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

Dated 2 Ramzaun 1208 Hegery or 3 April 1794

Received 3d. do. do.

From the Board requests receipts for the Polygar Peshcash and for that of Tanjore.—

I have to request you will furnish me with a receipt for the amount of such Monies as have, to this time, been received from the Peaseush of the Polligars of the Carnatic, which I assigned over in part of the Company's Kists, and that, in future, you will give me a Receipt for the Peashcush, along with the Receipt for the Amount of each Month's Kist paid by me—whereby you will much oblige me.

Besides this you will be pleased to send me also a Receipt for the Amount of the Tanjore Peascash, which I assigned over to the Company.

What can I say more?

A true Translation

Signed/ David Haliburton

Persian Translator.

Minute on the subject.—

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wishes, and therefore did not renew the subject. Resolved that it be now repeated to him, and that he be acquainted that the sum of four Lacks, Sixty three thousand, two hundred and Thirty two Pagodas - Thirty five fanams - and Forty five Cash and a half (L. 63.232.35.45½) will be carried to his credit in the Company's Books being the amount of Polygar Peishcush (as transferred by Treaty) from the 12th of July 1792, to the 11th of April 1794. -

With respect to his Highness's desire to be furnished with a Receipt "for the amount of the Tanjore Peishcush which he has assigned over to the Company" it is agreed to notify to him that, as he has formally relinquished his claim to that Peishcush, it would neither be proper in the Board to give, nor could it be of any use to him to receive, an acknowledgement on that account. -

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Dated 26th March 1794.

From Rajah of Tanjore expressing his desire to visit Seringham Pagoda and that Colonel Maxwell with a Guard attend him requests also that the Rajah may be acquainted to direct proper attentions to be shewn him at Trichinopoly his Kist of 50,000 Pagodas will be paid on 1st April. -

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my own territory without acquainting you with my intention I addressed a letter to your Excellency two Years ago under date 5th January 92. and I also made my wish known thro' the means of Mr. Swartz. Your Excellency did not favor me with any answer, but sent a letter to the Padry; in consequence of which he informed me, according to Your desire "that, as it was the Nabob's Country, it was necessary to preserve a certain state; that the Company's troops ought to attend me; that, as the Company's Army had marched against Seringapatam, the troops in garrison here were insufficient; that after the War should be included and the Army returned, the Commandant here might be directed to attend me with some troops; and that it was proper, in your opinion, to defer the Journey". - In consequence of this I suspended all thought of going to Seringham.

I have long had an earnest desire of going to Seringham that I might obtain a sight of the God: as there is now no impediment from the War, and as peace reigns in every quarter, I have resolved on visiting the God at Seringham. I request therefore that your Excellency will send an order to the Commandant, Colonel Maxwell, to attend me to Seringham with five companies of Sepoys, two companies of Europeans, and four field pieces. - Seringham is in the Nabob's territory and near to Trichinopoly, where two of the Nabob's Sons reside: I request therefore that your Excellency will procure instructions from his Highness that, if I should go to Trichinapoly, his two Sons and the Commandant may come out to meet me and carry me back with [illegible]

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proper attention; and also that, if I should go to obtain a sight of the God on the Hill in the Fort, proper attentions may be shewn me there by His Highness's Sons. I request that your Excellency will send the necessary orders to the Command-ant at Trichinopoly. It is my intention to set out in the end of April, and, after seeing the Gods at Seringham and Trichinopoly, to return in eight or ten days to my own Fort. I beg the favor of your Excellency to prevent this matter from falling into delay, but obtain from the Nabob instructions to his Sons, and send orders yourself to the Commandants of Tanjore and Trichin-opoly with expedition, which will confer an obligation on me - as I have been favored and upheld by my friends the Company; I have the fullest confidence that your Excellency will enable me to accomplish my desire. all other information will be communicated to your Ex-cellency by my Vakeel. Believe me always your sincere friend. To a friend why should I write more?

The treaty stipulates that on the first of April I am to pay fifty thousand pagodas to the Compa-ny; and I have accordingly ordered my Vakeel to pay the fifty thousand Pagodas, into the Companys trea-sury at that period, and to take a receipt. The above Vakeel will therefore have paid this sum. and I request that your Excellency will order a receipt to be past for the amount. -

A true translation

(Signed) J. Webb

Mahrattah Translator

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Minute thereon.

As the Board see no objection to a compliance with the Rajah's desire, it is agreed to request of the Nabob to send orders to his Sons at Trichenopoly to receive the Rajah, on his approach to that place, with the attentions due to his rank.—

Read the following letter from the Rajah of Calastry (entered also in C.C. No. 314)

Translation of a Letter,

From Damerla Komar Tenkttup Nair Rajah of Calastry

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. — Governor of Madras.

Dated 5th
Received 7th } April 1794.

From Rajah of Calastry advising of a Demand made upon him by the Nabob for Troops.—

I have received an Enayetnamah from his Highness the Nawab Walajah desiring me to send a Body of Men, under a proper Leader, to act in conjunction with some Troops which his Highness is about to detach from Chittore, for the purpose of punishing Namup Nair the Poligar of Nogeral, who hath lately committed many Enormities in Chittore, and the Talooks of the Sirkar oppressing the Ryots and doing much Mischief.

Deeming your Sanction Necessary, however, for this Business, I do myself the Honor to apprize you of the Order, and shall act in conformity with any Commands you may be pleased to issue in Consequence. — What more &c. &c.

/Signed/ A. Tulcomar

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Agreed

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Agreed that the Sabob be requested to state the particulars of the Moogral Polegar's Miscon-duct, that the Board may communicate the same to the Governor General in Council, without whose concur-rence, they think it advisable that no measure of the nature stated by the Calastry Rajah, should be taken.

Minute thereon

Read the following letter from the Supravisor of the Malabar Province.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council &c. &c.

at

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir

From Mr. Stevens stating the Measures taken for seizing Tomba Goundan — and other fugitives from Tippoo's Country. —

Your favor of the 27th December, owing to the indisposition of my predecessor Mr. Farmer, was not so soon replied to, as the Subject required, but that Gen-tleman having relinquished his Station of Supravisor, to which I have been appointed by the Bombay Government, I take this opportunity of explaining the

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the Conduct, which has been pursued Relative to the fugitives from the Dominions of Sippoo Sultaun, to the Malabar Province. The most Considerable of the Rebellious Polygars of the Sultaun's Dominions, who sought an Asylum in the Company's Districts is as known here by the Name of Somba Gounda, or Swara, who, having come into the Province with some hundred of followers, was driven out by our Troops, then in the Districts of Palghaut and Narootum, and the Commanding Officer entered into a Correspondence with the Sepahdar of Sippoo's Forces, named Sazib Khan; and concerted measures not only to put a Stop to the depradations of the Gounda but likewise of the Pereneyr Colote Rajahs, who were then in rebellion against the Company, and Occasionally Retired to the Sultaunds Districts; in consequence of which, Sazib Khan had an Opportunity of attacking and defeating Somba Gounda, who then left that part of the Annually Woods which borders on our Districts, and retired to some part of the Coim-

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Combetore, where the Co-operation of our Troops was not
Required - From the Nature of the Malabar Country, bor-
-dering on the Districts of Tippoo Sultaun, it is difficult
to Know when his Rebellious Subjects may take Refuge
therein, and more difficult to secure them; but orders simi-
-lar to those issued by Your Government have been in
force thro' all the Districts of the province, and every
application for an Asylum has been peremptorily
Refused, particularly one of a very recent date, from
the Rolliseram Rajah - Such being the Conduct of those
entrusted with the Management of the Company's
Affairs in this part of the Ceded Countries, it might have
been expected that the Sultaun would have been equally
careful to shew his disposition to Conform to the terms
of the late Treaty; but his reception of a Rebellious
Fugetive from the Company's District of Vellatre
(Errumbulcherry Cona Moota Moopa) indicates the
Contrary - for the Sultaun not only received him in a
most gracious manner, making him considerable pre-
-sents, but released, at his Intercession, a Number of
Mapilla Families which had been several Years
in Confinement at Seringapatam, and on the De-
-parture of Cona Moota, supplied him with some Stand
of Arms (and if my Intelligence is not erroneous)
encouraged him to continue his Rebellious Con-
duct, until it might suit the Sultaun to attempt

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the Recovery of his late Malabar Dominions.

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

Signed / J. Stevens.

Calicut
22d March 1794.

Minute thereon.

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to Captain Doveton, with directions to take an opportunity of communicating such parts of it to the Vackeels of Sippoo, as may be necessary for the information of their Master. —

Lieutenant Handasyde's Appointment of Judge Advocate to the Kings Troops to be noted in Gen.l orders.

The Commander in Chief in India having granted a Warrant to Lieutenant Handasyde, of his Majesty's 52d Regiment, to officiate as Judge Advocate at General Courts Martial of the Kings Troops in India, the President proposes that the same be notified in General Orders.

Ordered accordingly

Lieutenant J.A. Kirkpatrick appointed Persian Interpreter to the Nizam's Detachment. —

The President proposes also, that Lieutenant James Achilles Kirkpatrick be appointed Persian Interpreter to the Detachment serving with his Highness the Nizam vice Malcolm resigned. —

Ordered accordingly —

Death of Ensign G. F. Willman. —

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Ensign G. F. Willman of the 9th Battalion Native Infantry at Negapatam on the 26th Ultimo.

Chas Oakeley.

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A Falconer

(d) George Parry
Lt. & Sec.y

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Diary

Received the following letters.

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Resident at Hyderabad with Translate of a letter from the Nabob to the Nizam, regarding the Conduct of Hummeed Ul Dowlah, a Party intended to be sent to expell him from the Adoniapah Country.

I have the honor to enclose, for the information of the Board, copy of a Letter from the Nabob of Arcot to his Highness the Nizam, which has been sent to me by the Durbar, with a notification of an intention to send some troops from Lenee towards Kurpah to chastise Hummeed Dowlah, the person therein alluded, to and at the request that I would recommend the necessary measures for preventing his receiving protection, or permission to levy Troops, in the Company's Districts for the purpose of molesting those of his Highness, in the event of his being now expelled

from

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1a from the latter. In reply I have informed Azeem
Ul Omrah that, as I have heard nothing of the
supposed operations of this person from Madras,
I imagine, the Nabob Walajah has greatly ~
magnified the matter; but, notwithstanding this,
the application having been repeated to me, ~
with further notice of the intention of sending
Troops, I beg leave to request that the Board
will adopt such steps as may appear proper
on the occasion, and inform me of any particulars
that may be necessary for the Satisfaction of
this Durbar.

Camp at Bider
31st March 1794.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Wm Kirkpatrick

Translate Copy of an Arzee from the Nabob
Mohomed Ali Khan, Walajah Bahader &c &c
To His Highness the Nawab Nizam ud ~
Dowlah Bahauder &c &c &c

Without Date
Received at 29th March 1794.

About four, Years ago,
when

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10 when Hummeed ud Dowlah Bahauder arrived
here the first time I honored him (on account of
my respect for your Highness) every attention
of hospitality and Kindness - Supplied him
with Money for his Monthly and for his
Extraordinary Expences - he was guilty of some
irregularities which were indecorous to his Rank
and unbecoming of his Character; never the less
I omitted not my Civility, but continued to him,
as formerly, my Support.

At length, however, he re-
turned in disgust - and repaired, it seems,
to Vizeriam - Ranze, (at Vizagapatam) where
also he became dissatisfied, having committed
similar Improprieties, and returned a second
time to this Place -

I appointed him an
allowance of 2000 Rupees P Month - supplied
him besides with various Articles; and,
notwithstanding, on the former and the latter
occasion, this allowance was regularly paid, he
withdrew again, and maintained small Parties
of

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10 of Infantry, Guns and Horse, which he secretly
posted in several of my Talooks.

To prevent these Circumstances
from coming to the knowledge of the Europeans —
and lest they should, in Consequence, adopt
measures which might prove disagreeable to
your Highness; I detached a force which dispersed
Hummeed ud Dowlah's Adherents and I
appointed an Escort of my people to attend
him —

But these measures were not
effectually to check the Enormities of his Followers,
who, in their nocturnal Rambles, are guilty of the
most licentious Actions — robbing the Houses
of Sahukars — seizing and abusing the Wives
and Daughters of Travellers, Laborers &c., and
plundering Bazars.

Some of these people, who have
been apprehended, declare, that Hummeed ud
Dowlah's first Intention was to ravage my
Talook — I am now informed, that he has
collected,

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to collected, in the District of Cuddapah a Body of
1200 Horse, (which he pays at the rate of 4 Anas
a day) and with which he means to pillage the
District and to intercept the Treasure sent by the
Amils to your Treasury. — I have consequently
apprized the Governor of Madras and the
Commanding Officer at Cuddappa, of these
Circumstances.

It has been understood from
the Conversation of these people that this man
is extremely disaffected towards your Highness —
It would be proper therefore in the Event of his
Return thither, to deny him access to your —
illustrious presence — nay to have him instantly
arrested, either by the Issue of the promptest
Mandates, or by detaching a force, for the
purpose — otherwise he will abscond: — and
permit me to advise, that the predominating
Clemency of your Highness's Disposition, may not
for it should so, on the present Occasion, —
mitigate the Demands of inflexible Justice.

Induced by my Regard for your
illustrious.

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Induced by my Regard for your illustrious

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to illustrious Person, (which is a Source of Comfort to <u>believers</u> and of Satisfaction to your faithful Subjects;) I have troubled your Highness with this address.—

A true Translation

Signd A Falconar

Dep.t Sec.y & Transl.r

To W.m C. Jackson Esq.r

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From Requester of the Nabobs Debt—the Devidend Books preparing—report relative to the Bonds mentioned by the Nabob.

I have received your letter of the 3d Instant enclosing a letter from His Highness the Nabob.

The Devidend Books since the 1.st January 91 the date of the last sent to his Highness shall be prepared up to the 10.th May Ensuing as soon after that as Devidend is made as they can be Copied out.—

The other Books requested by his Highness Can only be given from the Treasury

A Falc.r

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To Office —

I have Examined the New Cavalry Register, and find there was a Bond Registered on the 31st December 1789. in the Names of — George, Thomas, and Henry Redhead dated 26th November 86 for Pagodas 13,825. 35. 66. — Inclose, Copy of the Original Bond and the Endorsements upon it. The Certificate Signed Henry Redhead upon the Copy of the Bond transmitted to me with Their Highnesses Letter, does not appear upon the Original. — I have only further to add that the Amount Principal now due upon this Bond, standing in the name of George, Thomas and Henry Redhead, is . . . . . Pags. 1189. 13. 77.

and that there will be due on the 10th May next for Interest . . . 72. 17. 78

Total Pagodas 1,261. 31. 75.

I am
&c. &c.
(Signed) Tho.s Cockburn
Register

Madras
8th April 1794.

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Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in W.B. No.s 32 33 34 35 36.

From Captain Monsons

From Commandant at —

Chingleput advising of a French Officer being sent thither from Pondicherry.

From Major Burr.

From Dildo in the Guntore Circar has delivered over the Command of the Troops to Major Wynch.

From Mons.r St. Olulgence.

From Mons.r St. Tulgence relative to the Claim of the Widow Johannes Senan on account of Ground on Hog Hill.

From Major Roberts

From Commandant of the Nizam's Detachment requesting to know in what mode the Surplus of Cash in hands is to be remitted to the Presidency.

From Lieutenant St. Leger.

From Officer Commanding of the 3.d Regiment requesting that the Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters may partake of the Indulgence granted to the Troopers, in respect to Rice.

Despatched the following Letters

To

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To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

To Bengal respecting the claims to the Zaghiredary of Arnee and requesting their sentiments thereon

Honble Sir,

The Honble the Court of Directors in their letter of the 25th June 1793 expressed their desire that the Subject of the succession to the Zaghiredarship of Arnee, should undergo a re-consideration in consequence of the remonstrances of Manekatroon, one of the Claimants, against the resolution adopted in the Government of Mr. Holland for bestowing the Zaghiredary on Sheenevasa Row, the Son of the adopted Son of Premdroon who was confirmed in the Zaghirie by the Treaty of 1762.

In a few days after our receipt of those orders from the Court, Sheenevasa Row died without issue — but it appears that a short time previous to his death, he assembled his Friends, and in their presence gave authority to his principal wife to adopt (agreeably to the law of the Shaster) a Son, who should succeed to the Zaghirie.

Pc

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The Board of Revenue, to whom the Subject was referred, deemed it necessary to take the opinion of several Pundits on the question of adoption by the Wife, under the authority of the Husband at his death — and it would seem, by their answer, that a Son, so adopted, would, according to the Shaster, have the exclusive of Right Inheritance; but, as the Board observe this opinion differs from the ordinations contained in the Gentoo Code translated by Mr Halhed, and as we are very desirous of proceeding with great caution on the present occasion, we have concurred in their recommendation for a reference to your Government, that we may be apprized of the usage in Bengal in similar cases of adoption. — It may be proper however to observe, that, since the Establishment of the Company's authority on this Coast, there has been no recognition of Right in the Zemindars or Landholders to adopt in prejudice of the Lineal Heir or indeed under any other Circumstances.

We.

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We have the Honor to transmit,
for your information, a copy of the proceedings of
the Board of Revenue on this Subject, and to ac-
quaint you that we shall postpone the decision
until we are favored with your Sentiments.

We have Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Sign'd Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council.

Fort St. George
9th. April 1794.

To Colonel Nixon
Commanding at
Pondicherry.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble
the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt
of your Letters dated the 24. 29th Ultimo, with
the Proceedings of the Committee appointed to
investigate the causes of the high prices of
provisions at Pondicherry, and to acquaint you
that, tho' there appear, in some instances, to be
deviations

To Commandant at Pondicherry — with remarks on the proceedings of the Committee of Enquiry — Orders and Instructions in consequence.

10 deviations from the established regulations, to attributes them to the difficulty of enforcing such regulations, and not to any improper motives in the conduct of Mr. Cameron.

The President in Council is of opinion, that Mons.r Cameron ought to have been furnished, on his requisition, with a Copy of the proceedings of the Committee, and the more particularly, as the propriety of it was so strongly urged by one of the Members, and the refusal to admit the protest of that Member on the face of the proceedings was not altogether consistent with that impartiality which should have Governed the Committee in all their transactions.

The difficulties under which a Police Master must labor, in determining the price of Certain Articles of provision are obvious; for the price and the Quality must be in proportion — Such is the case in all populous towns, and, if it were otherwise, there would be no inducement to bring good

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10 meat to the Market. — But, in order to remedy the Edils complaints of, as much as possible, the — President in Council desires you will take the necessary measures for the immediate abolition of all Taxes, of whatever denomination, on Every article of provisions and necessaries of Life — within the town; and that there be no assessment, in future, either on account of the Police, or for the Nizar; and as you have represented that the Calder appointment is of no use, the President in Council authorizes you to annul it.

I am further directed to desire that no person be confined in future by the Officers of police, unless the nature of the Offence be previously stated to you, by the party — preferring the Complaint, who must be responsible for the Subsistence of the prisoner while in Custody — This order applies only to the Complaints of — Individuals — but if any are be confined by your orders for disturbing the peace, or breaking through ~~through~~ the established regulations, his subsistence should, in that case, be paid by the Paymaster, so that there may be no plea

Hence forward

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10 henceforward for levying Taxes by the Police for the Subsistence of Prisoners, or for any other cause.—

You will inform Mr. Tamaon of the purport of this Letter, that he may regulate his conduct accordingly.—

Fort St. George.
9th April 1794.

I am
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in W.B. Nos. 37 38 39 40 41

From Sub-secretary at Bengal.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal with Letters for the Secretary to the Military Board.

From Secretary at Bombay.

From Secretary at Bombay with Copy of the Arrangement of the Peishwar and Lepoy, detained here for Trial.

From Paymaster General.

From Military Paymaster General with an Additional Estimate of the Paymaster at Chercole for April.

From.

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From Chief Engineer

12 From Chief Engineer – with an additional Estimate of the Work required to the Powder Mills.

From McGahagan

From Head Surgeon at Mellore – with a Report of the State of the different Hospitals in the Mellore and Baramahaul Districts.

Sent the undermentioned

Letters Entered in 66 Nos. 35 36

Substance of the Letter to the Nabob

To the Nabob – advising of the intention of the Rajah of Tanjore to visit the Pagodas at Seringham and Trichinopoly – and requesting he may receive the Attentions due to his Rank on his approach to the Latter place.

Ditto Ditto.

To Ditto – relative to the demand lately made by his Highness upon the Calastry Rajah, for Troops – and requesting to know the particulars of the Moogral Polygars Misconduct, against whom it is intended to employ them.

Sent.

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Sent the following letter.

To David Haliburton Esqr.

&c. Members of the

Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen

To Board of Revenue.
the recommendations of Mr Landon — approved. the — Claims to the Arrac succession referred to Bengal orders regarding the murder of a Sepoy in the Mugfatore — Country.

We have received your letters dated the 29th Ultimo and 4th Instant, and have given the necessary orders for carrying into effect the recommendations of the Collector of Polegar Peshcush.

A Copy of your proceedings on the Subject of the Arrac succession has been forwarded to Bengal agreeably to your recommendation.

We enclose extract of a letter from Colonel Brathwaite reporting that an effective Sepoy of the 9th Battalion had been beaten to death by some Inhabitants of Mugfatore, in the execution of orders given to him by the Collector: and we desire you will

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12 will call upon Mr Gambier to state particularly for our information, the cause that led to this unfortunate accident, directing him, at the same time, to apprehend the Offenders.

Fort St. George.
11 April 1794.

We are
&c. &c.
Sign'd/ Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council.

To Sir Charles Warre Malet Bart.
Resident at
Poona.

Sir.

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to transmit to you a copy of a letter, with its enclosures, from the Prize agents to the Army serving in the late war against Tippoo Sultaun, and to desire you will be pleased to take an opportunity of stating the Case to the Minister, with a view of obtaining payment of the Sum which is represented to be due from the Maraltas

To Resident at Poona requesting him to procure payment of a Sum due from the Mahrattas to the Mysore Prize Agents papers enclosed

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12 Maraldas, that it may be appropriated to the Charitable purposes suggested by the Agents.

Fort St. George.
10th April 17/94.

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

Despatched the undermentioned
Letters Entered in MB Nos 42-43-44-45
46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53.

To Captain Cameron

To Commandant at Salem.

The Officers to draw House Rent and Temporary Buildings to be constructed for the Sergeants, Regimental Hospital, and Stores belonging to his Corps.

To Import Ware=
housekeeper

To Import Warehouse keeper
some Lead and Steel only, required by, and
to be issued for the Nizam.

To Mr Paymaster
Vaughan.

To Paymaster at Madura.
with Copy of the Auditor General's Report
upon the Subjects of Complaint against him
and

12 and the Observations of Government thereon.

and enjoining him to observe every proper
accommodation in his payments in future.

To Military Auditor General

To Auditor Genl

permitting him to pay the additional Donation
to all discharged Men, who can produce regular
Certificates.

To Military Board all the

To Military Board

Stores at Permacoil to be removed to Pondicherry.
a correct List enclosed, of Stores required for
the Nizam.

To Paymaster at Fort St. George

To Mr Paymaster Cochrane

directing him to dispose of four Cast Horses
belonging to the Body Guard, by Public Outcry.

To Commander of the Army

To Colonel Brathwaite

the 7th Battalion to be again disposed of, in
the way proposed by Lieutenant Colonel
Macneile, for keeping the Poligars in Check
Company to be stationed at Manapara his
arrangement regarding Permacoil approved.

Captain

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12 Captain Lindsay's resignation of that Command accepted — Notification of the above Order to the Commandant at Salem — Lieutenant Boone's may remain in Command of Muglatore — the Claim of his Secretary to Notice recorded.

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Dilto transmitting a Copy of the Report upon the Complaints against Mr Vaughan, with the observations of Government thereon — the same to be notified to Captains Crooker and Oliver.

To Lieutenant Grant

To Commandant of the Body Guard the four horses unfit for Service to be delivered to the Paymaster, in order to be Sold.

To Captain Doveton

To Captain Doveton — with Copy of a letter from the Superintendant of the Malabar provinces — a Communication of certain parts to be made to the Vackeels.

To Officer Commanding at Rascottah

To Officer Commanding at Rascottah — desireing to forward the foregoing letter to Captain Doveton.

To

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To Commandant at Pondicherry desiring

To Colonel Nixon. information of the Number of Sick at Pondicherry —
of their circumstances, and the authority by which
Balla has been hitherto drawn for the charge of them.

Substance of a letter 14 Received a letter from the Nabob,
from the Nabob. Entered in C.C. No. 37 advising of his having sent
Orders to his Sons, regarding the Reception of Ameer
Sing — at Trichinopoly.

Received the following letter

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

Sir,

From Major Roberts enclosing Copies of his Correspondence — and — Account Current between the Company and Nizam — Statement of Rice — Money and Donation Stile due.

Have the honor herewith to —
transmit you for the information of the Honble the
President in Council, Copies* of three* letters of the —
correspondence between me, and the Resident at the
Court of His Highness the Nizam, Accompanied —
with Copies of an Account Current between His Highness
the Nizam, and the Honble Company, and also Accounts
Statement of Arrears of Rice Money, and the —
Additional Donation not yet liquidated, from which

* Entered in M.B. nos 54-55 & 56.

the

Dr. His Highness the Nizam in Acct Current with the Honble Company Cr.

1793		Rs.	As.	P.	1795		Rs.	As.	P.
Decr.	To Cash rec.d from Meer Hussein Alley Khan — Resper.	60746	15	31	Sept.r	By allowance for the expenses of the Detachment 9 Monthly Estimate	53713	5	3
	Deduct.				Octr.	By allowance for the expences of the Detachment f.	Dr.s		
	Cash rec.d Meer Allum Cypher of Sir J. Kennaway Bart. 17033 10 28	53713	5	3	Novr.	By Dr.s	Dr.s		Dr.s 53713 5 3
					Decr. 1794	By Dr.s	Dr.s		Dr.s 53713 5 3
					Janry.	By Dr.s	Dr.s		Dr.s 53713 5 3
					Febry.	By Dr.s	Dr.s		Dr.s 53713 5 3
					March	By Dr.s	Dr.s		Dr.s 53713 5 3
						Rupees	322279	4	18

[Signed] George Roberts
Major

A true Copy.
[Signed] J Wilson
Major of Brigade
Nizams Detachmt

Camp near Raichore
6th April 1794.

The Honble Company
to His Highness the Nizam Dr.

To the Detachment of Sepoys with the Honble Company's Troops under the Command of Major George Roberts from the 1st Novr. 1793 to the 31st March 1794 both days inclusive as per Abstract of Pay and Allowances dated Camp near Raichore 6th April 1794.

Pay of Detachment as per Abstract ... Rupees 322279 4 18

Errors Excepted
[Signed] George Roberts
Major

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Account Statement of Arrears of Rice Money due from the Honble Company to the Detachment serving with His Highness the Nizam under the Command of Major Roberts.

Corps.	Year	Month	Sum due to the Natives	Monthly Pagodas	F	C.	
1st Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	From the 25th January 1791 to the 1st October 1792		40	4	8	40	28
1st Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	1792	October	1178	19	23		
Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	"	November	925	34	37		
Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.		December	787	24	30		
1st Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	1793	January	885	15	70		
Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	"	February	831	15	67		
Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	"	March	1043	34	42		
Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	"	April	1286	36	60		
Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	"	September	1132	4	6		
Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	"	October	1055	1	3		
Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	"	November	657	10	12		
Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	"	December	513	37	13		
1st Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	1794	January	107	9	62		
Artillery 28th Battalion N.I. 29th Battalion N.I.	"	February	64	39	53		

Being the amount of the last Quarter due on the Audited Statements

Total due the Detachment S.P. 14,518 27 26 52,992 - 11 23

or Rupees

/Signed/ George Roberts

Major

A true Copy.

/Signed/ J. Wilson

Major of Brigade

Nizam's Detachment

Account

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An Account Statement of the Additional Donation due to the Detachment Serving with his Highness the Nizam from the Honble Company

	H Pr.	£	ℳ	£	ℳ
To the 28th Battalion N.I. as per Audited Abstract	4756	22	40	17361	262
To the 29th Battalion N.I. as per Do. Do.	4486	22	-	16375	824
Batt.ve Curr.y Do.	242	-	-	4440	33736116
March 1st Balance remaining in Sumbrel after the Issues of Subsistence to the Detachment for March and Arrears for February 1794	9327	263/2		34045	944

/Signed/ George Roberts
Major

A true Copy
/Signed/ H Wilson
Major of Brigade
Nizams Detachmt.

Received

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14 Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M.B. Nos 57–58.

From Adjutant General with

From Adjutant General proceedings of a Casting Committee at Arcot &

and Register of a Lot of Horses lately received

Here from Hydrabad – those Cast recommended

to be Sold.

From Lieutenant Colonel &

From Commandant at Palamcotah Campbell with advice of his having taken the

Command at Palamcotah.

Despatched the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M.B. Nos 59–60–61–62–

To Mons.r St. Fulgence – no

To Mons.r St. Fulgence Adjustment can take place in regard to the

Claim of the Widow & Sinair until the Rates

of the Company be known –

To Military Auditor Genl

To Auditor General the Officers at Salem to be allowed House Rent

and Captain Cameron's Bill for constructing the

Buildings above noted to be passed Additional

Estimate for Chicacole, referred.

To

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To Colonel Floyd

To Commandant at Tiruvengadu

advising of the intention of the Tanjore Rajah to visit the Pagodas at that place and Srirangam instructions in Consequence.

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Commander of the Army with a Similar notification — and of the Orders sent to Colonel Maxwell to proceed with the Rajah taking a proper Escort.

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Sent the undermentioned letters

Entered in C. C. Nos 38–39–

Substance of a letter to the Nabob, and

To the Nabob in reply to his application for a receipt for the Polygar Peshcush paid to the present period, for monthly receipts in future, and one for the Tanjore Peshcush, assigned to the Company — stating also the Amount of Polygar Peshcush from 12th. of July 1792 to the 11th of April 1794, for which His Highness will receive credit.

Rajah of Tanjore.

To the Rajah of Tanjore — advising him that the Nabob has sent orders to his Sons to receive him with proper

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The 15th attentions on his arrival at Trichinopoly and that the necessary orders have been sent to Colonels Floyd and Maxwell.

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield
&
George Westcold
} Esqrs

Tuesday 15th April 1794.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following letters

from Colonel Brathwaite.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

From Colonel Brathwaite submitting the Petition of P. Maisrick the request of the Captains and Adjutants of the 4th European Regiment that Mr Hemming may be confirmed as Surgeon to that Corps.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you two Letters which have been communicated to me

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me with a desire that I would do so.

The french Letter signed C—t

Maistre, with the Certificate of Colonel Chermont

which accompanied it, was delivered to me by a French

Gentleman, who was charged by Mons.r Chermont

to say to me, that he should consider an Attention

to this Man's prayer as a Compliment to himself.

The other signed by the

Captain now Commanding, the other Captains, and

the Adjutant of the Honble Company's 4th

European Battalion was forwarded to me by

Colonel Frazer, — as Mr. Alex.r Anderson had

been appointed Surgeon to this Corps before

I received this letter, it was my intention at first

not to trouble you with it, but on recollection, I

thought it would be but justice to Mr Flemming

and not displeasing to you that I should forward

to you this testimony of his Zeal and Ability

in the discharge of his Duty during the time he

has acted as Surgeon to that Corps.

Military Head Quarters.
Madras April 11th 1794.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signd/ John Brathwaite

To

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To the Honble the Governor & Council.

at

Madras.

Honble Sirs.

Petition of P. Maistre an Inhabitant of Pondicherry

Paul Maistre an Inhabitant of Pondicherry most humbly supplicates and has the Honor to represent to you, that during his residence in that City the Gentlemen of the French Government well knowing his Services, have had the Goodness to grant him a Subsistence to Support his urgent Wants, and for the recompence of his Services, having always served his Majesty with honor and distinction; that, since the Capture of Pondicherry, by the Noble and Powerful English Nation, he has been deprived of his allowances which has reduced him to want and being out of Employ is without any other resource.

This consideration Honble Sirs, as well as the Services he is about to have the Honor to enumerate to you, will induce you to grant him the Allowance he formerly received, to commence from the 1st September last, to this day, in doing which

your

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you will do justice and he will never cease
interceding with Heaven for the Prolongation of
your days.

/Signed/ P. Maistre

A List of the Services of the undersigned

9th April 1764. Entered into the Regiment of Poitou in France and
served therein in quality of Sergeant until the 12th
September 1774 and was under the Command of
M.r Chermont formerly Governor of Pondicherry.

27th November 1774. Entered into the Regiment of Bourgogne in France
and served therein as a Volunteer until 17th May
1782.

15th June 1782. Entered as a Volunteer in the Legion of Luxemburg
and was Serjeant Major and Instructor until the
Month of May 1783: since which he has been
Adjutant until 21st October 1788 the period when
that Regiment was disbanded.

The terms of Services of the said Maistre 24 Years
and Six Months.

Pondicherry
24th March 1794.

A true transl.n
P. Chase
French transl.r

J.

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I certify that Paul Maistre
formerly Serjeant of the Regiment of Poitou in
France, where I served with him, and afterwards
under the Officers in the Corps of Luxembourg
has always distinguished himself by his Zeal
and his deligence; that, having retired to
Pondicherry, he has been very usefully employed
in different Employs and that he obtained
from Mr De Freine an Allowance which the
Government continued into him as being
absolutely necessary for his Existence—

In Testimony of which I have
given to him this Certificate to serve him as
Occasion may require—

Pondicherry
9th October 1793.

A true translr.
/Signed/ T. Chase.
French translr.

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

Honble Sir,

We the undermentioned Captains
and

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and Adjutant of the 4th Battalion of European Infantry take the liberty of addressing you in consequence of a report prevalent here that Mr. Anderson Surgeon is likely to be appointed to the 4th European Battalion in room of Mr. Thompson under Suspension.

The very great Zeal for the Publick Service and Constant attention of Mr. Flemming who has acted with the Corps for sometime past shewn to the Patients under his care, makes his removal a matter of much regret to us all, at the same time that we are induced respectfully to request, if not interfering with previous arrangements, that your Honble Board will be pleased to confirm Mr. Flemming as Surgeon to the 4th. Battalion European Infantry.

We have the Honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

[Signed] Geo. Waight Capt.
Alex. Taylor Capt.
D.M. Donald Capt.
W. Kenney Capt.
John Lee Capt.
Sam. Crane Adjutant.

Ellore
2d April 1794.

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite Submits Major Shaws Claim to the Command of Mellum and the Publication of Cmam Saib Subadar of 17th Battalion.

I have the Honor to lay before your Honor in Council Copies of Letters from Lieut. Colonel Maxwell to Colonel Floyd, and from Major Shaw to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell which have been transmitted to me for that purpose, on which I must observe, that the long and meritorious Services of Major Shaw certainly give him a very fair Claim to any advantage to be derived from his Rank and present Situation in the Service, and I am only sorry that they were not particularly known to me, and did not occur to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell when he so lately forwarded to me, and I to your Honor in Council, a recommendation, that Captain Alexander Campbell, Chiefly to qualify his disappointment at being superceded in the Regiment by Major Shaw, might be specially appointed by Government to the Command of Mellum, which I think it incumbent.

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incumbent on me to say, to avoid the appearance of any inconsistency on my part in this recommendations to you.—

I have also the Honor to lay before you the Petition of Cmaum Saib, late Commandant and now West Subidar in the 17th Native Battalion with the Copy of a Letter from Captain Gordon who now Commands that Battalion, and I can add that Major Munt, who is now low, has spoken to me very highly in commendation of the unremitted Zeal and Ability which Cmaum Saib manifested during the number of years which Major Munt Commanded that Battalion

Vide — M. B. No 63.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 10th Instant covering an Extract of a Letter from the Collector of Polygar Peshcush, and have sent orders to Colonel Floyd to make the Detachments therein required, the whole falling to be done in the Division of the Army of which he is in Command.—

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I shall give orders that the
Havildar, Naique, and twelve Sepoys who are in
future to be stationed at Pennacoil shall be
Invalids; and I beg leave to repeat my thanks
for your attention to the merits of Lieutenant
Nelson my Secretary.

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter, also
of the 10th. Instant, Covering the Copy of a letter
from the Military Auditor General on the Subject
of the Complaints of Captains Coker and
Oliver against Mr. Vaughan with your observations
thereon, and have transmitted Copies to Colonel
Floyd to be forwarded to these Officers.

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

Military Head Quarters.
Madras 15th. April 1794.

To Colonel John Floyd.
Commanding South of the Coleroon

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit

in

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in this enclosure a letter addressed to me, by Major Shawe of his Majesty's 74th Regiment, and to request of you, Sir, to forward it to the Commanding Officer of the Troops, on the Coast.

As Major Shawe's merits as an Officer are well known to you, I trust that his application will meet with your countenance and support, and I hope that his Services in the field, during the whole of the Mysore War, while in Command of a Regiment, will be considered such as to entitle him not only to any situation that might fall to his share, in consequence of his Rank in the Army, but also to a marked indulgence, should any favorable opportunity offer of granting it.

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

Tanjore
April 19th 1794.

/Signed/ Hamilton Maxwell
Lieut Col. 74th Regiment.

A true Copy
Signed Wm Nelson Secy

Lieut

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Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell.

74th Regement

Commanding at

Tanjore.

Sir,

Application of Major Shaw for the Command of Vellume

The Commands of Vellume having been hitherto invariably bestowed upon the Officer second highest in Rank of the Regiment Stationed at Tanjore, except in the instance of Captain James Campbell's nomination, who, although Senior in the Army, was junior in Regimental Rank to Captain Frazer of 72d which Circumstance being represented to Sir Archibald Campbell the Appointment, as I understand, from good Authority, was not enforced — I feel it a duty I owe myself upon sending, or joining my Corps, a Captain who only Arrived from Europe a few Months ago, holding a Command that I have every reason to suppose would devolve to me, — to address myself to you, Sir, as my Commanding Officer, and request that you will forward,

and

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and Sanction, my just Claims to a Situation of that was held by my immediate predecessor / the late Lieutenant Colonel Skelly / altho' he was absent from his Regiment and upon the Staff in Bengal, and to which I conceive that I am entitled, not only from precedent, in the present instance, but upon other grounds. The rules and Customs of the Service — That where the Commands of three Companies detached from a Regiment, is contested as a point of right between a Major and a Captain, will, I imagine, be found to decide in favor of the former — And here it may not be unnecessary to observe, that although I am far from wishing to depreciate the merits of Captain Campbell / the present Commandant of Allellum / yet I must say, that if length of service is to be considered as having any weight in this Country, his Claims and mine cannot well be put in Competition — I have now nearly Completed twenty Nine years since the Commencement of my Military Career, a large portion of that time has been spent in the field — on the Continent of America, on the West Indies

and

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and in India during the whole of the War with Tippoo Sultaun, when I was happy enough to be at the head of a Corps, to whose Conduct upon more occasions than one, the General Orders of the Commander in Chief bore honorable testimony — but I am here deviating from my Original intention of merely requesting of you, as my Commanding Officer, to lay my Claims to the Command of Kellum before Government, which I can have no doubt but that they will be admitted — and that I shall speedily obtain an Appointment, to which, in the general opinion of the Army, and of almost every man with whom I have conversed on the Subject, I have the justest Right —

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

7th April 1794. /Signd/ Robert Shawe.
Major 74th Regt.

A true Copy
/Signd/ Wm Wilson Lieut.

Resolved that the Officer
Commanding at Pondicherry be written to on the Subject
of

Memdm Thereon

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of the Claim preferred by C. Matthew and recommended by Colonel Chermont

Resolved, in consequence of the representation of Major Shaw, that he be appointed to the Command of Mellum and, as the Petition of Emaum Saib is supported by the testimony of Major Munat and Captain Gordon, it is agreed, in reward of the long and faithful Service of this Subadar, that he be permitted to retire from the Service, on a pension of two Pagodas P Month.

Read the following letters &

from the Military Board.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

From the Military Board Workshop Pondicherry and the Madras General Hospital, ordered propose that a palisade be raised on the Wall of the latter Bills for Ordnance Stores and Stores received in December enclosed Arsenal Yd. Books brought up to December

Honorable Sir,

We are honored with your commands under date the 26th and 27th Ultimo.

The necessary orders are given to the Contractors to execute the works required at Pondicherry conformably to your directions, and

We

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We have called upon the Storekeeper at Vagore for some further explanation with respect to the Indent for that Station previous to our taking it into consideration.

Copy of the Estimate of repairs necessary to the Honble Company's General Hospital has been forwarded to the Contractors with our desire that they be executed with as little delay as possible.

As you express a doubt of the propriety of raising the Wall, as it may impede the circulation of air, and as it appears absolutely necessary to render it more difficult to pass over the Wall, We recommend that a palisading of four or five feet should be raised on the Wall, which our President informs us the Physician General very much approves.

We have the Honor herewith to lay before you a Bill amounting to Pagodas Three hundred and twelve (312. " ") presented to us by Mr Parry for Messrs Topping & Parry, Contractors for Gun Carriages, and find that the Bill is drawn out agreeably to their Contract prices, and that the Mortar Beds and Carriages therein mentioned are, in every respect, fit for the

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the purposes for which they are intended, We therefore beg leave to recommend that the amount may be liquidated.

The Scavenger Contractor having applied to us for the payment of his third Kist for the third Year amounting to Pagodas Nine hundred and eighty Seven, and twenty one fanams (987: 21: .) which fell due on the 2nd Instant, We beg leave to recommend that the said sum may be discharged.

The Chief Engineer and Commissary General of Stores having examined the Articles of Military Stores received from the Storekeeper in the Month of December last, report the same to be agreeably to Muster, We have therefore directed that they may be received on the Company's Books, and have the honor to furnish you with a List† thereof.

On examination We find the Books of the Arsenal and Laboratory to be regularly brought up to the end of December

† Lodged in the Office

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December last.

Fort St. George.

8th April 1794.

We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Brathwaite

" Henry Malcolm

" Jn Richardson

" By Close

" W. Gent

" George Hall.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Hon'ble Sir,

We have the Honor in reply to your commands of 26th Ultimo to acquaint you that, having referred the report of the Committee of Stores at Vizagapatam and the Estimates which accompanied to the Chief Engineer, he laid before us his report thereon of which We have the Honor to enclose a copy, and, as We coincide in the opinion he has given, We beg leave

Vizagapatam Military Board propose that the Civilians Quarters at Vizagapatam be converted into an Hospital.

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leave to suggest that the recommendation of the
Committee at Alvizagapatam be adopted.

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11th April 1794.

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

Minute of the Chief Engineer

I have examined the
Estimates from Alvizagapatam referred to me
at the last meeting. They appear moderate, and
at the present rate of Contract prices
As I have some knowledge
of Alvizagapatam, and, as the present Hospital
stands close to the Pettah and for many
reasons

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reasons a very improper Situation, I hope the recommendation of the Committee of Stores at Vizagapatam to convert the Civil Quarters into an Hospital will be attended to, the Situation is open, Airy, and within 200 Yards of the Sea, they have been long unoccupied as there is another Range of Civilians Quarters generally preferred to them.—

The plan for the Invalid Barracks will accomodate about 250 Men, and made According to the Contract prices, and Reasonable, I also beg to recommend the alterations of Repairs to the Arsenal, and the rest of the Buildings, as it is many years since any Repairs took place.—

Signed/ W Gent

April 10. 1794.

A true Copy

Signed/ J Brodie

Lieut Mil Bde

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Military Board.

The Board are of opinion that pieces of Glass Bottles fixed in Chunam on the top of the Wall of the General Hospital, would

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would be of equal utility with Palisades (which might easily be broken) to prevent people from passing over - and, as this can be done at a trifling Expence, it is resolved to give orders accordingly

Agreed that the Bill of the Contractors for Gun carriages be paid.

Resolved that the decision upon the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, for converting the Civil Quarters at Nerjagapatam be postponed, until the Military Board's report be received upon each of the estimates transmitted to them on the 26th Ultimo, copies of which are to accompany the report.

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir,

From Board of Revenue request to know how the remainder is of the compensation to be made to the Rajah of Calahy for the loss of Grain and Effects plundered by the Naiked people is to be brought to Account.

The Board of Assumed Revenues recommended, in their Letter to your Hon'ble Board under date the 13th October 1794

that

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That a Compensation should be made to the Rajah of Calastry for the loss of Grain and effects plundered by the Nabob's people while His Highness was in possession of his country — the Amount of the Compensation was fixed at 15000 Pagodas, to be deducted from his Peishcush, at the rate of 3000 Pagodas P Annum; and this arrangement was approved by your Honble Board under date the 16th October 1791, and it has since received the Sanction of the Honble the Court of Directors.—

The first deduction of the sum of 3000 Pagodas was made from the Calastry Peishcush for 1791/1792 and it was carried to the debit of the Nabobs' S.— but, the Country having since been restored to his Highness and there being no account between him and this department, no mode occurs to us of reimbursing the Company for the remaining 12000 Pagodas which are to be remitted to the Rajah of Calastry, but by debiting the Nabobs General account with the Company, or deducting the annual Amount Viz.th 3000 star Pagodas remitted to the Rajah, from the

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the amount of receipts to be granted to the Nabob for the amount of assigned Peshcush, provided such deduction may not be supposed to interfere with the treaty with his Highness, if the deduction is to be Made, your Honble Board will perceive that 6000 Pagodas will fall to be deducted from two Years Peshcush to the 12th July 1794 ensuing.

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12th. April 1794

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) David Haliburton
" Chas. N. White
" Tho.s Cockburn

Minute thereon.

The only method that occurs to the Board for bringing to account the amount of the Compensation made to the Rajah of Calastry for the loss of Grain and Effects is, by debiting the Nabob's General account with the Company for if any other Mode were adopted, it might be considered by his Highness as an interference with

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with the Stipulations of the Treaty. — Resolved therefore that the Board of Revenue be directed to adjust it with the Treasury, in conformity with this opinion.

Read the following Letter from Vizagapatam.

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

Hon'ble Sir,

From Vizagapatam have sent a Detachment for the Expulsion of one of the refractory Zilla Polygars from the Zemindary.

Since We had the honor to address you under date the 26th Ultimo, We have in Concert with the Commanding Officer of the Troops in this District, directed a Detachment to be formed, consisting of eight Companies of Native Troops, and to be Commanded by Captain John Cox, to whom We have given the necessary Instructions —

The operations of Captain Cox will commence in a day or two, and will, we trust, be attended with the good Effect of expelling — Mustey Roya Chupaul Rauze, and his followers, from the

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the Zemindary, and restoring Confidence to the Inhabitants, Many of whom have fled from their places of Residence.

We shall have the honor to report to you such Occurrences as may be worthy of your Attention.

Vizagapatam
4th April 1794.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) John Chamier

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Read the following Letter from Colonel Nixon.

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

From Commandant at Pondicherry — reporting some Extraordinary proceedings of the Superior Council, in respect to himself — Copy thereof enclosed — requests that Messrs Lumeron and Collin be dismissed from their Offices — on Anonymous paper of Information, one Ld.

Honble Sir,

Some extraordinary Proceedings of the Superior Council here, wherein I have become an Object of their deliberations

enclosed

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induced this trouble

Having received Information

of some Contempt of my authority, expressed by two Black Men in the Bazar, where I ordered some spices to be purchased for the use of the House, I ordered these two to be punished slightly in my presence — upon which the Chitty's, abetted by some French man, assembled most democratically, and wrote a Petition against the Cutwal Rungappah, but which was — levelled at me, and presented it, in form, by the hands of Mr Chauvry the Advocate General to the Council, who deliberated, and deputed two of their Members to represent the Matter to me — upon — having a part of what they had to say, I rose — hastily with an Intention to turn them out, but repressed my haste, and informed the Deputies that their proceedings in the Case, as far as it — regarded the Cutwal, Bazar, or Malabars was — disrespectful to me, and that they had nothing to say to it. — They, nevertheless, in Contempt of my — Authority and with a view, no doubt, of ingrossing the whole Power, if they can, are proceeding, of which I received the enclosed Secret Information to day, and

had

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had resolved to put Mr Cameron in confinement for the part he is suspected of having acted, but thought your Honor the Competent Judge, and hope to receive your Orders to repress this Assumption of Power to remove Mr Cameron from his present Office — Mr Collin from the Council, and to invest me with such Authority as you shall think proper on this extraordinary Occasion —

The prevailing French Principles pervade even the Natives here, who are very litigious — constant Suits at Law, and their Causes rarely decided, after long delay, in the Chaultry Court, of which Mr Collin is the Head. — I shall forbear to trouble you at present with any more of this long Story — but if it shall become worthy your Notice to ascertain the fact, as stated against Mr Cameron — Gualtier, who pleaged himself here to prove the Charge alledged to be done at Caumer, is I believe at Coldeir, and at Madras. —

I have the honor to be
Yr. &c. &c.
/Signed/ Eccles. Nixon.

Pondicherry
13th April 1794.

Extract from the Consultation of the Superior Council of Pondicherry 10th. April 1794.

This

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This day the extraordinary Council being assembled.

Present

Mr Gerrard President

Reynaud,
Caillaud,
Le Villain,
Derabines,
Collin, - - - } Councellors

Read the Petition dated the 7th Instant and the decree referred to in the Margin, read also the Opinion of the Solicitor General,—

The Court, before coming to any decision, resolved that Mr Lumeron, Police Master, should be sent for to the Council Chamber, for the purpose of giving Explanations, if he had any relative to the different Facts mentioned in the said Petition, the said Mr Lumeron, appearing, said, that the Establishment of a Futwal took place without his knowledge or participation; that, on the 28th February, he

received

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received a letter from Colonel Nixon acquainting him that he had appointed a person named Naugappah, head Cutwal of the Bazar, that, in consequence, the duty of Police Master extended only to the administration of Justice &c. to the Inhabitants of the City; that he requested from Colonel Nixon the same day, by writing, and the day following, verbally, the necessary Authority to publish this Appointment, and to make known to everybody, that the said Naugapah was Cutwal, which Colonel Nixon thought unnecessary, consequently he had always looked upon the Cutwal as independent of him, since he did not derive his Authority from him - that he refused to hearken to the different Complaints made against the said Cutwal, not having a right to verify facts, or apply remedies thereto, that he had however a perfect knowledge of all the facts mentioned in the Petition presented to the Court by several Malabars and Assignes - his approbation thereof -

This signed Cameron Police master.

On which, and after having deliberated, the Council resolved that Mellavoy des Rabines, and Collen, who are appointed Commissaries.

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Commissaries, should wait upon Colonel Nixon in the
Course of the day to solicit him to protect the Liberty of
Commerce particularly the Object of Provisions, and thus
in the Colony, which it might not be injurious to the
Interest of the Honble Company, and to remedy the Abuses
which are complained of, against this said Cutwal,
established contrary to the Spirit of the French Laws, of
which the Government of Madras have ordered the
Observance.

After Colonel Nixons reply and
report thereon, which is to be made by the Commissaries
to the Council, it will be taken into Consideration
and resolved upon as may appear expedient.

Done and resolved in the Council
Chamber of the Superior Council in Pondicherry
10th April 1794.

(Signed) Gerard. President

Reynaud,

Caillaud,

Le Villain des Rabines

Ellen de Marcelly

Chief Register

Collaud de Marcelly

Chief Register.

A true translation
(Signed) T. Chase
French translr.

Agreed.

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Agreed to acquaint Colonel

Minutes thereon

Deacon that it is not usual even to enter upon the Company's Records an anonymous paper such as he has transmitted, and which reflects, in so general a Manner, upon Individuals employed in respectable situations — that the Board would have been better pleased had he taken means to have discovered the Author, and expelled him from Pondicherry, as a person dangerous to Society — that to give the smallest credit to information conveyed in so mysterious a way, and of such a malicious tendency would be highly unjust — and that upon this principle, the Board must object to the measure proposed by him for the Removal of Mr. Cameron from the Office of Police, and of Mr. Collins from his Seat in the Supreme Council.

The Board are clearly of opinion that the Members of the Court of Justice deputed to Colonel Deacon for the purpose of representing certain grievances which had come before them, ought to have been received with Civility; and the more so, as, in their appeal, they do not seem to have been influenced by any Motive of

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of personal disrespect to Colonel Nixon's authority for the Resolution which prompted them to the Measure, expressly says, that they had no other view, than "to solicit him to protect the liberty of "Commerce in the Colony, so long as it should not be "injurious to the rights of the Company; and to remedy "the Abuses complained of against the Cutwall, whose "appointment was contrary to the Spirit of the French "Laws, of which the Government of Madras had ordered "the observance."

The Board are further of opinion that the Office of Cutwall, can in no respect be necessary, where a regular police is established - It is, besides, open to great abuses, and, as no such Office is allowed at Madras, it is resolved to direct Colonel Nixon to issue the necessary orders for discontinuing it at Pondicherry.

Read the following letter from the Town Major.

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

Town Major reporting a purchase of a Ship and an arrangement about to be made by fourteen French Officers for their passage to Europe - requests their passage money may be paid - proposed form of a Parole of honor to be signed by them &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to inform you,

that

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That, since I communicated to the French Officers your compliance of their request to proceed to Europe, four more of the Military have desired to add their Names, making in all fourteen, exclusive of Captain Pelegrin, who formerly commanded Le Medée, and is the person authorized by the others to purchase a Ship, and make arrangements for the Voyage. In consequence, he has entered into an agreement with Captain Hall, for the purchase of the Ship Windsor — formerly the Citoyen, captured by the Admiral Cornwallis — This Ship is well known to Captain Pelegrin, who commanded her for some time, and I understand from him, as well as Captain Hall, she is in every respect fit for the intended Voyage, and, Consequently, requiring no additional Expence in Equipment. The Sum to be paid for her is Pagodas 3200, but this cannot be paid, nor the agreement finally closed, without the Passage Money to be allowed to the 14 fourteen Officers, amounting Pagodas 2800, if therefore you will be pleased to order the immediate Payment of this Sum into my hands, the Bargain could be concluded, and there would be thereon obstacle to the preparations for the Voyage. and Captain Pelegrin would also be enabled

to

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to reply to letters he has received from Pondicherry upon the Subject of Passengers — by which it appears he will have a number sufficient to enable him to purchase the Ship and to defray the Charges incurred by the Provisions necessary for the Voyage — he has already procured a sufficient Quantity of Salt Beef, Biscuit, Flour, and other articles.

Captain Pelegrin requests you will permit him to have twelve Seamen from the Prison — and, altho' they are for the purpose of navigating the Ship, he trusts, in consideration of the great loss he sustained by the Capture of his Vessel that you will grant him some allowance for their passage. — He also requests me to state to you his hopes, as an allowance is given to Officers of Ships proceeding to the French Islands, that a proportional sum may be granted him as proceeding to Europe.

The Officers who are permitted to proceed to Europe have requested that you will be pleased to grant each of them a Hammock, on account of the very small means they have of

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of equipping themselves — and a Monsieur De Jardins, who is a married man, requests a small Allowance for the passage of his wife.

Inclosed is the Form of the Parole which, if you approve, shall be signed by the Prisoners of War previous to their embarkation.

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I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) A Beatson
Town Major

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President in Council Governor &c. &c. &c.
of
Fort St. George in the
East Indies —

Being desirous to promote the convenience of the undersigned Prisoners of War, taken in Pondicherry, have consented to their request to proceed to Europe on board the Minador (formerly the Citoyen) now commanded by Captain François

Meibel

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Michel Pelegrin, upon condition of their giving their Parole of Honor to the following Articles.

Article 1st — That they will proceed to Europe with as little delay as possible —

Art 2d — That they will not appear in arms during the present War, between France and Great Britain, against the Troops of His Britannick Majesty, or His Allies or of the English East India Company unless exchanged by agreement between the Representatives of the two Nations —

Art 3rd — That they will not interfere directly or indirectly, in any manner whatever, by giving or receiving Intelligence, in correspondence with any of the French Settlements or Troops in the East Indies, or any Forces, Forts or Factories belonging to the French Nation during the present War, or Whilst they are Prisoners of War.

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Signed in Presence of

Resolved.

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Resolutions thereon.

Resolved that the Military Paymaster be directed to issue to the Town Major, the Sum of two thousand eight hundred /2800/ Pagodas being the amount of Passage Money for fourteen French Officers who have permission to embark for Europe on the Ship Edinburgh, Captain Pelegrin, and the further Sum of three hundred /300/ Pagodas, being the Amount of Passage Money, which the Board agree to allow for the twelve Seamen, who are to be taken from the Prison for the purpose of navigating the Ship.

Resolved, that the Civil Paymaster be directed to issue to the Town Major the Sum of two hundred and forty Rupees Rs 1240/ on account of Passage Money for Captain Pelegrin and the Sum of thirty /30/ Pagodas on the same account for Madame Du Jardens.

Agreed to direct the Town Major to keep the above Sums in his hands, until the Master Attendant shall have reported upon the State of the Ship, and that she is in fit condition to undertake the Voyage.

Ordered that each of the French Officers be supplied with a Hammock.

The Board approve the form of the Parole to be signed by the Prisoners of War previous to their Embarkation but the Town Major must enjoin Captain Pelegrin to carry no other Colours, during the Voyage, than such as are used in time of War by Cartel Ships belonging to European Nations.

Chas. Oakeley

E. Hatsfield

Ex. d. George Parry
Master

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Diary.

16 Sent the undermentioned Letter

Entered in M.B. N° 64.

To Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell — To Commandant at Tanjore —

enclosing a letter for the Rajah, and directing him to accompany his Excellency, on his intended Visit to the Pagodas of Seringham and Trichinopoly, taking with him a proper guard.

17 Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M.B. N°s 65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal forwarding Invoices of the Supplies received per Ships Woodcott Dane and Success.

From Sub-secretary at Bengal

From Commandant at Cuddalore

From Lieutenant Colonel Dupont. Mons^r Vaillant requests leave to come to Madras — also a pass.

From Military Paymaster — General transmitting his Estimate for May —

From Paymaster General

From Commandant of the 5th Regiment of Cavalry — requesting a remission of the Claim pending

From Major Stevenson

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1/ pending against him for Grain issued to his Corps from the Public Stores.

From Lieutenant Gordon Infantry.

From Lieutenant J. D. Gordon requesting Six Months leave of Absence to Bengal

From Lieutenant A. Gels.

From Commissary of Stores at the Mount requesting an Increase of Artificers for his Department.

From Mr Paymaster Martin

From Paymaster at Palamcotah requesting that the Lascars and Artificers of that Garrison may be served with Rice from the Public Stores.

From Captain Brighton

From Officer Commanding at Shevalapetore informing that Colonel Campbell has ordered him to make all reports and Returns to, and thro' him requests instructions.

Despatched the undermentioned Letters, Entered in MTB Nos 72 73 74 75

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Commander of the Army P. Marshes Claim, will be referred to Colonel Nixon Major Shaw appointed to the Command of Mellum and a Pension of twelve /12/ Pagodas P Month granted to Emaum Saibe.

To

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17 To Commandant at Pondicherry.

To Colonel Nixon.

his transmission of an Anonymous paper disapproved
- as also the uncivil reception of the Deputation
sent to him - Remarks on the Occasion - the Office
of Futwall to be annulled.

To Colonel Collins To Ditto at Nellore requiring
the attendance at Madras of another Evidence, for
the Commitment of Thompson an European Private.

Received the following Letters.

19 The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor &c. &c. &c.
in
Council.

Honble Sir,

From Lieutenant Dowse reporting his progress in destroying the Woods of Pondicherry.

In my last report I had the
honor to inform you that the People under my
direction were disposed in three different Parties
along the West Face, where they have generally
found such obstruction from the hardness of the
Soil, that the progress of the Work has been much
slower even than Expected, prepared as I was,
from the nature of the ground, to meet with greater
difficulties.

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19 difficulties on this side than on the others. This fauss appears to have been rebuilt nearly on the old foundation, and much of the former Mole remains which cannot be destroyed without considerable labour, and I take the liberty to mention this circumstance in my own Justification, as I perceive it will not be in my power to finish the Work I am employed on by the end of the present month, which is the period I fixed on for the termination of the Work in my letter to your Honble Board of the 5th of January, tho' I could not at that distant day, venture to speak very positively.— I can however now take upon me to assure your Honble Board that after the 15th of next Month, there will be no occasion to employ any additional Coolies, tho' perhaps it may be necessary to detain the Pioneer Corps six weeks or two Months after, in order to level every part more completely.

In consequence of the above mentioned impediments I have not yet completed the destruction of those parts, the people were employed on during the last fortnight, but this business will be done in four days, and I shall

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19 shall then remove a strong party to the only remaining
Outlework Southward of the Millinoor Gate, and a-
nother to that part of the Work near the Cuddalore
Gate which I had before the honor to inform you
I had left unfinished.

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c.
/Signd/ W. Dowse Lieut.
Comm.d Pioneers.

Pondicherry
April 16th 1794

Return of Coolies Employed in destroying the
Fortifications of Pondicherry in the Month of April 1794.

		Convicts	Head Mistris	Mistris	Men Coolies	Woman Coolies	Total Coolies
1794 April	1st	4	6	60	2285	710	2995
	2	"	6	60	2288	706	2994
	3	"	6	60	2297	704	3001
	4	"	6	60	2295	704	2999
	5	"	6	60	2305	698	3003
	6	"	6	60	2307	702	3009
	7	"	6	60	2360	690	2990
	8	"	6	60	2308	693	3001
	9	"	6	60	2300	700	3000
	10	"	6	60	2305	700	3005
	11	"	6	60	2310	700	3010
	12	"	6	60	2290	710	3000
	13	"	6	60	2296	704	3000
	14	"	6	60	2296	705	2997
	15	"	6	60	2295	704	2999
	Total.	4	90	900	34473	10530	45003

/Signd/ W. Dowse Lieut.
Comm.d Pioneers.

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

From Mrs Lambellais advising of the Sums paid to her by the Tanjore Rajah, on account of her Claim upon the late Rajah

I take the liberty to inform you that his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore has paid me two thousand seven hundred, and forty three Star Pagodas, which his Minister says is agreeably to your letter to his Excellency on the Subject of the Grain taken from me and Colonel Mullar, during the Reign of the late Tanjore Rajah — I have to remind your Honor, that Colonel Mullar, several Years ago, received from the late Rajah, as his moiety, Six thousand Star Pagodas, and as half of this Grain belongd to me, and my having laid out of my money so very long; I think it is but reasonable that his Excellency should pay me as much, at least, as he paid Colonel Mullar, but this I leave to your superior Wisdom, and Consideration, and have to return you my most grateful

Acknowledgments

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19 Acknowledgements for the Assistance, and support
you have already rendered me — I have to
request the favor of your Answer —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Eliza Lamballais.

Trichinopoly
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Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in Mr. B's No. 76-77-78-79-80-
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From Commandant at Amboor

From Captain Mac-
pherson. — requests leave to visit the Presidency.

From Chief Engineer — with

From Chief Engineer. an additional Estimate of the Repairs required
at the Hospital — State of its Privy —

From Commandant at Angole —

From Commandant
at Angole. forwarding another letter from Mr. Assistant
Surgeon Stewart — relative to supplying Bazar
Medicines for the European Invalids — &c —

From Commandant at Pondicherry

From Colonel Nixon transmitting Mons. Lemerons resignation of the
Office of Police — recommends Captain Conway for
the same

From

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From Ditto. From Ditto forwarding a Declaration made by the President of the Superior Council.

From Ditto. From Ditto enclosing a Paper of some Intelligence received of the French at the Mauritius.

Sent the undermentioned Letters

Entered in C.C. Nos 40 41.

Substance of Letter to the Nabob. To the Nabob acquainting him that Copies of the Dividend Books required are preparing - information relative to the Bond, in the Names of George, Thomas, and Henry, Redhead, alluded to by His Highness.

Ditto Ditto. To Ditto stating the Substance of the Letter from the Resident at Hyderabad, regarding Hunmeed ud Dowlah - and that no reply can be given thereto - until his Highness make some communication upon the subject.

Sent the following Letters.

To Major Roberts

To Major Roberts with instructions for remitting the Residue of the surplus Money on hands.

Commanding the Detachment Serving with his Highness the Nizam.

Sir,

As it would appear by your

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I9 Letter of the 6th Instant, that the balance due by the Nuzam on account of the Detachment Amounted, on the 31st Ultimo, to the Sum of two Lacks, Sixty Eight Thousand, five hundred and Sixty five Rupees, nine fanams, and fifteen Cash (Rs. fs. c. 2,68,566.9.15) the Money due to the Troops under your Command for the additional Donation and Arrears of Rice Money, amounting together to eighty Seven Thousand and thirty five Rupees twenty fanams and Sixty sum Cash. (Rs. fs. c. 87,035.20.67) may be deducted from the said balance, so soon as it comes into your hands, and the residue remitted to the Presidency in such way as may be most advantageous to the Company, after consulting the opinion of the Resident at Hydrabad.

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

Fort St. George.
16th April 1794.

To Colonel Henry Malcolm.
Military Auditor General.

To Auditor General - referring Mr Roebuck's Estimate for May - and Nothing to an Error in calculating the sum required thereon.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon'ble the President in Council to transmit, for your examination, the

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19 The accompanying Statement received from the Military Paymaster General of the expence of the Madras Army for the Month of May 1794, together with copies of the several Paymasters Estimates, and Vouchers to the same.

By Mr Roebuck's Statement marked A it would appear, that the Sum of three Lacks eighty five thousand Seven hundred and nine Pagodas, six fanams, and twenty Seven Cash (3,85,709.6.27) is required for the ensuing month, from which, he states to be payable at the Presidency, the Sum of two Lacks ninety two thousand, six hundred and Seventy Pagodas, twelve fanams, and forty Cash, (2,92,670.12.40) But both these calculations are apparently wrong, for you will observe, by Mr Paymaster Cochrane's estimate, that the Sum of fifty three thousand Seven hundred and eighty one Pagodas, eleven fanams, and Sixty five Cash (53,781.11.65) the amount due to Officers on account of off reckonings at out Stations, but "claimes by their Attorneis at Madras" has been indented for, and included in Mr Roebuck's Statement, notwithstanding that the Paymasters

at

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19 at Outstations have included this amount, and for
the same Officers in their estimates, and which has
also been brought forward by Mr Roebuck in his
Statement of the Sum required — It was the intention
of the President in Council, by the General Order for
the payment of Off Reckonings, that the shares of the
respective officers should be drawn for and issued at
the different Stations to which they belong: and as it
would be inconvenient to make any change in this
resolution the request of the Attornies to Officers at
Outstations for leave to draw the amount at the
Presidency cannot be complied with.

The Amount due to Officers absent
from the Coast, and to the estates of deceased Officers,
on account of Off Reckonings, can only be paid upon
the application of the Attornies to the former, and of
the executors or Administrators to the latter —

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

Fort St. George
18th April 1794

To

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To David Haliburton Esqr

&c. Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

To Board of Revenue — the Nabob's General account to be debited with the Compensation to the Calastry Rajah.

We have received your letter dated the 14th Instant —

The only method that occurs to us for bringing to account, the amount of the Compensation made to the Rajah of Calastry for the Loss of Grain and Effects, is, by debiting the Nabobs general account with the Company; for, if we were to adopt any other mode, it might be considered by his Highness as an interference with the Stipulations of the Treaty — You will therefore adjust it with the Treasury in conformity with this opinion.

We are,

&c. &c.

Fort St. George.
17th April 1794.

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

&c. Council

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To Captain Beatson
Town Mayor

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 15th Instant, and to enclose an order on the Paymaster for the Sum of two thousand eight hundred (2800) Pagodas, being the amount of Passage Money for fourteen french Officers who have permission to Embark for Europe on the Ship Windsor Captain Pelegrin. — This order also includes the Sum of three hundred (300) Pagodas, being the amount of Passage Money which the Presidentin Council has agreed to allow for the twelve Seamen who are to be taken from the Prison for the purpose of navigating the Ship — Captain Pelegrin may draw an allowance equal to Six Months Subsistence; and Madame De Jardens the Sum of thirty (30) Pagodas, on account of Passage Money. —

To Town Mayor sending the Proposal for the Passage of the French Officers to Europe in order for their Passage Money & inclosing further Instructions on the subject.

The President in Council desires you will keep the above Sums in your hands until.

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19 until the Master Attendant has reported upon the State of the Ship, and that she is in fit condition to undertake the Voyage.

You are authorized to supply each of the French Officers with a Hammock.

The Form of the Parole to be signed by the Prisoners of War, previous to their embarkation, is approved — but you must enjoin Captain Pelegrin to carry no other Colours during the Voyage than such as are used in time of War by Cartel Ships belonging to European Nations.

Fort St. George.
17 April 1794.

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

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in W.B. Nos. 82 - 83 - 84 - 85 - 86 - 87 - 88 - 89 - 90 - 91 - 92.

To Accountant General.

To Accountant General notifying the above order regarding the Compensation made to the Rajah of Calastry.

To

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To Mr Secretary Hay

To Secretary at Bengal - with Copy of the Intelligence received from Pondicherry.

To Captain Monson.

To Commandant at Chingleput the French Officer to remain there until further Orders.

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain & Provisions - Rice to be served to the Horse Keepers and Grass Cutters belonging to the 3rd Regiment of Cavalry.

To Military Board.

To Military Board - pieces of Bottles, to be fixed on the top of the Hospital Wall instead of Palisadoes - the Bill for an Ordnance Work passed - the Civil Quarters at Vizagapatam not to be converted into an Hospital for the present.

To Ditto.

To Ditto declining some additional Work to be made at the Powder Mills Estimate Enclosed.

To Major Pater.

To Commandant of the 2d Regiment of Cavalry - the Horses lately Cast to be delivered over to Mr Paymaster Wynch.

To

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To Chief Engineer

To Chief Engineer – with directions for Building the new Range of Stabling for the Body Guard – according to the Estimate already approved.

To Colonel Nixon

To Commandant at Pondicherry – referring the Petition of P. Maistre to report the allowance he formerly received.

To Ditto.

To Ditto no French Officer to be sent in future to any Garrison, without the previous Approbation of Government.

To Mr Paymaster Thynne.

To Paymaster at Nellore &c with directions for Selling by public Outcry the Horses lately Cast from the 2d Regiment

Substance of Letter from the Nabob 21

Received Letter from the Nabob Entered in C.C. No 42 complaining of the Orders issued by the Commandant at Tragar regarding the Prices at which paddy is to be sold at that place.

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in No 73. Nos 93. 94. 95.

From

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21st

From Principal Agent for Cavalry

From Mr Lockhart.

Supplies requesting a Perwanah may be obtained from the Nabob, for passing Gram for the 19th Regiment, Duty free.

From Paymaster General enclosing

From Military Paymaster General.

an Additional Estimate of Cash for the Palamcotah Paymaster for May.

From Ditto with Ditto for

From Ditto

the Presidency Paymaster for April.

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Received the undermentioned letters

Entered in M.B. Nos 96-97-98-99.

From Military Auditor General

From Auditor General

explaining the cause of Mr Assistant Surgeon Stewarts Bill not being discharged by the Paymaster at Ongole.

From Commander of the Army

From Colonel Brathwaite

with reports from Colonel Fraser and Lieutenant Colonel Campbells, of Requisitions made for Troops at Vizagapatam and Tinnevelly.

From Ditto enclosing Captain

From Ditto

Orms declaration, on honor, to his Expences for

Building

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22d Building the Artellery Barrack at Sankleydroog

From Lieutenant Vaughan
Infantry.

From Lieutenant T Vaughan-
requesting leave to proceed to Europe a Sick &
Certificate Enclosed.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Recieved Letter from the
Nabob Entered in C. C. No 43 in reply to their
President's letter regarding Hummeed ud Doolah.

Recvd the following

Letter.

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor in Council

of

Fort St. George.

Hon'ble Sir,

Report of Auditor General upon the Estimate of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for April.

I have the honor to
acknowledge the Receipt of a Mr Secretary Jackson's
Letter of the 25th Ultimo with the Estimate
of the expected Disbursements in the Department
of the Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions.

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22 Provisions for the Month of April 1794. and to report thereon as follows.

Expected Disbursements at Madras 1194. 18. 20

Chingleput. Permacoil and Pondicherry .. } 173. 16. 64

Arnee Nellore &c } 66. 12. "
Amboor ... }

Tanjore ... 16. 27. "

Palamcotah .. 1441. 11. 13

Madulipatam .. 80. " " "

Baramahal .. 400. " " "

Ellore .. 3300. " "

Pagodas 6,672. 1. 7.

From the Total Amount of " expected Disbursements, as above stated, the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions deducts the following Sums as not issuable from the General Treasury at the Presidency but payable out of the expected Receipts from Sales &c in the Department, or from the Subordinate Treasuries for which Bills will be drawn upon him and so transferred through the General Treasury.

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	Pags. Fans. Cs
At Madras	6167. 1. 56.
Masulipatam	80. — "
Baramahal	400 — "
Ellore	3300 — "
Pagodas	9947 1 56.

Consequently there will be no advance Remittance from the General Treasury on account of Disbursements in April 1794. there being an excess of expected receipts in the Department of /3275—16—49/ Pagodas Three thousand, two hundred, and seventy five, Sixteen fanams, and forty nine Cash.

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22d April 1794.

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

To Auditor General.

Dispatched Letter to the Auditor General Entered in M.B. No 100 — referring the Paramedah Additional Estimates above noted.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield
&
George Westcott
} Esqrs

Tuesday
22d April 1794.

Minutes of last —

Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter

from Colonel Brathwaite.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

From Colonel Brathwaite
Representing the great
inconvenience that attends
the frequent calls of Officers
Corps for Revenue and
Civil Duties — and the
weak state of the Carnatic
with respect to Native Troops
Inclosed a Correspondence
received from Colonel
Fraser at Allore — also
a Letter from Colonel
Floyd — observations
on the Letter.

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to lay before
you Copies of a Correspondence I have received from
Colonel Fraser, and I am to mind, that, in a former
Letter, I promised to lay before you, a Statement

of

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of the Effective Sepoys now employed on Revenue and Civil Duties, which I should ere this have done, but that I have endeavoured to ensure, and consequently lay before you such a Statement completely, have as yet proved very unsatisfactory —It being almost impossible to ascertain how or where these Sepoys are employed, when once detached from their Corps for these Duties, as they are, generally speaking, immediately dispersed in twos and threes, often Single Sepoys, to Villages where the Inhabitants are always in the extreme, either resisting and insulting them, or Corrupting and pampering them; and in these situations they remain for Months, to the total loss of that Discipline and Soldierly habit of thinking they acquired and retained with their Corps, and, as far as I could ever be informed, although it frequently happens that a Company of Sepoys is required, which is consequently detached with its Officers, no advantage is gained by that, the nature of the Service being such that an Officer has no professional knowledge to exercise, and as it requires almost always a total dispersion of the Party, it leaves him without the means of preserving any Discipline I was in hopes, when the Revenue Battalions were discontinued that

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it was found no longer necessary to employ Soldiers on such Duties, or, at least, that the Invalids would be adequate to all such Duties, and sufficient in Number; but I am sorry to see that there have just as many Sepoys been employed since on these Duties, as was the case before the Revenue Battalions were disbanded, and these effective Sepoys, which must very soon weaken our effective Native force — That branch of the Establishment is, in fact, now too weak on the Coast, though — considered as applicable to Military Duties only, and leaves us without the possibility of having any Corps collected or collectable at any given point North of the Cavery, (the Frontier excepted) which is an impolitic state to remain in, either as it relates to the maintenance of internal Order, or a prompt state of Defence —

This is a Subject I have not — however lately pressed upon your Honor, from the Idea that some arrangement is making in Europe for the Establishment on this Coast — in which I trust that it will be recollected, that the Ceded Countries alone require, at least, one entire Native — Brigade — Viz.t one Battalion in the Dendigul — Country.

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Country, and five in the Baramahal and Salem Countries, and that we are now constantly with the Nizam.

The Native Establishment for this Coast was, after much deliberation, formerly determined at Six Brigades, or Thirty Six Battalions, and this was for the Peace Establishment, or such as was adequate to maintain the Dominion internally, and be sufficiently respectable to make a stand, till augmentations could be made, in case of War. It has so happened, however, that this Native Establishment does not now exceed Thirty two Battalions, eight of which are actually employed on Services which were not included among those for which the Thirty Six were deemed requisite, so that the fact is, that there are now only twenty four Battalions for all the Stations and Duties of the Carnatic, which were very justly deemed to require thirty six; added to which, all the Revenue Corps have been disbanded. The first inconvenience occasions necessarily such a total dispersion of the Force, that we may be said to have an Army without being in any state of Military preparation, for such is literally the case in regard to our Native force, both Cavalry and Infantry; the former

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former are dismounted, and the latter so dispersed, that it would require a good deal of previous management even to review, a Complete Battalion any where, and there are not more than three places where it could be done, added to which the second inconveniences, namely, the frequent calls from many of the Corps for Revenue Duties, it hastily rendering these Corps non Effective for any real Service — Repeated Experience has shewn us, that those Battalions which had heretofore been so situated as to be continually furnishing Detachments for Revenue Service, when called into the Field, did more mischief by their bad example, than the total want of them could have occasioned —

It is a duty incumbent upon my present situation to attend to the Military state of the Coast, and call your attention to it, and I should be unjust to you and myself if I did not fairly say, that I never remember the Carnatic so ill conditioned in regard to Native Troops as at present, and that, from the Causes I have assigned; for I must do myself and the Officers the justice to say, that strict discipline is no where.

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where neglected, when it can be practicable but it would be absurd and Culpable in me not to warn you, that Corps broken to pieces at Head Quarters of Collectors, or for similar Duties, can be in no state of Discipline, And therefore cannot, with propriety, while there is necessity that they should be so broken, be reckoned upon for any other services than such on which they are employed. I have said that as many Sepoys have been employed on Revenue Duties since, as were so employed before the reduction of the Revenue Battalions, I shall be warranted in saying more; and it arises from there being now Company's Servants employed to collect the Peshcash of the Polegars, which was not formerly the case; and it must be remembered that these are now Effective Sepoys, and it cannot have escaped your observation that Mr Landon's proposal, went to the breaking a Battalion into no less than six Detachments. This however though if it could be avoided it certainly should be, is not so destructive, as the Complete dispersion and other bad Consequences which

follow

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follow that Species of Service, more
immediately known by the name of Revenue,
Service, in which the Sepoy is degraded into a
Tufsaldars Peon to all intents and purposes,
and, if so employed one Month, is never worth
his Salt afterward.

I have also the Honor to enclose
to you a Letter addressed to you by Colonel
Floyd, which he has desired me to forward
after perusing it; — I am clearly of opinion that
all the Troops in that Quarter, should be
provided for in Trichinopoly and Vellore,
and that the Island of Seringham should be
entirely freed from Troops — their being there is
at all times extremely distressing to the Natives,
on account of the sacred Veneration in which the
Island and its Temples are held, besides
which the Cantoning Troops in Abbay that Subjects
them to be divided for a large portion of the
year, by an impassable river, is injudicious
Trichinopoly and Tanjore
will very soon be taken under Consideration

Sir

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by the Military Board in regard to the new Works and Quarters necessary — I have no idea myself of proposing any Augmentation of the Force there, either Cavalry or Infantry; and unless you signify any thing to the contrary, the Military Board will of course only take into consideration what is necessary for the Force now there, and to render Trichinopoly sufficiently tenable which I conceive may be done even now, though it certainly has been too long neglected — The Attack of fortified places, is that branch of Warfare, in which the most formidable of our Enemies in this Country is less skilled than any other, so that I should hope it is not necessary either to go to a very great expence, or to abandon the old works of Trichinopoly to ruin. Certainly Trichinopoly merits consideration, but His Highness the Nabob seems, for many years to have bestowed no thought upon it, nor do I believe any material work has been done there for twenty five years past.

With regard to the 31st. Native

Battalion

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Battaleon, I am entirely averse to their being sent to Jambakistnah, under the circumstances of being separated from their Officers; besides that, I would by no means wish to place two Battaleons on the Island of Seringham, I would rather, if I could, with draw the first from thence, so soon as the second Battaleon of Artellery is withdrawn from Trichinopoly, I would, by all means, recommend the Quartering the 31st in the Fort, and I should hope that, by allowing the Officers House rent, which must be the case till Quarters are built, that means might be now found, in a place of such extent as Trichinopoly, for the Temporary Accommendation of this Battaleon; but, if that cannot be done, I would recommend that the Officers be allowed House rent to Build themselves slight Bungalaes, and that the Men be halted in the Vicinity of Warreore, till they can be thrown into the Garrison — I am sorry that his Highness the Nabob has thrown obstacles in the way of the Bridge over the Nullah at Warreore, for it certainly was not only a great convenience, but a necessary Communication.

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I have the honor to be with

Respect.

Military Head Quarters.
Madras April 21st 1794.

Honble Sir
&c. &c.
/Signed/ John Braithwaite.

Colonel Charles Fraser,

Commanding the Northern Division
of the Army.

Ellore

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to
transmit you a Copy of a Letter just received from
the Collector of Mr Ram, and have, in consequence of
his Representation, detained the Company of Sepoys
that escorted the five Zemindars from Masulipatam
to Guntoor, until further orders.

I trust you must see the
absolute necessity of more troops being sent into
this Circar, particularly as five of the Zemindars'
Countries are ordered to be immediately expended,
and the five Zemindars to be kept at Guntoor
under

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under strong guards — at present I have not a single Sepoy off Duty, in consequence of Detachments being sent into the sequestered Countries to secure the Grain, and to enforce the orders of Government — You will, I am confident, see the necessity of an immediate representation being made by you to the Commanding Officer on the Coast for a further Supply of Troops, being ordered into the Guntoor Circar, as the Districts sequestered will require Guards to be stationary in the different Pargunnahs.

Guntoor
7th April 1794.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Wynch
Major Commanding

A true Copy
(Signed) C. Fraser

To. Major Alexander Wynch.
Commanding in the
Guntoor Circar.

Sir,

The Situation of the Rajahs,
whose Countries have been sequestered, namely
Manoor

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Manoor Manikedem, Manoor Narasana Row,
Manica Row, Bavanaram Row and Manicaroo
Apparow, who arrived here this Morning under a
Guard of a Company of Sepoys from Masulipatam,
rendering it necessary that the Guard should be
continued over them for some time to come, I have
to request you will detain the said Company
of Sepoys, unless it should be in your power to
relieve them from the Strength of the Troops at
present at this place.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) G. A. Ram
Collector

Guntoor
7th April 1794.

A true Copy
(Signed) C. Fraser

True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson
Secy

To Colonel Charles Fraser
Commanding the Troops in the Northern
Division of the
Army

Sir

I am directed by the Chief and Council
to transmit you a Copy of a letter from Mr Cornish
Gunter

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Gambier, collector of the Mugglestore District, dated 6th Instant, and to request you will order the reinforcement of Effective Sepoys therein applied for to Mugglestore, as soon as possible, as none can be spared from this Garrison, a compleat Company having been detached to Guntoor with the Zemindars of that District.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) R. Malcolm Lieut

Masulipatam
April 8th 1794.

A true Copy
(Signed) C. Fraser

To Robert Gardiner Esqr
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th Ultimo, containing a copy of a letter to you, from the Board of Revenue, under date the 14th Ultimo; and, as I conceive, additional Military force to what I can obtain here, at present, is absolutely requisite to

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to carry the orders of the Board of Revenue into execution, I am under the necessity of requesting you will be pleased to order a Subedar's Guard of Effective Sepoys to proceed, for this purpose, to Mugletore without delay — a Subedar's Guard, amounting to thirty Sepoys exclusive of the Non Commissioned Native Officers usually attached to it, will, I trust, be sufficient.

I have the honor to be
Gentn. &c.
(Signed) Cornish Lambert
Collr.

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Malcolm
Secy.

A true Copy
(Signed) C. Fraser

Vera Cruz
Mugletore District
April 6th 1794.

Robert Gardiner Esqr.
Chief & Gentn. Council
of
Masulipatam.

Gentlemen.

I am favored with your
Letter of the 8th Instant, and have issued the
Orders

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Orders, as you desire, for a Subedar and 30 Sepoys, exclusive of non Commissioned Officers of the 2d Battalion to proceed to Mugletore, and to put themselves under the Orders of the Officer Commanding the Company of the same Corps which is stationed there.

On this Occasion, however, I beg leave to represent, that this mode of the Collectors directing what force is absolutely requisite to carry certain measures not specified into effect, is altogether contrary to the express orders of Government, which direct that the Service to be performed is to be explained to the Military Officer, who is to judge of the necessary force, and the method by which it is to be executed.

I shall only add, that, besides the Company of Invalids, there will be no less than a Company and a half of the 2d Battalion at Mugletore, a District surrounded by the Territories of the Honble Company, and no Enemy that I know of, to cope with — and

that

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That the state of the Troops in the Northern Division requires great attention and Oeconomy in their Distribution.

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

Ellore
April 10th. 1794.

True Copies
(Signed) Geo. Wilson
Secy.

Colonel Brathwaite
Commanding the
Army.

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose you a Letter from Mr. Gambier, Collector at Masulipatam, to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, and their requisition to me, in consequence of the said Letter, together with my Reply, which I trust you will think of sufficient importance to be laid before Government, and I hope to be honored with your instructions, or the instructions of Government, if they will be pleased to favor me with any, on this occasion.

Your

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You will See Sir by Major Wynch's Letter to me of the 7th Instant how he proposes for a Reinforcement of Troops for the Service of the Guntoor Circar, and you will be so good as to observe at the same time, that we have lost two Companies of the 27th Battalion by the G.O. of the - Ultimo, which directed them to proceed to the Vizagapatam Distrect -

Thus situated, I am of opinion that, in the present state of the Northern Dependencies, as far as I am acquainted with it, being allowed only eight Pagodas for Hircarrahs to bring me Intelligence of every Kind, and my Situation being such as not to admit of my laying out much of my own Pay on Batta in that way, yet I am of opinion that with the Troops I have, I could keep the Country in tolerable tranquility, if they are to be at my disposal - But if every Collector is to burn General, and Send, or by some means or other, prescribe orders for the distribution and Employment of a considerable proportion of the Troops, I cannot flatter myself,

or

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room for the Native Officers and men of another Battalion of Sepoys: — but there are no Quarters whatever for the European Officers. The Choultries that have been fitted up, and are now occupied by the 19.th Dragoons might serve, as makeshift places, but are very distant from Pumbakistna, and Cut off from it by unfordable Nullahs, in the midst of the River. — This Pagoda is however, the only place where the 3.d Battalion can be stationed, when they move from Tiru, which must take place when the Work-men commence on the Cavalry Barracks there — Therefore request your Commands how you will have the European Officers of the 3.d Battalion disposed of, when they move to Pumbakistna — whether you will be pleased to order them Houserent, or make each Officer an allowance for providing himself, as I understand you have done to the Officers of the 3.d Regiment Native Cavalry which I am informed is more agreeable to the Officers, and probably

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probably, more Oeconomical to Government.

I beg leave to take this Opportunity of stating to you some observations that Occurs to me regarding the Fort and Garrison of Trichinopoly.

The Fort of Trichinopoly, as to its works, is in a most ruinous state. The foundations, in a variety of places, and to a great extent, all round the Fort, have given way, particularly on the most assailable Faces, and are in danger of being carried into the ditch, the first heavy Monsoon. The foundations of the Batteries, in general, have also given way, so as to render them unsafe for the use of Artillery. The Ditch is dry, and fordable above half round. The Construction of the Works, even if new, is altogether erroneous, being almost entirely without Flanks.

I need trouble you with no further detail to shew that all idea of partial repairs

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repairs would probably not be worth your Notice.

An able Engineer might, —

perhaps, point out how the Old Line of an

inner Fort might be turned to Account.

As to the Cantonment of

Trichinopoly, if, as I have heard, you have it

in contemplation to build permanent Barracks

for the Troops, I beg leave to recommend that

the situation be well considered before the

spot be fixed on, — That the Barracks may

be contiguous — wholesome easily defensible

against slight Attacks — and near enough to

the Fort for easy communication in time of

clear. As to any Idea of their Safety from

being, what is called, under the Guns of the

Fort, I believe it to be entirely fallacious

as a night exploit of a predatory Enemy might

suffice to burn, or blow up any thing, not

otherwise defended; and if very near the Fort

it would become an inconvenient Post in the

hands

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Lands of a besieging Enemy

I humbly conceive that all the

Infantry should be stationed, together, South of the

Cavery, and none be left on the Islands of —

Seringham, from whence the communication

with the Fort is, at all times, inconvenient, and

sometimes difficult.

If it enters into your Plan

to station more Cavalry at Triplicane in

any future time, I beg leave to remark that

the spot I recommend for the Barracks of the

19th Dragoons, at Putoor, does well for a single

Corps, but is too Confined to Admit of more —

There is plenty of ground directly on the opposite

side of the Nullah, where Cavalry Cantonments,

of any extent, may be conveniently dictated.

The Bridge across the Nullah

which your Secretary's letter of the 20th Ultimo,

addressed to me, states as not being thought

necessary by His Highness the Nabob, is

unquestionably

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unquestionably of great importance to the Troops stationed at Putoor, and Warriore, being the Pass from thence to the Plain, over a Nullah, generally near three feet deep and some times not fordable, tho', at this Season, and for a short period, it is sometimes dry. Thus I beg leave to recommend that a Bridge be built over the Nullah, between Warriore and the Plain, nearly where the old one stood.

The convenience of this Bridge is so manifest that several persons residing in and about the place, once Subscribed towards building one — But its Completion did not take place, owing to objections on the part of His Highness the Nabob.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) P. Floyd Col:

Trichinopoly
April 15th 1794.

Minute thereon.

The Board feel equally with Colonel Brathwaite, the inconvenience that must attend.

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attend the frequent calls of effective Troops for Revenue and Civil Duties — The measures which they have, of late, been compelled to have recourse to, in the sequestration of many of the Zemindaries to the Northward, and to Effect which, the Assistance of regular Troops was indespensably necessary, will, in some measure, account for the dispersed state of the Native Corps in that quarter — But in order to avoid, as much as possible, these calls, in future, it is now resolved to forbid the employment of regular Troops, unless the Service on which they are required be intirely of a Military Nature — and that, instead thereof, Sibbendees or Peons be entertained by the Collector on all ordinary occasions. This, the Board hope, will, in a great degree, remedy the Evil complained of; but they can make no augmentation to the Establishment, without the previous Sanction of the Court of Directors.

Regular Troops in future to be only employed on Service entirely of a Military Nature — Sibbendees or Peons to be hired in their stead.

Resolved that the necessary communication be made to the Board of Revenue, in conformity with the above.

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Minute upon Colonel Floyd's letter.

The Board approve the opinions given by Colonel Brathwaite upon Colonel Floyd's letter. The 31st Battalion of Native Infantry may so easily accommodated with quarters in Pulicat, upon the removal of the 2d Battalion of Artillery which will shortly be ordered to the Presidency - and if there be not sufficient accommodation within the Fort, for the whole of the European Officers, such as Cannot be provided with public quarters, will of course be allowed House Rent.

A Dividend ordered for the Nabobs Creditors on the 10th May.

Resolved that the following Sums be issued to the Nabobs Creditors on the 10th day of May next.

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Consolidated Debts	130,000
New Cavalry Loan	39,945. 21. 71
Star Pags	169,945. 21. 71

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital

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Hospital Board

25th April 1794.

The Head Surgeons of Nellore and Trichinopoly have transmitted very Satisfactory reports of the state of the several Hospitals in their respective Districts. Mr. Meri observes that the Sick of His Majesty's 74th Regiment in the Regimental Hospital at Tanjore and Nellore are well and cleanly supplied with every necessary of Clothing and Diet; and that much credit is due to Mr. Henderson and his Assistants for his attention and care of his Patients. The Regimental Hospital of

From Hospital Board reports of the State of the Hospitals under the Head Surgeons of Nellore Trichinopoly and Ellore Mr. Kaine requests leave to postpone his visits to the Hospitals for the present - recommend that Commissioned Officers of European Corps be included in the Surgeon's Charge of Colick & Flux - an Assistant Surgeon required at Tanjore.

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of the Royal Artillery
at Negapatam is also
supplied with every
necessary, and only 5 Men
of the Company Stationed
there in Hospital

We have just
received a Letter from the
Head Surgeon in the
Circars communicating his
having Visited the
Hospital at Masulipatam
in which as well as in the
Hospitals of the 8th and
11th Battalions of Native
Infantry he found the
duties all attentively executed.

Mr Adderton
intimates his intention of
postponing his Tour of
Visitation to the More
Northern Hospitals for a
few Weeks, as the General
Hospital

Approved.

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The Hospital at Ellore is at present undergoing some repairs, and he wishes to be present until they are compleated.—

Mr Raine requests may not be deemed necessary for him to visit the Hospitals in his district until the weather becomes Milder.—

As no reason is stated for this Request, the President in Council cannot judge whether it would be proper to comply with it.

A representation has been made by the Surgeons of the 2d Regiment of European Infantry and the 1st Battalion of Artillery; that the Military Paymaster at the presidency has objected to their including the Commissioned Officers of their respective Corps in their monthly Charges of 60 Cash P Day.

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As Officers
must be supplied with
Medicines, and Medical
attendance as well as
every other effective provision
with the Regiment, We
recommend that the
Paymaster be directed to
pass the Accounts —

Mr Ram Collector
at Guntoor, having stated
to the Physician General
the want of Medical
Assistance at that place,
the Hospital Board
wish to know if it is the
intention of Government
that they should recommend
a person for that Station

Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician General
Colly S. Lucas
Surgeon.
W Raine
Head Surgeon
Read

Approved — An order will be
sent to the Paymaster.

The Hospital Board may
recommend an Assistant Surgeon
for Guntoor.

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Read the following letter from the Military Board.

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

Honble Sir,

From Military Board— opinion on the proposal of the Contractor's Agent for transporting the Army Clothing —

We are honored with your Commands under date the 3rd Instant, and in reply to the paragraph wherein you desire to have our opinion upon the proposal made by the Agent to the Clothing Contractor, to deliver the Army Clothing, at his own risk and charge, at the several out Stations, at 4½ P Cent, — We, in consequence, called upon the late Contractor, and found that Clothing would to be delivered at Out Stations, to the Amount of Thirty thousand (30,000) Pagodas, and that consequently the Sum to be paid to the Agent for delivering the same, at 4½ per cent would amount to One thousand three hundred and fifty (1350) Pagodas — And We find that the Sum Charged (per bale) by the late Contractor for the same purpose, Amounted to Six hundred and sixty eight Pagodas, Forty fanams,

and.

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and thirty Cash, (668: 40: 30) but We also find that the late Contractor was somewhat a loser thereby, but not in such a degree as to warrant so great an encrease of allowance, We therefore recommend that an offer of 3½ per Cent be made to the Agent to deliver the Clothing and if he will close with that, We think, for many reasons, that it will be advisable to agree with him

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

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Minute thereon

Agreed to inform the Contractor's Agent that the Board are willing to Contract with him, in behalf of the Torcano, for the delivery

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delivery of the Army Clothing at the different Stations, provided his terms do not exceed 3½ P Cent, upon the Cost of the Clothing.

Read the following letter from Messrs. Colhoun and Maclean, Assistant Surgeons.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

From Messrs. Colhoun and D. F. M'Lean, soliciting relief from their pressing distresses consequent of the Wreck of the Winterton.

Honble Sir,

We, surviving passengers of the Ship Winterton, wrecked on Madagascar August 20th 1792, trusting that the well known circumstances of our sufferings have already engaged some sentiments of humanity in our favor, are encouraged to call your attention to the particular hardship of our fate in being necessitated to borrow Money at an exorbitant interest in order to supply ourselves with a precarious and often scanty subsistence.

Besides we are involved in debt, since our arrival here, to an extent that thro' your only

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only we have any prospect of paying—

We are at present pressed to pay debts we contracted on the Isle of France which it being impossible for us to discharge without your interference, we humbly present this address and look up to you for relief from those pecuniary distresses, which no prudence could forsee or guard against.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Wm. Colhoun
Asst Surgeon
" John Field. Maclean
Asst Surgeon

Fort St. George.
April 21st 1794.

Minute thereon.

Resolved, in consideration of the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, that Messrs. Colhoun and Maclean be allowed to draw respectively the Sum of two Hundred (200) Pagodas, as a compensation for the expences incurred during their Voyage to India.

Read.

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Read the following Letter

from Captain Doveton.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary in the Military & Political

Department's.

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22d Ultimo, enclosing a Kerrehah from his Highness the Nizam to Tippoo Sultaun - which, immediately upon its arrival, I delivered to Golaum Ali Khan and Ali Reza Khan, in order to present to their Master.

I have also the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th Ultimo, on the Subject of which I had no opportunity of speaking personally to Tippoo Sultaun, having taken leave of him previous to its arrival - but to the Vackeels I fully discussed

the

From Captain Doveton
Has delivered the Nizams
Letter for Tippoo - and fully
discussed with the
Vackeels the points
regarding the restitution
of Refugees Encloses
Copy of his Letter to the
Governor General in
Council.

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the business, with a request that they would communicate the whole to their Master. — and on my taking leave, lest they should mistake or misstate such discussion, I left with them a Memorandum or Note, for the perusal of their Master, containing the arguments and reasoning made use of in your letter.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council, Copy of a letter addressed to the Honble the Governor General.

I purpose to leave the Company of Sepoys belonging to the 4th Battalion of N. Infantry, at its Station of Ryacottah, taking with me only Jemedars Guard for the protection of my tents, baggage &c. and on upon my arrival at Vellore or Arcot. I shall desire Lieutenant Price, with the party of Cavalry under his Command, to proceed and join his Regiment at Cunnatore.

Near Ryacottah.
April 15th 1794.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Signed / Gabriel Doveton.
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To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General &c. &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

I had the honor to address you on the 31st. Ultimo, informing you of my arrival at the Camp of Tippoo Sultaun, and of the favorable reception I had met with —

I have now the honor to acquaint you that, on the 6th Instant, I obtained my Visit of leave — In the course of this Visit Tippoo Sultaun told me that he had written Answers to the Letters which I had presented to him on my arrival, — but, as he understood, from his Vackeels, that I had another Letter from Lord Cornwallis to His address, which I had not yet presented, he requested to be favored with it, in order that he might write an answer to it also — Agreeably to his request, Therefore, I delivered to him His Lordship's letter dated the 9th October 1793. — with such professions of friendship on the part of His Lordship and of you, Honble Sir, as I thought proper for the occasion. —

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Occasion — to which Tippoo Sultaun, on his part, made the most friendly Answers — He then delivered to me his letters addressed to Lord Cornwallis, to you Honble Sir, to the Nawaub Walajah, and to Sir Charles Oakeley, — and having presented me with the usual Khelaat, took my leave —

When Tippoo Sultaun charged me with His letter to your Address Honble Sir, he requested, that I would myself proceed to Calcutta and deliver it in to your hands, — in order that I might in person report to you the safe return of his Sons, and the sentiments of friendship which he entertains towards you, and the English Government. —

Agreeably to Tippoo Sultaun's desire therefore, I purpose, if the Honble the Governor in Council has no objection, to proceed, by the first opportunity, to Calcutta, and to have the honor of presenting to you in person the letter from Tippoo Sultaun. —

On the 27th Instant took my leave of the Young Princes, who at parting, [illegible] requested &c.

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requested my acceptance, for their sakes, of a small Elephant, and Horse, — which, as it would have been improper to refuse, I accepted. —

On the 8th Instant I quitted Tippoo Sultaun's Camp, and arrived here this day. — Hyder Reza Khan, a person of some consequence, has attended me hither, on the part of Tippoo Sultaun, in order to provide for me whatever might be requisite on the road. —

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

at Ryacottah
April 15th 1794

A true Copy.
/Signed/ Gabriel Doveton

Read the following letters from His Highness the Nabob — (entered also in C.C. Nos 44 and 45)

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

From the Nabob detailing the Miscarriage of the Mongral Polygar — intends to bring him to Condign punishment.

Dated 15th Rumzaun 1208 Hegery
or
16th April 1794.
Received 17th Do. Do.

I have received your letter of the 9th Rumzaun.

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Rumzaun 1208 Hegery answering to 11th April 1794.

You say the Calastry man has reported to you that he had received an order from me to send a Body of Peons, for the purpose of punishing the Moogral man, and you desire me to communicate the particulars of this business, that you may transmit the same to the Governor General this Understand —

My Friend — The Moogral man is one of the Polygars depending upon Chittoor and Chendergherry, whose Peshcush is received by the Jaghiredar of those places, and is not included in the Treaty — The jaghiredar of Chittoor, every two or three years, collects a body of men, according to his ability, to chastise these Polygars, and he sometimes, according to circumstances, takes possession of their Pollams, and restores them again after a certain time — The people are in the habit of committing robberies and murders, and since the day that the Treaty was executed by and Lord Cornwallis, the Jaghiredar of Chittoor has repeatedly solicited my permission

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to perish them — Six or Seven Months ago I — employed four hundred Men of my own Lebendeis and the Jaghiredar sent Lei Peshcar Rajah Bhyong to chastese them — They have not, however, made that submission which they ought to have done, but — have, for sometime past, raised great disturbances — The Mooghal man, in particular, has become — exceedingly daring, and having, by Stratagem, impresioned and put in Irons the proprietor of the Paukhal Pollam, who is a woman of the name of Seetamah, he has seized her Pollam — Besides this, he gives refuge and every assistance to Chel Naik, who commit great depredations both in my Country and in that of Tippoo Sultaun, and does much injury to the Travellers from all parts — Accordingly — Golam Ally Cawn &c., the Vackeels of Tippoo — Sultaun, often Complained to me of the Robberies and Assassinations committed by him; and the Naib of Arcot, in consequence of his oppressions — was obliged to encrease the number of Lebendeis, which has been attended with an additional expence to me, and yet the injuries of the Ryotts, and the — plunder and murder of Bodies of Travellers from

distant

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distant parts and the ruin of the Cultivation. Love not ceased — The Villages of Chittoor, Trippelty and Chandargherry are day and night liable to the Moogral Mans depredations, the Talook of Kootcaud has been attacked and plundered by four or five hundred of his People in the face of day — In short this man has quite thrown off the yoke of obedience — The Jaghiredar of Chittoor has made Complaints to me against this man upwards of an hundred times — Boma Rawze has written me reiterated Accounts of his Violent Conduct and now writes me yourself in your Letter dated 24 Zeleand 1207 Hegery or 4th July 1793 the following paragraph "I have "the honor to enclose to your Highness Copy of a Letter "from Cavit Rawze, the Son of Boma Rawze, addressed "to the Board of Revenue, representing several "Enormities Lately committed by the Pakalomen "who has taken refuge with the Bhungarry Polagar, "a Dependent on Chittoor — If your Highness will "be pleased to direct the Jaghiredar of Chittoor to "seize the person of this offender, that he may be "brought to punishment, the disturbances complained "of will cease, and the example may deter others from

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"Similar Misconduct" Paccordingly, in my reply, under date 15th July following, informed you that I would take proper steps in the Business — and in my Letter of the 29th April of the same year, in answer to your letter, I wrote you to the following purport — that the Canekars or Watchers of Mogrum, Pakall, Pellaor &c. having deviated from their duty as Ryotts, in plundering, murdering, and Committing the greatest injuries upon the People, it would be of the utmost prejudice to the public Affairs to pass over their misconduct. — I have therefore directed Mohomed Nayeb Sawn to cooperate with the Naib of Chendargherry and the Troops stationed there — and the Peons of Bom Rauze, Vaneatagherry &c. in punishing these Conekars and bringing them to obedience — and if (in their shortsightedness) they do not refrain from their refractory, and turbulent conduct, to exterminate them, and deliver over their Cavilly to the Jaghiredar of Chittoor. In your answer under date 23d. Rumzaun or 5th May 1794. you say "I am glad to find — "that your Highness approves the opinion given

Cly.

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"by the Marquis Cornwallis and myself regarding
"the Pollagars of the Moograul &c., and I have no
"doubt that your Highness will be guided by
"it in your mode of proceeding towards those
"people." My Friend. There is no end to the
disturbances of the Moograul Polegars:- for
some time past, he will not admit the Orders
Servant into his Pollam, nor allow any order
of mine to be carried into execution:- and he
has possessed himself also of the Paukall &
Pollam— I submit to your judgement, to what
length the Insolence of a man will extend,
who has already gone beyond the bounds &
of moderation, if he does not meet with &
punishment. I have therefore firmly determined
on his Condign punishment; and, for this &
purpose, have written to Bomraurze, Calastry
and Kencatagherry, to send, each, a body of
two thousand Peons, whose Batta I will pay-
As a Government cannot prosper without
the punishment of thieves and Assassins- the
Naib of Nellore since the conclusion of the
Treaty.

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Treaty between me and Lord Cornwallis, has
apprehended and executed about fifty or Sixty
thieves, and the Naib of Arcot has in like manner
imprisoned and put to death an hundred and
upwards of thieves belonging to Chul Naiks Gang—
From the above mentioned misconduct of the Mograul
man, his punishment is become indispensible, and
you are also sensible of his audacity from our
former correspondence— In order to punish Robbers
it is not necessary that I should write so particularly
to my friend the Governor General Sir John Shore,
or to you or to obtain your permission— If it appear
necessary to you that such trivial objects, as the
punishment of Robbers and Assassins should be
communicated to Bengal, I will, in such case,
inform the Governor General, at the time of the
punishment of every thief: you will be pleased
to let me know your sentiments on this business
— at all events, whether you think it proper, or not
proper, that the Moograul man should be
punished for his misconduct, I shall send for
a body of Peons from Calestry, Veneatagherry and
Bomrauze.

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Bomkauze and employ them in protecting the Villages of Arcot, Chittoor, Tripaty &c, because, since the Treaty was concluded between me and Lord Cornwallis, I have requested Peons from those Pollagars, and they have not sent them. From consideration therefore of the arrangements of the Country, and that the publick in general, and those Pollagars in particular, may know that, by the blessing of God, my Government and Sovereignty are now more firmly established and secured to me, by the favor of the King of Great Britain and by the friendship of his Lordship, Sir John Shore and Yourself. — I deem it of the utmost importance to send for the Peons of the Pollagars, wether it may be necessary to restrain the Mogaul from committing disturbances, or otherwise — and I request you will be pleased to strictly enjoin them not to attempt at any deviation from the established rules of my Government of upwards of fifty years standing, in the sending of Peons, or in the performance of other acts of obedience to me — If you think it expedient that the Nuggur

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man should be punished, I will employ the Peons with the Chelloor man, and a body of Sebendies, for this purpose; and, if you think otherwise, I will employ those Peons for some time in protecting the City of Arcot &c., in order that no interruption may happen in the arrangement of my Government, and will afterwards send them back — and I am persuaded that this will meet your approbation —

I have been thus particular for your fuller information, and request you will favor me with a speedy Answer, as the arrangements in my Country have been materially interrupted and Chief Nack has public Intercourse at Moyraul, which he has made his place of refuge —

What can I say more?

A true Translation

/Signed/ David Haliburton

Persian translr

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

From the Nabob Asaf Narrain, Colery has been sent to Captain Read — requests after recovery of the property plundered, that he may be delivered up to him

Dated 18th Rumzaan 1208 Hegery
or
19th April 1794
Received 20th Do: Do:

Hufsamul Mulk Bahauder, agreeably to

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to my direction, has sent the Colony Addy Narrain to the Commanding Officer at Attoor and Anantagury — the said Colony, having plundered the Ryotts in several Talooks of Tridinopoly of their Effects and Cattle, all the property so plundered must be recovered from him. Besides this, the Colonies from the Tanjore Country commit frequent depredations upon the property of the Ryotts in the Tridinopoly District — It is necessary that the Commanding Officer at Tanjore be directed to prevent their Incursions into the Districts of the Circar — and you will be pleased to direct the Commanding Officer at Attoor and Anantgury, after he has procured restitution of the property plundered from the Company's Ryotts, to deliver up the aforementioned Colony to me, or cause him to restore the Property to which he has dispoiled my Ryotts of — I agree to either of these measures that shall be approved of by you.

What can I say more?

A true Translation
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Minute thereon.

As it appears to be the Nabobs intention to bring the Moogral Poligar to condign punishment for his refractory and turbulent conduct the Board think it their duty (in compliance with existing orders from the Court of Directors) to refer the Subject to the decision of the Governor General in Council — Resolved therefore that a Copy of the Nabobs letter be sent to Bengal, and that His Highness be requested not to renew the order to the Calastry Rajah, until the Board are in possession of the Sentiments of the Supreme Government.

Resolved that directions be sent to Captain Read to cause Addy Narrain to make restitution of the property which his Highness states to have been plundered by that Collery from the Ryotts in the Talooks of Trichinopoly —

Read the following letter from the Family of the late Rajah of Tanjore (entered also in C. C. No 46)

Translation

From the family of the late Rajah of Tanjore — requesting if the Ps. 15,000 Cullums of Pagoy hitherto allowed, cannot be continued that they receive an Equivalent in Money —

The family of the late Tolajah Rajah of Tanjore, the Ladies Rajasabaiesaib, and

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and Mogana Baisaib, and their Son Serfoge beg leave to address this Letter to Government.

In the Year 1790, when the Honble Company assumed the Tanjore Country, Government made our annual allowance to be 60,000 Pagodas; after that it was made to be 45,000 Pagodas, and at last it was reduced to 25,000 - when that reduction took plawon account of the War, we and the Reverend Mr. Swartz wrote to Government, and humbly represented the Difficulty of subsisting ourselves, relations and dependants by that allowance. This our representation Government were pleased to take into Consideration, and resolved to add to the annual allowance of 25,000 Pagodas 15,000 Collums of Paddy annually.

Agreeably to this Resolution we received from Mr Ram, the Collector, &c

&c

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the years 1791, 1792 and 1793, each year,
15,000 Cullums of Paddy, as Mr Ram's Accounts
will shew.

It is well known to Your
Honor, what Enmity Ammer Sing bore us,
even when the Tanjore Country was manag'd
by Collectors appointed by Government:
how much more difficult must it be now (when
that Country is under his own Management) for
our Relations and Dependants, who continue to re
live in it, to subsist and to procure Paddy for their
Families, if they are not supplied by us. As
there are many that depend on us for Food here,
so are there many in Tanjore, and a great deal
is required to make them, in any degree, live
comfortably.

In this place all Sorts of Grain
are very dear; Therefore we beg that Government
will be pleased to grant us the same Quantity of
Paddy.

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Paddy this Year, as they have been pleased to allow us in the three last Years; and to condemn us to their Protection and their support, or otherwise to procure and render us a full Equivalent in Money. this will add to the Fame of Your Honors Benevolence and Equity towards the Oppressed.

We beg leave to offer our sincere thanks for all favors received, and particularly for the late kind Assistance Government have been pleased to grant to the Ryaunger Lady Mogana Baisaib on her Journey to Treppatty.

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Minutes thereon.

Resolved that an allowance of two thousand five hundred (2500) Pagodas be made to the family of the late Rajah of Tanjore, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known, in lieu of the 15,000 Callums of Paddy, which they received, while the Tanjore Country was under the Management of the Company.

Resolved that Mr Greuch be directed to signify the above to the Family of the late Rajah — and to observe to them, that, as this Sum appears to be a reasonable equivalent, the Board will, provided it be accepted, order it to be paid from the Treasury here, at such periods as the Family may desire —.

Chas Oakeley.

E. H. Fallofield

Ex.d George Parry
Sec.y

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At a Consultation
Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor President.

Wednesday George Westcott Esqr
23d April 1794. Mr Fallofield indisposed.

The President informs the Board that he has assembled the Council for the purpose of reading the dispatches from the Honorable the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors received this Morning by his Majesty's Ship Dionede, and which were delivered to him by Colonel James Stuart.—

The Dispatches Received p Dionede Read.

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Measures in consequence.

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William.

Hon'ble Sir,

To Bengal forwarding the Advices for that Presidency freight will be engaged and every preparation made for the intended Expedition against the French Islands.—

We have the honor to acquaint you that his Majesty's Ship Diomede anchored in these Roads this Morning, and brought dispatches for your Government, which are herewith transmitted.

We shall take immediate measures for ascertaining the points recommended to our attention by the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors; and advise you, in course, of all matters necessary for your information, with the least possible delay.

It would seem that the Secret Committee entertained an opinion that the preparations for the expedition against the French Islands

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Islands might be in sufficient forward-
-ness to enable the force ordered from India
to embark early in the present Month;
and we are therefore instructed, on receipt
of their orders, to engage such private
Ships as may be at Madras, and will an-
-swer the purpose of Transports, so that
as few of the Company's Ships as possible
may be employed in the Expedition - Though
we do not think it probable that the Force
can leave India before the Month of July,
We shall not omit any opportunity that may
offer to procure Freight.

We think it necessary to mention
that one of the enclosed packets addressed
to your Government, was inadvertantly opened at
our Council Board - but that the Mistake
was discovered in time to prevent our knowledge
of the Contents.

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

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

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To John Morris Esqr

Secretary to the Government at Bombay

Sir,

To Secretary at Bombay advising of the Arrival of the Diomede and of the Ships destined to cruize off the Islands.

I am directed to acquaint you for the information of the Governor in Council at Bombay, that his Majesty's Ship Diomede anchored in these Roads this morning. She left England the latter End of October, and the Cape of Good Hope on the 22d of February; at the latter place, his Majesty's Ships, Centurion, Orpheus and Resistance were at Anchor, and the President in Council understands from Captain Smith of the Diomede, that Captain Newcome, who is in charge of this Squadron, has orders to cruize off the Mauritius.

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

" "

Ex'd George Parry
Pro. Agt

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Diary.

23d Received the following letters.—

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

Honble Sir

From Mr. J Pringle advising of his appointment as Company's Agent at the Cape.—

I am directed by the Secret Committee of the Honble the Court of Directors to inform you that they have been pleased to appoint me their Agent and Commissary at this place, without Prejudice to my rank on their Civil Establishment at Bombay. ordering me to correspond with their different Presidencies in India, giving them such information as I may have to communicate, and to receive such Commands as they may be pleased to give me.

I arrived here on the 16th Instant on His Majesty's Ship Orpheus Captain Newcome having the Centurion and Resistance under his Command — the Destination of this Squadron Colonel Stuart will inform you of — I was entrusted with a Dispatch for you, which the Colonel has obligingly taken charge of, and as there is nothing but what he is acquainted with, I of course can have nothing to communicate to you at present

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present, but I shall not fail to do so, as opportunity offers; in the mean time I beg leave to assure you of the pleasure I shall have in executing your Commands, and of the respect with which I have the honor to be &c &c

Cape of Good Hope
20th February 1794

(Signed) John Pringle

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council &c &c

Fort St George

From Captain Mears seizes some Bales supposed to be French, on board a Danish Snow - Bills of Lading thereof enclosed requests they may be condemned.

Honble Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that, being at Anchor in Pondicherry Roads, on the 18th Instant, I had information of French Merchandize being on board a Danish Sloop just come into the Roads. I proceeded on board the Sloop according to the Commission I have the honor of holding from the Governor General, and Supreme Council, and found my information well founded, as fully appears from the enclosed Bills of Loading, as well as from the Masters Acknowledgement to me when I went on board: I sent the property on Shore, under charge of the Master Attendant at Pondicherry, till I could have an Opportunity of addressing your Honble Board.

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23d Board, in order that the same may be duly condemned.

Madras
the 22d April 1794

I have the honor to &c,
&c &c
Signed Willm Mears

× to lay this in the office

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President in Council Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Colonel Nixon enclosing a petition from certain Merchants at Pondicherry regarding the above seizure.

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit you an Address from the French Merchants residing here, to your Honorable Board, and take the Liberty to recommend it to your serious consideration, in full Confidence that you will grant such Redress as the nature of the case may deserve.

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

Pondicherry
21st April 1794.

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

Very Honble,

The undermentioned Merchants at Pondicherry have the honor to represent to you that there has happened in the Road and in the Port of this City an Act of hostility unprecedented

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infinitely prejudicial to their Interests, and against which they conceive themselves justifyed in demanding your Justice. Captain Means of the English Ship Favorite has thought proper to seize on the road the Danish Sloop Le Rusk, Captain Heins, as is proved by the annexed Copy of the Protest of the said Captain Heins, because there were on board 40 odd Bales of Cloth intended for this Place, caused them to be discharged ashore, and registered in the Godowns of the Custom house; 26 of those Bales on the Protest, on the part of Captain Means, that they were French Property, are truth they are French Property, but of those French residing under the Protection of the British Government in India they were shipped on the Raft at Yanam in February, one part belonging to the Merchants established at that Factory the other to the Merchants at Pondicherry, all provided from the Produce of funds which were placed at Yanam previous to the declaration of War; and as you permitted the French at Yanam to collect their Goods contracted for previous to the War, we do not doubt that it was also your Intention to allow them to dispose of those Goods which are their Property, and to cause those to be passed to their Constituents at Pondicherry which

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if sending these Yanam Bales here can be consider-
-ed in no Other light than as an Act of Commerce
as there was neither Sale, purchase, or any Trans
-action whatever; it was simply and purely the col-
-lection of Property belonging to those French
residing under the British Protection, scattered
at the breaking out of the War, and which has
been guaranteed to them. The undersigned alter-
-chants believe therefore that you cannot dis-
-approve of these Goods being recovered for them,
and that the Transportation of Merchandize
may be carried on by Vessels of the Country confor-
-mable to the Tenor of the letter written by the Go-
-vernment of Madras to Colonel Floyd 9th
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Council continues of Opinion that it would be
highly improper to allow the French Merchants
at Pondicherry to have any concerns in Ships
belonging to a Neutral European Power, but this
is not meant to restrict from the Employment of
the Country Craft, or that it will be permitted
to the undersigned Merchants to observe to you
that the Sloop Le Raaft can only be considered
as a Country Vessel/a Country Craft-/coasting
on the Coast. the undersigned Petitioners on
waiting

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waiting your Justice, trust that you will have the goodness to take their demand into Consideration and order the Sequestration at Pondicherry to be taken off the Bales put into that State by Captain Mears.

Pondicherry
20th April 1794.

(Signed) Coulon, Whale Galin &c.
" De Bony, Jeannes Jenan &c.
Signed/ Ch.s Jouve " L'Agrenee
" Viollette " Danzal
" Combermab

(A true translation)
Signed/ Thos Chase
French Transl.r

24th Received the following Letters

To W. C. Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Government
at
Fort St. George

Sir

From Persian Kans. Cator at Bengal enclosing letters for the Nabob and Rajah of Travancore. —

I have the honor to transmit Letters from the Honble the Governor General to his Highness the Nawab of Arcot and the Rajah of Travancore, together with Copies, in English and Persian, for the information of the Honble Board. I also take the liberty to forward one from myself to the Omdut ul Omrah, Containing a Copy of the Honble the Governor General

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24th. Letter to his Highness the Nawaub

Calcutta

10th April 1794.

I am

&c. &c.

(Signed) A B. Edmonstone

P. Translr.

To The Nabob of Arcot

Written 10th April 1794.

I am honored with your Highness's several Letters (Received 10th February 4th, 16th and 22d March and 3d April) and have duly noticed their Contents. —

I am extremely Concerned at the Delay which has occurred to the Compliance with Your Highness's Request for the Purchase of the Military Stores taken at Pondicherry, but as the Inadver= =tency in omitting to send the necessary Directions to the Government of Madras, which was the Cause of the delay, has now been rectified I trust Sir Charles Oakeley has, long before this, gratified your Highness's Wishes. —

From Governor General to the Nabob — Answer directing Answer respecting the Pondicherry Stores Sentiments concerning the Appointment of a Commercial Resident at Tinnevelly

The Aversion expressed by your Highness to the Appointment of a Commercial Resident in the Tinnivelly Country for the pur= =pose of providing Cloths for the Company's Invest= =ment, had also given me much Concern. Your Highness may rest assured that the Madras Government had no wish, by the proposed plan to

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to assume any degree of Interference tending to di-
-minish Your authority, and if I could possibly fore-
-see any Inconveniance or Detriment to your High-
-ness in the Measure, I should not Venture to re-
-commend to you to give your Acquiescence to the adop-
-tion of it. — On the contrary it really appears to me,
that it is Calculated to promote both your Advantage
and that of the Company. All the Information which
I have received upon this subject is from the Letter
which Your Highness did me the honor to write to me
and after the most attentive Consideration of their
Contents, I must acknowledge that I cannot form
any other Opinion upon the Subject than what I
have expressed — The advantages of Commerce to a
Country are well known that I need not expatiate
upon them, and I should hope that a Measure
which may essentially benefit the Company be-
-tween whom and Your Highness a Friendship
and Alliance of so many Years have subsisted,
will, on reconsideration, be approved of by your
Highness —

A true Copy/

/Signed/ A. B. Edmonstone
P. S. —

To The Rajah of Travancore

Written 8th April 1794

From Governor General to the Rajah of Travancore congratulating him on

I am favored with your two Letters

One

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From his last Pepper Contract a more punctual fulfilment of that entered into with Sir Robt. Abercromby expected.—

I have written prior to the Receipt of mine of the 16th December 1793 and the other in reply to it / Recapitulating Letters Received 16th and 27th February 1794 /

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Great as is the ^ appointment and loss to the Company arising from your failure in the execution of the Pepper Contract entered into between You and Major Dow, yet Government unwilling to distress you by farther insisting on the fulfilment of it after you have so decidedly declared your inability to complete it, have come to the Resolution of Acceding to Your Request to be exonerated from it— They have accordingly intimated their desire to the Bombay Government, and directed them to Relinquish the Balance that may be due by you on account of the Contract +

I trust that this liberal Conduct on the part of Government towards You, and this mark of their Regard for, and of their Solicitude to gratify and accommodate you, will have the effect of Rendering you desirous of Making Amends hereafter for the loss they have sustained in the present instance by supplying them upon proper and reasonable terms with the future produce of your Pepper Cultivation, and punctually fulfilling the subsequent engagements which have been entered into with you for that purpose. +

I therefore depend with confidence

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Confidence upon the assurances you have given me to fulfil the Contract made with Sir Robert Abercrom-by the orders that have been made by Govern-ment to promote your interest must, in your own mind, constitute an obligation upon you not to omit whatever can tend to forward theirs.

Knowing me desirous of News of your welfare &c.a &c.a &c.a

A true Copy/

Signed/ W.B. Edmonstone

P.S.

To W. C. Jackson Esq.r

Secretary to the Government

Fort St George

Sir,

From Persian trans-lator at Bengal en-closing a letter for the Rajah of Travancore from Mr. Duncan, to be delivered to the Vakeel at Madras

I take the liberty to transmit to you the accompanying packet addressed to Jaggandas Tanker Vakeel to the Rajah of Travancore, con-taining a Letter from Mr. Duncan late Commis-sioner on the Malabar Coast, to the Rajah's address; Mr. Duncan having desired that I would transmit it thro' the Channel of the Vakeel, who forwarded to him, that, to which it is a reply.

I have the honor to enclose Copies, in English of the Rajah's letter, and Copies in English and Persian of Mr. Duncan's reply

For

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for the information of the Honble Board, and to be

Calcutta Sir

10th April 1794 &c. &c.

(Signed) N. B Edmonstone
P.S.

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore to Mr. Duncan, Received at Benares the 29th of March 1794

In pursuance of what you wrote to me I formerly advised you fully of what appeared to me, concerning the Settling and coming to an ac-commodation with the Rajas of the Pirinjar Colgum dependant on Calicut, and inducing them to Conform and Submit themselves to the Com-pany's Government and to abstain from acts of Mischief and Turbulence in the said Talooks, as well as for bringing this matter to an Issue and adjustment - and, inasmuch as they had, from their want of Judgement been guilty of improper deeds of Extravagance and disobedience, and had recourse to acts of Wickedness and evil doing - they have now, however, become ashamed and confounded, and intimidated, and have written an answer to me, containing the most earnest supplications, and setting forth 'that if the Gentlemen of the Company shall, in 'view to our support, pardon our Intemperance and 'offences - Let them grant us a Cowlnama or 'writing of Security for our Lives and Properties,

"so

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"so as that, having our Minds thereby set at Ease, we
"may bring our Cause to an adjustment" on which
account, I think it proper to transmit to you this
friendly advice of what has thus occurred, Recom-
=mending that, if it be thought advisable to come to
an amicable Accommodation with them, a Cowlna-
=ma should be granted to their Request, to the End
that they may settle their Cause, but if the members
of Government do not think fit to grant to them
a Cowlnama, It appears equally necessary to in-
=flict on them a full Degree of punishment, ade-
=quate to their misconduct so as to serve as an Ex-
=ample to other Refractory Persons and thereby to
promote the Good Government of the Honble Com-
=pany's Districts; wherefore. It is that I have
written all these particulars for your Informa-
=tion. I rely on Your Considering me as being
your Sincere friend and that you will in that
light, favor me, from time to time, with your Cor-
=respondence.—

Dated the 16th of Rejib
or 17th of February
(Signed) J Duncan

A true Copy
(Signed) P. B. Edmonstone
P.S.

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Translation of Mr Duncan's Answer to the Raja of Travan-
-core.-

This day being the 20th of March 1794
I have, at Benares, been favored with your friendly
Letter of the 16th of Rejeb 1208 Hyjeree as forwarded
thro' Suggunadda Thakeer, Vakeel, from Madras;
and I have been made happily by the Contents.-

What you write as to the Rajahs
of the Perungar Colgum having become sensible of
their own Misconduct hath afforded me the high-
-est Satisfaction; and I have lost no time in
Communicating the particulars to Sir John Shore
Bart the Governor General, to the End that he may
issue his orders thereon to the Gentlemen at Calicut,
and that the Business may proceed to an adjustment, ac-
-cording to the particulars specified in your Letter,
Viz: that the Rajahs of the Perungar Colgum
receiving the means of Support according to
the Degree of their Rank, and holding their abode
within the limits of your Dominions, do abstain
from all Disturbance of the Peace, and bring
also
to a fair adjustment their accounts depending
with the Sumoory Raja regarding the Perungnaud
Country, for the period during which they held
the possession and management thereof, during
the Malabar Year 968, under which circum-
-stance it seems likely that the Governor
General

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General in Council will, in her favor, not require from them any other or further adjustment of their Wasil-aut or Collection Accounts, for the Year 966 or 967 but that, on the contrary, he will indulg to their want of Judgements and Sufficiencies, let the Wasilaut of both the Years last mentioned be passed over and forgiven in their favor, and Sirmegine that orders of this Effect have already been issued, thro' the Bombay Presidency, to the Gentlemen in Charge at Calicut, and after these Rajahs shall have explained and accounted for their Collections for the term aforesaid, of the Malabar Year 968, it is very probable that the property and Effects of theirs now sequestered in the hands of the Sunwoay or Zamorin as a Security for their said Balance may, on their application to Mr Stevens, be, from the favor of Government, restored to them as far as the same shall exceed the amount of their ascertained Collections for the said period of the Year in question; but, if they shall neglect or avoid the acceptance of the conditions thus prescribed, they will certainly receive, as you recommend, their adequate Punishment; and, as you have been pleased, at my Request, to take so much trouble about them, I think it no more than incumbent on me to make you thus fully acquainted with the particulars of the manner in which the Government

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have determined to proceed with regard to the Rajas
in question, to the end that, in like manner as you
have hitherto afforded your aid concerning this
Busineſs, you may continue effectually to Co-ope=
=rate herein, in concurrence with the Gentlemen
at Calicut, till its happy Termination, which I can=
=not have any doubt, but it will, in this manner,
speedily attain.

Besides this I have the pleasure to ada
that I have not failed to Represent to the Governor
General and the members of the Government of Bengal
the several praise worthy particulars I was an Eye=
=Witneſs to, at Trevandram, all which have afforded
them the greatest Satisfaction.

After getting thro' my buſineſs at the
Presidency I took leave of the members of the Govern=
=ment at Calcutta, and have arrived in perfect
ful welfare at Cashi, where I hope to have fre=
=quently the Honor of hearing from you with ac=
=counts of your welfare, and how the Cause above
mentioned, and whatever else may occur on that
side of India, may be terminated; obliging me
also by laying your Commands on me in regard
to whatever yourself or the Dewanjee may be
interested about in this Quarter, either with regard
to your Religious Establishments, or otherwise;
being assured that I shall Experience a

particular

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Particular Satisfaction on conforming to your wishes.

Dated 29th of March 1794

(Signed) J. Duncan.

A true Copy

(Signed) A. B. Edmonstone.
Persian Translator

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor. President

Ernst William Falloofield

and

George Westcott Esquires

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Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.

The President lays before the Board the following letter received from Colonel Stuart.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor &c. &c. &c.

In Council.

Honorable Sir,

From Colnel Stuart suggesting an Arrangement for assembling troops for the Expedition against the Islands Observations Copy of his letter to the Commander in Chief in India, enclosed

In compliance with your desire that I would inspect the general return of the troops, which you did me the honor to put into my hands yesterday, and suggest to you what troops could be assembled for the intended expedition against the Islands of Mauritius and Bourbon; I have the honor herewith to enclose a Statement to that effect.

As it appears to me indispensable for the purpose of carrying into effect the intentions

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intentions of his Majesty's Ministers with Regard to the proposed expedition, that all the troops which are to compose it, should, under present circumstances, be furnished from this Presidency, I have, looking to its present possible resources, found a necessity for stating the European force lower than the requisition for the Service, adding a larger proportion of native troops, but without being authorized, on the one hand, in any respect to Answer that Major General Sir William Medows will acquiesce in a deviation from his original requisition; and without attempting, on the other hand, to enter into any consideration of general policy, on which it is the province of the Supreme Government, in communication with your honorable Board finally to determine. But if no Material Objection of this nature be found to exist, I should apprehend that a short period only can intervene between the departure of the expedition, and the time when the deficiencies on the Bombay establishment can be supplied, to every necessary extent, from the other Presidencies; and, if the general Arrangements for India be found to admit of this idea being realized, it will remain to consider whether the Europeans might not, in such case, be completed to the full extent of the requisition.

In every event I would submit to your

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Your Honorable Board the expediency of holding in immediate readiness the troops you may determine to allot for the Service, and of putting in Motion the more distant Corps without any delay.

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I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Stuart Colonel
72d Regt.

P. S. I have the honor to Enclose, for your information, Copy of a letter which I have this day addressed to the Commander in Chief in India.

(Signed) J. S.

Statement of troops that may be Assembled for Service

The Kings Infantry appears, from the returns, to have fit for duty rank and file	3010	
Ditto on Command	280	3290
The Honble Company's 3d Battalion of European Infantry suppose	500	
Six flank Companies from the Company's 3 other European Corps completed to 100 Rank and file each	600	1,100
Total European Infantry		4390
European Artillary		300
Total European force		4690

Natives.

Infantry - Battalions or flank Companies as may be convenient	2200	
Gun Lascars	500	
Pioneers	500	
Total Natives		3200
General Total		7890

N.B. By a present State received from Captain

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Captain Robertson D. A. G. of the Kings Troops the effective Strength is 60 Men short of what is above stated from the last general return.—

Major General Sir Robert Abercromby K.B.
Commander in Chief in India &c. &c. &c.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to enclose two letters entrusted to my care by Mr. Dundas the latter end of October last.—

The dispatch from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors to the Supreme Board which will be received at the same time this letter reaches you will Account for my returning so expeditiously to India—

Unfortunately I have had a very tedious passage from England, and as the time will not now admit of waiting for the arrival of the proportion of troops which might have been intended to be sent upon this expedition from the other Presidencies, it appears indispensable that the whole force for the Service be Collected from this Army, supposing that other considerations admit of it's being speedily replaced, to the necessary extent, from the other Presidencies, an Arrangement which have suggested for

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the consideration of this Government in a letter of this date, which I have the honor to enclose.

I shall do myself the honor of addressing you farther upon this Subject in a few days, by which time I hope the Arrangements for Assembling the troops in this Neighbourhood will be in considerable forwardness.

I am &c.

Madras 25th April 1794

Resolved that the following Letters be immediately dispatched.—

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart.
Governor General in Council
at
Fort William,

Honble Sir,

We lose no time in transmitting to you copy of a letter with its enclosures, received this day from Colonel Stuart, with whom our President had conversed, in conformity with the orders of the Secret Committee of the Honble Court of Directors, on the subject of the intended expedition against the French Islands.

As Colonel Stuart is decidedly of opinion that all the Troops which are to compose the expedition, should, under present circumstances, be

To Bengal enclosing copy of the above letter and advising of the orders sent to the Commander of the Army in consequence.—

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be furnished from this Presidency, we have, in compliance with his recommendation, directed the Officer Commanding the Army on the Coast to submit the necessary measures for carrying into effect the arrangements that depend upon us.

We have the honor to enclose for your information, Copies of the letters which we have deemed it necessary to write to Colonels Brathwaite and Stuart.

We have the honor to be with respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) Chas Oakeley

&c. &c. Council

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To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir

To Colonel Brathwaite advising of the intended expedition and desiring him to prepare the draft of an Order for effecting the Arrangement proposed by Colonel Stuart. Sentiments regarding the Defences of the Carnatic.

The Secret Committee of the Court of Directors having communicated the intention of his Majesty to order an Expedition to be undertaken against the French Islands of Mauritius and Bourbon; and directed that the necessary preparations for the expedition be made by this Government without loss of time, the President in Council, in conformity with the orders of the Committee, has consulted with Colonel Stuart (who is to be employed

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employed on the occasion, as next in Command under Major General Sir William Medows, in regard to the Force required for this service, and to other points connected with the object of his Majesty's Ministers, which has been fully imparted to him; and he has accordingly given it as his opinion, that all the Troops which are to compose it, should, under present circumstances, be furnished from the Coast; and that the number mentioned in the accompanying Statement should be held in immediate readiness for Service, and the more distant Corps put in Motion without any delay.

The President in Council having acquiesced in the suggestions of Colonel Stuart, I am directed to desire you will be pleased to submit the draft of an order, for effecting the purposes above recommended, as soon as possible.

The President in Council is aware that the measures in agitation will occasion a temporary weakness in the defences of the Carnatic, but as the Governor General in Council is apprized of the orders of the Secret Committee, and will provide, as far as may be practicable, for the Security of the Company's possessions under this Presidency, during the absence of the Troops, there is every reason to hope that this inconvenience will not, in the present

situation

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situation of affairs be materially felt.—

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Sam
S. S.
Signed W. C. Jackson
Secy.

To Colonel James Stuart

Sir,

To Colonel Stuart, his Arrangement approved and requesting him to state what Stores may be necessary.

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and to acquaint you that no time will be lost in assembling the Force which you have suggested as necessary for the intended Expedition against the Sooloo Islands.

As the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors have referred the President in Council to you for any explanations he may require regarding this interprize, he desires you will be pleased to state your opinion whether any and what Articles of Stores, independent of those mentioned in the accompanying List, will be wanted from this Presidency.

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Sam S. & S.
Signed W. C. Jackson Secy

Lt Colo George Parry
No. 4765

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Diary

Received the undermentioned letters —

entered in W.B. Nos 106. 107. 108 109.

From Military Paymaster General — enclo-
From Paymaster General

-sing an additional Estimate of Cash for Chicacole, for
may.

From Commandant at Pondicherry.

From Colonel Nixon

-reporting on P. Maistre's Case — recommends Houbert
and La Batta for subsistence — and incloses a Roles
from the Captain of the Danish Sloop Raafs.

From Ditto — mons.r De Beauplain
From Ditto

requests to resume his Commission
which he lately relinquished, and to receive the —
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Subsis tence of that Rank.

From Commandant at Vellajaubad,
From Major Fraser

requesting leave to visit the Presidency.

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Entered in W.B. Nos 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117
118. 119.

To Commandant at Amboor permit-
To Captain Macpherson,

-ting him to visit the Presidency.

To Secretary at Bombay — forwarding
To Secretary at Bombay

Copy of the Intelligence received from Pondicherry.

To

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To Commissary Genral of Grain and Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions directing him to report the amount of the claim upon Major Newenton for Grain issued to the 5th Regiment of Cavalry during the late War.

To Ditto

To Ditto the Lascars and Artificers at Palamcotah, to be served with Rice from the Public Stores

To Lieutenant Colonel Dupont

To Commandant at Cuddalore Monsr. Vaillant may proceed to the Presidency under a Pass

To Acadt. Genral

To Military Auditor Genral the Surgeons of European Regiments to be permitted to include Commissioned Officers in their monthly charge of Sixty Cash per Diem.

To Lieutenant Gordon Infantry.

To Lieutenant J. D. Gordon permitting him to visit Bengal upon six months leave of Absence.

To Lieutenant Vaughan Ditto

To Lieutenant T. Vaughan, permitting him to proceed to Europe.

To Mr. Paymaster Lennox

To Paymaster at Ongole with instructions for paying Mr. Assistant Surgeon Stuart the Allowance of 10 Pagodas pr. mensem, applied for by him, and the Arrears due.

To Captain Mahal

To Commandant at Tiagar stating the Complaints preferred by the Mahol, against him and directing him to make no compulsive alteration in the price of the Articles there.

Sent

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26th Sent the undermentioned letters to the Nabob, Entered in C: C: Nos 47.48.

Substance of letter to the Nabob. To the Nabob requesting him to suspend his Order to the Tributaries for furnishing Troops, until the Opinion of the Bengal Government be had upon the Conduct of the Moogral Polygar.

Ditto Ditto To the Nabob Adda Marrain will be required to restore the property plundered by him Substance of the Orders sent to Captain Wahab His Highness requested to grant a Perwannah for passing the Grain for the 19th Dragoons free of Duty.

Sent the following letters

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council at Fort William

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal requesting their Decision regarding the Nabobs requisition for Troops from the Calastry Rajah to be employed against the Moogral Polygar. Having received intimation from the Rajah of Calastry that his Highness the Nabob had sent him an Order to furnish an armed force for the purpose of Chastizing the Polygar of moogral, our President wrote to his Highness requesting he would state such particulars as he was possessed of regarding the misconduct of this Polygar, and the steps he means to pursue in consequence. You will observe by his reply, / copy of which we have the honor to inclose, that

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26. that he is firmly determined to bring the Offender to condign punishment, and to this end, he desires we will strictly enjoin the Calastry Rajah to Comply with the Order. In this we should have readily acquiesced, in conformity with the opinion stated in your Letter of the 16th September 1792. if the Nabob had had no other object in view than the preservation of good order in his Country. But when we consider that the force required, is meant to be employed offensively, and that we have no means of judging of the Charges brought against the Polygar, but what the Nabobs own Statement conveys, we feel it incumbent upon us to refer the Subject to Your decision.

We have apprized the Nabob of the Resolution we have come to of making this reference, and have requested that he will not renew the order to the Calastry Rajah until we are in possession of Your Sentiments.

We have the honor to be,

with Respect &c &c

Sd/ Charles Oakeley

&c Council

Fort St. George.

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To Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Army on the Coast.

Sir,

To Colonel Brathwaite
Regular Sepoys will
not in future be em-
-ployed, unless on
Services entirely military
Sibbendies or Peons to
be hired in their stead
by Collectors - his
Opinion on Colonel
Floyds letter approved
and to be adopted.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of ultd the 25th. Instant, and to acquaint you that he fails equally with yourself the inconveniency that must attend the frequent calls of effective Coops for Revenue and Civil duties. The measures which Government have of late been compelled to have recourse to, in the sequestration of many of the Zemindaries to the north-ward, and to effect which the assistance of Regular Sepoys was indispensably necessary, will, in some measure, account for the dispersed state of the native Corps in that Quarter. But in order to avoid as much as possible these calls in future, the President in Council has come to the Resolution of forbidding the employment of Regular Troops unless the Service on which they are required be entirely of a Military Nature; and that, instead thereof, Sibbendies or Peons be entertained by the Collector on all ordinary

occasions

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26 occasions This he hopes, will, in a great measure remedy the Evil Complained of, but he can make no Augmentation to the Establishments, without the previous Sanction of the Court of Directors.

The President in Council approves the opinions you have given upon Colonel Floyds letter, and desires you will communicate the same to the Colonel. The 3d Battalion may be easily accommodated with Quarters in Trichinopoly upon the removal of the 2d Battalion of Artillery which will shortly be ordered to the Presidency, and if there be not sufficient accommodation within the Fort for the whole of the European Officers, such as cannot be provided with public Quarters, will of course be allowed House Rent.

upon

I am, &c.a &c.a

Fort St. George
24th April 1794

Signed W. Jackson Secy

To Colonel Nixon

To Colonel Nixon his proclamation of the 15th not Conformable to the Boards intention Remarks

Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President

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Remarks—letters from the Solicitor General and President of the Choultry Court sent for his remarks upon them—all future references to be made thro' him to reply to the Complaints against the Cutwal and his Dubash the proceedings of the Judicial Courts to be sent half Yearly.—

26th President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 16th and 17th instant, and to acquaint you that the proclamation which you issued on the 13th. seems not to express altogether the intention of Government, as communicated to you in my letter of the 9th wherein it was stated, that, "no person was to "be confined in future by the Officers of Police, unless the "nature of the offence were previously made known to "you by the person preferring the complaint, who was "to be responsible for the subsistence of the Prisoner"— —and it was added, that, "this order applied only to the "Complaints of Individuals, but that if any one were "confined by your orders for disturbing the peace, or "breaking through the established Regulations, his "subsistence was, in that case, to be paid by the Pay= "=master, so that there might be no plea henceforward, "for levying taxes by the police for the subsistence of "Prisoners, or for any other cause."— Your proclamation expresses that, for the future, no person can be put into confinement by the Servants of the Police, if the nature of the Offence be not previously stated by the party complaining, in a written requisition, addressed to the Commanding Officer"— but, as already noticed, this order had reference only to the Complaints of

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of Individuals, and consequently was not meant to restrict the Police master from confining, by his own Authority, persons guilty of disorderly conduct in disturbing the public peace or breaking through the Regulations established for the governance of the Community. A restriction of this sort would have been a vertual abolition of the Office of Police, and, as the President in Council has reason to believe that Mr. Turnour was induced to tender his Resignation, as well from the manner in which the proclamation was worded as from the appointments of a Cutwall, You are directed to explain to him the true meaning of Government in both these cases, and if he should afterwards signify his wish to relinquish the Office the President in Council will Comply with it.—

I am directed to transmit herewith Letters which have been received from the Solicitor Genral and from the President of the Choultry at Pondicherry—You will Return them to Government with such observations as you may have to offer upon them. and You will signify to all persons holding public Offices within the limits of your Command, that, altho' the President in Council

26th Council is well disposed to receive and attend to any representation that may be made to him, yet it is indispensably necessary that all Subjects of reference to Government, should come through the Regular Channel of the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry, and that if this be not observed, no notice can be paid to any Communication.—

The President in Council desires that You will not interfere, in any respect, with the Judicial Courts established at Pondicherry; and he trusts you will be able to reply, in a Satisfactory manner, to the Complaints preferred by the Malabar Merchants against the Cutwal and your Dubash.—

The President in Council cannot see the necessity of the order which you sent to Mr. Collin, since the acts of the Choultry Courts do not come under Your Cognizance—You will, however, intimate to that Gentleman, as well as to the members of the Superior Council, that a Correct Copy of their proceedings is to be regularly transmitted, through you, to Government once in every six months.—

The President in Council cannot conclude without an earnest recommendation that You endeavour to conciliate the minds of the

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26th the people with whom you have to deal, as a mode best calculated to ensure respect to your authority, and at the same time to avoid all unpleasant discussions and troublesome references to the Residency.

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I am, &c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson, Jr.

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

Gentlemen,

To Board of Revenue
Sibbendies or Peons to be in future hired for ordinary purposes of Collection - instead of Regular Sepoys - the Rules prescribed, in Requisitions for troops to be strictly observed.

We have had under consideration a Representation of the Officer Commanding the Army Regarding the employment of Native Troops on Revenue duties, and, finding that many of the Corps are rendered ineffective by the frequent applications for Sepoys. we have resolved that, in future, no Requisition shall be made by Revenue Servants for Troops unless the Service on which they are to be employed be entirely of a military nature, and that upon all others occasions Sibbendies or Peons be entertained by the Collectors for the purpose required

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required, and discharged when their services be no longer necessary.—

We are sensible that the late sequestrations in the Circars necessarily required, for some time at least the aid of Troops, to enforce our orders; but we strongly recommend, unless the occasion be urgent, that Sepoys be not called for and indeed but few incidents can occur, where Sibbendies or Peons may not be equally useful in maintaining the authority of the Officers of Revenue.—

Colonel Brathwaite has laid before us the Copy of a Requisition from Mr Gambier for a Subadars party, which he states to be necessary for carrying into execution the orders he has received from your Board—but he has not attended to the prescribed rules, which direct, that the objects to be performed shall be explained to the Military Officer, and the quantum of Force, as well as the execution of the Service, left to his Judgment—as we have had occasion to notice similar inattention in others, we desire you will apprise the Collectors in general of the necessity of conforming strictly to this line in

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in any Requisitions they may make in future.

Fort St. George
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We are,
Dr Sir Dr Sir
Your most obedt Servts
Signed Charles Oakeley Ex. Council

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To Collector in the Ceded Districts — Adda Narrain to be ordered to restore the property plundered by him from the Ryots of Trichinopoly —

To Captain Oram

To Commandant at Sanklyaroog his Expenses for the Artillery Barracks there ordered to be paid. —

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions transmitting Copy of the Auditors Report upon his Estimate for April. —

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General. Referring Mr. Roebucks additional Estimate for April and the Estimates of Mr. Cockburn for his different Departments for May. —

To Ditto

To Ditto with orders to pass Captain Orams Bill for the Artillery Barracks above mentioned. —

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To Military Board

To Military Board referring the applic=ation of the Commissary of Stores at the mounts for an Encrease of Artificers.

To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell

To Commandant at Palamcotah Captain Dightons Company not being upon the Effective Establishment, his Returns to be sent as usual to Government.

To Captain Dighton

To Ditto at Shevalapetore directing him to make his Returns to Government as usual.

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To agents for Clothing Contractor.

To Agents for Clothing Contractor, proposing to allow him 3/2 per Cent upon the Cost of the Clothing for the transportation of it to the different Stations.

To Hospital Board

To Hospital Board transmitting Extracts of a Letter from the Chief Engineer the Hospital and Regimental Surgeons to be attentive towards removing the Nuisance complained of.

To Messrs. Colhoun and Maclean Assistant Surgeons

To Messrs. Colhoun and Maclean grant=ing them a Compensation of Two Hundred Pagodas for their Losses during their Voyage to India.

To

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To

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To Auditor General — To Military Auditor General - notifying the above. -

To Ditto — To Ditto referring an additional Estimate for Chicacole - and informing him that that of the Paymaster General for April has been complied with. -

To Military Board, — To Military Board - with directions for making some additional Repairs and Improvements to the General Hospital. -

To Secretary to Ditto — To Secretary to Ditto - directing the discharge of a Bill for Pay and Batta to Lascars employed with a Detachment of the 71st Regiment. -

To Military Paymaster General - — To Military Paymaster - with another Bill for Dooley Bearers. -

To Lieutenant Deane - — To Commandant of Pioneers - approving his proposition of discharging all the Coolies employed in destroying the Works of Pondicherry on the 15th May.

To Revd. Mr. Gericke — To Revd. Mr. Gericke - acquainting him that the Board will make the Tanjore Family an Allowance of 2500 Pagodas pr Annum in lieu of the 15000 Cullums Paddy until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known. -

To Clerk of the Treasury - — To Clerk of the Treasury directing an additional advance to the Paymaster General for April. -

To

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To Major Frese

To Commandant at Wallajaubad —"

permitting him to visit the Presidency.—

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Received the following letters..

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

President and Governor in Council of Fort S.t George

Honorable Sir,

Auditor Generals report on W.m Cockburns Estimate for the Grain and Provisions Department for May.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of W.m Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 24.th Instant with the Estimate of the expected Disbursements in the Department of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the month of May 1794 and to report thereon as follows..

	Pr.	S.t	
Expected Disbursements at Madras . . .	160	41	40.
Chenglepet. Permacoil & Pondicherry .	173	16	64
Arnee. Vellore and Amboor . . .	66	12	"—
Teagar	3723	21.	42
Tanjore	16	30	"—
Madura	14	"—	"—
Dindigul	12	"—	"—
Palamcotah . .	11,874	13.	38
Masulipatam . .	77	"—	"—
Baramahal . .	103.	"—	"—
Ellore . . .	1100	"—	"—
Pagodas	17.324	9.	24.

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From the Total Amounts of Expected Dis=
=bursements as above stated the Commissary General of
Grain and Provisions deducts the following Sums, as not
issuable from the General Treasury at the Presidency
but payable out of the Expected Receipts from Sales &c
in the Departments or from the Subordinate Treasuries
for which bills will be drawn upon him and trans=
=ferred through the Ginral Treasury . . Ps fs Cs

At Madras	6,230	—	—
Chengleput Permacoil and Pondicherry . .	573	16	6
Vellore, Arnee and Amboor	66	12	—
Masulipatam	77	—	—
Paramahal	103	—	—
Ellore	1,100	—	—
Pagodas .	7749	28	6

Consequently the amount issuable from the General
Treasury on account of Disbursements in May 1794
as pr Estimate of the Commissary Ginral of
Grain and Provisions is Pagodas Nine thousand,
five hundred, and Seventy one, Twenty two fanams
and

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28th and forty Cash 19571. 22. 40.

Military
Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
28th April 1794

I have the honor to be with the
highest respect.
Your &c.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

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

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to report as follows upon the
Auditor Generals Report on the Estimate for the bullock agency for may
General Estimate of Expected Disbursements in the Department
of the Principal Agents for Draught and Carriage Bullocks
for the month of May 1794, accompanying Mr. Secretary —
Jacksons Letter of the 24th Instant. —

Expected Disbursements at Madras . . .	559.	21. 40
Arnee Vellore and Amboor	20.	" — "
Palamcotah	8.	32 — "
Baramahal	60.	" — "
Ellore	209.	" — "
Ishapour District	11.	" — "
Hyderabad Detachment	858.	38. "
Pagodas	1727.	7. 40.

From the Total amount of expected Dis=
=bursements —

28th bursements, as above stated, the Principal Agent for Draughts and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following sums as not issuable from the General Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills were to be drawn upon him and transferred through the General Treasury. —

At Vellore Cash in Hand	20	—	—
Barramahal	60	—	—
Ellore	209	—	—
Itchapour	11	—	—
Hyderabad Detachment payable by the Nizam	858	38	—
Pagodas	1158	38	—

Consequently the amount issuable at the Presidency at the Estimate of the Principal Agent for Draughts and Carriage Bullocks for May 1794 is Pagodas Seven hundred and Sixty Eight. Eleven Fanams and Forty Cash / 568. 11. 40 /.

I have the honor to be,

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
28th April 1794.

Sir &c. &c.

/ Signed / Henry Malcolm

Military Asst. Genl.

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President Governor in Council &c.a &c.a

Honorable Sir,

From Captain Robert Bell - urging a - removal of his suspension, without waiting the final audit of his - accounts - repeats his offer of security for the - nt of any reintrial - nchement. -

A long and very distressful period - a having already elapsed since it became my misfortune to fall under the displeasure of Government, I trust I shall not be deemed importunate in soliciting a decision on my case, agreeably to the Principles laid down by the Honorable Court of Directors in their General Letter of 25.th June 1793 Para 81 a 82, of which I was - a furnished with Copies by Order of the Honorable Board on the 7.th December last, at which time your Honorable Board was pleased to say, that on my - a Signifying my acquiescence in the orders therein - contained my Accounts should be re audited in the manner directed, and which I did signify on the 15.th of the same month, and having then offered, and I now beg leave to reiterate that offer, to produce Security for the payment of any retrenchment that may be ultimately made in the audit of my Accounts, I presume again to intreat your Honorable Board may be pleased to consider my request, and am hopefull a

Your

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Your Honorable Board will see no Inducement to the
removal of my Suspension, without waiting the final
Audit on my accounts, as I humbly presume the Intention
of the Honorable Court of Directors will thereby be defeat
accomplished: For, as various circumstances have, and m
yet protract the audit on my Accounts for many month
altho the urgency of the case and the priority of claim
cannot be doubted, nor does any difficulty or imputemen
exist with me — As very important changes may tak
place in the Military Establishment before long, as an
Ill state of health may demand my going to Sea
And, as the Provision for my family materially de-
-pends on my Commission, I am warranted to hope
Your Honorable Board will determine to restore me
to the Service without extending the period of my Suffe
-rings, or eventually implicating in my misfortunes th
dearest connections, should I not survive the remo
of my Suspension which your Honorable Board ha
considered as depending on the re audit of the Accou

If the delay is occasioned by any
difficulty in Investigating the accounts, I am rea
to obviate it in the most unequivocal manner,
as my primary wish is to have a thorough
examinat

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28th examination by which my Military Functions may be fully restored, and which at the present Crisis is more particularly desirable —

I have the honor to be,

Yr. a Yr.a

St. Thomas Mount

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Signed Robert Bell

Captain Artillery

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Gentlemen of Council of Madras

Gentlemen

From Mons.r Du Laurent offering some Remarks in regard to Captain Mears's Seizure of the Bales on the Ships Raafs and requesting the Restitution of them —

I have been informed that Captain — Mears Commanding the English Ship the Favorite has stopped in the road of Pondicherry the danish Boat Le Raafs, which lifts as oninga, has seized 26 Bales — loaded at Yanam by Several Merchants of that Establish- =ments, and has caused them to be put into Godowns — until the receipt of your Orders, upon the Plea, that the french must only load their Property on English, and — not upon neutral Vessels, and that the Merchants at Pondicherry have made their representation on this — Subject. —

Interested, Gentlemen, in a part of — these Goods loaded on the Vessel by Mess.rs Mars Rettier & Co. Merchants at Yanam, of which I am also

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an Inhabitants, permit me to offer a few Reflections.

When Tyanam was taken Private Property was guaranteed to us, by a letter from the Chief as Ingram, the Government of Madras ratified those disposi-tions, and empowered that Chief to facilitate, and protect as much as he could the Collection of our Cloth and the funds which we had in the Hands of the Natives of the Country, and to permit us to stay at Tyanam, and to carry on our business as Merchants, on submitted to the same Regulations and to the same Restrictions as others residing under that Government such were the conditions inserted in a Letter written to us by the Chief at Ingram.

"The Honorable the Governor in Council having Resolved that you shall be permitted to reside in Tyanam to collect your balances, and carry on your business as Merchants, under the Protection of the English Government, subject to the same Regulations and Restric-tions as all other Persons residing under that Government.

Governments never prescribed to us to load our Property on English Vessels only, we are surely free to choose those on which there is the least risk; the English Gentlemen have the liberty to load on neutral Vessels, submitting Ourselves to the same Laws

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Danish vessels have frequently transported our Property to Pondichery which has been landed, sold, and the duties paid without the Government taking any notice thereof, we have besides been well authorized to continue to do so, we have for 10 Months past resided under the Controul of the English, for 10 Months we have carried on business with the same good faith, should we therefore be deprived of our Property at the Moment when it should be the most secure? —

Full of Confidence in your Justice Gentle= =men, we hope that we shall not experience a fresh mis= =fortune, and that, having respect for our Memorials, You will have the Goodness to order the Restitution of the Good seized by Captain Mears. —

I am with respect.

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Madras
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I Signed Dulaurens

A true translation

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From Subsecretary at Bengal — From Subsecretary at Bengal — with Bill of lading of Stores, consigned to Madras, on the Anna — Captain Gelmon. —

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28th Granary belonging to the 2d Regiment.

From Hospital Board — From Hospital Board. Mr Raine with
postpone his Visit to the more distant Hospitals until
Death of Mr P. Wright. Proposes the appointment of
P. Nelson to Pantoon. Mr A. Spicer to the 25th and Mr
Bicket to the 14th Battalion.

From Major Robertson — From Commandant of the Nellore
ment enclosing Copy of a Letter to him from the Resident
at Hydrabad.

From Masulipatam — From Masulipatam stating the measure
taken for recovering the Penalty of Bonds Pointalls
Contract.

From Auditor General — From Military Auditor General relative to the
Retrenchments from the payments on account of the Roy
Artillery referred by Captain Ross.

From Captain Allan — From Captain of the Guides requesting that
orders may be given for allowing Batta to the Native
Guides when employed and the arrears due.

From Mr Torriano — From Resident at Nagore with Intelligence
of a Vessel, supposed to be French, that passed that Port

From Lieutenant — From Commandant at Nellore requesting
Brighton leave to visit the Presidency.

From Colonel Maxwell — From Ditto at Tanjore reporting that an
armed Party had been sent there by the Danish
Commandant at Tranquebar to receive two European
Deserters from the latter place.

From Colonel Hope — From Ditto at Trichinopoly reporting the
Conduct of one of the Nabobs Son on the occasion of his
occupying

28th occupying a new spot for a General Parade.

From Paymaster at Vellore &c. reporting the

From Wm. Paymaster Wynch

Sale of the Horses Cast from the 2d. Regiment.

From Vizagapatam forwarding an Indent of

From Vizagapatam

Stores for the use of that Garrison

Sent Letter to the Commander of His Majesty's

To Captain Smith

Ship Dromede Entered in H.S. No 155. inclosing Letters,

Containing Intelligence of the French Cruizers -

29th Received the following Letters -

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakley Bart.

President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir,

Auditor Generals Report on Mr. Roebucks Estimate for May and the Error noticed therein Cause thereof -

I beg leave to acquaint you in answer to your Commands of 18th instant with the Military Paymaster Generals Cash Estimate for the payments to be made in the ensuing month, that the Advances required are as follows -

	Pd	Pa	Ch
From the General Treasury at the Presidency	239689.	2.	55.
By Bills	92.238.	35.	6
Total Pagodas	3,31,927.	36.	42

Say Three Lacks Thirty one Thousand nine hundred and twenty Seven Pagodas, Thirty Six Fanams, and Forty Two Cash, in estimating which amount, the Sum of Pagodas 53781. 11. 65. noticed by your Honorable Board as having been twice included in the General Estimate for the Offreckonings for 1791 and for 1792 has been deducted

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29th deducted with the exception of Pagodas 800 Major — Burrs share, which falls to be paid at the Presidency — and on the same principle Pagodas 700 which is properly included in the Fort St. George Estimate for Major Malcolms share is deducted from the amount that appears twice in the General Estimate, and which has been observed upon by the Honorable Board has been occasioned by the Military Paymaster of Fort St. George having taken up the applications for a proportion of the Effectcommings as payable at the Presidency which should not have been vouched for under his Estimate agreeably to the General Orders of 18th ultimo, as the shares he stood included with the above exception of Pagodas 700, fell to be Estimated for, and paid, at the Out Stations.

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect —
&c. &c. &c.
Signed Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor Genl

Military
Auditor Generals'
Office
Fort St. George
29th April 1794

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

Auditor Generals additional Report on the Estimate above mentioned, and three additional ones referred to him.

Honble Sir,

In addition to my Report of this date on the Military Paymaster Generals Estimate for the ensuing month I beg leave to acquaint you, as follows in

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29th in reply to your Commands which accompanied the Additional Estimates transmitted for examination with Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letters of the 25th 26th and 26th Instant.

On Mr. Martin's Estimate on account of Offreckonings payable in the ensuing Month Admissible by Bills	3962.	15. 24
On Mr. Wilsons D. on account of D. payable in the ensuing Month Admissible by Bills	4800.	" "
On the Military Paymaster Generals Estimate for Offreckonings to the Officers with the Nizams Detachment payable in the ensuing Month admissible by Bills	3236.	15. 8.
Total of these Additional Estimates	11998.	30. 32

Say Eleven Thousand Nine hundred and Ninety Eight Pagodas, Thirty Fanams and Thirty Two Cash as Offr — Additional Estimates of advances required for the ensuing month, and payable at the out Stations, as Per General Orders 18th Ultimo, only that I beg leave to suggest to your Honorable Board that, as Lieutenant Goldsworthy has drawn on the Military Paymaster General in favor of the Officers for the Offreckonings payable with the Nizams Detachment it may therefore be expedient to consider the Amounts of his Draughts viz. Pagodas 3236. 15. 8 as payable from the General Treasury at the Presidency as the Paymaster with the Detachment does not appear to have the means of being supplied with the Cash through the same medium of Chiefs and Councils, Collectors, or Residents as are open to the other Paymasters. —

Besides the above Advances for the — ensuing

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. 18 Ellore K.s . . .	594 . .	" .
. Tchapour District . .	12 . .	" .
Hyderabad Detach.t must payable by the Nizam . .	850 .	38 .
Pagodas .	1464 .	38 .

Consequently the Amount if enable at the Presidency per Estimate of the Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for April 1794 is Pagodas Six Thousand, One hundred Seventy five, Twenty Eight Fanams and Fifty six Cash / 6175: 28.56 /

. Military
Auditor Generals Office
Fort S.t George
22. April 1794.

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect.
Y.r &c.

Signed Henry . Malcolm

William Collins Jackson Esq.r
. Military Secretary

Fort S.t George

From Colonel Nixon inclosing another petition of the Subjects of the Pahs seized by Captain Mears

Sir,

I am requested by the merchants of this Place to forward to Government the enclosed Petition on the Subjects of the Pahs seized by Captain . Mears and . Have the honor to be,
Y.r &c.

. Pondicherry
27. April 1794

Signed C. Nixon

29th

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor and President in Council of Fort St. George

Most Honorable,

The undersigned Merchants of — Pondicherry / having taken the Liberty to address to You on the 20th instant, their Representation on the — detention of the 26 Bales and Parcels of Northern — Cloths belonging to them and to the French Merchants of Yanam which arrived here on the Sloop Le — Raaft, and Seized by Wm. Mears, Captain of the Ship — Favorite, / conceive it necessary to lay before your View the three inclosed Bills of lading, to prove that the 26 Bales and Parcels were shipped by the Merchants of Yanam on the 13th February last, and that they are the Property of the said Merchants and those of — Pondicherry, arising from the completion of their Contracts.

+ lodged in the Office

The undersigned, request your attention to an additional Observation to those stated in their first Memorial, Viz. The Inhabitants of Pondicherry have never understood that the Restriction you were — pleased to place upon the Permission you granted for the continuation of their Commerce, alluded to their

Commerce

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29.th Commerce in India, much less on a Coasting Trade or from one Coast to another, but only on the dispatch of neutral Vessels, for long Voyages. It was from a confidence therein they permitted their Property to be loaded upon the Sloop Le Rusé, as they had done upon all other Vessels, and such Certainly would not have been the case had we supposed it subjected it to any Risk: — being able to depend that the Persons to whom such Property was entrusted would voluntarily expose it on Vessels on which they fancied they were not authorized to ship it, after this, and from the Statement of the case in the Petition of the 20.th, the undersigned flatter themselves that you will find their demand just, and that you will give orders for the restitution of the Bales and Parcels seized at Pondichery by M.r Mears.

Pondichery
26.th April 1794.

P.S. Among the 26 Bales in question one has been found which belongs to a particular Dane, on account the 3 Bills of Lading mention only 25 Bales

Coulon White Geslin & Co.e
De Bury, Jonnes Senon & Co.e
Chas Faire
Cumberwall
Violette
Dangall
Lagrenie
Michaux La Rogiere & Co.e
&c

Signed

A true Translation
Signed Tho.s Chase
French Translator

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort. St. George.

Honble Sir,

From Masulipatam with account Sales of the Ship Cæsar and referring Mr. Corsan's Claim for Pilotage &c. &c.

We had the honor, some time ago, of receiving your letter of the 19th ultimo, a Copy of which as well as of its enclosure, was transmitted, without delay, to the Resident at Ingeram, who was desired conformably to your Orders, to dispose of the Ship Cæsar on the Company's account. We have since received two Letters from Mr. Rowley, relating to this subject, Copies of which, we have the honor of herewith enclosing. The first of these, dated 31st. March, mentions the very bad state that the Vessels was found to be in, at the time of her being delivered over to him, notwithstanding the Charges made for Lascars &c.a to take care of her, which is more particularly explained in the Report of the acting Master Attendant thereto annexed. Mr. Rowley's second Letter, dated the 17th Instant, encloses an account Sales of the Vessel and Stores, which Your Honor will observe have been sold for the Sum of Madras Pagodas 1785. 4. 42. The same Letter likewise enclosed a second Report from the acting Master Attendant mentioning

the

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29. The reasons which occasioned the Ships being in so bad Condition, to which we beg leave to refer

W. Rowley has also referred a Claim of W. Corsar, for Pilotage and Repairs to the Ship Cæsar, previous to her being Captured, upon which he has requested our opinion, but as we have had no experience in matters of this kind, and do not recollect to have heard of any any instances, where the Captors became chargeable for Debts incurred previous to the Capture, we beg leave to Submit the matter to your superior judgement and to request your Commands.

We have the Honor to be,
with respect,
Sir &c &c

Robert Gardiner
Andrew Scott

Masulipatam
25. April 1794

To. Robert Gardiner Esqr
Chief and Council
Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

Herewith I have the honor of transmitting for your information a Copy of the Report made to me by the acting Master Attendant of the Condition of the Prize Ship Cæsar as the time of his receiving Charge of her lately by my order I have, in consequence, called upon him to Report to me the best of his judgement, what appears to

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29th to him to have been the cause of that delayed State he represents her to be in, having been given to understand that she was deemed a valuable new Vessel at the time of her Capture, and as I find Considerable Charges have been made for Lascars &c.a to take care of her.—

I have fixed the 10.th of the ensuing Month for the Sale of the Ship, conceiving it for the interest of the Honorable Company that she should be disposed of as early as possible, and it having been represented to me that it is necessary for the benefit of the Port that she should be removed as Speedily as possible from the Place where she is now Sunk.—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.a &c.a

Ingeram
31st March 1794

Signed John Rowley
President

To John Rowley Esqr.e

President at Ingeram &c.a &c.a

Sir,

The enclosed is a Copy of the List of Stores belonging to the Ship Cæsar, French Prize, as written on board of the Vessel, and in the Bankshall at the time Captain Beete delivered them over to me: & the same opportunity I think it proper that I should report to you the State and situation of the Ship Cæsar at the time that I received charge of her, Viz.t the Vessel is

Sunk

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29th Sunk in the mouth of the Creek that leads up to where Mr. Hamilton's Ship is in dock, nearly about midchannel, and with the rise and fall of the tides the water has a free passage into and out of her hold; she is nearly upwright and rests with her keel on the mud. Her sides are scuttled in several places above the bends, and, with all, her present situation, and, in my opinion, will not hold together three months longer, as she appears to me to be now dropping, as soon as convenient please to inform me how the four peons are to be supplyed with rice with that of the two Shipkeepers and their pay &c.a.

Cuddalore
26th March 1794

I am,
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) T. H. Price

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29th A List of Stores on board of the Ship Cæsar French Prize,
Copy'd from the Original List taken down on board the
22d March 1794

Carpenters tools Viz.	9 Augers	4	Fishgigs
8	Gimlets	1	Basket of Old Nails &c.
4	Axes	1	Crane
2	pair of pinchers	2	Funnels
3	Adzs	2	Small Iron Kettles
6	Planes	2	Old Gluepots
3	drawing Knives	2	Gun Shott
3	Gouges	2	Stone Jars
2	Saws	4	Old Lanthorns
1	Seam picker	1	Cabbin Gumpas
1	Caulking Mallet	Pump Gheer &	Lower pumps boxes
2	Iron Mauls	8	upper Do.
10	Scrapers	2	Pump Spears
8	Padlocks	1	Pump hook
19	Iron Bolts	1	Copper pump
2	Handleds	1	Speaking trumpet
8	Hatch bars	1	Iron Lamp
4	Pieces of Iron Bars	1	Copper Kettle
4	Crows	4	Iron pans
4	Tougon pieces	1	Bittacle
4	Fine Glasses	1	Tougoung
1	Log	1	Capstern and 1 Windglass
2	Empty Cags	1	Topmast
3	Ship Scoops	1	Old Europe Cable
2	Blacking brushes	Bowsprit Lower masts and Rigging Ditto	
1	Gun Screw		
52	Shekels and 6 Bolts D.		
2	Ring Bolts		
1	Fish hook		
1	double headed Shott		

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29th . A List of Stores belonging to the Ship Cutter Finch. Rec.d Copyd from the original List taken down at the Brooks hall up the Creek on the 23d . March 1794

236 Blocks of diff.t Sizes
1 Leading Block
2 Dd Blocks
16 Foot hook Plates
4 Broom Irons
12 Hand Eyes
1 pair of Carthooks
2 Pair of Slings
2 Iron Shackles
5 Cathar forings
1 Caps
1 Fish hook
36 Coil.s of Standing and Running rigging
3 Coils lines
3 Rolls of Shuttles
431 Sheets of Copper
1 Europe Cutter
2 Pieces of Junk D.o
1 D.o of Coir D.o
1 Old Iron gudgeon
4 Bags of Oakum
3 Bottards Compass
3 Carpettings
114 Iron Hooks
1 Mauling Spike
1 Pump hook
2 Wooden pump Spears
2 Casks of Copper Nails
1 Log line and Reel
1 Lead
6 Barrels of pitch and Tar

2 Pitch Kettles
2 Water Casks
14 Old Barrels and hogs
15 Old water Casks & hogs
1 Cask with Ammn.o of pitch
3 Old Knees
2 Iron Carronades
1 Gun
1 Brass Ring
8 Iron Cags
2 Tops
6 Thrashing boards
11 Small Casks and Bottles
6 Capstan bars
2 Tops Masts
2 Broken D.o
3 Lower Yards
3 Spare Yards
1 Coss Jackyard
2 Top Gallant D.o
1 Top Gallant Mast
1 Gibboon
2 Runs of Yard
2 Fellucs
1 Tar pump
2 Anchors
1 Grind Stone
2 Sets Rope

NB 2 Anchors with the Hawse wherein the rope lays to which are bent the Cable that the ship rides by.

Signed J. H. Price

true Copies
Signed R. Malcolm Jr

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29th

To. Robert Gardiner Esqre

Chief and Council . Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

. Accompanying I have the honor of trans-
=mitting, for your information, an Account of Sales of the —
Prize Ship Cesar &c.a the time allowed the Purchasers to
— take away their Lots, and to make good their Payments in, is
fifteen days, which when completed, and the different — e
demands against her ascertained, and the whole adjusted
an Account particular shall be transmitted: in the mean
time, I think it necessary to submit for your opinion, a
claim made by Mr. Corsar for Pilotage and Repairs done
to the Ship, previous to her Capture.

In the Letter I said myself the pleasure
of addressing you on the 31st ultimo. I informed you that
I had called upon the Acting Master attendant for the
reasons I then assigned to Report to me, the best of his —
judgement, to what cause was to be attributed the decayed
State of the Ship. He Represented her to be in, on my
directing him to take charge of her; his answer accom-
=panies this Letter. —

I have the honor to be,

Dr.a Sr.a

Signd John. Rowley

. President

Ingeram 17th April 1794

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Ingeram Vs Masulipatam

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Letter Number

A Statement of the Sale of the Ship Cesar and her Extra Stores at Coringa on the 10th April 1794 Agreeable to the Advertisements Published for the same

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1st	The Hull of the Ship Cesar and her Stores at Ft Lis. To J. H. Price for Captain Williams Bonus			750	
2.	181 Sheets of Copper weight 10 Candy and 348 @ 20 Pr Ft Candy To Captain William Bonus			348	7. 29
3.	2 Casks containing Copper Sheathing Nails weight 3 Candy & 149 @ 66 Pr Ft Candy Capt Wm Bonus			104.	21. 43
4.	3 Rolls of Sheat Lead weight 1 Candy and 124 @ 15 Pr Ft Candy To Captain C. Hammilton			18.	39. 10
5.	6 Barrels with Pitch and Tarr	Do	To Captain C. Hammilton		36 " "
6.	1 Small Gun 2 Carriages 4 Mol and 1 Screw		To Captain C. Hamilton		5 " "
7.	19 Bowls and 11 Peices of Iron		To Captain C. Hamilton		1. 34. 40
8.	4 Swaping peices 1 Fish gigg and 1 peice of Iron	Do	To Captain C. Hamilton		1 " "
9.	50 Shakles 6 Bolts and 1 Crows		To Captain Wm Bonus		5. 22 "
10.	1 Copper Crane		To Mr Barlow		" 28. 60
11.	2 Broken Topmasts and 1 Do Yards	Do	To Mr Barlow		2. 28. 60
12.	3 Broken Yards and 1 Topmast	Do	To Mr Price		7 " "
13.	1 Writing Table		To Capt Wm Bonus		4. 11. 40
			Signed J. H. Price		1785 4 42

A true Copy
Signed John Rowley
Resident

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29th

To John Rowley Esqr.

Resident at Ingeram &c &c &c

Sir

Your letter of the 31st of March, with the Advertisiments for the sale of the Ship Casar, I have received, and shall be duly attended to. your Request desiring me to inform you to what cause may be attributed the State and condition of the Ship Casar, as reported by me to you, at the time I received charge of her, it, to the best of my knowledge, as follows The intention of bringing her into this River was to heave down, caulk and sheath and so, in that case, must have stood in need of Repairs, and in that state, remaining afloat for near seven months will be nearly sufficient to prove the cause of her making much water, especially as the lower part of her Rudder up to the water line marks, has been fairly eaten away by the worms. The Rudder and most of the upper works are made of pine and Oak, which leads me to believe that the bottom is of the same, and, if so, it being a very soft wood, the worms would soon find their way through most of the plank that is under water, also the want of Caulking, both of which may be attributed to the cause of her sinking, provided that some speedy method of assistance was not used to prevent it, this to the best of my opinion. I have given

not

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29. not knowing of any other Cause

I remain

Coringa
the 3d March 1794.

Sr. &c.

I Signed T. H. Price

True Copies

I Signed R. Malcolm Jr.

W. Yeates Esqr.

Dear Sir,

It I am given to understand that the Prize Ships are Ordered to be sold, and that the Sale may take place very shortly, I take the Liberty of sending you two Small Accounts Against Prizes, contracted for and incurred long before there were any thoughts of making prizes of the Ships, and of course the Ships were my Security for the payment of the debts so contracted, may I request of you to admit them as due to me, and to do your endeavours to obtain the payments for me. I send you also two Small Accounts against the Honorable Company which I hope will be found right.

Coringa
6th October 1794

I am,
Sr. &c.

I Signed Fredk Corsar

A true Copy

I Signed R. Malcolm Jr.

Received

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29th

Received the undermentioned letter Entered in Mis. Nº 156.

From Resident at Nagore with further Accounts of the Vessel seen off that port.

From W. Torriano

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield

&

George Westcott Esqrs

Tuesday 29th April 1794

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite with Draft of General Orders to be published by Government and himself for collecting the detail of Native Infantry required for foreign Service and the Southern European Force recommended orders the given for preparing ordnance entrenching tools &c. and for engaging Tonnage

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of W. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 24th instant, informing me of the Communication you had received from the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors, of your consequent Conference with Colonel Stuart, and enclosing a

Statement

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Statement of the force he required, of your acquiescence therein, and desire, that I should furnish you with the Draught of an order necessary to be published on the occasion.—

I have now the honor to lay before you the Draught of such an Order, and, for your fuller information, also a Draught of such an order as I mean to publish at the same time.— In a conference I had the honor to hold with your Honor on Saturday evening, I explained the reasons which induced me to prefer this mode of furnishing the Detail of Native Infantry required, and, upon the most mature reflection, I remain of opinion that it is the best that can be adopted.— It weakens us, both in appearance and reality, the least, and will be most favorable for recruiting our numbers again, and what is still of more consequence, affords the fairest prospect of reconciling the Sepoys to the Natives, as it gives to the Commanders of Corps an opportunity of singling out such men as are least likely to have any invincible abhorrence to such a Voyage, and, gives to the whole an assurance that their families will remain supported and protected by their known friends. I have not thought it necessary that the Order should go further, yet, as to movements, than so as to affect the more distant Corps. my original idea was to have collected the Southern European force at Nagapatam and

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and to have brought them from thence by Sea, which would have saved them a very long march through a parched Country in the Hottest Season, which, as it may effect the strength of the Corps about to be embarked, would have been a Politic as well as humane attention — but as your Honor gave me no hopes that Tonnage could to a certainty be immediately procured, which might subject the Expedition to risk of delay, I gave up that idea, and the Order for their movement is — so framed Accordingly, and in regard to Preparation even, I have only thought it necessary to publish what regards the nearer Native Corps. Preparation will nevertheless be making for equipping the nearer European Corps, but it is not, in my opinion, as yet necessary to publish the whole of the Force that is about to leave us. —

In a conference I have had with Colonel Stuart he wishes to withdraw his Specific mention of the Honorable Company's 3.d European Battalion, as it is not the proper tour of that Corps to go on — such a Service, his requisition therefore, in that — respect, stands "one of the Honorable Company's — "European Corps, Suppose 500," concerning which, or any of the European Details in the Center Division, it is not in my opinion necessary to publish any thing yet, though I shall very shortly submit my

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my ideas concerning them to you, and in particular with regard to the Office who is to Command the Artillery, as by what I can learn from Colonel Stuart, no provision will be made in Europe of Ordnance, Ammunition, or intrenching tools, and that consequently the whole will be to be furnished from hence, I would therefore recommend it to your Honor to direct the Military Board to be prepared for such a call upon the Arsenal as may be expected, and I think it will be of great importance to the Service that as much Tonnage as possible should be immediately secured, as I doubt of the Shipping coming from Europe can do more than transport the European force, and it certainly will require a great deal of Tonnage to transport the Natives which are to be employed on the Service, which by the Details now before us, including the Native Officers, will amount to nearly three Thousand five Hundred, and for which I should suppose Rice &c. must be provided at least for eight Months, as it is scarce to be expected that they can return till after the Monsoon, and as it cannot be expected that the Black Islands can furnish the sort of food to which they are Accustomed.—

Although you inform me that you have made the necessary Communications to the Governor General in Council, I have felt it to be my particular Duty on this occasion to address the Commander in Chief of the Forces in India professionally.—

Military Head Quarters
Madras April 29th 1794

I have the Honor to be,
with Respect &c. &c.
Signed John Braithwaite

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A Detachment equal to two Complete Companys in the several Ranks to be formed forthwith from each of the following Corps, to move from the different Stations as shall hereafter be directed.—

Southern Division

1st	Native Battalion	Two Companies or N. non Commd. R. & File 156.
2d	Do	156.
5th	Do	156.
9th	Do	156.
13th	Do	156.
21st	Do	156.
24th	Do	156.
35th	Do	156.
	Total N. non Comm. R. & File	1248.

Center Division

3d	Native Battalion	156.
6th	Do	156.
10th	Do	156.
16th	Do	156.
19th	Do	156.
20th	Do	156.
	Total N. non Comm. Rank and file	936.

Northern Division

11th	Native Battalion	156.
	Grand Total N. non Comm. Rank & file	2340.

These Details, when assembled, to be formed into three temporary Battalions of ten Companies each, and be brigaded.—

The following Corps and Detachments to march for the mount with all convenient expedition.—

The

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The Detail of the Royal Artillery at
Negapatam

The 2d Battalion of Coast Artillery, with the
exception of one complete Company to remain at Trichino-
poly.

His Majesty's 36th 71st and 76th Regiments,
and the several Detachments ordered above from the
Native Corps in the Northern and Southern Divisions
of the Army.

Major Dalrymple is to march with the
77th Regiment, and all Details on Command from Corps
ordered to move are to join.

The flank Companies of the 4th
European Battalion completed each to 100 Rank and
file, to march as soon as convenient for Masulipatam, in
order to proceed from thence to the Presidency by Sea.

When the movements ordered on the
Southern Division take place Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage
is to assume the Command of Tanjore Captain Blunt
that of Dindegul and Captain Hammond that of Nega-
patam.

Such Detail to be left at Pytaey as
Captain Oliver may judge necessary on communicating
with the Collector of the District.

A small native Detail likewise
to be ordered to Vellum from Tanjore for the security of
the Barracks and public Buildings.

The

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The Native Corps that furnish Detachments in consequence of these orders, are to be recruited to the full Complement of Privates as expeditiously as possible, and the Commanding Officer of the Army will order the Supernumerary Native Commissioned and non Commissioned Officers remaining with Corps, to be equally distributed for the purpose of being nominated to the new Levies. He will also issue such further Detail as may be requisite for carrying these Arrangements and movements into effect.

Draft of a General Order by Colonel Brathwaite

The particular mode of forming the Detachments from the Native Battalions required by the foregoing orders of Government, is left to the Heads of Corps. The Commander of the Army recommends however, that a preference be given to Volunteers and desires that Commanding Officers will explain to the men for Detachment on the present Occasion, that they are to have the honor of being employed on foreign Service.

He recommends also that the minutest attention be given to provide for the Subsistence and Comfort of the Families left with each Corps during the absence of the Troops. It is intended that Corps and Detachments shall march separately from their respective Stations, only that Colonel Floyd, will appoint such Details of the Native Detachments to march with the European Corps, as he may judge convenient for the Service.

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He will also direct such Distribution of the Camp equipage in the Southern Division as he may think necessary for the general accommodation of the Troops for the march.—

Indents for providing and equipping the Troops to be given in with the least possible Delay.—

The Detachments ordered from native Corps in the Centre Division to form for the present on the left of their respective Battalions.—

Officers Commanding the Native Corps that furnish Detachments, are authorized to send out Recruiting Parties, and it is expected that they will use the utmost Diligence in completing the new Levies.—

The supernumerary native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers with Corps will be distributed by a future Order.—

The General Order to be published.

Resolved that the General Order recommended by Colonel Brathwaite be immediately published.

Read the following letter from Colonel Stuart.—

From Colonel Stuart with memoranda of provisions and Stores required for the intended expedition, with remarks thereon thinks a Commissary, and a Commandant of Artillery should be appointed immediately, and Considerable Tonnage engaged.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a in Council.

Honorable Sirs,

I have the honor to submit to your Consideration some memoranda of provisions and Stores for

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for the intended expedition, which is appears to me necessary to prepare without loss of time.—

I beg it may be understood, that I only offer these as general memoranda, leaving it to the proper official men, to enter into the subordinate details, and I have to submit to you the expediency of nominating without — a delay a Commissary of provisions for the expedition, — with whom I may be enabled to communicate relative to the essential details connected with that department.—

As I must necessarily postpone all estimates of ordnance stores, until I am enabled to consult with the professional Officer who is to direct their applications — I could wish that the Officer to Command the Artillery should be nominated with as little delay as possible.—

The memoranda for provisions &c.ª are calculated for the full requisition of Europeans, and also for the natives to supply the apprehended deficiency as — mentioned in my statement of yesterday's date, in order — that, in either event, the necessary supplies may be ready.—

I am induced strenuously to recommend to your serious consideration the expediency of immediately taking up a considerable tonnage for rice on the — Company's account, in addition to the estimated supply for the troops, and also of giving effectual encouragement to individuals to transport rice and provisions on their own account, in order that we may be in — possession of the most powerful motives to induce —

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the Islanders to accept our protection, as it is understood th
there is at present a great want of provisions of every des
=cription on the Island of Mauritius. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

J. Stuart

Colonel 72d Regt

Fort St. George
26th April 1794

P. S. I am this moment honored with your Secretary's letter of the 25th; my reply to which is anticipated in this address.

J. Stuart

Memoranda of Provisions and Stores to be immediately prepared for the consideration of Government.

Memoranda	Remarks
No 1.	No 1
Rice in lieu of bread to Complete the provisions to be sent from Europe for 6000 men for 9 months —	
Doll in lieu of peas not expected from Europe — the usual proportion with salt provisions, for 6000 men for at least six months.	
Rice for 3500 natives including followers for 6 months —	The proportion of doll curry stuff and Ghee should

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Memoranda No 1 Continued

months, with a full proportion of doll, curry stuff Ghee &c. and Salt fish.-

A large proportion of curry stuff and ghee to be provided for the Europeans

Remarks No 1 Continued

Should be extremely liberal, and, as little or no animal food can be procured for the natives. Salt fish should be substituted. —

The Europeans in this Country are so habituated to a similar diet with the natives that these articles will not only be necessary, but Salutary and agreeable— and of ghee some what a larger proportion, as I see no butter in the list of — provisions from Europe. —

No 2

Biscuit for 6000 men for one month at the rate of a pound a man pr. day, or to the extent that can be procured, making a proportional deduction — from the rice.

No 2

The proposed quantity of this article is desireable not only for stormy weather at sea, when it may be impossible to dress rice, but for service on Shore, where it may be necessary for the men to carry a certain proportion of provisions on their backs— and moreover for issuing with drams on particular occasions. —

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Memoranda	Remarks
N.o 3.	N.o 3.
Attack for 6000 men for 9 months or to such extent as can be procured	Included in this estimate are the extra issues that may be necessary on particular occasions, besides the daily issues to the effective troops..
N.o 4.	N.o 4.
Water Casks for transports, and to complete deficiencies in the Company's Ships; — which it is understood will be considerable — as many as can be procured..	The substitution of rice for bread renders necessary a great additional quantity of water, independent of the apprehended deficiency of Casks. —
N.o 5.	N.o 5.
Hammocks for 3000 men completed with the usual bedding. —	Not more than 2000 Hammocks / of the / may be expected in the Ships from Europe..
N.o 6.	N.o 6.
Intrenching tools for 1000 men, exclusive of the full complement for the Pioneers, and such spare tools as Lieutenant Dowse may think it necessary to indent for. —	

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Memoranda
No 7

Remarks
No 7

Fuel a sufficient preparation in the event of the Ships not being sufficiently provided.

Signed J. Stuart
Colonel 72d Regiment &c.

In consequence of the foregoing communication from Colonel Stuart, the following letters were written and dispatched on Sunday last.

To Colonel John Brathwaite
President &c. &c. Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen,

To Military Board directing them to Consult with Colonel Stuart in regard to ordnance, Military Stores and Entrenching Tools requisite for the Expedition and to prepare them Accordingly

We are to acquaint you that we have received intimation from the Secretary Committee of the Court of Directors of the measures in agitation for an expedition against the French Islands of mauritius and Bourbon. Colonel Stuart, who is to Command on the Expedition next under major General Sir William Medows, has explained to us the intentions of his Majestys Ministers, and, as we are instructed to attend to the requisitions he may make on all points relating to this Service, we have desired him to consult with you on such matters as are connected with your department. We would have you, in consequence, take his.

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his opinion in regard to the Articles to be provided of Ordnance and military Stores, entrenching tools &c.a and give such orders as may be necessary for Com=pleting the preparations without any delay..

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We are,

Sir,
Your &c.a
Signed Charles Oakeley
&c.a Council

To. W.m Thomas Cockburn
Commissary Ginral of Grain and Provisions

Sir,

Order to the Commissary Ginral of Grain and Provisions, for providing the Articles inquired from his Department and to adopt Colonel Stuarts suggestions on all points relating thereto.

As an expedition against the French Islands of mauritius and Bourbon has been resolved upon by his Majestys ministers, and as the Honorable the President in Council has received orders from the Court Committee of the Court of Directors to attend the Requisitions of Colonel Stuart in regard to the Preparations to be made in India, I am directed to transmit to you Copy of a paper which has been received from that Office, stating the Articles of provisions and Stores necessary for the intended Service, and which are to be prepared without Loss of time you will accordingly indent upon the Garrison Storekeeper and Agents for Spirituous Liquors for the Articles to

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to be furnished from their Departments, directing purchases to be made of such as are not in Store. —

The President in Council desires you will consult with Colonel Stuart on all matters relating to the Provision of the Articles abovementioned, and adopt the Recommendations which he may offer on the occasion. —

The President in Council deeming it highly expedient to engage a considerable tonnage for Rice on the Company's account in addition to the estimated supply for the Troops, and also to give effectual encouragement to Individuals to transport to the Island Rice and provisions on their own account he desires you will state your opinion as to the best mode to be adopted for effecting these objects. —

I am,

&c. &c.

Signed W. C. Jackson Jr.

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To Captain Beatson

To Town Major with Similar Orders in regard to providing 3000 Hammocks. —

Town Major

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President

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President in Council to desire you will prepare without loss of time, Hammocks, with the usual bedding for three thousand men as this provision has been ordered, at the recommendation of Colonel Stuart, you will acquaint him with the instructions you have received, and be guided by any opinion he may have to offer on the occasion.

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I am &c. &c.

I Lyney W. C. Jackson Jr.

To Colonel James Stuart

Sir,

To Colonel Stuart informing him of the orders above given to the Military Board. & Wm. Cockburn and Town Major

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 26th instant, and to inform you that orders have been sent to the Military Board to provide such quantity of ordnance and ordnance Stores, entrenching Tools &c. as may be adequate to the purposes of the intended expedition against the French Islands, taking your opinion upon the points relating thereto. Similar orders have been sent to Wm. Cockburn, the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the articles to be furnished in his department and the Town Major will be directed to prepare Hammocks for 3000 men.

As the Officers in the departments above mentioned will be guided in their proceedings by your recommendations the President in Council desire

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desires you will Communicate your sentiments to them —
without any reserve, so that the intentions of his Majesty's
Ministers, of which you are well apprized may as far
as they relate to this Presidency, be carried into full effect. —

I am,

&c &c

Signed W. C. Jackson Secy

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

To Wm Cons Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your Letter of the 27th instant to which due attention —
shall be paid. —

From W. Cockburn 380 Garce of rice required to accompany the Troops - proposes that the additional quantity to be sent to the Islands on the public account be Supplied from Bengal —

The quantity of Rice required to accompa-
-ny the Troops from hence, agreeably to the Memorandum
given in by Colonel Stuart is about 380 Garce: in regard
to the best mode of Supplying the additional quantity,
upon which the Governor in Council requires my
opinion, I beg leave to recommend that immediate
application be made to Bengal to Engage Tonnage
there are a great number of Ships now unemployed
for the transport of 30,000 Bags of the best Cargoe
Rice to be sent from thence an account of —
Government

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Government a quantity which I conceive to be sufficient, as there is little doubt abundant private shipping will be carried to the Islands so soon as protection is afforded by the arrival of the fleet.

Madras
29th April 1794

Sam,
Vs. Vs.

Signed Thomas Cockburn
Actg. Cl. G. G. & S.

Minutes thereon

Agreed that Mr. Cockburn be directed to indent upon the Garrison Storekeeper for the four hundred Garce of Rice required for the use of the Troops to be employed on the expedition against the Dutch Islands

As it will be highly expedient to engage Tonnage for the transportation of the provisions and Stores required for the abovementioned Service Resolved that the Secretary Board be directed to lose no time in advertizing for proposals of Freights on the Company's account, to be received by them till the 15th day of June and that it be specified in the advertisement that Government will freight the Ships by the month.

Resolved that the Governor General in Council be informed that, besides the four hundred Garce of Rice which are providing here for the use of the expedition, not less than thirty thousand Bags of the best Cargo Rice will be wanted from Bengal on the

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the Company's Account that, as it is probable there will be a sufficient time for this Store to reach Madras before the departure of the Fleet, it be proposed to the Supreme Government to direct the Commanders of the Vessels freighted for the occasion to make the best of their way to this Port; for, tho' they should not arrive in time for the Fleet, there will be little danger in their proceeding by themselves to the Islands afterwards.—

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite submits a letter from the Governor of Tranquebar to him respecting two European Deserters from that Garrison and the propriety of settling a Cartel.—

I have the Honor to lay before you Copies of a Letter and some Papers I have received from General Anker, the Governor of Tranquebar, concerning two Soldiers who have deserted from Tranquebar to Tanjore, from whence it seems they have been forwarded to the Presidency.—

I remember many years ago when I was stationed to the Southward I understood that a Cartel existed for the mutual delivering up of such Deserters as in the case of a Cartel however, it generally provides that Persons so delivered up shall not be punished; from the tenor of General Anker's Letter, I presume that no such Cartel now exists, if it ever did.—

I am of opinion that this is a fair opportunity and a peculiarly proper time for us to establish such

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Such a Cartel on our own terms, and, considering the Number of European Soldiers we must always keep in this Country, in Comparison with those belonging to the Danes, it must be for our Advantage so to do, and, I submit it your Consideration whether it would not be advisable now to settle a mutual and unconditional delivering up to each other of all European Deserters. Whatever shall be your determination I request to be honored with some such Communication as may enable me to reply to Jenval Anker.

Military
Head Quarters
Madras
April 28th 1794

I have the honor to be,
with Respect
Yr. Mo. Hble
Signd John Brathwaite

To the Commanding Officer &c &c

Sir.

The bearer hereof Herman Mahlman is sent in pursuit of two European deserters of this Garrison. Give me leave to request, that if they should be apprehended by him, you will be so obliging at his application to put them under arrest, when a guard from hence immediately shall be sent for fetching them off, any expences there may accrue thereby shall be thankfully repaid to your order.

I remain with perfect esteem
Yr. Mo. Hble
Signd Mathias muhldorff
Major in his Danish majesty's Service
and Comm. of the Troops & Garrison

Tranquebar,
April 30th 1794

True Copy
Signd W. Wilson
Secy

Colonel

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Colonel Brathwaite

Commander in Chief of the British Troops on the Coast of

Coromandel &c. &c.

Fort S. George

Sir,

As Military matters will ever meet a
rational investigation between Military men, you will no
doubt pardon the liberty of addressing you on a subject that
affects the Service of our respective Sovereigns, which we are in
duty bound to nurse and protect.

Two Soldiers of this Garrison having lately
deserted, a portuguese Soldier, who understood the native
language, was dispatched in search of them, and to that
effect furnished with a note from the Commander of this
Garrison to the Commanding Officer, where the deserters
should be found, a copy of which is enclosed under No 1.

On the report being received from the
Messenger, that the deserters had been apprehended at
Tanjore, a European Serjeant with a party of Sepoys was
dispatched to bring them back, having no doubt with
respect to the men being delivered up, as I ever hesitated
in shewing the like attention to the British Service,
when deserters took shelter in this settlement. The party
was furnished with letters to Colonel Maxwell, and
the next in Command.

The day following was received a
letter from Captain Campbell the Commanding
Officer

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Offices at Tanjore of which I enclose a Copy under No. 2 and likewise a Copy of the answer with an extract of the enlisting Roll under Nos 3 & 4.

If the men have been sent to Madras, because they have declared themselves to be Hanoverians, the enclosed Extract will prove they were not.

If the Government of Madras has taken the resolution not to return deserters, I shall then feel compelled, to observe the same, and I fear, when your Soldiers know, that this Settlement is thus become a place of safety, your neighbouring Garrisons will probably feel the bad effect.

Should your Government, on mature Consideration, resolve to give the men up, I shall request the favor you will order them to be detained in prison till they can be conveyed back, which will be attended with trouble and expence.

If it was not for the sake of making an example of the men the one in particular, who has deserted three times, to deter others, I should certainly not give myself the least trouble to restore them to the Service, for they are in fact the rubbish of the Garrison, as I have a greater number of Europeans than I want.

To be favored with a light in this business by a few lines will particularly oblige him, who has the honor with great esteem to remain.

Dr. Sr.

Your most obedient Servant
Signed P. Anker

Fort Dansborg
Tranquebar
April 22. 1794

True Copy
Signed Wm. Wilson Secy

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No2

To the Commanding Officer of his Danish Majestys Troops

Tranquebar

Sir,

Two straggling Europians were claimed here two days ago by a portuguese Soldier, who said he belonged to his Danish Majestys Service, as desiters from the Garison of Tranquebar. The Europians declare themselves to be Hanoverians, and I have this day forwarded them to the Presidency of Madras agreable to the orders of that Govern=ment.=

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed A. Campbell

Captain Comm.g Tanjore

Tanjore

April 16th 1794

True Copy

Signed W. Wilson

Secy

No3

To Captain A. Campbell

Commanding at Tanjore

Sir,

I have been duly favored with your letter of the 16th instant, and find myself under much obligation for the information you give me respecting the two — desertors from this Garrison. At the receipt of your letter I had already dispatched a European Serjeant, with a Guard of Sepoys, to fetch the said desertors back; but, as yet, it is uncertain, whether the people sent for recalling them will reach them or not. —

The Serjeant was furnished with a letter

from

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From General Inscr to Colonel Maxwell, and another from me to you on this Subject.

From the enclosed extract of the enlisting rolls you will be pleased to observe that they have had the impudence to give themselves out for what they were not, being conscious of a well deserved punishment for the crime they have committed.

As the greatest part of the European Soldiers in this Garrison are Prisoners, should the invention they have used prove good, a great number of them will make use of the same Stratagem, to avoid being delivered up, when they abscond.

As you have been so obligeing to write me on this subject, I think myself bound in duty of applying to you first, to get it remedied if possible without any further application from the Governor General & Coun. to the Government at Madras. I am of opinion that by remitting this to the presidency it might cause the desired effect.

I shall always be sensible of as a mark of particular friendship, bestowed on her Majesty's Service, if this busines could be settled to satisfaction, and beg to assure that the like friendly attention shall ever be observed, as hitherto done in this Settlement, for the benefit of the British Service.

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I have the honor to be,

with perfect esteem

Yr &c Yr &c

Tranquebar

April 19th 1794

Mathias Muhldorff

Major in his Danish Majestys Service

and Comm.r of the Troops & Garrison

P.S. I have this instant been informed, that the party sent off to convey the Deserters back had advanced so far in the Tanjore Country that the order for returning was not received; I must also beg the favor you will please to direct the enclosed to be delivered to the European Serjeant, by which he is directed to return with the party.

True Copy

Signed W.m Wilson Jun.r

Extract of the enlisting Rolls of the Troops and Garrison of Fort Dansborg at Tranquebar, regarding the two Deserters Frederick Steinhoff and Franke Jacob Krause.—

(1) Frederick Steinhoff born at Lipsig in Saxony, a Taylor by profession, 36 years of age, has served the Dutch at malacca, and has since served by this Garrison from the 17th of February 1787. having now deserted from this Service, and from his Wife and Child.

(2) Franke Jacob Krause, born in Erlangen a free imperial Town in Germany, by profession a Brazier, 30 years of Age, has served the Dutch at the Cape of good,

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good Hope. having served in the Garrison here for the space of nine years, and the course of this time has desired three different times.

I Signed Mathias Muhldorff
Major & Commander of the Garrison

Conform with the Original
I Signed J. Anker

True Copy
I Signed W. Wilson Jr.

Minute thereon,

The Board are of opinion that the establishment of a Cartel with the Government of Tranquebar for the mutual delivery of deserters will be a proper measure But as this is a subject on which Genral Anker should correspond direct with the President in Council, it is resolved to desire Colonel Brathwaite to acquaint the Genral, that the Board will readily attend to any proposition which he may make relative to a cartel as well as with regard to the two Hanovarian Deserters now on their way to the Presidency.—

Read the following letter from Bengal.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley, Bar.t
Governor in Council
at Fort S.t George

From Bengal. of opinion the inferior Forts in the Baramahal should be dismantled, with certain exceptions as formerly directed by a Bengal Commandes approve the reference to England regarding the building of

Honorable Sir

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, dated the 23.rd of January, transmitting to us

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a new Fort. Plans of all Forts and Fortifications on the Coast, with Statements of the Ordnance, Stores provisions and Troops in each to be sent, with a General Map of the Carnatick also requests a plan and Estimate for rendering Trichinopoly completely tenable

us a Copy of a Report of your Military Board, and of the Papers to which it refers, as well as of your Minute on their answer to the Directions you gave them to consider whether or not it might be advisable to retain any of the inferior Hill Forts in the Barramaul, which Lord Cornwallis formerly thought should be destroyed.

The Commander in Chief having laid before us his opinion, which we requested, upon the points submitted to you by your Military Board, we have the honor to enclose a Copy of it for your Information, and, coinciding in the sentiments delivered by Sir Robert Abercromby, we beg leave to recommend that Orders may be given for dismantling the several Forts, as directed by the Marquis Cornwallis excepting those that may be necessary as intermediate Posts on a Road it may be advisable to open, by the best and shortest Route, from Amboor, thro' the Center of the ceded Countries, by the Tapoor pass.

With respect to the suggestions of the Military Board, relative to constructing a new Fort in some situation on the Plain between Changama and the Policode Pass, we have the pleasure to observe that you have agreed to refer them to the Honorable Court of Directors, to whom we propose to forward a Copy of the General's Minute that they may have every Information before them, in determining on the Subject, which the Importance of it seems to require.

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We have to request, for the Reason stated by the Commander in Chief, that you will be pleased to give orders that plans of all Forts and Fortifications, under your Government, including and distinguishing such as belong to the Nabob of Arcot and Rajah of Tanjore, may be prepared and sent to us, without delay, together with a Statement of the Quantities and qualities of Ordnance, Stores and Provisions contained in each, as well as of the Number and description of Troops by which each is garrisoned; We also request that these Plans and Statements may be accompanied by a General Map of the Carnatic including and distinguishing the ceded Countries to be taken from the best Surveys on which the Roads, Communications, and Passes are accurately laid down and minutely described, we are aware that some time will be taken up in preparing the Plans and Statements abovementioned, and as we are solicitous to have before us particular Information relative to Trichinopoly, we request that you will in the interim with all convenient Expedition give orders for preparing, and transmitting to us, a plan for strengthening and fortifying that Place to enable it to stand a regular Siege, and an Estimate of the Expence that would probably attend the Execution of it.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort William
31st March 1794

Your &c.

J. Shore
Robt Abercromby
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

Minute

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Minute from the Commander in Chief

The Government of Madras having submitted to the Supreme Board, a copy of such Papers as have appeared on their records, on the Subject of defending the western frontier of the Carnatic, and having determined to wait the further Sanction of the Governor General in Council, to the demolition of the Hill Forts before directed to be destroyed, I think it my duty, as Commander in Chief, to give my opinion on the State of that frontier, as far as the documents before me will enable me to Judge.—

To comprehend the Subject fully, I think it necessary to consider our acquired territory in the Baramaul and Salem Countries, under two distinct heads.—

I shall first consider it as a valuable acquisition in itself, which it is our interest to preserve; and, as far as possible, to protect the Inhabitants and their property.—

I shall then consider its advantages, as affording a security to the Carnatic, and opening a —— Passage into Mysore.—

The Commander of the army on the Coast, has so fully detailed the Strength, and importance of the Forts he proposed to occupy for its defence, and his opinion has since been so general approved of, and adopted, that I am convinced the Country is in a

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To give Security to the Persons and
property of the Inhabitants, in case of sudden Invas
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inferiour Garrisons a number of Hill Forts and
walled Towns, in the heart of the Country. This id
was approved of by the late Governor General, and
Commander in Chief. He was afterwards induced
alter his Opinion, as far as respected the Hill For
and for the following Reasons. That the Country
being so strong, and intricate in itself, the Inhabit
could find Shelter and Security amidst the Hills, a
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cessary. That the Hills are in general so unhealthy
that it would be exposing the Lives of the Troops
to occupy so many Posts. That the Establishment
would not admit of Garrisons of Field Troops; and th
Invalids would not answer the purpose; and that
to leave them insufficiently Garrisoned would end
the safety of the Country, as they could easily be wrest
from us, and would give the Enemy strong holds in
the Heart of the Country.

In Consequence of these Arguments
a Number of Hill Forts not required for the genera
defence

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That the Country was not Sufficiently strong, without the aid of Forts, to give Security to the Inhabitants, and their property. That they were already alarmed at the proposed demolition, and would not consider themselves in Safety should it be generally adopted. That small Garrisons, with their assistance would be Sufficient for their defence, and that the Communications it may be advisable to make through the country, would be insecure without intermediate Posts. The Military Board were divided in opinion; but the majority adhered to the propriety of destroying such Forts, as were not necessary to strengthen the proposed Communications through the Country.—

In this Opinion I perfectly acquiesce, as I consider it to be dangerous to the Safety of the Districts, to leave Strong holds insufficiently occupied, as it is impracticable to occupy them properly, without great Expence, and an encreased Establishment, and as from the nature of the Country, they are not necessary for the protection of the Inhabitants, to whom, if weakly Garrisoned, they would only hold

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out defensive security.-

I myself with these ideas, I would recommend that the Forts before determined on should be dismantled, with the exception of those that may be necessary as intermediate Posts, and a Road it may be advisable to open, by the best and shortest route, from Amboor, through the Center of the ceded Countries, by the Jaghoor Pass.-

The advantages to be derived from our acquired territories on the frontier of the Carnatic, as affording a security to it, and opening a passage into Mysore, are next to be considered.-

For these joint purposes the Military Board have strongly recommended, that a New Fort should be constructed, in a Central situation, and in the Vicinity of the great Roads, that open into Mysore, by the Policode Pass, and into the Carnatic, by the Changamah.-

I must first premise, that a strong fortress, advantageously situated, must, at all times, be a desirable acquisition, tho' not perhaps a necessary one- a new Fort, I have before stated as my opinion, is not necessary to preserve to us the ceded Districts, they are sufficiently defensible without it: we must now examine its use and situation, either for offensive operations in Mysore or for preventing an invasion of

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of the Carnatic.—

Colonel Brathwaite proposes to construct a fortress near the old Fort of Policaud which, in his Opinion, will prevent an irruption into the Baramaul by that pass, and Consequently an invasion of the Carnatic. He considers it also, an advantageous Situation for a depot of Stores, and Provisions for the invasion of Mysore, by that Central Route, which gives us an easy entrance into the Country, with our magazines close behind us.—

For the first of these Objects, the Situation appears insufficient, as there are many Passes leading into the Baramaul, which it cannot cover, nor can any Situation be found, I imagine, that will Completely shut up the Policode Pass itself. The Second appears more plausible, tho, even that, I am of opinion, will fail of proving the necessity of it.—

The marquis Cornwallis has, with infinite Judgement, recommended, that the equipment for field Service should not be deposited nearer the frontier than Vellore, and Arnee—and the Reason he assigns is just and Conclusive, as they will otherwise be too far advanced for any operations, except against mysore, and for any Operations against mysore, except through the Baramaul. How far it may be found advisable to enter mysore by that Route,

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must depend on Circumstances. It appears evident how-
ever that this inviting to me, a Fortress near Policode would induce Tippoo
greatly to Strengthen Oussore and Bangalore, and
perhaps Oblige us to penetrate from another quarter, I
am I certain whether a disadvantage does not attend
that Route, which will prevent its being used for a
first invasion of the upper Country. From the more
nothern Pass, an army can march immediately to
Bengalore, the importance of which is now sufficiently
known. From the Policode Pass, Oussore must first be
taken during the Siege of which, the Enemy will
have time to Strengthen Bangalore, and prepare for our
approach.

A Situation near the Town of Singer-
=pillah, on the Western side of the Changamah Pass,
has been also proposed, as the Site of the intended
Fort. The Range of Hills which seperates the
Baramaul from the Carnatic, affords only one passage
for a great Extent, and this opening would be completely
covered by the new fortress. For defensive operations
it would undoubtedly be an eligible situation, as an
Enemy penetrating into the Baramaul, would be
obliged to return to the Southward, and, probably,
after croping the Tappoor Pass, would be unable
to enter the Carnatic further North than the
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the Amboor valley, and penetrate by the northern —
Routes, which would be both difficult, and dangerous
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prevent an invasion of the Baramaul, by the —
principal part of the Enemy's ..... force. For offensive
operations it would be of little use. It is far from
the frontier, yet being within the Baramaul, it
would be improper to make it the Depôt for Field
Equipments. —

Should it be deemed expedient to —
construct a Fort that would remedy this defect and
Combine as many advantages as can perhaps be —
found in any one Situation, I would recommend a
Post to be established, as a deposite for Field Equip-
-ment in a Situation East and not far from the
Changamah Pass, the Barriers of which should —
immediately reversed, and Strengthened. This Fort
should communicate with the great military —
Road that leads from Vellore to Trichinopoly.
I consider it however a point of Essential Consequence
and as the intended erection of a Fort is properly
to be left to the decision of the Court of Directors.
I could wish it might be Submitted to them,
whether, previous to the construction of any new
work Something should not be done, to —
Strengthen Trichinopoly, the Safety of which,

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subject so important as the defence of the Carnatic, I beg to
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Provisions contained in each of them. Also the
number and description of Troops, by which each is
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/including the ceded Countries/ to be taken from
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=cations, and Passes, are accurately laid down and
minutely described.

Sd/ Robt Abercromby

A True Copy

Sd/ H. Harington Sub.y

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letter from Bengal

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with as little delay as possible the information requir
regarding Trichinopoly.

Read the following letter from the
Military Board.

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

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to lay before
you copy of a letter addressed to us by the Military
Storekeeper dated 19.th March last, enclosing a proposal
from Mr. Bishop the Deputy Commissary for the
more effectual and expeditious sifting of Sulphur
for the manufacture of Gunpowder, the cost of which
Machine, mentioned to be one hundred and fifty
Pagodas. Having deemed it necessary to have the
opinion of the Chief Engineer, and Commissary Genera
of Stores on the subject of this Machine, they,
Consequence, were desired to examine and report
upon the model laid before us, and report that it
appears well calculated to answer the purpose but
that it is not possible to form a positive judgement
without making the experiment by a Machine
constructed on the proper dimensions, and, as this
promises to be productive of advantages and
ultimately economical, the expense likewise not
being great, we request to be authorized to
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From a Military Board
Relative to a Machine
invented by Mr Bishop
for sifting Sulphur inclose
a particular Description
of it also new Contracts
with Messrs Topping and
Parry for the additional
Articles of Ordnance Work
recommend the purchase
of Mr Stephens Buildings
and Ground in the
Black Town. Chief
Engineers report thereon,
with a plan enclosed.

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make up a Machine constructed after this model, but of sufficient dimension. —

In reply to your commands under date the 11th December and 16th January last, enclosing letters from the Gun Carriage Contractors, accompanied with Lists of articles not included in their Contract, we took the necessary steps to acquire information respecting the prices they offered to make these Articles; and, finding that they did not exceed the prices charged by the Military Storekeeper for such — we applied to the Honorable Company's Solicitor to make out a new Contract, including those additional Articles, which we have now the honor to enclose, in — duplicate, for your approbation and Signature. —

In obedience to the commands — contained in the latter paragraph of your Letter — under date the 3. Instant, We have the honor to lay before you the Chief Engineers report on the — buildings and Ground offered by Mr. Popham in the Black Town, for the accommodation of Sepoys, accompanied with his Plans thereof, and, from the information the Chief Engineer has afforded us, We are of opinion that the two Ranges of buildings offered for Sale by Mr. Popham are sufficiently contiguous, and will afford every convenience for Serjeants, Hospitals, and Store Houses as the Situation

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is peculiarly eligible and as the purchase money, when it is recollected that the Ground, as well as the buildings is included in the Sale, is extremely reasonable, We recommend that your Honorable Board make the purchase.

With respect to the Ground reported by the Chief Engineer as proper for Officers Quarters, and the Topoy families - We conceive that your Honorable Board should possess yourselves of the whole either by purchase or rent, as you shall be pleased to determine upon unless there is already a sufficient space equally eligible, at present the property of the Company, for the purpose of accommodating the two Battalions with, which the Chief Engineer does not apprehend to be the case.

We are honored with your Letter under date the 17th Instant, forwarding Estimates of additional work required to the Powder Mills, amounting to Pagodas four hundred and thirty five, twenty three Fanams, and twenty two Cash / 435. 23. 22 / and have agreeably thereto, given the necessary directions to the Contractors.

We have the honor to be,

&c &c

John Brathwaite
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Fort St. George.
24th April 1794.

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Colonel John Brathwaite

President &c. Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

I have been duly honored with your Commands of the 7th instant, and, in obedience to them, beg leave to submit to you Copy of a letter from Mr. Bishop, containing a more particular Description of the machine invented by him, and hope it will appear to you worthy of an Experiment.

I am, with Respect

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
19th March 1794.

(Signed) Jos: du Pre Porcher
Mily Storekeeper

A true Copy

(Signed) W. Linley Dpty Secy

Josias Dupre Porcher Esqre
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We are honored with your Letter under date the 5th Instant, forwarding Estimate of additional work required to the Powder Mills, amounting to Pagodas four hundred and thirty five, twenty three fanams, and twenty two Cash / 435. 23. 22 / and have, agreeably thereto, given the necessary directions to the Contractors.

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Could form an Idea of its Capability, the only one that occurs to my Recollection is the flower mill. I shall therefore assume an example from it and make the best Comparison in my power. —

A common Corn Mill will grind a Bushel of Wheat in an hour, the hole in the bottom of the Hopper must consequently be so proportioned as to admit of the Wheat running out in that time; let the Hopper of this machine be similar, and the following will shew a Comparison between it and the Sieves. —

A Statute Bushel Contains 2150.42 + Cubic Inches, one Cubic Inch of Sulphur weighs 10 & and 066 Drams Thus 2150.42 × 1066.134.954 & the weight of one Solid Bushel of Sulphur. When the Sulphur is pulverized, it encreases in Bulk, and assuming one third for that encrease, the Bushel of pulverized Sulphur will weigh 89.970 &. Admit this runs thro' the Hopper in an hour, it may on trial, perhaps be found not to require so much time, and one third part is obtained in dust, the Machine will Consequently prepare 29.990 & of impalpable powder in an Hour; the Labourers at the Mills begin in the Morning at 7 Clock, work till 12, begin again at two and work till six, making altogether nine hours, admit the Machine employed that time,

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thin according to the above it will give 269 820 ℔ per day. There are Sixteen Labourers imployed at the Mills when making 5 Barrels per day these sift the whole of the ingredients, and assist each other, as Occasion requires, but the most two of them can sift in a day, is 200 ℔ of Sulphur. It will require two people to work with the Machine, and, by the above, it appears the Machine will exceed the — Labours by 69,820 ℔. per day.

But when you Sir was pleased to — order all such methods to be adopted at your ma= =nufactory, as are mentioned in the paper on this Subject, received from Calcutta, and not followed — here, as well as to do every thing in my power to — bring the manufacture to perfection, I did not — understand you advised so much to saving, as improvement, indeed the price is already so low, that I believe it incapable of reduction, nay to make the best powder for the present price, I believe — impossible, and to establish the mode followed at Calcutta would increase the present expence at least one half, especially if the operation of storing is — adopted, which the Calcutta agents assure to be indispensably Necessary for the manufacture of good powder. —

In obedience to your Orders, I paid much

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much attention to the present mode of making Gunpow
both at Madras, Calcutta, and in Europe, and found it
agreed, on all hands, that the most powerful Mills wo
esteemed the best, from this Circumstance I conjectured, t
the ingredients, before mixing were obtained in impal
=pable powders, the most desirable object would be
accomplished: it in a great measure doing away, the
present expensive Laborious and dangerous operation
of Milling actual Gunpowder, which, from the great
quantity of friction that must necessarily attend all
Machines of this nature cannot fail of being extremely
dangerous, and the blowing up one Mill, might in
a second, destroy more than could be raised by
pecuniary entrenchments, in years, but the ingredients
being previously obtained in dust, little more than
simply compounding the Charge would be required
of the Mills and, if the Machine is considered in this
point of View, it would be difficult to say at this time,
how far even a Saving might be carried.

The dimensions of the Machine were
originally intended to be as the enclosed but the
Carpenter employed to make the Model, was so
dull of Comprehension that I was obligated to confine
myself to the principle only, and hence the reason of my not
inserting either Scale or dimensions on the plan.

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A true Copy
Signed Jos. deane, Secretary
A true Copy
Signed W. Linley Dy Secy

Sam, Vis. Vs.
Signed B. Bishop
Dy Secy. Comng Stores

Dimensions

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Dimensions of the Machine, in Feet and Decimals.

Box containing the Fly

Square within	2.	
Thickness of the Plank	"	083.
Height of the Frame	3.	166.
Square of the Timbers of which the Frame is made	"	666

The wheel to shake the Hopper taken at Random

Channel of Communication with the Bin

Length	2.	5.
Breadth of depth	1.	5.
Thickness of Plank	"	083.

Hopper

Square at top	2.	
" at Bottom	"	083

The hights at Random

The Bin

Area of the Bottom	4.	075.
Height at highest end	3.	500.
" at lowest end		

A true Copy

Signed Wm Linley

Deputy Secy

On

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On a conference with Mr. Popham, about the Bazars I have to inform the Board that the Ground on which the Buzars Stand containing 217/8 Lotts is included in the Price of the Buzars viz.t 8000 Pagodas.—

With respect to the Ground to the Southward of the Buzars, which I consider as proper for Officers' Quarters, he says that the price is Pagodas 300 p.r Lott or that he will let each Lott at 3 Pagodas p.r month Ground Rent it will require 25 Lotts for the Quarters of the Officers of the two Battalions.—

Mr. Popham referred me to his Books of Sale, when it appears that he has sold some of the Southern most part for 650, some for 500, Some for 300 Pagodas per Lott, and an irregular Spot on the western Boundary for Pagodas 250 I begalso to inform the Board, that on enquiry into the price of Ground in that Situation, that it usually sold from 300 to 400 Pagodas per Lott of 2400 Square feet.

The Ground which he proposes for the Sepoys' families is bordering on the Northern — a Bazar, he offers at 150 Pagodas per Lott, or 1½ Pagodas per M.r Ground rent I find by his Book that it has been sold for 200 Pagodas per Lott

these

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There are about 12 or 14 Lotts to be disposed of.

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Sd Signed Wm Gent

A true Copy

Sd Signed Wm Linley Deputy Secy

Resolutions in Consequence.

The Board authorize the construction of the Machine proposed by the Deputy Commissary for the more effectual and expeditious sifting of Sulphur for the Manufacture of Gunpowder - They also approve the Contract to be entered into with Messrs Topping and Parry -

Resolved that Mr Popham be informed that the Board will agree to purchase the Buzars for 8000 Pagodas, the price at which they are valued by the Chief Engineer - also the Ground reported to be situated to the Northward of the Buzars, and Commodious for the Families of the Sepoys, provided he will accept for the latter 100 Pagodas for Lot of 60 feet by 40, or 2400 Square Feet. -

With respect to the Ground situated to the Southward of the Buzar, for which Mr Popham asks 300 Pagodas for Lot. the Board decline the Purchase. -

Read the following letter from the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs with its Enclosure -

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Enclosures entered in W.B. Nos 157. 158

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Mssrs. Roebuck and Abbot requesting an increase of Allowance for Arched Bomb proof and Barracks Thereon Contract rate forming no Allusion to the Arched Work of Doors and Windows.

On the 22d. ultimo we addressed a Letter to the Military Board Copy of which we have the Honor to enclose No. 1 When we acknowledged the Receipt of an Estimate for Barracks at the Mount for the Accommodation of 330 Men, and observed that the Arched work was estimated at 3½ Fanams a Cubic foot, We added that, in our Proposals, Arched Work was mentioned at 3½ Fanams a Cubic foot, but that the Arched Work therein alluded to could never have been supposed other than the Arched Work of Doors and Windows a matter of little Consequence or account in large Buildings, and, as all our Rates were very low, that this was stated as low as it could possibly be executed at that these proposals could never have been supposed to extend to Arched Barracks or Bomb Proofs; as buildings of that nature, from the Centers required either of Earth Work or Timber, would demand near double that Sum to defray the Charges, and they were such as we could have no Idea of executing at the time we undertook our Contract, as they would be convinced by making enquirys of any Bricklayers

or

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or People conversant in building but that agreable to the
Clause in our Contract we were ready to execute this
work upon such Terms as should be judged reasonable by your Honor in Council or their Board
and we offered to them the following rates for
Arched Barracks or Bomb Proofs which we believed
would be found on enquiry as low as they could be executed for.—

Wall Bricks Arched Roofs in Chunam if the —
Expence of filling up is allowed 4½ fanams a Cubic foot. —
Ditto including the Expence of filling up and
Center 5 fanams a Cubic foot. —
Ditto partly finished with Terras Bricks 6 fanams
a Cubic foot.
Ditto including the Expence of filling up and
Center 6½ fanams a Cubic foot. —

We also stated that we understood in
some Places Buildings were ordered on Rocks, where
the Expence of Carrying the Materials to the Tops of
Hill Forts was very large and that, as this was one of
the Articles unprovided for in the Contract, we re-
quested a suitable allowance for the same and added
that we had taken the necessary means for carrying
into execution, with the greatest Expedition, the works
ordered; and that no delay was occasioned by our
reference, having every reliance that they would
recommend to Government an equitable allowance
for the Works we took upon as not specified in the
Contract. —

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To this Address we received a Letter of the 4th Instant from Mr Brodie, Secretary to the Military Board, Copy of which No 2 we have the honor to enclose, saying that he was directed to Signify to us that the President and Members of the Military Board, after maturely considering our Letter of the 22d Ultimo, did not find any thing they could take up so as to afford us any relief, except in the Articles of the Works done in Lead which, not being provided for in the Contract, the Board were ready to pass on such terms as the Chief Engineer should report reasonable, that with regard to the Arched Work in the Bricks and Chunam and repairs to Works upon Hills the Board could not but consider that these were provided for by the Contract, that they were not new Subjects for which no Provision had been made, and such as the Board could be Justified in offering any opinion to Government upon, unless called upon by Government so to do and that it would be necessary to address ourselves direct to Government if we wished to propose any increase of the rate to be allowed for arched Work or Brick and Chunam or any increase of allowance for carrying Materials to Hills.

Thus situated we hope we shall stand excused in trespassing on your time and entering fully into the Subject. It would give us extream concern that your Honor in Council should suppose we had entered into an Engagement which we were not willing to fulfill, or that we were troubling you with

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with demands which we had no right to make But we trust that, in the Sequel, we shall be able to satisfy your Honor in Council that not only what we have requested is agreable to our Contract but that it is just and reasonable and that the terms we have asked are lower than any one else has offered to do them for.—

We beg leave to premise that the Arched Buildings such as are now ordered are a new sort of Barracks such as never have been executed at this Presidency but we are given to understand that a building which bears some Resemblance to them was once executed at Tanjore by Major Stevens, and that there is now only one Person in the Country who knows the manner in which it was executed.—

We are directed to build Arched Barracks 16 feet wide, and upon a two foot Wall, We venture to say, from our own experience, that, in whatever manner the Arches are turned, that the Building will not stand upon a two foot Wall we shall here beg leave to State that the way in which Arched Buildings have always been turned in this Country, and with which the Bricklayers are alone acquainted is by filling up the space between the Walls with Earth and forming a Centre upon it, but, in order to bear the weight of Earth, It is necessary that the walls should be five or six feet thick or otherwise the weight of the Centre will make them burst This is a point which we pledge ourselves that every Man who understands any

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any thing of building will immediatly subscribe to.

But the way in which we are given to understand the Buildings now proposed were executed by Major Stevens was by building up a Centre Wall length ways through the Barracks and then by laying Timber first cross ways, raising Brick Work upon them, and afterwards lay a Centre was formed sufficiently Light for a Two and a half foot Wall to bear it until the Arch was turnid and compleated; but could it ever be supposed that when we entred into our Contract taking the utmost Latitude and even supposing that Bomb Proofs were included in our Contract that we ever meant to execute Work different from what we had seen or Known executed in the Country, or that we could ever have had an Idea of Conducting and executing so complex a Business upon the terms of our Existing Contract. If any Person of Property and Character can be found who will execute the Work upon these terms we will willingly resign it to him or execute it at the rate. But, as we are confident no one will be found to do it, as we know no Man who understand building will undertake to turn any Arched Bomb Proofs or Barracks at 3½ Fanams a foot we trust to the liberality of your Honor in Counsil to make us such an allowance as you may judge reasonable

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for such work.

We beg leave to state that, in the very large and extensive buildings in Fort St. George, where many workmen could work with ease and Rapidity upon Earthen Centres Mr. Benfield had five fanams a Cubic foot, and if you will be pleased to refer to the Proposals given in at the time our Terms were accepted the Average Price of Arched work, as offered by others, was 5 fanams 30 Cash a foot, which we will take the Liberty of stating could only be supposed Arches turned in the common Country Method, upon Earthen Centres, and the Terms we have agreed to execute the Common Plain Brick Work in Chunam is 2 f. 20 Cash per foot, while the Average Rates others proposed for was 2 fanams 16 Cash per foot. In every point of view, therfore, at this time, the Sums we ask, under every difficulty, are much lower than others offered to Contract for when the business was open.

We are certain the Candour of your Honor in Council and the fairness and liberality with which you have always conducted your Engagements would not in a point, which, in every view of the Subject, must have been misunderstood, lead you to expect that your Contractors should execute a Business which every Person who understands building must, at the first sight, see they must be considerable losers by; and the

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the same principles of Conduct we are sure will at once convince your Honor that we could as soon have been expected to build a Dome as high as St. Pauls, as to carry Materials to the Top of a High Rock, at rates of Contract which were only Calculated for building on plain Ground.

We beg to conclude with adding, that the terms we have asked in case the Proposed Plans of Arched Barracks are carried into execution will not increase the whole expence of this building above ten per Cent

We have the honor to be,
with the greatest respect.

Fort St. George
25 April 1794

Vrs &c Vrs &c

Signed Roebuck & Abbott
Contractors for Repairs

Agreeable to a Minute of the Military Board

Ordered that the Military Board be directed to state their opinion whether any and what increase of allowance should be made to the Contractors in consequence of their Representations.

Read the following Letter from the Governor General of the French Islands.

From Governor General of the French Islands with a List of English Prisoners who have been released on parole agreeable to a Cartel. Encloses two Packets for Colonel Chesmont and sends a Box of Letters taken on the Prince Royal.

Port N. E. Isle of France 20 February 1794
3d Year of the Republic of France.

I have the honor to send herewith, to your Excellency a List of the English, and English Prisoners who have

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who have been Captured by the French Ships, whom I am permitted, and permit, on their Parole not to serve against France until they shall be exchanged. Some depart this day for the Coasts of Malabar and Coromandel, others have proceeded to Europe. Some to New England where they hope to find a more expeditious Mode of getting to their own Country than offers here. If your Excellency adopts the Proposition which I made to you, to establish a Cartel for the Exchange of Prisoners, we can exchange Captain Marchand whom you have permitted to come to the Isle of France, for One of the English Officers who departs this day for Madras.

I hope that your Excellency will permit me to address two Packets for M. Chermont to your Care, and to request of you to cause them to be forwarded to him. These two Packets contain merely Letters relative to his family and his private Concerns.

I have the honor to be with great Consideration, &c &c

P. Conway

Malartic

Lieutenant General, Governor General, & Commandant General of the French Settlements East of the Cape of good Hope

P. S.

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P. S. I send to you a Box found on board the Princes Royal of London, containing Letters for various Persons at — & Madras and other places in India. —

A true translation

Signed T. Chase

French Translator

Isle of France

A List of the Names of those Prisoners of War Captured by the Privateers belonging to the Isle of France, sent on their Parole to Europe and to India. —

	James Hornastle —	To Fame.
	Maurice Jones . .	To New York
	Cooper	D°.
	Pendergrass	D°.
Marine Officers	John Deturn . . .	Bombay
	Bennet Harper . . .	D°.
	Alex^r. Baird	D°.
	Michael Bromhall .	D°.
	Richard Raymond .	Coast of Coromandel
	Thomas Sparkawske .	D°. Malabar
	D. Hood. . .	on Bengal.
Surgeon	John Little . . .	Madras
	Archibald Carmichael .	D°.
Supr Cargo	Ed^d Masquenes . .	D°.

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Madras

Wm I Borton . . . . . Madras

Madam Savage . . . . . D°.

Certified true by me Governor General of Port N.O of the Isle of France 20th February 1794 3d year of the french republic.

Signed Malartic.

A true translation

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French Translator

The Subject of the establishment of a Cartel for the mutual Exchange of Prisoners is under Reference to the Governor General in Council of Bengal. —

Read the following Letters from the Nabob entered also in C. C. Nos 49. 50/.

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahadur of Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor of Madras

Dated 14th Rumzaun 1208 Higery

or

15th April 1794

Received 16th D°. D°.

I herein enclose, for your information, Copy of an Arzdasht from the Governor of Columbo, which I have received in reply to my Letter. the Dutch have been delaying

Memde thereon

From the Nabob enclosing Copy of a letter from Columbo, regarding the Pearl Fishery intends to compel the Dutch to follow the Old Established Rules in regard thereto. —

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delaying the busines of the Pearl Fishery at Manar for these many years past. I can no longer put up with the artifices of the Dutch, and forego the exercise of my rights. And it is necessary, that I should take measures to make them follow the old established Rules.

What can I say more.

A true translation

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To His Highness the Illustrious Nabob Wallajah
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Dowlah Anwar ud Dean Cawn Bahauder
Zeffer Jung Sepah Sauler Sovereign of the Carnatic
and other innumerable Countries.

Illustrious Prince.

The person sent by your Highness, delivered us the letter with which your Highness favoured us of the 16th of the month Jamadul Jannie of the 1208. year of the Hegiry.

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We pray God that he will prolong the

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the days of your Highness that they may be by Continuation prosperous Herewith we recommend your Highness and Illustrious family in the Merciful Protection of the Almighty and we assure you that we are with Respect in the — Sincerest Manner.—

Illustrious Prince

&c. &c.

Columbo
the 20th March 1794

J. Wandegraaff
Signed J. Gran. Angelbeek

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor of Madras. Dated 21. Rumzaun 1208 Hegery

22. April 1794

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From Nabob again requesting Separate receipts for the Polygar Rashcush

The paragraph of your Letter on the subject of Tanjore, which is comprehended in my Memorandum

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1696. Fort St. George 28th April 1794

Allumgah, I shall, God willing, answer by another opportunity.—

What can I say more.

Above translation

Signed David Haliburton

Portuguese Translator

Minutes in Consequence.

Agreed to inform the Nabob, that the Board can say nothing upon the subject of the Pearl Fishery, unless his Highness will state what are the "old established Rules" and the measures he intends taking for their observance.—

As there are no fixed periods for the Receipts of the Pishcush as it is often collected in small sums sometimes in Arrear and as his Highness is to have credit for the whole Sum specified in the Treaty, it does not seem to the Board in any respect necessary that the Nabob should be furnished with a separate Receipt for each particular Sum collected by the Company, and the more especially as it has been already proposed to his Highness to divide the whole Sum into ten parts, and to give him an acknowledgment for each part, at the time an acknowledgment is given for the receipt of each Kist.

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&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Colonel Floyd — advising the arrival of a Vackeel from Tippoo — and of the answer given by the Nabob to him, to deliver up the Districts claimed by Tippoo —

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The Nabob, I conceive (as much as I can collect from his words and his conduct, but that Hee — his Highness waited his Fathers Orders on the occasion.

The Nabob now informs me Hee has received his Fathers Instructions to accept the Vakeels visit, and deliver up to him the persons Hee demands.

As all Tippoos measures appear to me indications of rooted Hostility, seeking for publick pretexts of Quarrel, and in this Instance, I believe, contrary to the usage of nations, I thought it incumbent on me to give you this information.

Acquainted only with the Outline of this business, it appears to me awants of publick Faith in the Nabob towards these people who have taken refuge in his Country, which operates against us as well as an immediate loss of the Labours of a body of Inhabitants, and that no small degree of ignominy, and opinion of disadvantage attends this Compliance with the Demand of a very hollow Friend.

I have taken the Liberty of writing a private Letter, that you may make what use you see fit of these circumstances

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signed J. Floyd

Agreed

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April 26. 1794

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April 26. 1794

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Minute and observation on the above Subject.

Agreed that the purport of the foregoing [illegible] Communicated to the Nabob, and that it be Stated to [illegible] that the Board would have been glad if he had made them [illegible] acquainted with the Circumstance of his poor dismantled before the orders were issued to Ismail at Sunk; for they could have informed him that the Claim for restitution of Refugees, [illegible] according to the Treaty of Seringapatam, restricted to Persons of certain description only - Viz. Amildars and Zemindars in [illegible] and that by the same treaty, the contracting parties had a right to protect Refugees of other descriptions, such for instance as Ryots, Artificers, Merchants &c. That for another and still more important reason it was necessary that the Board should have been acquainted with the object of the Vackeels visit, since the Governor General in Council has sent particular instructions with respect to this Article of the Treaty, which is now in discussion between the two Courts. That his [illegible] Highness be therefore desired to inform the Vackeel of this Circumstance adding, that, if he have anything to Communicate from his Master relative to the Treaty, it [illegible] should be stated to the Board [illegible] information of the Governor General in Council.

W. Barlow

W. Falconer

Inc. per Parry

Geo. Wm. Fisher

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Chs Fallofield

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