1954

358

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

GB
27.4.46

1699 Fort St George April 1794.

29th

Diary

Sent letter to the Commander

To Colonel Brathwaite

of the Army Interest in Mss. No. 159 approving his Arrangement for furnishing the detail of Native Infantry required for the Expedition — the General Order proposed published. —

30th

Despatches the following Letters those to Bengal per Express Ship —

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart

Governor General in Council at Fort William.

To Bengal forwarding Packets received from England per Hercules — Frigate —

Honble Sir.

We have the honor to — transmit the accompanying Packets received from England this Morning by His Majesty's Ship Hercules — We have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Chas Oakeley
Mr Council

Fort St George
30th April 1794

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart

Governor General in Council at Fort William

To Bengal freight for Rice on the Company's account, procuring, and suggest that a similar measure be adopted there — the quantity of Rice requisite —

Honble Sir

We have the honor to inform you that

1699 Fort St George April 1794.

29th

Diary

Sent letter to the Commander

To Colonel Brathwaite

of the Army Enclosed in No 3 & No 159 approving
his Arrangement for furnishing the detach'd of
Native Infantry required for the Expedition —
the General Orders proposed published —

30 Dispatched the following Letters
those to Bengal & Europe Ships —

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

To Bengal forwarding Packets received from England & Minerva Frigate —

Honble Sir

We have the honor to —
transmit the accompanying Packets received
from England this Morning by his Majesty's
Ship Minerva —
We have the Honor to be,
&c &c &c
(Signed) Chas Oakeley
for Council

Fort St George
30th April 1794

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

To Bengal freight for Rice on the Company's account procuring, and suggest that a similar measure be accepted there — the quantity of Rice requisite —

Honble Sir

We have the honor to inform you
that

30th

that, agreeably to the suggestions of Colonel Stuart, we are taking measures for procuring freight on the Company's Account for the transportation of provisions and Stores to the French Islands. We do not apprehend, however, that we shall be able to obtain the quantity that will be required, and we suggest, therefore, the propriety of similar measures being adopted in Bengal.

It appears to us indispensably necessary that, besides the four hundred Garce of Rice which we are providing for the use of the Troops to be employed on the expedition not less than thirty thousand Bags of the best Cargo rice should be supplied at Bengal on the Company's account and as it is probable there will be sufficient time for this Store to reach Madras before the departure of the Fleet you will perhaps deem it expedient 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

1701 Fort St. George April 1794

30th there will be little danger in their proceeding by themselves to the Islands afterwards—

We have the Honor to be,
with respect &c &c
Chas Pasley
&c Council

Fort St George
30th April 1794.

To Benjamin Sullivan Esqr
Attorney General.

Sir.

To Attorney General — desiring his opinion in regard to the seizure made by Captain Mears, of some Bales on the Danish Snow, Lapt said to be French property, — " papers relating to the subject enclosed —

I am directed by the Hon'ble the President in Council to transmit the — accompanying papers relative to the seizure of some French property in the Roads of — Pondicherry, by Captain Mears of the — private Ship Favorite, and to desire you will state your opinion whether, under the circumstances brought forward by the French Merchants, the property can in equity appertain to the Captors —

That you may be possessed of every necessary information on the subject I enclose extracts of letters from Government to Colonel Floyd the former Commandant of Pondicherry stating

1702

30th

Fort St. George. 5 April 1794

stating the extent to which the French Inhabitants of that place were allowed to traffick, and to six Years, the President at Ingeram, — authorizing the French Merchants at Mayaveram to collect the outstanding balances due to them at the time of the Capture of that Factory, and to prosecute, under certain restrictions, their mercantile concerns —

Fort St. George
30th April 1794

Sam.

&c &c

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary.

To Mr Stephen Popham

Sir.

To Mr Popham stating the Terms on which his Bazars and Ground will be purchased —

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to inform you that he agrees to purchase the Bazars 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 Bazars, and commodious for the Families of the Sepoys, provided you will accept 100 Pagodas P Cent of 60 P.

C —

by

1703 Fort St. George 30th April 1794

30th

by 40 or 2400 Square Feet you will signify whether you accept this Offer; and, if so, you are to apply to the Chief Engineer to measure and report to the President in Council the Quantity of Ground in Question when you will make out a Bill of Sale of the whole to Government

With respect to the Ground Situated to the Southward of your Bazar, for which you ask 300 Pagodas pr Ct. — Government decline the purchase —

I am

Fort St. George
30th April 1794.

&c &c

(Signed) W. L. Jackson Secy

To Captain Beatson

Town Major.

Sir.

To Town Major with drawing the leave to Captain Pellegrin to go to France in the Windsor with the French Officers — Instructions in consequence a Vessel for bringing down European Convenants from Masulipatam to be taken up —

At the late Intelligence from England most of necessity set aside the permission granted to Captain Pellegrin to proceed to France in the Windsor, the President in Council desires you will inform that — Gentleman

1794 Fort St. George April 1794.

30th

Gentleman that, whatever actual expences he may have sustained in preparations for his Voyage will be reimbursed, upon his laying before you a fair statement, and you are authorized to defray the same out of the money lately drawn by you for the Passage of the French Officers applying the remainder to discharge the growing pay to French Prisoners and deducting the amount in consequence from the Abstracts—

The President in Council desires you will lose no time in engaging one of the Ships now in the roads to proceed to Masulipatam for the purpose of bringing to the Presidency the flank companies of the European Battalion stationed at Ellore — The Vessel should be well founded in all respects—

Fort St George
30th April 1794

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

Dispatched

1705 Fort St. George April. 1794.

30th Dispatched also the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mis. Nos 100. 101. 102. 103

104. 105.

To Commissary General of Grain

To Commissary General of Grain & Provisions and Provisions to indent on the Garrison —

Storekeeper for the Rice required for the —

Troops going to the Islands — a Supply from

Bengal applied for. —

To Ditto transmitting Copies

To Ditto of the Auditor General's Report upon his —

different Estimates for April and May. —

To Military Paymaster —

To Paymaster General — General with similar reports upon his

Estimate for May and the additional —

Estimates for Chicacole, Palamcotah and the

Nizams Detachment for the same Month. —

To Ditto — with Ditto upon

To Ditto the Estimates for the Bullock Agency for

for April and May — and Grain and Provision

Department for the latter Month. —

To Clerk of the Treasury —

To Clerk of the &. directing Advances to the Military Paymaster

Treasury — General agreeably to the Recommendations of

the Auditor General. —

(To

1706. Fort St. George. April 1794

30th

To Ditto directing Advances to Mr Cockburn for his different Departments for April and May—

To Ditto

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.

Received Letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No 57 stating the great inconvenience that will arise from appropriating the Area in front of the Palace and Mosque at Trichinopoly to the purpose of a Parade, as lately ordered by Colonel Floyd—and requesting that such innovation may be forbidden

Received the following letter

William Collins Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Fort St George

From Resident at Hydrabad with Copy of Correspondence between the Ameers of the Nizam and Tippoo—relating to the Boundaries—

Sir

I have the honor to inclose, for the information of the Governor in Council, Copy of a letter from Mahomed Ameen — Arab, to his Vackeels at this Durbar, and of one which he received from Meeran Hussain, Tippoo Sultaun's Ameen: Copies of which it may perhaps be useful to transmit

1707 Fort St George 1 April 1794

30th

Transmit to Captain Doveton —

I have the honor to be,

Camp at Beder
21st April 1794

& &

(Signed) Wm Kirkpatrick

Translation Copy of a Letter from Meeran Hussain
(Assumen of Tippoo Sultaun) To Mahommed Ameen
Khan - Arab on the part of the Engr.

Recvd 18 April 1794

I have had the satisfaction to
receive your Letter, intimating your Arrival
at Moka for the purpose of settling the
Limits of Moka and Belhaven —

I am arrived from Kellenkelle
at Wavelly — I have sent for the Aumil
the Tereshdaars &c of the District of
Raidroog — they will arrive to day or
to morrow, of which I shall give you —
instant Notice —

In a few days the —
Business of the Territory will be —
adjusted —

What more? &c &c

Translation

1708 Fort St George 30th April 1794

Translation Copy of a Letter from Mohammed Ale / Mekery / Tsippoo Ameen / To Mahommed Ameen Khan Arab Nizam's Do

In a few days the Aumil of the Distrut of Raidroog with the Mootsiddies &c will arrive, upon which I shall send you Intelligence. — God willing the affairs of the Distrut will, in a few days be settled —

What more? &c &c

Translation Copy of a Letter from Mohammed Ameen Khan / Arab / To Rajah Anundute Ram Dharma Pundit —

Received 13th April 1794

I lately transmitted your several Letters, with the particulars of the — Territories of Sanguinella Tennvidy, and the Distrut of Ventoorbhuk — Surnder belonging to Azwak. these you have no doubt received and understood.

I at first intended to proceed to settle the Boundaries of Chitvil &c — But Meran Hussain and Mahommed

Ale

1709 Fort St George April 1794

30th Ali said "that business was of little import
"that they should send to their Amils there
"for the papers and themselves adjust that
"Business - That it was immediately —
"necessary to proceed to Belhary, Mogha
"and Nehlkottah and to arrange the —
"business of these Places - Notwithstanding
this they went themselves to Redjmundry
and Wavelgy, at which latter place they
remain, investigating the Accounts of
the District of Gooty &c —

I prepared to Mogha on the
3 April, in order to ascertain the
Villages of the Purgunnahs which —
belong to the Sirkar: — Having examined
several papers relative to these Villages
I wrote them / Meran Mussain and K.
Ali / desiring to know "if they were —
"coming To Mogha, and if not to let
"me know their Intentions - that I was
"myself setting out for Wavelgy - That
"if it were their Intention justly and
"equitably to fix the Territories, they —"
should

1710 Fort St George April 1794.

30"

"should do so, and relinquishing the Villages
"suffer the Sirkar's Troops to be stationed
"therein - otherwise that they should send
"me a final answer, which I might forthwith
"dispatch to my Master" - This Letter I
sent, on the 3d April, by Lemmajee Naick
my own Sherkarrah - and on the 6th I
received their answer, to this Effect - That,
"We have called for Beebby Rajaiah -
"Zemindar of Raidroog, and Ramakinder,
"Gomashtah, from Chirravagum - They
"will soon arrive - the Business of the
"Limits will be transacted and settled in
"their Presence" -

I have understood, that they
have appropriated eight considerable
Villages of the Moghna Purgunah, and
have substituted, in lieu of the above Eight
Villages belonging to Rajahengody -
Chelkorty &c to be given over to the
Sirkar - It is proper that the Sirkar
should claim the restitution of the
considerable Villages alienated as above

and

1711 Fort St George April 1794.

30th

and resign the Villages given in their —
stead —

Besides these indeed they have likewise possessed themselves of several other Villages belonging to Bethary Nekkottah and the Purgannah Avergonda to these they should be made to relinquish. But it is not in their power, without the Sanction of Tippoo Sultaun to relinquish one — Village; and this they openly declared in the presence of the abovementioned Naik, the Interpreter & also that they had no kind of Latitude: on the contrary, that their Master punished the smallest Transgression of orders, with either the Gallows or the Torture. Six Arzies had been despatched, (they said) to neither of which had they yet received any answer

They are in daily —
Expectation of a Reply —

True Translation
(Signed) A. Falconar
Deputy P. T.

1712

30th

Fort St. George. April 1794

Received also the undermentioned letters Entered in Mss Nos 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal

From Sub Secretary at Bengal — transmitting an Invoice of the Stores noticed in the Bill of Lading forwarded hither on the 7th Instant —

From Mr Braithwaite

From Agent for the Clothing Contractor presenting an Indent for Cloth —

From Mr Gordon

From Acting Resident at Ganjam forwarding the Proceedings of that Factory in the Military Department for the Year 1792 —

From Mr. Rowley

From Resident at Ingeram with accounts of the Capture of some Tellinga Vessels by a French Privateer —

To Col Braithwaite

From Commander of the Army forwarding a Memorial from Emaum Saib on the Subject of the Pension lately granted to him —

From Ditto

From Ditto suggesting that the Recovery of Tappancoly be attempted, in consequence of the arrival of the Heroine Frigate. —

Petition

1713. Fort St. George. April 1794.

30th

Petition of Viswanada Naig son

Petition of Viswa nauda Naig — of Rayah Vissa Comaura Trimul Naig of Trichenopoly soliciting the protection and favor of the Company —

May 2d

Recvd letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No 52 advising of his having discharged the first dues the 1st Instant amounting to Two Lacs of Pagodas —

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.

Sent letter to the Nabob — entered in C.C. No 53 requesting he will state what the Rules are, which he alledges the Dutch have disregarded and the measures he means to adopt for their observance —

Ditto to Ditto

Sent letter to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions entered in C.C. No 1. directing him to procure five hundred Head of Slaughter Cattle for the Expedition and a sufficient quantity of Hay for their use during the Voyage to the Islands —

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

3d

Sent the undermentioned letters entered in C.C. Nos 54. 55 —

To the Nabob stating the circumstances which render it unnecessary to keep

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

1714 Fort St. George — May 1794

3d

pass separate Receipts for the Amount of the Polygar Peshcush —

Ditto Ditto

To Ditto — on the Subject of the Disagreement between Coll. Floyd and His Highness's Son at Trichonopoly in consequence of the Construction of a Water Pandal in the Middle of the Parade at that Garrison; and the Demand made by a Vackeel from Tippoo, lately arrived at Trichinopoly, for the delivery of all Refugees in the Carnatic. Remarks on the occasion

Sent the following Letter —

To Colonel Floyd

commanding

at Trichinopoly

To Colonel Floyd informing him of the Letter last written to the Nabob and recommending the most conciliating Conduct towards his sons —

Sir.

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th ultimo. and to acquaint you that he has written to the Nabob on the Subject therein mentioned. In the mean time he would have you observe the most conciliating behaviour towards his

1715 Fort St. George. May 1794

3d

his sons, and to accommodate yourself, as far as may be practicable, to the inclinations and wishes of their father upon every point respecting religious ceremony or convenience within the Fort of Tiruchinopoly.

The President having laid before the Board your letter to him of the 20th Ultimo, I am directed to inform you that the purport of it, together with their opinion, has been communicated to the Nabob, and the President in Council trusts that his Highness's sons will not take any steps for the delivery of the persons claimed by Tippoo before they receive their further instructions in consequence of that communication—

I am,

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. Jackson

Secy

Fort St. George
1 May 1794

Dispatched also the undermentioned letters Entered in Ltr Bs Nos 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. —

To

1716- Fort St. George May 1794

53

To Major Petrie

To Commandant at Arnee

permitting him to visit the Presidency

To Secretary at Bengal

To Secretary at Bengal

forwarding a letter from the Nabob to the Governor General

To Civil Paymaster

To Civil Paymaster notifying allowances granted to D. Maister La Batte J. Hudebert, and the Widow Chanchard

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. the Steps for ascending the Granary belonging to the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry to be built

To Captain Kirkpatrick

To Resident at Hyderabad transmitting Copy of the Nabobs letter regarding Nunnud ul Doulah

To Military Board

To Military Board with Instructions for advertising for Tonnage for the Transport of Stores and Provisions for the Expedition

To Ditto

To Ditto

To Ditto transmitting Copy of the Reply from the Supreme Government relative to the defence of the Western Frontier, and of the Commander in Chief's minute

the

1717 Fort St George 1st May 1794

3d

the Plans of Forts Statements of Ordnance, Stores &c and the General Map of the Carnatic required to be prepared, and the information regarding Trichinopoly to be procured. Letter from the Contractors for Buildings, referred for their opinion the Machine for setting sulphur to be constructed the new Contracts with Messrs Sopping and Parry returned signed by the Board

To Ditto transmitting the Annual Indent of Stores for Vizagapatam and Bills of Lading of Stores consigned from Bengal & Luna —

To Ditto

To Captain R. Bell — informing him that for the Reasons already stated to him his Suspension cannot be removed, until a Decision has upon the final Audit of his Accounts —

To Captain Bell Artillery —

To Commander of the Army desiring him to inform General Arthur that the Board will readily attend to any proposition he may make to them relative to a Cartel for the Mutual delivery of Deserters or

To Colonel Wellesley

3d

or the two Hanoverian Deserters taken up
at Tanjore —

To Captain Allan

To Commandant of Guides — the
Native Guides will be allowed Batta —
when employed. —

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General
with directions on the preceding Subject.

To Lieut Dighton

To Commandant at Vellore
his request for leave to visit the Presidency
inadmissible —

To Colo Nixon

To ditto at Pondicherry recommend
Chanchard allowed a Subsistence — the two
French Officers to remain at Cuddalore
and Chinglepute for the present. two Letters
for Colo Chermont enclosed —

To Ditto

To ditto a Subsistence also
granted to Maistre La Balle and Hudebert
to ascertain and report by what Authority
Mons. De Beauplan resigned his Military
Commission while a Prisoner of War —

To Paymaster at Pondichery.

To Paymaster at ditto with
orders to pay the Subsistence above noted, and
to report whether Ensign Moore of the 73d
Regt

1719 Fort St George May 1794

3d Regiment draws any Batta from the — Company for having charge of the Sick & Absent Corps at that place —

Recd the undermentioned letters entered in Mb Nos 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26 —

From Persian Translator at Bengal forwarding a letter from the Governor General for the Conduct of Durbar —

From Persian Translator at Bengal

From Commissary General of Grain Provisions requesting to know if a Store of new Grain is to be laid up at Masulipatam the old Grain being ordered to be sold off —

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

4th From Ditto — reporting that the sum due from Major Kennoon is Pagodas 283. 3. 78 —

From Ditto

From Agent for Contractor for Army Clothing regrets that he cannot accept the terms offered by the Board — but will undertake to transport the Clothing charging the actual Cost —

From Mr. Brei: thaupt

From

1720. Fort St. George. May 1794

4th

From Masulipatam

From Masulipatam recommending that the old grain in Store at Samulcotah be sold off.

From Lieut Cosby Cavalry

From Lieut Cosby requesting Batta while detained at Madras for the purpose of attending at the Quarter Sessions

From Captain Allan

From Commandant of the Guides requesting leave to visit the Investiture

From Colonel Maxwell

From Ditto at Tanjore the Rajah deferr his Visit to the Pagodas of Seringham and Trichinopoly - the Nabobs sons having refused to shew the Attention due to his Rank -

From Captain Wahab

From Ditto at Tanjor. in reply to the Nabob's Complaints against him of interference in the prices of Grain in the Bazar.

Dispatches the undermentioned letters entered in MB Nos 27. 28 -

To Commandant at Vellore -

To Commandant at Vellore summoning the attendance of certain persons at the Quarter Sessions -

To Major Frazer

To Ditto at Walajabad with a similar Order -

(Remarks

1798 Fort St. George May 1794

5th Received the undermentioned letters

Entered in L.C. Nos 50. 57.—

From the Nabob enclosing a

Substance of letter from the Nabob

Dustuck for passing Grain for the 19th —

Regiment of Dragoons—requests the duties

may be paid.—

From Ditto advising of the

Ditto Ditto

Arrival of a Surdar from Tipsoo upon the

Confines, and of his demand for the —

Restitution of certain rebellious Subjects

and Thieves Inhabitants of Bala Ghaut—

letters from his Naib at Arcot enclosed

Received the following letters—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Masulipatam on the subject of the Penalty forfeited by the late Borah Parental. a letter from Mssrs Snow and Malcolm enclosed—

Since we had the honor of

addressing you under date the 22d Instant we

have received an answer from the Executors to

the late Mr Dobbyns Estate, a Copy of —

which we herewith enclose; and request to be

furnished with your orders in what manner

we

1722 Fort St. George May 1794

5th

we are to proceed for the recovery of the Penalty incurred by Borah Parumtaul, in consequence of his not having fulfilled the conditions of his contract for supplying the Sick with necessary Articles: we shall, in the mean time, direct the Paymaster to withhold payment of the two Months Bills mentioned in the inclosed letter to be due on account of the Contract until we are honord with your further Commands.

We have the honor to be,
very respectfully &c &c
Robert Gardener
(Signed) Andrew Scott

Masulipatam
28th April 1794

To Robert Gardiner Esqre
Chief & Council
of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th with Extract of a letter from the Governor in Council, and Copy of Borah Parumtalov's Contract with you for Victualling the Sick in the Hospitals of Masulipatam and Ellore inclosed, in reply

1723 Fort St George May 1794

5th

reply to which we beg leave to state the —
hardship it would be upon the Estate to make
good the Penalty forfeited by the Contractors
as we have reason to believe that he died
possessed of considerable property, unless upon
a full enquiry it should appear that his
Estate is unable to defray the amount, but
should Government deem it proper that the
sum ought to be made good by us in the
first instance, we have to request that the
two last Months Bills of his Contract, which
we understand are not yet discharged, may
be received in part, and that they will
also be pleased to furnish us with Extract
of that part of the enquiry where his
failure appears, to indemnify us with the
Executors in Europe and prevent any
demand being hereafter made upon us by
Mr Dobbyns heirs —

We are with respect
Gentlemen, &c &c
John Snow
(Signed) Robt Malcolm

Masulipatam
17th May 1794

a true Copy
(Signed) R. Malcolm Secy

1794 Fort St George May 1794

5th

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor &c &c &c in Councie

Honble Sir

From Lieutenant Dowse - expects to complete the Demolition of the works of Pondicherry on the 15th June when the Coolies will be discharged

In my Report to your Honble Board dated the 16th of April I had the honor to informe you that the Working parties were then employed chiefly on the outwork to the Southward of the Vellanoor Gate, and at the enfeuished part of the Curtain near the Cuddalore Gate These are now compleately destroyed

The Walloor Bastion, and part of the adjoining Curtain are now the only places that remain entire, and upon these the people are at present stationed - I have no doubt of being able to complete the destruction of these parts by the 15th of this months, when, agreeably to the orders of your Honble Board, I shall discharge the whole of the Coolies

I have the honor to be, &c &c

(Signed) W. Dowse

Lt. Corps Pioneers

Pondicherry
1st May 1794.

1725

Fort St. George — May 1794

5th Return of Coolies employed in discharging the Fortifications of Pondicherry in the Month of April - 1794.

1794	Comptoirs	Hand Masters	Masters	Men Coolies	Women Coolies	Total Coolies
April 16	4	6	60	2298	701	2999
17		6	60	2306	697	3003
18		6	60	2304	696	3000
19		6	60	2308	693	3001
20		6	60	2302	695	2997
21		6	60	2300	704	3004
22		6	60	2301	701	3002
23		6	60	2294	704	2998
24		6	60	2305	691	2996
25		6	60	2300	705	3005
26		6	60	2295	700	2995
27		6	60	2304	702	3000
28		6	60	2306	694	3000
29		6	60	2302	696	2998
30		6	60	2300	692	2992
Total	4	90	900	34525	10471	44996

(Signed) W. Douse
Asst Commy Stores

1726 Fort St. George May 1794

5th

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military & Political Department

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Mr. Popham accepting the offer of Government for his Bazars and Grounds —

I accept the offer of Government of
3000 Pagodas for the Bazars and 100 Pags
pr Lot for the Ground mentioned to be —
convenient for the Families of Sepoys —

I shall communicate to the Chief Engineer the order of Government to ascertain the Quantity thereof and will then — execute a Bill of Sale of the whole to Government at the price proposed —

Madras
30th April 1794

I am,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) P. Popham

Received also the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mils Nos 29. 30. 31. 32.

From Mr. Wise assistant Surgeon

From Mr. Wise requesting Batta while detained at Madras —

From Lieutenant Shirley —

From Deputy Judge — Advocate in the Northern Division & similar request —

1727

Fort St. George May 1794.

5th

From Agent for Horses at Hyderabad advising of his having dispatched Nineteen horses to Arcot.

From Captain Dallas—

From Officer Commanding the 5th Regiment of Cavalry referring a correspondence between him and Civil Sheriff relative to the Surplus and mode of Distribution of the Grain allowed by the new Regulations for each horse—

From Major Orr

6th

Received the following letter and Enclosure Entered in Mis. No. 33—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council &c &c &c

Honble Sir,

From Town Major has paid the Expences incurred by Captain Pelegrin—requests orders regarding the penalty of an agreement he has forfeited to the Captain of the Windsor to bring the two Hawk Companies of Europeans from Masulipatam—Joined—

I have the accompanying letter from Captain Knox with its enclosure, will explain the cause of the non appearance of — Narraendoo. a Black Doctor who was — summoned to give evidence at the Quarter — Sessions—

In compliance with your instructions, Captain Pelegrin has been reimbursed the expence he sustained in preparations for his voyage

1728 Fort St George May 1794

6th Voyage to France, amounting to Starlg 89/2
There is, besides a Penalty of Four hundred Star
Pagodas due to Captain Henry Hall, as will
appear by the inclosed Obligation, that was to
have been paid to him by Captain Peligrin
on default of the agreement being fulfilled
which must necessarily, therefore, be considered
as a part of the expence incurred by Captn
Peligrin, and which, however, I have not
taken upon me to discharge without your
further Sanction —

I beg leave to inform you
that Captain Hall has offered to bring the
two Flank Companies of the European —
Battalion from Masulipatam, at the
daily rate fixed by the Regulations - Viz 6 Fanams for each —
European and 4 Fanams for Natives, (their
followers) while they remain on board
— or he will bring the whole for the —
Sum of Six hundred 600 Star Pagodas —
— Provisions, Water, &c &c in either case,
being furnished by the Company — The
Windsor

1729 Fort St. George May 1794

6th Henderson is well found - a fast sailor - can accommodate four hundred men, and is in readiness to sail immediately —

I have the honor to be,

Sir &c

(Signd) A. Beatson
Town Major

Fort St George
6th May 1794

It is agreed by and between the undermentioned Captain Henry Hall of the Ship Henderson and Captain Pelgrim, both at present of Madras, that the said Captain Henry Hall shall deliver over to the said Captain Pelgrim his Ship the Henderson with the Stores as per the list delivered on or before the thirtieth day of this instant April, on receiving from the said Captain Pelgrim the Sum of three thousand and two hundred Star Pagodas, being the purchase money agreed upon by the said Parties for the said Ship - And in default of the due performance hereof on the part of the said Captain Henry Hall he doth hereby agree to pay to the said Captain Pelgrim

1730- Fort St. George May 1794

6th Pelgrim the sum of Four hundred Star Pagodas on the said thirteenth day of April —
And the said Captain Pelgrim doth hereby agree & covenant with the said Thomas Windsor and to pay to the said Captain Henry Hall the said sum of three thousand and two hundred Star Pagodas, on or before the said thirteenth day of this instant April and in default of the due performance hereof on the part of the said Captain Pelgrim this Agreement between him and Captain Henry Hall is to become void to all intents and purposes, and he the said Captain Pelgrim doth hereby bind himself on his own account and on account of the others who have engaged to take their Passage on the said Ship as a compensation for the disappointment and loss of time which would thereby be occasioned to the said Captain Henry Hall to forfeit to him the said Captain Henry Hall the sum of Four hundred Star Pagodas, which he the said Captain Pelgrim authorises Captain Alexander

Watson

1735 Fort St. George May 1794.

6th Beaton Town Major of Fort St. George on his own account, and on account of the other French Prisoners of War who have engaged to take their Passage on the said Ship Windsor, to pay to the said Captain Henry Hall, the said four hundred Star Pagodas, from their Monthly Subsistence until the said Sum of Four hundred Star Pagodas shall be paid.—

In Witness whereof both Parties have hereunto set their respective Signatures this Eighth day of April 1794.

(Signed) Pelegrin

We the undersigned having agreed to take our passage on the above mentioned Ship Windsor subscribe to the Agreement made between Captain Pelegrin & Captain Henry Hall—

Witness our hands this eighth day of April 1794.—

1732 Fort St. George 6th May 1794

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor — President

Tuesday.... Ernst William Tolloficld

6th May 1794 George Westcott Esqre

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

Read the following Letters

from Colonel Stuart

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor &c &c &c in Council

From Colonel Stuart proposing that the Troops be served with provisions from the Public Gratis — to exclusive of Batta —

Honble Sir.

As the expedition against the French Islands will, in the Essential Article of Provisions, be attended with circumstances of difficulty to the Native troops which they have seldom and perhaps never encountered; and as it is of the utmost consequence that they embark for the enterprize with zeal and spirit, and be enabled to make a proper provision

1733 Fort St George 6th May 1794

provision for their families during their absence,
I would earnestly recommend to your Honble
Board to direct that a notification be made
to those Corps which are to furnish details
for the Service, that exclusive of their batta,
provisions / Vegt Rice, doll, Curry Stuff, Ghee,
Salt, Cloth, Betle and Tobacco) will be issued
to them from the public Stores, at the —
public expence, without any deduction or
whatever from their pay or batta on that
Account —

I trust it will appear to your
Honble Board that this expence comparatively
inconsiderable and not without precedent, —
this having been frequently issued gratis
during the last War will not be ill bestowed
if it tends not only to promote the success
of the intended interprize, but still further
to secure the attachment and confidence of
the valuable discription of men, for whom
I have ventured to solicit this indulgence —

I have had the honor to receive
your Secretary's letter of the 27 Instant, and
beg

1794 Fort St. George 6th May 1794

I beg leave to offer my Acknowledgements for the facility you have afforded to my communications with the provision and Store departments.

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) J. Stuart
Colonel 72d Regiment

Fort St. George
30th April 1794

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor &c &c &c in Council

From Colonel Stuart proposing the provision of slaughter Cattle and other live stock and tonnage for the same

Honble Sir,

As soon as I have been able to obtain, no live stock can be expected at the Mauritius; and a quantity will be indespensable for the use of the Hospitals, I have consulted with the Commissary General of Provisions on this head, and am, in consequence, induced to recommend that 500 head of Cattle be immediately collected, to be fed on dry food, and tonnage provided for transporting them with a sufficient quantity of hay for their use during the voyage; and, as I understand, from the Commissary General, that many ships will

17.35 Fort St George 6th May 1794

will probably sail from Bengal with Provisions
We would suggest that they be all directed to
carry as much live stock as they can take
care of—

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
J Stuart
Colonel 72d Regt

Fort St George
1st May 1794

Minutes thereon

The Board agree in opinion
with Colonel Stuart that it will be highly
proper to hold out every encouragement to
the Sepoys to induce them to embark for the
enterprize with zeal and spirit— Resolved
therefore that the measure proposed be
adopted— Resolved also that the Commissary
General of Grain and Provisions be directed
to have in readiness to be embarked on
the Fleet, 500 head of slaughter cattle, with
a sufficient quantity of hay for the voyage
— and that the Governor General in Council
be requested to order the Commanders of
Ships sailing from Bengal on the Company's
Account, to receive on board as much live
stock

1736 Fort St George 6th May 1794

stock as they can take care of —

Read the following letter from Captain Smith of his Majesty's — Ship Diomede. —

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c &c

Sir,

from Captain Smith — relative to two artillery men who have entered on board the Diomede, the time being expired, but whose discharges have been with held —

The Men whose Certificates I have the honor to inclose appearing to me to have fulfilled their contract with the Honble the East India Company, and — having offered themselves for His Majesty's Service were entered by me on board His Majesty's Ship the Diomede, but there being objections made by the — Commanding Officers of their Corps, to the granting the necessary Certificates to the Town Major to authorize him to make out their discharge and as it should seem a doubt of the mens right to enter into the Kings Service —

I am under the necessity of requesting

1737

Fort St. George 6th May 1794

requesting your Excellency will be pleased to
give directions for them being discharged,
and as I shall sail this Morning I sent on
board Rear Admiral Gardner, or any of
His Majesty's Ships that may arrive —
during my absence —

Your Excellency must allow
me to observe, that, tho' I consider these
men to all intents and purposes belonging
to His Majesty's Service, yet I am very
far from being disposed to commit the
smallest Breach of the Honble the
Company's regulations by taking them
on board without their regular discharges.
But hope and trust the Officers command=
=ing the Corps to which the before mentioned
men did belong may be made acquainted
with the Loss His Majesty's Service sustains by
their withholding their discharges from them
at a Moment that We have such great =
Occasion for their Services —

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) Mat: Smith
Road

Diomede Madras
Roads 4th May 1794

1738 Fort St. George 6th May 1794

Read the following Letters from
Colonel Brathwaite —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to lay before
you the Copy of a Letter I have received
from the Chief Engineer, under date 23d Instant
and I strongly recommend the Arrangement he
has proposed as it falls in exactly with —
what I had the Honor to state to you in the
Opinion I offered in my Letter of the 21st
Instant, at the time I had the Honor to lay
before you Colonel Floyd's Letter — Namely,
that Trichinopoly should certainly be put
in a state of defence I think that
Trichinopoly is the proper place for Major
Frapaud to be stationed, and that he should
be announced in orders as Engineer of the
Southern Division — as he must be called
upon frequently to visit other Forts, to
form Estimates, and report upon work
done by the Contractors — In truth he
has

* From Colonel Brathwaite submitting an Arrangement in the Engineers for the Southern and Western Divisions and for the Mysore Estate District — remarks the State of progress in the Works in that Extensive Country therefore requests to know the quantity of Provisions in each Garrison —

X entered in MB No 34

1739

Fort St George 6th May 1794

has lately been three times called upon, once to go to Madura, and twice to Dindigul, which must have been attended with much Expence, as the Batta which an Officer draws for being out a few days only, will by no means pay his Expences, when the distance of ground he has to go over is great; and as it is of importance that the Works already determined for Arnee, namely to put it in a state of defence, and provide it with the Quarters and Barracks determined on, should be executed without delay — I could wish that Lieutenant Wood, of whom I have a very good opinion, may be despoild of as Lieutenant Colonel Gent proposed —

Having taken up the Pen on this Subject, I think it proper also to lay before you for your information a Copy[x] of another Letter I received from the Chief Engineer under date the 25th Instant, which will explain to you the cause of the small progress which has been made in regard to the Forts in the ceded Countries,

and

[x] entered in MB. No 35

1740 Fort St George 6th May 1794

and will convince you that I am not
unattentive to them, but, on the contrary, have
done, and am still doing, all I can to forward
the Work there, and I hope now with some
prospect of success.

I shall be obliged to you Sir
to cause a Report to be made to me, by
the Persons under whose charge it is, of
the Quantity of Provisions there is at this
time laid up in the several Garrisons—

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

Military Head
Quarters Madras
30th April 1794

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council—

From Lt Braithwaite
relative to the Europeans
who have Entered on board
the Dromedary Batta
for the Volunteer Corps
who Embarked to Bombay

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to lay before
you a Letter addressed to you by Captains
Fotheringham, Leighton, and McLean, "
Commanding Native Battalions at the
Presidency; and I cannot but give it as
my opinion, that every Native Soldier
who

1794 Fort St. George 6th May 1794

who embarks, although he may be victualled, should have Batta, because there are many things which he must supply himself with inclusive of the Victualling allowed for which he must pay, although his Family still entirely depend upon what he can spare from his Pay for their Subsistance; and the being but barely able to make out this, if it can be done by them, will certainly cause men to be very averse to such Services

I have also the Honor to lay before you the Copy of a Letter I have just received from Lieutenant Colonel Gels, and request that you will cause Letters to be addressed to such Captains of His Majestys Ships as arrive singly, previous to the arrival of a Flag, requesting them, for the good of the Service, not to receive such Men on Board their Ships - All these men would, to a certainty, reinlist with their Corps, did not this opportunity to indulge their passion

1742 Fort St. George 6th May 1794.

passion for Variety occur, and the loss of such Men are with difficulty repaired, so that if such a practice continues it will prove very detrimental to the Service.—

I have the Honor to be,

Military Head Quarters Madras
6 May 1794

[Signed] John Braithwaite

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

Honble Sir,

We the Officers who have the Honor to address you Commanding the 3d 19th and 20th Native Battalions stationed at the Presidency beg leave to recommend to your consideration the Hardships sustained by the Volunteers of those Corps who were lately sent on Service to Bombay, in being refused the accustomed Allowance of Batta on their Return from that Station, which we understand, has, in all former Times, been paid to Troops from this Coast employed on such Service; a Service to which they are but little accustomed and only to be reconciled, we believe by Encouragement.

We

1743 Fort St George 6th May 1794

the withholding what these men certainly consider as their due at this particular time, when so many Native Troops are required for another Service of the same kind, we are apprehensive may be attended, at least, with backwardness to engage, instead of that alacrity which they have at all times manifested when their Services have been wanted—

For these reasons we are hopefull that you may have the Goodness to permit us to include in our next or Months Abstracts, the Batta which may be due to the Bombay Volunteers—

We have the Honor to subscribe ourselves with most perfect respect & Esn

Fort St George
30th April 1794

Geo. Fotheringham
Capt 20 Batn N.I.
(Signed) Thos Leighton Capn
19th Batn N.I.
H W Dean Capn
3d B. N.I.

To

1794 Fort St George 6th May 1794

To Colonel Brathwaite

&c &c &c

Sir,

I have of our very best men whose time is expired have embarked on board the Diomede, and I am very apprehensive many more will follow this example, if every discouragement is not thrown in their way — I therefore beg leave to call your — attention particularly to this, as it may materially injure, if not altogether ruin the service, and that you will take an early opportunity of mentioning it to the — Governor, and of addressing the Admiral on the subject

I have written to the Town Major who will no doubt discountenance it all that lies in his power: but I am afraid this — will not be sufficient without your Interference —

Mount 2d May 1794

I am with much respect
&c &c
(Signed) Thomas Geils

True Copy
(Signed) Wm Nelson Secy

1745

Fort St. George 6th May 1794

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Counce

Honble Sir.

From Colonel Wrathwaite. Colonel Clarke having gone to Europe recommends the Vacancy be filled up—

I had some time since the honor to forward to you, through the Adjutant General, an application from Lieutenant Colonel Clark to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his health, provided he could secure a passage on one of the Honble Companys Ships on the Malabar coast of which he would give further intimation, to which application you were pleased to acquiesce. I have not heard any thing further from Lieutenant Colonel Clark, but I have seen an extract of a letter from him, dated on Board the Belvidere Indiaman in Quiloone Bay, in which he states, that he has secured an excellent Cabbin for the Voyage, & and that he thinks he shall sail for Europe in the course of the first week in May; this letter affords so strong a proof that he has not only secured a passage but that he has altogether quitted

1746. Fort St George 6th May 1794

quitted this Coast and is actually embarked
altho' he has not sent to me any official
information that I imagine it has
escaped his memory that he had promised
so to do, and has considered your acquiescence
notified to him as finial. I therefore recommend
that his Vacancy be filled up, and have or-
dered the Adjutant General to notify to
Mr Secretary Jackson the names of the
Senior Major, Captain, Lieutenant and Ensign,
who are next for promotion in case you
adopt the measure.

Military Head Quarters
Madras 6th May 1794

I have the honor to be,
with respect &c &c
(Signed) John Brathwaite

Resolutions and
Minutes on the fore-
going Subject.

Resolved, that the Arrangement
proposed by the Chief Engineer, and recommended
by Colonel Brathwaite be adopted.

Ordered that the Commissary
General of Grain and Provisions do lay before
the Board a report of the quantity of
Provisions at present in Store in the several
Garrisons on the Coast, for the information

1743

Fort St George 6 May 1794

of Colonel Brathwaite—

Resolved that the Officers of the Native Corps stationed at the Presidency be permitted to include in their next abstracts the amount of the Batta due to the Bombay Volunteers. But it is agreed to observe to Colonel Brathwaite that these men were amply rewarded for their services by a very handsome gratuity from the Merchants of Bombay—

With regard to the representation of Lieutenant Colonel Gils (see also the letter from the Commander of his Majesty's Ship Diomede) the Board are of opinion it would be unjustifiable to take any steps whatever for preventing such of the European Soldiers as have served the time for which they were enlisted, from entering on board the King's Ships that the terms of their engagement give them, in fact, the liberty of doing so, after the expiration of the period for which they were entertained and that to withhold their discharges, under any

Fort St George 6th May 1794

any pretence, whose they have a right to them, would be to violate the promise made by the Company on their enlistments — For these reasons the Board resolve that the option shall be freely given to the men whose — times have expired to reenlist or not — and that such as enter on board the Kings Ships shall be immediately furnished with discharges necessary to enable the Town Major to make out their discharges —

Resolved that the vacancy occasioned by the departure of Lieut Colonel Clark be now filled up —

Read the following letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal —

To W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary
Fort St George

From Sub Secretary at Bengal with extracts from Colonel Murray relative to the — accounts of Mr Scott.

Sir.

On receipt of your letter of the 11th January last, and its enclosure from the Military Paymaster General, relative to the Accounts of Mr Scott, copies of them, with the papers to which they refer, were sent

1749

Fort St. George 6th May 1794

sent by order of the Governor General in Council
to the Military Auditor General at this
Presidency. and I am now directed to —
transmit you Copy of a letter received from
him, in reply, with the Papers & therein
noticed —

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. H. Harrington
Sub Secty

Fort William
5th March 1794

The Honble Sir John Shore Bart
Governor General in Council
Military Department

Honble Sir.

I Received with Mr. Sub Secretary
Harington's Letter of the 27th Ultimo, a Copy of
Letter from Mr. Paymaster Kilpatrick to the
Government of Fort St. George, dated the 11th —
January 1794, and the Papers therein referred
to, marked A.B.C.D.E.F. the first four of
which I have transmitted for Examination
to the Military Paymaster General here,
as they relate to Accounts Current between
him and Mr. Johnston late Paymaster of the
late Southern Detachment, and could not
be

Fort St. George 6th May 1794

lee of any use in this Department —

The Paper F herewith enclosed, which does not appear to have been prepared with much care, contains a few Articles of pay to some Sick men of Lieut Colonel Cockrell's Detachment who were left at Ellore and Chungleput to the amount of About 58 Pags. but as these Accounts do not specify the particular Corps to which the men belonged, it is impossible to have any check upon the payments a circumstance which being noticed will I am persuaded, induce the Officers of the Pay Department at Fort St George to be more particular in future. The other Articles of the paper F. have not the least connexion with Mr Scotts Accounts nor with this Presidency. They consist of Payments for the passage of Troops to Bombay, for that of Deserters from Bengal, as well as for the passage of some Europeans from Bengal who enlisted in the Madras Army, together with some charges for Medicine Allowance, and the passage Money of

1755

Fort St. George 6th May 1794

of Lascars who were Inlisted at Fort William by Lieut Gels. for the Service of the Madras Artillery none of which Articles ought to be made a Charge against this Presidency —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Military Auditor
Generals Office
25th February 1794

(Signed) John Murray
Col & Mily Aud Genl

A true Copy (Signed) J. H. Harrington Secy

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Mr Roebuck that the Board are concerned that Colonel Murray should have had cause to remark upon the Bills case with which the papers marked F Letter was prepared in the Paymaster's Office —

Resolved also that Mr Roebuck be desired to lose no time in laying before the Board the explanations required by the Honble Court of Directors in regard to the Bills drawn upon them in favor of the Officers of Majesty's Navy, as called for on the 7th December 1793 —

Mr Roebuck's delay noticed in giving the Explanations required regarding the Bills drawn in favor of the Kings Naval Officers —

As it would bear hard on the Officers ordered to proceed with the expedition to the French Islands, if they were to be deprived altogether of the Stations which are vacated in consequence — the President recommends that

Every Officer in command of a Station when ordered on the Leeward Foreign Service, to be appointed to it on his return to the Coast

on

1750. Fort St George 6th May 1794

be of any use in this Department -

The Paper F herewith enclosed which does not appear to have been prepared with much care, contains a few Articles of pay to some Sick men of Lieut Colonel Cockrell's Detachment who were left at Ellore and Chungleput to the amount of About 53 Pags. but as these Accounts do not specify the particular Corps to which the men belonged, it is impossible to have any check upon the payments a circumstance which being noticed will I am persuaded, induce the Officers of the Pay Department at Fort St George to be more particular in future. The other Articles of the paper F. have not the least connexion with Mr Scott's Accounts nor with this Presidency. They consist of Payments for the passage of troops to Bombay, for that of Deserters from Bengal, as well as for the passage of some Europeans from Bengal who enlisted in the Madras Army, together with some charges for Medicine Allowance and the passage Money of

1753

Fort St. George 6th May 1794

of Lascars who were Inlisted at Fort William
by Lieut Gels. for the Service of the Madras
Artillery none of which Articles ought to be
made a Charge against this Presidency —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Military Auditor
Generals Office
25th February 1794

(Signed) John Murray
Col & Mily Aud Genl

A true Copy
(Signed) J. H. Harington Secy

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Mr Roebuck that
the Board are concerned that Colonel Murray
should have had cause to remark upon the
Bills case with which the papers marked F
was prepared in the Paymaster's Office —

Resolved also that Mr Roebuck
be desired to lose no time in laying before
the Board the explanations required by the
Honble Court of Directors in regard to the
Bills drawn upon them in favor of the
Officers of His Majesty's Navy, as called for on
the 7th December 1793 —

Mr Roebuck's
delay noticed in
giving the Explanations
required regarding
the Bills drawn in
favor of the
Naval Officers —

As it would bear hard on the Officers
ordered to proceed with the expedition to the
French Islands, if they were to be deprived
altogether of the Stations which are vacated
in consequence — the President recommends that
on

Every Officer in com-
mand of a Station when
ordered on the Service
foreign Service, & the
one appointed to it on
his return to the East

1753

Fort St George 6th May 1794

on the return of the Troops to the Coast, every Officer who had been in the Command of a Station, be required to do it.—

Resolved and ordered accordingly.—

All Expences on account of the "Expedition to the Mauritius" to be brought to account under that head.—

Ordered that a Letter be written to the Military Auditor General, directing that all the expences attending the equipment of the Troops and preparations for the expedition to the French Islands be brought to account under the head of expedition to the Mauritius.

Military General letter from England 7th — Heroine Frigate dated 11th December 1793 read and orders passed.—

Read Letter from the Honble Court of Directors in the Military Department dated the 11th December 1793. and received p the his Majestys Ship Heroine on the 30th Ultimo.

Ordered that a Copy of the 7th Paragraph be sent to the Adjutant General with directions to furnish the information therein required respecting

William Jones.—

Chas Oakeley

E Hollingberry

Geo Harry
Wm Hyde

1753 Fort St. George. May 1796.-

Diary

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.

No. 6. Received letter from the Nabob, Enclosing
C. C. No. 58 expressing his thanks for the orders sent
to the Military Board regarding the Pondicherry Stores-
requests to purchase the Powder also.-

Received the following letter with Enclosures
entered in M. B. No. 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 45.-

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir.

I have the honor to reply to yours of the
16th April with the highest Respect for your Orders and
opinions- and with the deepest Concern, on my own Account,
that I should feel the Necessity of adding to a Subject, more
particulars of which I forbore troubling you with on the
13th Ultimo- relative to the French Deputies, who, tho' I felt
myself much hurt should approach me in the Manner they
did- were not treated uncivilly- nor will they say it them-
selves- If therefore they take the will for the Deed there is
no Remedy.-

From Colonel Nixon- in reply to the Complaints of the Advocate General, President of the Chancery Court, and other Gentlemen against him; and those of the Malabar Merchants against his Dubash and the Cutwal- requests to know from what period, the Records of the different Courts are to be sent.

The Malabar Petitions against the Cutwal,

and

1754 Fort St. George May 27th

6

and to which they were excited by some underhand Systems is false in accusing him of Vexations, for he is a very quiet, inoffensive Man, and never has, during the two Weeks he sat in the Bazar, committed any abuse whatever— His Representations which goes inclosed (N.1) I take to be true, and my Motives for placing him there, are mentioned in a letter which I had the honor of addressing your Worthy Board under date the 24th March.— Mr. Cameron was fully apprized of this, altho', in his Evidence before the Superior Council, he charges me with Irregularity in having done it without his Participation or Consent.—

The Day after his Dismission— the Police Master appointed five Cadwals, and now wishes to restore the Nirnam, and leave every Thing upon the ancient footing as will appear by his letter (N.2) and to the contents of which I beg your Attention, and consequent Orders.—

Your letter of the 24th April gives me equal Concern with the former because I never meant to prevent, mutilate or protract Obedience to any of your Orders.— I wrote the Proclamation according to my conception of the Spirit of your Instructions, and should have been thankful to have had it returned corrected in any

manner

1755 Fort St. George May 1794.

3/6

Manner you pleased - and the publication of it should not have been delayed.

In regard to Mr. Chauvey's Letter, it does not appear to me, from the best Information I can get, that it was any part of his Duty to receive or deliver Petitions, much less to encourage and abet them. He must have acted therefore officiously.

There is no blame appertaining to the Dubash or any Person belonging to me regarding the Punishment of the two Portuguese Men - I ordered it myself on the Conviction they deserved it - The writer of the Malabar Petition is therefore mistaken in what he alledges on that Score -

There are few Days on which I am not addressed by some Natives for Assistance to obtain that Justice which they cannot get in the Courts here - I trouble you with an Instance in the enclosed Petition of Kistnaroy (No 3) - Upon a Knowledge of it's being addressed to me, Mr. Collin called for a Man, a Creditor of the Petitioner's, whom he threatened, as will appear by his Deposition (No 4) and soon after the Petitioner, altho' he says he has or ought to have 18,000 Pieces lodged in the Greffier's Chest, was confined and sent to the Choultry Prison for a Debt

of

1756 Fort St. George. May 5th 1794.

6

of Twenty five Pagodas, but, in fact, as it is occurs to me, because he sought redress at my Hands.

It may not be unworthy of Remark that a Black Man called Raja, for whom daily Subsistence is now drawing from the Company, has been under his trial for Murder two full Months, and no Sentence as yet passed upon him, in consequence of the slowness of the French Courts, with which I shall no longer interfere further than has been permitted by your Honble Board, unless you shall think proper to extend my authority to the redress of such Grievances as may be brought before me.

I beg leave to mention that in your Letter of the 16th Ultimo you did not inform me the Period from whence the six Months Report of the Proceedings of the different Courts was to commence. May I request therefore your Instructions on that Head.

I enclose all the French Papers which you transmitted me, and have the Honor to remain with Sentiments of perfect Respect.

Pondicherry
4th May 1794.

Honble Sir
&c. &c.

(Signed) C. Nixon

Honble

1757 Fort St. George. May 1794.-

No 6

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos 42, 43, 44, 45.-

From Adjutant General

From Adjutant General Lieutenant Vaughan requests the leave granted to him to proceed to Europe may be withdrawn.-

From Colonel Brathwaite.-

From Commander of the Army Captain Pole requests that the Royal Artillery may be permitted to convey themselves on Masoola Boats from Bangore to Madras.-

From Lieutenant Averell

From the Fort Adjutant, requesting that the Presidency Barrack Master ship may be re-annexed to his Office, on the resignation of Lieutenant Wells.-

From Lieutenant Hughes Invalids.-

From Lieutenant A. Hughes, enclosing a Memorial addressed to the Court of Directors.-

No 7

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52.-

From Mr. Cockburn.-

From Principal Agent for Cavalry Inspectors reporting repairs made to the Warehouse of the 5th Regiment of Dragoons.-

From French Prisoners.-

From Mess.rs Mallet and Vincent requesting their allowances may be paid to them at Tranquebar.-

From

1758 Fort St. George May 4 1794.

h
7

From Ditto.- From Mess.rs Labat Dorgeuney and Dewey - requesting to receive their allowances at Madras.

From Wm. Gordon.- From Acting President at Ganjam - recommending Repairs to the Sepoy Barrack at Barampore.-

From Wm. Rowley.- From President at Injeram - enclosing an address from the French Merchants at Ganjam on the subject of the late Seizure of some Bales belonging to them by Captain Mears.-

From Captain Macleod.- From Captain Macleod - enclosing a paper of Intelligence from Tippoo's Camp.-

From Mrs. Ward.- From Mrs E. Ward - stating her distressful situation, and soliciting some relief.-

n
8 Sent the following Letter.-

To the Honorable John Shore Bart.
Governor General in Council
at Fort William

To Bengal - requesting that the Ships destined for the Islands may carry live Stock - a letter from Colonel Braithwaite - & General order for furnishing the Native Troops for the Expedition, enclosed - suggesting an augmentation of the European force for the defence of the Carnatic.-

Honorable Sir.

By recent information from the French Islands we learn, that but little, if any live Stock can be obtained there, and, as a large quantity

will

1759 Fort St. George. May 5th 1794

No 8

will be required for the use of the Hospitals, we beg leave to recommend that the Commanders of all Ships sailing from Bengal with Provisions &c. for the Mauritius on the public account, be directed to receive on board as much Live Stock as they can take care of.

With our letter of the 25th Ultimo, we had the honor to forward Copy of a Memorandum delivered by Colonel Stuart, shewing the number of Troops required for the expedition and we have now the honor to inform you that, at the suggestion of Colonel Brathwaite, we have resolved that the Native Troops intended for this Service, shall be selected from the different Corps, giving a preference to Volunteers and that the deficiency be immediately supplied by recruiting each Corps to the full complement. By this mode the necessity of a reinforcement of Native Troops from Bengal for the service of this Presidency will be obviated. but, as we shall be nearly deprived of our European Force, after the departure of the Fleet, we judge it to be indispensably requisite for the proper security of the Company's extensive possessions on the Coast, that this force should be augmented at an early period, either from Bengal or Bombay, as your

may

1760 Fort St. George ye May 5th 1794.

No 8

may see fit.— We herewith transmit for your information Copy of Colonel Brathwaites Letter enclosing the General Orders which have been issued for assembling the Troops.—

We have the honor to be.

&c.ra &c.ra

Fort St. George
the 5th May 5th 1794.

Signed Chas. Oakeley
& Council

Despatched the undermentioned Letters
Entered in M. B. Nos 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59. 60.—

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions requiring a Return of the different Articles of Provisions, and of their quantity, at present in Store in the several Garrisons on the Coast.—

To Captain Kirkpatrick.—

To Resident at Hydrabad informing him that the Correspondence between the Ameers of Scinde and the Nizam has not been forwarded to Captain Dowdeswell, because he had already left Scinde's Camp.—

To Masulipatam.—

To Masulipatam ordering of the Ship Windsor being taken up for the purpose of conveying the two Black Companies of the 74 Regiment

Bad.

1761 Fort St. George. May 5th 1761.

No. 8.

2 Battalions to Madras - orders in consequence -

To Military Auditor General all

To Auditor General -

Expences attending the Expeditions against the Manri-
-tius, to be brought to account under that Head -

To Military Paymaster General

To Paymaster General -

with Copy of Colonel Murray's Letter, remarking
the little care with which the Account marked F
was prepared in his Office - the Explanations required
regarding the Bills drawn on England in favor of
Naval Officers, to be furnished without Loss
of time. -

To Commander of the Army - Establishment

To Colonel Braithwaite

Sailors pension cannot be encreased - the Engineer -
Arrangement proposed, adopted - the Batta due
to the Bombay Volunteers, will be paid - Remarks
and orders in regard to the Europeans who have
entered on board the Diomede Frigate -

To Ditto - the Royal Artillery to

To Ditto -

proceed to Madras by easy Land Marches - the
mode proposed not advisable -

To Town Major with Orders to Engage the Ships

To Town Major -

Windsor, on the terms offered to them - and to pay the
promptly

1762 Fort St. George. May 5th 1764.

5/8 Penalty of 400 Pagodas due to Captain Hall.

10/10 Received the undermentioned Letters & Cons^d in C. C. Nos. 59. 60.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob. From the Nabob, two Letters to Fullarton Copy for information regarding the Area occupied for a parade explanations relative to the orders given by His Highness for the surrender of the Thieves of Bulaghaut to the Vackeel of Tipsoo, arrived at Trichinopoly. Copies of Letters on the Subject Enclosed.

Ditto from the Rajah of Ramnad. From the Rajah of Ramnad complaining of the Depredations committed by the Rangar of Shevagunga in his Country, and requesting the assistance of our Military force to banish him.

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70.

From Colonel Balfour of Bombay. From Colonel Balfour requesting a Extract of the Letter from the Court of Directors whereby they relinquish their Moiety of the Booty and Plunder taken during the Mysore War.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions proposing that an application be made to Bombay for 3000 Water Casks for the Expedition.

From

1763 Fort St. George May 1764.-

10

From Ditto.-

From Ditto- recommends that five, instead of three Covenanted Cooks be applied for at the instance of Colonel Stuart.-

From Ditto.

From Ditto- enclosing the Statements of Provisions, required from him - Observations.-

From Mr. Stanley-

From President at Trincomale - with further Intelligence of the Enemy's Cruizers.-

From Lieutenant Colonel Clarke.-

From Lieutenant Colonel Clarke- advising of his leaving - taken his passage for Europe.-

From Captain Doveton.

From Captain Doveton - regretting to know if he may proceed to Bengal.-

From Colonel Nixon.-

From Commandant at Pondicherry - stating information regarding Captain Parishon's resignation of his Commission - Mons.r Bassy, being disappointed in a Passage to the Islands, requests his allowance may be continued to him.-

From Mons.r Lemeron.-

From the Police Master at Delhi - again requests to resign his Office unless the Nimas - and Mon=-=agard be re-established.-

From Board of Revenues.

From Board of Revenues - stating the cause that led to the death of the Sepoy in the Mogulatore Zamindary, reported by Colonel Braithwaite.-

Sent A

1764 Fort St. George May 5/1764.

A
10

Sent the undermentioned Letters Entered on C.C. Nos. 61, 62.-

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.- To the Nabob.- stating the propriety of leaving the discussions of all Claims depending on the Treaty of Seringapatam, or affairs relative to the Balaghaut between the Govrs of the Company and Tipsoo, in the first instance - expressing also surprise that his Naib at Arcot should have asked for permission to authorize Tipsoo's Officer to siege Trinomalee.-

To Ditto.- To Ditto.- acknowledging receipt of the Visit paid by his Highness on the 5th Instant.-

Sent the following Letter.-

To the Honorable George Dick Esqr.
Governor in Council
at Bombay.

Honorable Sir,

To Bombay.- applying for a supply of 5000 Water Casks.- We have the Honor to inform you, that, in Consequence of Orders from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors, we are making preparations for an expedition to the French Islands, and, as there will be required, at least, seven Thousand Casks

1765 Fort St. George May 5th 1764.

No. 10

Casks to hold the Water necessary for the Troops during the Voyage, 2000 of which can be only furnished from hence, we beg leave to recommend that the remainder (5000) be sent hither from Bombay, and in such time, that they may reach this place as Early in the Month of July as possible.

As a part of the force to be employed on the expedition will consist of Native Troops, it may be adviseable to give Strict injunctions to the persons ordered to provide the Casks that none be used that have heretofore contained Arrack or other Spirits, if it can possibly be avoided.

We have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sirs
Your most
Obed.t Hum.le Servants

Fort St. George
10th May 1764.

[Signed] Chas. Pakeley
Hon.ble Council

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

To Masulipatam. The same also to Vizagapatam Bengal to be carried to the Company's Credit in part of the specially and Mess.rs Jones and Malcolm to pay the remainder.

Gentlemen,

We have received your letter of the 28th Ultimo, and desire that the Account of the two Months Bills

1766 Fort St. George . May 3rd 1766.

No

Bills of the Sale Contractor Barad Saundalls may be carried to the Credit of the Company, and that you will require the Executors to the Estate of the Late Mr. Dubbyn, to make good the Sums remaining to be paid on account of the Penalty, which has been forfeited by the non performance on the part of the Contractor, of the Stipulations of the Contract - Copy of the Intimation sent you upon the Conduct of Mr. Surgeon Thompson, whereby such failure is sufficiently proved, is enclosed herewith for the Information of Messrs. Snow and Malcolm -

I am
&c. &c.

Fort St. George
the
3d May 1766 -

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
Dep. Secy

Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters Entered in Mr. B. - Nos. 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76
77, 78, 79, 80, 81 -

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions -

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - a Stock of Paddy only to be laid up at Masulipatam - Copy of a Letter from thence relative to the Grain in Store at Narsapatam, referred for his Opinion -

To

1767 Fort St. George May 5th 1794.—

No. To Deputy Judge Advocate, North

To Lieut.t Shippey. of the Westward—acquainting him that Field Batta will be allowed him from the day he left Ellore until Head of his return thither.—

To Lieutenant M.c Cosby and M.r Assistant Surgeon Wise—in reply to their Applications for Batta, while detained at Madras.—

To Masulipatam—M.r Coxard's Claim for Repairs made to the Ship Cæsar inadmissible.—

To Auditor General. To Military Auditor General—with directions for paying Batta to Lieutenants Shippey and Cosby—and M.r Wise.—

To Military Board. To Military Board—referring, for their Opinion, the Reply of M.r Braithwaite to the Terms offered for transporting the Army Clothing.—

To Adjutant General. To Adjutant General—with Copy of the 7.th Para. of the Court's Letter dated 11.th December 1793 and directing him to furnish the Information required respecting M.r James Corsican Private.—

To Colonel Braithwaite To Commander of the Army—forwarding the Statement of Provisions at the different Garrisons, requested by him—also Copy of M.r Cockburn's Letter on the subject.—

&c

1768 Fort St. George. May 5th 1794.

No. 10

To Fort Adjutant.

To Fort Adjutant no decision can pass, in respect to the Succession to the Office of Barrack Master, until the period arrive for vacating the Same.

To Captain Allan of the Guides.

To Captain Allan - Signifying him to proceed to the Presidency - to report his progress in the Survey he is employed on, and the time requisite for completing it.

To Mr. Paymaster Lennox.

To Paymaster at Cuddalore - the Black Doctor, late of the 26th Battalion now there to receive Subsistence and be furnished with a Dooley to convey him to Madras.

No. 13

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos 82, 83, 84, 85.

From Ganjam.

From Ganjam - transmitting an Indent for Military Stores.

From Paymaster General.

From Military Paymaster General stating the additional Sum required by him in May, for Off Reckonings payable at Nagore.

From Colonel Brathwaite.

From Commander of the Army recommending Captain Hinsey for the Command of Nagore, during the absence of Captain Hammond.

From

1769

Fort St. George. May 5th 1794.

No. 13.

From Mr. Paymaster Sharden.

From Paymaster at Pondicherry

enclosing Captain Barbut's reply, regarding the Batta paid to Colonel Moore.

Sent the following letter

To Edward Hay Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at Fort William.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hble the President in Council to acquaint you for the Information of the Governor General in Council, that a Parcel and Box, said to contain a Khelaut and Jewels from His Highness Wallajah Nizam, and referred to in the Letter of Congratulation addressed by His Highness to Sir John Shore, on his accession to the Supreme Government, has been delivered in charge to Captain Doveton, who is about to embark for Bengal with directions to deliver the same to you, on his Arrival.

To Mr. Secretary Hay informing him that the Box of Jewels and Khelaut from the Nizam for the Governor General has been sent under the care of Captain Doveton.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy.

Fort St. George

12th May 1794.

Despatched

1770

Fort St. George. May 5th 1794.

13

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Billed on M. P. Nos 86, 87, 88, 89, 90.

To Secretary Hay

To Secretary at Bengal forwarding a Letter from the Nabob, for the Governor General.

To Ditto

To Ditto informing them that the Brig of Cavalry Remitted, mentioned in the Letter to them of 26th March, has been forwarded on the Broughton Schooner.

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General directing him to draft a General Order, prescribing a Mode of drawing for the allowances intended by the Despatches, destined for foreign Service to be paid their Families.

To Ditto

To Ditto acquainting him that the Bombay Deputies are to be allowed Batta, while absent from Madras.

To Captain Doveton

To Captain Doveton permitting him to proceed to Bengal.

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor - President

Tuesday 13th May 1794.

Ernst William Fallofield

and

George Westcott

} Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read

1771

Fort St. George 13th. May 1794.

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir.

We have the honor to enclose, for your information, copy of a List of Articles reported by the Commissary General of Stores as deficient, on their redelivery of the Stores which were sent to the Tanjore Family, into Store.—

We have likewise the honor to transmit to Your Honor in Council a letter from Captain Mennery, Engineer, and other Papers sent to us from Trichinopoly, and to recommend, in consequence of the Chief Engineer's reports, of the Estimates being correctly stated, that they may be authorized to order the same to be carried into execution.—

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

Fort St. George
2d. May 1794.

Signed John Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
John Richardson
Wm. Gent
George Hall
Accountt

From Military Board with List of Articles wanting of the Stores sent to the Tanjore Family—and an abstract of the Works required at Trichinopoly—

1772 Fort St. George 13th May 1774.

Account of Articles deficient from the following Tents which were sent to the Lascore Family the 3d of March, and returned into the Arsenal the 9th April 1774.

Officers Tents	2
Sepoy Do	7

Deficient

Wall for Sepoy Tent	1
Ropes for Do	16
Gunny Cases	2
Case	1
Door Poles	2
Tent Pins	400
Mallets	6

Fort St. George
April 9. 1774.

Signed Geo. Hall
Com.y Gen.l Store

A true Copy
Signed W. Lindley
Dep.t Sec.y

At a Committee of Marine held at Fort St. George the 5th April 1774.

Present
Colonel John Floyd — President
Wm Hawkins Esq — Paymaster
Captain J. Henning — Engineer

Captain

1773

Fort St. George 13th May 1774.

Captain Fleming informs the Committee that the Estimate for the temporary cover of His Majesty 19th Dragoons on the Island, has been carried into execution, agreeable to their order of the 11th February; that the Choultries and Sheds were ready for the Reception of the Men on the 16th March, and finally finished on the 26th: he further informs the Committee the Order of the Military Board of the 23d of February for examining the Magazines and Store houses has been delayed, firstly on account of coasting, till the order for Removing drying and sifting the Powder was carried into execution, and partly by his late very ill-different state of health. He now lays before the Committee the Report of his examination, together with Estimates for the Necessary Repairs, which are made out at the Contractors' Prices, except in a few instances that are not contained in the Contractors' list, and are made out at the former established prices at this place.

The Committee, from the Report and information of the Engineer, think the Work stated therein absolutely and in the highest degree necessary, believe the Estimates just, and orders them to be forwarded accordingly, for the approval of the Military Board.

The President informs the Committee that he has taken upon him to order an examination by the Engineer

1774. Fort St. George 13th. May 1774.

Engineer of the Bridges at the Warriore and Madura Gate, the Officers' Room at the Main Guard, and the Guard Sheds on the Ramparts, with Estimates of the necessary Repairs to be laid before them, with a view to save all the time possible from the urgent necessary of the Case, as the Bridges over two of the three Seagauges into the Fort, and are become evidently dangerous; Likewise, from the Engineers report, the Roof of the Officers Room at the Main Guard was in so dangerous a State that he ordered it to be taken down, which was done by the Engineer accordingly - and that at the Madura Gate there is no Officers Guard Room at all, which he conceives it essentially necessary there should be one, he likewise states that, for want of these Guard Rooms and Sheds, he has been under the necessity of employing tents, which he believes, in the long run, to be extremely uneconomical -

The Committee, convinced of the Propriety of the President's representation, and from the information and Report which the Engineer lays before them, is of opinion that the Work stated therein is highly necessary, believes the Estimates just, and orders them to be forwarded accordingly, for the information and Approval of the Military Board -

[signed] J. Floyd Col. President
W. Hawkins
J. Hermeng Jul Director & Chief

A true Copy
[signed] W. Lindley
Dep. Sec.

Council

1775 Fort St. George 13th. May 1794.

General Abstract

1st	Esterrade for Newbridge, and Marine Guard		
	Town Defaiers, Warriore Gate	1042.	3. 68
2d	Do. for New draw bridge, and new offices		
	Guard Room Madura Gate	119.	14. 45.
3d	Do. for 6 Powder Magazines on the Rock	473.	21. 56.
4th	Do. for 6 More Rooms and Office	1010.	35. 24.
5th	Do. for 13 Tiled Huts Round the Works	57.	30. 60.
	Total Star Pagodas	2703.	22. 13

/Signed/ J. Fleming
Sub Dirl. and Captain

Trichinopoly
15th April 1794.

/Signed/ W. Gent
Chief Engineer

A true Copy
/Signed/ W. Linley
Dept. Secy.

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

Honorable Sir.

We have the honor to submit to your consideration and recommend that Lieutenant Scott, Deputy Commissary General of Stores, may be appointed Commissary

From Military Board proposing that Lieutenant Scott be appointed Commissary of Stores to the intended Expedition with a Deputy and six Conductors

J.

1776

Fort St. George 13th May 1794

of Stores on the intended Expedition, with the assistance of one Deputy Commissary and six Conductors, and the Honble requests, That, should this arrangement meet with your approbation, that you will be pleased to give directions that it may be published in Orders that the Persons to be employed may be immediately applied to the several duties which are required of them.

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
13th May 1794.

John Braithwaite
Henry Malcolm
John Richardson
[Signed] B.d Close
W. Gent
George Hall

Minute thereon

Agreed that the articles deficient from the Tents sent to the Tanjore Family be written off to Profit and Loss.-

Agreed that the work required at Trichinopoly be executed.-

Attested

1797 Fort St. George 13th. May 1794.-

Resolved, at the recommendation of the Military Board, that Lieutenant James Scott be appointed Commissary of Stores on the intended expedition.-

The President lays before the Board the following Memorandum delivered to him by Colonel Stuart, and recommends that it be published in General Orders.-

Lieutenant Mark Wilks to be Secretary to Colonel Stuart without prejudice to his present appointment of Barrack Master, from the 23d April 1794.-

Lieutenant M: Wilks appointed Secretary to Colonel Stuart with.-

Lieutenant Alexander Grant, of the Body Guard, to act as Barrack Master of the Presidency Division for Lieutenant Wilks, so long as the latter Officer may be employed with Colonel Stuart, or be absent on the public Service.-

Lieutenant Alex.r Grant to act as Barrack Master during his absence.-

Colonel Stuart did desire to be appointed in future Orders.-

Approved and ordered accordingly.-

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board.-

Hospital

1778

Fort St. George 13th. May 1794.

Hospital Board

12th. May 1794.

From Hospital Board. Mr. Raines report on the State of the Hospitals at Madras, Mount and Poonamallee. That at the Mount requires repair. The repair of Choultry Hospital and Medicine Godown not yet begun. Mr. Harris requests to visit Madras. proposes that the Apothecary at the Presidency General Hospital be dismissed the Service and that a Smaller be appointed his Assistant.

Mr. Raine has communicated to the Board his observations on the State of the Hospital at the Presidency, the Mount, and Poonamallee, which he has lately visited, by which we find that the number of Sick is very small, in proportion to the effective strength of each Corps, and that the Duty is carried on in a very satisfactory and attentive Manner.

An Order will be given

The Hospital at the Mount requires some trifling Repairs which should be immediately executed.

D° D°

The Head Surgeon in the Circars represents that although Orders have been issued some time ago by Government from the Military Board to the Contractors, for the necessary alterations and Repairs to the General Hospital at Ellore, nothing

1779 Fort St. George 13th May 1794.

nothing has been yet done nor is there the smallest preparation of Materials.—

Should the Defaicis not be carried into effect before the commencement of the Monsoon, the sick must be moved elsewhere, as the Hospital is at present so insecure from Rain that every casual Shower occasions great distress. Inconvenience also arises from the Godown not being fitted up for the Europe Medicines, as was directed; in consequence of which the Stores still remain at Masulipatam; and, not being under the Head Surgeon's immediate inspection, are liable to loss and waste.—

a. Mr. Harris, Surgeon to the Garrison of Cuddalore, requests the Permission of Government to visit the Presidency for a few days, which we recommend may be complied with, as his business is of such a nature as

Approved.—

1780 Fort St. George 13th May 1794

as to require his personal
attendance.

The Head Surgeon at the
Presidency represents that he
has been under the necessity of
suspending Thomas Tomasfield,
Apothecary at the General Hospital,
on account of constant Drunkenness
and inattention. We recommend
that He be accordingly dismissed
the Service.

Approved

The resignation of
Thomas Powers having occasioned
a Vacancy for a 2nd Assistant-

Approved

Surgeon, We recommend that
Samuel Smaller be appointed to
succeed him, and Stationed at the
Presidency General Hospital

Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician General
Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon
W Raine
Head Surgeon

Read

1781

Fort St. George 13th May 1794.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Braithwaite.

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

Honble Sir.

I has occurred to me, That as the Sepoy naturally has great confidence in the Commander of his Battalion, and will feel himself perfectly at ease in the knowledge that his Family are left under his protection, and as the soliciting the Families pices a sort of responsibility in the Captain, to his Battalion, That it may be proper That all allowances meant by Sepoys to be paid to their Families should be drawn for by the Captain, or Officer Commanding the Battalion, in a separate Abstract, sent as an appendage to his abstract for the pay of his Battalion. I would therefore recommend, That the Military Auditor General be called upon to frame the draught of an Order to this effect, which I am convinced would be very grateful to the Sepoy -

From Colonel Braithwaite - for power a mode of drawing for the sum which the Sepoys destined for foreign service, may wish to be paid to their families -

Military Head Quarters
Madras May 1st 1794.

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

Signd John Braithwaite -

&c.

1782

Fort St. George 13th May 1794.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Braithwaite - Lieutenant Hargrave requests to resign the Adjutantcy of the 5th Regiment Cavalry - Cornet Daniel proposed for the succession - the Commanding Officer Masulipatam requests an allowance for a Quarter -

Mem. No 91.

I have the Honor to lay before you a letter† forwarded to me by Major Orr, from Lieutenant Hargrave Adjutant to the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry now absent on leave in Bengal, requesting permission to resign his Adjutantcy. - If you are pleased to permit this resignation to take place, I beg leave to recommend Cornet Daniel to succeed Lieutenant Hargrave as Adjutant to the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry, to which Regiment he belongs, and with which he has done the Duty of Adjutant, during the absence of Lieutenant Hargrave, much to the satisfaction of Major Orr. -

I have also the Honor to lay before you a

vide M.B. No 92

letter I have received from Lieutenant Colonel Durand which I beg leave to submit to your candid consideration -

I think it proper to inform your Honor in Council, that I lately addressed a letter to the Commander in Chief in India, in which I requested him to order all the officers in Bengal absent on leave from this Presidency to rejoin their Corps. -

Military Head Quarters
Madras May 5th 1794 -

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
[Signed] John Braithwaite

The

1783

Fort St. George 13th. May 1794.-

Minute on the foregoing Letters from Colonel Braithwaite.-

The Board are of opinion that it would not be advisable to bring the Royal Artillery by Sea, but that they should proceed to this Presidency by easy Land Marches.-

Agreed that Cornet Darcel be appointed Adjutant to the 5th. Regiment of Native Cavalry, vice Hargrave resigned.-

Agreed that the Commanding Officer at Masulipatam be permitted to draw twenty Pagodas p Mensem on account of House Rent, until the Quarters allotted to them be put in a habitable State.-

The President lays before the Board the following Letter to him from Tippoo Sultaun (entered Cons. No 63).-

Translation of a Letter

From Tippoo Sultaun

To the Right Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor of Madras

Without Date

Received 5. May 1794

From Tippoo Sultaun, in reply to the President's letter on occasion of the Deputation of the Envoy.-

I received with much satisfaction your agreeable Letter, wherein you express yourself in friendly

1784

Fort St. George 13th. May 1784.

Friendly Manner.— "I avail myself with particular Pleasure, of the opportunity affordd me by the return of your Sons, to offer you my Compliments of Congratulation upon this joyful Event, and to assure you of my anxious Desire, at all times, to promote the views of Friendship, so fully explained to you in the Letters from Lord Cornwallis and the present Governor General Sir John Shore."

"I cannot allow your Sons to depart without informing you that I have experienced the highest satisfaction in shewing them those Attentions which are due to their illustrious Rank, and to the Interest you take in their Welfare. But, this assurance would be very imperfect, if I omitted to add, that they have, by their amiable Disposition and Manners, merited even more Kindness and Hospitality, if more had been in my power to bestow upon them."

"I feel much satisfaction likewise in testifying to you the faithful Attachment of Ghulam Ali Khan and Ali Reza to the Duties of the Trust reposed in them. The opportunities I have had of observing their Behavior, during the time of their Residence here, enables me to judge, better perhaps than any other, of their

1785

Fort St. George 13th. May 5796.-

"their Zeal for your Service, and of the just claim they have to
"your Confidence and Approbation.-

"Captain Doveton, who has constantly
"attended your Sons, since the Period of their Departure
"from Seringapatam, will accompany these on their
"Return:- I need not here speak of the Manner in which
"this Gentleman has executed the Wishes of Lord Cornwallis
"and myself, but shall refer to your Sons and their attend-
"dants, for such Information as you may be desirous of
"receiving upon this Point."-

"I have sent a few Things by Captain
"Doveton, and among the rest, a complete and curious
"Apparatus for shewing Experiments in different Branches
"of Natural Philosophy and Mechanics, which I
"hope will prove acceptable to you" — all this I understand

Your Congratulations on the return of
my Sons tend to increase my unfeigned Friendship - and
the amicable Understanding which now happily
subsists between our respective Sirkars, affords me Matter
of Satisfaction and Exultation -

My Children having arrived, (thro' the
Blessing of God) in perfect Health and safety, and

accompanied

1786

Fort St. George 13th. May 1794.-

accompanied by Captain Doveton, (who is a Gentleman endued with much Intelligence and Penetration) this Event, which was equally interesting and pleasing to me, is a gratifying Proof of the Sincerity of that Amity and Friendship which influence the Sentiments of the Honble Company's Nation, and which, with respect to mine, is reciprocal.-

Having, after much Satisfaction, granted Captain Doveton Leave to return, he will (God willing) arrive in Safety - and will testify the Happiness which accrued to your Sincere and esteemed Friend on this Occasion.-

The Apparatus which you were so good to send me, for exhibiting some Experiments of Europeans Arts and Science, was Extremely acceptable - and, whilst it afforded me much Amusement and Satisfaction, it excited my Admiration of the grand Source of all Science - the divine Wisdom.-

I hope you will consider me a Sincere Friend, and continue to render me happy by frequent and friendly Communications.-

May the Measure of your Prosperity be according to your Desire.-

Adieu Translation

[signed] A. Falconar
Wm. & P. Jr.

Read

1787 Fort St. George 13th. May 1794.

Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore (entered also in C. C. N°. 64.)

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor &c. &c.

Dated 29th. April 1794.

From Rajah of Tanjore relinquishes his intention to visit Seringham - the Nabob's sons having declined to shew him the attention due to his rank - prays the Visit may be the 1st. May - the allowance to the family paid to the 11th. Instt.

The Letter, which your Excellency did me the favor of addressing to me under date 11th. Instant I received through the means of Colonel Kaawell, and understood its contents. In consequence of the letter I wrote you regarding my journey to Seringham, your Excellency, from your great favor, readily consented, and sent instructions to the Commandant here to attend me, and to the Commandant at Trichinopoly to receive me with attention. This has given me the greatest satisfaction, and I beg leave to offer my fullest acknowledgments. The Country of Trichinopoly belongs to his Highness the Nabob: if his two sons, who are now there, would continue the same civilities, which it has been long time customary for me to receive from them, I should have much pleasure in proceeding to Seringham. If the Nabob's sons withhold the attention, that is due to my rank, it will not be proper for me

to

1788

Fort St. George 13th. May 1788.

to go thither. In consequence of these reflections I sent an agent to the Nabobs sons at Trichinopoly to make himself acquainted with their sentiments. As I am informed that they have no intention of coming out to meet or of embracing me, I have for the present relinquished my intention of going to Seringham, because it is improper for me to enter any territory, the proprietor of which may refuse from shewing the respect and attention due to my rank according to the established custom of many years. I have written this for your Excellency's information.-

By the treaty I am bound to pay fifty thousand Pagodas to the Honble Company on the first of May: and I have sent orders to my Vakeel Trumbuck Sombagee, for paying that sum accordingly. The Vackeel will in consequence pay this Money at the appointed time, and I request your Excellency will give orders that a receipt may be granted for the amount.-

Your Excellency has, besides this, made an arrangement by which I am to pay the Monthly sum of Pagodas 1666. to the Family of my late brother, Tuljye Maharaj, and my Vakeel has

1789 Fort St. George 13th May 1794.-

has completed the payment of this allowance up to the eleventh of April. I shall endeavour to forward any deviation in the arrangement you have made. This is well known to your Excellency. Believe me always your sincere friend. To a friend why should I write More?-

A true Translation

(Signed) J. Webbe

Mar: Transl.

Minute thereon

Agreed to express to the Nabob, the concern of the Board, that his Highness's Sons should refuse to shew to the Rajah of Tanjore that respect and attention which his Excellency conceived to be due to his rank, according to the established custom of many years.-

Read the following letter from the Collector in the Baramahal and Salem Districts.-

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Hon'ble Sir,

From Captain Read- requesting orders regarding the surrender of the Polygar of Anchoor-ghurry seized by him and claimed by Tipsoo.-

A person was lately sent to me by Tipsoo's Minister to demand certain Polegars who have committed frequent robberies in his Country, among whom

1790.

Fort St. George 13th May 1794

born was the Polegar of Anthoorgerry, the only one who had taken refuge in the ceded districts. The Polaam of that name is in this Country, but the Polegar having received the Company's cowle of me during the War, and having lived since under our Government, I answered, concerning him, that, for those reasons I considered him a Subject of the Company, and could not, without orders from Government, deliver him up, but that I would endeavor to apprehend him, and, in the event of succeeding, would make the strictest inquiry into the charge against him, and, on his guilt being proved, would oblige him to make restitution, and bring him to condign punishment. Having him now Custody, I am desirous of your Honors Sentiments in regard to the line of Conduct I have adopted respecting him, and should have great pleasure in showing, by the performance of my promise to dispatch Messengers, the wish I have of contributing, by my endeavors, to rid both Countries of the numerous Thieves that infest them. In the present instance it is necessary that he should send evidences to substantiate the charges against

the

1791

Fort St. George 13th May 1791.

The Poligar by an enquiry, and that intimation should by some means be given him, of the mode proposed, which may be reciprocally adopted, between the two Sirkars. As an assurance of impartial justice, in such cases, the courts of enquiry might be composed of an equal number of the Servants of each Sirkar or ryots of both Countries and Copies of their proceedings when the matter was important, might be transmitted to each Government. If he decline to give proof of the Poligar's guilt, he cannot have the satisfaction he desires; for, though the Poligar was his subject many years ago, being expelled from his possessions, he has defended since on the Company's protection.

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

Signed Alex. Read

Baramahl
May 9th 1791

Minute thereon

Agreed to instruct Captain Read to make the strictest enquiry into the charge preferred against the Polygar now in his custody, and to furnish him, if proof be brought of his having committed any trespasses in the Mysore Country since the Conclusion of the peace. Agreed also that he be directed to acquaint

1792 Fort St. George 13th. May 1794.

acquainted Despatches Messenger that, as the Polygar received the Company's Cowle during the late War, and since lived under their protection, his person cannot be delivered up - but that, that protection will not screen him from punishment in case his delinquency be proved.-

Read the following letter from the Military Paymaster General.-

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir.

From Military Paymasters General in reply to the Remarks of Colonel Murray upon the Collection of Mr. Paymaster Scott's Accounts - forwarded to Bengal.-

I am honored with Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 7th. Instant, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Colonel Murray, Auditor General of Bengal, to the Honble the Governor General in Council, wherein he returns a Paper transmitted from my Office Marked **F** with the following Remarks. "The Paper **F** herewith enclosed, which does not appear to have been prepared with much care, contains a few "Articles of Pay to some Sick men of Lieutenant "Colonel Cockerells Detachment who were left at

Ellore

1793

Fort St. George 13th May 1794.

"More over Chungleput, to the amount of about 58 Pagodas
"but as their Accounts do not specify the particular Corps
"to which the Men belonged it is impossible to trace any
"check upon the payments, a circumstance which,
"being noticed, will, I am persuaded, induce the Officers
"of the Pay Department at Fort St. George to be more par-
"ticular in future the other Articles of the paper I have
"not the least connexion with Mr. Scotts Accounts nor
"with this Presidency. They consist of payments for
"the passage of Troops to Bombay, for Head of Deserters from
"Bengal, as well as for the passage of some Europeans
"from Bengal, who indisted in the Madras Army, to-
"gether with some charges for Medicine allowance, and
"the passage Money of Lascars who were Indisted at
"Fort William by Lieutenant Geels for the Service of the
"Madras Artillery, none of which Articles ought to be
"made a Charge against this Presidency". On which
you are pleased to observe that you express your Sorrow
that Colonel Murray should have had any cause to
Remark on the Table care with which that Paper was
prepared in my Office. Before the close of this Letter
I hope to convince your Honor in Council that had
Colonel Murray read the Account with as much care as

it

1794

Fort St. George 13th May 1794.

I had been prepared there had been no occasion to have troubled your Honor in Council.-

It is well known to your Honor in Council that any Account transmitted by me can only be a compilation from the Accounts sent into my Office by the Subordinate Paymasters; and in order that the Bengal Departments might have every information I was possessed of, I made it a rule to transmit them actual Copies of all Vouchers for which sums had been paid and for which the Subordinate Paymasters had debited Bengal Presidency. I beg leave to enclose the account transmitted me for your Honors inspection that you may be convinced of the above fact, and I also enclose you Copy of Mr. Paymaster Cochrane's Disbursements to shew that the sums were by him carried to the Debit of the Bengal Presidency; it made no difference to the Company to which Presidency they were charged and the amount could easily have been rectified by adjustment between the two Presidencys if improperly carried to Account. Your Honor in Council will, from the above, I am sure, be convinced that the Account I transmitted was

as

1795 Fort St. George 13th. May 1794.—

as particular a One as I could furnish being Copies of the Vouchers transmitted to my Office by the Subordinate Paymasters, and if these Vouchers were not so particular as Colonel Murray wished— No fault rested with me— There is one point however to which I particularly request to call your attention, as it will convince you that Colonel Murray has never read the Account— he says "The other Articles of the paper "I have not the least connexion with Mr. Scott's Accounts "nor with this Presidency, they consist of Payments "for the Passage of Troops to Bombay" There is no Payment of Passage Money for Troops to Bombay; but there is a Payment of Passage Money to the Amount of upwards of Pagodas 1,000:— for Troops to Bengal on the Ships Bombay in October 1792 the Bill says to the River Hooghley when Troops went to Bengal in that Ships, as appears by the enclosed Certificate of the Garrison Storekeeper. The word Bombay alone seems to have attracted Colonel Murrays Eye. There is also 336 Pagodas. 44: 26 for Passage Money for the Attendants on the Elephants to Bengal— Could all these sums have been carried in my accounts as they stood on the respective Paymasters Accounts, after

They

1796.

Fort St. George 13. May 1794.

They had gone through the necessary forms of Office,
of which Colonel Murray cannot be ignorant.

Fort St. George
12. May 1794.

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

Signed B. Roebuck
Mily Paymr. Genl.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the circumstance, as
explained by the Military Paymaster General
regarding Colonel Murray's observation upon the charge
of the Passage of Troops to Bombay, be communicated
to Mr. Secretary Hay for the information of the
Governor General in Council.

Read the following letter from
the Military Auditor General.

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

From Military Auditor General.
- in preparing the Military
Expences of 1793/4 - notices
the Arrear of Accounts neces-
sary from the Office of the
Pays Deputy Paymaster
General.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you,
in answer to your Commands signified in Mr.
Secretary Clerke's Letter of the 7th Instant, that no

time

1797 Fort St. George 13th May 1794.

time shall be lost in preparing, to be laid before you on or before the 15th July next, the annual Statement or Military Expences of 1793/4 from which arises, on computation, the Estimate for the Current year 1794/5 and for this purpose I now am corresponding with the several Departments of the Company's Service the Accounts of which are required not to the 30th of last Month to be sent to my Office with the least possible delay to enable me to draw out the Statement.—

I beg leave to take the present occasion of observing, as materially connected with the subject on which my Report is called for, that having Audited the Accounts of the Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops up to the period, as stated in my letter of the 18th last February, transmitting the Audit through your Honble Board viz.t for Disbursements to the 74th Regiment and Detachment of the 76th Regiment from 25th October to 24th December 1793 as well as to the Detachment of Royal Artillery for the Months of November and December 1793. No accounts of this Office of a later date have been sent for Audit to mine either through your Honble Board or otherways— and therefore that there is a deficiency which it is a requisite

1798

Fort St. George 13th. May 1794.

requisite, I conceive, to receive from the Office of the Deputy Paymaster General of the King's Troops serving under this Presidency, before the Statement can be completed, especially under the provisions made by the Act of Parliament for India of the thirty third of his present Majesty touching the Reference of the old Regiments since the 24th of December 1792.

I have the honor to be

with the highest Respect

Honble Sir

Your Most Obedient and

Most humble Servant

(Signed) Henry Malcolm

Dep. Mily Auditor Genl.

Ordered that the Deputy Paymaster General of his Majesty's Troops be directed to send in his Accounts with the least possible delay.

Read the following letter from the Attorney General.

Dear Thurlow.

Military Auditor Generals Office

Fort St. George 12 May 1794.

To

1799 Fort St. George 13th. May 1799.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council

Honble Sir.

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of the 30th. Ultimo, covering several papers relative to the seizure of some french property on the roads of Pondicherry, by Captain Mears of the private Ship Favorite, and desiring I would state to your Honor in Council my opinion, whether, under the circumstances brought forward by the french Merchants, the property can, in Equity, appertain to the Captors.-

From Attorney General of opinion the Rules stipulated by the Merchants at Yanaon and signed by Captain Mears should be given up to the Consignees at Pondicherry.-

Among the papers transmitted to me by Mr. Jackson are two letters from Government of the 3rd and 5th of September last, relative to french Merchants at Yanaon - and Extracts of two other letters of the 24th September and 3d. October relative to the french Merchants at Pondicherry.

The two latter, by which the Merchants at Pondicherry seem to be restrained in the employment of their Ships & Vessels, to those under the British Flag, and sailing under a British Pass port, and to Country Craft, and to be prohibited the use of Ships belonging to Neutral European Powers, do not, in my apprehension, apply to the case in Question.

From the letter of 3d. September which forms the Capitulation at Yanaon, it does not appear that the french Merchants of that Factory were laid under similar, or any restrictions, than those binding on British

Subjects

1800.

Fort St. George 13th May 1794.

subjects, and, consequently, they were left at full liberty to employ Danish or whatever other neutral Bottoms they might think best, for the transport of their Goods.

Therefore submit it to your Honour in Council as my opinion that the Bales shipped by the Merchants of Pondicherry and taken by Capture near in the roads of Pondicherry might to be delivered up to those persons to whom they were consigned.

Please the honour to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Benjn. Sullivan

Fort St. George
12th May 1794.

Order thereon

Resolved, in consequence of the opinion given by the Attorney General, that the Bale seized by Captain Moore in the Roads of Pondicherry, be delivered up to those persons to whom they were consigned by the French Merchants at Pondicherry.

Thos. Oakeley
D. Falconer

Ex. (George Parry)
Regt.

1801 Fort St. George May 1794.

Diary.

th
13 Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in C.C. Nos. 65–66.

Substance of a letter from the Nabob. From the Nabob – expressing his great concern at the unfriendly and very violent Conduct of Colonel Floyd at Trichinopoly – can by no means assent to the appropriating the Area in front of the Palace, for the purpose of a Parade – requests the removal of that Officer from the Command –

Ditto. Ditto. From Ditto – transmitting translate of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun, expressive of his – Satisfaction at His Highness's Attention to his Sons.

Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in M.B. Nos. 93–94–95.

From Mr. Crans. From Mr. Assistant Surgeon Crans – requesting full Surgeon's pay and Batta, on the – occasion of his accompanying Captain Doveton on his Journey to Seringapatam with the Mysore Princes.

From Paymaster General. From Military Paymaster General hopes shortly to furnish the Explanations respecting the Bills drawn on England in favor of Officers of the Navy.

From

1802 Fort St. George May 1794.

13th

From Resident at Nagore.

From Resident at Nagore — forwarding an Application from Doctor Baird for a Palanquin Allowance.

15

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101.

From Mr. Snodgrass.

From Mr. Snodgrass requesting the restitution of his Surety Bond for Mr. Thomas Cooper.

From M. Cockburn.

From Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies requesting the Board's decision in regard to a Charge, made by Lieutenant Sentleger, of Interest in consequence of the delay in Answering a Bill drawn by him in favor of Major Stevenson Correspondence Enclosed.

From Messrs. Colhoun and McLean.

From Messrs. Colhoun and McLean requesting a reconsideration of their Case, and that their full pay may be granted from the day the Glinderton suffered Shipwreck.

From Captain Smith

From Commander of His Majesty's Ship Diomede arrived at Tranquebar without

15 without seeing an Enemy — shall proceed to the Straights of Mallacca and return to the Coast — about the End of June.

From Commandant at Pondicherry;

From Colonel Nixon.

enclosing some Intelligence received from Batavia.

From Ditto at Nellore requesting

From Colonel Collins.

a Dooley may be allowed for the use of that — Garrison.

Despatched the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M.B. No. 102 — 103 — 104 — 105 — 106 —

To Secretary at Bengal with —

To Mr. Secretary Hay.

Copy of Intelligence from Mysore.

To Ditto with Ditto from —

To Ditto

Batavia

To Colonel Balfour — transmitting

To Colonel Balfour of Bombay.

Copies of the papers requested by him, regarding the distribution of the Company's Moiety of the Booty and Plunder taken during the late War.

To Military Board — the —

To Military Board.

articles deficient from the Tents lent to the — Pangore.

1804 Fort St. George May 1794.

15 Tanjore Family to be written off to Profit & Loss — Trichenopoly Estimates approved — Lieutenant Holt appointed Commissary of Stores to the Expedition.

To Colonel Braithwaite. From Commander of the Army — notifying the permission granted to Captain Doveton, to proceed to Bengal.

16 Received the following Letters

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

From Sub Secretary at Bengal requesting that Certain Articles of Military Stores &c furnished to Lieutenant Doveton at Hyderabad from Masulipatam.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit you the Accompanying Copies of a Letter, Indent and Survey report from Lieutenant Doveton, and to request you will communicate his recommendation to the Governor in Council of Fort St. George that the Articles indented for be ordered to be sent from the Stores at Masulipatam to Lieutenant Doveton at Hydrabad, and that those now in use

1805 Fort St George May 17 94.

16 use with the Escort be received into the Magazine at Masulipatam.

Fort William
25th April 17 94.

I am
&c &c
Signed / J. H. Harington
Jr Secy

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir,

From Military Board Submitting a List of the Pondicherry Stores that may be spared to the Nabob. Suggestion in regard to the Brass Ordnance sent to Bengal to be recast.

In obedience to your Letter of the 20th March last, the President requested His Highness the Nabob to furnish him with a List of such of the captured Ordnance and Stores as His Highness wished to purchase, and, the President having received such list, We took it into consideration, and find it necessary to deduct from it several articles, and to add some others which would be useless to us in the event of His Highness taking the Ordnance and Arms. We have now the honor to submit to your consideration the List thus amended, on which We have to observe that as these Ordnance and Arms are not such as are generally in use with us, and we are not immediately

1806 Fort St George May 1794

16 immediately pressed for these articles, They may be certainly be spared to His Highness if you think proper; We think it however necessary to remark that the Brass Ordnance captured in the Mysore War was sent to Bengal to be recast, but upon what principle We have not been informed, and it may not be improper in us to observe here that it may be a matter of consideration with Government how far these Ordnance and Stores may hereafter be desireable incase of success against the French Islands to augment Ordnance and Stores of the same kind, there.

Fort St George
14th May 1794.

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

[Signed] John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Fr Richardson
" By Close.
" W. Gent
" George Hall.

N° 13.
The List of Stores sent to the Nabob.

Received

1807 Fort St. George . May 1794.

16 Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 107 - 108 - 109 - 110 -

111 -

From Commissary General of

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. Grain and Provisions — recommends that the

Rice at Samulcotah be sold off.

From Messrs. Roebuck and

From Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott. Abbott — requesting to purchase a large —

unserviceable Brass Mortar, lying at the Sea Gate.

From Military Board respecting

From Military Board the Stores that can be Supplied to the Nizam's —

Agent - no encrease of Artificers at the Mount

necessary; of opinion that Mr. Breithaupt's proposal

should be accepted - request advances for Gabions

and Fascines may be ordered to be made to the

Chief Engineer.

From Military Paymaster —

From Military Paymaster. enclosing an Indent of Stationary for his Office.

From Captain Macleod —

From Captain Macleod. enclosing his Accounts for Intelligence for

January - February and March, amounting to

Pagodas

1808 Fort St. George May 17 1794.

16 Pagodas 267 ℳ 32 —

Sent the undermentioned —

Letters Entered in C.C. Nos. 67 68 —

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.

To the Nabob — informing — him that Colonel Floyd has been desired to — relinquish the Area he intended for a Parade at Trichinopoly. Observations on — regard to His Highness's Assertion that it was at the desire of the President and at the instance of Tippoo — Hackeels, he gave orders for the restitution of the Thieves of Balaghaut — Concern expressed — that his Sons at Trichinopoly should refuse to receive the Rajah of Tanjore with proper attention

Ditto Ditto

To Ditto — informing him that the Minister of Shringeree is using means to prevent the Marriage of the Sheriff of that Province with a view to keep the Management in his own hands, and proposing that Steps — be — taken to frustrate such designs.

Sent the following Letters

To.

1809 Fort St. George May 1794

16

To Edward Hay Esqr.

Secretary to the Government.

at

Fort William.

Sir,

To Secretary at Bengal stating the Error in the Remark upon the Charge in the paper F for the Passage of Troops to Bombay - as explained by Mr. Roebuck.

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Sub Secretary Harington's letter of the 3rd March and to acquaint you that the remarks of Colonel Murray upon the paper marked F having been communicated to the Military Paymaster General at this Presidency, he has stated, in explanation, that, in as far as regards the observation of the Military Auditor General in Bengal upon the Charge of the Passage of Troops to Bombay, there must have been some mistake on the part of those by whom the paper in question was examined, since the only charge for Passage Money, was on account of Troops to Bengal, on the Ship Bombay.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Jun.r
Sec.y

Fort St. George
15th May 1794.

1810

Fort St. George May 17th 94.

16

To Colonel Nixon.

Commanding

at

Pondicherry.

Sir,

To Commandant at Pondicherry – all matters not cognizable by the Civil Courts to be decided by him – the Malabar's Petition of this discription Reply to Mons.r Sumonis last letter five additional peons allowed him – date where the Judicial proceedings are to be sent.

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I am directed to inform you, that it is the decided opinion of the President in Council that all matters not immediately cognizable by the Civil Courts established at Pondicherry for the maintenance of Justice, conformable to the Laws of France, as they existed prior to the death of the French King, should be referred to and determined by you: But that the rules and regulations of these Courts, whatever they may be, should be allowed to continue without interruption.

In the case of the petition of the Malabars, the President in Council conceives that it ought properly to have been addressed to you, since you were competent to redress every grievance complained of in the department of the Police, with which it was not the meaning of Government that

the

1816 Fort St. George May 1794.

16 the Courts of Pattai should have any concern, —
unless the complaints were of such a nature, as —
could with strict propriety be brought before them.

The President in Council has
given due consideration to the letter from Mr Fumeron,
the Police Master, but is by no means convenced
of the necessity of the appointment either of a Rayar
or Monegar — The market should be left entirely
free, care being taken, however, that all monopolies or
other impositions be immediately checked, and which
can readily be done, by the vigilance of the Police —
Master, who may be allowed five Peons, in addition
to the present establishment. If Mr Fumeron declines
to act upon these terms, the President in Council will
accept his resignation.

A Copy of the proceedings of
the different Courts at Pondicherry, from the time
of their establishment under this Government, to
the end of April last, is to be transmitted to the
Presidency; and the proceedings afterwards —
regularly forwarded once in every six Months.

Fort St. George
15th. May 1794

Sam
G.V. G.W.
/Signd/ W.C. Jackson
Secy

Despatched.

1812 Fort St. George May 1794.

16 Despatched the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M/B Nos. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116

117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122.

From the Secretary May.

To Secretary at Bengal with

Copy of a letter from the Chief Officer of the Puget

Indiaman at the Isle of France.

To Mr Cockburn.

To Principal Agent for

Cavalry Supplies — the repairs made to the Storehouse

of the 19th Dragoons approved.

To Mr Gordon.

To Acting Resident at

Ganjam the Sepoy Barracks at Barampore may

be repaired in the manner proposed by Colonel

Tolson.

To Surgeon at Cuddalore.

To Mr Harris — permitting

him to visit the Presidency.

To Auditor General.

To Military Auditor General —

informing him of a Bill drawn on the Paymaster

General for Amount of Off. Rechonenges payable

at Nagore.

To Military Board.

To Military Board — directing

them to repeat their Orders to the Contractors for

the

1813 Fort St. George May 17 1794.

16th The repairs to the General Hospital and Medicine Godowns at Ellore — the Hospital at the Mount to be also Surveyed and repaired.

To Ditto. To Ditto — transmitting an Indent of Stores for the Ganjam District.

To Colonel Brathwaite. To Commander of the Army — stating the Board's opinion that, as Captain Hammond is desirous of continuing at Nagore, Captain Kinsey, should command at Negapatam — Lieutenant Colonel Durand allowed 20 Pagodas House Rent until the quarters allotted to him are Repaired.

To Ditto. To Ditto — informing him that Nineteen Horses are on their way to Arcot from Hydrabad. and desiring him to send the Necessary instructions to Major Young in consequence

To Lieutenant Alaughan Infantry. To Lieutenant Alaughan — permitting him to withdraw his application for leave to return to Europe.

To

1814 Fort St. George May 1794.

To Colonel Nixon 16

To Commandant at Pondicherry—

—Captain Parishon to receive the pay of his Rank from the 1st Instant — and Monsr. Raffy's pay will be continued to him, deducting the passage money advanced to him.

Substance of a letter from the Nabob 17

Received letter from the Nabob, entered in C.C. No 69 submitting a plan of the Area in front of the Palace and Mosque at Trichinopoly — requests it may not be occupied for a Parade.

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B Nos. 123 124 125 126.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal enclosing a letter for the Secretary to the Military Board.

From Major Lebeck

From Commandant of the Nizams Detachment enclosing his correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad.

From Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General enclosing his Estimate of Cash for June.

From

1815 Fort St. George May 17th 1794.

17

From Commandant at Palamcotah

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.

reporting his having allowed the Second Surgeon, a French Prisoner, there, an encreased pay of 15 Rupees per Month — and an offer of Services from another, on the intended Expedition.

Despatched the undermentioned

Letters Entered in MB Nos 127. 128. 129. 130.

131. 132. 133. 134. 135.

To Collector in the Baramhaul

To Captain Read.

— with instructions as to the reply to be made to the requisition of Peppoo's Messenger for the — Surrender of the Polygar in his (Captain Read's) Custody.

To Messrs Mallet and Vincent

To Messrs Mallet & Vincent at Pondicherry.

directing them to return to Palamcotah, where alone they can be permitted to draw their former Subsistence and the Arrears that may be due to them.

To Military Auditor General.

To Auditor General.

— informing him that Lieutenant Colonel Durand is permitted to draw Twenty Pagodas per Mensem for House Rent, until the quarters allotted to him are repaired.

To

1816 Fort St. George May 1st 94.

To Dito. 1st

To Dito — Captain Parishon,
at Pondicherry, readmitted upon the Military on
List of Prisoners of War — and to draw his pay
from the 1st Instant.

To Colonel Nixon.

To Commandant at Pondicherry
with Copy of the Attorney General's Opinion, o
regarding the Seizure made by Captain o
Mears — and directions for delivering up the
Bales to the Consignees at Pondicherry.

To Mr Paymaster Skardon.

To Paymaster at Dito —
with directions for issuing pay to Captain —
Parishon and Monsr Raffy.

To Captain Mears.

To Commander of the Favorite
transmitting Copy of Mr Sulivan's opinion above noticed,
and notifying the Orders sent in consequence to Colonel
Nixon.

To Colonel Floyd.

To Commandant at Trichenopoly
directing that the Area already mentioned may
not be applied to the purpose of a Parade.

To Mrs E Ward.

To Mrs Ward acquainting
her that she will be admitted on Lord Clive's Fund
upon producing the usual certificate.

Received

1817 Fort St. George May 1st 94.

19 Received the following letters.

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor &c. &c. &c.

&c. Council

From Lieutenant Dowse—
has discharged all the
Coolies employed by
him, and the Pioneers
completing the —
Demolition of the
Works of Pondicherry.

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint
you that, agreeably to the Orders of the Honble —
Board, I yesterday discharged all the Coolies —
employed under my direction in destroying the
Fortifications at this Place.

The Pioneers are at present —
employed in finishing more effectually the Walloor
Bastion, and other parts of the West Face, and
upon two small Batteries on the Sea face, these will
be entirely levelled in the course of the present Month
when I hope I shall be enabled to report to your
Honorable Board that the Fortifications are
completely demolished.

It has not yet been in my
power to destroy the small Magazine on the
Parade.

1818

Fort St George May 1794.

19 Parade, as it contains a considerable quantity of Powder; but this may at any time be done in a few days, whenever the Powder can be removed to a place of security.

Pondicherry
May 16th 1794.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) W Dowse Lieut.
Comm.g Pioneers.

Return of Coolies employed in destroying the Fortifications of Pondicherry in the Month of May 1794.

1794			Conicopolies	Head Mankies	Common Mankies	Men Coolies	Woman Coolies	Total Coolies
May	1	Employed	4	6	60	2360	692	2998
"	2		"	6	60	2310	681	2991
"	3		"	6	60	2315	685	3000
"	4		"	6	60	2325	681	3006
"	5		"	6	60	2318	676	2994
"	6		"	6	60	2322	678	3000
"	7		"	6	60	2332	669	3001
"	8		"	6	60	2312	686	2998
"	9		"	6	60	2294	708	3002
"	10		"	6	60	2300	703	3003
"	11		"	6	60	2297	698	2995
"	12		"	6	60	2308	692	3000
"	13		"	6	60	2304	697	3001
"	14		"	6	60	2307	696	3003
"	15		"	6	60	2298	701	2999
Total.			4	90	900	34648	10373	44991

W Dowse Lieut.
Comm.g Pioneers —

1819

Fort St. George May 1794.

19

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir.

From Lymes - submitting his claim to an allowance, while Superintendant of Supplies during the Southern Campaign under General Medows.

My departure from Madras for Europe previous to the adjustment of the Army accounts of the late war, prevented me from submitting to your Honorable Board my claims to allowance for the laborious and profitless office of Superintendant of Supplies, which I held during the Southern Campaign under General Medows -

When General Medows's request, I accepted of this office he gave directions that a small tax should be levied on Country Spirituous liquors, which tax was to defray the expense of the various servants necessary to so large a Bazar, and that the overplus, if any there might be, should be carefully appropriated to the use of the Bazar: this duty, owing our unremitting

marches

1820

Fort St George May 1794

19 marches proved very unproductive, and for
some Months yielded not a single Pagoda — nor
was it possible it should, for country liquor
could not be procured, and if procured could
not be carried

When I accepted the appointment
General Medows declared that my allowances
should be ascertained at some future period,
and I looked to the close of the war for the reward
of my trouble — I was however obliged suddenly
to leave the Army, under the pressure of a severe
hurt and excessive illness which the Surgeons
pronounced curable only by a voyage to Europe.
I left my Accounts in the hands of an Agent,
and voluntarily rendered myself accountable
for what in equity I was not bound, and by
General Medowes order, was no way responsible,
and my agent having on my part settled
those accounts with at least as much integrity
and as little trouble to Government as they
experienced in the accounts of any publick
officer, I now conceive myself entitled to

advances.

1821 Fort St. George May 1794.

19 advance, with respectful confidence, my claim
to the allowance that was, immediately after my
resignation, established for the Gentleman
who succeeded me, and, in reply to any objection
to the lateness of this application, I can only
say that, from the nature of the case, and my
peculiar circumstances, it was impossible to be
made earlier, I therefore trust that the Honorable
Board will sanction my drawing 150 Pagodas
per month for the time I acted as Superintendant
of Supplies, which I understand was the allowance
granted to my Successor, Lieutenant Bushby,
by the authority of Lord Cornwallis.

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

Fort William
May 3d 1794.

Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in Mss No. 136. 137. 138. 139.

From Military Paymaster —
From Paymaster General.

General with an additional Estimate of Cash
required by him for the present Month.

From.

1822

Fort St. George May 1794.

19

From Adjutant General.

From Adjutant General — proposing the promotion of Ensign Thomas Bayne, vice Mendham — decreased.

From Colonel Braithwaite.

From Commander of the Army concurring in the propriety of appointing Captain Kinsey to the Command of Negapatam.

From Ditto.

From Ditto — forwarding a letter from the Commandant at Palamcotah, representing the state of that Fort, and the want of quarters, and repairs to the different Buildings there.

20

Sent and received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 140-141.

To Major Hart.

To Deputy Kings Paymaster General — directing him to send to the Auditor General's Office his Accounts from the last Audit to the End of April 1794.

From Paymaster General.

From Military Paymaster General transmitting Mr Paymaster Haughland's Estimate for June.

1823 Fort St. George 20th May 1794

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Ernst William Tallofield

&

George Westcott Esqrs

Minutes of said Consultation

Tuesday
20th May 1794.

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 enclosing an Address from the Barrack Masters — observations thereon, and detailing the reasons that induced him to propose a limitation to the time for the Duration of their Office.

I have the honor to lay before you a letter from the four Barrack Masters under this Presidency, forwarded to me with a request that I would lay it before you.—

I should not think it necessary or allowable in me to take up your time by

Combating

1824 Port St. George 20th May 1794

combating any of the Arguments addressed to immediately to yourself, and an Act of your Government, in which I have not the honor to have any voice, did not these Gentlemen state, in the course of the letter, that the measure on which it is founded, was adopted by your Honor in Council, in Consequence of my having used the prerogative allowed to me of recommending; and as this is, in some degree, the state of the case, however they obtained the information, I hope it may be allowable for me to take up such of their Arguments as appear to me to be intended to invalidate such reasoning as they suppose may have actuated the professional recommender—

Although I said very little in that Paragraph of my letter of the 11th of February, which requested your attention to the employments of Barrack Masters and Muster Masters, and in which I suggested the idea of limiting the time of their duration, I thought, at that time, that I said sufficient to call your attention to the subject, nor can I suppose that it was not fully considered in every point of view by

1825 Fort St. George 20th May 1794

by your Honor in Council previous to the publication of the order of the 26th of February. It is not therefore with a presumptuous view of giving weight to your judgement that I now trouble you, but that it may appear upon Record, that, when I recommended the measure I did it upon such fair professional principles as sufficiently authorized me so to do, and on this ground I think it allowable to say that it never once occurred to me to think (nor do I suppose it ever will) as these Gentlemen do, that the substituting a system of rewarding and distinguishing by Selection, subjected to a liberal limitation, which rather increases than diminishes the power of Selection, in preference to a system, which, although it admitted a Selection very comfortable to the hopes of a few, admitted also every extended exclusion to the disappointment of the hopes of the many, renders all distinction illusive, and all confidence in the governing power the sentiment of a day. According to my ideas any distinction that it adequate

to

1826

Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

to the pretensions of the person distinguished, and clearly defined, cannot be said to be illusive, nor do I see how the confidence in Government can be argued to be reduced to the sentiment of a day, because Government adopts a new System, unless it be first granted that Government, in order to obtain full confidence to Government, is understood as not at liberty to introduce any Regulation liberally intended for the extended benefit of any class of its Servants, because such Regulation has never occurred to any preceding Government, or because it may bear hard upon certain Individuals at the same

The confidence in Government I should suppose can never diminish, so long as general benefit is its object, and to be attained by a liberal attention to the particular cases of Individuals, but it may diminish from any narrow or partial attention to the interest of Individuals. It may be necessary at times for Government on the

Motives

1827 Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

motives of Expediency (of which Government alone is to judge) to establish new rules, Regulations and Systems for general benefit that may be as hard upon certain Individuals; and, such Individuals thinking partially, and not generally as Government does, may feel such as an injustice; They feel only how they will operate upon themselves, and not how they will affect the whole Class in Society to which they belong.

The plea of Individual Inconvenience or of hardship, nay even of Expectations supposed to be well founded, disappointed, cannot, as I have ever been taught, be admitted in Argument against any Regulation calculated for general benefit, and, that the Regulation I had the honor to suggest to you was so calculated, I was, and am, still decidedly of opinion; and I have some reason to believe that this is the general opinion of the Army — that the plan went to the removal of those Gentlemen merely to make room for others, is a self evident fact; the principle was, that the

situation,

1826

Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

to the pretensions of the person distinguished, and clearly defined, cannot be said to be illusive, nor do I see how the confidence in Government can be Argued to be reduced to the Sentiment of a day, because Government adopts a new System, unless it be first granted that Government, in order to obtain full confidence to Government, is understood as not at liberty to introduce any Regulation liberally intended for the extended benefit of any class of its Servants, because such Regulation has never occurred to any preceding Government, or because it may bear hard upon certain Individuals at the time.

The confidence in Government I should suppose can never diminish, so long as general benefit is it's object, and to be attained by a liberal attention to the particular cases of Individuals, but it may diminish from any narrow or partial attention to the interest of Individuals. It may be necessary at times for Government on the

1827

Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

motives of Expediency (of which Government alone is to judge) to establish new rules, Regulations and Systems for general benefit that may be as hard upon certain Individuals, and, such Individuals thinking partially, and not generally as Government does, may feel such as an injustice; They feel only how they will operate upon themselves, and not how they will affect the whole Class in Society to which they belong.

The plea of Individual — Inconvenience or of hardship, nay even of — Expectations supposed to be well founded, disappointed, cannot, as I have ever ~~been taught~~ be admitted in Argument against any Regulation calculated for general benefit, and, that the Regulation I had the honor to suggest to you was so calculated, I was, and am, still decidedly of opinion; and I have some reason to believe that this is the general opinion of the Army. — that the plan went to the removal of those Gentlemen merely to make room for others, is a self evident fact; the principle was, that the —

situation

1828

Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

situation was a sufficient distinction and reward, although it should be Conferred for a liberally limited time only, and that, by such a limitation, the benefit, still very desirable might be more extensively distributed, or, in other words, room would be made for many, from time to time, to share in benifits hitherto monopolized by a few.

That staff Appointments should be given to selected persons I believe has never been doubted, but that is an Argument rather against than for, their being generally and decidedly permanent among the Staff attached to the Army; there are certainly some which are generally considered as permanent, some decidedly temporary, and some such as are frequently liable to be vacated from motives of Expediency, although the Officers holding them are still in good Estimation and allowed to have acquitted themselves perfectly well; and the greater part

of

1829 Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

of them, for that reason, are not Conferred with the formality of a Commission, which is usually made out for all Military Appointments of more determined stability; and I have known instances, where, although the encreased Rank, attached to a Staff Appointment was permanent, the Appointment itself was only temporary, nor did it follow, where similar Appointments were required for subsequent services, that the same Officers who had been before so employed and still enjoyed extraordinary Rank on that Account, were again so employed; on the Contrary others were employed, and promoted, which gave room for an extension of Rewards - There is nothing therefore in this part of the arguments of these Gentlemen, that induces me to change my opinion as a professional men; as such, I think that Government may, without the imputation of injustice, give, in future, a limited duration to the Appointments of Barrack Master, although I certainly consider them

1830 Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

them as Military Staff Appointments, provided Government is of opinion that it would be for the general Benefit of the Service — It was my opinion that it would be for the general benefit of the Service, and on that principle I suggested the idea as worthy of the Consideration of Government

With Regard to the mode or means of carrying the principle into execution, that neither did or does belong to me: I recommended and do still recommend the principle professionally as a measure that I think both useful and fair — It will serve to extend the means of approving distinction in Government amongst a very numerous Class of meritorious Officers, and consequently it holds out greater Encouragement to the Army in general, than any System that grants Comforts and Emoluments (so superior to any enjoyed by any other Officers of the same standing) to a few Individuals for Life — If, from time to time, recalls Officers to the more Active duties of their profession, and sends

1831 Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

lends more universally to distribute to Selected
Merit the Honors, Duties and Emoluments
of the Profession, while the distinction and
Emoluments Conferred are very Handsome, and
such as cannot fail to be essentially serviceable
to every Officer that may be Selected for the
enjoyment of them; and Therefore think that it
rather waters and Cherishes, than strikes at, the
Root of Emulative exertion and Meritorious
Energy.

There are few Services perhaps
which any Officers of the same standing as those
who have Letters to enjoyed the Posts of Barrack
Masters and Master Masters, can render, that
may not be adequately, nay Handsomely
rewarded by such a Regulation; and it will
fall to the lot of many more to be rewarded.
Had these Appointments usually been
bestowed upon Officers of great length of
Service, declining in years and Constitution, the
thought would never have occurred to me: but, as
a quite Contrary mode of bestowing them has been
the

1832

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

the practice I have no doubt in my own mind that it is for the good of the service that their duration should be limited, and as nothing had ever been expressed to declare them conferred, durante vita, durante bene merito, or durante bene placito I wished Government to take up the subject — The ultimate decision must certainly rest with the Honorable Court of Directors, and their determination will give a precision to these Appointments which, in my opinion, they never before possessed —

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

Military Head Quarters.
May 17th 1794.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor &c. &c. &c.
in Council

Address of the Barrack Masters stating the injurious consequences of the General Order of 26th February prescribing a period for relinquishing their offices respectively —

Honorable Sir.

We the undersigned Officers who have held Commissions, and served in the

1833

Fort St George 20th May 1794.

the Army under this Presidency, for the respective periods of 18. 17. 15 and 11 years and upwards beg leave to represent, that we have all in the course of our services, been respectively called to fill various situations of Honorable distinction and trust; and have, at different dates, been appointed to the Offices we at present hold, of Barrack Masters under the Presidency: — regarding which offices we had the mortification to see the following General Order by Government published on the 26th February 1794. —

"The Honorable the President
"in Council has been pleased to resolve, that
"the Office of Barrack Master under this
"Presidency shall not, in future, be held by
"one and the same person, for a longer time
"than three years; and that, as the four Officers
"now in Charge of this Trust have already held
"it beyond the prescribed period, they shall be
"removed from it on the 31st December 1794, and
"others appointed in their room.

Peeling.

1834

Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

Feeling ourselves most essentially aggrieved by the above recited General Order, We have to request your favorable consideration of certain facts and reasonings, which we beg your permission to state, and which we trust and verily believe were not adverted to by your Honorable Board, in your adoption of this measure, and if in representing the effects of an order which compels us to appeal to the candor of your Honorable Board for redress, some considerations relative to its justice or expediency should inevitably occur, it shall be our study to present them with all the deference and respect, which we can never forget, as the peculiar duty and sentiment of our profession, however urged by a sense of injury to state whatever is indispensable to a full and unfettered explanation of our case.

And as your honorable Board have been pleased to make one exception to the General Order with regard to the Barrack Master of the Presidency division, by an extension of the prescribed

period

1835

Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

period, to the 31st December 1795, on the grounds of
his having been with held, contrary to the known Orders
and regulations of the service, from the exercise of
certain prescribed duties and trusts until the 1st
April 1793. — It is necessary for us to premise,
that such general Arguments on the part of the
undersigned as have an application to them are
intended on the part of the Barrack Master of the
Presidency division to be offered in so far only as
they apply to his particular case.

The first view of every public
measure necessarily directs the mind to its public
expediency, an idea which it may be difficult
to seperate from that of it's public justice: and, on
these grounds, we feel it proper to represent, that
in every service on earth, Officers for Staff duties
and situations of distinction must, must
from the nature of the thing, be called forth by
Selection, and not by rotation, as in the common
duties of the line, and that an Officer thus selected
has in this, and, we believe, in every service, ever
considered himself as called forth to a durable,

and.

1836

Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

and not a transient preeminence; so long as he shall continue honorably to discharge the duties with which he is intrusted, and so universally has this idea been received, that even in those general & reductions or alterations of the establishment, which circumstances have rendered Necessary, the Staff Officers thereby exonerated have ever been considered as possessing the fairest claims of priority to a suitable provision in the Staff line; and we may safely presume that we speak the sense of the respectable portion of every Army, when we take the freedom to affirm that the substitution of a System of Rotary change, for that of Selection and Stability in the disposal of situations of distinction and trust, strikes at once at the root of all emulative exertion, and Military energy, renders all distinction illusive, and all confidence in the Governing, Power the sentiment of a day. X

We are well aware of the discretionary power vested by the Constitution in the Crown, and in the East India Company by the Law to dismiss or remove any of their Military Servants at pleasure,

at

1837 Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

a power, as we conceive, destined in particular — exigencies, to reach those Mischiefs of hardy Zeal, or doubtful allegiance, which lurk beyond the grasp of the Law; — but, if a power so delicate and dangerous in its exercise be applied without any shadow of demerit, or either real or alledged, to remove Officers from situations of trust hitherto considered permanent, it may be — more than questioned, what confidence can remain not only to every public Officer, but what value can attach to the most valid and formal Commission —

The application of this reasoning, to ourselves, individually, renders it necessary to state, that in directing our views to the Situations we at present enjoy (which Situations not being in public orders or in public estimation had, until the 26th February 1794 — rendered less permanent to the incumbents than any — other appointments in the Service) We necessarily — forfeited our prospects of rising in other eligible branches of the Staff line; in some of which, it may be suggested without transgressing that Modesty of language which is proper in speaking of ourselves that we might not have been wholly unsuccessful —

To be condemned therefore to dismission from

1838

Fort St. George 28th. May 1794.

from an Office of acknowledged permanence, for which we have forfeited all other prospects without the insinuation of demerit, and merely to make room for other persons, some of whom are even already recommended for succession, We cannot but conceive a hardship of the most grievous nature: and, however reconcileable with more modern Systems, totally incompatible with any principles of regulation hitherto admitted, in any establishment subject to the British Constitution.

What we have to urge relative to the period of three Years, for which, in the terms of the order it is ordained, that the Offices shall in future to be held, and the period of ten Months, at which we are directed to be removed, will be comprized in a few words. —

It is a principle founded on the immutable nature of Justice, that no act of legislation or regulation can be made to operate previous to its promulgation. The order therefore which, in contradiction to its avowed principle, has a retrospective operation of two Years and two Months,

in

1839 Fort St. George 20th. May 1794.

in so far appears to us in no other light than an ex post facto Act. —

Having shewn the injury we sustain from the order as officers, called to situations of acknowledged permanence, it remains to represent in what manner it operates as an infringement of a formal — engagement on the part of Government. —

By a System of Regulation — published by your Honorable Board on the 7th — December 1792, and commencing its operation from the 1st January 1793, Barrack Masters are required to — sell to Government, at an under valuation, the Barrack Cotts heretofore their own property on certain conditions, comprized in thirty Articles, for the future — Regulation of the department, whereby, for a certain monthly consideration, the Barrack Masters are bound to repair, maintain, and renew those Cotts for ever — By the Twenty fifth Article it is — regulated, that, previous to the discharge of the bill for the price of the Cotts so sold to the Company, the Barrack Masters shall "pass a receipt and "obligation in presence of two Witnesses for the due.

1838

Fort St. George 28th. May 1794.

from an Office of acknowledged permanence, for which we have forfeited all other prospects without the insinuation of demerit, and merely to make room for other persons, some of whom are even already recommended for succession, We cannot but conceive a hardship of the most grievous nature: and, however reconcileable with more modern Systems, totally incompatible with any principle of regulation hitherto admitted, in any establishment subject to the British Constitution.

What we have to urge relative to the period of three Years, for which, in the terms of the order it is ordained, that the Office shall in future to be held, and the period of ten Months, at which we are directed to be removed, will be comprized in a few words. —

It is a principle founded on the immutable nature of justice, that no act of legislation or regulation can be made to operate previous to its promulgation. The order therefore which, in contradiction to its avowed principle, has a retrospective operation of two Years and two Months,

in

1839 Fort St. George 20th. May 1794.

in so far appears to us in no other light than an ex post facto Act. —

Having shewn the injury we sustain from the order as officers, called to situations of acknowledged permanence, it remains to represent in what manner it operates as an infringement of a formal — engagement on the part of Government. —

By a System of Regulation — published by your Honorable Board on the 7th — December 1792, and commencing its operation from the 1st January 1793, Barrack Masters are required to — sell to Government, at an under valuation, the Barrack Colts heretofore their own property on certain conditions, comprized in thirty Articles, for the future — Regulation of the department, whereby, for a certain monthly consideration, the Barrack Masters are bound to repair, maintain, and renew those Colts for ever — By the Twenty fifth Article it is — regulated, that, previous to the discharge of the bill for the price of the Colts so sold to the Company, the Barrack Masters shall "pass a receipt and "obligation in" presence of two witnesses for the due.

1840

Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

"due performance of the several engagements and
"stipulations on their part, which are contained
"in this General order and regulation on the part
"of Government"

By the thirteenth Article their
estates are rendered answerable for every deficiency.
By the 17th Article dismission is denounced as the
Penalty of failure in these Credentions, thereby
declaring, by unequivocal inference, the Office to
be held, durante bene merito, and not durante
bene placito; and, by the thirteenth Article, the
option is given to every Barrack Master of
declining or accepting "the Engagements contained
in this General Order" obviously implying that
the acceptance of these terms was the condition
of holding the appointment. — the whole
exhibiting a System of long and digested
prospective operation, bearing every feature
of permanence and stability, with reciprocal
obligations and heavy penalties, and a free
option of acceptance or rejection: now if any
idea

1845 Fort St. George 20th May 1794

idea of limitation in point of time had then existed, common justice requried, that it should then be fairly stated, as the most essential Condition of all, and which must have determined every Barrack Master, to reject the proposed terms, on which he was to yield his own property to the public, without a just recompence either in possession or expectancy. —

We have therefore the utmost confidence that it never could have been the deliberate intention of your Honorable Board to impose a new and unheard of Condition after an engagement has been reciprocally accepted, and the period of option is no more. —

We cannot conclude this address without Soliciting the particular consideration of your Honorable Board, to the unfavorable Circumstances under which we have been compelled to enter into general

reasonings

1842 Fort St George 20th. May 1794.

reasonings on this Subject, without any knowledge whatever of the ostensible Motives, if any such there be, which appear upon record, as the ground on which Offr, and Military Master Master, are discriminated for periodical dismission. many which report or verbal communication have conveyed to us have we trust been already sufficiently noticed, but there is yet another of a very singular kind Viz.t. that we are not considered as Staff. —

On this head We beg leave to submit that the Regulations for our Department have been framed by the Military Board: that a Staff uniform has been established for us by the Commander of the Army, and, moreover, that the very measure of removal has been proposed by him, in the general exercise of his prerogative of Military recommendation, and, as such, received and adopted by Government. —

If

1843 Fort St. George 20th May 1794.

If these circumstances do not sufficiently mark a Staff situation, and if any verbal distinction or inference be intended, of the tendency of which we are not sufficiently aware, We have to submit one general Argument, which, in our apprehension, must equally apply to every species of distinction, whether of the nature or of any supposed Comparative advantage. Viz.t that, under whatever description of merit may be intended to class us, the principle, whatever it may be, which dictates the periodical dismission of a Barrack Master, must equally dictate the periodical dismission of every public Officer under Government.

Having thus attempted, and we trust not without success, to establish, that the General Order of the 26th February 1794 has a direct tendency to throw a damp on the ardor, and a discredit on the stability of your Military Service, to depreciate the value of every appointment and every Commission, and to loosen the —

Confidence,

1864

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

confidence of all discriptions of men in the —
Governing power: having shewn that the order —
bears, on its own face, a plain and unequivocal
ex post facto Operation, and that it is, in the last degree,
injurious to us, not only for the above reason, but because
it is an infringiment of a formal engagement on the
part of the public, by which We are made to yield
our property without an adequate return, on the —
unheard of ground of an ex post facto Condition, pro-
-mulgated fourteen Months after the terms of the
engagement were mutually Accepted and Closed,
and having insisted, above all, on the fundamental
grievance, of being condemned without Crime, and
without Accusation, to dismission from an Office of —
avowed permanency, to retain which most of us have
forfeited prospects of the most flattering nature, and
are left, at an Advanced period of military Service, to
recommence or relinquish our career, in the only path
of distinction afforded by a Service of progressive —
promotion, except indeed the Command of native —
Battalions, which, like all other distinctions are —
Conferred by Selection, and not by rotation. and finally
having shewn, that the unknown principle of the order,
whatever it may be, must equally Operate to produce the
periodical dismission of every public Officer — We have
only

1845

Fort S. George 20th May 1794

only, in conclusion, to submit the whole to the candor and justice of your Honorable Board, and to express our entire Confidence that you will, on due deliberation, see cause to revise, and rescind the General Order of the 26th February 1794. and We have most respectfully to request, that you will be pleased to favor us with a speedy decision, for our guidance, with regard to our future Arrange=ments. —

We have the honor to be,

with perfect respect.

Fort S. George
16th May 1794

Hble Hble

M. Wilks for A. Dyce Captain and Barrack Master of the Southern Division

F. Capper. Lieutenant Barrack Master Center Division —

Signed

F. Capper for J. Clerke Lieutenant Barrack Master N.rn Dn.

M. Wilks Lieutenant & Barrack Master Presidency Division

Minute of the Board upon the address of the Barrack Masters. —

The free and unusual style in which the Barrack — masters have indulged themselves in

1846

Fort St. George 20th. May 1794

in their animadversions on an order of Government, published under an express recommendation of the Officer Commanding the Army, makes it indispensably necessary for the Board, in support of the Stations they fill, and in justification of their Conduct to their Superiors, to explain the motives which induced the order on which the Complaints of the Barrack Masters is founded, and they trust and hope that, in this exposition, the act of injustice with which they are so roundly charged will be found to be wholly — groundless. —

The Honorable Court of Directors have taken frequent — occasion to inforce the necessity of a due attention on the part of this Government to the recommend= ations of the Officer in the Com= =mand of their Army on the Coast, to all Subjects connected with his Station. It was in obedience thereto

See Colonel Brathwaite's letter dated 11th February 1794.

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

thereto, and under the most perfect
conviction of the propriety of the
measure, that the Board resolved,
that "the Office of Barrack master
"should not in future be held by
"one and the same Officer, for a longer
"period than three years" It surely
cannot be a question that the —
governing power, has the exclusive
privilege to make such rules and
regulations as it deems conducive
to the good of the public Service
and to alter, a mend, or annul them
at its own pleasure nor can it be
argued with any consistency, that.
because a measure be inforce to
day, it must of consequence —
continue for ever. It is well known
that of all the appointments in the
Gift of Government in the Military
Branch of the Service, there are none
that approach near to that of the
Barrack Master in point of —
Emolument that there can be but
four Persons in possession of this —
Lucrative

Fors. St. George 20th May 1794

Lucrative post, and that the complete establishments on the Coast consists of near five hundred Officers so that, if those in possession could be supposed to hold the Station during their own pleasure, or in other words, during the whole period of their service to the Company, the Army in general might, with some degree of reason, exclaim in the words of the Barrack-masters, a system like this, "strikes "at once at the root of all emulative "exertion, and Military Energy" The excitement to emulation would be indeed "illusive," if the means of approving distinction were confined to the principle laid down by the Barrack masters, for the power of Government to grant rewards would be nearly annihilated, and a numerous Class of Officers of high rank and of meritorious Conduct, almost wholly deprived of the chance of succeeding to Stations of large emolument, merely for the purpose of gratifying the present

Barrack

1849

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

Barrack-Masters. These Gentlemen not contents with a +fair and liberal portion of the emoluments of Office seek to exclude the whole Army from any share thereof, under the plea assumed by themselves, that "the period of option" on the part of Government" is no more." and consequently, whether the measure be right or wrong, whether of great public utility, or of the most serious injury, no remedy can be applied — It is to refute a princi=ple of such dangerous tendency that the Board have entered upon these remarks — It is to shew, by the most positive evidence, that no part of the regulations published by them on the 7th December 1792, Committed Govern=ments in the least degree to a continu=ance of the System an hour longer than to them seemed necessary and proper; and that they entered into no engagement with the Barrack-masters that gave to the Office, or the present holders of it, the consi=deration of avowed permanence,

+ note Lieutenant Dyce was appointed Barrack master on the 1st April 1788

Lieutenant Capper on the 24th February 1788

Lieutenant Clerk on the 24th February 1788

Lieutenant Welles on the 15th August 1788

On

1850 Fort St. George 20th May 1794

On the contrary, the 13th Article, expressly says, "that in case Barrack "Masters or Paymasters shall resign "their Offices, or be otherwise "removed from them, they shall "be bound to deliver over the "Cotts to their successors in perfect "repair and good condition: and "in the event of their death their estates "shall be answerable for every "deficiency, in order that the Cotts "may, in either case, be put in "perfect repair and good Condition, "at the expence of the Paymasters "and Barrack masters who shall "be in charge of them at the time "of such removal, by resignation, "death, or otherwise."

In the foregoing passage the option on the part of Government to a removal of the present Incumbents, is recognized in the most unlimited sense, nor could it ever be supposed by any one who had not an immediate interest in perverting

both

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

both the letter and Spirit of the order, that, in framing regulations for the Conduct of a public Department, it could possibly be understood that such regulations were not subject to amendment, or to entire abolition, if experience should point out the necessity of either.

The Barrack Masters urge that they are bound in heavy penalty to the faithful performance of their duty; and so are all persons who are in charge of important trusts; for to such charge responsibility must attach, and hence the necessity of the clauses whereby dismission from the Office is denounced as the penalty of failure, and estates made answerable for every deficiency.

The System for the conduct of the Barrack Department is of recent date. It was established during the Government of Sir Archibald Campbell, with some material alterations in the year 1792. Previous to the introduction of this Plan, Military Officers had no concern with the department; it rested with a certain description of the Company's

1852 Fort St. George 20th. May 1794

Company's Civil Servants, under fixed
regulations and tho' it deprived them of
considerable emoluments, the most material
part of which were carried wholly out of
that branch of the Service, the Power that
gave Authority to the measure was never
disputed. It was acknowledged in its
fullest Sense, and the Act of Government
submitted to with becoming respect.—

The Board have never
Considered the Barrack masters, as
included in the proper Staff of the
Army. for the latter being in
possession of Commissions for their
Staff Appointments, they are generally
Considered permanent, the former on
the contrary, have no commissions,
and their Appointments are therefore
held to be temporary. It is in this
light that the Commander of the
Army views the subject; and as,
from his situation, he must be the
best Judge, the Board concur with
him, and Accordingly Confirm their
former resolution, that a limited
duration (viz! three years) shall
be

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

be given to the appointments of Barrack and muster Masters. —

Resolved that a letter be written to the Barrack masters, advising them of the Boards — confirmation of their former Orders, the motives for which will be entered upon record, for the information of the Honorable Court of Directors. —

Read the following letter from Colonel Stuart. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

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

Honorable Sir,

Having, in conversation with you, taken the liberty to suggest the propriety of appointing an agent for transports for the ensuing service, and having mentioned Mr. William Fraser as a Gentleman who appeared to me well qualified for that situation, in which you were pleased to acquiesce, I have since had some communication with him, and

From Colonel Stuart suggesting the appointment of an agent for Transports - recommends Mr. W. Fraser - Memoranda of the Duties to be performed by him enclosed —

1854.

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

and received from him a Memorandum of which the inclosed is a Copy, and which appears to me judicious and proper.

If Government should approve the substance of these Memoranda, they will probably see the expediency of appointing the agent for transports without delay, a measure which appears to me the more necessary, as all the transports taken up at these roads might, under his direction, be loaded with water, and various stores for the fleet, which would, on their arrival, be removed by their own boats, and leave the Mapoola boats at liberty to be employed in the other Departments of the embarkation.—

As the duties of this Office will be extensive and laborious, it appears to me that the Agent for transports will require at least one Assistant and two Writers.—

I have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
20th May 1794

Sir &c.

Signed J. Stuart
Colonel 72d. Regiment

Memoranda delivered by Lt. Wm Fraser to Colonel Stuart

Before Ships are taken up, as transports for the intended Service, their Owners or Commanders should be required to produce the Register of their respective Vessels, which would obviate the inconveniency and trouble of causing them to be measured, and prevent Ships being tendered for more tonnage than they can really carry.

p.

18.55

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

In order to have the transports as clear as possible for the reception of Troops and Stores, no Commander of a Vessel in the employ should be permitted to Ship any box package or other Article, without a written order from the Agent of Transports, and this should be made a Condition under proper penalties in taking up the Vessel.-

The Agent of transports should examine every Ship when taken up, and particularly inspect the Gallies and Cooking places, whether for native or European troops, the tanks and Water Casks with which she may be provided, and report the same, in order that alterations, if requisite, may be made, and deficiencies supplied as soon as possible.-

Before any Vessel is taken into the service, the Owner or Commander should produce a certificate agreeably to the annexed form, from the Agent of transports, for the information of the public Officer who regulates the terms of her being received.-

It is in general the duty of the Agents of transports to be answerable that every Ship taken up is fit for the service; To inspect and regulate the Stowage of every article of Stores provisions &c. and to keep regular Register and Returns, by which he may be enabled, without hesitation, to produce any Article required by the Commanding Officer of the troops.-

a true Copy
Signed A. Wilks
Secy to Ct. Board

Description

1856

Fort St. George 31st May 1794

Description Certificate of the Ship T B C Master

when built & where	Tonnage Burg. & Measurement	Number of Decks & Length of Keel & Breadth between Decks	Number of Guns	Number of Swivels	Cables	Hawsers	Number of Sheets & Quantities	State and Condition of the Hull and Rigging	Remarks &c.

This is to Certify, that I have examined the Ship T. B and it appears by Inspection, that She Corresponds with the above description, and is otherwise well qualified for the Transport Employ. -

Fort St. George
May the 1794

Signed A. B
Agent for Transports

A true Copy
Signed M. Wilks
Secy to Colonel Stuart

Richard

18.57

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

Mr. Fraser appointed.

Resolved, at the recommendation of Colonel — Stuart, that Mr. William Fraser be appointed the Agent for Transports for the ensuing service, and that a Copy of the — Memorandum be sent to the Military Board for their in= =formation. —

Read the following letter from the Commissary Genral of Grain and Provisions. —

To Wm Chs Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Military Department

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — regarding supplies of Cattle and Sheep for the Europeans to be assembled at the Mount. requests a Dustuck from the Nabob for an Exemption of Duties thereon.

Sir,

I will be necessary to provide a sufficient Stock of Cattle and Sheep, at least a months supply for the use of the Europeans ordered to be assembled at the Mount. — The monthly consumption for 5100 men will be about 6500 Sheep and 1500 Head of Cattle. — I have dispatched people for the purchase of the Cattle, and have applied to the Sheep dealers at — Madras to provide the Sheep, which they say they will readily do, if I will procure them an exemption from the heavy duties imposed by his Highnys the Nabobs — managers for the number required, and they represent that this encouragement is necessary from the great — demand there is at present for Sheep — If therefore the Nabobs Dustuck to this effect can without difficulty be obtained it will facilitate the supply. — I am, &c. — &c.

Madras
14th May 1794

Signed Tho.s Cockburn
Actg C.G.G.P.

Resolved

1858

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

Resolution thereon.

Resolved that the Nabob be informed of the intended expedition against the French Islands, and requested to issue the necessary orders for an exemption of duties on Cattle and Sheep proceeding to the Presidency for the use of the Europeans.—

Read the following letter from Mr. Stephen Popham.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From Mr. Popham — enclosing a Bill of Sale of his Bazars and Ground, with other papers necessary for concluding the purchase.—

Herewith I transmit to your Honor in Council a Bill of Sale of the Bazars and Ground, with the Chief Engineers' Report of the Quantity of the latter.—

I also lay before your Honorable Board an Authority from the Mortgage Creditors of the Bazars to pay the purchase money thereof into the Carnatic Bank for their account, Mr. Porcher will pass his receipts for the 8000 Pagodas in the name of the Carnatic Bank.—

The Chief Engineer, who has the Grant of the Ground from Government, will mark off the Quantity included in the Bazars as also the additional Spot, which your Honor in Council has been pleased to purchase.— I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

Stephen P. Popham

Madras
May 13th 1794

1859

Fort S.t George 20.th May 1794

To David Haliburton Esq.re

Vra Subscribers for Building a Public Bazar

Subscribers Present

David Haliburton Esq.re
Jos. Du Porcher Esq.re
Charles Nicholas White Esq.re
Thomas Cockburn . . Esq.re
The Honble Basil Cochrane
Edward Garrow Esq.re
John Milford Esq.re
Antonia De Souza Esq.re
Mess.rs Pelling & De Fries

Subscribers absent, but represented by their Attornies who are requested to signify their Sentiments on behalf of their Respective Constituents

John Balfour Esq.re
John Chamier Esq.re
Anthony Sadleir Esq.re
William Wynch Esq.re
Robert Maunsell Esq.re
George Proctor Esq.re
John Turing Esq.re
Thomas Kingscote Esq.re
John Spalding Esq.re
John Cox Hippisley Esq.re
Paul Benfield Esq.re

Gentlemen,

By the Deed of Mortgage from me to you the Ground on which the Bazars are built, as well as the Buildings, are mortgaged for securing the Loan you have advanced Despairing of any Establishment of a — Market, I offered the Bazars to Government for Barracks for the Native Troops, as the only means of enabling me to pay off the Loan, which has been for so long a —

Period

1860.

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

Period, a very heavy load on my mind. they have agreed to purchase them a 8000 Pagodas, the valuation put by the Chief Engineer on the Buildings. -

This will pay 84 21/100 p. C. on the principal money and for the Balance as well as the Interest from the day of your respective advances I propose to pay my Notes of hand payable in 12 Months without Interest. -

I have a confident hope of your considering this proposition reasonable, when you advert to the — speculation having been originally encouraged on Principles of Public Utility, and that I have lost near £ 30,000 Sg. while you only lose the Interest on your Interest for 12 Months. Should you assent to this proposition be pleased to signify the same hereunto and to send your Bonds to the Carnatic Bank on the 14th. May from 10 o'clock to 12 with the Interest due thereon, that I may make out Interest Notes and fix an early day for paying the — Dividend, signing the Notes and taking up my — Mortgage Bonds. -

Madras
29th April 1794

I am,
&c. &c.
Signed S. Popham

I have no objection to the terms proposed and am even willing to accept Mr Pophams Note to the Balance payable in Two years without Interest one half to be paid the first and one half the second year or I will receive now

1861

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

now the Balance of Principal only - in full of all — a demands. -

I Signed Thomas Cockburn
Ed. Garrow -

I agree to the terms, on the resolution proposed by — W. Cockburn. -

I Signed David Haliburton

I agree to the Terms proposed by W. Cockburn of allowing W. Popham's two years to pay the Balance due, and will chearfully consent to relinquish all Claim to Interest, — provided the whole Principal is immediately paid. -

I Signed Jos. du Pre. Porcher
for self. John Balfour &
John Charnier Esqrs
J. Taylor Atty to W Wynch

I agree to W. Cockburn's proposition
I Signed D. Cochrane

We agree to W. Cockburn's Proposition I agree
Signed Roebuck & Abbott for C. N. White
John Turing Esqre I Signed Jn. Melford
A. D. Souza

I Signed Tho. Cockburn
for the Estate of Mr. Sadleir
We agree to Mr. Cockburn's Proposition We agree
Colt Baker & Co. Signed Pelling & de Friest & Co.
for Balfour & Spalding We agree
Jn. Cox Hippisley Signed Adrian & John de Friest Junr.
Tho. Kingscote for George Proctor

J

1860.

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

Period, a very heavy load on my mind: they have agreed to purchase them a 8000 Pagodas, the valuation put by the Chief Engineer on the Buildings. -

This will pay 24 21/100 p. C. on the principal money and for the Balance as well as the Interest from the day of your respective advances I propose to pay my Notes of hand payable in 12 Months without Interest. -

I have a confident hope of your considering this proposition reasonable, when you advert to the — Speculation having been originally encouraged on Principles of Public Utility, and that I have lost near £ 30,000 - ^Sp. while you only lose the Interest on your Interest for 12 Months. Should you assent to this proposition be pleased to signify the same hereunto and to send your Bonds to the Carnatic Bank on the 14th. May from 10 o'clock to 12 with the Interest due thereon, that I may make out Interest Notes and fix an early day for paying the — Dividend, signing the Notes and taking up my — Mortgage Bonds. -

I am,

&c. &c.

Signed S. Popham

Madras
29th April 1794

I have no objection to the terms proposed and am even willing to accept Mr Pophams Note to the Balance payable in Two years without Interest one half to be paid the first and one half the second year or I will receive now

1861

Fort S.t George 20th May 1794

now the Balance of Principal only - in full of all — demands. -

/ Signed Thomas Cockburn
Ed.d Garrow -

I agree to the terms on the resolution proposed by — W.m Cockburn. -

/ Signed David Haliburton

I agree to the Terms proposed by W.m Cockburn of allowing W.m Popham's two years to pay the Balance due, and will chearfully consent to relinquish all Claim to Interest, — provided the whole Principal is immediately paid. -

/ Signed Jos. du Pre. Porcher
for self. John Balfour &
John Chanvier Esq.rs

J. Taylor Atty to W Bynoh

I agree to W.m Cockburn's proposition
/ Signed D. Cochrane

We agree to W.m Cockburn's Proposition
/ Signed Roebuck & Abbott for
John Turing Esq.re

I agree
C. N. White

/ Signed Jn.o Melford

/ Signed Tho.s Cockburn
for the Estate of W.m Sadleir

A. D Souza

We agree to W.m Cockburn's Proposition
Colt Baker & Co.
for Balfour & Spalding
Jn.o Cox Hippisley
Tho.s Kingscote

We agree
/ Signed Pelling & de Friest & Co.

We agree
/ Signed Adrian & John de Friest Junr.
for George Proctor

J

1862

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

I agree to the Terms proposed by Mr. Cockburn of receiving the Balance of Principle, in lieu of all Demands

(Signed) J. Daly for self & Jno. Depies

Junr. Attys to R. Maunsell Esq.

Minute in Consequence

Agreed to inform Mr. Popham that the Board do not think proper to conclude the purchase until the original grant from the Company of the ground in question, be delivered up and that if this deed include a larger Spot of land than what they are in treaty for, they are ready to issue a fresh grant for the remainder.

Read the following letter from Vizagapatam.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

From Vizagapatam. — Vizieram Rauze has Commenced his Journey to Madras operations of Captain Cox's Detachment.

We have the Satisfaction to acquaint You that our Chief has succeeded in impressing the Rajah Vizieram Rauze with the propriety of his Complying at all Risks, with the requisition of your Honor in Council, for his leaving the District and that the Rajah, in Consequence, Commenced his Journey Yesterday Evening.

Our Chief in his Correspondence with the Board of Revenue (which they will doubtless lay before your Honor in Council) has detailed all the

Fort. St. George 20th. May 1794

the Steps that he took, previous to the Rajahs departure, and forwarded the Report of the Company's Surgeon on the State of the Rajahs health, from which it will appear, that the latter is by no means in a Condition to undertake a Journey to Madras at this Season, without a probability of Aggravating the Complaints, under which he labours. -

He has however, notwithstanding his — a Infirmities, Resolved to attempt the Execution of your Orders, and we flatter ourselves, that he will, at least, be able to reach the Masulipatam District. -

Captain Cox, with the Detachment under his Command, has driven the Plundering Poligars out of the Center Division of the Vizianagrum Zemindary, but finds it impracticable to pursue them Among the Hills, or to subsist his own People upon the Borders, he has therfore fallen back a little, still preserving the Command of the Passes into the Zemindary. -

In effecting the above Object of expelling the Plunderers, We are Sorry to Report, that there was a Loss of three Sepoys Killed, and a Havildar and nine Sepoys Wounded. - We enclose a Copy of Captain Coxs Letter, on one part of which our Chief begs leave to — a Remark, that Gopaul Nurra Rauze was prevented by illness from Rejoining Captain Cox, and that the Chief has not, as yet, been able to fix upon a Person — a Capable and willing to supply his Place, he hopes however shortly to be able to do so. -

We

1864

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

We beg leave to assure your Honor in Council, that no Efforts shall be wanting on our Parts to bring this disagreable Service to a speedy Conclusion.—

We have the Honor to be with great respect.—

Yrs. &c. Yrs. &c.

John Chamier

Signed A. Wm. Grigory

John Snow

Vizagapatam 8th May 1794

To John Chamier Esqr.

Chief &c. and Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

In Consequence of the Instructions of Your Board, I advanced to Causeporum yesterday morning at four Clock, and, after a most obstinate resistance on the part of the Enemy, carried the Post with the loss of three Sepoys killed, and an Havildar and nine Sepoys Wounded, but found the Hills so very near all round and Commanding it in such a manner as Convinced me that it would require more Troops to preserve it for any time than I had, and an equal Number to be going backward and forward, for the necessary supply of Provisions.—

Not having been able, from the want

1865

Fort St. George 20th May. 1794

want of proper People, to procure Rice &c.a Sure I could not carry a sufficient quantity a long with me to subsist the men for more than a day — having no prospect of getting it, and after a Constant firing from four Clock in the — morning till Sun Set. I determined to return to this — Station, which I effected this morning without any further loss. But, in the hurry to get the men under Arms on a party of the enemys Commencing a smart fire into our Camp, from one of the Hills at 12 Clock at Night, — Lieutenants Cranston and Denton and myself fell down a precipice, that we occupied, and am sorry to say the former of those two Gentlemen, broke his thigh bone, and the latter received Several dangerous — contusions, besides which I Sprained my ankle in a very severe manner. —

How I must beg leave to represent to your Board, the little assistance that I received in this Business, being left without a single Person to procure Provisions in the Country, and Certain intelligence of the enemy, or even to Conduct me properly to the place of attack, and which put it entirely out of my power to reap any advantage from my Success against it, by staying there some time, or pursuing Hurdy — Royabupaul Rauze to his next retreat, both of which, a Stock of Provisions Carried up with me, and an intelligent man, of some influence in the Country, would have enabled me to do; and I had reason to

expect

1866

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

expect so much from Gopaul Nursa Rauze, had you thought proper to send him back to Camp as Irequisted But now that I have seen so much of the Country, Ido give it as my firm opinion that no number of Troops, however well — supplied with Provisions, intelligence, and guides, would ever be able to make Mouky Roy abupaul Rauze a Prisoner in those Hills, and that the more We follow him, without any Succes, the more he will be convinced of his Security among them, nor Can I see that any — advantage whatever could have been derived from our keping possession of Caudgorum - because he has many places of as great natural Strength, to which he might retire, and where he could be equally well supplied with Provisions. -

I must also mention that as Gopaul Narsa Rauze had before informed me, that he had 500 Peons in Singavarapa Cottah, ready to attend me on my expedition, when I had planned that above mentiond, I applied there for them to accompany me, but they positively refused to come saying they had no orders from him to that effect However the Serjeant major of the Rajahs Troops who commanded two Companies at Singarum Cottah joined me yesterday morning, near to Cajeporam, and was of very material assistance to me, and his People also suffered considerably in the Service of the day. -

I have the honor to be,
Sr. Sr.
Sign.d John Cox, Capt.n Comm.g a Detachment in the Vizianagrum Country

Camp near Jidden
2d May 1794

A true Copy
Sign.d Robt. Alexander Lieut.t

1867

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

Read the following Letter from the Chief Officer of the Pigot Indiaman.—

Isle of France (not dated)

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you the Pigot left Bengal on the 5th of December last, in Company with the Squadron under Commodore Mitchell and of which she formd a part. We arrived off Pulo Pinang the 20th December, where the Squadron left us as we were bound in there. On the 25th We sailed from thence for Fort Marlboro', and arrived in Bencoolen Road January 12th But having very strong winds and bad weather did not get into Rat Island Bason till the 16th When we landed all our Troops and Recruits.—

On the 17th at Daybreak Two Ships were discovered to the N.W. getting under Weigh. We had no doubt of their being Enemies and got the Ship clear for action at D.A.M. They were prettty near us, and standing in for the Bason under English Colors / and one with a French Ensign under=neath reversed / We fired a Shot or two to Wind=ward of them. They stood in, and Anchored in the Entrance of the Bason in a line abreast of us, at the Distance of 300 and 350 Yards, Hoisted French Colors.

From Chief Officer of the Pigot at the Islands advising of the Capture of that Ship, by two French Privateers, after a Severe action—

1868

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

Colors, and began to engage us at ½ past 8 When the action commenced on both sides: at a little past 10 The Larger Ship Cut her Cable and Stood out We continued the action with the other till 20 minutes past, when the Cut and followed her Consent and both anchd in the Road about 2½ Miles from us.—

We received much damage from the action. our Main mast received so many Shot We were obliged to condemn 25 feet of it The Head of the mizen mast was nearly shot off The Foremast and Bowsprit so much Wounded we were obliged to Fish them our Main Topmast rendered entirely unfit for Service most of the yards wounded The Rigging cut all to pieces and the Hull considerably damaged at the same time we were so fortunate as only to loose two men by the action— These Ships had Captured Vattal on the 24th December from whence we learnt they were the Avengeur Capt. Talman 350 men and the Resolu — Capt. Carrasin 160 men both from the Isle of France.

On the 18th at Daybreak They weighd and Stood to the Southward.—

We got our main and mizen masts out, had repaird the Foremast and Bowsprit Delivered all the Powder and military Stores and almost all the Grain we had for Fort Marlboro, and were in great forwardness for returning to Bengal When, on the 7th of February last, a French Squadron of Three Ships and

1869

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

and a Cuttle arrived in the Road and Captured the Pilot Captain Ballantyne, myself Two Midshipmen and Four Sick Seamen were dispatched here in the Freze and arrived the 14th Instant The rest of our Officers and Ships Company were distributed on board the Squadron.

Captain Ballantyne Sailed from hence the 19th Instant in an American Ship bound to New york on his Parole They are going to Dispatch a Cartel Ship from hence the latter end of this month with all the English Prisoners to Madras A Dane Sailing for Tranquebar, I thought it a Duty incumbent upon me to — inform you of the Loss of the Honorable Companys' Ship. I beg leave to add "We have received the most polite attention from the moments of our Capture and the Sick have been taken great care of, and are all recovering I believe there are about one hundred and Fifty — English Prisoners here.

I am with Respect

Dr. Dr.

Signed R. Tonin
1st Lieutenant

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to Mr Secretary Hay for the information of the Governor General in Council.

Read the following Letter from the Reverend Mr Pericke.

The

1870

Fort. St. George 20th. May 1794

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor and President in Council &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

From the Revd. C. P. Gericke stating that the Family accept the Offer of the Allowance in lieu of the Paddy hitherto received by them.

The Family of the late Rajah of Tanjore have desired me to express in the best manner their Obligation to your Honor for having taken into Consideration their Letter of the 14th. April, and for acquainting them by a Letter from your Secretary of the 25th. April directed to me with your Resolution of making them an Allowance of 2500 — Pagodas pr Annum until the Pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors be known, in lieu of the 15000 Cullums of Paddy, which they received while the Tanjore Country was under the Management of the Honorable Company Their Joy, they say, would have been complete, if they had been enabled to buy that full Quantity of Paddy which they received in former years, to satisfy their Relations and Dependants as heretofore, but they leave the — supply of their wants intirely to your Honors Benevolence and Generosity, begging your Honor will be — pleased to accept their best thanks, for this and all other Favors received and to Continue your Kind — Protection and Support to them They rest securely in the Hope that your Honor will so recommend them

to

1871

Fort St. George 20th May 1794

to the Honorable Court of Directors, as will ensure the Continuance of their Favor and Friendship to them. They farther beg, that your Honor will be pleased to order the above Sum of 2500 Pagodas to be paid from the Treasury.—

I have the honor to be,

most respectfully.

&c.a &c.a

13th May 1794

Signed C. W. Gericke

Resolution thereon

Resolved, that an allowance be made from the Treasury to the Family of the late Rajah of Tanjore, of two thousand five hundred (2500) Pagodas annually on the 1st of June, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known, in lieu of fifteen thousand Collums of Paddy which they received while the Tanjore Country was under the Company's management.—

Death of Lieutenant Charles Mendham—

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Lieutenant Charles Mendham of the Infantry on the 12th instant.—

The Accountant General to report the Sums paid on account of the new Cavalry debt.—

Ordered that a letter be written to the Accountant General directing him to lay before the Board, an accurate Statement, shewing

1872

Fort. St. George 20th. May 1794

Shewing the Sum paid by the Company in discharge of the Nabobs new Cavalry Debt.

Chas. Oakeley.

E H Fallofield

1873

Fort St. George. May 1794

Diary

28th Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in No 73. Nos 142_143_144_145_
146_147_148_149_

From Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.— From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions transmitting his Estimates for the Month of June.

From Major Roberts. From Commandant of the Nizam's Detachment transmitting Copies of his Correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad.

From Auditor General. From Military Auditor General submitting Draft of a General Order relative to the payment of Stoppages in the case of Sepoys for the maintenance of their Families, while absent on Foreign Service— suggests the appointment of a Paymaster to the Expedition.

From Military Board. From Military Board requesting authority to call upon the Master Attendant to inspect and report upon each Vessel tendered as a Transport.

From Col.o Brathwaite. From Commander of the Army submitting a Detail to proceed on the Expedition under the Deputy Commissary General of Stores.

From Ditto. From Ditto— Lieutenant Saint

1874 Fort St. George 11 May 1794.

25th

Saint Leger requests permission to expend fifty Pagodas in rendering the Barracks and Stables of the 3d. Regiment of Native Cavalry, at Tachin-=ore, secure against the Violence of the Wind.-

From Messrs. Stephens and Cockell. — From Messrs. Stephens and Cockell requesting a Commission for the Ship Friends Adventure — Captain Gray. —

From Captain C. Dighton. — From Commandant at Shevalapetore requests that the Sepoys of his Company may be served with Rice from the Public Stores during the present Scarcity.-

22d. Received the following letter.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir,

From Colonel Nixon regarding the Bales ordered to be given up - Letters from the Master Attendant and Captain Mears Enclosed. I had the honor to receive the Govern-=ment Letter of the 15th. of May at 10 Clock last night, accompanied by the Attorney Generals Opinion regarding the Bales seized here by Cap-=tain Mears, who seems to be resolved on refering the matter to a Court of Admiralty - I this Morn-=ing writ the following Order

To Julius Griffiths Esqr

Master Attendant at Pondicherry

Sir

I have received Orders from the Government

1875 Fort St George 22d May 1794.

Government of Fort St George, to give you Orders to deliver up the Bales Shipped at Yanam and seized in Pondicherry Roads by Captain Mears of the Favorite, to the Persons to whom they were consigned here, which you will Obey accordingly.

I am &c.

The Answer to which is enclosed, together with a Letter from Captain Mears upon the Subject of the Bales, which I take the Liberty to forward, for the information of the Board.

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

Pondicherry
19th May 1794.

To Colonel Nixon
Commanding Pondicherry.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of this Morning's date, conveying an order "to deliver up the Bales shipped at Yanam and seized in Pondicherry roads by Captain Mears of the Favorite to the Persons to whom they were consigned here".

I should instantly obey the above order were it in my power, but I yesterday morning between 9 and 10 Clock, received a

letter

1876

Fort St George . May 1794

22d

Letter from Captain Mears, Copy of which I have the honor to enclose you, and as having received from them him, I complied immediately.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) Julius Griffiths
Master Attend.t

Pondicherry
19.th May 1794.

Julius Griffiths Esq.r
Master Attendant
Pondicherry

Sir

I am to request you will deliver to the Bearer, to be Shipped on board my Ship for Madras, the French Bales seized by me in Pondicherry Roads on the 18.th April and lodged in your Godowns on my Account, until the Opinion of the Court of Admiralty should be known, and they be condemned. As there has been no decision on the Subject yet, I think it proper to carry them to the Presidency.—

18.th May 1794

I have the honor to be, &c. &c.
(signed) W. Mears.

Colonel Nixon
Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir

Being informed by the Master Attendant

1877 Fort St. George 11 May 1794

22d Attendant that he has Received an order from
you to deliver up some Bales Seized by me in
those Roads, on the 18th. April 1794 and left in
his charge by me,

Which Bales I yesterday Morn-
-ing demanded of him, and sent them on board my
Ship, in order to carry them to the Presidency, where
I expect the business will be settled by a Court of
Admiralty.

I have this Morning heard that
the Attorney General, to whom this business has been
Refer'd by the Honble Board at Madras, has given
it as his Opinion that the Seizure is improper
The learned Gentleman, I learn, stiles my Ship,
a private Ship, not Adverting I presume to my
having A Commission from the Honble the
Governor General in Council of Bengal constit-
-uting and appointing my Ship, A Ship of
War in their Naval and Marine Service, &
the Commission given, means any thing (which I
never before doubted) I still think myself right
in what I have done, and cannot alter that Opi-
-nion, Until a Court of Admiralty decides, however
great I may hold the Opinion of the Attorney
General. I also think I should be wanting to
myself, to be determined, by the single Opinion of
any

22d

any one Gentleman of the Law. The Honble board at Madras, I humbly conceive, thought it a Law question, by leaving it to their Attorney General, that being the case I humbly hope the Honble the Governor and Council will not think either improper or presuming in me to Require the Assistance of some Gentleman of Abilities learn'd in the Law, before I give up a matter of such consequence.

I shall however, Sir, at your Request, Land the Bales, and place them, if Agreeable to you under the care of the Custom Master, holding you Responsible for their being produced, on a decision taking place in a Court of Admiralty.—

Supposing those Bales to be falsely Invoiced, A Rumour of which I have heard, but not strong enough to amount to a proof. However should they at last be given up, I shall request to have them examined and if the Rumour is true, will it not plainly shew the Villiony carried on by those Frenchmen?

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Pondicherry
the 19th May 1794.

Signed Will.m Mears

Sent

1879 Fort St George, May 5th

22d

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Sent letter to the Nabob Entered in C.C. No. 70 - informing him of the intended Ex-=pedition, and requesting he will give orders that the Cattle and Sheep passing to the Presidency for that purpose may be exempted from all Duties - also a Dustuck to that Effect..

To Auditor General

Sent also the undermentioned Letters Entered in Wm B Nos 150. 151. 152.

To Military Auditor General forwarding the Accounts required from the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings' Troops from the 25th December 1792 inclusive, to the 24th April last —

To Ditto

To Ditto - referring the Paymaster General's Estimate for June an additional advance ordered for Mr Roebuck.

To Mr Stephen Popham

To Mr Stephen Popham acquainting him that the original Grant must be Surrendered previous to concluding the pur-=chase of his Bazars and Ground..

At

22d.

any one Gentleman of the Law. The Honble board at Madras, I humbly conceive, thought it a Law question, by leaving it to their Attorney General, that being the case I humbly hope the Honble the Governor and Council will not think either improper or presuming in me to Require the Assistance of some Gentleman of Abilities Learn'd in the Law, before I give up a matter of such consequence.

I shall however, Sir, at your Request, Land the Bales, and place them, if Agreeable to you under the care of the Custom Master, holding you Responsible for their being produced, on a decision taking place in a Court of Admirality.—

Supposing those Bales to be falsely Invoiced, a Rumour of which I have heard, but not strong enough to amount to a proof. However should they at last be given up, I shall request to have them examined and if the Rumour — is true, will it not plainly shew the Villiany carried on by those Frenchmen?

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Signed Will.m Mears

Pondicherry
the 19th May 1778.

Sent

1879 Fort St George, May 5th 1794

22nd

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Sent letter to the Nabob Entered in C.C. No. 70 - informing him of the intended Ex-pedition, and requesting he will give orders that the Cattle and Sheep passing to the Presidency for that purpose may be exempted from all Duties - also a Dustuck to that Effect.-

To Auditor General

Sent also the undermentioned Letters Entered in Wm B Nos. 150. 151. 152.

To Military Auditor General forwarding the Accounts required from the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings' Troops from the 25th. December 1792 inclusive, to the 24th. April last —

To Ditto

To Ditto - referring the Paymaster General's Estimate for June an additional advance ordered for Mr Roebuck.

To Mr Stephen Popham

To Mr. Stephen Popham

acquainting him that the original Grant must be surrendered previous to concluding the purchase of his Bazars and Ground.-

At

1880 Fort St George 22nd May 1794

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor-President

Ernst William Tallofield

And

George Westcott Esquires

Thursday

22d May 1794

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.—

The President lays before the Board

the following Letter received yesterday from Bengal.

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St George.

From Bengal advising their Reflections and decision upon the Orders of the Secret Committee for an Expedition against the French Islands—regret that that the European Force required for the defence of the Carnatic was not stated. Instructions on the Subject most conducive to employing it to the greatest Advantage, the Kings Ships if the Expedition do not take place—Minutes of Council and Intelligence regarding the Mauritius inclosed.—

Honble Sir,

We have received (in Duplicate) your Letters of the 23d and 25th Ultimo, with the Dispatches which accompanied the former from the Secret Committee of the Honble Court of Directors and the correspondence enclosed in the Letter with Colonels Stuart and Brathwaite.

2d We have considered with the greatest attention

1881 Fort St George 22d May 1794

attention the important subject of these communica-
-tions and lose no time in transmitting you the ac-
-companying Copy of our deliberative observations and
resolutions with the paper of intelligence therein
referred to.

3 We cannot but express our regret
and disappointment at your having omitted to
state, for our information, in conformity to the orders
of the Secret Committee, your opinion of the Europe-
-an Force that could, with safety, be spared from
your Side of India; or, in other words, that you
have not communicated to us your specific senti-
-ments on the European Force which you deem in-
-dispensibly necessary for the safety of the Company's
possessions in the Carnatic. With this knowledge and
that which we possess of our means to furnish Supplies,
we should have had full materials for a Satisfacto-
-ry determination on the important question left to
our decision, which we have thus been compelled to
form without waiting the result of a Reference to you.

We must also lament the want
of those communications with Colonel Stuart to
which we have been referred by the Secret Com-
-mittee.-

4 If, under the limitations prescribed
with regard to the Troops required for the Expedi-
-tion

1882 Fort St. George 22.d May 1794

Expedition, it should be resolved to undertake it, We direct that you immediately compleat your Establishment of Native Troops by raising the four Battalions required for that purpose; and We further authorize, in that event, to increase the strength of your Native Battalions to any ex-=tent that you may deem expedient by augment-=ing the strength of their Companies.-

5 It further appears to us of the most essential importance, under the same supposition that your Forts and Garrisons should immedi-=ately be put in a defensible State, and be furnish-=ed with the necessary Stores and provisions, and that your Army should be so disposed as to en-=able you, at a short notice to assemble a large body of Men for actual Service.—

You will be particularly attentive to specify, for our information, without loss of time every article of supply that may be wanted from Bengal, either for the Service of the Expedition or for your Garrisons; distinguishing for which of these purposes the Supplies are wanted.—

7 You will see the necessity of communi-=cating to us the final decision of General Sir William Meadows or Colonel Stuart for

continuing

1883 Fort St. George 22d May 1794

continuing the preparations for the expedition, that We may lose no time in replacing the European and Native Troops sent upon it, for which We shall be prepared. The unfortunate delay in the arrival of the Dispatches from the Secret Committee, which did not reach us until a Month after the different Corps were ordered to be assembled at Madras for embarkation, has unavoidably augmented the difficulties in the Execution of this measure.

8 It has also occurred to us that, in consideration of the protection given to the Dutch Settlements by the arrival of a British Fleet and of the importance of the meditated expedition to their national Interests, that the Dutch Government of Ceylon might possibly be induced to furnish a Body of Europeans for the intended Service, or to supply the absence of those employed in it; and, in the event of their acquiescence, the European Troops for the Expedition might be proportionably increased.

9 The Secrecy which the Dutch observe with regard to their Situation in Ceylon, the wars in which they are frequently engaged with the King of Candy, as well as the applications which they have made to this Government for Military assistance, under different circumstances, indeed,

do

Fort St. George 22d. May 1794

do not authorise us to place much reliance on any supply from Ceylon, although we have Reason to believe that they have not less than three thousand European Troops there.-

10 We leave it to you however, after consulting General Sir William Meadows or Colonel Stuart, to decide on the Eligibility of making an Application to the Dutch under an Engagement to furnish the Pay of the Troops which they may supply, during their continuance in our Service, as well as the Expence of their Embarkation and Return. —

11 Having thus detailed what has occurred to us as immediately requisite in the Event of the Expedition taking Place, or for the Purpose of forwarding it, as far as our Power admits, we shall, on the contrary Supposition, add our Sentiments on the Mode in which His Majesty's Ships may be most advantageously employed for the national Interest, leaving of Course the Determination upon them to the Admirals.-

12 From the late Accounts there is some Ground for Apprehension that the French Cruizers may have attacked and captured Bencoolen, or Prince of Wales' Island; and, although

1885

Fort St. George 22d May 1794

although our Intelligence on this Point, is not of-
-ficial and indeed no more than what has been
circulated at your Presidency, yet, considering
the strong naval Force which the French are
reputed to have to the Eastward, we cannot but
suggest the Propriety of detaching a sufficient
Number of Ships, either for the Recovery of the
above Settlements, if captured, or to take or
destroy the French Cruizers.-

13 But the Service in which his
Majestys' Ships could be employed with most
Effect, appears to us the Stationing some of
them off the French Islands, so as to intercept
the returning Cruisers, or prevent their Departure
from the Islands, and above all to cut off all
Supplies of Provisions- From the Intelligence
now transmitted you will see Reason to believe
that the French at Mauritius in December last
were in great Want of Provisions, and, although
some Supplies may have been furnished by their
Cruisers, we apprehend that their former Dis-
-tress cannot have been essentially relieved- The
Consequences of the Measures which we have
recommended may be more important therefore
than can be, at present, predicted with Certainty.-

But

1886. Fort St. George 22d. May 1794.

14 But whatever Resolution the Commander of his Majesty's Fleet may form as to its Destination, we cannot but give our Serious Opinion of the absolute necessity that a sufficient Number of Ships of War should remain on this Coast for the Protection of its Commerce during the Continuance of Hostilities.

15 We shall conclude with a Request that the Papers herewith transmitted to you may be confidentially communicated to General Sir William Medows, and to Colonel Stuart, with a Reliance that their Sentiments, on full Consideration of our Opinions, will coincide in the Result.

We are

&c. &c.

(signed) J. Shore
Robt. Abercromby
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper

Fort William
May 9th 1794.

No. 11 Cypher

Copy of Minute and Resolutions of the Governor General in Council in the Secret Department 9th May 1794

Minutes and Resolutions of the Supreme Council.

1 The Governor General in Council having weighed, and considered with the greatest attention

1887 Fort St George 22d May 1794.

attention, the important Subject contained in the
Despatches from the Secret Committee of the
Honble the Court of Directors received on Sunday
night, and read and recorded on Monday the 5th
Instant, proceeds, without further delay, to State
his Observations and Reflections upon it.—

2 The Expediency of reducing the
French Settlements at Mauritius and Bourbon
has often occurred to the Consideration of the
Board; and, if they had possessed means, in
their apprehension, adequate to the Attempt,
they would have eagerly anticipated the Resolu-
tion of his Majesty's Ministers for undertaking
an Expedition against those Islands.

3 The Secret Committee, in their In-
structions to the Presidency of Fort St George,
express a wish that the expedition should take
place as soon as possible unless very particular
reasons should induce this Government to sus-
pend it— and their orders to this Government
are to the same Effect, unless, from some change
of affairs in India, it should appear danger-
ous to the Company's Settlements that the
considerable force required for this Expedition
should be withdrawn from them.

4 The Expectations of His
Majesty's

1888

Fort St. George 22d. May 1794

Majesty's Ministers and the Secret Committee cannot exceed the Anxious desire of this Government to give the fullest and speediest effect to the Measures already taken in execution of this important Enterprize which has been judged Expedient; but as it involves the safety of the Company's Possessions in India - the Governor General in Council, deeming their protection his paramount Duty, conceives it an indispensable Obligation upon him to consider, under this view, and in their fullest Extent, all the Consequences of the question referred to his Decision.

5 Nothing can be clearer, or more generally admitted than the absolute necessity of a sufficient number of European Troops in our Armies, whether for the purpose of Military Operations, or as a due counterpoize to the Native Troops, or for encouraging or supporting the latter in Action, And in this Conviction the Commander in Chief informs the Board that he embraced the earliest opportunity, which occurred, after his accession to his present Station, of representing to the Right Honble. the Secretary at War, the incomplete state of His Majesty's and the Company's European Forces in India, with his Opinion that they

were

1879 Fort St. George 22d. May 1794

were become inadequate to the Services for which they might Eventually be required.-

6 That the Governor General in Council, from a knowledge of the Effective European Strength at the different Presidencies, may be enabled to judge what proportion of it can be spared from Madras, the Commander in Chief, Sir Robert Abercromby, now communicates a Return of the Forces from which it appears— That the Total Rank and File, of His Majesty's and the Company's European Troops, including Infantry and Artillery, are as follows.

Bengal

Artillery	Infantry	Total
878	2686	3564

Madras

768	6231	6999

Bombay

384	2232	2616
Total 2030	11,149	13,179

the total is less than the proper Peace Establishment, by near 5000 Men.-

7 The Number of European Soldiers proposed by Colonel Stuart for the Expedition, with a reservation of the Sanction of Sir William Medows, is 4390, exclusive of 300 Artillery

Fort St. George 22d May 1794

Artillery, and the Effect upon the Strength of the Army in General, by withdrawing this Force, would be as follows.

8 The total of the Military Force Establishments of the three Presidencies would be nominally reduced to one half of their full complement, but, allowing for Sickness and other Causes of Disability, the actual diminution may be estimated at Two thirds - the European Infantry at Madras will be reduced to 1841 and from the mode in which the Men for the Service of the Expedition have been selected, all the Sick and disabled of the Army will be included in that Number; so that the proportion of Men fit for Duty left on the Coast will not exceed 1000.

9 The Board cannot but express their regret that the President in Council at Fort St George should have omitted to state to this Government, as required by the Instructions of the Secret Committee, his full and Explicit Sentiments on the European Force indispensably necessary for the Safety of the Carnatic - Specific Information on this point would have enabled the Board to decide conclusively upon the competency to provide the adequate means of defence during the absence of the Troops required for

the Expedition, without the neceſsity of depending
ſolely upon the ſuggeſtions of their own judgement.

10 The ſentiments of the President
in Council at Fort St George, in a letter addreſſed
by their Secretary to Colonel Brathwaite, are thus
Expreſſed "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 ap-
"-prized 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 Inconve-
"-nience, will not, in the preſent ſituation of
"affairs, be materially felt."

11 If the Security of the Company's
Poſſeſſions in the Carnatic depends upon the
ſubſtitution of an European Force equal to that
propoſed to be drawn from it, nothing can be
more apparent than the Impoſſibility of making
this Subſtitution, as the Total of the Infantry
Rank and File, at Bengal and Bombay, at
this Moment amounts only to 4918 Men. How
much leſs in the Opinion of the President in
Council might ſuffice for the ſafety of the
Carnatic

Fort St. George 22d. May 5th 1794.

Carnatic, or whether any Substitution could com-
=pensate for the European Force proposed to be
withdrawn, the Board are not informed by him.

12 The Commander in Chief does not
hesitate to state his Sentiments, in which the
Board entirely concur with him, that the Peace
Establishment of the Army in India, supposing
it complete, is not more than sufficient for the
protection of the Company's possessions; and being
already deficient in the proportion of a third,
nearly, a further deduction of the European Infantry,
Rank and File, in the Extent proposed by the
Secret Committee, or by Colonel Stuart would be
imminently dangerous.

13 But confining the Consideration
to the practicability of replacing the European
Troops at Madras, by others from Bengal and
Bombay, it remains to consider the greatest num-
=ber that can be spared from those Presidencies
and the Commander in Chief, deeming it his Duty
to second, as far as possible, the Views of the
British Ministry and Secret Committee, has
prepared a Statement of the Numbers in the
greatest possible extent.

Sworn Malabar

1893

Fort St George 22d. May 1794

From Malabar

His Majesty's 75th Regt. Rank and File 396

From Bengal

His Majesty's 76th Regt. Ditto 459

From Bombay

His Majesty's 77th Regt. Ditto 513

From Bengal

The Honble Company's 3d. European Battalion Ditto 258

Ditto ..... 4th Ditto ..... Ditto 382

Total ... 2008.

three ( ) Artillery to be added to the above from Bengal.-

14 With this appropriation, the Number of European Rank and File remaining at Bengal and Bombay will be as follows.

At Bengal 1650

At Bombay 1260 and of Artillery

At Bengal 698

At Bombay 384- and the Military Establishment on the Coast of Coromandel will stand as follows.

European Infantry Rank and File belonging to the Coast - 1841

Supplies from Bengal and Bombay 2008

Total ... 3849.

The Artillery receiving a Supply equal

equal to those withdrawn would be as it is at pre-
=sent

15 The difference between the —
above Number of 3849 and that of the Troops at
Madras in the Return now recorded is 2382
Rank and File, but the Strength of — Mon
sit for Duty will not exceed 3000 Men and
probably fall short of it — That this Number with
the addition of Native Troops will be deemed &
adequate for the Security of our poſſeſsions on the
Choromandel Coast, the Governor General pre-
=sumes will not be affirmed; and, in the Event of
an Emergency, the preceding Statement will
indisputably prove that no considerable reiv-
=forcement can be sent from Bengal or Bom-
=bay, nor any, without hazard.

16 The total Rank and File at the
three Presidencies of the Requisition of Colonel
Stuart be complied with, and the arrange-
=ment, in consequence, take place will be 6759
Viz.t

At Madras	3,849
At Bengal	1,650
At Bombay	1260 of which a consi-

=derable Number must always be unfit for duty.

17 If the absence of the Troops
required for the expedition were supposed to be
for

for a short time only, the question would be relieved of a part of its difficulties - But, presuming the Enterprize successful, the whole European force surviving the Completion of it, might for a long time be required for the conquered Islands. and considering the posture of Affairs in Europe, it cannot be expected that the Troops so stationed can be relieved from thence, or that Recruits will arrive to complete the Military Establishment in India.-

18 The Supposition of a possible failure in the Expedition is attended with more serious consequence - The Troops might return shattered and diminished, and the misfortune of an unsuccessful Attempt would materially affect the Reputation of the English Government in India - and consequently its powers, in support of which the Value of Opinion is well known.

19 In the Arguments now recorded, the Governor General in Council, as must obviously have appeared, has had a View to the Political State of India, on which, as materially influencing his Sentiments with regard to the question under discussion, he deems it necessary to enter into a fuller Explanation.- That

Fort St George 22d May 1794

20 That there is no Reason, from present appearances, to apprehend any circumstance likely to involve the Company in War with the Native Powers, may be admitted. But the Security and Tranquility of the Company's Possessions must be deemed to be endanger'd from the moment in which the defence necessary for their protection is withdrawn. Treaties and Alliances would prove a feeble Barrier of against the Ambition of the Native Powers, if no other Defence existed against Invasion.

21 It remains then to consider the actual Situation of the Mahrattas the Nizam and Tippoo. With respect to the former, it may be presumed that their attention for some time will be sufficiently engaged in their discussions with the Nizam, in the Politics occasioned by the death of Sindia, and their Military Operations in the West of India against Angria and the Calapore Rajah, to take immediate advantage of our diminution of Strength. The Successor of Sindeah will be equally occupied in the Establishment of his own Power; and the Commanders of the Deceased Chieftain who are formidable from their Strength or Situation will follow the views of their new Master. Yet it is not to be disregarded

disregarded that in the Army of Colonel D'Boigne there are many French Officers, Any attack upon Bombay by the French is out of all Question, and there is no ground of alarm from the Poona Govern= =ment in that Quarter. The Weakness of the Nizam is at once a Security against his attacking us, and a temptation to Sippoo and the Mahrattas to invade his Dominions.-

22 The Political Discussions between the Peshwa and the Nizam have by no means a pacific aspect; and the diminution of our Forces must lessen the weight of our interposition between them as well as the general importance of the English Power, and the Nizam may perhaps submit to the demands of the Peshwa rather than oppose them at the cer= =tainty of Hostilities in which he can have no support from us. The same remark applies to the unadjusted Disputes between the Nizam and Sip= =poo Sultaun regarding Boundaries, in consequence of the Treaty of Seringapatam; and the return of the Hostage Princes has left us without any other Check upon Sippoo than what we derive from our actual Strength and Alliances.-

23 The hazard of danger, in the opi= =nion of the Board, relates principally to Sippoo, and the consequences would be ultimately the same

Fort St. George 22d May 1794

same whether he attacked the Nizam or our Possessions in the Carnatic.—

24 It cannot be supposed that the Character of Tippoo is changed from the Events of the late War, although his power has been so very materially reduced— Resentment is now added to his Ambition. The Governor General in Council states it as a fundamental Principle that Tippoo looks forward to a favourable opportunity for regaining the possessions of which he has been depri=ved: and that he will make the attempt whenever that opportunity in his judgement occurs.—

25 Upon this principle the Governor General in Council cannot but deem it high=ly probable that Tippoo Sultaun would avail himself of the absence of our Forces to commence Hostilities; and if the discussions between the Mah=rattas and the Nizam terminate in War he would have a Stronger Inducement. We could not in that Case expect the Assistance of our Allies, and in that Assistance, at any time, little Reliance can be placed unless we were in a Situation, to make an Effectual opposition without it. It is not improbable that the Peshwah in the Supposed Event of a War with Tippoo might consider it more his Interest to remain a Neuter

Fort St George 22d May 1794

Master in the Contest, in the view of availing him-
-self of the opportunity to establish his Controul in
the North, and of benefiting by a Contention which
must necessarily weaken one or both of the parties en-
-gaged in it. The Policy and arguments of the late Ma-
-dajee Sindiah were directed to impress the Peshwah
with a conviction that our Power was more formidable
and more to be apprehended than that of Tippoo and
to his Suggestions the delay of the Mahrattas in
compleating the explanatory defensive Treaty is
attributed. -

If it should be contended that the
26 Power of Tippoo has been too far reduced to admit
of a renewal of Hostilities on his part the Governor
General in Council thinks it necessary to observe
that from connected as well as late Accounts from
Seringapatam he still appears to have a powerful force
on foot which would be formidable in proportion
to the diminution of our Strength; and the Experience
he acquired in the late War, the successful termin-
-ation to which, whatever assistance we might de-
-rive from the Cooperation of our Allies, must be
attributed to the Exertions of the British Troops.

To suppose the Native Powers of India
2d/ inattentive to the Conduct or operations of this
Government would imply great Ignorance of

the

Fort St George 22d May 1794

the Political State of Hindostan, and the diminu=
=tion of our force, if the Expedition against the
Islands should take place would be soon made known
probably with Exaggeration. With most of the Na=
=tive Courts Europeans are connected capable of
supplying the defective Intelligence of the Natives.
Set it be conceivd that accurate information of the
Reduction of our European Strength were commu=
=nicated to Tippoo, with an explanation that a
long period must elapse before it could return
or any reinforcement arrive to supply its absence —
that, in replacing a part of it our Forces both at
Bengal and Bombay had been weakened and
that no further Supplies could be sent from those
Settlements. He would very justly conclude that
we were not in a Situation to carry on an offensive
War, which alone could be formidable to him, and
he will knows, what the Mahrattas as well as the
Nizam plainly asserted, that a protracted War
would be ruinous to us in the Extreme. The
Board have stated their opinion that, under these
Circumstances, he would probably be induced to
invade our Dominions and they have no hesita=
=tion in adding their Conviction that the Invasion
would be attended with most serious Consequences.

28

Admitting our Frontiers to be
improved

Fort St George 22d May 1794

improved our posessions at the same time are extended, particularly by the Ceded Provinces on the Coast of Malabar; and if our means, after that Subtraction of the Troops required for the Expedition are unequal to the Conduct of an offensive War they are no less so for the purpose of general Defence. Having stated it as a fundamental principle that the safety of the Company's posessions depends upon their real force to defend them, and the absolute necessity that it should be composed of a large proportion of Europeans it will not be contended that, if an Establishment of seventeen thousand Infantry is required for that purpose, the British Dominions in India can be deem'd secure when left with only Seven Hundred and fifty Nine European Rank and File, who must, from obvious causes, unless recruited from Europe, be in a State of progressive Decrease.

29 The Governor General in Council places no further Reliance on the collateral Arguments which he has stated than as they lead to the conclusion of actual Danger to the British posessions in India, as to the sole consideration that could weigh with him to hesitate in granting in their fullest Extent the forces required for the Expedition prescribed by the Orders of the Secret Committee.

31 The Governor General in Council cannot

Fort St George 22d May 1794. —

cannot but regret the want of those communications with Colonel Stuart to which he is referr'd by the Secret Committee. It is of the utmost importance to ascertain whether his Majesty's Ministers were informed of the defective State of the Army on India when it was proposed to draw from it five thousand European Cank and File, and three hundred Artillery against the French Islands: of this he is uninformed, as well as whether any Recruits are expected from Europe by the Ships of the Season, or whether there is a probability of the arrival of any of his Majesty's Troops. Wholly unapprized of the Views of his Majesty's Ministers further than they are expressed in the Instructions of the Secret Committee on the subject of the Expedition, his Reasoning applies only to the safety of the British Possessions in India as affected by the Reduction of the Force required for their Defence

31 The Governor General in Council does not think it his Duty to enter into any Discussion regarding the mode or practicability of a successful attempt upon Mauritius and Bourbon. It will be sufficient to communicate the Intelligence collected at Bengal regarding those Islands for the Information of Major General Sir William Medows and Colonel Stuart that they

may

Fort St George 22d May 1794

may have all the information before them which it is
in the power of this Government to furnish.

32 Having thus fully detailed the ob-
=servations which have occurred on the Instructions of the
Secret Committee, the Board will now proceed to a Con-
=clusion. Little doubt appears to have been entertained
in Europe of the ability of this Country to furnish
the Troops required for the Expedition in question, and
still less of its success. In this confidence, and at a
heavy Expence, a Naval Armament of great mag-
=nitude has been fitted out; and the disappointment
should the Expedition be suspended, cannot but be
severely felt. The Board, most forcibly impressed
with the weight due to these arguments, and anxious
for undertaking the Expedition against the Islands,
sincerely regret the absolute impossibility of completing
the Requisition either of the Secret Committee or
of Colonel Stuart for European Troops without
endangering, in their judgement, the safety of the
British Possessions in India.

33 The Board cannot suppose that the
considerable deficiency in the European Force required
for the expedition can be adequately Supplied by
any Number of Native Troops which could be offered;
but will nevertheless authorize the tender; and
direct the Supply of any Number that General
Shedowe

Fort St. George 22. May 1794

Medows may require.

34. If the Governor General in Council had been influenced solely by a sense of personal Responsibility, it would have induced his immediate obedience to the orders of the Secret Committee of the Honble. the Court of Directors; but being impressed with a thorough Conviction that the Troops required for this Expedition could not be withdrawn from India without real danger to the British Possessions in it, He deems it his indispensible duty to act upon that conviction and he trusts his Majesty's Ministers and the Secret Committee of the Honble Court of Directors will not hesitate to approve opinions and Resolutions which, it must be evident nothing but the strongest sense of duty could have suggested.—

35 Resolved therefore as follows.

1 That, in conformity with the opinions now recorded, no further proportion of European Infantry, Rank and file, be sent from India for an Expedition against the Islands of Mauritius and Bourbon than can be replaced from Bengal and Bombay; or than may be expected to be replaced by Recruits or Reinforcements from Europe by the expected Ships of the season.—

That

Fort St. George 22d. May 1794.

2 That, in addition to the above, three hundred artil-
-lery be allotted for the Expedition in question, to be re-
-placed by an equal Number from Bengal.-

3 That as many Native Troops be granted for
it as may be required, and can be furnished in suffi-
-cient time for the purpose.-

4 That it be left to Major General Sir W.
Medows, or, in the event of his non arrival, to Colonel
Stuart, to determine whether the preparations for the
Expedition shall be undertaken under the above limit-
-ations or otherwise.

A true Copy
(Signed) J. H. Harington
Sub Secry

Extracts from Papers of Intelligence received from the Isle of France.-

Extracts of Intelligence regarding the French Islands.-

For some time before the American Ship Henry sailed from the Isle of France (the 4th. December) every thing was in the utmost possible con-
-fusion, the body of the People inhabiting the Town of Port Louis now called Port Northwest possessed violent democratical principles, but the Planters, living in the Country, were in general opposed to all their rash Measures and reprobated the vio-
-lent proceeding of the Sans Culotes, the Islands were therefore divided into two Parties, the one of Violent

1906

Fort St George 22d May 1794

Violent and extremly ungovernable, the other more
Moderate and Tractable, but unhappily the for-
=mer preponderated, and carried every thing
with an imperious hand. They dictated to the
Colonial Assembly, and to the Executive Au-
=thority, enforced their Orders with threats and
erected a Gallows before the Governor's House,
to put them in Execution; the Assembly intimi-
=dated, granted them all their demands, de-
=prived Mons.r St Felix, a brave Man and
a friend to the State, and all his Marine
Officers, of their Command, of all the naval
Force stationed at the Islands reduced the
Exorbitant Prices of Provisions, Wine &c. by a
regulated tax and promised further to suspend
all the Officers of the old National Guards, they
had lost the confidence of the People, that is,
the Mob, because they belonged to the Regi-
=ments at Pondicherry which they said had
been given up to their enemies through the
Bribery of its Officers_ St Felix also merited
their displeasure by not coming to India
with his four Frigates and some Priva-
=teers in the Month of August, the popu-
=lace on this occasion would have sacrificed
him to their fury but he kept at a
distance

Fort St George 22d May 1794

distance with his Squadron. They employed every Method for three Months while he concontinued inactive off the Harbour at Anchor to get him on their Power; at last, as they had corrupted his Crew, the old Admiral found himself obliged to retire to Bourbon where the Inhabitants will Protect him, as they are generally of the Aristocratical Party; and in many distant Districts of the Island near the White Cockade. —

The two Islands are not in Strict habits of Friendship with each other, altho' Bourbon furnishes a large proportion of the Hands for the Privateers, who are all Creoles and Natives of the Island, and very expert and dexterous in the use of the Musket and at Boarding. Yet it prohibits the exportation of Wheat and generally all provision to the Isle of France, where, from the failure of the annual Supply from France and America, these Articles, and particularly Wine, were become excessively dear, Flour and Beef sold at 1000 Livres the Barrell and the Wines from 3 to 6000 Livres the Cask.

The small Pox had raged with great Violence, but had almost entirely stopped, the loss of Slaves only was computed at 20,000, one in three having died of that distemper; the Whites

Fort St. George 22d. May 1794

Whites suffered very little by it, very few being carried off with it.

The Accounts of the War was received at the Island on the 5th. June by le Prudente Fr. Frigate, and a partial Embargo was the next day laid on all Foreign Ships, to prevent any information going to India and to facilitate the Equipment of Privateers a numerous Swarm of which were immediately put in Commission, the Americans suffered most by this detention, as there was very few other Neutral Ships there, their Number was at first 10 Sail but 7 others arrived afterwards; from the latter part of June to November, they equipped and sent out 25 Sail of Privateers, some of them were small Vessels, but the far greater part Stout Ships, mounting from 30 to 40 Guns and carrying from 200 to 600 Men. No ships could be better Armed nor manned, and provided with every thing necessary for the Piratical business they were going upon; they trust very much to Boarding, particularly the small Privateers, the Dutch Indiaman was captured by a small Brig carrying 10, four pounders 5 or 6 Men put upon her Poop, carried her almost immediately, altho' she had 30 Pieces of Cannon mounted

Fort St George 22d May 1794

mounted and 200 Men on board. Seven of these Pri-
=vateers had been obliged to return for Provisions and
Water and 3 also, those that formed the Expedition
to Java, were brought in by their Crews, who rose in
a riotous Manner, and forced the Commanders to
return, much against their inclination, alledging they
were Cowards and Traitors, because they would not
Attack Batavia, where it appeared the Dutch had
got information of their intention, and wished for
nothing more than to meet them, this Armament
Cruised about Bencoolen, some time, for the Annual
Pepper Ships and no doubt would have taken them
had not the mutiny prevented it; it had just before
this unfortunately fell in with and Captured the
Princess Royal Indiaman Captain Hamcastle
from St Helena for China in the Straits of
Sunda, a Calm intervening prevented the Princess
Royal from making her Escape, and Captain Ham-
=castle, after making a Gallant Defence for three
Glasses, was at last necessiated to Submit to a far
Superior Force, which was upwards of 100 Guns
against 20, I believe not more. This Ship, the
Princess Royal, having an Excellent Character
as a swift Sailor, upon her Arrival was im-
=mediately brought at the Extravagant price
of 2,40,000 Sicca Rupees, it was Calculated that
Equipped as a Privateer
the

Fort St George 22d May 1794

She could not cost less than 5 Millions to sea-
She now Mounts 44 Guns and 400 or 450 Men
and waited only for the two Frigates and the
Grand Dumonier Privateer to Sail in Company
upon an Expedition to India, The two Frigates,
all that were at the Islands, are the Sibelle and
Prudente, the former mounting 44 Guns and
Carrying 450 or 500 Men, and the latter 32
Guns and 350 or 400 Men - The Privateer was
said to Carry 22 Guns and 200 Men, it was
at first gave out that this Armament would
Cruize in the Straits of Sunda for the Homeward
bound China Ships, but not being able to obtain
provision to sail early enough to intercept this
Fleet as it was imagined, they had abandoned
that plan, and had fully determined to send
them into the Bay of Bengal to Cut off the
late Europe Ships and to Stop the intercourse be-
tween Bengal and the two Coasts This ap-
=peared as the most Eligible Measure, for, by
the Capture of a small Vessel (the Grace bound
to Pulo Penang) that some French Sailors had
risen upon and brought in to the Island, they
learnt that there had no Ships of War arrived
from Europe so late as as October, nor any
Positively expected, they knew of the Armed

Indiamen

Fort St George 22d May 1794

Indiamen in the Straits of Malacca but as they had intelligence also that these Ships were not well manned they used to boast that they would soon have them brought in by some of their Cruizers. The Ships destined for the Bay expected to join 2 other Privateers, Stout Ships, that Sailed in November to Cruize off Point Palmiras, their Object as they said would then be the weaker Settlements on the Coromandel Coast, and all the Ships in Madras Roads, which they thought might easily be Cut off: if they could by any means obtain Pilots, they threatened the Ships in Saugore Road and at Ingerlee, the Prince=ess Royal was to be used upon this Occasion as a decoy. The Command of the Fleet would most pro=bably be given to Monsieur Magon of the Cybele, a Native of the Island and a great favorite of the Sans Culotes.

There were for some time four Frigates at the Mauritius, which, on the 21st Au=gust, the People or Mob obliged to put to Sea, under the Idea that they would relieve Pondicher=y, and ravage the Coromandel Coast, but the Vice Admiral, M. Tedix, having received Orders from the National Convention to protect the Island till a greater force could be sent out from France, did not think himself obliged

Fort St. George 22d. May 1794.

obliged to obey any other Authority, he returned to Anchor off the Port after a Cruize of about 10 days round the Island, he continued inactive here for about 3 Months, and, on all that time, never came on Shore, he was obliged to give two of his Frigates the Atalante and Fidele to Convoy a Valuable Fleet, of 12 large Ships, that Sailed for St Vincent about 15th October.

The number of Men on board the first Privateers that sailed were Computed 6 or 7000, this is independant of those coming upon the Frigates &c. and it was supposed the Island could spare perhaps 3 or 4000 more addition was daily making to this Force by a great number of Rascals who are enticed by large Rewards to Join a more rascally Crew; for it is very certain that the far greater part of the People composing the Crews of the Privateers are of the worst and most despicable Characters; They are not under the Command of their Officers at all, those Neutral Ships sent in to the Island (the Sasubary of Muscat and a Danish Brig belonging to Tranquebar) were both captured against the positive Orders and Protests of the Commanders of the Privateers, and it is to be feared that they will be condemned — generally speaking no

Flag

flag belonging to any Prince or Power Eastward of the Cape of Good Hope to Japan will be respected by these Pirates, who have plundered Chinese Junks and have even gone so far as to sell the Chinese as Slaves, that were found on board the Dutch Prizes, under the pretence that they were Malays. It was said also that they had sold some Lascars from the English Ships but this account cannot be well supported, however they detain all Lascars for their Trade to the coast of Africa and Madagascar, from which places they get Slaves Cattle and Rice. The Hurricanes, coming on in December and continuing till March, will deprive them in a great respect of their Customary Supplies from those Quarters, and if no Ships arrive from France or America for some time these Islands must be, in general and great Distress for Provisions, and, if so, it was to be feared that the Mob, &. already too powerful and too Violent, would be led to the commission of the greatest Crimes, perhaps to an equal distribution of Private Property, which had been demanded from the last assembly, or to the Worst of Evils, a Civil War among themselves; as in their Mother Country.

A great Number of the principal Characters upon the Island were endeavouring to

Fort S. George 22d May 1794.

to leave it as soon as possible many had indeed embarked upon the American Ships — The Governor Monsieur Malartee also wished to go, and had even taken his passage; but the Colonial Assembly would not permit it, the Governor bears a most amiable Character, and has lately become very popular among them: from his great exertions in bringing the Island into a better State of de= -fence by Erecting new Forts and Batteries at all the different Landings, and from forming a large proportion of the Slaves into Companies to Act upon emergency as a kind of standing Force to prevent the landing of an Enemy. These Slaves are Numerous / perhaps 50,000 / but it is very much doubted if they would answer the purpose intended; it was as probable as not that they would turn upon their old Masters, to revenge themselves for all their Sufferings, which are here intolerable, as they use their Slaves Cruelly. Their principle dependance therefore is upon the White Inhabitants and the free People of Colour these that bear Arms are Reckoned at 2,000 Men the Number is cer= -tainly not exagerated and they have, besides, about 1000 National Troops at their Isle of France.—

The two Forts at the Entrance of the Harbour

1915

Fort St. George 22d. May 1794

Harbour are now put in good Condition the Officers of which often amuse themselves by firing red hot Shots at objects placed out at Sea for this purpose, they are very expert at this Business which they Value themselves much upon, and esteem as an effectual Security against any attack from Ships, It would require a very large force to take the Isle of France; but Bourbon might possibly be be induced to Surrender immediately, as they have great aversion to the present War, and to their Neighbours in Mauritius, which Island has lately endeavoured to Subvert many of its Privileges; but should the French have no Men of War at the Island a few stout Frigates would cause a great alarm and at the same time would be of essential Service. Two or three would block up the Harbour, and a few others might intercept all the Prizes before they could get into Port. — Bourbon, on the Windward part of the Island, perhaps other important advantages might result; that is, the Aristocratical party might be in= =duced to declare themselves openly, and as they are pretty numerous effectual Measures might be pursued and the English Flag hoisted on the Island, these Ships would unquestionably stop all intercourse with Bourbon, and the important

Island

Fort St. George 22d. May 1794

Island of Madagascar, if they did nothing more and take or Capture all the Prizes.—

The Expence of Equipping the Privateers was supposed to amount to about 20 or 25,000,000 livres currency: the Dollar passes from 25/ to 30/ the paper Money depreciating every day; this large disbursement had not been returned in the Prizes sent us when the American Ship left the Island; for, excepting the Dutch Indiaman, whose Cargo sold at 8,000,000 Livres, and the Princess Royal, the others were not of great Value, 10 or 12 only had arrived and they were generally small Country Vessels, great Expectations were however formed from the Privateers then out and from those that were to Sail immediately, the Shares or Actions upon which, bore an advance of from 50 to 100 per Cent: upon some Privateers that had been successful they sold at 1000 ℔ Cent: these Actions are now made Negociable, and pass Current in all Payments.—

It is impossible to say with Certainty what were the particular Cruizing Places of the Privateers, but we may suppose they chuse such Station where they would most probably fall in with Ships but report said 3 were in the Straits of Sunda, 2 about Malacca and to range down to the

Fort St. George 22d May 1794

the West Coast of Sumatra upon their return, 2 or 3 off Ceylon, 2 in the Persian Gulph, and the others in the Bay of Bengal.

Amidst all the faults of the Fr People of the Isle of France, there was still left some Traits of Humanity; their offers of Assistance to the unfortunate Shipwrecked ladies and Gentlemen of the Winterton was disinterested and even Magnani=mous, but they always refused to allow them to Sail to India. The Henry was equipt 3 Months for this purpose, and, altho' the Governor once granted permission to Sail, yet the Ship was stopped, and, when the Embargo was lifted, on the 24th November, it was only for the Americans bound West Ward. The Ladies then applied in Person to the Assembly, their request was granted unanimously, and the Ship put to Sea immediately, she would no doubt have been stopt next day by the Mob.

The English Prisoners were also nesed with Kindness; all the Officers were invited into the first Families on the Island, and were allowed 400 livres per Month, to defray their Expences, the Sailors had liberty to go almost where they pleased. —

To give a Just account of the Islands of France and Bourbon, it is only necessary to state the Fr

opinions

1918 Fort St George 22d May 1794

opinions and Sentiments of the Principal Men of these Islands, learned from a Daily habit of hearing them speak to the following Purpose -

At the Island of Bourbon.

From the 3d of June 1793 on which day the news of the war with England arrived, they were hourly expecting to be attacked by a fleet from England, and that it was the Governor's private Intention to surrender to the first summons made by the English Commander.-

That they had not 500 Regular Troops to defend the Island.-

That the Inhabitants could muster an Army of 5000 Citizens, who seemed determined to defend their Island although the Country Inhabitants of the Island, commonly called Creoles, are much attached to the ancient Government of France, and it is expected they will stand a loof if the Island should be invaded, and ultimately join the Conquering Army.-

In the Isle of France the case differs-

The regular Troops there may be from 9 to 1200 Men, And the whole of the Citizens, enrolled into 8 Battalions may amount to 7,000 Men They are all expecting to be attacked by an English Fleet and Army, but they have the utmost

Confidence

1919 Fort St George 22d May 1794

Confidence in their own power being equal to repel any attack that the English can make upon their Island, having Batteries, wherever they judge Boats can land, prepared with hot shot, to be perfect in the practice of which they are in the habit of daily Practice.—

The opinions of the Sensible Men of the Isle of France Viz.t.— That if the Island should be invaded by a fleet sufficient to prevent provisions being imported and the Town of Port Louis surrounded by an Army of 10,000 Men that they must surrender at discretion, as the Inhabitants are supplied with Provisions daily from the Country and Neighbouring Island, and that they have no Magazines that contain one Month's Provisions for the Inhabitants of Port Louis, who are nearly 15,000 including Women Children and Slaves.—

There is no formidable Fortifica-=tion on the Island of France, the fate of the Island depends on a battle, or an effectual Blockade for two Months at farthest.—

That the loss of these Islands would be the most Severe loss to Old France, as, by their Industry of late Years, they are enabled to export yearly for Europe nearly one Million Sterling

1920 Fort St. George 29th May 1794

Sterling Value, in Cotton, Coffee, and Indigo.—

The Inhabitants have always entertained Expectations that these Islands will one day enable them to furnish Men Provisions and every requisite Supply of Stores to assist them in their Wars with England, and no Colonies more worthy of their Defence. The French Gentlemen uniformly agree that their Country is ruined to the most deplorable degree of distress, And several of the Gentlemen to whom I am indebted for personal Civility, are so satisfied that these Islands will be invaded by the English, that they solicited of me Letters to such friends of mine as may be found in the English Army.

There were two of the Kings, now National, Frigates of War, mounting 40 Guns. and from 3 to 400 Men on board each.

The Princess, fitted as a Privateer and ready for Sea, and several others fitting &c out, but except the Princess Royal they had no Men for the others fitting, but they depended on the return of the Privateers then at Sea for hands to Man those then fitting

Regular &c

1921 Fort St George 22d May 1794

Regular Troops 1200 Officers Aristocrats, and in general the Men inclined that way, if it was safe to shew it.—

Militia about .. 8000 Composed of Planters Residents and People of Colour, who are regularly Embodied and Armed. Of these in general the Exposition may be considered as turning upon the posession, or want of Property, the first would be glad of any regular Government, and the latter are determined Levellers.

Inhabitants of all discriptions about } 13,000.

Slaves about 70,000

Landing place about 2 Miles to the Eastward of the Fort which is neither of Strength or Extent, and might be silenced by a line of Battle Ship, a small Battery of 6 or 8 Guns to protect the landing place. Scarce of every Kind of Provisions except Rice, Cattle Scarce, 4 or 500 head arrived from Madagascar, Communication kept up for the purposes of Supply.

Cybelle	44	500.	lower Deck 18 Pdrs upper 9
Princess Royal	44	500	do ..... do
Prudente	32	350	Unknown
.....	24	250.	..... S.

1922

Fort St. George 22d. May 1794

Saint Felix superceded, Major in Command, and Democrat. St. Felix had orders to Remain for the Protection of the Island, latest Accounts from France 22d. June, and then the Convention had promised to send out a Convoy a 70 Gun & Armed inflate and 2 Frigates.-

Two Frigates and 22 Sail of Merchant Ships Sailed 22d. October from Bourbon. The Merchant Ships in general laying up and incapable of fitting out more Privateers until they get some Provisions, Abundance of Naval Stores and Powder.-

Thirteen Privateers out, Two Sailed 3 Weeks before they did, others expected soon, had Spicie very scarce, Paper at a great Discount, Stores very full of Goods.

A true Copy
Signed/ T. H. Harington
Sec.y

Minute of the Board on the above letter and papers from Bengal.-

The Board are much concerned that the Governor General in Council should have experienced any difficulty in forming his resolu=tions, from the want of their explicit sentiments with regard to the European Force which might

might, with safety, be spared from this Coast.

Had the Board felt themselves com-
=petent, with the information they possessed, to give
a just and satisfactory opinion upon this point,
they cer-tainly should not have omitted it. But
the Safety of the Country, by which their Sentiments
were to be regulated, appeared to involve considerati=
-ons, embracing the interest and designs of all
those Powers who might be supposed to concern them=
-selves in the movements of the Company's
Forces, and this subject, as they conceived, could
not be separated from the general question
referred to the determination of the Governor General
in Council of Bengal. —

Any opinion formed by the Bd
Board upon partial and imperfect grounds
must have led to very erroneous conclusions, and
they trust that the Honble Court of Directors, and
the Governor General in Council of Bengal will
not disapprove a caution which was intended
solely to prevent Error. On every point relating
to the proposed Service which comes within their
means of Information or ability, their best Endeavours
have, and will continue to be exerted
agreeably to the orders they have received.

Resolved

1924 Fort S. George 22d May 1795

Resolved that the following letter be written to Colonel Stuart

To Colonel Stuart.

Sir,

To Colonel Stuart — enclosing Copies of the foregoing papers from Bengal for his opinion — Information of the Number of Recruits that may be expected from England

The Honble the President in Council of [illegible] having received from Bengal the sentiments of the Governor General in Council regarding the expedition to the French Islands, I am directed to transmit to you copies of the papers that have been received on the subject, and to request your early attention to the important points contained in the deliberative observations and resolutions of the Supreme Government. —

Independant of the European Force to be sent to the Coast from the other Presi-=dencies, in the event of the Expedition's being undertaken under the limitations determined by the Governor General in Council, the President in Council has advice from the Court of Direc-=tors of their intention to send 700 Recruits to Madras this Season, if they can be procured — but they express their fears that their best exertions for that purpose will not prove successful. Of the number of Recruits proposed to be sent to the other Presidencies this season, or whether there be

any

Fort St George 22d May 1794

any destined for the King's troops The President in Council is entirely uninformed.—

I am,

&c. &c.

Signed W. C. Jackson
Secry

Fort St George
22d May 1794.

Resolved, that the further consideration of the papers from Bengal, be deferred, until the Board are in possession of Colonel Stuarts reply to the foregoing letter.—

further consideration of the papers from Bengal deferred for the present.—

Ex B

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield

and

George Westcott Esquires

Saturday
24th May 1794.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

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

To

1924 Fort St. George 22d. May 1794

Resolved that the following letter be written to Colonel Stuart

To Colonel Stuart.

Sir,

To Colonel Stuart enclosing Copies of the foregoing papers from Bengal for his opinion on Information of the Number of Recruits that may be expected from England

The Honble the President in Council having received from Bengal the sentiments of the Governor General in Council regarding the expedition to the French Islands I am directed to transmit to you copies of the papers that have been received on the subject, and to request your early attention to the important points contained in the deliberative observations and resolutions of the Supreme Government.—

Independant of the European Force to be sent to the Coast from the other Presi=dencies, in the event of the Expedition's being undertaken under the limitations determined by the Governor General in Council, the President in Council has advice from the Court of Direc=tors of their intention to send 700 Recruits to Madras this Season, if they can be procured but they express their fears that their best exertions for that purpose will not prove successful. Of the number of Recruits proposed to be sent to the other Presidencies this season, or whether there be

any

1925 Fort St George 22d May 1794

any destined for the Kings troops The President in Council is entirely uninformed.—

I am,

&c. &c.

Signed W. C. Jackson
Secry

Fort St George
22d May 1794.

further consideration of the papers from Bengal deferred for the present. —

Resolved, that the further consideration of the papers from Bengal, be deferred, until the Board are in posession of Colonel Stuarts reply to the foregoing letter. —

Ex B

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield

and

George Westcott Esquires

Saturday
24th May 1794.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

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

To

1926 Fort St George 24th May 1794

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor &c. &c. &c.

In Council.

Honorable Sir,

From Colonel Stuart stating his sentiments on the question referred to him in regard to the Expedition of opinion that every preparation should be made to forward it.

I had the honor last night to receive Mr Secretary Jackson's letter in the Secret department, enclosing Copies of the Papers that have been received from Bengal, and requesting my early attention to the important points contained in the deliberative opinions and resolutions of the Supreme Government.

The object of my mission to this country which was simply to prepare the troops which should be allotted for the expedition, and to concert and regulate the details which are incident to the nature of the service, had never induced me to suppose that I should be called upon to decide on so momentous a question, as whether the preparations for the expedition shall be undertaken under the limitations expressed in the resolutions of the Supreme Board.—

To these Resolutions and the deliberative opinions on which they are founded it is equally exacted, by my duty, and by that confidence which must necessarily be reposed in

Fort St George 24th May 1794

in all opinions proceeding from so high a source, relative to the general politicks of India, that I should pay that implicit deference which the nature of my situation demands.

It must therefore be my province, after furnishing such explanations as are required from me by the 30th Par: of the Minute of the Governor General in Council, to confine myself to a consideration, strictly military, of the question involved in the resolutions of the Supreme Board.—

His Majesty's Ministers and the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors in regulating the force for the intended expedition had before them the last general returns received from India; and determined, on a full considera-tion of all circumstances, that the Military force to be employed on this occasion should be sent from India, unless, from some change in affairs, it should appear to the Supreme Board dangerous to the Company's settlements that so considerable a force should be withdrawn from them.—

This determination appears to me to be intimated in the dispatches from the Secret Committee to both Governments; and when I left England I did not pretend to understand

1926 Fort St George 25th May 1794

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor &c. &c. &c.

In Council.

Honorable Sir,

From Colonel Stuart stating his sentiments on the question referred to him in regard to the Expedition of opinion that every preparation should be made to forward it.

I had the honor last night to receive Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter in the Secret department, inclosing Copies of the Papers that have been received from Bengal, and requesting my early attention to the important points contained in the deliberative opinions and resolutions of the Supreme Government.

The object of my mission to this country which was simply to prepare the troops which should be allotted for the expedition, and to concert and regulate the details which are incident to the nature of the service, had never induced me to suppose that I should be called upon to decide on so momentous a question, as whether the preparations for the expedition shall be undertaken under the limitations expressed in the resolutions of the Supreme Board.

To these Resolutions and the deliberative opinions on which they are founded it is equally exacted, by my duty, and by that confidence which must necessarily be reposed in

Fort St George 24th May 1794

in all opinions proceeding from so high a source, relative to the general politicks of India, that I should pay that implicit deference which the nature of my situation demands.

It must therefore be my province, after furnishing such explanations as are required from me by the 30th Par: of the Minute of the Governor General in Council, to confine myself to a consideration, strictly military, of the question involved in the resolutions of the Supreme Board.—

His Majesty's Ministers and the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors in regulating the force for the intended expedition had before them the last general returns received from India; and determined, on a full considera-tion of all circumstances, that the Military force to be employed on this occasion should be sent from India, unless, from some change in affairs, it should appear to the Supreme Board dangerous to the Company's settlements that so considerable a force should be withdrawn from them.—

This determination appears to me to be intimated in the dispatches from the Secret Committee to both Governments; and when I left England I did not so understand

Fort St George 24th May 1794

understand that any troops were to be expected on the fleet except the established number of ma-rines, and the recruits of the season, regarding whose numbers I had no information. Nor indeed was I charged with any specific communication either to the Supreme Board or to this Government except such questions as might arise out of the details for the service, and such explanations as might be demanded of me regarding it.

I now proceed to the important question which is to determine, whether the pre-parations for the expedition shall be undertaken under the limitations prescribed by the Supreme Board, which question I can consider to be referred to me in so far only as it relates to the number of troops to be employed.

The greatest number of European troops that the Supreme Government will admit of being sent from India is 2008 with the addition of whatever number can be replaced by recruits, or reinforcements from England on the expected Ships.

The recruits for this Presidency I am now to understand, from the communication of your Honble Board, will not exceed 700, but probably fall much short of that

Fort St. George 24th May 1794

that number: Adding therefore such recruits for the other Presidencies as you may have it in your power to detain, and those for his Majesty's Regi=ments (whose numbers I have no ground to conjecture) It does not appear to me that a larger reinforcement than 1000 Men can be safely rec=koned on.

The whole number of Europeans then which the Supreme Board will eventually consent to spare is 3008.

If Dutch Troops be applied for (of whom out of 3000 they will scarcely spare 2000) I should imagine they would more rea=dily grant them for the Service of the Carnatic than that against the Mauritius: and inde=pendent of the probable consideration, that we cannot receive this reinforcement in time for undertaking the expedition this season: I am free to add that I should give a decided prefer=ence to the British troops in the service to be expected at Mauritius.

Of the expediency of this applica=tion, or of it's probable success, I can form no opi=nion. Leaving therefore to the Judgement of your Honorable Board to calculate the number that may reasonably be expected. It is only

necessary

Fort St George 24th May 1794

understand that any troops were to be expected in the fleet except the established number of ma-rines, and the recruits of the season, regarding whose numbers I had no information: Nor indeed was I charged with any specific communication either to the Supreme Board or to this Government except such questions as might arise out of the details for the service, and such explanations as might be demanded of me regarding it.

I now proceed to the important question which is to determine, whether the pre-parations for the expedition shall be undertaken under the limitations prescribed by the Supreme Board; which question I can consider to be referred to me in so far only as it related to the number of troops to be employed.

The greatest number of European troops that the Supreme Government will admit of being sent from India is 2008. with the addition of whatever number can be replaced by recruits, or reinforcements from England on the expected Ships.

The recruits for this Presidency I am now to understand, from the communication of your Honble Board, will not exceed 700, but probably fall much short of that

Fort St. George 25th May 1794

that number: Adding therefore such recruits for the other Presidencies as you may have it in your power to detain, and those for his Majesty's Regi=ments (whose numbers I have no ground to conjecture) It does not appear to me that a larger reinforcement than 1000 Men can be safely rec=koned on.

The whole number of Europeans then which the Supreme Board will eventually consent to spare is 3000.

If Dutch Troops be applied for (of whom out of 3000 they will scarcely spare 2000) I should imagine they would more rea=dily grant them for the Service of the Carnatic than that against the Mauritius: and inde=pendent of the probable consideration, that we cannot receive this reinforcement in time for undertaking the expedition this season: I am free to add that I should give a decided prefer=ence to the British troops in the service to be expected at Mauritius.

Of the expediency of this applica=tion, or of its probable success, I can form no opi=nion. Leaving therefore to the Judgement of your Honorable Board to calculate the number that may reasonably be expected. It is only

necessary

Fort St George 24th May 1794

understand that any troops were to be expected in the fleet except the established number of ma-rines, and the recruits of the season, regarding whose numbers I had no information. Nor indeed was I charged with any specific communication either to the Supreme Board or to this Government except such questions as might arise out of the details for the service, and such explanations as might be demanded of me regarding it.

I now proceed to the important question which is to determine, whether the pre-parations for the expedition shall be undertaken under the limitations prescribed by the Supreme Board, which question I can consider to be referred to me in so far only as it relates to the number of troops to be employed.

The greatest number of European troops that the Supreme Government will admit of being sent from India is 2000 with the addition of whatever number can be replaced by recruits, or reinforcements from England on the expected Ships.

The recruits for this Presidency I am now to understand, from the communication of your Honble Board, will not exceed 700, but probably fall much short of

that

Fort St. George 25th May 1794

that number: Adding therefore such recruits for the other Presidencies as you may have it in your power to detain, and those for his Majesty's Regi=ments (whose numbers I have no ground to conjecture) It does not appear to me that a larger reinforcement than 1000 Men can be safely rec=koned on.

The whole number of Europeans then which the Supreme Board will eventually consent to spare is 3008.

If Dutch Troops be applied for (of whom out of 3000 they will scarcely spare 2000) I should imagine they would more rea=dily grant them for the Service of the Carnatic than that against the Mauritius: and inde=pendent of the probable consideration, that we cannot receive this reinforcement in time for undertaking the expedition this season: I am free to add that I should give a decided prefer=ence to the British troops in the service to be expected at Mauritius.

Of the expediency of this applica=tion, or of its probable success, I can form no opi=nion. Leaving therefore to the Judgement of your Honorable Board to calculate the number that may reasonably be expected. It is only

necessary

Fort St George 24th May 1794

necessary for me to state that, from the substance of the paper of information communicated by the Supreme Board which does not materially differ from the various accounts I have been enabled to collect at this place, I cannot give an opinion for any diminution whatever of the original re=quisition of Europeans, consistently with that regard for the reputation of our Arms, with the importance of which the Supreme Board are so justly impressed.

But although, from the nature of the intended Service, which appears to de==mand steady and veteran European troops, I can neither, in regard to my own Judgement, or my responsibility to Sir William Meadows, propose any diminution whatever, or further substitution of native for European troops, it is to be regretted, on account of the object and im=portance of the armament, that, in the opinion of the Supreme Board, the care of the Carnatic, during the absence of the expedition could not have been confided to a respectable native force from Bengal (which I have understood may be recruited with great facility) in addition to the remaining force of the Coast completed to its full establishment, and the Europeans

Fort St George 24th May 1794

Europeans intended to be sent from that and the Bombay Presidency.

With regard to the probable period that the troops may be absent, and the number to be stationed on the Island in the event of its being captured, both must depend on contingencies which cannot now be calculated; But I should presume, from analagous circumstances, that the force to be permanently stationed ought not to exceed half the number required for its reduction; And as, from the setting in of the Stormy season, all operations must be concluded before December, it is probable that the troops not required for the defence of the Island would return to the Carnatic in the course of that month.

To conclude with a trite but just observation, all great military enterprizes must, from their nature, be incident to risque. And as his Majesty's Ministers appeared to me to annex infinite importance to the result of the expedition, and to entertain the most sanguine expectations of success; As in the interval between the 22. October 1793 when I was despatched and the 1st of February 1794 when it was probable the fleet would sail, it is by no means impossible

that

Fort St. George 24th. May 1794

that consideration and may have occurred to induce Ministry to spare some troops from England for this service. As I can by no means answer for Lieutenant General Medows's determination on comparing the farther information he may have collected at home with what he received in this country: As the result of the application to the Dutch may exceed the hopes entertained of its success: And as the Supreme Board, on a consideration of your report, may possibly be induced to modify their Order: I would earnestly hope that, until the Generals arrival, or at least, until a farther reference be made to the Supreme Board, no preparation will be omitted, that may tend, in any respect, to forward the intended Service.

Friday Evening
Madras 23. May 1794.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Stuart
Colonel &c. &c.

Resolved that the following letters be immediately despatched by express to Bengal and to Columbo.

J.H.

1933 Fort St. George 24th May 1794.

Secret Department.

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council
at Fort William

Honble Sir,

To Bengal - in reply to the Dispatch above entered - Substance of the Board's letter to Colonel Stuart on the subject - Copy of his Reply - Preparations will, in consequence, be continued - application made to the Dutch for a Body of Europeans.

Para 1st We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 9th instant, with its enclosures.

2 We are much concerned that you should have experienced any difficulty in forming your Judgment relative to the proposed armament, from the want of our explicit sentiments with regard to the European Force which might with safety be spared from this Coast.

3 Had we felt ourselves competent, with the information we possessed, to give a just and satisfactory opinion upon this point, we certainly should not have omitted it. But the safety of the Country, by which our sentiments were to be regulated, appeared to involve considerations, embracing the interests and designs of all those Powers, who might be supposed to concern themselves in the movements of the Company's Force; and, this subject, as we conceived could not be separated from the general question of Policy referred to the determination of your Government.

4 Any opinion formed by us, upon partial and imperfect grounds, might have led to very erroneous conclusions, and we trust that neither

Fort St. George 25th May 1794

neither the Honorable Court of Directors, nor your Honorable Board will disapprove a caution, which was intended solely to prevent error: on every point which comes within our means of information or ability, our best endeavours have, and will continue to be exerted conformably to the orders we have received.

5 In pursuance of your instructions we, last previous time we communicating to Colonel Stuart the Minutes and resolutions contained in your despatch, and recommending them to his early attention. We also informed him that we had received advice from the Court of Directors of their intention to send 700 Recruits to Madras this season, if they could be spared; but that they had expressed their fears that their best exertions for that purpose would not prove successful. We added, that of the number of recruits proposed to be sent to the other Presidencies, or whether there were any destined for the Kings' Troops, we were entirely uninformed.

6 We have now the honor to transmit a copy of Colonel Stuart's reply, and to observe that, agreeably to his suggestion, we have resolved that, until the arrival of Sir William Meadows, or, at least, until we know the result of this reference no preparation shall be omitted that may tend, in any respect, to forward the intended service.

7 In consequence of the intimation contained in the P.S. paragraph of your letter now before us, we have written to the Government of Columbo, apprizing them of the proposed expedition against the French Islands and requesting

1935 Fort St George 24th May 1794.—

requesting a reinforcement of as many Europeans as they can spare to supply the absence of those employed on the service, resting our hope of their compliance, on the ground of the great public benefit that must result to our respective Nations, in the event of the conquest of those Islands. We shall advise you of their reply the moment it is received.—

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

Fort St George
24th May 1794.

Signed Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

To the Honorable J.H. Van de Graaff
Governor &c. &c. Council
at Columbo

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs,

We have the honor to acquaint you

To Columbo advising them of the intended Expedition against the French Islands and applying for the aid of a Body of Europeans

that, by late intelligence from England, we are informed of the intention of the British Ministry to attempt the conquest of the French Islands of Mauritius and Bourbon. To effect this equal and important object, so material to the welfare and security of the possessions of our respective Nations in India, a very considerable naval armament is now on its way to this Country, and we have ourselves no doubt of the most brilliant success, provided it were possible to send from hence a sufficient Body of Europeans: But we have not the means of furnishing the number required without leaving our possessions in so weak a state of defence, as to hazard their safety. It is on this account, and under the

consideration

1936

Fort St George 24th. May 1794.—

consideration of the benefit that must result to the States General of Holland, as well as to the British Empire, in case the French be expelled from the Islands, that we take the liberty of soliciting from you the aid of as many Europeans as can be spared from Ceylon, in order to supply the absence of the Troops which may be employed on the expedition.—

If you are pleased to comply with this requisition we shall engage to furnish the Pay of the Troops which you may supply during their continuance in our Services, as well as the expense of their embarkation and return.—

When you consider that the reinforcements we solicit is only to be employed in the defence of the Carnatic,—that we have every reason to expect that it will be returned to you in the course of six Months at farthest—that this accomplishment of the object in view is of such material importance to the interests of your Nation—and above all, that the arrival of the British Fleet will give effectual protection to the Dutch Settlements in India, we can have no doubt of your ready compliance.

We request the favor of as speedy a reply to this letter as possible, and have the honor to be,

with great Esteem and regard,

&c. &c.

(signed) Charles Oakeley

&c. Council.

Fort St George
24th. May 1794.—

Colonel Stuart to be informed of the Board's resolution to continue the preparations for the Expedition.

Resolved, to inform Colonel Stuart that, agreeably to his suggestion, the Board have determined that, until the arrival of Lieutenant General Sir William Medows or at least until the result of the present reference to Bengal be known, no preparation shall be omitted, that may tend, in any respect, to forward the intended Service.

"

"

"

E. H. Fallofield
Sy

Ex. d. George Parry
Wm. Sykes

1937

Fort St. George . . May 1794.

24

Diary

Received Letter from the Nabob -

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob -

Entered in C.C. Vol. forwarding Complaints
received from his Son at Trichinopoly & Madura
against Doctor Little for ill treatment of one
Mahomed Ismael, and Mr. Vaughan - for
compelling the Inhabitants to sell their Sheep
at four for a Porto Novo Pagoda.

Received the following Letters

To the Honble Sir Cha. Oakeley Bart

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

Madras.

Honble Sir.

I have the honor to receive a

From Captain Allan, reporting his progress in the Military Survey of the Barramhaul

Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson of the 8th Instant,
Acquainting me, that you Desire I will Report
the progress I have made in the Survey I
have been employed upon, and the time
requisite for the Completion of it.

I have surveyed more than
one thousand two hundred Miles, of the
Principal

1938 Fort St George May 1794

24 principal Roads: have taken views of the / Different hills and bearings to them, from more than One hundred Stations: which will enable me, to extend the Survey, beyond the Limits of the Ceded Countries. I have examined the several Passes, leading from the Carnatic Coast to the Bala Gaut: Six of which, Situated between Amboor and Ryacotta, I believe had not been previously explored. I have surveyed that part of the / Cavery, which forms the Frontier of the Ceded Countries: have ascertained the Nature of the several Fords across that River: and shall be able to lay down, the Remainder of the Frontier Line, from the Cavery to Amboor -

The Native Guides, have been employed in examining, not only the Roads which I have surveyed, but also many / hundred Miles of Cross Roads

As the position of every Fort and indeed of every principal Village, will be determined by my own Survey, the Routes of the Native Guides will be useful; as I have instructed

24 instructed them, to keep field Books in the
same form, as I do Myself.

The Materials therefore, for forming
a Map of the Ceded Countries, North of the
River Cavery, are nearly Completed.

I cannot with any degree of precision
inform your Honble Board, what time will
be requisite for the Completion of the Duty, on
which I have the honor to be employed. The
Materials, which are Voluminous, must be
arranged, and all the bearings must be corrected,
in Order to enable me, to form a Map and
Books of Roads. Copies must be made of my
field Books, of the Views of the different Hills,
and of the bearings to them; which are to be
transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors,
together with separate Sketches of the Passes.

I can assure your Honble Board,
that, I am extremely anxious to Complete the
Duty on which I am employed as expeditiously
as possible; because I trust, when I have the
honor

1940 Fort St George May 1794

I have the honor to lay the whole before your Honble Board, that it meet with your approbation

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir

&c &c &c

A Allan.

Capt Com[d] the Guards

Barramahl
21st May 1794.

To W. C. Jackson Esq[re]

Military Secretary.

From Colonel Nixon, forwarding a Protest lodged by Captain Mears.

Sir,

Since my last on the Subject of Captain Mearss Bales, he has lodged the enclosed Protest, which I enclose to You, not knowing how far, this Business may affect me, I hope my sending this forward may not appear improper to the Governor.

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

E Nixon

Pondicherry
22 May 1794

By this Public Instrument of Declaration & Protest be it known and made Manifest unto all People whom

1941 Fort St. George May 1794

whom it doth, shall, or may Concern:
That on Monday the Nineteenth Day of
May in the Year of our Lord One thousand
seven hundred and ninety four before me,
E. Nixon Commanding at Pondicherry,
personally came and appeared William
Mears, Captain of the English Ships The
Favorite, now employed in the Honorable
the United East India Company's Naval
Marine and declared as follows - That on
the Eighteenth Day of May, in the Year of
our Lord One thousand seven hundred and
ninety four, He had Shipped on Board
the said Ship Favorite, Laying in
Pondicherry Roads, Twenty four Bales
which he the said William Mears had
seized in these Roads in the Month of
April last in the Sloop called the Raäff
under Danish Colours, and which he
verily believes to be French Property. That
on the Nineteenth Day of May he was
applied

1942 Fort St George May 1794

24 applied to by Colonel Nixon, who produced an Order from the Madras Government, by Virtue of an Opinion given by their Attorney General to restore those Bales to the French Merchants of Pondicherry. That the said Williams Mears is not sufficiently satisfied with the Opinion of the Attorney General and therefore most solemnly Protests against the Detention of the said Bales and against all Risk and Damage that may happen from such detention and relanding the said Bales, as well as for the Value thereof, being well satisfied that those Bales are a legal Prize, and of Course the Property of himself and Ships Crew. He therefore relands them, only at the request of Colonel Nixon, who engages to be accountable, and receives them in Trust until a Decision in the Court of Admiralty is given. Thus done and

24 and Protested in Pondicherry the Day
and Year first above written In the Presence
of John Baillie Subscribing Eccles Nixon Col.
Witness thereto Com.r Pondicherry
Will.m Mears
Witness Tho.s Conway
John Baillie.

To the Hon.ble Sir Cha.s Oakeley Bar.t
Governor in Council at Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir,

From Col Nixon referring for decision a Point submitted by the President of the Superior Council there.

The enclosed letter which I have the honor to forward to You was this Day delivered to me by M.r Gerard, the President of the Superior Council here, who is desirous to know under what Sovereign Authority Sentence of Death can be passed upon any Criminal here, and how the same is to be carried into effect.

He appears to be Solicitous to obtain Information on the Above Subject, which

as

1944 Fort St. George May 1794

2d is requested to be transmitted to

Pondicherry
22d May 1794

The Honble Sir
Cl. & Co.
E. Dixon

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Governor &
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform You that the Superior Council of Pondicherry having instituted a Trial at the Requisition of the Attorney General of that Council, against Setama Rajah and three other Natives, Accessaries accused of having poisoned and assassinated Ramayengee Rajepoote of high Cast, who came to this City to look after the Estate of one of his Relations, and the Informations having been taken and perfected by the Recommandation and confronting of the Witnesses, it appears that this Matter is brought into a Situation

1945 Fort St. George May 1794

24 Situation to be decided upon, but as it seems that there may be Ground for condemning the Perpetrators of this Parricide to Death and in such Case it being indispensable as it has always been the Custom, that the Sentence should be confirmed in the name of the Sovereign, who Governs, I request of You Sir to have the Goodness to point out the Measures, that the Council of Pondicherry should pursue on this Occasion.

I am, with Respect,
Sir
Your
Most
Obedt
Humble Servt
Signed/ Gerard
President of
Council

Above translation
J Chase
Fourth Transr

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

From Mr. Popham enclosing the Bill of Sale and other Documents concerning his Bazar & Ground - tenders a Deed of Conveyance, in place of surrendering the original Grant - Reasons why

Honble Sir

Herewith I submit to your Honor in Council a Bill of Sale of the Bazar and

24 and Ground with an attested Copy of the
Grant from Government, being the mode
adopted in Similar Cases in England where
the Ground sold is only a part of the Estate
comprehended in the Original Grant. I have
also annexed to the Bill of Sale the Chief &
Engineers Survey and Measurement of the
Bazars and Ground in Question.

I have no personal objection whatever
to surrender to your Honor in Council the Grant
which I received from Government in 1780 &
receiving a new one for the Ground on which
my House stands and for those other Lots
not yet sold, but I submit to your Honble &
Board one serious Inconvenience therefrom,
namely that the Choultry Bills of Sale which
have hitherto been granted under my previous
Deeds of Conveyance have reference to this
Original Grant, and are indorsed thereon;
so that they would all be virtually annulled,
and I might hereafter appear as having
sold several Lots of Ground without a

previous

1947 Fort St. George May 1794

24 previous Grant from Government —

The Covenants too in this Original

Grant which affect all Ground sold under

it would be then no more, and the present

Possessors might build Upstair Houses within

300 feet of the Boundary of the Esplanade

when the restricting Clause was no longer in

Existence — If under the above Considerations

your Honor in Council should resolve to

receive the Deed of Conveyance on the Mode

I have now offered it, I take the liberty to

Advise that the Ground comprehended therein

should be marked off by an endorsed Certificate

on the Grant similar to those already written

thereon by the Choultry Court Register —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c

L Pynham

Recieved also the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M. B. Nos 153. 154. 155. 156.

From Contractor for Military

Cloathing

Madras

24 May 1794

From Mr Torreiano

1948 Fort St George May 1794

24 Cloathing - requests a renewal of this Contract for another Year -

From Agent to Dr enclosing 4 Certificates in proof of the Attention shewn in providing the Cloathing -

From Mr Brie-thaupt.

From Military Board.

From Military Board - Colonel Stuart proposes the provision of Curries for the Sepoys to sleep upon, on Ship Board - orders requested -

From Commandant at Trichinopoly

From Commandant at Trichinopoly forwarding an Application from the Head Surgeon for two Medical Assistants -

Despatched the following Letter

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

To Military Board referring for their opinion Copy of a Letter from Major Orr relative to the Quantity of Grain regulated as the daily food for each Horse. Observations -

Gentlemen,

We herewith transmit Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding the 6 th Regiment of Native Cavalry, on which we desire to have your opinion. We must observe however

Fort St. George May 1794

2d however, that the Arguments advanced by Major Orr, against the admission of the Claim preferred by Lieutenant Sheriff have made considerable Impression on our Minds, and would have obtained our Concurrence, if we had not adverted to the Observation contained in your Letter of the 25th June 1793. Viz.t.

"That the full feed of five Seers being allowed "for each horse, the suggestion (of Col. Floyd) "relative to food for such Horses as may be carried "into Execution in each Troop without any "Public order or Arrangement" - This Observation was approved by Us as having reference to the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons, but whether it was considered by You as applicable to the whole of the Cavalry, we cannot ascertain from your Report -

We find, by the Regulations published on the 24th of April 1793, that five Seers were not allowed indiscriminately for every Horse, as the following Extract will shew

1952 Fort St George May 1794

24 To Accountant General, notifying that the above Allowance has been granted in lieu of fifteen Thousand Candies of Paddy received by the Family, during the Assumption of the Tanjore Country.

25 Sent the following Letter -

To Colonel Stuart

To Col. Stuart informing him that every preparation will continue to be made for the Expedition, as suggested by him.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon^ble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 23^d Instant, & to inform You that, agreeably to your Suggestion, he has resolved that, until the arrival of Sir William Medows, or at least until the Result of the reference which he is now making to the Governor General in Council be known, no preparation shall be omitted, that may tend, in any Respect, to forward the intended Service.

I am &c &c
Wm C. Jackson
Secy

Fort St George
24 May 1794

Despatched

Despatched the undermentioned
Letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170
171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 178.—

To Commissary General of Grain
and Provisions. the demand due from Major
Stevenson relinquished. the Old Rice at Samul-
-cotah to be sold off.

To Principal Agent for Cavalry
Supplies. acquainting him that the Bill drawn
by Lieutenant St. Leger in favor of Major
Stevenson is to be discharged with Interest for
Twenty days, and at the Current Rate of Six
P. Cent.

To Agent for the Clothing Contractor
accepting his proposal for the Transportation
of the Clothing, at his own Risk and Charge
for the P. Centage of four & a half Pagodas
upon the Cost of the Same

To Hospital Board. transmitting
Copy of Mr. Bairds letter. & desiring their Opinion
whether any further Medical Assistance be
necessary or can be spared for the Sick
under his Charge—

To

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—

To Mr. Cockburn

To Mr. Breithaupt.

To Hospital Board

1956. Fort St. George May 1794.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

2d. at the Orders sent to Colonel Floyd - to act as directed
that their Reply suggested be given to the Officers
of Tippoo Sultaun at Trichinopoly & Orest -
Received the undermentioned Letters
Endorsed on Mem.o Nos 179 180 181 182 183 - -

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From Comissary General of Grain & Provisions - submitting Additional Estimate of Cash required at Tanjore -

From Ditto

From Ditto - submitting an Estimate for converting a Choultry into a Granary at Tryloor -

From Adjutant General

From Adjutant General - proposing the promotion of Lieut.t Thomas Porter Consign Thomas Captain & Lieut Farmworthy Tryloor -

From Colonel Floyd

From Commandant at Trichinopoly - Has entered the 19th Dragoons to take up the vacant Quarters of the 36 Regiment at Warriore, whereby Reason the former has ceased - requests orders in Respect to continuing the buildings of the temporary Sheds for the Men and Quarters for the Officers.

From Mr. Ward

From Mr. E. Ward - enclosing the Bath

Fort St. George May 1794

26 Oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty—

Sent Letter to the Nabob, Entered in C.C.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob—

N.º 73, transmitting a List of the Stores, that can be spared from the Articles captured at Pondicherry, if approved, Orders for their delivery, at the Valuation annexed, will be given to the Military Board.—

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in W.B. N.º 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191.—

To Secretary at Bengal, acquainting him, that Orders have been sent to Masulipatam for supplying the Articles, required by Lieutenant

To M.r Secretary Hay

Doveton—

To the Barrack Masters—acquainting them, that the Arguments urged in their Address have occasioned no Alteration in the Boards Sentiments, as to the propriety of limiting the duration of their Office. The Motives that induced the measure will be explained to the Court of

To Barrack Masters

Directors—

To Commander of the Army, enclosing the above under a flying Seal, and desiring him to forward it—

To Colonel Braithwaite—

To

1958 Fort St George May 1794

16/ 26 To Military Auditor General -

To Auditor Genl Advances to be made to the Chief Engineer for the Provisions of Forages & Gabions Notification of the Acceptance of Mr. Boorthwaite's proposal above mentioned.

To Military Board the Opinions

Military Board - and Recommendations contained in their Letter of the 16th Instant. approved.

To Ditto - with Directions for

Ditto - disposing of a Large Brass Mortar, lying on the Beach, to Messrs. Roebuck and Abbot, and for supplying some Stores from Manufacturer required by Lieutenant Dawtrey at Hyderabad.

To Ditto - directing that an

Ditto - Engineer be sent to Palamcottah, to survey the Fortifications, and to report upon the necessity of attaching a Dooley to the Garrison of Vellore.

To Commander of the Army desiring

To Colonel Brathwaite - his Opinion to the Reinforcement required for the Vizagapatam District.

Substance of a 27 Received Letter from the Rajah of

Letter Tanjore. Entered in C. C. No. 74. requesting to purchase

1959 Fort St. George May 1794

Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

27 Purchase Two thousand old Muskets from the Stores at Trichinopoly for the Use of his Sibbendy.

Received the following Letters -

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hble Sir.

From Auditor General, reporting on the Paymaster Generals Estimate for June -

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of June 1794 - forwarded to me with Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 21st Instant I have the honor to report that the Sum of Star Pagodas Twenty Eight thousand, three hundred and Sixty nine, five fanams, and thirty two Cash (2,28369 " 5 " 32) is required for the Payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month; Viz.t

From the General Treasury	1,56,663	22 -
By Bills on the Military Paym.r Gen.l	71,705	25 32
Pagodas	2,28,369	5 32

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 26 May 1794

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect.

Hble Sir

Your most

Obed.t Hble Servt

Henry Malcolm

Mily Aud.r Genl.

1960

Fort St. George May 1794

No 27

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge

From Auditor General, reporting on the Estimate of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for June, & on the Charges for Batta drawn by Ensign Morre 1/73 Regiment at Pondicherry -

the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 23 Instant, with the Estimate of Expected Disbursements in the Department of the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions for the Months of June 1794 and to report thereon as follows -

	Pr.	F.	Pa.
Expected Disbursements at Madras	10357	39	60
Chingleput Permacoil and Pondicherry	3393	16	64
Arnee Vellore & Amboor	66	12	-
Tiagar	22	-	-
Tanjore	16	27	-
Trichinopoly	3128	-	-
Madura	1612	-	-
Dindigul	302	-	-
Palamcotah	83	30	33
Masulipatam	76	33	14
Baramahal	103	-	-
Ellore	838	-	-
Pagodas	19099	33	11

From

1961 Fort St. George May 1794

4/27

From the Total Amount of Expected Disbursements as before Stated the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions deducts the following Sums as not ipsuable from the ye General Treasury at the Presidency, but payable out of the expected Receipts from Sales in the Department or from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bill will be drawn upon him & transferred through the General Treasury.

	Pr	F.	Ch
Madras	4,000	..	..
Chingleput	3393	..	64
Masulipatam	76	..	14
Baramahal	103	..	..
Ellore	838	..	..
Pagodas	8411	..	78

Consequently the Amount ipsuable at the Presidency on Account of Disbursements in June 1794 as pr Estimate of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is Eleven Thousand, five hundred, and Eighty Eight Pagodas, Twenty five fanams, and Thirteen Cash / 11588 .. 25 .. 13 /—

In Answer to the part of Mr Secy Jackson's Letter of the 23 Instant which refers to the

1962 Fort St. George May 1794

2d To the Copy of a Letter from the Paymaster of his Majesty's 73d Regiment, to Mr. Skardon Paymaster of Pondicherry, I beg leave to acquaint you that it appears to me, that the Batta drawn for should not have been paid; agreeably to the Regulations under date in General Orders of the 21st November 1793. unless the Officer in Charge of the Sick of the different Corps was detached from his Station; and that, even in such Case, it appears by the same Order that the Charge, previous to Payment should have been Certified to be necessary by the Commanding Officer of the Station in Case the latter did not admit of obtaining Superior Authority for it. I have only to add, in Answer to your Commands on this head, that if the Batta in Question shall be deemed admissible, under any particular Circumstances, of which I am not informed at present, it should be drawn for in the Abstract to be discharged by Mr Roebuck

1963 Fort St. George May 1794

27 Roebuck as Paymaster of Company's ye

Allowances.

I have the honor to be with the

highest Respect. Yr &c &c

Henry Malcolm

Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
26 May 1794.

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President & Governor in Council

of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble Sir,

I have the honor to report as

From Audr Genl reporting on the Estimate for the Bullock Agency for June

follows upon the General Estimate of Expected Disbursements in the Department of the Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Months of June 1794 Accompanying Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 23d Instant.

	Pr Fo &c
Expected Disbursements at Madras	582 .. - .. 40
Chingleput Permacoil & Pondicherry	4,073 .. 18 .. 51
Arnee Vellore & Amboor	7 .. - .. -
Trichinopoly	2000 .. - .. -
Madura	1,640 .. - .. -
Dindigul	350 .. - .. -
Palamcotta	22 .. 11 .. -
Barramahal	60 .. - .. -
Ellore	209 .. - .. -
Chicacole	10 .
Hyderabad Detachment	838 .. 38 .. -
Pagodas	9812 . 26 .. -

1964 Fort St George May 1794

27

From the Totale Amount of the Expected Disbursements as before Stated by the Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks deduct the following Sums not issuable from the General Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon them and transferred through the General Treasury.

	Pr. F. Cth
At Vellore	7 .. - .. -
In the Barramahal	60 .. - .. -
At Allore	209 .. - .. -
In the Ishapore District	10 .. - .. -
Hyderabad Detachment payable by the Nizam	358 .. 38 .. -
	Pagodas 1,144 .. 38 .. -

Consequently the Amount issuable at the Presidency, as per Estimate of the Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks, for June 1794, is (8667 .. 30 .. 11) Eight Thousand Six hundred and Sixty seven Pags. Thirty Fanams, and Eleven cash.

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect

your &c

Henry Haddon
Dy Military Auditor Genl

Military Auditor Genls Office
Fort St George
26 May 1794

1965 Fort St. George May 1794

27 Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 192. 193. 194.

From Secretary at Bombay -

From Secretary at Bombay — Acknowledge Receipt of Letters & enclosing Intelligence received from the Resident at Gram -

From Military Board - proposing that to be noticed in General Orders, that all Serangs, Tindals, Lascars or Native Artificers, will receive the same Extra Allowances as are given to the Native Troops -

From Paymas. General - From Military Paymaster General presenting an Additional Estimate of Cash required by him for the Current Month -

at

1966 Fort St. George 27th May 1794

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Ernst William Falkofield

&

George Westcott Esquires

Tuesday
27th May 1794

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved —

Read the following letter from
Vizagapatam —

To the Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Vizagapatam
Vizieram Rauze
deviates from the
Road to Madras &
goes to Pusmanabum

Honble Sir,

We are concerned to acquaint
You that the Rajah Vizieram Rauze who
set out from hence a few days ago, and order
to proceed on his Journey, to the Southward
has

Fort St. George 27th May 1794

has suddenly deviated from the Road, and
gone to Padmanaburm, where his Family &
resides, from thence, (if the Intelligence received
this Morning be correct,) it is the Rajah's
Intention to direct his Course immediately
into the interior Parts of the Country with
all his followers -

We have given advice of this
Circumstance to Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast,
and to all other Officers in Charge of Posts
& Detachments, and shall have the honor to
apprize Your honor in Council of further
particulars as soon as We are able to do so
with Accuracy - in the mean time, We shall
only Remark, that, if the Rajah has really
thrown off his Allegiance to the Company,
great Confusion in the District will in
infallibly be the Consequence, and a
Reinforcement of Troops will be absolutely
necessary -

We

1968

Fort St. George 27th May 1794

Vizagapatam
2nd
14 May 1794

Respect.

We have the honor to be with great
Respect
Your
Sir
Your
Obedt. Hble Servts
Signed/ John Shannier

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

Hble Sir,

From Vizagapatam
soliciting a Reinforcement of Troops.

We have very little to report
to your Honor in Council in addition to the
Contents of our Letter of the 14th Instant. The
Rajahs Vizaram Rauze continues at
Pudmanabhum, and professes Obedience
to the Hble Company but as Troops of
all Descriptions are collecting there, from all
Parts, a General Alarm has spread throughout
the District, and an Addition to our Military
Force is become absolutely Necessary, not only
to exact a Compliance with your Orders relative
to the Rajah, but to preserve, or rather to
restore

1969 Fort St. George 27th May 1794

restore the publick Tranquility.

Having consulted Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast on this Subject, he has detailed his Sentiments in a letter of which We beg leave to enclose a Copy without our Recommendation of its Contents.

We have written to the Chief & Council of Masulipatnam, advising them of the foregoing, and expressing our hope that they will not lose any time in preparing the Reinforcement, which We apprehend will be ordered from that District. We have the honor to be with great Respect &c.a Yrs

Signed/ John Chamier
John Snow

Vizagapatam
17th May 1794

To John Chamier Esq.r
Chief and Council of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen, In Consequence of official information from the Chief this morning apprising me of the Situation of the District. I lose no time in recommending that immediate application be made to Government for the following reinforcement of Troops.

Viz.t 3 Companies of effective European Infantry,
1 a Company of Artillery with a proportion of Lascars & Compleat Battalion of Native Infantry,

Besides this I beg leave to recommend that all Detachments as well as Guards with the Collectors be immediately called in.

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

Signed Thomas Prendergast Lieut.t Col.t

A true Copy
Signed Robert Alexander Sec.y

To

1970

Fort. St. George 27th. May 1794

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Hond.le Sir,

From Vizagapatam enclosing an Estimate for repairing the Pettah Walls, Gate &c. the principal Natives will be employed for a portion of the Expence. Copy of a letter to & from the Rajah enclosed.

Having received a Recommendation from the Committee of Works at this Place, approved and supported by the Officer Commanding in the District for the putting the Pettah into a State of Security without loss of time, and having been furnished by the Engineer with an Estimate of the Expence, We have resolved to carry the same immediately into Effect, as the Sepoys now doing Duty at Vizagapatam cannot be employed at any Distance until the Fort and Pettah are in such a State of Security and Defence, as to render an attack upon them improbable.

We beg leave to enclose a Copy of the Estimate

It is our Intention to levy &c. &c.

Madrass

Fort St. George 27th May 1794

moderate Assessment upon the principal
Native Inhabitants for the purpose of defray-
ing a portion of the Expence, attendant on
the Repairs to the Pettah Wall, Gate &c. &c.

In support of the propriety of
making the above Repairs, We take the liberty
of Mentioning that four Villages within 3 or
4 Miles of the Pettah were burnt in the course
of last Night.

We beg leave earnestly to recommend
that the greatest Expedition be used in the
sending us a Reinforcement of Troops, for if
the District be not relieved from the Alarm
and Depredations to which it is now exposed,
the Revenue for the ensuing Year will be totally
lost, for no Arrangements can be made to
ensure Cultivation in the present Situation of
Affairs.

Our Chief has this day received
a Letter from the Rajah in which he accounts
in a very unsatisfactory Manner for the
large

1972 Fort St. George 2d May 1794

large bodies of Men collected at Putnamadum
We beg leave to lay before Your Honor in
Council a Translation of the Letter, and also
of the one to which it is a Reply—

We have the honor to be with the
great Respect. &c &c &c

Vizagapatam,
8th
19 May 1794

Signed { John Chamier
A. Wm. Gregory
John Snow

To the Rajah Vizianam. Rauze 15th May 1794.

Since writing to You the day before
yesterday, Sundry Reports have reached me
relative to your Proceedings which have given
me much uneasiness.

The Cavalry and Sepoys who were
here to whom I promised the Payment of their
Arrears have left this place, having been
summoned, as it is said, to join You—

The Detachs from different
Quarters are collecting, as it is reported, by
You

19/53 Fort St George 27th May 1794

Your Orders, and other Measures have been adopted, which cannot fail to involve the whole District into Confusion –

Having already suffered so much by listening to wicked Advisers, I did not expect that, at this critical Period, you would attend to any Man, who should so recommend to You a Conduct that will certainly bring ruin on yourself & Family

I desire that you will so immediately explain to me the particulars of your Proceedings since your Departure from Sivatchellum – You well know that I have always been your friend, and you may be assured that I am still ready to give you such Advice and Assistance as may be in my power.

I requested you to send up Vencatapetty Ravze hither, but he is not yet arrived, although his Presence is necessary

Write

1974 Fort S.t George 27.th May 1794

Write to me without loss of time,
and consider well that the prosperity of your
Family, as well as yourself depends upon
your Obedience to the Company —
What can I say more?

Above Copy
Signed / Robt. Alexander
Secry

From Vizianram Rauze to the Chief

18.th May 1794

I have received your Letter of the
15.th You are pleased to write that you have
heard Sundry Reports about my proceedings —
They are nothing extraordenary — As you are
acquainted by my letters since my Arrival there
concerning those Circumstances, I am much
surprized You have wrote to me, in this manner
About the Sheroomen and Sepoys coming to
me: While you were going to discharge them
pay, deducting what they had received on
Rice Acct. from me, they disagreed about the
Rice

Prices

1975

Fort St. George 27th May 1794

Prices, and your People and there, disputed,
and therefore they came away. You have
wrote that by my Order Dasebaloo are
collected - On Account of the Troubles with
the Sibendies, on my arriving at Ft.
Pudmanaburm from Simachellum, You
have sent an Officer and two Companies
of Sepoys to me; all about the Country
heard it, and a small number of the
Dasebaloo came to me; but, when the
Detachment was recalled by you, a great
number of them are gone back - You have
wrote that you have heard that other Measures
are adopting; and, on that Account, the
District is thrown into Confusion - Five or
Six Months before I have taken my leave
to proceed to Madras - You know that the
Country was brought to ruin by the ill
Disturbance of the Hill People, and I am
Therefore

1976 Fort St. George 27th May 1794

Therefore much surprized for your writing to me on this manner - Being entirely submissive to the Company my Proceedings are considered in a different Sight in order to blame me - As I depend on your for rectifying this wrong Impression and for putting all my Affairs to right; I do not write more.

You have wrote to visit Dandla Venkatapatty Rauze - The trouble with the Sibbendees not being yet removed, I have not sent him.

This I beg to acquaint You -

A true Copy
Signed / Robt. Alexander
Secy

Estimate

No 116

Estimate for rebuilding a part of the Pettah Wall and enclosing the rest with an Abbatis
Vizagapatam 17th May 1794

			Cubic feet	Sup.t feet		Pag.	Fr.	Ch.
Wall Stone in Clay	180 by 19 & 3/4	7560						
Foundation D.o	180 by 4 & 1/2	3240	10,800		2 f.s per foot	514	12	-
One Coat of Coarse Chunam for the above Wall 180 by 12 twice				4320	at 1/2 Pag.s p.r sq.r	64	33	48
4 Batteries each 12 by 9 — 150 Gabions 500 Faunes including Cooley Work &c.a &c.a						110		
Encompassing the Pettah by an Abbatis Joining w.th the Batteries Cooley Work &c.a &c.a about 1700 feet						250		
					Pag.s	939	3	48

A true Copy
Rob.t Alexander
Sec.y

(Signed) G. George Pittman
Lieut.t of Engineers

No 116 St George 17th May 1794

1973

Fort St. George 2d May 1794

Minute of the Board on the foregoing Letter from Vizagapatam

The Board are much concerned to observe, by the foregoing Letters, that Vizeauram Rauze has acted in direct and wilful disobedience of the Orders of Government, and that his Conduct, as reported by the Chief & Council, manifests a strong disposition to throw off his Allegiance to the Company.

The Impatience of this Zemindar, under the Suspension of his Authority, has, for some Months past, been particularly marked in the Progress of the Measures adopted by the Boards of Revenue for the Settlement of the Country. A Counteraction evidently proceeding from the exertion of his Influence over those who had formerly been his Dependants, and who were placed by him in all the principal Revenue Trusts, deterred Persons of every description from coming forward with Proposals of

Rent

1979 Fort St. George 27th May 1794

Rent, though repeatedly invited so to do, by
public Advertisements, containing the fullest
promises of protection. The Board of Revenue,
at length, convinced that no Settlement whatever
would be made, or any one purpose of the late
Sequestration accomplished but by the removal
of the Zemindar, recommended to Government
that he might be directed to come to the
Presidency, or to reside at some other place,
sufficiently remote from the District to prevent
the operation of that influence of which they
had so much reason to complain. Instructions
to this effect were given accordingly, and the
Chief and Council of Vizagapatam were
desired to communicate the pleasure of Govern-
ment to the Zemindar.

The Board had not the smallest
Reason to doubt, from the Constant professions
made by Vizeram Razze, of his implicit
obedience to the Will of Government, that he
would

1980 Fort St. George 27th May 1794

would readily comply with their Orders; but
the part he has now taken proves that on
enquiry with which he has been acting
and rendors him altogether unworthy of
further Confidence.

Though this Government has
not yet openly resolved the necessity of adopting
immediate measures for strengthening the
force in the District, it appears indispensible;
and it is resolved therefore that Copy of the
Chief and Council's Letter of the 17th Instant, with
that enclosed from Lieutenant Col. Brandegate
be sent to Colonel Braithwaite, and that his
opinion be taken with Respect to the
reinforcement applied for.

The Board regret that
the Chief and Council did not state the
probable Number and Quality of the people
whom Vizeram Rauze has assembled, since
they were not aware that he had the means
of

Fort St. George 2d May 1794

of collecting or arming such a force as the Information transmitted from Vizagapatam seems to imply.—

Resolved that the foregoing circumstances be communicated to the Governor General in Council, and that the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam be informed of the Intention of the Board to Order a Reinforcement into the District.—

The Bengal Government to be advised of the foregoing Circumstances

Read the following Letter from Bengal.—

To The Hon^ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar^t

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Hon^ble Sir.

The Military Board at this Presidency have reported to us that a Considerable Number of Bengal Canvas Tents are in Store at Fort St. George, which are too heavy for the Carnatic Cattle, and have suggested to us that unless

From Bengal reporting that the Bengal Canvas Tents in Store may be sent there, if not required on the Coast.

1982 Fort St. George 27th May 1794

unless they should be wanted on Stationary Situations, to fetch over Stores; or for the occasional accommodation of Troops for short Periods (for which purposes it is understood they have been found serviceable) they may with advantage, be sent round to Bengal by the first Opportunity of transporting them on the Company's Ships...

We accordingly beg to recommend this Suggestion to your Consideration, under the Restriction above noticed, or any other which may appear to You to render the present adoption of it inexpedient —

We are
Gentlemen
Your most
Obedient
Humble Servants

Fort William
the 5th May 1794

Signed
John Shore
Robt Abercromby
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

Agreed

1983

Fort St. George 27th May 1794

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Military Board be directed to state their Opinion upon the Suggestion of the Governor General in Council regarding the Bengal Canvas Tents –

Read the following letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal –

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

From Sub Secretary at Bengal desiring that the Accounts of Subsistence to the King's Troops from 24th June 1792 also the Wars Accounts may be prepared & sent as soon as possible – Copy of Col. Murray's Letter enclosed –

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit you the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Military Auditor General at this Presidency, and to request the Governor in Council at Fort St. George will cause the transmission of the Accounts pointed out to be wanting from that Presidency with the least possible Delay – I am, &c &c

Signed/ J. Wh. Harington
Sub Secy

Fort William
5th May 1794 –

1984

Fort St. George 25th May 1794

The Honble Sir John Shore Baronet

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

Military Department

Honble Sir,

1st — In the last paragraph of my letter to the Board dated the 24th September 1793, it was noticed that the latest Account received of the Subsistence, paid to the Kings Troops, at Bombay, was only brought down to the 24th June 1793, and though I take for granted that Instructions were sent to furnish the deficient Accounts, without delay, they have not yet been received —

2d — It is also proper to notice, that as the last account received from Fort St. George of Subsistence paid to His Majesty's Troops under that Presidency was only brought down to the 24th of June 1793, there is due from thence an Account of Subsistence paid at Fort St. George between

1985

Fort St. George 27th May 1794

between 25th June and 24th December 1793, and
I understand from Mr Lockhart, who is
entrusted with the Compilation of the General
Statement of Expences defrayed in India
on account of the Kings Troops, that he has
not received complete Materials to enable
him to carry on that Statement, as far as
respects the Presidency of Bombay to a
later period than the 25th October 1788, nor, so
far as regards Fort St George, to a later date
than the 24th June 1790.

3. The Statements of the Accounts of
therefore of the Kings Troops required by the
Honble the Court of Directors, being so much
in Arrear, and particularly the General
Statement of the whole Expence, for want of
the necessary Materials, from the Subordinate
Presidencies, I beg leave to suggest the propriety
of your repeating the Instructions to the
Governments of Madras and Bombay, to
furnish

1986 Fort St. George 27th May 1794

furnish the information required, without delay
or at least such parts of it, for complete periods
of half a Year ending on each 24th of June or
24th December, as may be in their power to
furnish, stating the reasons why the rest
could not at the same time be transmitted.

4 The period will soon arrive for
the first dispatch to England of the Year
1794/5, and as the Honble Court of Directors
will perhaps be disappointed if the Fort St.
George War Accounts, which were expected
to be furnished in July 1793, as well as the
General Account of the whole expence of the
War, incurred at the three Presidencies, to
be prepared by the Accountant General, be
not transmitted by the next August dispatch
I submit the Expediency of calling for the
Fort St. George War Accounts, to prevent
the disappointment I have mentioned.

I have