey		30,000	
Ditto of	Pangoony		30,000	
Ditto of	Chittery		35,000	
Ditto of	Vierajey		30,000	
Ditto of	Aumey		30,000	155,000
			Total Rupees	300000

A true translation of the Persian Copy

/ Signed / David Haliburton

Persian Translatr. Translation

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Translation of Copy of a letter from His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder To Colonel Manuel Mantiz – enclosed in the Nabob's letter to the Governor.

Sir,

You will please to send Mutthu Irlah Pillay, under a proper escort, immediately to our Presence: dont lose a moment in doing this. —

A true translation from the Persian Copy

/Signed/ David Haliburton
Persian Translator

Minutes thereon

Agreed to inform the Nabab that the Orders he has given for an exemption of duties on Grain in the Ramnaud Country during the present scarcity will be attended with much benefit.

With respect to his Highness's request that Mootloo Irlapillay may be ordered to Madras, the Board would willingly comply with it, if it were not for the reason mentioned in the President's letter to his Highness of the 8th August 1793, to which it is resolved to refer him. —

The Secretary lays before the Board a Bill transmitted to him by the Reverend Doctor Bell, for the Sum of six hundred Pounds £600/. being the amount Cost of the Philosophical Machinery and Mathematical Instruments furnished by the D.r as a present from the Company to Tippoo Sultaun. —

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The Honorable Governor &

Doctor Bell's Bill for the Philosophical Machinery presented to Tippoo Sultaun

To a Complete set of Philosophical Machinery and Mathematical Instruments &c. ---------- £ 600 " "

Viz.t

A large patent Electric Machine with Duplicates to all its parts with all the Musical Apparatus.

A complete assortment of Apparatus for the above for various Philosophical Experiments as Pistols, Batteries, Electrophorus &c &c ----- ———

A large new constructed Air Pump with Duplicates to all its apparatus

A large Collection of Apparatus for the above for Philosophical Experiments as Glass Receivers of different sizes, Cisterns, Tubes &c — Brass works, as Hemispheres, Plates, Pipes, Syringe, Barometer and Thermometer &c ---------- ———

Hydrostatic Apparatus - Condensing Engine &c - Water Pump - Hygrometer &c - Balance &c ----------

An enlarged and complete set of Mechanical Powers &c ----------

A Set of Machinery for Central Forces, with Cartesian Vortices, Planetary Motions Tides &c -

A Machine to demonstrate the figure of the Earth ----------

An Orrery ---------- ———

Optical Apparatus as Telescope, Microscope, Mirrors &c ----------

A Box of Chemical Apparatus ----------

A Box of Magnetical Apparatus ----------

I acknowledge to have received the above

/Signed/ Gabriel Doveton
Captain

19th March 1794

Received Payment A. Bell

Ordered that the amount be paid from the Treasury, and carried to the Head of Presents. —

The amount ordered to be paid. —

Chas. Oakeley

E. K. Fallofield

G. H. Worsley

Ent.d George Parry
Actg Sec.y

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Diary

Feb.y 26 Received the following Letter -

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir,

From Commandant at Pondichery has ordered a Committee to investigate the Complaints against the Police. Motives for appointing a Cutwal & proposes the dismission of the Vinar. another Complaint and Extract from Garrison Orders enclosed -

Agreeably to your Orders of the 26th February I immediately ordered a Committee to enquire into and fully investigate the Causes which gave rise to the Complaint exhibited first by four Captains of the Company's Regiment, afterwards by another from eight, and finally one on the 4th of February from the Captains of the 1st/3d which last with my Answer I have the honor to inclose No 1 -

This Committee was ordered under Persuasion that an Enquiry made by myself would not give Satisfaction, and I had resolved to make it as public and Satisfactory to all degrees of People as the Nature of the thing required, the business however has taken up more time than I at first expected -

As a

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As a proof of my Endeavors to render Provisions both cheap and in plenty, I trouble you with Extracts of Orders (No 9) issued by me on the Subject, and the better to enable me to come at the Knowledge of any Trick which might have been practised in the Bazar. I appointed a Cutwal to ascertain the fact, with Orders, at his Peril, not to demand or receive Custom from any Person whatsoever. and the Measure, I understand, has given Satisfaction to many People here, - the principal Article, Rice, being considerably reduced in Price.

A Man called the Vinar, who has hitherto had great Influence in the Bazar, and who had collected small Customs as stated in the inclosed List (No 3) and of which I was perfectly ignorant till a few days ago is the Poligar or Head Watchman of the Place with an Appointment of One hundred Peons. As Robberies are frequent and have lately increased. I think dismissing him entirely would not be attended with any bad Consequences -

Monsieur

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Monsieur Fumeron has I find addressed your Honble Board on the Subject of the Committee. the legality of which he doubts. I hope nevertheless to be able to get the whole Proceedings in a few days. when you shall hear further from me.

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

Eccles Nixon

Pondicherry
24th March 1794

Captain Barbutt Commanding

His Majesty's 73d Regt to Col Nixon

Sir, I have the honor to forward, for your Consideration, a Memorial from the Captains of His Majesty's 73d Regiment, on the Subject of the Price and Quality of the Provisions and other common Necessaries of Life sold in the Bazar of Pondicherry. I should have had this honor before had I not waited for a Correct List, which I expected, of the Rates of the several Articles complained of. But as I am about to leave Pondicherry this Evening I shall not hesitate to prefer the

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26. the Memorial without this Aid, being convinced that the Public Notoriety of the Grievances complained of renders it unnecessary —

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
B: G: Barbutt
Capt. Comm.r 73d Regiment

Pondicherry
14th February 1794.

Memorial

From the Captains of the 73d Regiment

To Captain Barbutt

Commanding His Majesty's 73d Reg.t

Sir,

We, the Captains present with the 73d Regiment under your Command, having in consequence of repeated Complaints from the Officers and Soldiers of the Regiment, taken into Consideration the exorbitant price and bad Quality of Provisions in this Garrison, and having likewise made Enquiry into the Cause of so great a Grievance, have been informed by unquestionable Authority that it is owing to some bad Management of the Police — We

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We therefore request you will be so good to submit this to the attention of Colonel Nixon, being convinced that there can be no difficulty in supplying this Garrison with all kinds of Provisions from the actual State of the Bazar at Arcancopang, to which we beg leave to refer you, and by which you will be able to make it evident that this our Grievance can be easily redressed.- We beg leave likewise to request that you will mention to Colonel Nixon the great difficulty we experience in order to make our pay adequate to our common Bazar Expence owing to the very high price of Provisions from which he will easily form an adequate Idea of the great hardships our Men labour under.-

We have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Pondicherry

J. French

Senior Captain

Colonel

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Colonel Nixon's Answer to Capt

Barbutts Letter

Sir,

I had the honor to receive yours of the 14 Instant, accompanied with a Complaint from the Captains of your Regiment on the Subject of the high Price and bad Quality of Provisions here.

I have not since my Arrival been unmindful of the Convenience and Accommodation of the Officers and Soldiers, & my Endeavors have been uniformly pointed towards the Object of rendering the necessaries of Life cheap and abundant. These Endeavors, which did not require any Stimulus, have been, in some Measure, anticipated by the Applications which I wish very much had been made to my Predecessor, who, I think, in the course of six Months, ought to have been better acquainted with these Matters that I can possibly be in the Space of One.

I am

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I am &c.

Eccles Nixon,

Pondicherry
15th February 1794

Pondicherry 10th Febry 1794

G. O.s The following being the only Articles which fall under the immediate Controul and Regulations of the Master De Police. The Commanding Officer has thought proper, to Publish the same agreeable to the List of this day Delivered to him, Vizt.

	Pond.s Fan.s
White Bread 1st Quality a Pound (of 16 Ounces	1 1/4
Do 2d Quality Weighing 10 Ounces	1/2
Mutton 1st Do per lb	3/4
Gingeely Oyl 7/8 of a Seer	1
Fresh Butter per Cupi	2 3/4
Milk the Measure	1
Oyl of Palm of Chittye 1st 1/4 2d 7/8 of a Seer	1
Do 2 Do 1 8	1
Do Cocoa Nut 1 2	1
Oyl De Sipée 1 1/8	1

The Sepoys upon Duty in the Bazar

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26th Bazar or any where in the Fort are hereby Ordered not to Exact any Cash or Custom whatsoever from any Person either Bringing in or Selling their Provisions in the Bazar upon pain of the Severest Punishment.

Pondicherry 15th Febry 1794

G.O. The following Specified Articles to be sold in the Bazar untill further Orders at the following reduced Prices, Viz.t

		Cur. Rup. Fan.
White Bread well baked & of 1st Quality the lb. of 16 oz.		1
Bread of the 2 Quality	the Pound 16 Ounces	3/4
White Biscuit	Do	2
Roulon	Do	2
Wheat Flour	Do	2 1/2
Common Do	Do	1

Notwithstanding The above reduced Prices and the Commanding Offices Endeavours to render the Necessaries of Life more Cheap and abundant Complaints Continue to be made to him that this some Mismanagement, Articles of Provisions are Neither so Cheap or abundant as they ought to be

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26 to be - To Remedy and obviate which, he hereby
Authorizes Commanding Officers of European Corps
to appoint a Butcher to Slaughter Beef and Pork
for their Respective Regimental uses, who shall
be furnished with Passports to go into the Country
to Purchase Cattle for that Purpose.

Pondicherry 2d March 1794

G. O's A Committee, Consisting of Lieutenant
Colonel Trent, Capt. Barbut and the Town Major
to meet to Morrow Morning at 10 Oclock at Colonel
Trents Quarters to make particular Enquiry into
the Complaints preferred by the Captains of the
European Regiments, regarding the Enhanced
Prices and Bad Quality of Provisions as represented
by them, and to Investigate the Cause and to
ascertain whether strict Impartiality has been
observed to all Descriptions of Persons in Regard
to the Rate of the Market, and whether any Profits
be Derived by the Sale of Provisions, beyond what
goes exclusively to the Venders, and to Ascertain
the

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26th The Reason why Mutton was Cheaper at Arracan-
-pang than in the Bazars here.

The Police Master and Complainants are ordered
to attend.

Pondicherry 18th March 1794

G.O. It is Colonel Nixon's positive Order that
no Officer or other Person belonging to the Troops
shall take upon themselves to Inflict Corporeal
Punishment on any Native or other Person -

A Police being Established there is a
Regular Method of Bringing Offenders to Justice,
and, In the Event of Delinquency, to such
Punishment as their Crimes may Deserve -

A List of the Magama Duties -
which the Naynard Collects in this City.
according to ancient Custom confirmed by a
Proclamation of Colonel Floyd Dated 16th
October 1793 -

Magamas

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Magamas which the Naynard collects in the Bazars

Daily
- For each Green Shop ——— 1 Farthing
- For each Shop selling Salt
- Cakes, Grains &c &c &c ——— ½ D°
- D° Fish &c ——— 2 D°

every 6 Days
- Each little Shop ——— ½ D°
- D° Rice &c ——— 1 D°
- D° Cloth &c ——— 1 D°
- D° Spices ——— ½ an ounce of Pepper

A Sheep ——— ⅛ of a Fanam

For 1000 Rupees going to the Mint ——— 1 Fanam

For 1,000 Houses in the Black Town for one Month ——— 4 farthings

Other Magama Duties collected by the Renter & divided by him in the following Manner, conformable to Ancient Custom confirmed by Colonel Floyd—

Upon Paddy and Rice, one on 125 which is divided into 32 Parts—

Voiz—

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Daily—
- For each Green Shop ——— 1 Farthing
- For each Shop selling Salt—
- Cakes, Grains &c. &c. &c. ——— ½ D°
- D° Fish &c. ——— 2 D°

every 8 Days—
- Each little Shop ——— ½ D°
- D° Rice D° ——— 1 D°
- D° Cloth D° ——— 1 D°
- D° Spices ——— ½ an ounce of Pepper
- A Sheep ——— ½ of a Fanam

For 1000 Rupees going to the Mint ——— 1 Fanam

For 1000 Houses in the Black Town for one Month ——— 4 farthings

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Upon Paddy and Rice, one on 125 which is divided into 32 Parts—

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Viz.t

For the Swamy Pagodas	3/8
For the Naynard	3/16
For the Notary	1/8
For Tiroangadan an Old Broker	3/32
For Naguette the Old Diwan	3/32
For Salepandaroam	1/16
For the Police	1/16
	32/32

Upon Small Grain one per Cent

divided viz.t 32. Parts.

For the Swamy Pagodas	1/4
For the Naynard	3/16
For the Notary	1/8
For Trevangadan the Old Broker	3/32
For Nagnotte the Old Diwan	3/32
For Pallepandoram	1/16
For the Police	1/16
	32/32

For every Description of Merchandize One per Cent

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26ñ Cent which is divided into 32 Parts.

Viz.t

For the Swamy Pagodas	1/4
For the Naynard	1/4
For the Notary	1/4
For Tiruanga don the Old Broker	3/32
For Nagnotté the Old Diwan	3/32
For Pallepandaroom	1/16
	32/32

The Proportion of these Magazines for the Police is expended on the Prisoners confined in the Shoultry by Order of the Police and has always been inadequate.

These Duties are only on the Merchandize and Provisions imported by the Native Inhabitants of this City.

Pondicherry the 8 March 1794

(Signed) Dumeron.

Police Master

To

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Governor of Madras

From Police Master at Pondicherry enclosing a Memorial questioning the Legality of the Committee above mentioned & remarking upon their Proceedings.

Sir,

I have the honor to send to You a Memorial which I request You will have the goodness to submit to the Council of Madras.

They appear disposed to remove me from my Situation or degrade it. I am however unacquainted with the Cause; I hold it for the purpose of contributing to the Public Good, but if they persevere in depriving me of the Means, I renounce it. I hold it besides, from the Impossibility of my being able to subsist without Assistance, but if I must purchase it at the price of humiliation or dishonor, I renounce it. But if it is my honor they are disposed to Attack I shall readily submit to the Decision of the Council of Madras, and I do not doubt the Necessary Measures will be taken to substantiate the Truth.

I am with Respect

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Gen. Gen.

Signed/ Trumeron,

Police Master.

Pondicherry

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A true translation

T. Chase

French Translator.

To Sir Charles Oakeley President

and the Gentlemen Members of the Council at

Madras

Gentlemen,

Very serious Complaints have been made against me by the Officers of the 3d Battalion of Infantry. Complaints more Moderate have also been made by the Officers of the 7/3 Regiment: Col. Nixon, the Commandant, has thought proper to appoint a Committee to investigate into them, & to make enquiries into the Management of the Police, a Committee composed of Lieutenant Colonel Trent Commanding the 3 Regiment: Captain Babet Commanding the 7/3d Regiment, & Captain Baillie, Town Major, and has ordered me to attend

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attend upon them -

It is rather surprising that the Conduct of a Person employed in the Civil & Administration for Measures entirely Civil, should be investigated into, by Officers Commanding Corps and who are the Complainants - convinced of my Integrity I have conformed to Colonel Nixon's Orders.

I appeared 3 times before the Committee but as I was very little acquainted with the English Language my presence was deemed unnecessary. Mr. Trent dispensed with my attending the other Meetings -

Since the Close of the Proceedings of that Committee I have been sent for & furnished with the Purports of the declarations made against Me, I demanded to have Copies of them in Order to reply thereto. This demand appeared to me the more reasonable, as the Members of the Committee who were to draw Inferences from the Depositions and my Answer, might not be able, Notwithstanding their good Intentions, to give those Depositions

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and my replies their full force; Besides, many of the Complaints having reference to occurrences which happened long ago. It became necessary I should have time to recollect the Particulars; perhaps even to take some Informations thereon.

My Demand was refused. I addressed Colonel Nixon on the Subject who sent it to Lieut.t Colonel Trent, He refused to give me any written Communication, and offered me a Verbal one, which I consider entirely useless-

The Committee contented itself with putting some written Questions to me, to which I have replied-

I am unacquainted with the future Intentions of the Committee. I am ignorant from whom they derive their Authority, but I must observe that having deprived me, from the beginning of this Month, and before the first Informations of all interference which respects the Bazar and the Admission of Provisions either by Land or Sea, which always has been one of the Principal

Functions

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Functions of the Police Master, it would appear that the Decision of the Committee is prejudged: and that I have lost the Confidence of the Actual Government. Thus in all Points, and whatever may be the Decision, I implore Gentlemen your Justice, that you will have the goodness to send the Examinations of the Judgement on the Charges brought against me, to my Natural Judges. The Council of Pondicherry, and such Competent Judges as you may be disposed to Nominate. After having obtained the Approbation of my Chiefs and the Superior Council of Calcutta, for my Conduct as Agent on behalf of the French Nation at Bengal, my honor is hurt at being cruelly brought into Question in the Management of the Police at Pondicherry. The respectable Characters of these Offices give additional force to the injurious reports which people have been pleased to spread against me. I ought then to desire that if I am culpable I

should

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should be lawfully punished as a prevaricator, if I am innocent that my Justification should be as public as those Complaints which have been exhibited against Me.

I am with Respect

Yrs &c.

Signed / Fumerton

Police Master at Pond.y

Pondicherry 22d March 1794

I have sent to Colonel Nixon a Copy of this Memorial.

A true Translation

J. Chase

Fumerts Translator

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

I have delayed Answering Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 7th Instant until I had examined the Documents of my Department and had investigated whether the Sum of One Thousand Seven hundred and Fifty three Pounds Ten Shillings and Seven pence, or Four Thousand three hundred and Eighty four Pagodas and Twenty four fanams said to have been twice drawn by the 52d Regiment in the Years 1790 and 1793.

by

From Military Pay master General - the Crown have been debited for the above overdraw for the 52d Regiment and the Amount never paid of Company's allowances received from the Pay master of that Corps -

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by Detachments left sick &c. and separated from it, at different Garrisons during the late War, had been carried to the Debit of the Crown which upon enquiry I find has been the Case.—

Agreeably to your Orders I received from Lieutenant Hughes as Paymaster of the 52d Regiment the sum of Pagodas 999. 31. 33. being Company's allowances Over paid during the same period, and in Conformity to your Instructions of the 16th August last deducted the same from my December Estimate.—

Fort St. George
25th March 1794.

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

Signed B. Roebuck
Mily Paymr Genl.

Dispatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in No. B. Nos. 141. 142.

To Major Agnew.—

To Major Agnew—granting an Extension of his Leave of Absence—for three Months.—

To Auditor General.—

To Military Auditor General—referring Mr Cockburn's Estimate for April, in the Grain and Provisions Department—and for the Bullock Agency.—

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Received the following letter.—

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

From Commandant at Pondicherry with a List of Vessels for passengers who propose going to St Lucia on the Ship Two Friends, under English Colours, if there be no objection.

I have the honor to inclose you a List of the Crew and Passengers of the Ship Two Friends lately arrived here from Porto Novo, and to request you will be pleased to let me know if there is any Objections to her Sailing immediately to the Mauritius under English Colours.-

Captain Sauvage, the Owner, has, since her Arrival here from Porto Novo, changed her Name from Delgas to that of the Two Friends- has Struck the Nabob's Colours and means to sail under those of England as soon as your pleasure about the time of this proceeding shall be signified to.-

Honble Sir
&c. &c.

Pondicherry
25th March 1794.

Signed C. Nixon

Names of the Persons engaged as
Ships Company on board the
Snow Two Friends.-

Sauvage - - - - Captain
Dujardin - - - Officer

Duhard

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27th Duchard ..... Officer
Dº ..... Dº in the Country Service
Bassy ..... Dº ..... Dº
Raumure ..... Dº ..... Dº
Gerard ..... Dº ..... Dº
Malvery ..... Dº ..... Dº
Masseur ..... Dº ..... Dº
Rober ..... Dº ..... Dº
Guehot ..... Surgeon ..... and his son
Shallette ..... Boatswain
Maurice ..... Sail Maker
Mille ..... Cook
Dubois ..... Dº
Papillon
La Salle
Senn
Rigolet
} Seacunnies.-

Passengers

De Valbeen ..... Officer of Infantry
Bourrain ..... Dº
Humbert ..... Dº
Denis ..... Dº
Arablare ..... Dº
Sarlot ..... Dº
Javette ..... Dº
Marandaz ..... Dº

Clemis, Inhabitant of Pondy
Saint Pons Saint - Dº
Joseph Denis - Dº
Velvette ..... Dº

From Wm Paymaster Nyrich.-

" Received letter from the Paymaster at Vellore Wm.- Entered in M.B. Vº 143 with an account Sale of the Horses lately Cast at Arcot.-

Dispatched

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Despatched the following letters.—

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William.

Honble Sir.

We have been honored with your letter of the 7th instant, and shall in consequence send instructions to Captain Dovetail, to converse with the Vackeels of Tipsoo on the points you have recommended in relation to the 7th Article of the late treaty.—

We entirely concur in the sentiments you have been pleased to express on this occasion, and trust that the communication of them to the Mysore Government will effectually operate against any improper requisitions on the part of Tipsoo, in future.—

By a Letter from Captain Dovetail under date the 17th instant, we are informed that Tipsoo's sons attended the Guards on that day, in perfect health.—

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

Wm. Council

&c

Fort St. George

26th March 1794.—

To Bengal. Captain Dovetail will be ordered to converse with the Vackeels and to use the Arguments proposed in regard to the 7th Article of the Treaty—the Princes attended the Guards on the 17th.—

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To Captain Doveton

Sir.

To Captain Doveton — stating the Arguments above referred to & desiring him to confer with Tipoo's Vackeel thereon. —

The Governor General in Council having expressed his opinion in regard to the restitution of refugees, founded on the 7th Article of the late treaty, I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire you will confer with the Vackeels on the following arguments.

It is an established point, that, when the Treaty of Seringapatam was settled, a general restitution of refugees was proposed, and rejected, and the claim for restitution was restricted to Persons of a certain description only viz.t Amuldars and Zemindars in balance. — None but Persons answering to this discription can be claimed under the Treaty of Peace; and it is incumbent upon all the parties concerned, to be well assured that they are not misled by any misrepresentations, to require the restoration of Ryots or others under the description in the Treaty, who do not in reality come within it, for the treaty which sanctions the restitution of Amuldars and Zemindars in balance, gives also a right to the parties to protect Refugees of other discriptions, such for instance as Ryots, Artificers, Merchants &c.a and, if People of this character should be demanded as coming

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coming within the descriptions in the treaty, the imputation of a non-compliance with it, will rest with those by whom the demand is made, not with those by whom it is refused— That it is necessary to the contracting parties, who mean to act in this, as on all other occasions, with perfect sincerity and good faith, to facilitate the performance of the conditions of treaty, by removing all impediments to it:— That, with respect to the particular article under consideration, this may be, in a degree, effected by a particular specification of the employ of the persons demanded, and the date of his appointment, or if a Zemindar, of the name of his Zemindary and Pergunnah— In short that the Company are well disposed to act fairly and friendly, and trust that Tippoo Sultaun will ever be influenced by the same principles—

You will take the first proper opportunity of communicating these sentiments to the Vackeels, for the information of their master, and the President in Council entertains no doubt that the explanations will be satisfactory, and induce Tippoo to forego requisitions, which the Company have a right by the Treaty to refuse.—

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26th March 1794—

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

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" Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Mil. C.

Nos. 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150.-

To Officer Commanding at Riacottah.-

To Officer Commanding at Riacottah.- enclosing, and directing him to forward the above Letter to Captain Doveton.-

To Mr. Surgeon Thompson.- To Mr. M. Thompson permitting him to visit the Presidency.-

To Mr. Secretary Brodie.- To Secretary to the Military Board directing him to furnish Mr. Garrow, with Copies of certain papers from his Office.-

To Colonel Braithwaite.- To Commander of the Army- Lieutenant Trevelle's Bill ordered to be paid, and Captain Dean to declare upon honor the actual cost of the Artillery Barracks at Sam= =boorydroog- As Mr. E. White receives a pension,- nothing further can be done in his favor at present- Colonel Floyd ordered to Build temporary sheds for his Men- Mr. Vaughan's Conduct will be shortly decided upon- in mean time he has been ordered to pay the Donation from Captain Oliver's Corps in Pagodas-

To Colonel Floyd.- To Commandant at Trichinopoly- The delay in commencing the Work near Warriore and Noticed by him unnecessarily- may build temporary sheds for the men of the 19th. Dragoons on the Spot proposed- Orders given for their being allowed Batta, while Encamped at Seringham.-

To

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To Military Auditor General - with rectifications of the

Auditor General - two latter subjects of the above; Lieutenant Gurnells Bill to

be passed - his opinion desired, upon a letter from Captain Ryall of

the Royal Artillery.-

To Clerk of the Treasury - ordering an advance

Clerk of the Treasury.- for the Military charges at Madras for April - Amounting to

Pagodas 1,71,911: 10. 4/.-

28th Despatched the following Letters.-

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Malartic

Governor General of the Isles of France and Bourbon

and Commander in Chief of the French Establishments

to the Eastward of the Cape of Good Hope.-

Sir,

I have been honored with your Excellency's letters

of the 19th September and 1st December 1793. and I beg of you to

accept my best acknowledgments for the prolite and ready attention

which you paid to the request I took the liberty of preferring

in favor of the Persons wrecked on the Island of Madagascar.-

I lost no time, after the receipt of your letters, in

stating your Excellency's propositions for the establishment of a

Cartel for the exchange of Prisoners, to the Governor General in

Council of Bengal, and I shall have the honor of communicating

the

To the Governor General & the French Islands in reply to his Letters proposing a Cartel for the Exchange of Prisoners, and containing the dispatch of French in Bengal and the Detachment of them, from Madras - a letter of the French officers and others at Pondicherry, about to go to the Islands &c -

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the result to you, on the first occasion that offers after it is known to me. - I expect the reply daily. -

Your Excellency must have been misinformed in regard to the Treatment of the French Prisoners at this place - for tho' it be true, that some of them were lodged, for a short time, in the casemates of the Barracks, yet, the accommodations there are so airy and convenient, that our own troops constantly occupy them as quarters - and, with respect to the subsistence of the Prisoners, I can only say that they are in every matter as well provided as our own people, and that no complaint of any insufficient allowance has ever been made to me - On the Contrary, from the reports transmitted by the Prisoners themselves to their late Commanding Officer Colonel Chermont, I am convinced that they are not merely satisfied, but highly pleased with their accommodation, and the general treatment they have experienced. -

On the subject of your Excellency's remark concerning the subjects of France in Bengal, I have communicated the purport of what you have written to the Governor General in Council, who, I am confident will soon convince your Excellency upon this point. - It has been the object of the English Government every where to treat their prisoners with every attention and care. -

This

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This Letter will be delivered to your Excellency by Captain Sawyer, who has obtained the permission of this Government to proceed to the Mauritius on a Small Vessel which he has purchased for the occasion. Besides the Crew, all of whom are French, there are eight Officers of Infantry, and four Inhabitants of Pondicherry, who have leave to embark as Passengers.

All the Officers have given their Parole not to serve during the period of the present War against Great Britain, or any of her Allies, unless regularly exchanged.

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

Fort St. George
27th March 1794.

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

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

Gentlemen

To Board of Revenue with instructions regarding the surrender of persons who can be claimed by Tippoo under the 7th Article of the Treaty - and suggesting means for ascertaining the character and situations of refugees from Mysore - Canara - Coast of Malabar &c. about to embark for Europe -

The Governor General in Council having given it as his opinion, that Persons dwellers can only claim, under the 7th Article of the Treaty of Seringapatam, the restitution of Zemindars and Renters in balance to his Circar, and that, if persons of any other description be surrendered, it must be

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be done under an explanation that the concession is a matter of favor and friendship, not of right, we think it necessary upon this occasion, to suggest to you the means which should be adopted for ascertaining the characters and situation of all persons taking refuge in our Territories from Tipsoo's Country, so that we may be prepared, by immediate reference, to discover whether they come within the descriptions of the Treaty, or are such as we have a right to protect.-

The most positive injunctions are to be laid upon the Polygars situated on the boundaries of Tipsoo Sultaun, prohibiting the reception or harbouring of any persons suspected of being Plunderers or Robbers, under denunciations of the severest punishment, if they be found to disobey these orders.- The discovery of plunder in their possession may often lead to the detection of their disobedience, and the reception of it may be presumed as strong proof of guilt.-

Upon the arrival of any Refugee from Tipsoo's Country, the Polygars are to be enjoined to report the circumstance immediately to the Collector, stating for his information, the account which the person, asking protection gives of himself, and the Polygars are to be answerable

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producing him when required. By comparing the account thus delivered by the Polygar, with an examination of the person himself, if necessary, and of his papers and property (if he have any) by the Collector, his real character, and official situation may, no doubt, hereafter discovered, and hence it may be ascertained, whether he comes under the terms of the Treaty, or is a person worthy the protection of your Government.—

With respect to the surrender of Criminals, the determination is a matter of discretion, as well as with regard to all others not described by the terms of the Treaty.— It would be unwise to establish it as a General rule, that none are to be restored but such as are described by treaty, for it may, in some cases, be for the benefit of both States that not only Criminals but Defaulters should be surrendered to Condign punishment— and it is on this principle that we desire you will instruct Mr. Macleod to use every means in his power to apprehend Tomba Gour, who, as a common Robber, is equally offensive to both Governments— If Mr. Macleod should succeed in the apprehension of this Man, he will deliver him over to Tipsoo's officer at Coimbatore.—

We are
&c. &c.

Fort St. George
the
26th March 1794.—

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
Dy. Secretl

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To Colonel Nixon

Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir,

To Commandant at Pondicherry recommending a Conciliatory Conduct towards the French Inhabitants there.—

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th Instant, and to inform you that so long as the Inhabitants of Pondicherry conduct themselves peaceably, and with due respect to the orders of our government, they are from their Situation, all equally entitled to the Company's protection,— He recommends it to you therefore to avoid taking any part which may have a tendency to excite jealousy or heart burning upon the subject of those unhappy dissentions which at present agitate their nations in Europe— The objects of this Govt are to promote good order and obedience, and to exclude none from the countenance of Government, but such as might to disturb the public peace, or otherwise behave themselves in a manner unworthy of the protection extended to them.—

I am Sir &c. &c.

Signed J. H. Jackson Sec.

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To Colonel Nixon

Commanding at

Pondicherry

Sir.

To Commandant at Pondicherry
- The persons in the list sent by him many proceed to the Islands - before their parole - orders in consequence - a letter for the Governor General thereon inclosed. -

I am directed by the Worlle the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 26th instant, and to inform you that he has not any objection to the departure of the Vessel lately purchased by Captain Lavesse, for the Mauritius or to the embarkation of the passengers mentioned in the list transmitted by you. -

It will be necessary that you inform Captain Lavesse that he cannot be allowed to sail under English Colours - he may however proceed under those of his own Nation, accompanied by a passport signed by you which will answer every purpose in point of security, in case of his falling in with any Ships belonging to the Nations at War with France. -

You are to require from each of the Officers Naval and Military proceeding to the Mauritius, a written parole not to have during the period of the present War against Great Britain, or any of her allies, unless regularly exchanged.

The letter to Colonel Floyd of the 18th October 1793, will give you the necessary information respecting the Passage Money

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Money to be allowed to the Persons going to the Isle of France, and you will instruct the Paymaster to advance the Sums accordingly.

I enclose a letter for the Governor General of the Islands, which you are desired to deliver to the care of Captain Lacaze. -

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

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27th March 1794.-

Despatched also the undermentioned Letters
Entered in No. B. 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163
164. -

To Mr Secretary Hay

To Secretary at Bengal - enclosing a Letter for the Secretary to the Military Board there. The Catalogue containing the Musters of Cavalry Furniture will be sent by Sea. -

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions
the Eternale (No 3) of Bullocks and Repairs sent by
18th Instant, returned, signed for payment. -

To Mr Paymaster Vaughan. -

To Paymaster at Madura - the Contingent Donation to be immediately paid in Pagodas, to the Officers of the 13th Battalion and to explain why he tendered Star Fanams in payment, on the 1st February at a rate of Exchange different from that at which he issued them on the 19th

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The same Month.

To Military Auditor General - no claims for the first Donations to be admitted at this late period - those for the second, to be passed, at his discretion - the claims of persons dismissed the Service, to be rejected -

To Auditor General

To Ditto, referring for his Investigation another Complaint against Mr. Paymaster Vaughan - and notifying the above Order to him for paying the Donation in Pagodas -

To Ditto -

To Military Board - the Prize Agents will be credited for the additional Arms delivered at Pondicherry - the Estimates of Repairs at Dindigal approved - Intended Stores for Nagore referred -

To Military Board -

To Ditto - ordering repairs to the General Hospital - objection to raising the surrounding Wall, as proposed by the Chief Engineer. -

To Ditto

To Ditto referring Estimates of Repairs required to the Public Buildings at Vizagapatam. -

To Ditto

To Military Paymaster General - with Copy of the Auditors Report upon his Abstract Estimate -

To Paymaster General.

To Lieutenant Saml. Evans - in reply to his application for a Staff Appointment. -

To Lieutenant Evans of the Infantry -

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To Lieutenant Doxat at Pondichery.

To Commandant of Pioneers. The arrival at Pondicherry to remain in its present state, until further Orders.

To Town Major.

To Town Major with Copy of a letter from the French Officers at Madras, no objections to their proceeding to France, provided they give their parole.

To Major Brodie

To Commandant at Trincomalee. his letter of the 23d. Instant not sufficiently explicit. no decision can therefore pass upon it.

To Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam. in reply to the applica-tion of the Chief and Council at Bimlipatam. in favor of Lieutenant Cranston.

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.

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Received letter from the Nabob Entered in C. C. No. 28 repeating his request for Copies of the Deviders Books prior to the Establishment of the Register Office. and of those of the new Consolidated Fund, and two Cavalry Loans, made up to May 1793. applies also for the sum paid by His Highness in part of a Bond (No. 15) on the New Cavalry Loan.

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 165. 166. 167. 168.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal with two letters for the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency.

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From Wm. C. Breeth: auspt. —

From Agent from the Clothing Contract — offering a proposal for conveying the Army Clothing to the different Stations. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Gaile. —

From Commandant of Artillery at the Mount requesting reimbursement for different Expenses incurred by him Monthly. —

From Head Surgeon at Vellore. —

From Wm. Gahagan — in reply to the requisition for his attendance at Madras to give Evidence. —

Substance of a letter to the Nabob. —

Sent letter to the Nabob entered in C. C. No. 29 the order sent to the Rajah of Ramnad very satisfactory. Reply to His Highness's desire for the attendance of Monroe & Arbuthnot at Madras, and requesting he will order a Dubash Marraine to be sent to Captain Read. —

Sent the following Letter. —

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

Gentlemen.

To Board of Revenue — enclosing an Order from the Nabob to the Rajah of Ramnad, requesting an Exemption of Duties on Grain in that Country. —

We herewith transmit an order from his Highness the Nabob to the Rajah of Ramnad, most strictly enjoining an exemption of all Taxes on Grain in that Country during the present Scarcity, which

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we desire may be forwarded to the Collector, with directions to deliver it to the Rajah - a Translation is also enclosed for your information. -

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28th March 1794. -

We are
&c. &c.

(signed) Chas. Oakeley
Bart.

Dispatched also the undermentioned
Letters Entered in Mo. B: Pys. 169 170, 171. -

To Captain Read -

To Collector in the Baramhaul -
informing him of the above request to the Rajah relating
to the Warriors - a Colony dependant on Attore. -

To Mr. Carnie assistant
Surgeon -

To Mr. Carnie - requiring his attendance at
Madras to give Evidence. -

To Major Jounge. -

To Commandant at Arcot notifying
the same. -

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Received the following Letters. -

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

From Commandant at Pondicherry - with proceedings of the Committee of Enquiry into the cause of the high Price of provisions there - Remarks -

Honble Sir

The Proceedings† of the Committee ordered to
be held here in Pursuance of the Orders conveyed to me by
Mr.

† Entered in Pr. C.B. No. 172. -

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Mr Secretary Jackson's dated the 26. Ultimo being at length
closed, I have the honor of submitting the whole to your
Consideration. How far the Complainants Cause substantiated
the Charge alledged against the Police Master here or what
Reference one Market ought to bear another I shall not
presume to give any Opinion upon, but this Seems justly
any that of French People long resident here, can buy cheaper
from Market People who have long served them, and make
better Bargains, it ought not to be imputed as Oppression to
the Police by the Officers. I need not repeat that I
had used, and certainly meant to persevere in my Endeavour
to encourage by every fair Means plentiful Supplies to be
introduced into this Town, but I had only been here a few
days when these Complaints were preferred to me, which might
with more Propriety have been preferred to my Predecessor or
when I was better informed in the Manner of obtaining Supplies.
Complaints
in Both Cases might have been unnecessary as the Markets
are now better and cheaper.

I have only to remark that no application
for Passports has been made to me by Commanding
Officers of Corps, in consequence of the Orders I issued authori-
zing them to employ Butchers to kill Bullocks
Cork, nor have I known the Natives ever inclined

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To sell their Sheep freely, in any part of the Country for any fixed Price.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) E. Nixon

Pondicherry
29th March 1794.—

To The Hôble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Hôble Sir.

From Brigadier Nixon. The Resident at Hyderabad requests Lieutenant Youngson may not be removed from his command at Masulipatam.

We herewith enclose Copy of a letter from the Resident at Hyderabad, requesting that Lieutenant Youngson may not be relieved from the Command of a small Detachment which has for some time been stationed at Masulipatam, principally to protect the Hyderabad Factory, which had before been more than once sieged and opened. Previous to the receipt however of Captain Kirkpatrick's letter, Lieutenant Youngson had, we understand, been relieved, in consequence of late General Orders, and is now in the Command of another Detachment, ordered to secure the Crops of those Zemindaries in the Jaghire Circar the sequestration of which has lately been ordered. We should not have considered ourselves authorized at any time, to interfere in Representations to the Nizam of a Political Nature; but at present, it is not, at any Rate, in our

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our power to have complied with Captain Kirkpatricks request, the Governor Circar being no longer under our authority.—

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

Masulipatam
26. March 5. 1794.—

Signed Robert Gardiner
Andrew Scott

To Robert Gardiner Esq.
Chief &c. Council Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

Lieutenant Youngson having furnished me with a Copy of a Battalion Order which he has received from Captain Walcot for his being immediately relieved from the Command of the Party of Sepoys at Mongaud, I beg leave to request, if it can be done with any degree of propriety that you will take the necessary steps for retaining him in his present Command, — where his Zeal, and extraordinary diligence appear to have long been, and are still very usefully employed particularly in regulating the Public Passport, which now performs the journey from Masulipatam to Hydrabad

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in little more than three Days, instead of seven, and some times eight, as was the case on his first arrival.-

It appearing, from Sir John Kennaways correspondence, that, impressed with the similar sentiments of Lieutenant Youngs fidelity and exertions, he formerly used his endeavours with you successfully in preventing the recal of that Gentleman and his Party, and as I apprehend that, in the event of the intended relief taking place, the presence of Stationing a Person from hence somewhat unacquainted with the Nature of the business of regulating the Tapsal on the Borders will be but an inferior consideration, from the great difficulty of finding any one of sufficient trust and Responsibility for the Duty, I cannot but be anxious for your acquiescence in this application. Permit me to add that it seems to me there can hardly be any situation in which it is so requisite that the Officer in charge should remain as long as possible unchanged, as that of Nungaud.-

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

Bedar
19th March 1794

Signed Wm Kirkpatrick

A true Copy
Signed R. Fullerton
Act. Sec.

Recd

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Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in W.B. Nos. 573. 574. 575.

From Paymaster to 75th Regiment respecting a charge, retrenched by the Paymaster General, for the Mess Serjeants allowance for Serjeants of that Corps.

From Captain Robertson.

From Commandant of the 5th Regiment of Cavalry requesting an Extension of his Leave of Absence from his Post.

From Major Orr.

From Delhi at Jeagar complaining of the high Price, at which the Nabobs renter Carcases Gaddy to be sold at that place.

From Captain Nuthall.

April 1st Received Letter from the Nabob Entered in Cr. C. No. 30 from the Nabob dated this Day.

Substance of Letter from the Nabob.

Dispatched Letter to the Secretary at Bengal Entered in M. B. No. 8 forwarding a Letter from the Nabob, for the Governor General.

To W.C. Secretary Hay.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Tuesday

4th April 1794.-

Ernst William Fallofield

and

George Westcott

} Esqrs.--

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.-

Read the following Letters

from the Military Board with enclosures entered

in M. B. Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.--

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.-

Honorable Sir,

From Military Board submitting a Plan for the Military Store Department suggesting on the subject Minutes of the different Members Board.-

In considering your Letter under date the 2d. of May last, wherein you are desirous that the two Departments of Paymaster and Storekeeper, which are incompatible with each other, shall be entirely

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entirely separated, and the latter placed in charge of persons immediately responsible both for the care and preservation of the Stores. We have had the honor to acquaint you of the cause of our not submitting to Your Honorable Board our opinions with respect to the number of Storekeepers that will be required, and the class of servants to whom this charge should be submitted so early in conformity to your commands, as We could have wished; and the subsequent delay of our not entering into the discussion of this subject, has been occasioned by unavoidable causes.-

We now beg leave to remark, that the Board is of opinion that the words mentioned in the letter in question viz.^{t} the Store Department, and Storekeeper, mean specifically, the department and persons in charge of Ordnance, and what are more immediately understood, under the term of Military Stores.- We therefore will confine the arrangements We mean to propose to Your Honor in Council to these objects only, and will state the class and number of persons We would recommend to be employed in that department; and, at the same time, We beg to offer our opinion, that it is essential to the Service, that some new arrangement should take place in regard to those

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other very important Stores, which though not usually termed Military Stores, when Military Stores are specifically spoken of, such as Barrack, Grain, Provisions, Oil &c. are so materially necessary for the defence of any Military Station, that We think our Board should receive at least quarterly, the fullest informations relative to their quantity, quality and present state, and that they should be also subordinate to all such checks, controuls, and authorities, as are deemed necessary to establish over the ammunition, and stores, and every article necessary for the defence of a Station.—

We have the honor herewith to lay before you, copies of the several Minutes from N.1 to 11. That have been delivered in on the occasion, and beg leave to recommend, that the plans proposed in that of your President, under date the 29th of May last, as far as We have now the power to enclose, on a separate Paper under No 12. be adopted, with the exception that the Officers selected for the Store Department, shall not indispensably and exclusively be drawn from the Artillery Corps, but that when any Officer duly qualified of any other Corps is brought forward to be employed in the Store Department such Officer, may be deemed eligible, but We have no doubt the selection will most naturally fall upon the Corps of Artillery, except in

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such extraordinary cases, And We beg leave to recommend, further that Your Honorable Board will be pleased to permit, occasionally, where merit presents itself, that a promotion may take place in the Department itself, where vacancies happen, so as to open some prospect of promotion to a very deserving class of servants, namely Conductors, as far as to the situations of Deputy Commissaries.–

We cannot help remarking that although We are aware, that the selecting of Officers from the Army to be employed in the Store Department, may create a deficiency of Officers for regimental duties, which may subject the Corps from which such Officers are taken to inconvenience,– That We nevertheless do not hesitate to recommend, the measure as one essentially necessary, from the full conviction that Your Honorable Board, in communication with the Commander of the Army, may fall upon some mode effectually to remedy this inconvenience.–

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

John Braithwaite
Henry Malcolm
John Richardson
[Signed] P.d Close
Wm Peat
Geo.e Hall.–

Fort S.t George
26.th March 1794.–

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Military Board with a Report of the present State of the Cavalry Cantonment near Warriore and Estimates for quartering one Complete Regiment.

We have now the Honor to lay before you in consequence of your letter under date the 25.th of February last, copy of the Chief Engineer's report† of the present state of the Cavalry Cantonment near Warriore, and also of the Estimates for building Quarters, Barracks, and Stabling for a Complete Regiment of Cavalry from Rs.e No 5 which having been framed by the Chief Engineer on the established Contract prices, We shall give the necessary directions to the Contractors to undertake so much of the Building as Your Honorable Board shall please to direct, so soon as We receive your authority for so doing.—

† Vide M.B. for 25.th Inst.t No 14.—

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

Fort S.t George
the 26.th March 1794.

Signed

John Braithwaite
Henry Malcolm
John Richardson
B.d Close
Jn.o Gent
George Hall.

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Honorable Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your

From Military Board relative to the check and Controul on the Engineer Department the regulation in Bengal ordered different orders complied with.

Letters of the 13th and 20th Instant.

The repairs wanting in the Masulipatam Districts are ordered with the exceptions you were pleased to make and We have attended to the other commands contained in your Letter of the 13th on the subject of the paragraph respecting the insufficiency of check and controul over the Engineer Department, We, in consequence of a Minute delivered in by Major Hall under date the 23d August 1792, took the department of the Chief Engineer into consideration, The Chief Engineer replied to Major Hall's Minute on the 1st March 1793 and Major Hall did not rejoin, it being then in agitation to contract for all buildings &c. which was soon after determined, We therefore deemed it unnecessary to proceed further seeing that the Chief Engineer had now nothing to do either with the provisions of Materials or the Payment of Artificers or Labourers.—

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The duety of the Chief Engineer is more
simply to inspect the work carrying on by the Contractors, either
himself, or by his subordinate Officers, to see that the materials
and workmanship are good, and where the work is done, to
report it to the Military Board, who will then recommend
that the Contractors Bill shall be paid, if it does not exceed
the Estimate; and, this being expressly provided for in the
Contract, We do not see how any of the Bengal regulations
can be adopted, if the present Contract is to remain, as the Engineer
is now himself the established check, except that the reporting
Engineer may be ordered to make an affirmation as he does
in Bengal, that he has neither directly or indirectly derived
any emolument, or advantage whatever, from the building,
which he reports, beyond his allowances from the Company,
which, in Bengal, are very liberal, in proportion to the
rank of the Engineer employed, and the Estimate of the
building which he is to survey, and report upon, as will
appear by the extract from the Bengal regulations
We have the honor to enclose, and which allowances
We suppose have been granted as the best possible
substitute for check on the Engineer, by rendering his
situation such as places him out of the reach of any temptation
tion the Contractors could afford to offer him.

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At Bengal the Chief Engineer is confided on, chiefly, for all buildings, to the extent often Thousand Rupees, whereas on the Coast, he is not entrusted further than to the extent of five Pagodas, beyond that sum every work of whatsoever denomination must be executed by the Contractors.—

In Bengal, also, the observe, that there is a civil Architect who is occasionally employed to check the work performed by the Chief Engineer, but as the Honble Company have no such Servant on the Coast, and the Chief Engineer in fact has not the execution of any work meriting much consideration, it does not occur to us that any other can be usefully established.—

We shall in the manner you direct give the necessary orders for supplying His Highness the Nabob with such of the Ordnance and small Arms captured at Pondicherry as he may have occasion for, so soon as He has informed Us of the quality and quantity of those Articles he wishes to purchase, which our President informs Us His Highness means to do, in the course of a few days.—

We shall also, in the same manner, supply Monsieur Rayonard, for the use of His Highness the

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The Nizam with three thousand condemned Muskets and one Pack of Flints.-

We have wrote to the Officer Commanding at Nellore, desiring that he will send from thence one Tindal and sixteen Lascars now at that Station, ten of the Lascars to the Pondicherry.-

We have the honor to be.

&c. &c.

John Braithwaite
Henry Malcolm
John Richardson
Bt. Dose
Wm. Gent
George Hall

Fort St. George
1st.
28th. March 1794.-

Signed

Extract from the Bengal Military Regulations.-
Section 39- Page 427.-

Minutes of Council 27th. July 1787 Resolved that the Salary allowance for a table, Oil, Candles and Stationary, drawn by the Chief Engineer, and

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amounting to Current Rupees 710–15, be struck off from the 1.st of the ensuing Month, after which period, he is to receive a fixed personal Salary as Chief Engineer, of 2,700 Sonat Rupees per Mensem, which is to be in lieu of any commission whatever, and in full for the table allowance and for every contingency of instruments, Stationary, Oil, and Candles.—

The pay and batta of the Chief Engineer, being allowances inseparable from the Rank, will, of course, continue to be drawn by him as at present.—

Minutes of Council 31.st March 1790. Resolved that the following allowances be established for Engineer Officers when employed on the Superintendance of Works, which are engaged to be performed by contract, the following gratuities shall be paid to them on a Report of the due execution of the Contract.—

If the Amount of the whole work contracted for, shall exceed one lack of rupees, the Superintending Officer being a Captain shall receive Sonant Rupees 4000, if a Subaltern 2000.—

For

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For Works exceeding 50,000 Pagodas,
the gratuity of a Captain shall be 3000, and of a
Subaltern 1500.

For all Works not exceeding 50,000,
the gratuity of a Captain shall be 1500, and of a
Subaltern 750.

When employed in the execution
of Works upon Island the following allowances are
fixed.

To a Captain, for the time he may
be employed, 400 Star Pagodas per Month.

To a Subaltern 200 for ditto ditto

These gratuities being intended as
personal allowances to the Officers employed, it is
further resolved, that the following provisions shall
be made for the necessary establishment of People
to be employed under them, as well as for furnishing
instruments stationary, and all other contingencies, to
which they are liable.

These establishments to be
drawn for Monthly, during the time they are
employed but not to vary with the rank of the Officer.

To

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To Officers superintending Contracts
& for instruments and Stationary

of all Sorts ---------- 40

One Tindal and 6 Lascars ---------- 44

Two Hircarrahs ---------- 10

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To the executive Officers of public Work.

For instruments and Stationary of all

Sorts ---------- 60

Two Sircars ---------- 30

One Tindal and 8 Lascars ---------- 54

Three Hircarrahs ---------- 15

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When the Officers are allowed assistants under them, which can only be necessary when the Works are extensive and then only to be employed by order of Government or the Commander in Chief, the following allowances are fixed for their assistants.

For instruments and Stationary ---------- 20

For a Palanqueen ---------- 30

50.—

Above Abstract

Signed W. Linley

Dept. Secy.

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Minutes and Resolutions on the three foregoing Letters from Military Board.—

The Board approve generally of the plans proposed for the arrangement of the Store Department, but as they have not yet determined in what way the department of grain and provisions shall be conducted, their present remarks will apply only to the charge of such Stores as are more particularly known under the term Military.—

The Board are of opinion that the selection of Officers for this trust, should rest principally upon the Corps of Artillery, but deviations of course could be allowed, in case of particular merit. They are inclined to think it may be most advisable to choose Officers from the effective list, as the duty to be performed is of considerable importance, and should be conferred on those who are active, and capable of conducting it, with care and precision.—

It will certainly be proper to hold out a prospect of promotion in the Store department, as vacancies occur, so as to give a chance to Conductors of fair character, to rise to the situations of Deputy Commissaries and the suggestions of the Military Board on this head is accordingly approved.—

By this arrangement the Office of Inspector of Stores will be annulled, but as the appointment is

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is held by Officers of the Artillery, the recommendation of the Military Board will be attended to, in regard to those Officers being included in some of the descriptions of the new arrangement.—

As the excess of Officers by the system now proposed is but one, and as a latitude is given to select from any of the Corps, the Board do not deem it advisable to encrease the establishment by any promotions of Officers.—

The Board having thus stated their opinions on the several points under reference to them, it is resolved to direct the Military Board to prepare and submit for the approbation of Government, the draught of an order which it may be necessary to publish on the occasion.—

In the present uncertainty of the Board, whether the Cantonment near Warriore will become a permanent station for a Regiment of Europeans Cavalry, they are very unwilling to fund the Company to the heavy expence stated in the estimate No 5. Pgs. Forty three Thousand and twenty five Pagodas—/43,025/ and as it appears by the Chief Engineers Minute, that there are Quarters at that place for one field Officer—four Captains.

and

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and eight Subalterns, it is resolved to direct the Military Board to convey their orders to the Contractors to the building a Barrack and Stabling, the Cost of the former being ten thousand five hundred and seven Pagodas - thirty seven and thirty nine Cash (10507. 30. 39) and the latter four thousand and forty three Pagodas - two fanams - and fifty one Cash (4043 - 2 - 51).-

Resolved that such of the Officers of the 19th Regiment Light Dragoons as may be unprovided with public Quarters be allowed House Rent, with the usual Sum in advance.-

Declaration to be Made by Engineers superintending Work.-

Resolved that, before any Bill for work executed be paid in future, it be certified, as at present, by an Engineer, with a declaration upon honor, that he has neither directly nor indirectly derived, nor will derive, any emolument or advantage whatever, from the building or repairs which he reports, and that the Military Board be directed to notify this resolution to the Chief Engineer for the purpose of being communicated to all the Officers of the Corps under him, with an order enjoining their obedience to it.-

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board.-

Hospital

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From Hospital Board—
The Physicians General's report of his visit to the General Hospital—suggests various alterations and improvements—proposes the appointment of Mr. Copley to the Madras General Hospital—Mr. Walker to Madura Mr. Scandler to Chingleput—and of Mr. Mc Arthur to the 2 Regiments of Pioneers, and assistant Surgeons requests to resign the Service.—

Hospital Board
31st March 1796.—

The Physicians General begs the Honor to acquaint Government that he visited the Hospital on Monday last, and found the immediate duty of Dieting and Clothing, and the Medical and Surgical treatment of the Sick, properly executed.—

He is sorry to observe, however, that some repairs of trifling expence, but of essential importance, are wanting.— Those that struck him on his visit were the feebleness of the Vaults of the necessaries, which, in case of a full Hospital, would be insupportable.— The dismantled State of the enclosure, Many of the Rails on the East face being wanting, The Venetians in the Shed much

Orders will be sent to the Chief Engineer to lay before Government an estimate of the expence that will attend the alterations and improvements suggested by the Physicians General as necessary to be made to the Presidency Hospital.—

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Much out of repair, The broken Bottles on the wall so compleatly removed as to have evident traces of several thorough fares across it, and the Threshold of the North Gate so broken as to admit of a Person, by stooping, to pass underneath the Gate when Shut.-

He is of opinion that white-washing the walls frequently would give a more chearful appearance, and thus benefit the sick.- The Hearths, or Fire places of all the Cookrooms are in so Ruinous a Situation as must greatly embarrass the preparation of both Diet and Medicines.- and many parts of the flooring in the body of the Hospital and Verandas broken and out of Repair.-

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The Smallness of the Cells of the Necessaries has always been so great a Nuisance that We would Recommend either that they be greatly enlarged or altogether filled and floored, in which latter case Tubs placed under the Seats will be wanted, and a sufficient establishment of Tubs to empty and wash. Where are the Sewer every Morning.—

The danger of Ventilation rendering it inexpedient to grant Liberty to some of the Patients who are not bed Rid to walk without the Boundaries of the Hospital, the Physician General recommends that Balustrades be built round the Terrace Roof of the whole Hospital, to be accessible by means of a Spacious Stair-Case for their recreation and health.—

We

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We recommend that Mr. George Pigeloy, Surgeon, be appointed to the Charge of the Presidency Hospital (vice Anderson) that Mr. John Walker, Surgeon, be appointed to the Garrison of Madura (vice Pigeloy) and that Mr. Whitelaw Ainslie, the senior Assistant, be promoted to the Rank of Surgeon, and appointed to the Garrison of Chingleput (vice Walker).

As it will be necessary for Mr. Anderson to proceed to Ellore immediately We recommend that Mr. Baillie take Charge of the Presidency Hospital until the arrival of Mr. Pigeloy. and that Mr. John M.c Arthur, Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to do duty with the 2d European Regiment

Approved

Approved

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Regiment, vice Baldwin
lately Removed.

Thomas Powers Esq.
Assistant Surgeon at Poudi-
cherry, having solicited permis-
sion to resign the Service—
We recommend that his
request may be granted.

A/pproved

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General

Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon

W. Raine
Head Surgeon

Read the following Letter from
Manifestation—

To The Honible Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Horible Sir

We have the honor of acknowledging
the receipt of yours Letter of the 5th. Instant, and the
concern

Down Manifestation with further Explanation in regard to the attack made upon the Party of Sepoys sent circle Cuckapatty under Lieutenant Concurred at the Causeway for and upon their Conduct.—

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concern which we felt, for the circumstance which occasioned our Address of the 4th Instant, is much increased by the dissatisfaction which you have expressed at our conduct.

In our former Letter, we informed your Honor in Council, that Juggapetty Rauze's complaint was first made a short time before the death of the late Chief, and was repeated after the arrival of your present Chief. The Complaint was not against a Renter or Inhabitant for a Balance due, but against a Man for having extorted Money from a Village Carnum, with which he fled, and who of course stood charged with a Robbery. While pursuing Juggapetty Rauze for the Engagement of his Reverence we considered ourselves obliged to attend to this complaint, for, altho' the Sum on which the Offender was charged with having extorted was not considerable, yet the example might have proved of pernicious tendency, if passed over by us without notice. Impressed with this opinion, we naturally referred to what the late Chief and Council had done, and only repeated a requisition to Major Wyndo, which they had before made to Lieutenant Ruddell.

Nor

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No Investigation had, it is true, been made into the truth of the Complaint, as there was no Person to answer to what Juggapetty Bauze had affirmed, and it was with a view of enabling us to investigate the matter, that we required Major Wynch to send the Man, against whom the complaint lay, to this place. When it becomes necessary to secure the Person of a Robber, or other noted offender, it is also commonly thought necessary to conceal such intention, to prevent his receiving any intimation thereof, which might induce him to abscond, a circumstance which, we hope, will, in some degree account for the manner in which we acted upon this occasion; and, in regard to our not leaving a Peon to Mr Petty Row to deliver him up, we have to observe, that one point, we had to ascertain, was, whether Mr Petty Row or his Border were not Parties concerned, at least the latter, who granted the suppposed offender an asylum in his Village, and refused to deliver him up to Juggapetty Bauze.

Tho' the Letter written first to Major Wynch was to be delivered by a Servant of Juggapetty Bauze's, this man was sent for no other purpose than to point out the Person whom it was intended the Guard should have brought to this place, and for which purpose,

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persons it was thought necessary to send some one who knew them personally. It was left to Major Wyrick's discretion to detach what number of Sepoys he thought proper and the Native Officer with the Command of the Guard received no orders or instructions excepting from the Major himself. We shall attend to your Orders for leaving the execution of all Military measures, to the discretion of the Officer, on whom the requisition may be made and in the present instance, we are not conscious to having deviated therefrom, in the smallest degree.—

We enclose Copy of a letter from Major Wyrick, by which it appears, that by the best information he had been able to collect, he did not think there was any grounds for believing that Makepetty Row was concerned in what happened to the guard, or in the rescue of the Man intended to have been secured, and we shall now write to Major Wyrick, or, in case he should have left Samulcotah, to the Officer in Command there, desiring that enquiry may be made into the ground of the original complaint preferred by Juggapetty Razoo, the result

of

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of which shall be transmitted to you.—

We have the honor to be

Hon.ble Sir, Sir,

Masulipatam

22d March 1795.—

Your most obedient

humble Servants

(signed) Robert Gardiner.

Andrew Scott

Robert Gardiner Esqr.

Chief and Council

Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultimo with its enclosures. Yesterday I delivered the letter to Mahepatty Row's Managers Daccanerlah Sutaravaniah, and Row Durma: =my, and had a conversation with them respecting the subject of, respecting the Inhabitant and his adherents, they have promised me every assistance and support to bring the Offenders to punishment. I have been endeavour: =ing for some days past to get every possible information by sending trusty People to the Village of Sivagavrchand and have every reason to believe that none of Mahepatty Rows People were at all concerned in attacking the Company's Servants

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Sepoys but that the Armed People were immediately the adherents and Relations of the Inhabitant who have to a Man fled to the Hills, but I think it probable that in the course of a week or two I may be able to get information of some of them, and as Majesty Rous's Managers have assured me of their assistance, I am not without hopes of bringing the Inhabitant and some of his adherents to punishment— I have lately learnt that the Inhabitant Cofsetty Rayaroikaloo has long had Armed People in his Pay which accounts for the desperate attack made upon the Guard, as most of the Wounds were given with Pikes and Swords, the poor Jemadar was killed by being picked quite through the Body.—

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

Samulcotah
4th March 1794

Signed Alex.r Wynch
Major Comm.g

A true Copy
Signed P.r Fullerton
Act.g Sec.y

Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion that there is nothing in the foregoing letter, that should induce them

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Whereon to change the assertions contained in their letter
to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, under
date the 31st Instant.-

Read the following letter

from Vizagapatam.-

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

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to acquaint
you that the Rajah Vezieram Razeu Yesterday waited
upon our Chief, and, after various assurances of his
submission to the Company in all things, acquainted
him, that he was distressed by encreasing uneasiness
from the Reports in Constant circulation of some Measures
being intended, that might be accompanied with
a disgrace, that he could not survive. That, he had
resigned his Country, his Family, every thing
into their hands, but could not submit to any
personal disgrace. The Chief believed his Mind, as
far as was practicable, by declaring to him, that
nothing was intended, which might occasion

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From Vizagapatam stating that Vezieram Razeu is under great alarms from Reports that he is about to suffer some personal disgrace- detail of the Chief's interview with the Rajah - his request to reside at Padmanabum assured.-

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the least Alarm, that so long as he implicitly submitted to the Orders of Government, he would be entitled to their fullest protection, and would experience their favorable disposition towards him so soon, as the Arrears due to the Company were discharged, and other Necessary Arrangements made.—

The Rajah proceeded in opening his mind to the Chief, and told him, that he had heard of our intention of taking the Swords and Pikes from his attendants, and that, in addition to the above, the Orders communicated by him (the Chief) in the Name of the Board of Revenue, were a great Cause of Uneasiness to him, and alarm to his friends, and that the interdiction from seeing those who were, from their connection and Situation, obliged to visit him, and whose Visits he could not refuse without disgracing them, had given him the greatest affliction, and seemed to be considered by every one, as the forerunner of some personal disgrace and Calamity.—

After a very long Conference, in which a variety of other small Grievances were recitided, and in which the Chief had the utmost difficulty to soothe a Mind Worn down with Anxiety and alarms, the Rajah begged his Permission to Reside, for the present, at a small distance on the outside of the Pettah, and between the Pettah, and the Chief's Residence, urging

That

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that it would lessen the intercourse of his attendants with the People of the Town, and prove, as he hoped, the Means of preventing any disturbances, which he was most solicitous to avoid, well knowing, that if any thing of this sort happened, his Enimies would not fail imputte it to him– the Chief thought it right to acquiesce in the Rajah's wish, which appeared to give him much satisfaction.–

As the Character of Vizeram Rauze is well known to your Honor in Council, it is not Necessary to dwell upon it– Let it suffice to say, that over Chiefs is Confident, that, by Gentle and kind treatment he may be kept within the line of his Duty to the Company, but that, if any harsh Measures be put into execution, at this Juncture, it will infallibly prove the Sacrifice of his Life.–

The Chief hopes, that the Rajah will soon perceive that there were not any Grounds for the alarm, which has spread, and which has arisen from a Multitude of Wicked Reports, and from Many small Matters unworthy of Note– he is of opinion, that the Rajah would be gratified with the permission to reside at Padmanabum, where his Family now is, and where there is a very large and Convenient Habitation,

and

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and the Chiefs therefore desirous of having authority to grant such Request, should it be made, especially as he is not aware of any reasonable Objection to it.—Pedamanabum is a small Village, between this Place, and Vizianagrum, about 4 Coss from the latter.—

We have done ourselves the honor of apprizing the Board of Revenue of the Circumstances herein Mentioned and beg leave to subscribe ourselves, with the greatest Respect—

Honble Sir

Vizagapatam
25th March 1794.—

W.m W.m

[signed] John Channier

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

Honble Sir,

From Vizagapatam—one of the Hill Polygars revolts—Measures in consequence.—

We are concerned to acquaint you that Mukky Togabiapaid Bauze, one of the Hill Poligars, has recommenced his plundering Operations, and that we have been under the necessity of ordering Lieutenant Barclay to proceed with a Company of Sepoys, into the interior parts of the Vizianagrum Zemindary.—

Lieut.

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Lieutenant Barclay has had a Skirmish with the Plunderers, and obliged them to retreat but, being apprehensive of their returning in Force, has solicited a Reinforcement; in Consequence of which, We have ordered two Companies of Sepoys from the Troops at Vizianagram to join him, which will, We trust, enable him to drive the open Country from the Incursions of the Poligars Followers -

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

Vizagapatam
26th March 1796 -

(Signed) John Chamier

Minute on the two foregoing Letters -

The Board being wholly unacquainted with the cause of the alarm expressed by Vizianam Pauze, and deeming it proper to defer all consideration of the subject, until the Sentiments of the Board of Revenue (to whom it would appear the Chief and Council have written) be had upon it Ordered, in consequence, that the Letters do lie on the Table -

Read the following Letter from Major Dr. -

For

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To The Honorable Sir Charles Pakeley Bart.
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

From Commandant of the 5th Regiment of Cavalry - The Barracks &c. for that Corps completed - reports the occasions - hopes there is no intention to remove the Cantonment from Chittoor station -

Conformable to the Orders of Government I have the honor of reporting that the Barracks of the 5th Regiment Native Cavalry which were entrusted to me to be built upon honor are now completed - I have been able to add three useful buildings, as described from N.1 to 3 which were not included in my former proposal, least Government should have disapproved of my asking for a larger sum than what was granted, for which there is no additional expense incurred Viz.t

N.1 an additional Sergeants Quarter, one here before damaged by the Storm.

N.2 an Adjutants Room for Regimental writing and Orders

N.3 a tyled building supported on brick pillars, for boiling and preserving the Regt.s

Barracks for the 6 Troops - The Sergeants Quarters - Standard Guard and all the rest of the Buildings are constructed of the best burnt brick - the walls 2 feet think - and chunamed both outside and within - the roof of every building is made of the best Jalneres - laid close for strength - tyled and chunamed - and, that the Arms and Accoutrements of the Regiment

may

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may be preserved and kept in good condition a permanent
feature, in addition to the proposals given are constructed
of wood and Iron, and painted - is placed in the centre
of each Troop sufficiently large to contain the Carabines,
Swords, Pistols and Saddles in use with the Regiment
The Stables are also finished. Every thing in my power
has been done to complete the buildings at as little
expence and as permanent as possible, and agreeable
to the restrictions of Government, I have not exceeded the
sum of 1500 Pagodas, and it is to be observed that the work
has been entirely executed since the beginning of November
last. - I therefore hope that my Report will meet with
the approbation of the Honorable Governor in Council.
To whom I beg leave to state the following circumstances that
when I took charge of the Regiment about the 6th month,
1795, it had been considerably weakened by the severe service
that had more particularly fallen to its lot, and the Horse accoutre-
-ments, from the same cause, were nearly worn out, there being
no opportunity of repairing them. The necessary advances
for these Accoutrements and the heavy expences afterwards
incurred in maintaining the Regiment fell particularly
hard upon me, as I had never before received any of the
advantages that were formerly enjoyed by Officers commanding
Regiments

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Regiments of Cavalry. That the Corps under my command was one of the only two Regiments of Native Cavalry that remained in the Field until the Peace took place and, although I had every reason to hope that it would, in consideration of its exertions, be kept up complete, after the termination of the War - a consideration that led me into additional expence - yet when that event took place, the Corps and myself suffered the painful mortification of seeing the Horses taken away to complete a Regiment that had lain Cantooned at Arcot whilst the 5th Regiment was serving at Seringapatam. - This matter is introduced merely to shew that my situation and losses have been particularly hard and differing from the other Regiments of Cavalry that served to the end of the War, and for no other purpose, my duty leading me to consider every public arrangement as for the the good of the Service. That my Quarters and those built by the rest of the Officers of the Regiment have, at least, cost 7000 Pagodas, for which no allowance has been made except the usual House Rent of 5 Pagodas Monthly - That the Native Officers and Men have laid out more than they could well afford in removing their Families to and from the Presidency at the time the late Service before Pondicherry made it necessary to order the Regiment to

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to Madras, as well as are building the accommodations which their Families required near the Cantonment.-

Therefore must respectfully submit to your Honorable Board the claims of the Regiment as above stated, and humbly hope that your Honor in Council will not think it unreasonable, under all the circumstances, if we, to solicit such a favorable resolution from your Honorable Board as will confirm the Regiment in its present Station at Chinnendalum, to which it now stands appointed, are the foremost approval of Lord Cornwallis, and I am led to hope that my application in favor of the Corps will be the more readily granted, when I state to Your Honor in Council that the Contractor for Grain delivers the Grain for feeding the Regiment into the Company's Store House, at a lower price, by near 20 Per Cent, than it can be procured for at the rest of the Cavalry Stations, which saving in the material article of Grain, is likely to continue at Chinnendalum as there is but one Corps to provide for.-

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

(signed) J. Orr

Major Commanding 6th Regt.
Pt. Cavalry and Cantonment.

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Minute thereon

The Board are well pleased to observe by Major Dirs report, that the work entrusted to his superintendence has been executed at an expence which they deem very moderate.—

There is not the smallest intention of removing the 5th Regiment of Cavalry from Chittoor, nor are there any orders now in force, that affect, in any degree, the permanency of Major Dirs station.—

Read the following letter from Captain William Macleod.—

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary &c. &c.

Sir.

Have Captain Macleod requests the Gratuity granted to him may be paid to Mrs Daly and Children.—

I am favored with your letter of the 26th. of this Month, signifying the pleasure of the Honble the President in Council, to allow me a gratuity of five Hundred Pagodas. Please to express to the Honble the Governor, that I feel myself greatly honored by this additional mark of approbation, which he has been pleased to confer, and I estimate more on account of its nature than its pecuniary consideration.—

Please

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Please to direct the order for the
payment of the gratuity to be remitted to Messrs Daly and
Cockburne.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

Return
to
25th March 1796

(Signed) William Macleod
Major Brigade

Order thereon

Ordered that the Gratuity be paid to
Messrs Daly and Cockburn, agreeably to the request of
Captains Macleod and that the Amount be carried to the
Head of Account Presents.

Read the following letter from
Colonel Mason.

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary
Fort St. George

Sir

From Commandant Kandy
relating to Captains
Dumas proposal for bringing
back English prisoners
from the Islands.

I have the honor to inclose you
Proposals made by Captain Dumas of the French Ship Two
Friends for bringing back English Prisoners for the Isle
of France.

Have

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Fort St. George 1st April 1794.

Minute thereon

The Board are well pleased to observe by Major Dirs report that the work entrusted to his superintendence has been executed at an expence which they deem very Moderate.—

There is not the smallest intention of removing the 36th Regiment of Cavalry from Chittoor, nor are there any orders now in force, that affect in any degree, the permanency of Major Dirs station.—

Read the following letter from Captain William Macleod.—

To William Collins Jackson Esq.

Secretary &c. &c.

Sir

Grant Captain Macleod request the Gratuity granted to him may be paid to Majr. Doly and Cathleen.—

I am favored with your letter of the 20th. of this Month, signifying the pleasure of the Honble the President in Council, to allow me a gratuity of five Hundred Pagodas. Please to express to the Honble the Governor, that I feel myself greatly honored by this additional mark of approbation, which he has been pleased to confer, and I estimate more on account of its nature than its pecuniary considerations.—

Please

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Please to direct the order for the payment of the gratuity to be sent to Messrs Daly and Cockburne.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedt Servt

Selum
1st
25th March 1796

Signed J Williams Macleod
Major Brigade

Order thereon

Ordered that the Gratuity be paid to Messrs Daly and Cockburn, agreeably to the request of Captain Macleod, and that the Amount be carried to the Head of Account Presents.-

Read the following letter from Colonel Mason.-

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary
Fort St. George.

Sir,

From Commandant Macleod in charge, submits Captain Dauffes proposal for bringing back English prisoners from the Islands.-

I have the honor to inclose you Proposals made by Captain Dauffes of the French Ships Two Friends for bringing back English Prisoners for the Isle of France.-

Have

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How far Government may deem such Proposals eligible, is not for me to determine. I therefore submit to you either to bring forward or suspend them, at your Pleasure.

I am
Sir
&c. &c.

Signed C. Nixon

Pondicherry
2d March 1794.

To Colonel Nixon
Commanding at
Pondicherry

Sir,

I have the honor to observe to you that being about to quit this Place with a Flag of Truce for the Isle of France, I can on my Return bring on my Vessel the English Prisoners now at the Mauritius; The French pay me 300 Rupees each, but I demand only 250 from the English Gentlemen, If you are desirous, you can give me your orders, they shall be strictly attended to.

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

Signed Sausse

Pondicherry
2d March 1794.

A true Translation
Signed J. L. Chase
French Translator.

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Minute in Consequence.

As the Board are not informed of the Number or quality of the British Prisoners at the Islands, they have thought it most advisable to refer the Subject of their exchange to General Malartic.-

The Board being of opinion, That the permission given to Captain Lavigne to sail under French Colours to the Mauritius, may render the Vessel liable to capture in case she should fall in with an English Ship of War- it is resolved to direct Colonel Braon to acquaint Captain Lavigne That no other colours are to be hoisted during the Voyage than what are invariably used by Cartel Ships of all European Nations in time of War.-

Read the following Letter from Mr. Stephen Popham.-

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council

Fort St. George.-

From Mr. Popham offers to rent to sell the Building rented by him for a Public market for the purpose of Barracks for Sepoys.-

Honble Sir,

Having heard that Government have in contemplation to build Barracks in the Black Town

for

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for the accommodation of Sepoys, I beg leave to offer these Public Buildings which I constructed in 1788 under the express Grant from the Government as a Public Market, but which I have never yet been able, from obvious obstacles, to turn to the account of which they were built.-

Waiving for the present the claim I have to be relieved from a burden which was undertaken under Public Sanction, as also for some recompense for the pains I have been at in framing a Plan of Police and executing the Duties thereof as a Member of and Secretary to the executive Board from 1787 to this time / for I am still liable to interruptions from the complaints of Individuals respecting the misconduct of Servants, or the exorbitant charges on the necessary articles of life) I shall take up the subject as it stands, on its own merits, as proper for a Sepoy Barrack, and, as such, approved by every Officer who has seen the Bazars and spoken on the Subject.-

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In the Bazar to the Southward of my Dwelling House, there is as I am told, accommodations for two Battalions of Sepoys and Ground sufficient between it and the Esplanade to build Quarters for the Officers–

To the North-west of my House there is another Bazar which might do for an Hospital and for Store, there is also an extent of Ground sufficient for every accommodation that may be required for the Families of the Sepoys, so as to prevent the Fort Bazar clean and not liable to become a Nuisance in any respect.– I offer to let, or sell the Bazars and Ground at a fair Valuation, or at an Estimate to be made by the Military Board, by the Chief Engineer or by the Public Contractors, or by any other Mode which you Honor in Council may please to adopt.–

If your determination should be for Taking them at Rent I will make any alterations or additions which may be required.–

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

Madras
April 1st 1794.–

[Signed] J. Popham

Agreed

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Fort St. George 1st April 1746.—

Minute thereon

Agreed that the subject be referred to the opinion of the Military Board.—

Mr. M. Patterson takes the oath of qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty.—

Mrs. Mary Patterson, Widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Patterson, being introduced, and the Oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty having been administered to her by the President, the usual certificate is now signed by the Board.—

Chas. Bakeley.

E. Fancourt

Geo. Woodhouse

Ex. Pt. George Darry

Wm. Hall

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Diary

2nd Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in Miscellany Book Nos 15_16_17.

From Commandant in the Guntoor
Circar with Copy of his letter to the Collector.

From Major Burr

From Ditto of the Nizam's De-
=tachment with Copy of his Correspondence with the
the Resident at Hyderabad.

From Major Roberts.

From Agent of Monsieur Raymond
=with a Correct List of the different Articles requi-
=red by the Nizam.

From Mons.r Delor

Sent letter to the Nabob Entered
in Country Correspondence No. 31 acknowledg-
=ing Receipt of the List, paid on the 1st Instant

Substances of a letter to the Nabob

3rd Sent the following letters.

To Robert Gardiner Esq.r
Chief & Council
at Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

The Proceedings of the Court Martial
lately held upon Mr Maxwell Thompson, Surgeon
at Ellore, having been laid before us, We are con-
=cerned to find that, (among other deficiencies) there
is the most direct proof upon Oath of a constant fael-
=ure in the stipulated articles of supply engaged
to

To Masulipatam—
Bond Penital to make
good the penalty of his
Contract for supplying
that Hospital the
Sum having been for-
feited.—

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to be provided for the sick of that Hospital by Borah Parental, who entered into a Contract with you for these supplies under date 1st December 1792.

We have resolved in consequence that Borah Parental has justly forfeited the penalty annexed to his Engagements, and desire you will call upon him, or his Securities forthwith to make good the amount.

Fort St. George
31st March 1794.

We are

&c. &c.

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

To Colonel Nixon
Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir

To Commandant at Pondicherry on acceptance of Captain Saujon's proposals declined Cartel instead of French Colours to be used by him, as before furnished.

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 27th Ultimo, enclosing proposals from Captain Saujon, for bringing back British Prisoners from the Isle of France, and to acquaint you that, as he is not informed of the number or quality of British prisoners at the Islands, he thinks it most advisable to refer the subject of their exchange to General Malartic.

It has occurred to the President in Council that the permission given to Captain Saujon to sail under French Colours to the I.

Mauritius

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3d Mauritius may render the Vessel liable to capture in case she should fall in with an English Ship of War. He desires therefore that you will acquaint Captain Sause that no other Colours are to be hoisted during the Voyage, than what are invariably used by Cartel Ships of all European Nations in time of War.—

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

Despatched the undermentioned
letters Entered in W.T.B. Pos 18–19–20.

To Secretary at Bengal with Copy
To W. Secy Hay. of the Cutch Intelligence from Mysore.

To Commandant of the 5th Regt
ment of Native Cavalry— his Report of the Buil-
To Major Orr. =dings entrusted to his superintendance very Satisfac-
=tory: no intention of removing his corps from Chem-
modalum. —

To Chief Engineer— to report the Ex-
=pense of some additional Improvements, suggested
To Chief Engineer by the Physician General, as necessary to the General
Hospital at the Presidency

5th Received the following letters

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To the 4th Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Mysore Prize Agents relative to a Sum due from the Mahrattas to the Prize Funds.—

It having been proposed that a small unappropriated Balance, and some outstanding Debts, due to the Prize Funds by different Individuals, should be paid to the Trustees of the Male Orphan Asylum for the Benefit of that Charity. the Prize Agents have collected the Sentiments of the Army, and find them favorable to this disposal being made of the Balance, and such of the debts as can be collected.—

With a view of making this Donation as valuable as possible to the Male Asylum We take the liberty of informing you that the sum of Pagodas 952 " 16 " is due from the Mahrattas, as will be seen by the enclosed papers: and We request that you will be pleased to give such directions for stating this Claim to Sir Charles Malet, as may appear to you best calculated to obtain the payment of the debt in order that it may be appropriated to the benefit of so useful a Charity.—

We have the honor to be with Respect.—

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Do. Do.

(Signd) C. Smart—
" R. Turing for Capt. Barrow
" J. Brown for Capt. Hunter—

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Dear Sir

I spoke to you yesterday in Camp re-
-lative to the application made by the Mahrattas and
now give this Note to the Bearer to bring the articles
away. Their wants are

10,000 Horse Shoes
2 p. Lacs of Nails for D.
a model similar to those they received
the other day. —
a Machine for twisting Ropes. —

Lord Cornwallis has directed me to request
you will procure the Colonel's Order for the above Ar-
-ticles to be delivered to the Bearer or such parts of
them as can be spared. —

I am
D. S. D. S.
(signed) G. F. Cherry

Camp
1st December 1791.

The Honorable Company Dr.

1791 —
December — To 10,000 Sets of Horse Shoes
complete delivered to the Mah-
-rattas by order of Lords
Cornwallis at 4 fam. Pdt 6 } Pags. P. 6
952 — 16 —

(Sig.) Jas. McCorkill
Prize Agent to the Army

Madras 9th July 1792.

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor &c. &c. &c.
in Council

Honble Sir

Lieutenant Dowse's Report progress in destroying the Works of Pondicherry.

In my Letter to your Honble Board dated the 16th. of March I had the honor to inform you that the Working Parties were then extended from the N. W. and S. W. Angles of the Fort along the West Face, as far as the Villenoor and Waldoor Gates, to which points the Work is now nearly completed, as the Ditch is already filled, and it is necessary only to break down the remaining part of the Rampart and to destroy the Covert Way. — The Curtain also and part of the Bastion opposite the Barracks of the 73d Regiment are in the same state

I have one Party now employed in destroying the out work in front of the Villenoor Gate another is extended from that Gate to the Salient Angle of Dupleix's Bastion, and a third from the Waldoor Gate, Southward, about two hundred Yards, and these Parts will I hope be finished in the course of the next Fortnight. —

Pondicherry
April 1st 1794. —

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W Dowse
Lieut. Comm.t Pioneers. —

Return.

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Return of Coolies employed in destroying the Fortifications of Pondicherry in the Month of March 1794.

			Conceps Ups	Head Workers	Masons	Men Coolies	Women Coolies	Total of Coolies
1794								
March	16th	Employed	4	6	60	2298	700	2998
	17		"	6	60	2307	695	3002
	18		"	6	60	2305	696	3001
	19		"	6	60	2301	698	2999
	20		"	6	60	2304	696	3000
	21		"	6	60	2303	694	2997
	22		"	6	60	2306	700	3006
	23		"	6	60	2307	696	3003
	24		"	6	60	2300	694	2994
	25		"	6	60	2302	703	3005
	26		"	6	60	2294	701	2995
	27		"	6	60	2304	696	3000
	28		"	6	60	2300	704	3004
	29		"	6	60	2306	695	3001
	30		"	6	60	2300	694	2994
	31st		"	6	60	2302	695	2997
		Total	4	96	960	36839	11157	47996

Signed) W. Douse Lieut
Comd. Pioneers

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To Despatched the following letter —

To Colonel John Brathwaite

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen

To Military Board
with an Index to the subject of the proposed Building at Warrie = ore for European Cavalry and Ar = rangements for the Store Department Plans for Work to be executed by the Superintending Engineer —

We have received your letters dated the 26th and 28th Ultimo. —

In our present uncertainty of whether the Cantonment near Warrione will become a permanent station for a Regiment of European Cavalry, we are very unwilling to put the Company to the heavy Expense stated in the Estimate No. 5; and as it appears, by the Chief Engineers Minute, that there are Quarters at that place for one field Officer, four Captains, and eight subalterns, we would have you confine your orders to the Contrac = tors to the Building a Barrack and Stabling a = greeably to the Estimates No. 3 and 4. such of the Officers of the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons as may be unprovided with public Quarters, will be allowed House Rent, with the usual sum in advance —

We approve generally of the plan you have proposed for the arrangement of the Store Department, but as We have not yet determi = ned in what way the department of Grain and Provisions shall be conducted, our present remarks will apply only to the charge of such stores as are

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4th more particularly known, under the term Military.—

We agree with you that the selection of Officers for this trust, should rest principally upon the Corps of Artillery, but deviations will of course be allowed in cases of particular merit— We are inclined to think it may be most adviseable to choose the Officers from the effective List, as the duty to be performed is of considerable importance, and should be conferred on those who are active and capable of conducting it with care and precision—

It will certainly be proper to hold out a prospect of promotion in the Store department as vacancies occur, so as to give a chance to Conductors of fair Character, to rise to the situations of Deputy Commissaries, and we accordingly approve your suggestion on this head.

By this arrangement the Office of Inspector of Stores will be annulled; but, as the appointment is held by Officers of the Artillery, we shall attend to your recommendation in regard to their being included in some of the descriptions of the new arrangements.—

As the excess of Officers is but one by the System now proposed, and as a latitude is given select from any of the Corps, we do not deem it adviseable to increase the establishment by any promotion of Officers.—

Having thus given you our opinion on the

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4th the several points under reference to us, we desire you will prepare, and submit for our Approbation, the draught of an order which it may be necessary to publish on the occasion.—

We have resolved, that before any Bills for work executed, be paid in future, it shall be certified, as at present, by an Engineer, with a declaration upon honor, that he has neither directly nor indirectly derived nor will derive any emolument or advantage whatever from the building or repairs which he reports— and you will accordingly desire the Chief Engineer to notify this resolution to all the Officers of the Corps under him enjoining their obedience to it.—

Fort St. George
2d April 1794.

We are,

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Charles Oakeley.
1st Council

Sent also the undermentioned letters Entered in W73 Nos 21 22 23 24 25 26.

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam forwarding an Invoice and Bill of Lading of Stores, Shipped for that Settlement, on the Windsor, Captain Hall.

To Military Board

To Military Board reserving for their Opinion a proposal for transporting the Army Clothing, and Mr Topham's Offer of some Buildings in the Black Town for the accommodation of Sepoys.——

To

Fort St. George, April 8th 1794.—

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To Register of the Nabob's Debts—direc-
To Mr. Thomas Cockburn.— =ting him to prepare Copies of Dividend Books required
by the Nabob—and to report his Opinion on the sub-
=ject of a Bond mentioned by his Highness.—

To Commandant of Artillery at the
To Lieutenant Colonel Gells.— Mount—no allowance, in reimbursement of the
Expenses mentioned by him, can be granted.—

To Paymaster at Vellore &c. the
To Mr. Paymaster Wynch.— Commission charged by him on the Sale of Cast-
Horses, to be brought back to the Credit of the
Company.—

To Vizagapatam with Invoice
To Vizagapatam. of Camp Equipage supplied by the Military
Store Keeper, for the Service of that Garrison.—

7th Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in Mr. B Nos 27—28—29—30.—

From Hospital Board—reporting
From Hospital Board.— the Chief Surgeon's Visit to the General Hospital.—
Mr. D. Mc. Gibbon, proposed to be appointed to the
18th Battalion—vice Ainslie removed.—

From Military Auditor General—
From Auditor General. requests to know, if he may pay the Additional Do-
=nation to all discharged Natives, who produce Certificates

From Adjutant of the Body Guard
From Lieutenant G. Forbes requesting that four Horses may be cast and sold,
they being unfit for further Service.—

From Commandant at Pondicherry—
From Colonel Nixon. requesting that Captain Overend may be appointed to
the Charge of the Sick (belonging to different Absent Corps)
now at that place.—

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor_ President

Ernst William Fallofield

and

George Westcott_ Esquires._

Tuesday

8th April 1794.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following letters from the Board of Revenue._

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart._

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

We beg leave to lay before you a Letter from Mr Landon, and to recommend that Detachments, as proposed by him, be again made from the 7th Native Battalion to such situations in the Pinnaculty province as are pointed out to be most convenient for Keeping the Polygars in check, conformable to the plan adopted by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell.

Your Orders under date the 8th January respecting three Villages said to appertain to the District of Carour and Claimed by Tippoo Sultaun, were transmitted to Mr Landon, but he represents that he

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From Board of Revenue recommend Copy Detachments be stationed in the Pinnacolly Province, as proposed by Colonel Maxwell for keeping the Polygars in check - and another Company at Manapara - Copy of Mr Landons letter Enclosed

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can obtain no explanation from the Manapara Polygars on the subject — In consequence of the irregularities which the Collector states to have been committed by those Poly- =gars we recommend his proposition for Stationing a Company of Sepoys at Manapara for a short time.—

Mr Ram having reported to us that the Company's House at Tentoor requires repair, We have the honor to submit Extract of his Letter as re- =lating to the general Department.

We have the Honor to be, —

V.a &c.

Fort St George
9th March 1794

(Signed) David Haliburton
Chas N. White
Tho.s Cockburn.

To David Haliburton Esqr

Acting President &c.a Board of Revenue

Fort St George.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Copy of the diary of my proceedings last Month. —

The repeated complaints of the Arabob's manager in this province against the Polygars, as entered on the 4th, 9th 11th 16th 18th 25th and 27th of February, cannot fail to attract the attention of your Board — I hope, at the same time, that my constant endeavors to procure redress for the parties aggrieved

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aggrieved, as recorded throughout, will obtain your approbation. —

As the Polygars furnish such constant subject for complaints, even while they are personally attendant upon the Cutcharee, it may fairly be presumed that, unless timely measures be adopted to ensure tranquility, when they return to their pollams after settling their Kistbundy, and that my presence may be required in the Marrawars or elsewhere, they will throw off all restraint, and repeat the irregularities that raised such a Clamour against them last year.

As being much more easy to prevent than to remedy, I beg leave earnestly to recommend to your Board, that detachments be again made from the 7th Native Battalion now being at Tytar to such situations in the Tinnevelly province as may be found most convenient for keeping the Polligars in check, conformable to the plan adopted by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell previous to his quitting this province, and strongly recommended by him to Government on the 3d of December 1792, as appears by the following Extract from his letter of that date Viz.t

"As it appears to me an object of material importance to prevent, for the future, similar feuds among the polligars, I shall take the liberty of recommending that, in the event of Shevegerry being reestablished, and the 7th Battalion removed from there, the head quarters

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of that Corps be established at Kytar, and a Company placed at Shandernacoil, at both of which places there are good quarters for Officers and Sepoys without subjecting the Company to any expence. I would also propose one or two Companies of that Corps being stationed to the Eastward of Kytar, in the neighborhood of Panjalamcourchy, Diapooram &c. by these means a chain of troops will be formed through the Center of the Polligars which will deter the more powerful from attacking or plundering the others, and will also prevent the servants of the Nabob from any improper interference with the Polligars, which they have every inclination to.

The parties which Lieutenant Col. Maxwell had posted, in pursuance of this advisable plan, remained at their Stations until the 4th Battalion was ordered to the seige of Pondicherry. The Detachments were no sooner withdrawn, than the irregularities commenced which threw the whole province into an uproar.

The Stations which appear to be most proper for the parties to be posted at, are those pointed out by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell Viz.t. Vyparout in the neighborhood of Panjalamcourchy, Nagalapour in the Center of several small pollams, Shanavarnacoil near Shevegerry Yalirumpunny in the neighbourhood of several pollams, and Diapooram; a Company of Sepoys at each of these places

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is the only arrangement under present circumstances that can be proposed, with any prospect of Utility.—

In my address of the 15th Ultimo I had the honor of pointing out to your Board, the irregularities committed by the Manapara Polligars which I am concerned to say daily increase from the circumstance of no notice having hitherto been taken of their unruly conduct. The Tahsildar has been treated with contempt, and the Company's Hircarrah has been pushed away from before their doors with every mark of indignity, as appears by reports entered on the 7th 11th and 18th days of February— I can obtain no explanation from these Polligars respecting the three Villages claimed by Tippoo's Aumil at Canoor agreeable to your orders to me for that purpose, so long since as the 4th of January, and I have failed equally in all my attempts to procure redress for travellers and others who have been plundered by them. I entreat of Your Board to afford me some assistance before it be too late in the year, or I apprehend much difficulty with these rude and almost savage people— A Company of Sepoys stationed at Manapara for a few Months may perhaps, have the effect of restoring order, before these Polligars assume further upon the latitude that has hitherto been allowed them— I have the honor to be, &c &c

(signed) James Sandon
Collector Asst. S. Canara.

Tutoor in the Tinnevelly Province
23d March 1794 —

(A true Copy)
[sig.] Wm Harington Secy

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Board of Revenue submitting their proceedings in regard to the Arnee succession

In our Address of the 8th February last we had the honor to inform you that we should proceed to investigate the Claims of the Parties to the right of succession to the Jaghire of Arnee conformable to your Orders.—

As it was necessary to refer certain questions on the subject to the Shastries, We directed our Serishtadar and Interpreter to select a Number of the most respectable at this place and in the Neighbourhood, who were summoned before us. The object of Assembling them having been explained, they were required to sign a Muchulka pledging themselves solemnly to answer all the questions that might be put to them respecting the usages of Adoption, and Inheritance according to the Laws of Shaster. The Queries were then translated into the Gentoo Language and given to the Shastries, who, in compliance with our requisition, delivered, a few days afterwards, their written Answers under their respective signatures. These being translated, We recorded our sentiments, and have now the honor to submit a Copy of our Proceedings on the subject.

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

Signed { David Haliburton
Chas. N. White
Tho. Cockburn.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 24th March 1794

The Translation of the Paper in the Gen-
too Language containing the written Opinions of seve-
=ral Pundits or Shastries on the Subject of Adoption
and Succession noticed in Consultation 17th Instant
having been sent in Circulation is now read and en-
=tered as follows.-

Translation of Ques-
=tions put by the
Board of Revenue
to the Shastries with
their answers relative
to the right of adop-
=tion and succession.

Translation from the Gentoo written Opinions of several Pundits or Shastries on the Subjects of Adop-tion and Succession.

Question 1st.

If a Man having no Son of his own
nor yet Adopted any; before his Death desires his Wife
to adopt a Son, but without particularizing or
mentioning the Name of any one- Can she, by such
Authority, Adopt a Son for her Husband? or hav-
=ing done so, is it right? and can the Son so adopted
inherit the Estate and Effects of her Husband?

Answer

A Woman is authorized, by the advice of
her Husband, to adopt a Son- If it be demanded
how this Son is to be selected? it is Answered,
from the Children of the Elder or Younger uterine
Brothers of her Husband, in preference to any others.-

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failing these, Cousins * failing these, from the maternal Stock (for Blood) failing these, paternal Descendants * failing these any one (of the same Cast).

The Age of the Child to be adopted must be either before cutting its Navel + or when twelve Days old ° or when three Years old — or when 7 Years old.

The Woman thus adopting the Child must, according to her Circumstances, make presents to, and satisfy, the person who makes over the Son: and, having previously informed her Relations and the Chief Person of the Place, of her Intention, she may then Adopt the Child, provided it be not the elder or the only Son of its Father on this Occasion the Ceremony called Homum must be performed; but it being unlawful for a Woman to do this, she may employ a Brammin for the purpose, who will go thro' it for her, According to the Manner of her Cast.

If the Adoption take place, within a Year after the Decease of her Husband, it is better.

These are the ordinations of the Shas=ter and the Son thus Adopted, she shall consider as her Husband's real Child and he shall inherit, accordingly, all the property of his adoptive Father.

Question IInd

Can the Lineal Heir or Descendant take Possession of the Property or inherit, immediately without Consulting or apprizing the Government or reading

* They count kindred or the Collateral Branch (learn told) as far as the 7 Generation
* beyond the 7. Generation
+ This is done on the third day after the Infant is born.
° When they Christen or baptize.

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ruling Authority - and is the Authority of Govern=
=ment necessary to put him in possession? —

Answer

The lineal Descendant, i.e. the
Son, Grand Son &c. descending may in Right of
Birth, tho they have not consulted the Government
on the occasion, succeed to the Treasury (Inheritance)
of their Father, Grand Father &c. because they are
the lawful Heirs: but if the Government sanction'd
this Succession, it would render the case still stronger
This is conformable to the Institutes of the Shaster.

Question III?

May a Zemindar, Jageerdar &c.
descending Proprietors, without the consent of Govern=
=ment appoint their respective successors? is a suc=
=cession in consequence valid? - and may the
lineal Descendant be superseded by an appoint=
=ment of this Nature?

Answer

A Zemindar, Sagheerdar &c. a pro
=prietor, having no Son of his own to succeed him;
Yet if he have himself adopted a Son, or advised
his Wife, at his Death, to adopt one, - as a Son,
thus adopted is, by the Shaster, entitled to the
property, he may succeed even without advising
the Government and may set aside lineal Claim=
=ants - This not being the Case, and such a person
having chosen from Regard a Child (without

(performing

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performing the Ceremonies of Adoption) that Child cannot inherit without the permission of Government, nor can he set aside the lineal hereditary Claimants who are here to have a preference.

Question IV

If a Meerasee be without an Occupant, how long, or for how many Generations is it to remain so before it can be sequestered by the Government?

Answer

Meerasee is of two Kinds Viz.t I.st Meerasee is of two Kinds Viz.t I.st relative to a Country and II.dly with respect to Houses, Villages, Gardens, & Manium or Enaum Grounds &c.a

That regarding a Country being indivisible if it have + passed from one person to another while the Issue of this last shall remain, so long shall it be enjoyed by that line of Succession.

That respecting Villages &.a if it have passed from one Occupant to that of several others jointly, yet without being divided; and if any of the Descendants of the first Heir return, after an Interval, however long, such Descendant is entitled to the Occupancy.

To this Fourth Question there is a second Answer.

Answer 2.nd to Question 4.th

If a Samistander or Chief have, on some occasion, gone to another Country, and an Usurper have, by Force, mean time, possessed himself

+ The original is indefinite as to the mode of its passing; whether by death by Force &.c &.c

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of the Samastan or State; thereafter, if the Proprietor or any of his Descendants return, after any Period whatever, they may repossess it - and if the Race of the original Proprietor be extinct then it devolves to the State

As I thought this fourth Question required two Explanations, I have accordingly given them.

(Signed) Swamy. Shastry.

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A true Translate
(Signed) A. Falconar

Acting Genton Translator
to the Board of Revenue

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The original Papers, from the first to the eleventh inclusive being the same, verbatim, as the above it is unnecessary to copy them separately. The names of the subscribing Shastry to each is however, here subjoined. -

No II

Written by Sheshadry Shastry

No III

Anonymous

No IV

Written by Rama Swamy Shastry

No V

Written by Vencata Soobadoo

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Written by Venkateshwarney

No VII

Written by Venkatachella Shastry.

No VIII

Written by Soobarey Shastry

No IX

Written by Venkatacharloo

No X

Written by Venkata Raghavacharlo

No XI

Written by Venkata dichatooloo

Signed A. F. G. S.

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No XII

on the same Subjects.

Question 1st

Is a Man, who has no natural[1] Son nor yet an adopted one, before he dies, desires his Wife to adopt a Son, but does not particularize any Person; Can she in consequence of that advice, adopt a Child? and can the Child, thus adopted inherit the Estate &c. of the adoptive Father?

[1] natural here does not mean illegitimate. —

Answer

This case is thus resolved in the Shaster

When a Husband is adying, if he desire his Wife to that Effect, she may adopt a Son

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Son or Grand Son of her late Husband's Uterine Brother according to the manner ordained in the Shaster: — failing these, the Collateral Descendants or† distant younger Cousins — failing these Descendants from the ma= =ternal Stock — and the Son thus adopted may inherit the property of his adoptive Father.

† not meaning to exclude those who may be more near.

Question II?

Can the lineal Descendant take im= =mediate Possession, without previously consulting the ruling Authority or Government — if not — is the authori= =ty of Government requisite to invest him.?

Answer

If a man have no Son of his own, nor during his Life time, adopted one, according to the Forms of the Shaster, to succeed him; nor yet desired his Wife to do so, and thus dies; and if his property, having been acquired by his Father and Grand Father, remain undivided; In this Case, as there is no immediate Heir to the Property, it is ordained by the Shaster that the lineal Relation+ shall succeed if a Confirmation of his Succession be required — that of the Government should be obtained — if Government sanction it also — it is better — if not, there is no Remedy.

+ from the common Ancestors

Question III?

May Zemindars, Jageerdars &c. their lineal Descendants appoint Successors to in= =herit their property, respectively, without the Authority or advice of Government? and can a lineal Des= =cendant be set aside by such an Appointment? &

Answer

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Answer

Jageerdars and their lineal Des-
=cendants in Posession of divided Meerasies, if, after
having, during their Life time, appointed a Son+, ac-
=cording to the Forms of the Shaster, to succeed them,
this, according to the ordinations of the Shaster, will set
aside a lineal Descendant - If it be an undivided Jageer,
Meerasee &c. acquired by the Father, Grand Father, and
possessed by the elder Son, and he having consulted the
Government, and adopted a Son to succeed him according
to the Shaster, this adopted Son agreeably to the Rules
of the Shaster, may supersede a lineal Descendant

+ an adoptive one.

Question IV

If a Meerasee be unoccupied, for
how many Generations is it to remain thus, before it be re-
=questered to the Sirkar?

Answer

If a man obtain a Meeraey, as long
as any of the Issue of such a Man shall exist, so long shall
they retain possession of the Meeraey. There is no restriction
as to how long it shall, or shall not remain among them.
If there be an entire Failure in his
Issue, then that Meeraey shall revert to the Sirkar.

(Signed) Narrain Shastry

A true Translation

Signed/ A. Falconar

A. G. I. B. K. &c.

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The same as the preceding and written by a Person who subscribes his Name in the Grundha Language which I cannot make out.

(Signed) A. F.
Gen.l Fr.

Minute of the Board

As no Summud or other document has been produced by either Party who alledge they were seized by the Nabob when he Captured the Fort of Arnee, it does not appear, by the Records of the Revenue De=partment, whether the original Grant (if any was given) confirmed the succession to the Heirs of the first in=cumbent, or whether it was granted during his life, or under any and what conditions which rendered it re=sumeable by Government.

It appears that Seenevasa. Row, the first Jagoordar, left four Sons Viz.t Venkata=Row, Trimulrow, Raganadrow and Ramachunder=row.—

Venkatarow, the eldest, had one Son named Seenevasalow, who died without issue a few Years after he succeeded his father in the Jaghire; and the present Claimant Venkatarow, Grandson of Cashava Row, 3.d Son of Conary Row, the Younger Brother of the 1.st Jaghiredar, Alledges that he was Adopted by Seenevasa Row.

Trimulrow, the second Son of the first Jaghiredar, next succeeded to the Jaghire, and was confirmed

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confirmed therein by the Treaty between the Nabob and the
Rajah of Tanjore of 1762 - he had no issue but adopted
Subanarow, who died before Trimulrow, and his son
Seenevasarow was appointed, during Mr Holland's
Administration, as the Jaghiredar. —

Rajanad Row, the 3rd Son of the
first Jaghiredar, had one Son named Canary row
who was the father of the present Claimant Ragon-
=adrow.

Ramchunderow, the 4th Son of
the first Jaghiredar, died without issue.

It appears, therefore, that Ragonad-
=row is the only surviving lineal heir of the first
Jaghiredar; who was his great grand father but it
appears that Trimulrow (the Grand Uncle of Ragonad-
=row) in exclusion of him, the lineal Descendant,
adopted Soobanarow great Grand Son of his Fathers
Elder Brother Ramchunderow, who died in the life
time of his Father Canary row - whether this act was
regular and just, or if considered valid, whether such
Adoption has not entirely superseded the right of suc-
=cession on the part of Ragonadrow, and transferred it
for ever to another Family, are points which do not seem
to be under reference to the Board of Revenue.

The question apparently referred to this
Board is whether the elder Widow of Seenevasarow, the
late Jaghiredar, has a right, by the Shaster, of adopting
a Son in consequence of the direction of her Husband,
verbally given; and certainly the Answers of the Bramins
appear

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appear to be in favor of her right to Adopt.

As however the Ordinations contained in Mr Halhed's translation of the Gentoo Code, vary from each other on this subject, and appear to differ from the opinions of the Shastries, and as it is a question of great consequence not only to the present Claimants of the Arnee Jaghire, but as affecting the rights of inher-=itance and succession in future on this Coast, it would, in the opinion of the Board, be very proper to refer the matter to Bengal in order to ascertain what decis-=ions have been passed in similar Cases of adoption, by the Courts of Justice, or Government there, or respecting Jaghiredars or other Landholders.

Such a reference may be deemed the more expedient as it would not appear, since the Establish-=ment of the Company's Authority on this Coast, that they have recognized any right in the Zemindars or other Landholders to adopt in prejudice of the lineal heir, or indeed under any other circumstances - at all events as the Gentoo Code contains different Sentiments on the subject of adoption and inheritance, and as the Company's orders in various instances, of succession, as well as the equitable principles of the British Laws and Govern-=ment, incline to favor the lineal descendants, it ap-=pears necessary to act with the utmost precaution on the present occasion, more particularly as it will be considered a precedent in future cases.

If the adoption made by Tirmulrao be deemed valid and equitable, it may also become a

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question whether the nearest male relation, by blood of the deceased Jaghiredar, Seenewasarow, ought not to be considered as the Heir.—

The Board having passed the foregoing Remarks on the Answers delivered by the Shastries, Resolved to lay Copy of the Proceedings before Government, referring to the former address under date the 8th February, wherein they advised the Honble Governor in Council that they should proceed to investigate the Claims of the Parties to the right of succession to the Jaghires of Arnee, conformably to Orders received.—

True Extract
Signed Harrington Secy

Resolution thereon.

Resolved that the necessary orders be given to Colonel Braithwaite, for carrying into Effect the recommendations of the Collector of Polygar Peishcush.

Ordered that a Copy of the proceedings of the Board of Revenue, on the subject of the Arnee Succession, be transmitted to Bengal, agreeably to their recommendation.

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Madura.—

Wm Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary.

Sir

From Mr Paymaster Vaughan - explains the cause of delaying paying

I have received your Letter under date &c

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paying the Additional Donation – denies having tendered pay=ment in Colly Fanams at different Exchanges. —

the 26th of last Month – in a letter addressed to the Military Auditor General of the 28th of last Month, the reason why the 13th Battalion and 9th have not received payment of the Donation is fully set forth. The Commanding Officers still refuse to take any Payment but in Star Pagodas which is not in my power to Comply with, not being the Current Coin of the district, of course difficult to be pro=cured to any amount and on my taking up money for my Bill on the Paymaster General, I was, of course, obliged to take the Currency of the Place (Pr. la Nova Pagodas and Coley Fanams) and which was tendered at the exchange of the Place, and at the rate I paid all Monthly Charges, and the reason of it not being received, I have repeatedly heard mentioned, was, that it would be giving up a point to the Pay Master, as, by the Orders given out with the Army, Star Pagodas were promised, In consequence of your letter, as I expect to Money from the Collector I shall tender to the Commanding Officer of the 13th Battalion Pagodas but it will be Portanova Pagodas, and the fanams I have I shall Issue for my Monthly Disbursements –

I have this day tendered Payment to the Commanding Officer of the 9th Battalion in Portanova Pagodas but he has refused to take them at the declared exchange of the place. –

In the latter part of your letter I am called on to explain the cause of my tendering Payment in Colly Fanams on the first of the Month of February at the exchange of thirteen and a Half, and on the 19th

of

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of the same Month that I priced them at thirteen and three Quarters.—

I positively deny having done so, and, im-
=mediately on Receipt of your letter, waited on the Commandi-
=ing Officer of the Garrison, with the Papers containing
my Private and Publick Disbursements as sent from Dindi-
=gul by my servant by which account it appears that on the
1st of February, exclusive of the Fanams sent for the pay-
=ment of the Donation there were only 1 to 3 Fanams in my
Cash Chest, and that on the 19th of the Month as money
was paid at my Office, and, as my Agent must account
to me for the Fanams at the exchange I sent them
from this, 13½ for a Pagoda, it is not probable that
he would tender them at a higher rate than he received
them from Madura, as, on a former occasion, my asser-
=tion did not make the impression I could have wished
I swore before Colonel Sale to having received the papers
then produced as the Issues of Cash sent me by my
Servant from Dindigul, and desired he would then
put his Initials to them for fear of any alterations before
I could have them Copied, in case they should be ne-
=cessary on any future occasion.—

It will give me concern to be under the
Displeasure of the President in Council, and I doubt
not I shall at all times be able to confute the Malici-
=ous assertions made to my disadvantage on their
being made known to me.—

Where a person has been known not
to have met in his Official Capacity the support he thought

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thought his Right, he will ever be subject to Malitious and ill natured Representations if they are not checked. Conscious of the Rectitude of my intentions I shall ever be ready to meet the most particular investigation of my conduct, if any Feelings as an injured person may make one use strong expressions I trust they will not be construed into disrespect to those whose Orders I am subject to and shall be ever ready to execute to the best of my abilities.

Madura
1st April 1794.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) H. Vaughan
Paymr

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

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

Honble Sir,

From Auditor General reporting on the Complaints of Captns Croker and Oliver against the conduct of Mr. Paymaster Vaughan—papers Enclosed.

In consequence of your commands signified in Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of the 21st Ultimo, I have considered that furnishing Govt with a Copy of the several matters complained of in the letters from Captains Croker and Oliver on which a deviation from the orders he had received for the Conduct of his department would clearly Appear, in case Mr. Vaughan did not assign sufficient

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sufficient reasons in support of the manner in which he had executed his duty, was the most likely means of my having an Opportunity to lay before you the Report which is required by Mr Jackson's letter of the 28th Ultimo, and, consequently, I selected and transmitted to Mr Vaughan Copies of every matter of the above description, with the Orders contained in the copy of my letter marked No 1, to which I have only received, within these few days, the letter from Mr Vaughan marked No 2 whereof a copy and of its enclosures are herewith sent in.

I proceed now to report as follows, on these several matters, in communication with the explanations given by Mr Vaughan.

First that Captain Croker having stated in general terms that the Money offered in Bills of Janams in part payment of his Abstract for Additional donation was for Pagodas 3000, and that the remainder was offered in Porto Novo Pagodas at 11⅛ of the latter and 11 Coily Janams ₱ 100 Star Pagodas: it does not therefore Appear that Mr Vaughan proposed a mode of payment through the Medium of Porto Novo Pagodas in consequence of which blame should be imputed to him for the loss which Captain Croker has stated would be sustained by the Corps by receiving a proportion of the Abstract at the above exchange, because the Government General Orders of 6th November last directed that the Additional donation was to be paid in Gold at the

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the exchange of Fourty Five fanams & Pagoda, and because it appears, at the same time, on a calculation made from Lieut.t Colonel Sales Statement of the Exchange at Madura in the copy of his letter marked B which has been brought forward in explanation by Mr. Vaughan, that 114 Porto Novo Pagodas and 11 Coily fanams was equal at that Station to 100 Star Pagodas into which latter Coin the conversion of the fanams was adopted in all the Abstracts for Additional Donation, and praised Accordingly for the Actual Amount pay-able for each, according to the Orders of 6.th November last. I cannot however form any judgement how far a loss would have arisen by the payment of Pagodas 3000 in Coily fanams, as the exchange at which they were offered is not stated in Captain Cookes letter; I think it most probable however that Mr. Vaughan Offered them on the same principle of calculation that guided him in regard to the Porto Novo pagodas.

I have to observe, however, in regard to the rates of Exchange, that if the Order of Government conveyed to me in Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of 7.th November 1792 and which was communicated to Mr. Vaughan, is applicable to the Payments at Madura, as well as to those at Dindigul Mr. Vaughan, in such case, has deviated from the Orders he has Re-ceived for the Conduct of this department, by not issuing the Porto Novo Pagodas at an exchange which would have yielded at Madura 87 1/2 Coily

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fanams for every Star Pagoda that remained to be discharged of Captain Broker's Abstract, on a supposition that a partial payment had been made in Coily fanams equal to Pagodas 3000 which sum of Pagodas 3000 would also, in such case, have fallen to be discharged at the same rate - the order to which I allude is as follows - "That Two Madras fanams and 45 5/7 Madras Cash be considered equal to One Coily fanam 57 1/2 Coily fanams equal to One Star Pagoda - and 66 Coily Cash to one Coily fanam, and that to the Troops in the Dindigul district their future paid conformably to those rates of Exchange" - besides which, I beg leave to add that it may be necessary to have a reference to the Correspondence and papers on which this order of Government was founded -

Second In respect to the delay in discharging the Abstracts for Additional donation which has been complained of, I beg leave to refer to what Mr Vaughan has stated in his letter on this point, and to the Vouchers thereon, to which he has refered; I can only add, on this part of the subject, that it appeared to me, by the Government Orders of 29th October last, that it was intended the several Paymasters at the Out stations should draw on the Military Paymaster General on the 25th November following for the Cash required to discharge the Additional donation; but, on considering what Mr Vaughan has stated, in explanation of the causes of delay, it would seem that a subsequent communication with the Military Paymaster General was necessary

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exclusive of what depended on the Collectors and if the necessity in these cases is admitted, Mr Vaughan could not have been in posession of the Cash, I conceive, many days earlier than the date of his Notification on that head to Captains Croker and Oliver

Third The matters that follow in the Order on which explanations have been required from Mr Vaughan in my letter of the 10th instant, are concerning Ensign Langs pay, and the rate at which the Puckallies for the 13th Battalion were paid by Mr Vaughan for the Months of November and December 1793.

Ensign Langs pay was necessarily included in the Abstract of Captain Olivers Battalion for the period mentioned by the latter; but this Abstract being in Mr Vaughans posession does not appear to me to prove that the Amount of Ensign Langs share of it, who was absent from the Station at the time the Abstract was discharged, has been paid, bonâfide to Ensign Lang or to any other person, except the Vakeel, on his Account; and it is equally certain I believe as stated by Mr Vaughan that the receipts of the Officers individually have never been thought of as necessary Vouchers. I do not find that any Answer was sent by Mr Vaughan to the Extract of Letter from Captain Oliver which he has forwarded marked F, but cannot take upon me to say, under the particular circumstances of this case, whether the Money should be made good to Ensign Lang in whose behalf Captain Oliver has demanded it, by Mr Vaughan, or by the Estate of the Vackeel

because

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because it appears to have been perfectly regular in Mr. Vaughan
to issue the Amount through the Vakeel, who was under
the Orders of the Paymaster, at the period in question, to
assist in making the distributions of pay or other al-
=lowances to the Corps. —

Fourth The Supplement to the printed Re-
=gulations states as follows applicable to Puckallies at the
period included in the complaint of Captain Oliver. —

"A Puckally, or Bullock and Driver,
"to whatever Corps attached, are paid Pagodas 3. 8. 32.
"P Month. the Driver when in Camp receives two fanams
" P Day. "

"Artificers and Puckallies are to be fur-
"=nished and paid by the Paymaster; but they are to be
"neither removed nor Exchanged without the Consent of
"the Officer Commanding the Corps to which they are
"attached."

I have examined the Abstracts of
Captain Oliver's Battalion for Two Months prior to
November 1792 and for November and December of
that Year, in consequence of the complaint containing
the sum paid to the Puckallies of his Corps, and find
them uniformly drawn for in the Abstracts, and so
Charged for in the disbursements of the Corresponding
Months, at Pagodas 3. 8. 32 each. —

As You will observe, from Mr. Vaughans
explanation on this head, that he does not contradict
what Captain Oliver has advanced relative to this
payment, and states his reasons for it, I have only
to

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to add that, as I conceive it appears by the Regulations that Pagodas 3 " 8 " 32 was allowed at the time for what is described as a Puckally, the Orders for a 6" Paymaster's department have been deviated from on the part of Mr Vaughan provided the sum of two pagodas monthly to each Puckally as stated by Captain Oliver was the Amount issued for each attached to the 13th Battalion for the Months of November and December 1792, unless Your Honble Board shall be of Opinion that the payment of Two pagodas for each was admissible under the circumstances which might occasion an Advantage to the Paymasters according to the Casualties among the Bullocks, or the durability of the Puckally Bag provided with each, which, although not specially adverted to in describing a Puckally in the Regulations is nevertheless part of the Provision for which 3 " 8 " 32 ℔ Month is I conceive allowed; and therefore as Mr Vaughan at the time may be sup= =posed to have been at a first expence for Bullocks and Bags, I cannot take upon me to say decidedly that the payment of Two pagodas ℔ Month to each Puckally for November and December 1792 is a direct deviation from the Order as it stands in the Regulations, unless the puckallies in question shall be found to have been hired from a third person at the Monthly regulated rate of Pags = =das 3 " 8 " 32 whereas if the Paymaster who

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who was Authorized to furnish them at the time, had been previously in Advance of Cash for the Bullocks and bags, the two pagodas pr Month for the Months in question might have been a fair disbursement, for I cannot suppose that a Buckally, as described in the regulations, can be obtained in any part of the Country at so low a monthly rate as two pagodas which is not much more I conceive, than the Wages generally allowed for the subsistence of the Bullock driver.

Fifth. In regard to the last matter on which I required an explanation from Mr Vaughan, I have to observe that, although the loss to the Officers may be at the rate of 5 pr Cent on the odd Fanams, which fall to be added upon the Exchange of the place, it must, on the whole, be considerable, especially as those in the part of their allowances termed 'Subsistence' falls to be converted at the Exchange of Fourty Fanams pr pagoda.

Sixth On the subject of your Orders contained in Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of 26th instant, and the inclosures which Accompanied it, I can add nothing more particular, from the information thus before me, in regard to Mr Vaughan's Conduct, as the rates of Exchange as well as the delays complained of fall to be considered of from what has already been stated, in communication with the rate of Exchange between Porto Nove and Star Pagodas at Dindigul, which, if mentioned, would

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would have afforded an Opportunity of judging how far the Amount Offered in the former Coin is adequate to the discharge, at that place, of an Abstract passed for a given Amount in Star Pagodas; unless it shall appear that Mr Vaughan had the means of paying the Abstract, at once, in the latter Coin.

From the nature of this last re= =presentation in the Court that relates to the Coin called the "Coily Fanam" which does not appear to have been a new subject of grievance in the South= =ern Countries for many Years past, I am led to consider that calling in the whole of these Fanams, if not the total abolition of them, as soon as in either case they can be replaced by a proper Coinage, may be judged a necessary Measure by your Honble Board, with such other Measures as you may deem expedient, in communication with His Highness the Nabob, for establishing, upon fixed principles, the relative rates of the several Coins which are or Struck in the Mints of the Honble Company and of his Highness. In regard to these Coily Fanams, in particular, I beg leave to Notice, on the present oc= =casion, that it appeared in the Correspondence which took place concerning them in October and November 1793 that they were received by the Collector in the Dindigul province and likewise issued by him in Advance to the Paymaster at 17½ ℳ Star Pago= =da, and that, in the Correspondence now before

Yours,

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You, they are issued in the Advances at no more than 15/2
at Madura, at which rate also I believe they are received
in the Collections there — these circumstances in communi=
=cation with the repeated complaints appears to render some
efficient alteration of the Coinage in these Districts
essentially necessary, as the Caily Fanam seems to be so
very inferior and Acceptionable as to have been the
cause, in almost every instance, of the loss by which the
Troops are represented to suffer so considerably —

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor General's
Office Fort St. George
31.st March 1794

Colonel H. Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I have received your letter dated the
10.th March with its inclosures: I, in consequence, sent a letter
to the Commanding Officer of this Garrison. The Enclosure
A is a Copy; The inclosure B. is his Answer, the incls=
=sure C. is copy of Mr. Roebuck's letter to me Authorizing
me to draw, should the Collector not supply me with money:
it took me some time before I could ascertain from the C.
Collector if he could supply me. The inclosure D. will
shew his reply to me, on receipt of which I endeavor to
procure money at Madura for my Bill without
success; and was informed I could procure money at
Tinnevelly for my Bill; as soon as I would get the
money

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money I wrote to Captain Croker, Copy of which letter was forwarded by Captain Croker to Colonel Braithwaite as appears by your inclosure marked B.

In reply to Captain Oliver's letter of the 31st December on my procuring the money for the Donation it was dispatched under a Guard of Sepoys from this, and the inclosure D will shew why it was not immediately paid, and my Servant, on the 4th of January, writes that the Vakeel had refused to take the Donation half in Fanams and half in Pagodas at the current Exchange by order of Captain Oliver.

In reply to Captain Oliver's letters of the 11th September the first I learnt of Mr Lang was in Consequence of a letter received from Captain Oliver dated in March of which the inclosure F. is an Extract, my people tell me they paid the full amount of the Abstract, and it must appear Extraordinary to every impartical person that a demand should be made of me for the receipt for an Officers pay when the Abstract is the only Voucher, and the demand not made untill the death of the Vakeel, and Captain Oliver says I ought to pay, because the Vakeel paid every other Officer: did Captain Oliver or any other of his Officers give me a receipt for their pay for that Month or any other time since? —

What is said of the alteration of pay to the Buckallies may be very true. The

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Puckallies were considered as an advantage to the several Paymaster untill the end of that year, when it was taken from them, the advantage was given up by me to the Conductors under me or some of my Servants, and which I thought more deserving of such indulgence from me than so troublesome a person as Captain Oliver ever had been to me from the moment of his arrival at Dindigul - I suppose the arrangement for the Bullocks and bags was not finally settled at the time the Bullocks were taken again by Captain Oliver; for I have it under his hand that the whole were his property -

I now have to speak of Captain Oliver's letter of date the 22d September addressed to the Adjutant General with three inclosures: in the first, Numbered 5 - The Officers, at least those whose names are to the letter, state the matter as if depending on me the rate at which the fanams in the abstract are paid, I have strictly adhered to the General order of the 19th March 1793 of - which Captain Oliver send a proff by the translate No 7; and, as a corroboration, reference may be made to my Account Current where the difference between the Madras fanams at 42 and 47 is brought to the Company's Credit, as directed by the abovementioned order; how the Calculate it made that they lose 5 p.c. Cent, I cannot make out, To all the subscribing Officer, I believe, at the General rated Exchange of the Company and the nominal

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at Dendigul the difference, one Month with another, would not make that of one Rupee, as the Fanams due to an Officer is generally much under one hundred.

It is further asserted that they sus-=tain a loss in paying the Merchants at Trichino-=poly I know the General usage of that place is, that the Bills are drawn in the Currency of the place &c. F. A. P. had they said Madras, there the bills are made in Star Pagoda, and the difference of the Ex-=change much greater. The subscribing Officers bear testimony to the good Conduct of the person who I have trusted to make the payment for me, as or whatever has been the fluctuation in the Exchange, as asserted, Mr. M Leod, has invariably paid me at one, and at which rate I have issued the Cash from the Office: with respect to Mr. MacLeod's Letter No. 6, I beg to say that when fanams have been issued by me at the Office they have never been issued by one Quarter of a fanam in the P. A. P. so low as therein stated to be the exchange.—

I hope and trust I have now Answered to the several insinuations to your Satisfaction, and am sorry to have been the cause of taking up so much of your time; and I think I can with safety declare that the generallity of the Natives would have been happy to have received the donation as tendered by me: not wishing further Trespress on your time I shall only mention that the other Corps entitled to the donation where the Cody fanam is current

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have been perfectly satisfied to receive the greatest part of their donation in Colly fanams and a very share in P. N. P. and that the Star Pagoda and Silver fanams must be considered as a nominal Coin in the districts to which I at present stand appointed Paymaster. I shall at all time be ready to issue the Company's money at Dendigul at the rate I receive it from Mr. M'Leod, or in any other manner laid down to me by Government, whose orders I shall ever endeavor to comply with to the best of my Judgement.—

The Abstracts being so particularly mention as necessary by the late Book of forms makes it unnecessary for me to say any thing on that head. I have only further to add that the Commanding Officers of the 9th and 13th Battalions have been informed that the donation money is ready whenever they choose to receive it as before tendered.—

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) H. Vaughan
Paymr

Madura
21st March 1794.

A true Copy
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Asst. Adjt. General.—

(Copy

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Copy of a letter to Colonel Sale, A

Lieutenant Colonel Sale
Commanding Madura.

Sir

Having received a letter from the Secre=
=tary to the Government, in which is expressed the dis=
=pleasure of the President, and that no final Deter=
=mination with respect to me will take place untill
they receive the Military Auditor Generals report &.
upon the Correspondence transmitted to Government
by Captain Oliver and Croker, and having received
a letter from the Military Auditor General to give
him some explanations, I have the honor to send you
inclosed an Extract of the before mentioned letter
and have to request you will enable me to Reply
to it by declaring the rate of Exchange at therein
mentioned, and being called on, on a supposite=
=on of having been culpable, I have to request you
will do me the favor to declare if at any time since
you have Commanded in this Garrison any part of
my conduct has appeared to you as seeming to
withhold the payment due to the Troops under your
Command or that you found that payment was
ever tendered to them at a different Exchange than
the one declared in the Garrison orderly Book.

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

Madura
20th March 1794. — Signed J. Vaughan
Pay Mr.

Extract

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Extract of a letter from Colonel Henry Malcolm - Military Auditor General - dated 10th March 1794.

In consequence of the Orders sent to me from Government it becomes necessary that you furnish me with explanations on the following points as early and as fully as possible.-

First In regard to Captain Croker's representation, I desire to be informed of the rate of Exchange at Madura between the Porto Novo Pagodas and the daily fanams at the time the Abstract of the 9th Battalion for additional Donation was presented for payment, in consequence of your letter of the 19th January last to Captain Croker; it will also be necessary that you inform me of the cause that presented your being in possession of Cash to discharge the Additional Donation in the end of November or Begining of December last.

Copy of a letter from Colonel Sale

Hugh Vaughan Esqr.

Pay Master

Madura.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of Yesterday, inclosing an Extract of a letter from Colonel Malcolm Military

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Military Auditor General wherein he desires you will inform him of the rate of Exchange at Madura between the Porto Novo Pagoda and the Coily Fanams, I can af=firm that the Exchange at Madura has been invariable, for about Nine Months past, at thirteen and a half /13½/ Coily Fanams for the Port Novo Pagoda and the difference between the Star and Port Nova Pagoda has for several years been two /2/ Coily Fan=ams, which gives, at the present rate, fifteen and a half /15½/ Coily Fanams for the Star Pagoda

I have also to declare that, during the time I have commanded this Garrison, I have always found you ready to issue Pay to the Troops when you have had Public Money - and to my Knowledge you have more than Once Advanced Your own Money for that purpose when you have not had public Cash in the Chest. -

I can safely say that I never heard of your tendering Payment to the Troops at a different Exchange then the one declared in the Garrison Orderly book.

Madura
21st March 1794

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) R. Sale
Lt Col.

Copy

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C.

Copy of a Letter from the Military Paymaster General

Mr Hugh Vaughan

Paymaster at Madura.

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated Nov-
-ember 28th I have to inform you Mr Landon has
received the Orders of Government to supply you with
Cash to the Amount of the Estimate.-
In the Event of Mr Landon's
being unable to supply the Amount required, you
are to draw Bills on me for the same provided you
can do it at for.

I am

Fort St. George
7 December 1793.

&c. &c.
(Signed) B. Roebuck
Asst. Pm. Genl.

D.

Extract of a letter from J. Landon Esq. dated 19th Decr 1793.

I am favored with your letter of the 14th
and 15th; together with the Bill No 9:
I have 4,000 Star Pagodas in the Cash
Chest but do not expect to receive any more this Month.-
Marten will, I imagine, take the 4,000
Stars I have in hand: so much for resources in the
Money way.

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E.

Extract of a letter from Chedemberam Writer to the Paymaster at Dindigul.

Respected Sir;

I have received your favor with the Money for Donation to the 13th. Battalion yesterday Evening, and I have offered the payment to them this Morning, as the Part of its will be paid in Fanams, as I received, as Sack, the Acting Vakeel, will not receive it unless he got an order from his Captain Oliver as he has wrote about it. and he says when he does he will do Agreeable to Captain Oliver's order.

F.

Extract of a letter from Captain S. Oliver — dated 11th March 1793.

"I enclose you an Abstract of Pay and
"Allowances due to Ensign George Lang who was Removed
"from my Battalion on the 17th October, which I
"repeatedly called upon the Head Conicopoly of any
"Battalion to bring me in order to give him a Receipt
"for the Amount as the Vakeel died at Dindigul on
"the 8th Inst. Request that you will send me the Amount,
"which was included in the Abstracts for September
"and October, but not discharged, that I may em-
"brace the opportunity of taking it with me to
"Madras."

True Copies
Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Lieutenant

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Observations of the Board on the foregoing subject.

Lieutenant Colonel Sale having stated in the most explicit manner that he knew of no instance whatever, where Mr. Vaughan had tendered payment to the Troops under his Command at a less Exchange than that which was current in the District, or had ever been backward in his payments, when he had public Money in his hands, the Board cannot but consider such testimony as tending to a full acquittal of the Paymaster on the complaint preferred by Captain Broker.

The orders of the 7th November 1792 had reference only to payments made in the Dindigul District; and Mr. Vaughan was therefore right in not considering them as applicable to the payments at Madura. —

The Board are of opinion that the delay occasioned in the discharge of the abstracts for additional donation was unavoidable on the part of the Paymaster, and, that the reasons he has assigned sufficiently Evince that he made the necessary communication to Captains Broker and Oliver, as soon as he was possessed of the means to enable him to take up the abstracts.

It appears, from the explanation given by the Military Auditor General, (and which the Board approves) that Ensign Langshay was of necessity included in the abstract of Captain Oliver's Battalion — that, the whole amount, as shewn in the

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the abstract, having been issued to the Vackeel of that Battalion, according to the regulations then in force, the Paymaster could be no further responsible and that, as the pay in question was in the hands of the Vackeel at the time of his death the estate alone must be answerable for it.—

As the Paymaster was authorized at the time to furnish Puckallies for a fixed sum, the advantages, if any there were, appertained most certainly to him — and this was but reasonable, since he was at the first Expence for Bullocks and Bags. Under the explanation given by the Auditor General, the Board acquit the Paymaster of any deviation from the regulations of the Service, in the payment of the Puckallies.

Upon the whole, the Board are decidedly of opinion that Mr Vaughan has not, in any of the instances complained of by Captains Coker and Oliver, done any thing to justify censure upon his conduct.— It would be a circumstance very desireable to regulate the exchange in such way as would prevent all complaints, and the Board have not been backward in their endeavours to establish it— but, as it is impracticable to effort this point in districts which are under the Government of the Nabob, and where the exchange will always fluctuate at the will of the Circar, in spite of every exertion on the part of the Company to prevent it, Officers Commanding Corps should make proper allowance for this embarrassment

(and)

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and use their endeavors to reconcile the Troops under them to submit to an inconvenience, which it is impossible wholly to remedy.

further Resolutions

Resolved that a Copy of the Military Auditor General's Letter, with the Board's observations, be transmitted to the Officer Commanding the Army, and to the Paymaster at Madura; and that the latter be informed that, as some embarrassments are occasioned in the Nabob's Districts by the fluctuating rate of exchange and Debasement of the current Coins, the Board would have him observe every accommodation in his payments that may be practicable, and consistent with the public regulations laid down for his guidance

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite:—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite
Captain Lindsay requests
to resign the Command
of Pennacoil the Stores
and Troops there pre-
paratory to be withdrawn
Want of Quarters and
Barracks for the 25th
Battalion at Tricha-
nauld regarding the
Commander of Dindi-
gul and Report the
Party of Europeans at
Coimbatore not neces-
sary a Copy of the
25th Battalion dwin-
dled away in the Mug-
watore Country.

I have the Honor to lay before you a Letter* addressed to your Honor in Council by the Honorable Captain Lindsay: Captain Lindsay is certainly an Officer of very superior merit, and one who has served long and distressed much in this Country, and one who must be considered as unfortunate, in not having as yet obtained

* entered in Mil. No 31

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obtained any higher Rank; but, that being the case, he must be sensible that every thing has been done for him that the Circumstances and the rules of the Service admitted; indeed the latter have rather been passed over in Appointing him to the Command of a Garrison where there was no probability that any of His Majesty's Troops would be stationed.—

In the event of your Acceptance of Captain Lindsay's resignation of the Command of Permacoil, as the reason which heretofore led to the Appointment of an Officer to that Station (namely the vicinity of the French Garrison of Pondicherry) no longer exists, I am inclined to recommend that the Stores should be withdrawn from thence to Pondicherry and that in future no more than one Havildar, one Naigue, and twelve Sepoys be kept there.—

I have also the Honor to lay before you a letter† addressed to your Honor in Council from Captain Cameron who Commanded the 25th Native Battalion the Head Quarters of which are now at Salem; Also the Copy of a letter from him to me, and of one written by his Officers to him.— What Captain Cameron represents is very just— Salem was hitherto Garrisoned by a Detachment from the 22d Battalion, and required no Quarters but for the Commanding Officer— and not being Head Quarters required neither Hospital, or Regimental Store Room, or Sergeant's Quarters. Owing to the repeated and long continued sickness so

† MB.— 203.

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Sickness of the Engineers who have been employed in the Baramahal and Salem Countries, very little progress indeed has been made in that Department there, nor have the Military Board yet been able to receive those Plans and Estimates which would enable them to lay before you an opinion whether the present fort of Salem can be effectually repaired at a less expence than would be necessary to build a new one on a smaller Scale; I would therefore recommend that Captain Cameron, in whose prudence and discretion I have great confidence, be entrusted to make the best temporary Provision he can for his Serjeants, Regimental Hospital and Stores; and I am well convinced that this mode will subject the Honble Company to the least Expence; and that the Officers be allowed to draw House Rent.-

Captain Bong of the Engineers Corps is now at Salem, but has twice relapsed in the disorder for which he was lately obliged to come to the Coast, and has been unequal to duty but I hope he will soon enable the Military Board to recommend some final determination in regard to Salem; but I am sorry to learn from letters both from Captain Bong and Mr. Hughes that, that Country has disagreed so much with the Coast

Artificers

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Artificers that very few can be persuaded to stay.

I have given orders everywhere for the carrying into Execution the General orders of the 20th of February on the spirit of the letter which Mr. Jackson addressed to me, by your order, under date the 29th Ultimo; I find however that Muglatore and Nozeed do not both come entirely within the order—Nozeed doesen=tirely, but at Muglatore, there is a Stationary Com=pany of Native Invalids, Commanded, however, by an Effective Officer, Lieutenant Browne, which is in fact considered as the Command of Mugliatore, though usually Mr. Gantier has found it necessary to have another Officer there also, with an Effective Company—Colonel Fraser therefore writes me that he has relieved the Effective Company, but in con=formity to the spirit of Mr. Jackson's letter, a Copy of which I have transmitted to him—he has not received what is termed the Garrison of Mugla=tore.—

I am much obliged to you for adopting my reasoning in regard to the Garrison of Condapilly, and my recommendation of Major Vigors, both of them measures, which I am con=vinced will be greatly pleasing to the whole Service.

I am of opinion that the Detach=ment of Europeans is no longer necessary at Coringa, as all that Coast will be very unfavor=able for Shipping for some Months to come, during

which

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which every Apprehension relative to French Privateers will probably cease— That Detachment may therefore, I think, be ordered back to Ellore, and Lieutenant Riddell to join his Corps (the 16th Native Battalion) at Goo= =vincottah— It will however always be usefull to station a Detachment of Sepoys at Corringa, which I think may be furnished from Samulcottah, as there are no calls on that Garrison, now, on the Account of Peddapore.

The Horses purchased by Major Stevenson have been appropriated to his Corps, and Major Younge has received particular Orders relative to the People sent with Supplies of Horses by Captain Dallas; but I have as yet no report of their Arrival.—

I am sorry to report to you that an Effective Sepoy (one of the 8th Battalion) sent by Mr. Cambier, the Manager of Muglatore, with one of the Company's Peons, to demand Payment from some Inhabitants, has been beaten to Death by them, and that the Peon has already escaped with his Life.

I cannot conclude this Letter without expressing my Thanks for the very handsome terms in which Your Honor in Council has been pleased to cause Mr. Jackson, in his Letter of the 7th Ultimo, to ex= =press your Sentiments in Answer to my Application on behalf of my Secretary Lieutenant Wilson; who is much flattered thereby, and will be truely grate= =ful should you be pleased to record Your Approbation

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Approbation of his Conduct, and your Opinion of the claim he has to Notice, and it will be matter of great Satisfaction to myself.—

Military Head Quarters
Madras April 7th 1794

I have the Honor to be with Respect.
&c. &c.
Signed/ John Braithwaite

Minuted on the foregoing Letter from Colonel Braithwaite

Agreed that Captain Lindsays' resignation of the Command of Permacoil be accepted, and that the arrangements proposed by Colonel Braithwaite, in regard to that place be adopted; except only, that the Board think Invalid Sepoys will be sufficient for Permacoil, after the Stores have been removed to Pondicherry.—

Captain Lindsay having stated that he has expended the Sum of four Hundered (400) Pagodas, on building a quarter for himself at Permacoil, over and above the allowance of House Rent granted to him— Ordered that he be reimbursed the Amount.—

Resolved that Captain Cameron be authorized to construct temporary buildings of cheap Materials, for the Accommodation of the Serjeants Regimental Hospital, and Stores of his Corps— and that the Officers unprovided with public quarters at Salem be allowed House Rent.

Resolved that Lieutenant Bourne so be permitted to remain for the present in the Command

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Command of Bugalatore.—

Ordered that the Detachment of Euro-
-peans stationed at Porringa be returned to Ellore that
Lieutenant Riddle be directed to join his Corps at
Cofsimcottah and that a Jemadar's Guard, furnished
from Samulcotah, be, for the present, stationed at
Porringa.—

Agreed that the Board of Revenue be
directed to call upon Mr. Gambier to state particularly
for the information of Government, the cause that led
to the death of the Sepoy- ordering him at the same
time to apprehend the offenders.

Read the following letter from Cap-
-tain Doveton.—

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

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the re-
ceipt of your Letter of the 15th Instant accompanied
by a Heretah from Azim ul Omrah Bahaudre to Tippoo
Sultaun.— which has been delivered agreeably to the
directions of Government.—

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit
copy of a letter addressed to the Honorable the Go-
-vernor General,— from the perusal of which the
Honorable the Governor in Council will be informed
of

From Captain Dove-
-ton with an account
of his reception
by Tippoo Sultaun

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of what has occurred since my last Address to you of the 17th Instant.-

Camp near Devanelli
March 31st 1794

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

To the Honble Sir John Shore Baronet
Governor General
&c. &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir

I had the Honor of addressing you on the 21st Ultimo - six days previous to my departure from Madras.-

I have now the honor to acquaint you that on the 27th Instant the young Princes ascended the Gaults, - and encamped at the head of the Peddanaig-durgum Pass - At this place Meer Kayday Ali Khan, who had been sent by Tippoo Sultaun to provide whatever might be necessary on the road, met me with the Compliments of his Master.-

Tippoo Sultaun, having been on a circuit in his Country for two or three Months past, lay encamped with a small Army near Devanelle to which place he desired that the young Princes and myself might proceed - On the 29th Instant we reached the place of his Encampment - At the distance of about four Miles therefrom, three Khans of considerable Rank with a large train of Pikemen

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Pickeman, horse &c. met us - they delivered to me Compliments and congratulations on the part of their Master, and informed me that the Sultaun had sent an Elephant for my conveyance into Camp, whither they were directed to conduct me - Elephants were also sent for the two Princes, Golaum Ali Khan, and Ali Reza - Upon our arrival into Camp a Salute of twenty one Guns was fired - and the Khans, having conducted me to my tent, took their leave - Exclusive of my own Tents, Tippoo Sultaun had ordered Tents to be pitched for my accommodation, and every possible attention was paid to me on my arrival -

In the Evening Tippoo Sultaun sent me a Message that he should be happy to see me the following Day - Accordingly, on the 29th in the morning, in Company with the young Princes and Vackeels, and attended by one of the Khans who had come out to meet me the day before, I paid my first visit to the Sultaun - He received me in the most gracious manner, and, after compliments, continued his discourse by acquainting me that he entertained the most sincere friendship for Lord Cornwallis, who was a great Sirdar, and whom he considered, altho' now in England, as the Director of his Affairs, as the sincere well-wisher of the Shamady Sirkar, and whose advice he should always follow - He then enquired, Honorable Sir, of your health - and that of Sir Charles Oakeley

J

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I told him that Lord Cornwallis had directed me to give him the fullest assurance of the sincere friendship which he entertained towards him, and of his wish and firm hope that a constant intercourse of friend-=ship and Cordiality would subsist between the English and Shamady Sirkars, which would undoubtedly tend to the mutual benefit of each, and to the comfort of all who had the happiness of living under their Go-vernment.- I also informed the Sultaun that I was directed by you, Honorable Sir, to deliver to him, on your Part, the same friendly Message,- and also by Sir Charles Oakeley,- and that the account which I should now communicate to you of the safe arrival of the Sahebzadars to His Presence would afford you the sincerest Joy and Satisfaction.- I then presented to him the Letters with which I was charged from Lord Cornwallis, Yourself, and Sir Charles Oakeley and the Presents also from His Lordship and Sir Charles Oakeley were produced.

After all these ceremonials, the Sul-=taun entered into a very free and unreserved conver-=sation respecting the state of the French Nation and observed that they merited every misfortune they had suffered or might suffer for the daring and unheard of murder of their Sovereign.- He then entered on the subject of the English Government and Constitution.- the excellency of the nature and construction of which, as I explained it, he fully admitted.-

After