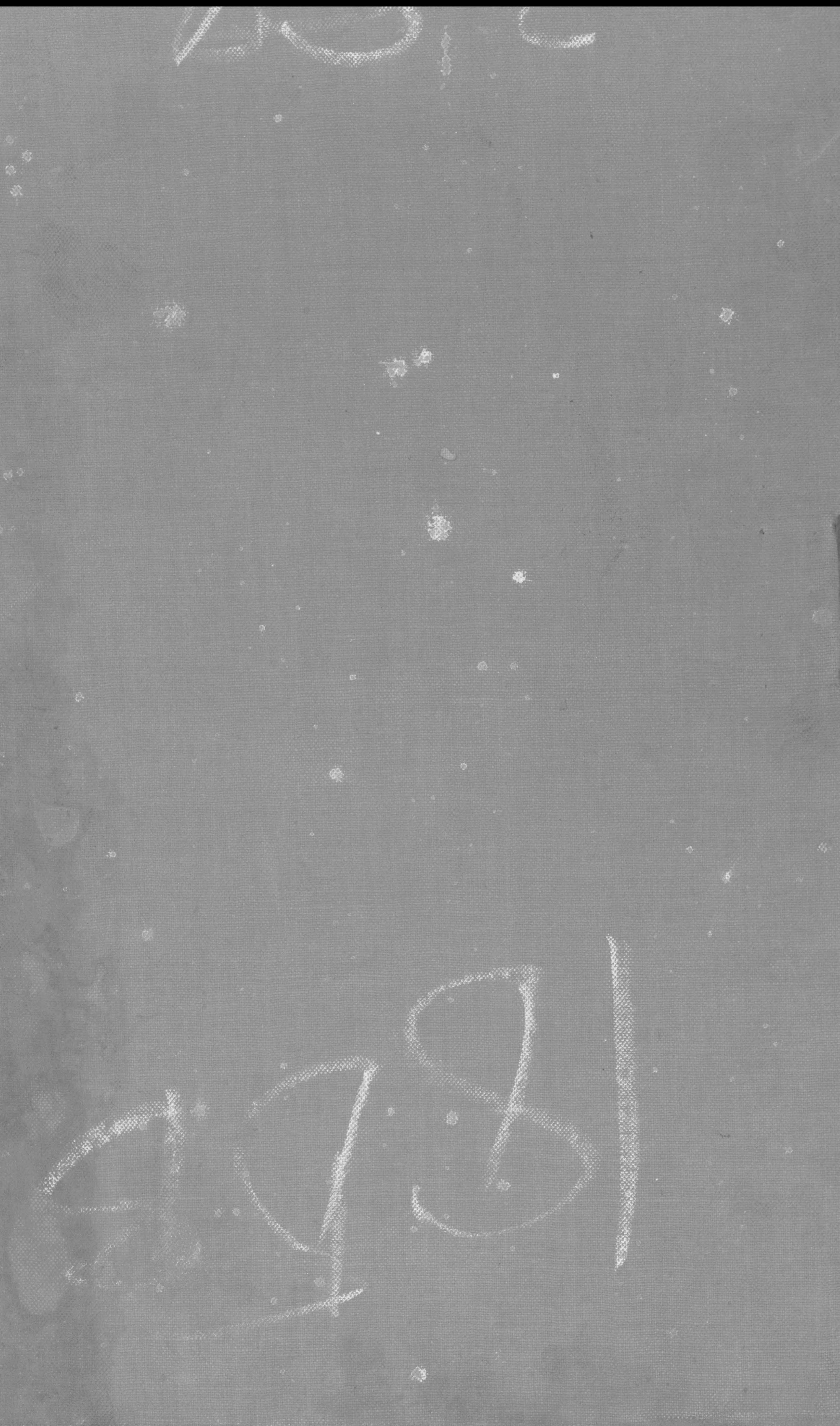

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I have the honor to be with the p
greatest Respect. &c &c

Signed / John Murray
Col. & Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
25th April 1794

A true Copy
Signed / J. H. Harrington
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Minute thereon.

Ordered that the Military Auditor
General be furnished with a Copy of Colonel
Murray's Letter, and directed to prepare the
Accounts mentioned therein, with as little
delay as possible.

Read the following letter
from the Military Auditor General.

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

From Military Auditor General reporting on sundry Charges made by Capt Parr, while in Command of Carroore.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to report as
follows on Sundry Charges made by Captain
Parr while Commanding at Carroore and
transmitted

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Transmitted for Examination by Order of your Honble Board under date 10th and 20th July and 28th November 1792.

N.1. An Account of Disbursements ... amounting to Pagodas 512.25.28 from 10th of November 1790 to 1st January 1791. in the Store Department, which appears to have been in consequence of various Orders sent to Captain Parr by General Medows when Commanding in the Field which rendered it necessary to employ Workmen and to provide several Articles of petty Stores.

It occurs to me, in regard to this Disbursement, that, situated as Captain Parr then was, it is Admissible, as the Charges are moderate and he had no opportunity of receiving further Orders on the Subjects or of being furnish'd with the Articles otherways

N.2. An Account of Work performed in erecting an Hospital for the Sick and Barracks

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Barracks for the 20th Native Battalion stationed
at Carroor in December 1790 ——— 337.35.20
And an Account for Secret Service
Money during the Period Coemba-
tore was attacked ——— 54.33.30
392.26.50

I do not consider myself authorized
to recommend Payment of the Charge amounting
to 337.35.20 for an Hospital and Barracks as
one of the same description, but amounting only
to Pagodas 192, appears in Mr Garrow's Account
which stands rejected by the Military Auditor
General; and more particularly, as I observe,
from a Letter of your Honble Board to the
Military Board under date 20th August 1791.
your determination not to allow of any
Expence whatever for Building or Repairs
at Carroor without the previous Authority
of Government having been obtained for en-
tering upon such Work, which is the
Standing

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Standing Order

In regard to the Secret Service of Money Pagodas 54..33..30. it is admissible under the Voucher sent in by Captain Parr.

N.B. An Account of Disbursements for Carts and Bullocks for the Service and a Charge for Salt from the 15th August to 24th December 1790. amounting in the whole to Pags. 744..30..40 out of which Pagodas 241 are supported by Vouchers.

In the Audit of this Disbursement there is an Amount equal to Pags. 101..30..40 which is Inadmissible, by reason of the Certificates not having been sent in agreeably to the Rule in Regard to Bullocks provided by Contract, & consequently if this Rule is applied to Captain Parr's Case, the Sum must be retrenched, but from the Nature of his Situation in Command at Cartore where it fell to him to provide the Bullocks at times when there can be little doubt it might

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might be difficult to procure regular Vouchers,
Your Honble Board may be of opinion that
an indulgent consideration of this Matter may
therefore appear reasonable in this Case —

There is the Sum of Pagodas 360
in this Account for Bullocks kept up for two
3 Pounders, and of Pagodas 42 for the ch
Carriage of Bazar Articles from Carrore to the
Army at Mumsurpet, both of which are
supported by Vouchers under Captain Parr's
own Signature, Certifying that he was
ordered by General Medows to perform the
Duty, in consequence of which Orders the
Expence was necessarily incurred; but I can-
not take upon Me to admit the Charges
under such Vouchers. It becomes proper for
me, however, to acquaint Your Honble Board,
in this place, that Captain Parr declares
himself ready to make Oath to the Amount
of every Charge for which he has not been
able

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able to produce what are accounted the
regular Vouchers, as Sums that were actually
disbursed by him for the Public Service - and
further urges that in December 1790 at
which period the Hospital and Barrack
Buildings were erected he had no opportunity
of communicating with Government so as
to receive their Orders previous to entering on
the Work, and likewise produces the Certificates
of Doctor Ferguson, and Lieutenant Defoe,
that the Work was actually performed.

The following is an Abstract of the
Audit on the above Accounts -

Recommended by the Military Aud.r Gen.l

N.o 1. ..... 512 „ 25 „ 28

N.o 2. Secret Service Money ... 54 „ 33 „ 30

N.o 3. Supported by Vouchers 241 „ - „ -

Total Recommended 308 „ 16 „ 58

N.o 2. Inadmissible as p.r Standing Order 337 „ 35 „ 20

N.o 3. Under further reference for the decision of Government ..... 503 „ 30 „ 40

Total Pag.s — 1,649 „ 40 „ 38

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I have the honor to be with the highest

Respect &c &c

Signed/ Henry Malcolm

Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
25th May 1794

Since writing the above Captain Parr
has sent to me the enclosed five Vouchers as
applicable to the consideration of the Charges
on Account of the Two 3 Pounders at Carrore
and for Carriage on Account of the Bazar
Articles, conveyed from Carrore to Camp; as
which appear to me to shew that the Cattle
were kept up for the 3 Pounders during 3
Months, of the Six Captain Parr has charged
for them.

Signed/ Henry Malcolm

Mily Audr Genl

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Captain Parr that
upon his saying before the Board a Declaration
upon honor that the whole of the Sum charged
by him was disbursed on Account of the Public
Service, an Order will pass for the Payment.—

Read

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Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board 26th May 1794

The Sick belonging to his Majesty's Regiments, on their March to the Coast, having been sent into the General Hospital at Trichinopoly. The Head Surgeon has represented the Necessity of Stationing Two Assistant Surgeons there to perform the Additional Duty. The only Gentlemen that we can point out, who can be removed with the least inconvenience to the Service, are

From Hospital Board on the Subject of Medical Assistance for the Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly & for Vagore recommending Mr Carne for the 1st. Battalion—

The President having received information that Mr. Landon's Family is much indisposed, he would not, without absolute necessity, wish to remove Mr. Stedy from his present Station. By a Letter from Colonel Floyd (Copy of which is transmitted for the Information of the Hospital Board) it appears that no more than Sixty Sick Men

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from the King's Regiments
are likely to be sent into
Trichinopoly, & that one
Assistant Surgeon is sufficient.
It further appears, from Col.
Floyd's letter, that Mr. Mains
Health is often deranged.
The President in Council
would therefore have the
Hospital Board consider
whether in Mr. Mains
Situation, he is capable
of executing in a proper
Manner, the Duties requir-
of him.

are Messrs. Dalton and Meddy.
The former has been doing
Duty with the 74th Regiment,
by the Permission of Govern-
ment since the Year 1791.
and the latter is stationed
with the Collector of the
Polygar Peishcush. The
necessity of the occasion
induces us to recommend
that they be directed to
do Duty at the General
Hospital at Trichinopoly
until further Orders, and
to repair thither immedi-
-ately.

The impracticability
of sparing any further
Medical Assistance for
the Neighbourhood of
Nagore appears evident
from

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An Extra Allowance of fifteen 15/ Pagodas pr Month will be granted to Mr Baird in consideration of the extraordinary Duty he has to perform for Polanguim Beauts. at Negapatam & Karical to enable him to discharge the Duty —

from the preceeding Paragraph, we cun therefore only recommend that an Allowance be granted to Mr Baird

Mr Said Assistant Surgeon of the 4th Battalions of Native Infantry, having requested to be removed from his present Station on account of ill health, and Mr Carnie, Assistant Surgeon to the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry, having expressed his willingness to exchange with him,

We recommend that Government will be pleased to Sanction

Approved.

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Sanction'd the measure.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General
Colley. L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon
W. Raine
Head Surgeon

Mrs. Ward admitted upon Lord Clive's fund.

Mrs. Ward, Widow of the late Lieut. Colonel Ward, having taken the Oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty, the usual Certificate is now signed by the Board.

From Colonel Stuart acknowledging receipt of the letter of 24th. Instant and the Board's attention to his suggestions.

To the Honble. Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor &c &c &c
In Council

Hble Sir,

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 24th May; and beg leave to repeat my Acknowledgements for your continued Attention to my Suggestions.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. humble Servt.
J. Stuart
Col. 73d Regt.

Madras
26th May 1794

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Read the following letter from
Major George Hart.

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

Fort St. George Madras

Honble Sir,

From Deputy Kings Paymaster General enclosing the Accounts of Subsistence, required from his Office, requests his Office Establishment may be passed.

I am this Instant favoured with your Secretary Mr. Jackson's Letter of the nineteenth and lose not a moment in sending the Accounts thereon required, of my Disbursements of Subsistence &c &c; due and payable by the King to his Majesty's Troops and Stores serving for your Government, and by certain Clauses in the late act of Parliament for prolonging the Honble Company's Charter, "to be borne and defrayed by the said Company:- from the 2d. of December 1792, inclusive, to the 24th of last April- Amounting to Two lacks, eighty two thousand, five hundred and forty eight

Star

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Star Pagodas, Three fanams and Thirty Cash
(2,82,548.3.30) with all the Vouchers necessary
to support them.

The Establishment of my Office
reduced by me considerably, from what
was allowed for the very same purposes to
my Predecessor - (Although the business of
it has been just doubled since that time
in consequence of the Troops having been
ordered to be paid every Month, instead of
every two Months as formerly - and as
invariably observed with Respect to His
Majesty's Service in every other part of
the World:-) made out, authorized and
certified according to the accompanying
extract of the Instructions received by me
from the Pay Office General of England, that
I had the honour of sending to your Honble
Board along with my Deputation on the
21st of August 1794: shortly after my
Appointment

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Appointment to this Presidency & consequent removal from Bombay; – It will, I presume, be necessary that the Orders of your Honble Board should be sent to your Auditor General respecting its being passed, as there can be no regulations in his Office for the purpose.

When those Regulations that we wait for from England arrive; – which may reasonably be expected next Month, I hope thereby to be enabled, very shortly after, to send in my Accounts to current, and all other Accounts & papers kept in my Office that may be necessary.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect, &ca &ca

Signed / George Hart

Depy Paymr Genl in India to His Majesty's Forces serving for Madras.

Kings Pay Office
Madras
21st May 1794

Extract

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Extract from the Instructions of the Joint Paymaster General of all His Majesty's Forces, for Major Hart Deputy Paymaster of the Forces at Madras.

"All necessary Contingent Charges "must be submitted to the Commander in Chief "and only such as he shall certify to be "reasonable and necessary."

(Signed) Mulgrave (L.S.)

(Signed) Montrose (L.S.)

A true Extract

(Signed) George Hart

Dep.y Paym.r Gen.l Off.ce

Establishment of the King's Pay Office, extracted from the Office Books: as allowed to and paid by Mr. Burke for that Particular Branch of the Office at Madras: and charged in his Account with the Pay Office

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Office General of England, reduced and
as now applied to the present Situation of
Major Hart, residing there, who was appointed
by His Majesty's Authority to receive the
Subsidy from the East India Company, to
pay his Troops serving for that Government
therefrom; and to take entire Charge of the
Office there on the 21st. of February 1791, but,
from several circumstances, was not allowed
by the East India Company's Government
&c. &c. Actually to succeed to it until the 24th of
June 1792.

Not including Major Hart's
Salary, which is to be paid in England;
but including an increase of Office and House
Rent, absolutely and indispensably necessary
on account of the uncommon extravagant
Rent of Houses of every discription at Madras;
which Major Hart cannot, nor could not if
he even received it regularly, pay out of his
Salary of £30 a day; Half only of what other
Deputies have been always allowed, & due

Lieut

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him, now, nearly two Years in Arrear; but striking off the Pay of Deputy, as well as all other Charges that particularly related, and applied only to Mr. Burke's Situation as Paymaster General for all India; when he had the Trouble of Receipts and Issues of Money by his Deputy at Madras: but when he was not obliged or required to reside there himself, nor at any other particular place.

From 25th July to the 24th August 1792 Viz.t

		L	S	D.	Pag.s	F	C
1792 August 24	To Monthly Allowances of first Clerk from 25th July to the 24th August 1792 at 60 Pag.s pr. Month	24	"	"	60	"	"
	To Ditto of Cashier from ditto to ditto at 40 Pagodas pr. Month	16	"	"	40	"	"
	To Ditto of Accountant from ditto to ditto at 40 Pagodas pr. Month	16	"	"	40	"	"
	To Ditto of three Established Clerks one at 20 Pagodas pr. Month and 2 at 15 Pagodas each pr. Month is Pag.s 50	20	"	"	50	"	"
	To Ditto of three Extra additional Clerks from the Press of Business upon the late Instructions from Mr. Grenville at 15 Pag.s pr. Month these absolutely & indispensibly required at present and continued by						
	Carried forward	76	"	"	190	"	"

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		£	S	D	Pa	F	C
	Carried forward	76	-	-	190	-	-
	Major Hart on account of the double Rooms at least and the double Attention requisite and now absolutely necessary in consequence of the Troops being paid Monthly and instead of every two Months as formerly according to the Orders of the Madras Government of the 15th June 1792						
	To House and Office Rent at Madras for Major Hart (residing there) from ditto to ditto at 100 Pagodas pr. Month paid Mr. Latour Monthly as by his Receipts				18	-	- 45 - -
	To Allowance of three Peons from 25th July to 24th August 1792 at 20 Pagodas each pr. Month is Pag. 60 or				40	-	- 100 - -
	To one Monthly from Ditto to Ditto at 3 Pag. pr. Month				2	8	- 6 - -
	To one Sheff and Assistant Cashier at 13 pr. Month from ditto to ditto				1	4	- 3 - -
	To one Tamicarchy or Office Sweeper from ditto to ditto at 1½ Pag. pr. Month				5	4	- 13 - -
	To Monthly Allowance of Stationary from 25th July to the 24th August 1792				12	-	1 31 -
	To Monthly Allowance of 6 Viss of Candles for the use of Office from 25th July to the 24th August 1792 at 30 Fanams pr. Viss is Pag. 4 - 12 or				1	14	3¼ 4 - 12 -
	To Ditto of 2 Measures of Cocoanut Oil for the use of Ditto at 2 Fanams pr. Measure from Ditto to ditto Pag. 1 - 22 - - or				12	2¼	1 22 - -
	Carried forward	155	4	3½	389	13	- -

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		£	S	D	Pr	Pr	C
	Brought forward	155	14	5½	389	13	-
To Monthly Salary of Lieutenant Vogahart as Deputy to the Kings Deputy Paymaster General to the Southn of the Coleroon from 25th July to 24th August 1792			12	-	-	-	
To Ditto Allowance of one Accountant under the Deputy South of the Coleroon from Ditto to ditto at 20 Prs pr Month			8	-	-	-	
To Ditto of one Clerk from ditto to ditto at 10 Prs pr Month			4	-	-	-	
To Office Rent from Ditto to ditto at 8 Prs pr Ditto			3	4	-		
To one Peon from Ditto to ditto at ½ Ditto pr Ditto			1	2	-		
To one Sheroff from Ditto to ditto at 1½ Ditto pr Ditto		12	-	-	28	8	-
					71	-	-
Total £		184	2	5½	460	13	-

(Signed) George Hart
Dep.y Paym.r Gen.l
to his Majesty's Forces
serving in India for
Madras

The above Charges certified by me to be reasonable & necessary.

(Signed) John Braithwaite
Bl. Comg the Army
on the Coast. —

Minute thereon

The Board approve and confirm the Statement laid before them by Major Hart, and it is accordingly resolved to direct the Military Auditor General to pass it in the Accounts of the Kings Troops, so long as Major

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Major Hart continues in his present Office, or until Orders be received from England in regard to that Department.

Read the following Letter from the Reverend Mr. Gericke.

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor & President in Council

Honble Sir,

The Family of the late Rajah of Tanjore have desired me humbly to represent to Your Honor, that in the Year 1788 when Mr. Petrie was at Tanjore to settle Accounts with the Rajah, the latter applied to the Ladies for their Jewels to borrow Money on them to make up the Sum which he then had to pay to Government, saying, that if he was not enabled to pay that Sum, the Palace would be plundered, and they would lose all; being alarmed at this

They

From Mr Gericke
The Tanjore Family
request the Rajah
may be required
to restore to them
some Jewels, lent
to him in 1788 and
lodged with Pattchap
Chah Moodely (ably
deceased

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they produced the Jewels, on receiving of which the Rajah swore by his Sword, by the Sacred Book Ramainam, and by Cheveron the Braman, that he would restore them after 3 Months; that lately Patchaippah, the Man, to whom they were given by way of Security, died, and that now his Heirs quarrel about his Estate, and the Jewels are in danger of being scattered and lost, if they be not soon redeemed. The said Family therefore beg leave to address Your Honor by me on this Subject, imploring Your kind Assistance and Interposition, which, they hope, will be effectual to induce the Rajah to redeem and to restore the said Jewels, and for which they will ever be thankful.

I have the honor to be most respectfully
Sir &c.

24th May 1794

(Signed) C. W. Gericke
Agreed

2008

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Circumstances as represented by Mr Gericke be communicated to the Rajah of Tanjore.

Read the following letter from Commodore Mitchell

Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Governor in Council &c. &c

Sir,

From Commodore Mitchell advising of the Proceedings of the Squadron & of his Capture of two French Privateers

I have just now spoke with the Hercules Captain Neilson Hrng off Pulo Babie, last from Batavia bound to Tranka-bar. I left Bencoolen the 18th Instant, where I sent my particular dispatches to the Bengal supreme Governor. I take this opportunity of giving You the most early Intelligence of the Proceedings of the Squadron I have the honor to Command. Notwithstanding the various Reports of the Enemy being in different Situations as p. Letter book &c. We saw none till the 22nd January, when We

Wm George Parry
Lieut

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We fell in with the Vengeur of 36 Guns 260 Men which struck to the Britania Captain Cheap, and the Resolu 26 Guns, 250 to the Nonsuch, Captain Canning: on the 25th of the same Month, 3 days after, while the Britania was laying at Anchor with me off Pulo Babie. We were attacked by the French Commodore, Renaud in the Cybille and Prudente, National Frigates; but, not being pleased with their reception, they bore off. and if the Houghton and Nonsuch who joined us two hours after, fortunately held their Wind, they must have fallen in. though they were reinforced by the Princes Royal, late the Honble Company's Ship, of 44 Guns, 20 of which were 24 Pounders, if they had not outsailed us, and the Wind (and the Wind).....preventing us weathering the Reef off Pulo Babie we were obliged to give up the Chase; and having as many

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many French Prisoners as Ship's Company on board; It was unanimously thought best to deliver our Prizes at Batavia and get a Reinforcement of Men, which was immediately granted; and not finding the Enemy in the Straits of Sunda, we immediately bent my Course to Fort Malbro', being apprehensive for its Safety:- but we unfortunately arrived too late to secure the Honble Company's Ship Pigot, who was captured the 9th Ultimo, by the same Squadron who had previously engaged me; they also summoned the Garrison of Fort Malbro', but being informed of our proceedings thither and being much in want of Water they prudently put to Sea, in preference to dividing their Force: and the Deputy Governor of Fort Malbro' returned a very spirited reply to their Summons.

Excuse

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Excuse the uncorrectness of this letter, which,
I am obliged to write in a hurry; Night
coming on, and the prospect of dirty weather
and the Squadron not immediately in
safety there. I will do myself the honor to
address You by every opportunity. I am now
going to Batavia at the most earnest
Solicitation of the General and High
Council there; and to get Salt Provisions.

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c.a &c.a

William Pitt
off Pulo Babie
Straits of Sunda
29.th March 1794

Signed/ Chas. Mitchell
Comm.g Bengal Armed
Squadron.

I ought not to Conclude without men-
tioning the good Conduct of the Squadron
in general; but in particular Captain
Thomas Cheap of the Britannia, whose
gallantry, Skill, and Zealous Exertions
for the good of the Services deserves my
highest

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highest Commendations and Thanks. I take the liberty of mentioning him as a highly deserving Officer and likewise, of Captain Roper of the Nautilus Tender, who has rendered me essential Service, by his Exertions, and alacrity at all times, in performing his Duty.

(Signed) Chas Mitchell

Read the following letter from the Town Major

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council

&c &c &c

Fort St. George

Hble Sir,

In consideration of having already disbursed several Thousand Pagodas on account of Hammocks, preparing for the Expedition; I trust there will appear no impropriety in my requesting you will be pleased

From Town Major requesting an Advance of Cash for providing Hammocks.

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pleased to order me an Advance of Cash.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.

Alex.r Beatson,
Town Major.

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27th May 1794

Ordered -

Ordered that the Sum of four thousand |4000| Pagodas be advanced from the Treasury to the Town Major, on account of a provision of Hammocks; and that the amount be carried to the Head of Expedition to the Mauritius.

Death of Captain John Lee, of the Infantry and of Lieut.t O'Beirne Artillery.

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Captain John Lee, of the 4th Battalion European Infantry at Chore on the 5th Instant; and of Lieutenant Andrew O'Beirne of Artillery at Trichinopoly on the 18th Instant -

Chas. Oakeley.
Eb.r Fallofield.

Geo.e Parry
Wm. Hy. S

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Diary

Sent the following Letter.

Political Department

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

Honble Sir.

To Bengal, Vizianam Rauze shews a disposition to revolt Observations concerning his late Conduct. A Reinforcement preparing to be sent to Vizagapatam.

1 On the 16th of April 1793 we represented to your Honble Board, the Misconduct of Vizianam Rauze, the Zemindar of Vizianagrum and requested to be authorized to take such measures as might appear to us to be necessary, for bringing him to a proper Sense of his Duty, and for procuring ..... ample Justice to the Company.

2 The Governor General in Council in his letter of the 2d May following, concurred in the

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3. We are now concerned to acquaint You that, by Letters from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, copies of which are enclosed, it would appear that Vizaram Rauze, has acted in direct and wilful disobedience of our Orders, and that his Conduct, as reported therein, manifests a strong disposition to throw off his allegiance to the Company.

4. 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 our Board of Revenue for the Settlement of the Country. A Counteraction evidently proceeding from the exertion of his Influence over those who had formerly been

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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, though repeatedly invited to do so, by public Advertisements, containing the fullest promises of Protection. The Board of Revenue, at its length, convinced that no Settlement whatever could be made, or any one purpose of the late Sequestration accomplished, but by the Removal of Vizaram Rauze, recommended to us 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

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28th of Government to the Zemindar.

5. Vizaram Rauze, invariably professed implicit obedience to the Orders of Government, and the Chief and Council relied upon Assurances, which it was so much his Interest to fulfil, but the part he has now taken proves him altogether unworthy of the confidence that was placed in him.

6. Though this Zemindar has not yet openly revolted, We think it prudent to take measures for strengthening the Force in the District, which at present consists of about 1300 effective Sepoys, and We have accordingly directed Colonel Braithwaite to furnish us with his Opinion in regard to the reinforcement applied for.

7. We regret that the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam did not state the number and quality of the people, whom

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whom Vizaram Rawze has assembled:-
We are not aware that he possesses the
means of collecting or paying any regular
Troops, and though he may, with the
disorderly followers attached to him, be able
to disturb the tranquility of the district for
a short time, We are confident that his
efforts will be easily overcome on the
arrival of the proposed reinforcements.

We have the honor to be with
Respect
Sir &c.

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27.th May 1794

Signed/ Chas. Oakeley & Council

29.th

Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in W.B. D.os 195. 196. 197. 198
199. 200. 201. 202. 203.

From Captain Dallas-

From Agent for Horses at Hydrabad
proposing a mode of furnishing an Escort
for the Horses he is about to send to Arcot.
and settling the account of their Travelling
Expences

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29th Expenses-

From Resident at Ditto - referring

From Captain Kirkpatrick. Major Roberts' application for an encrease of Tent Allowance. and one from Captain Bell for reimbursement of his Expences in the Victualling Department -

From Ditto - at Poona. advising

From Sir C. Mallet. that his Assistant will act during his intended Excursion from that place -

From Masulipatam. forwarding

From Masulipatam - Captain A. Taylor's Receipt for Provisions shipped on the Windsor for the Flank Companies destined to Madras.

From Military Auditor General

From Auditor General - reporting upon Mr. Paymaster Vaughan's Estimate for June -

From Military Board - proposing

From Military Board - that the Arsenal at Vizagapatam be immediately repaired. an Estimate enclosed certain Repairs in the Gorge of the St George's Bastion

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29th Bastion, ordered - measures taken for complying with the Vizagapatam Indent of Stores -

From Mr. Sloriano -

From Resident at Nagore - the express for Columbo forwarded - as well as the Duplicate thereof -

From Messrs. Stephens and Cockell -

From Messrs. Stephens & Cockell requesting that the Snow Caunnalchammah, a Prize to the Friends Adventure may be condemned, the necessary Documents enclosed.

From Vizagapatam -

From Vizagapatam - enclosing a Summary of Intelligence respecting the Proceedings at Padmanaburn since the Rajah's arrival there -

Sent the following letters.

To Captain Symes of His Majesty's 76th Regiment at Bengal.

To Captain Symes 76th Regt granting him the same Salary as was drawn by Lieut. Bushby his Successor, as Superintendant of Army Supplies -

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 5th Instant,

and

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29th and to inform you that he has come to the resolution of making you an Allowance for the time you acted as Superintendant of Supplies to the Army in the Field, similar to that which was allowed to Lieut. Bushby, your Successor in that Employ, by the Authority of Marquis Cornwallis.

You will therefore make out your Bill in conformity with the above resolution, and transmit it to Government, when an order will pass for its being paid -

I am Sir
Sea Sea
Signed/ W. C. Jackson
Mily Secy

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To John Chamier Esqre

Chief & Council
of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letters of the

To Vizagapatam - concerning the Conduct & Departure of Vizier=am Rauze. the Information in yrs regard to his Strength Situation & resources should have been more particular as reinforcement will be sent -

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29th of the 14. 17. and 19 Instant, and are much concerned to observe that Vizaram Rauze has acted in direct and wilful disobedience of our Orders, and that his Conduct manifests a strong disposition to throw off his Allegiance to the Company. The part he has now taken proves indeed the insincerity of all his profes-sions, and renders him entirely unworthy of further Confidence.

It would have been satisfac-tory to us if we could have been furnished with more particular Information in regard to the number and Quality of the people that he has assembled, with your opinion as to his means of arming and supporting them, and whether he be likely to derive any and what assistance from the others. For want of these particulars the Officer Commanding the Army may find it difficult to Judge of the nature of the

resistance

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29th resistance to be expected and the force necessary to remove it.

It is to be regretted that precaution was not taken to secure Vizeram Rawjee's Compliance with our Orders, by appointing a proper Escort to attend him; since it appears, from the Circumstances stated in your correspondence, that he was much disinclined to leave the District - that he was under the influence of bad advisers, and that the guards about his person were clamorous for their Arrears, and, probably on this account, averse to his removal, as well as ready to second the views of those who were advising him to disobey the Orders of Government. We have called for the opinion of Colonel Brathwaite with respect to the Reinforcement which Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast deems requisite to preserve the Tranquility

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29th tranquility of the District, and shall, upon receiving his answer, afford You every possible assistance, though it be particularly inconvenient at this Juncture to send Troops either from the Masulipatam District or from the Carnatic.

We approve the Steps you have taken for putting the Pettah of Vizagapatam in a State of Security.

We are Gentlemen, &ca &ca

Signed / Chas Oakeley & Council

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in M.B. Nos 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221.

To Attorney General.

To Attorney General. enclosing a letter from Mr. Popham, and desiring his opinion whether the purchase of his Bungalow and Ground will be secured by an endorsed Certificate

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29th Certificate on the original Grant-

To Ditto. Captain Mears declines acquiescence in the opinion regarding the Seizure of the French Bales to report what

To Ditto- further measures may be necessary - a

Letter from the President of the Superior Council at Pondicherry -

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. Mr. Strange to draw upon

To Commissary General of Grain & Provisions- him for the Cash required by his Estimates.

The Sepoys at Shevalapatore to be served -

with Rice from the Stores -

To Ditto. transmitting the Auditor

To Ditto- General's Reports upon his different Estimates

for June. Advances ordered -

To Contractor for Army Clothing. a

To Mr. Torriano- Renewal of his Contract would be granted

if it were not expressly prohibited by the

Orders of the Company -

To

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To Paymaster at Madura - Enclo-
-sing an Extract of a letter from the Nabob's
Son at that Place, and directing him to
explain why he compelled the Inhabitants
to sell their Sheep at the rate of four for a
Porto Novo Pagoda.

To Paymaster at Madura

To Military Auditor General, -
with Copy of a letter from Bengal. The accounts
required to be prepared for transmission
without delay. An Establishment for the
Kings Pay Office sent. The same to be passed
in Major Hart's Accounts until further Orders.

To Auditor General

To Ditto, enclosing an additional
Estimate of the Paymaster General's pay
Two received from the Paymaster at Tanjore
their Amount ordered to be issued.

To Ditto -

To Ditto. the Surgeon at Nagore
granted an Additional Allowance of Fifteen
Pagodas pr Mensem. in consequence of
Extra

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29th Extra duty in visiting the Sick at Ns Negapatam and Karical—

To Ditto informing him that Lieutenant St. Leger has been permitted

To Ditto— to expend fifty Pagodas, for the purpose of securing the Barracks and Stabling of the 5th Regiment of Cavalry, against the violence of the Winds—

To Military Board permitting them to Employ the Master Attendant in

To Military Board— surveying all Ships and Vessels, Tendered as Transports. Two thousand Muskets to be supplied the Rajah of Tanjore for his Sibbendy on payment for the same—

To Ditto Cumlies Ds. to be supplied, as proposed by Colonel Stuart, &

To Ditto— all Suggestions he may in future offer, relating to the Expeditions, to be attended to and executed—

To

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To Ditto - enclosing a letter from the Bengal Government to report upon the Application therein contained for the Bengal Canvas Tents in Store at Madras

To Ditto -

To Military Paymaster General enclosing the Auditor Generals Reports upon his Estimate, and those for the Bullock, and Grain and Provision - Departments for June, to report whether the Regulations of the 21st November 1792 have been adhered to in the Issue of Batta for the Charge of the Sick of different absent Corps at Pondicherry -

To Paymaster General

To Lieut. St. Leger

To Officer in Command of the 3d Regiment of Cavalry, permitting him to expend fifty Pagodas for the purpose already noted, which will be advanced to him by Mr. Paymaster Marton

To Capt.n Parr

To Captain Thomas Parr -

acquainting

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29th Requainting him. That upon his declaring upon honor that the Amount of his Sundry Charges while Commanding at Carroor, was actually expended of account of the Public Service, the same will be ordered to be paid.

To Clerk of the Treasury. directing him to issue the Amount of the Paymaster Generals' Estimate for June, & of those of the Bullock and Grain & Provision &c Departments. also of three additional Estimates for May.

To Clerk of the Treasury.

To Commandant at Trichinopoly directing him to enquire into and explain the Circumstances of a Complaint against Doctor Little, for personal ill treatment of one Mahomed Ismael.

To Col. Floyd

30th Sent Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore. Entered in G.C. No. 175. requesting him to procure a Redemption of the Jewells

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore.

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30th Jewells lent to him by the Widows of the late Rajah, and lodged by way of Security with Patchapah Moodely: now deceased: and acquainting him that Orders have been given for supplying him with the Muskets applied for.

Sent the following Letter.

To John Chamier Esqre

Chief &c. Council

of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

Having taken Colonel Brathwaite's opinion respecting the Troops for which You have applied, we are come to the Resolution of ordering three Companies of European Infantry: with the half Company of Artillery and Lascars now at Ellore to be embarked for your Settlement with

To Vizagapatam advising of the reinforcement about to be sent, trusty Persons to be employed for procuring the most correct Intelligence of Vizianam Rauze's Conduct & Movements.

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30 with all possible dispatch, and we are using
every exertion to obtain freight to convey it
there from Masulipatam.

The Battalion of Seapoys, required,
will proceed from hence by Sea the moment
the necessary preparations can be in readiness
for them—

As it is extremely inconvenient
and embarrassing to us to detach even this
force under the present Call for so conside-
rable a part of our Military Strength to
be employed on foreign Service, We are
proportionably anxious that the object
which requires it should be accomplished,
and the Troops returned to their Stations,
with the utmost diligence—

We have received your letter
of the 21st. Instant— enclosing Copies of Sundry
papers of Intelligence with Respect to—
Vizeatrain Rauzés proceedings since his
arrival

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30th arrival at Pudmanaburn - But, as many of the Circumstances therein reported are very improbable; We know not what credit to give to any part of it. We recommend it to you to employ some experienced and trusty persons to obtain Intelligence, as it is of consequence that all Reports of Viziaram Rauzes Conduct and movements at this Juncture, should be as correct as possible -

We are,

Gentlemen,

Signed/ Cha.s Oakeley & Council

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in MB. Vols 222.223. 224.225.

To Auditor Genl.

To Military Auditor General.

fifty Pagodas to be advanced to each Officer of the 19th Regiment of Dragoons, for the purpose of building temporary Cantonments

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30th Quarters for themselves. The Batta now al-
lowed to cease, when the same are complet-
ed.

To Commander of the Army -
acquainting him that Lieut. T. Shippey
To Colonel Brathwaite is ordered to remain at Madras, until
the Trial, on which he is summoned
as an Evidence, can be held -

To Commandant at Tanjore
To Saint Col. Maxwell enclosing, &c. directing him to deliver, the
letter to the Rajah, above noted -

To Ditto at Trichinopoly. the
temporary Sheds for the Men, of the 19th
To Col. Floyd Dragoons to be completed. The Officers to
draw fifty Pagodas each, for quartering
themselves -

31st Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in M.B. Sts 226. 227. 228. 229.
230. 231.

From M. Paymr Hughes , From Paymaster in the
Baramhaal

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31st Baramhaul, requesting leave to visit the Presidency.

From Secretary at Bombay

From Secretary at Bombay — acknowledging Receipt of the letter of the 22d April.

From Judge Advocate to the King's Troops — enclosing Bills for Pay, Batta, & House Rent which the Paymaster General has refused to discharge.

From Masulipatam — enclosing

From Masulipatam — Copy of a letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam — and stating the impossibility of furnishing any Troops from thence.

From Capt. Parr — From Captain Parr — making the Declaration required of him.

From Commandant at Pondicherry, requesting permission to send Mons. Larcher a French Officer, to Madras, on

From Col. Nixon — occasion of a serious Dispute between him

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31st him and an English Officer—

Sent the undermentioned letters

Entered in M.P.B. Nos 232. 233.

To Military Board—desiring to

To Military Boards— know what Articles of Military Stores,

will be required from Bengal, for the

Expedition, or the Garrisons on the Coast.

To Messrs Stephens & Cockell—

To Messrs Stephens and Cockell— authorizing them to dispose of the Vessel

and Cargo—Captured by the Friends Adventure

Received the undermentioned

June 2 Letters Entered in C.C. Nos 7/6.7.7.8—

From the Nabob stating the

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob— Reply of Tippoo's Vackeel to the Commu-

nication made to him at the Suggestion

of the President & requesting further advice

on the occasion—

From the Rajah of Tanjore

From Rajah of Tanjore— has ordered his Vackeel to pay the first due

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2. dine the 1st Instant. and requesting ....
an English Copy of the accounts of Collections
during the Assumption, lately furnished
to him in Mahrattas.

From Bom Rauze

From Bom Rauze advising of
the approaching Nuptials of his Son,
Cawet Rauze.

Received the following Letter.

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

Hon'ble Sir,

From Assistant to the Resident at Poona. the Claims of the Mysore Prize Agents referred to Hurry Punt. Dondiat Row Scindea, duly invested as the Successor of the late Madajee Scindea.

I have the honor to acknowledge
the Receipt of Mr Secretary Jackson's letter to
Sir Charles Malet of the 10th Ultimo, with its
several Accompaniments, on the Subject of
of the Claims of the Prize Agents of the
Army for Supplies furnished to the Mahrat
=tas during the late War, the Contents of
which

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2 which have been communicated to the
Durbar, and referred by them to Henry Pant.
through whom the Transaction in Question
took place, who is at present at Siddaseyk,
about 25 Cose hence, for the benefit of his
health, and from whom an Answer has
not yet been received.

Dowlut Row Sindea has
been fully acknowledged and invested, by
the Peshwa, as the Successor to his late
Adoptive Father Mhadjee Sindea; and
the requisite Insignia of Acknowledgement
and Succession, on the Part of the King,
have, I understand, been prepared at
Delhi for Dowlut Row, and are now
on their way hither. It can, however,
hardly be expected, that the very compli=
cated and important Affairs, that have
been so long under the able Management
of

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d 2 of the late Mhadjee Sindea, should or continue to be conducted in the same Manner under Dowlut Row, who is but fourteen or fifteen Years of Age, and who, in all probability, does not inherit the Abilities of his Predecessor.

A few days ago arrived here a Person named Soobram, charged with a letter from Ram Raja of Travancore, in Answer to one from the late Mhadjee Sindea, who it seems, had, some time since, sent a Person into the Travancore Country to procure Elephants. The Raja in his Answer, mentions that never having before had any Communication with Sindea, he was at first in doubt as to the Authenticity of his letter, but that having at length satisfied himself on that head, the Elephants will be immediately dispatched

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d 2 dispatched. Soobrauw has delivered his
Dispatches to Dowlut Row Sindea, without
any communication whatever with this
Residency; and I have not yet learnt by
what Route the Elephants are coming

I have the honor to be with
Respect, Honble Sir,
Your
Signed/ L. Ulthoff
Asst^ at Poona

Poona
the 16 May 1794

Received the undermentioned
letters Entered in WB. Nos 1.2.3.4.5.

From Commandant at Aroee
requests leave to visit the Presidency.

From Major
Petrie.

From Contractors for Repairs
complaining of the Interference of the
Nabob's People at Trichinopoly in their
Provision of Bricks and Chunam.

From Messrs
Roebuck and
Abbot.

From

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From Hospital Board.

From Hospital Board.

requesting that Mr. Flemming may be ordered to return from Ellore to his Duty at the Presidency.

From Mr. B. Mayne.

From Mr. Mayne.

requesting that Abdul Cavon, Sepoy of the 20th Batt. may be detained at Madras until the ensuing Sessions.

From Commander of the Army

From Colonel Braithwaite.

enclosing letters from Colonel Fraser & Lieutenant Colonel Brendergast, concerning a Reinforcement of Troops for the Vizagapatam District.

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Sent and Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 6.7.

To Mr. Secy. Hay

To Secretary at Bengal, forwarding a letter from the Nabob, addressed to the Governor General.

From

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From Military Auditor General

From Auditor General—

seed no objection to the Surrender of Mr.
Snodgrass' Bond of Security for Mr.
Paymaster Cooper—

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Chas. Oakeley Bart

Governor President

Ernst William Fallofield

&

George Westcott Esquires

Tuesday
3d June 1794

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved—

Read the following letters
from the Board of Revenues—

To the Honble Sir Chas. Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

From Board of
Revenue submitting
letters from & to the
Chief & Council of
Vizagapatam—
relative

Honble Sir,

In our Address to you—
under date the 17th Instant, we acquainted
You

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relative to the Revolt of Vizieram Rauze—

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You with the reasons which had induced us to give directions to the Chief at Vizagapatam for assembling the other two Members to consult on the necessary measures to be taken respecting the Departure of Vizeram Rauze from the District, and other points which materially concerned the Security of the Revenue and tranquility of the Country, at the same time we laid before you an Extract of a letter dated the 8th Instant from Mr Chamier reporting that the Rajah had set out on his Journey to Masulipatam on the preceding day—

We have now the honor to enclose a letter addressed to us by the Chief & Council in their Collective Capacity dated the 8th, and another from them of the 11th Instant, accompanied by their Minutes at

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at a full Meeting, together with our Replies thereto under dates the 21.st & 23.rd Instant, which materially relate to the Affairs of the District.

We likewise enclose a late Letter from Mr. Chamier of the 14.th Instant, advising us that he had received Intelligence which left very little doubt of the Rajah's Resolution to throw off his Allegiance to the Company.

We have the Honor to be

Hon.ble Sir,

&c.a &c.a

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24.th May 1794

Signed { Cha.s N. White
Tho.s Cockburn.

To David Haliburton Esq.re
Acting President &.a Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

We have to acknowledge

the

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The receipt of your Letters under date the 26.th &
28.th Ultimo, and according to the Requisitions
therein contained, now address you collec-
tively on the Affairs of the District.

Before We proceed to reply to
such parts of your Letters as appear to require
it, Our Chief begs your permission to notice
a mistake into which you have fallen,
and which he conceives may have been
the means of aggravating the expressions
of your Disapprobation at his not having
summoned the Members of Council, —
previous to his reporting to Government
and to your Board the Conduct of the
Rajah Vizeeram Rauze on the 25.th March.

In the third Paragraph of
your Letter of the 26.th Ultimo, now before us,
you are pleased to express yourselves as
follows

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follows. "The abrupt Departure of Vizeauram
Rauze from Vizagapatam, and his requi-
-sition to reside at Pudmanabum &c.ya
The Words marked in the above quotation
constitute the mistake to which our Chief
refers, for it will not be found in our letter
of the 25th March to Government, that
the Rajah made any requisition to
reside at Pudmanaburn -

The Paragraph in question is
as follows. The Chief "is of opinion that
"the Rajah would be gratified with the
"permission to reside at Pudmanaburn.
"where is Family now is, and where there
"is a large and convenient habitation,
"and the Chief is therefore desirous of
"having authority to grant such request,

"should

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"should it be made, especially as he is not
"aware of any reasonable Objection to it —
"Padmanabum is a small Village, between
"this Place and Vizianagrum, and about
"5 Cos from the latter" —

In explanation of the above,
the Chief requests permission to declare,
that he never has mentioned the Subject
to the Rajah, or to any of his People, nor
have they ever hinted it to him: thus,
whatever may be the demerits of the
recommendation, it is applicable only
to the Chief, with whom it originated, &
with whom it has solely remained. —

The Chief has observed that
the Seperation from his Family was a
great source of Affliction to the Rajah,
and, as it had uniformly been the Wish

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Wish and Instructions of Government, that the Rajah should be treated with delicacy and attention, he thought that, in the Event of the Rajah's expressing a desire to reside with his Family, it would be a pleasing Circumstance to be authorised to comply with such desire - the Chief therefore suggested the business as above quoted, but lest it might not be approved by his Superiors, he carefully concealed from the Rajah and his People the Suggestion he had taken the liberty to make, and the Event shews, that this precaution was a prudent one. -

The Chief is willing to flatter himself that the above Explanations will be satisfactory, and that they will be the means of removing, in some

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some measure, the unfavorable Impressions which appear to exist against him. —

We shall, as soon as possible, report to your Board our Sentiments as to the Causes of the present Troubles. in the mean time it is of the first consequence that they should be brought to conclusion, and We know not of any Mode likely to be more effectual than that of authorizing us severally, to make such Arrangements with the refractory Poligars in our respective Divisions, and to grant such Allowances, as we may think proper and right under all Circumstances. —

You will observe, by the Contents of the inclosed Letter from Captain Cox, — that, in his opinion, the pursuit of Muky Rayabuspaul Rauze amidst the Hills, would

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would be an unavailing Measure, We have therefore desired him to confine his Operations to the protection of the Country on this Side of the Hills, and we purpose taking every possible Step in our power by means of Negotiation, to bring Mukty Royabunpaul Rauze to such Conditions as may be granted without discredit to the Company's Authority. We request, in consequence, that full Authority may be granted to each of us, severally for the purpose of settling with him, and others who may have taken up Arms, upon such Terms, as we may consider expedient and proper.—

In reply to that part of Captain Cox's Letter in which he complains of not having been sufficiently assisted, We

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We have to acquaint you that the Chief has not been able to fix upon a Person capable and willing to supply Gopaul Narsa Rawzee's Place, who was prevented by Illness from returning to Captain Cox, as soon as a Man well qualified for the Service can be obtained, he will be sent to assist the Detachment.

We have to lament with your Honble Board that a System has prevailed, which has confined us to the mere demand of Revenue, as we should be highly gratified if, as you have been pleased to observe, We had it in our power not only to ascertain the Value of the Districts, and not Situation of the different Zemindaries, but also to stand forth as the Guardians of the People against Abuses and Oppressions, and

to

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To render the Company's Government respected,
and revered throughout the Country. —

In the last Paragraph of your
Letter you are pleased to acquaint Us, that,
as We are charged with the executive —
Authority, you shall hold us responsible
for every Exertion to restore Order and Peace
to the Country: - to which we have the honor
to reply, that we are not only well acquaint
-ed with the Duties of the Stations, in which
we are placed by Government, but are
aware of the Responsibility annexed to
them, and are perfectly disposed to per-
-form our Parts accordingly. —

We are

Gentlemen

Your

Obedient Servants

Signed

John Chamier
A. W.m Gregory
John Snow

W.m Harington Secy

Vizagapatam
8th May 1794

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To John Chamier Esqre

Chief & Council

Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

In consequence of the Instructions of your Board I advanced to Cauveporum - Yesterday Morning at four O'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, & 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 backwards, and forwards, for the

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the necessary supply of Provisions —

Not having been able, from

the want of proper People, to procure Rice

Yet here, I could not carry a sufficient

Quantity along with me, to subsist the

Men for more than a Day; having no

prospect of getting it, and after a constant

firing from 4 O'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 Enemy's commencing a

smart fire into our Camp from one of

the Hills at 12 O'Clock at Night, Lieutenants

Cranston and Denton; and myself, fell

down a precipice that we occupied, and

I am sorry to say the former of those two

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen broke his thigh bones, and the latter received several dangerous Contusions, besides which, I sprained my Ankle in a very severe Manner... Now 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 to the proper 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 Mucky Royabeupaul Rawze to his next Retreat; both which a stock of Provisions carried up with me, and an intelligent Man, of some Influence in the Country would

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would have enabled me to do, and I had reason to expect so much from Gopaul Naiza Rauzer, had you thought proper to send him back to Camp as I requested. But now that I have seen so much of the Country, I do give it as my firm opinion that no number of Troops, tho however well supplied with Provisions, Intelligence and Guides, would ever be able to make Mutty Royabe, and Rauze a Prisoner in those Hills. and that the more We follow him, without any Troops, the more he will be convinced of his Security among them, nor can I see that any advantage whatever would have been derived from our keeping possession of Caushorum, because he has so many places of as great natural strength, to which he might

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might retire, and where he could be equally well supplied with Provisions.—

I must also mention, that as Gopaul Nassa Rauze had before informed me that he had 500 Peons in Sangaramcottah ready to attend me on any Expedition, whom I had planned shall abovementioned, 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 Rajah's Sepoys, who commanded two Companies at Sangaram Cottah joined me yesterday morning near to Caudeporam 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 &c.&c.
Signed

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Signed/ John Cox.
Captain commanding a
Detachment in the Vizianagrum
Zemindary

Camp near
Jeddere.
3rd May 1794

A true Copy
Signed/ Robt. Alexander
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A true Copy
Signed/ Wm Harington
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To John Chamier Esqre
Chief &c. Council
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen.

We have received your letter of the 8th Instant and its Enclosure. With respect to the misconstruction ascribed to us by your Chief of a passage in your letter to Government of the 25th Instant observing that the Rajah would be gratified with permission to reside at Padmanabum &c. We have to remark that, though no specific mention is made of this having been expressed a Wish to this Effect, yet

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yet we concluded from the Tenor of it. that such had been intimated to the Chief, without which it appeared to us he could not in consistency, have made the application, as the Orders of Government under date 22d May 1793. particularly prescribed "that Vizeram "Rauze should have permission to reside "wherever he might think proper excepting "at Vizianagrum, or any place within the "Zemindary". It is not very material with whom the Idea originated of his residing at Padmanabam, but we must still think that this point and the abrupt Departure of Vizeram Rauze from Vizagapatam involved a consideration likely to effect the General management of the Districts, and required the Opinions of the Gentlemen in charge of the Northern and Southern Divisions previous to any reference to us on the Subject.

It has occasioned us much concern to find that the disturbances in the Centers and Northern Divisions of the Vizianagrum Zemindary have been allowed

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Government, of which it so evidently appears the Adherents of Vizeram Rauze have endeavoured to give him unfavorable Impressions, and conformably also to the Sentiments as conveyed in your Chief's Letter of the 16th Febry last, wherein he declared, speaking of the Hill Poligars, that the accomplishment of the Object in view ought only to be attempted by address and gentle manners, and that if any of a different kind were adopted against them, in order to bring them to Vizagapatam, great confusion would unfallibly be the consequence.-

It is necessary we should have before us your Correspondence on the Subject since the 7th of December last, to which period only we have received your Proceedings: and we accordingly desire that you will forward it: also the Complete

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Set of your Records to the latest date, as soon afterwards as possible, and we must repeat our former Orders that they be regularly transmitted in future.—

With respect to your Application for discretionary powers to make such arrangements with the refractory Poligars in your respective Divisions, and to grant such Allowances as you may think proper and right under all Circumstances: also to settle with Mutky Royabu Paul Rauze and others, who may have taken up Arms, upon such Terms as you may consider expedient and proper, we must confess our Surprize at your making a Requisition at this period, which apparently implies a silence on our part, on a Subject of the first importance to the Peace of the Country, when you have already been furnished with

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with our particular and frequent Instructions to ascertain and report upon the Claims of the different Hill Zemindars &c.a In doing which it became the special Duty of each Collector to state his Opinion in regard to the Quantum of Allowance, or indulgence which might be deemed necessary to grant them, to enable us to determine thereon. If this was, in your Opinion, the only power required to enable you to restore the tranquility of the Country, we must observe that you have been wanting in your Duty in not having long since exerted yourselves to obtain the necessary Information, and stated your specific Opinions for our Determination.—

The same previous Enquiry and Negociation must necessarily have taken to establish what was proper to be allowed, whether

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whether the sole Authority of granting an Allowances was vested in you Individually, or ultimately with us, and we see no reasons brought forward why reference to us for approval, in such Cases, might be attended with Inconvenience, which, on occasion of making a Request so contrary to usage, should we think, have been stated.—

We must remark that the Collectors in the Northern and Southern Divisions have already submitted some propositions on this Subject which met our approval, and you must have been aware that you had but to point out, what in your Judgments, appeared necessary in your respective Divisions, with the reasoning upon which your recommendations were grounded to have met every necessary Support from us.—

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Fort S.t George
21st May 1794

We are
Gentlemen.
Your
Most
Obedient
Humble
Servants
David Haliburton
C. N. White
Tho.s Cockburn

Signed

A true Copy

Signed/ Wm H. Gordon
Acting for the Secy

To David Haliburton Esq.re
Acting President &c.a Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

We beg leave to lay before You
Copy of our Minutes of Consultation of this
days date.—

We have also to acquaint
You that the Cowles for the Zemindars of
Kimmedy and Tickally expire on the
31.st of the present month, and to recommend
that

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that they be renewed upon the same Terms as before; It is a matter worthy of being considered whether they should be renewed for one year, as lately practiced, or granted for a Term of two or three Years.

The Point we submit to your decision.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your[illegible]

Vizagapatam
11th May 1794

Signed John Chamier
A. W. Gregory
John Snow

A true Copy
Wm Harington
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At a Consultation
Present

Sunday
11th May 1794

John Chamier Esqr. Chief
Mr Arthur W. Gregory
& Mr John Snow
Members

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Minutes of the last Consultation dated the 3rd Instant Read, and approved.

Mr. Snow's and Mr. Gregory's Minutes sent in Circulation yesterday are now entered, and taken into Consideration.

Minute of Mr. Snow.

in Circulation 10th May 1794.

In bringing forward to the notice of the Board of Revenue, a present State of the Affairs of the Vizianagrum & Zemindary, it is to be regretted that a Season has been chosen for assembling Council fraught with the same strong marks of Perplexity and want of established Arrangement, which have continued for a considerable time past, to engross all Communications to that Board on the Subject of the District: but it is also particularly unpleasant to reflect (whatever Causes may

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may operate to render such Postponement unavoidable
that the due execution of the Orders from
Madras should still be left so incompletely
carried into Effect, as to create this doubtful
Complexion of affairs, at the time when
the Board of Revenue should have reason
to expect Information of a contrary &
Tendency, and therefore of a much more
promising Nature: under this observation
it will be unnecessary to remind the Board
that I allude to the Continuance of the
Rajah in his present Situation...

It will occur to the Board that
the original Orders for the eventual removal
of Vizianam Ranoze from the District, were
received about the middle of last Month,
fifteen days from which Period became the
limited time to prepare him for his Journey
to the southward, Should the Circumstances
take place on which the Measure was
founded

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founded. On the 1st of the present month, his en
immediate Departure was therefore meant
to be insisted on, and whatever latitude might
be admitted of; it would not amount to
many days delay, beyond the one so appointed.
I am concerned however to observe that many
days have not only elapsed, but that the
point seems to be carried into that protracted
State by the Rajah, from which his final
Departure may probably be considered less
certainly fixed at this hour, than on the day
on which it ought in strictness to have taken
place, for he continues still leisurely encamped,
a few Miles on the outside of the Fort, when
he might have made considerable Progress
in his Journey to Madras - and it is but too
much to be feared, that in his Motive for
loitering any longer in the District, or rather
in the motive of those, who have continued

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to make him the Tool of their Intrigues that little else is intended, than to aim at by increasing the difficulties in the Arrangement of its Affairs, which a corrupt Influence is so liable still to involve, adverting to this Consideration which becomes of more and more Importance in my Mind, I shall waive any Enquiry into the reasons which may have detained the Rajah here to the present hour, but shall strongly urge it to the Determination of the Board, that he be made acquainted with the absolute Necessity of using no longer delay, so that not only his Departure be clearly and unequivocally insisted on, but that his Destination either to Madras or Masulipatam, be a point at the same time prescribed to him.—

It is scarce necessary to give any reasons

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reasons for being particularly anxious and urgent on this point, beyond what I have already advanced, the general Tendency of a baneful Influence throughout the District, being too well known; and its Consequences already strongly marked.

When I next come to take notice of the Division placed under my own particular management, it may however be due to my own Situation to be more pointed - When I therefore inform the Board having failed in my Endeavours to obtain Proposals of Rent (owing to a palpable Combination arising from that Influence I have so repeatedly complained of, and to which I now speak) that I shall be under the necessity of recurring to a System of Management by Aumany; it becomes necessary to add, that it is not apparent to

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We I shall even be able to succeed in making any Adjustment in this way; whilst the Rajah is permitted to continue in the District. I have already made the necessary dispositions for this mode of Management, and circular letters have been written to the Heads of the Principal Villages for the purpose of entering into Terms of Adjustment for realizing the Revenues of the Country conformably to this mode of management; but I must repeat, that while the Rajah remains here, and intrigues are by this means liable to be set on head against my Authority, it appears to me doubtful whether a Contempt of my Summons may not be instilled into the mind of an Head Inhabitant as easily, as into that of a Renter, and that a defalcation of Revenue, may be expected to be the natural Consequence - But on such failure it is

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it is therefore a Duty I owe myself to declare, that I throw all responsibility from me my own Shoulders; and shall consider it plain with those who may obstruct the immediate removal of the Rajah in the manner I have recommended - Not but what his detention here so long must be evidently considered as a full Justification to me already should the disappointments I have reason to apprehend ultimately occur.

As to the other Points that regard the immediate Situation of my Division of the District, all matters relating to my management have continued to be so minutely detailed in the Diaries, and course of Correspondence submitted to the inspection of the Board of Revenue, that I know of little matter further to be communicated. There remains however

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a Subject of general concern; as to the
affairs of the District, still to be discussed;
and with this I shall conclude my
Information on the present occasion.—

The Hill Troubles which seem
to be gaining ground in the Centur Division,
and to have extended their Influence into
the Northern part of the District, I have
already had occasion to observe have
entirely kept free from interrupting the
Southern Management: it is therefore not
to this effect of corrupt interference by a
prevailing influence in the Zemindary,
that I have immediately to direct my
Complaints.— It is however to be observed,
from the mode in which I have found
it expedient to avert the Evil which
surrounds me that it was necessary to use
precautions

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precautions which have happily succeeded in their effects, as this mode is indeed founded on such simple principles of common Sense, and reason, and my Success in adopting it has answered the purpose in so ample a degree, it may be satisfactory to the Board to hear it described.—

When I first entered on the Charge of my Employ it became a primary object to make myself known to all Ranks in the District whose immediate Concerns were of any importance; and of this description, a race of People whose Communications with Europeans had till then been but very confined, and who scarcely understood their Characters, or trusted to their professions more than as considering them in the light they had been represented by

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by those who were continually engaged
in misleading them; I beg leave to say
that of this Class of People, the Hill
Poligars, claimed my first attention. I
therefore took early means of entering
into a Negociation with such as were
of Authority or who had it in their
power to become troublesome in my
Division, - from a want of such Negotia-
-tion, and having at length obtained
a Meeting at Madigal with Juggannaut
Boppetty one of these Poligars (which had
been considerably protracted from his own
fears and want of Confidence) I was able
at length to satisfy his mind, that a
reasonable Settlement, authorised by
Government, the Payment of which
should be regularly ensured to him,
was preferable to the precarious and
unsettled

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unsettled mode of life, to which he had been so long subjected.—

The Board of Revenue having approved of the measures I had taken, by which the Settlement of a monthly Allowance of five hundred Rupees in the least, is authorized to be given to Juggannaut Boopetty. I am in hopes of adjusting this matter on my return to Simpripilly, not by exacting his own immediate Attendance, for this purpose, but by bringing those of his Party, and who are intimately connected in his Interest, to close the Negociation.—

In succeeding thus, in a point which I consider of much importance in the Concerns of my Division, it is also to be observed that a force was actually employed against this Man, on my first

entering

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entering into Management; a Company
of our Seapoys in addition to a considera-
=ble Force of the Rajahs Troops, then -
engaged on this Service, being, by my
desire, removed, and ordered back to their
Stations. -

(Signed) John Shore.

Minute of Mr. Gregory.

in Circulation dated 10th May 1794 -

As the Chief deems it necessary
that each Member shall give his opinion
relative to the Troubles that exist in his
Division, and the causes that have
occasioned them, I shall, in the first in-
Instance, state the names of those, who
are exciting Troubles in mine, and
the force they have namely -

Bojee

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Bojee Rawze ..... 1000 Peons

Mungarawze's Son ..... 100. Ditto

Neesimkuny Tommanah and Vencanah ..... } 150 Do.

Tada Mallapa Rawze's Brother Royapa Rawze ..... } 100 Do.

Tada Mallapa Rawze's Son, Annam Rawze ..... } 500. Do.

Pykarow Royapah Rawze -- 300 Do.

Chitroo Chiolah Venkatrawze and Jugunnaut Rawze ..... } 300. Do.

Most of the above have been upon Monthly Allowances, and the others enjoy Mocasan Villages, and are under the Influence of the Rajah's People whose Intrigues (I have great reason to believe) are the Causes of all the Disturbances; indeed the People themselves have, in the Communications I have had with them, insinuated as much

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much; although, in Justice to the Rajah,
I am well convinced he is unacquainted
with these Circumstances. They have
created these Disturbances with a View
of impressing Government with an Idea
of the impracticability of their Servants
being able to manage the Hilly Countries.
but I have the pleasure to inform the
Board that I have a prospect from the
Steps I have taken, of soon putting an
end to the Disturbances in my Division.
Indeed it was particularly unfortunate
that I should have been called away to
attend Council on the present occasion,
as an opportunity of having a meeting
with those People had occurred, and the
only one that I could so properly have
embraced, at the very time of my quitting
Sittianagoum

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Sittiana grum, to which place I had repaired for the purpose of entering into negociation with Bojee Rauze and several other Hill Poligars, with a certain prospect of terminating affairs in a favourable Manner.

The late Orders relative to the Rajah have operated as I could wish with Ramachendah Deo, who, perfectly sensible of the impropriety of his former Conduct, has written to me his Intention, to send his Dewan, whose Baggage I was informed had arrived twenty four Miles from Sittanagourn previous to my leaving that Place.

The only mode that appears to me necessary for establishing the Company's Authority upon a firm basis in this District, is either to reinstate the different

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Hill Zemindars in their former Possessions,
or to grant them Allowances proportioned
to the value of the Countries, their Ancestors
formerly possessed.—

(Signed) A.W.m Gregory.—

Vizagapatam
10th May 1794.—

The Chief lays before the Board
Copy of a Letter addressed by him to the
Rajah, and a Copy of the Latters reply.—

To the Rajah Vizianam Rauze

from the Chief dated 9th May 1794

I am very much astonished to
find that, although you took leave of me
three days ago, you have advanced only
a few Miles.— it is therefore necessary for
me to acquaint you that, unless you
immediately proceed on your Journey.
it will be necessary to send an Officer to
You

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You with some Seapoys for the purpose of removing whatever difficulties there may be to the prosecution of your Journey.—

From Vizianam Rauze to the Chief.

9th May 1794.—

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The Chief acquaints the Board that Dontla Vencatapatty Rauze, and Jumpanah Vizianam Rauze waited upon him Yesterday Morning with a message from the Rajah.—The purport of which was, that ever since his declaration contained in his Letter to the Chief of the 30th Ultimo, he has been ready to prosecute the Journey required of him as expeditiously as his Health, and Strength, would admit—that his Disposition has not altered, but his progress has been impeded by the turbulent Conduct of great Numbers of his

* I have received your Letter and understand the Contents. I shall return to-morrow Morning to the appointed Time with the Seapoys &c.

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his followers of various descriptions, who insist upon being paid the whole of what is due them before they will suffer him to proceed. In this Situation, he sent to request the advice and Assistance of the Chief—

In reply to this message the Chief acquainted Donna Venkataputty Rawze, and Jumpana Vizziarum Rawze, for the information of the Rajah, that he (the Chief) knew not of any mode more efficacious than the sending a Party of the Company's Seapoys, who should protect the Rajah from Insult, and enable him to prosecute his Journey—

Upon this the Messengers observed that the Rajah would have requested this Assistance had not he apprehended that these turbulent People, being rendered desperate by the appearance of the Seapoys, would

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would probably proceed to acts of Violence, and that Lives would be sacrificed in consequence.—

The Chief in reply remarked that he should this day summon a Council to deliberate on the matter, and Jumpana Vizia ram Rauze to acquaint the Rajah, that it was his (the Chief's) Opinion that these People would not proceed to the Extremities apprehended, as, by so doing, they would give up their Claims to the Payment of Arrears and would probably lose their own Lives.— He conceived therefore that the best mode would be to send a Party of Sepoys for the Rajah's Escort, and that he (the Chief) had the intention of recommending that mode accordingly.—

In the mean time he acquainted Vencatapatty Rauze

The Messengers then departed.—

The Chief has only to add, that, in his Conversation with the above mentioned

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mentioned Persons, he strongly recommend
=ed to them the Propriety of their coming
forward, in Conjunction with the Rest
of the Rajah's Friends, with such Sum
of Money as might be necessary to satisfy
the Claimants, and enable the Rajah to
prosecute his Journey, without having
recourse to Measures, which might (in
possibly have disagreeable Consequences.—

The Chief lays before the Board
a Letter which was yesterday sent to him
from the Rajah Vezeram Rauze.—

From Vizaram Rauze to the Chief.

10th May 1794.

You were pleased to write that
if I am any ways prevented on proceeding
on my Journey immediately, that you
would send a Detachment of Seapoys
with

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with an Officer to free me from that in-
difficulty - I have sent this Morning
Jumpana Vujaram Rauze and Dontha
Vencatapatty Rauze to acquaint You
with the great difficulty that has happen'd
about the Sibbendy, and that for Detach-
ment is sent, with an Officer, my Sibbendies
being those who Guard my Person, I should
be in danger of my life, and do request
to advance me this Money from the
Company on account of my Country,
and that I would pay them & discharge
them from the Service, and afterwards
proceed to Madras. You were pleased
to say that it will not be entirely in-
convenient to pay from the Company.
and that if I have a desire to satisfy
them they should borrow and assistance
to satisfy my Sibbendies, and that You
allow

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allow me time untill this Evening to settle it,
but that if it is expected you should satisfy
them that you will send a Detachment
with an Officer tomorrow, to remove my
Sibbendies, and get me to proceed on my
Journey - If a Detachment is sent, what
is due to my Sibbendies, being their just
Claim, and they being those who will
not suffer themselves to be ill treated, they
will not regard their lives, and, myself, being
guarded by them, my life will also be in
danger, and I have therefore set out with
them to Pudmanaburn, where I shall with
the Assistance of my Relations and by
raising Money upon Jewels &c. endeavour
to satisfy them, and have determined to
afterwards to proceed to Madras according
to the Company's Orders - after my Arrival
at Pudmanaburn, if I cannot do as I expect,
I must stand to the Consequence of my
fate

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fate, determined by them. This I beg leave to acquaint you.

The Board are of opinion that it would be highly improper to permit the Rajah, to proceed to Budmanaboor, as that place is quite in a contrary direction from the Road to Madras, it is therefore agreed that the Chief be desired immediately to write to the Rajah requiring him to shape his course by the direct Road to Madras, and acquainting him, in the Event of his failing to do so, a Party will be forthwith dispatched from hence for the purpose of prescribing the route to him.—

The Chief delivers in the following Minute—

Minute of the Chief

in Consultation the 11th May 1794

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The Board of Revenue having in their Letter of the 26 Ultimo desired that the Chief and Council would fully report their Sentiments as to the Causes of the late Troubles, I proceed with due deference to offer mine upon the present occasion.

In my Letters of the 3th December 15th and 18th January last, I delivered my opinions at some length on the Subject of Troubles excited by the Hill Poligars, which unfortunately are not a Novelty in this Part of the World - for it is a fact that scarce a Year without Disturbances of this nature has passed, since the Company have had Possessions in the Circars, and formerly, before the Subjection of many Small Zemindaries to the Zemindar of Vizianagrum, they were still more frequent, and more

extensive

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extensive than they have been latterly, — indeed there is no doubt, but that this District will always be more or less Subject to them, while there are on its Borders an ignorant wild, unprincipled set of Men, who inhabit a Country abounding in difficult Passes, with a Climate perhaps the most destructive in the World. —

The Administration of Vizianam Rauze has generally been esteemed a weak One, but it must at the same time be acknowledged that weakness was not its Characteristick, at the Periods when Sittaram Rauze and Dontla Vencata Rauze acted in the Offices of Duans. Both were Men of great activity and enterprize, and well acquainted with the best Modes of managing the Zemindary, yet these Men, although so well qualified to manage the

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the Country, were not able to prevent the occasional predatory Incursions of the Hill Poligars.—

Of the Petty Zemindars, or Hill Poligars dependant on the Zemindary. — Ramachender Deo is, from his Situation, the most formidable; but as what relates to this Person has already in several Letters been exhibited by Mr. Gregory and myself, it will not be necessary to enlarge upon this Subject at present, I shall only therefore Say, that in my humble opinion (which I give with the utmost deference) sufficient attention was not paid, in the first instance, to the object of conciliating Ramachender Deo to the change of Government, and, latterly, the Resolutions adopted by the Board of Revenue, as far as regarded him, have not been followed up with as much address as the Situation of Affairs rendered requisite.—

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It is said that Vickram Deo, and, since his time, Ramachender Deo, has been in the habit of encouraging, by indirect modes, the occasional Incursions of the other Poligars upon the Principle that his assistance would soon be desired for the purpose of restoring tranquility, and that he should, as a reward for such Interference, obtain such particular Point as he might be anxious of establishing with the Rajah Vizianam Rauze; for, as it is in his power to cut off the retreat of the refractory Poligars. their Subjection was easy when he declared for the Circar, they then submitted to Terms, and Countries were given to them, or Stipends fixed for their Support.

It is true that Peace thus restored was seldom of long duration, sometimes the Vizianagrum Government by resuming the Lands granted, or by withholding the Stipulated

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Stipulated Stipend itself, occasioned a renewal
of disturbances, all others the fickle tempers
of the subdued Poligars, and their natural
propensity to Plunder, excited them to re-
commit fresh disturbances in the hope
of meliorating their Condition, and it often
occurred that they were instigated to revolt
by the Intrigues of the Raja's Renters, and
principal People, who expected to derive
advantage from it.

Whether the late Depredations
of Muky Royah or Paul Rauze and others,
arose from either, or all of the above Causes,
I shall not pretend to decide, for I presume
not to ascertain the secret Springs of
Action among People of this Description.
It will I trust be sufficient to remark,
that I gave early Intimation of the good
Effects which I expected from indulging
Ramachender Des in the renting Sundry
Countries

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Countries, and I cannot but return my opinion, that had Ramachender Deos Application been complied with immediately, through the Chief of the District, who was the usual Channel of transacting business with the Zemindars in it, the best Effects might reasonably have been expected from it.

It does not become me to animadvert upon Measures recommended by the Board of Revenue to Government, and adopted by the latter, but while I am declaring my Sentiments as to the Causes of the Troubles in the District, I must be permitted to observe, and I hope I shall not give offence in so doing, that some part of the arrangement made for the Management of the Vizianagrum Zemindary, during the Sequestration, has ever appeared to be objectionable, I mean that which relates to the establishing Revenue

Servants

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Servants in the District with authority to
Act independant of the Chief and Council
collectively — I always thought that affairs
in this quarter were by no means in a
Situation for such a change, and I must
add that some matters prejudicials to the
Public Interest have resulted from this
Arrangement —

So long as the Chief and Council
were permitted to retain their appointments
in this District, they should be the para-
mount executive authority in it, for any
diminution of their power cannot fail
of weakening the System by which the
Company's Affairs are to be conducted —

Besides the foregoing, there are
various other Causes, which I consider as
having very much contributed to the involv-
-ing the Public business in these Parts into
Confusion

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Confusion, but I must be permitted to decline mentioning them, for they could not be detailed without introducing Reflections, which might perhaps be ill received, and which I indeed according to the existing Orders of the Governor in Council, of the 7th Sept. last, I am forbid to make. For a Revenue Servant by those Orders, is directed to abstain from all Comment, or Strictures, however much a Decision may differ from his own Sentiments.

Being thus restricted from declaring my Sentiments upon the past, if I offered Opinions upon the best means of establishing the Company's Authority upon a firm Basis for the as required by the Board of Revenue, such opinions would necessarily lose much of their force, but notwithstanding this disadvantage, I will hazard one Suggestion

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Suggestion because I conceive it to be very essential. it is, that it would be an expedient measure to establish the Chief and Council in full authority over every Revenue Servant in the District —

I hope it will never be objected to me that I wish to decline any Service, expected from my hands; and, to prevent such objection, I have with chearfulness performed the — functions of a Collector in addition to the other Duties annexed to my Situation, but should it be resolved to adopt my Suggestion, as contained in the foregoing Paragraph, it would be a necessary consequent measure to relieve me from the charge of the Center Division of the Zemindary, that I might be the better able to pay attention to the whole of the Transactions in the District —

As I have already, in various letters

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Letters and Minutes, particularly in my
Letter of the 28th Ultimo to the Board of Revenue,
declared my opinion that it would be
impolitick to attempt hastily great Changes
in the District - it is unnecessary to enlarge
on this Head, I shall conclude therefore with
declaring, that I differ widely from Mr Shore
upon many Points contained in this
Minute, sent in Circulation Yesterday, and
although the Situation of Affairs in the
District is doubtless very unfavourable to
Settlements of Revenue, I will venture to
express my confident hope, that I shall
be able to arrange what relates to the
Center Division (which has been the
principal Scene of the late Troubles) in
such manner, as may merit the approba-
tion of my Superiors -

In a Matter of this Nature, I
shall

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shall not presume to follow Mr. Snow's Example who declares that he throws all Responsibility from his own Shoulders Via Fiat Ra which seems to mean that if his measures be successful, the merit will be his, and that if they are not, the failure is to be attributed to Intrigues, Counteractions & Mismanagement on the part of others. Although I must acknowledge the Doctrine to be very convenient, yet I confess I have some doubts whether our Superiors will think it an admissible one -

Signed/ John Shannier.

The Chief lays before the Board the draft of the letter which he proposes addressing to the Rajah.

To the Rajah Vizaram Rauze

11th May 1794-

I have

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I have received your letter of yesterday's date, and am very much surprized at your intimating to me your Intention of proceeding to Pudmanaburn, as that Place is in a direction exactly contrary to the Road which you are directed to take. I lose no time therefore in informing You that you cannot be permitted to Proceed to Pudmanaburn; and that You must shape your Course by the direct Road to Madras, and it is further necessary to acquaint You that unless you do so, I shall immediately send a Party for the purpose of prescribing the proper Route to You, and of preserving you in it.—

The Board approve of the foregoing and request the Chief will dispatch it without loss of time.—

The Chief observes to the Board, that

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That the Cowles for Kennedy & Tickally expire on the 31st of the present Month, and recommends that the same be notified to the Board of Revenue, and that the renewal of them be suggested.

Ordered Accordingly

A true Copy

(Signed) Robt. Alexander
Secry

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm. Harington
Secry

To John Chamier Esqre
Chief and Council at
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

We have received your letter of the 11th Instant, with Copy of your Proceedings at a Meeting held on that day, and it is with

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with infinite concern that we learn therefrom,
as well as by a Subsequent letter just received
from the Chief dated the 11th Instant, that
the Rajah Vizeram Rawze has observed a
Line of Conduct so inconsistent with his
Duty and so different from the uniform
representations of your Chief, who, has on
various occasions, given us reason to suppose
that he was perfectly acquainted with his
motives and wishes. and we are therefore
much surprised he should have been so
deceived with respect to his Departure
from the District, notwithstanding the
delay and doubtful Conduct pursued by
him after the receipt of the Orders of our
Government for his removal. As the Rajah
stated that he was detained by the Demands
of his Sibbendy, and armed Followers for
their Arrears, he ought to have been called
upon

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upon immediately for a List of what was
due to them, particularly as you were directed
to discharge all Arrears due to every description
of his Troops; and we cannot help expressing
our Surprize that, after the particular and
pointed Orders of Government under date
the 26th September, which required that the
Rajah should, forthwith, discharge his
Sepoys and keep none other than unarmed
Attendants about him, that he should have
been enabled so soon to assemble a Force
without your knowledge. But we mean to
confine this Letter to such Observations as we
deem indispensible on the Minute delivered
in by Mr. Chamier at your Board on
the 11th Instant —

Respecting Ramachender Deo,

Mr Chamier Remarks, "in my humble
opinion sufficient Attention was not paid
in the

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"in the first Instance to the object of conciliating
"Ramachender Deo to the Change of
"Government, and latterly the Resolutions
"adopted by the Board of Revenue, as far as
"regarded him, have not been followed up
"with as much address as the Situation of
"Affairs rendered requisite". - and in another
part he further observes. "It will, I trust, be
"sufficient to remark that I gave early
"Intimation of the good Effects which I
"expected from indulging Ramachender
"Deo in the renting Sundry Countries, and
"I cannot but retain my Opinion that had
"Ramachender Deo's Application been complied
"with immediately, through the Chief of the
"the District, who was the usual Channel
"of transacting Business with the Zemindars
"in it, the best Effects might reasonably have
"been expected from it".

Upon

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Upon these Opinions we must,
in the first place, notice that the Information
regarding Ramachender Deo furnished by
the Chief and to which he alludes, did
not appear sufficiently specific & complete
to enable us to pass a Determination on
the proposition submitted by him, but, more
particularly, as the Purgunnahs recommend-
-ed to be given in Rent to this Man were
situated in the Division under the separate
Charge of Mr. Gregory, who we called upon
to Report on the Subject, and, upon Receipt
thereof, we came to the Resolution of granting
the Purgannahs in Question to Ramachender
Deo, rather than that any further delay should
occur, though the Explanations transmitted
by Mr. Gregory were not so full & satisfactory
as we wished and expected. This Resolution
was communicated to the Collector, with
directions

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directions to carry it into Effect; but Mr Chamier remarks that it has not been followed up with as much Address as the Situation of Affairs rendered requisite. Under such an Impression it behoved him to have stated the Grounds of this Opinion, in order that Mr Gregory, with whom the execution of the Measure rests, might have had the benefit thereof in future, as well as an Opportunity of offering an explanation of his past Conduct. This omission is the more remarkable as one of the principle objects of assembling a full Meeting of Council was to discuss the Subject of the Troubles in the Vizianagrum Zemindary, and the Person in question, Ramachender Deo, is represented to be one of the most powerful and refractory of the Zemindars.—

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The most extraordinary part however of the Chiefs Minute as regards this Man, is the Explanation he now brings forward of the principle and motives which it is said, actuated Vichram Deo, and, since his time, Ramachunder Deo to encourage Disturbances in the Zemindary - It is to be apprehended that the same principle still obtains tho' diametrically opposite to every Idea of Order, Security, Justice, and good Government; and we have to regret that it was not made known to us at the time Mr Chamier submitted his Application in favor of this Man, and upon which he now lays so much stress -

Adverting to the Depredations of Mukey Royabu, Raule Rauze and others Mr Chamier declares. "I presume not to ascertain the secret Springs of action among People of this Description - Such a declaration, under the Circumstances of the

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the Depredations committed in the Center Division, which is under his own immediate Charge, and Troops having been employed to quell those Disturbances from the Months of November last, we must confess has greatly surprized us, and we should have expected, instead of the general Observations contained in his Minute, that the Chief would have informed the Board of the measures taken by him for the purpose of conciliating Muky Royabunpaul Rawze before he had recourse to sending Military Force against him; but, as we have already called upon You for the detailed Proceedings on this Subject, We shall, for the present, decline further Comment.

On that part of the Chief's Minute where he takes occasion to observe, "that Coorne "part of the Arrangement made for the "management"

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"Management of the Vizianagrum Zemindary
"during the Sequestration has ever appeared to
"be objectionable I mean that which relates to
"the establishing Revenue Servants in the
"Districts with Authority to act independant
"of the Chief and Council collectively - We are
confirmed in the expediency of this Measure,
adopted by Government, from the good Effects
which have resulted from it in the Southern
Division under charge of Mr Snow, who
has evinced that, by proper precautions and
an earnest disposition to follow up the Spirit
of our Orders, the refractory Minds of the
Hill Poligars were to be conciliated, the
Country preserved in Tranquility, and
every necessary Arrangement adopted, as far
as the various Obstacles and a combination
of Influence would admit, for the ea
Management of the Revenue - It is at all
times

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times the most unpleasant part of our Duty to express any disapprobation of the Conduct of those Employed under Us, but the extraordinary remarks in the Chiefs Minute, and the continued course of controversy in the Correspondence from Vizagapatam compel us, with regret, to say that had the same means been exerted with a disposition equally prompt for carrying our Instructions into execution, it appears to us that the same Success would have followed in the other Divisions, and that the important objects expected from the Sequestration, so necessary to the future Welfare of the Country, might have been accomplished in a far greater degree.

With respect to the Chiefs' "Suggestion", that it would be an expedient "measure to establish the Chief and Council "in full authority over every Revenue Servant "in the District". Our Opinion is widely different

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different: and we are concerned that such a measure would lead to Consequences which we ought to be most anxious to avoid. With this view and to clear the Revenue of that obscurity and perplexity, as well as the obstacles and delay which would otherwise occur, We recommended to Government, in the first Instance, that separate Collectors should be appointed to the Vizianagrum Zemindary upon whom a direct responsibility should be fixed and over whom the Board of Revenue were to have a direct Controul.—

After having stated his Sentiments generally in regard to the Disturbances in the Country, Mr Charnier proceeds to observe "there are various other Causes which I consider as having very much contributed to "the involving the Public Business in these "parts into Confusion".—

We must consider it to have been

Mr

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Mr. Chamier's duty to point out every Cause which may have contributed to the consequences alluded to, for the same order to which he has reference declares the propriety of giving full and free Opinions upon every Measure as submitted for Decision, though it also enjoins implicit obedience to such decisions when passed.

We shall conclude by remarking on the Chief's further observation that "he has "already in various Letters and Minutes in "particularly in his letter of the 22nd Ultimo declared "his opinion that it would be impolitic to "attempt hastily great changes in the District. It would have been more satisfactory to the Board had Mr. Chamier specified the great changes to which he has allusion and his reasoning upon them. In regard to the Decastabas we have already observed that our Instructions went to the gradual reduction of them and with respect to

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The general arrangement ordered by us, the objects of them extended to ascertain the value of the Districts, the real Situation of the different Zemindars, and to preserve the tranquility of the Country by moderate, judicious and firm measures on the part of those entrusted with the execution of our Orders —

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your

Signed { David Haliburton
Charles N. White
Thos. Cockburn

Revenue Department
Fort St. George
23d May 1794 —

A true Copy
Signed W.m Gordon
Actg for the Secry

To David Haliburton Esqr.

Acting President &c. Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Your

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You were addressed by the Chief and Council in their Collective Capacities, under date the 8th and 11th Instant on the affairs of the District, and by the Minutes of Consultation of the 11th you were made acquainted with the Resolutions formed at a full Meeting -

On the Evening of the same day, Messrs. Gregory and Snow, who wished to superintend personally their own Affairs in their respective Divisions, departed from the Chiefship, and the charge of transacting the public business here remained solely in my hands -

In answer to my Letter of the 11th Inst. (already before You) the Rajah Vizianaram Rauze acquainted me, that as I did not approve of his going to Padmanabum, he would put off his Journey and should send some of his People to that and other places, in order to raise Money, and that in the meanwhile,

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he should remain where he was, namely
at Samatchelleum &c. &c. [Vide No. 1]
In reply I acquainted him (vide
Letter No. 2) that he must move on immediately
towards Madras, and I should send an Officer
and a Party, for the purpose of removing
whatever Obstacles there might be to his
Progress — On the Evening of the same day
(vide No. 3) the Rajah acquainted me, that his
Endeavours for raising money, having been
unsuccessful he had actually proceeded towards
Pudmanaburm, and that, as soon as he had
satisfied his People he should set off for
Madras — I could only impute this very
improper Step to the Effect of the mischievous
Councils of the Rachewars who were with him;
but, as it was necessary, from whatever Cause
it might originate, to check a Proceeding of

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this Nature, I directed Major Langley to March immediately to Pudmanaburn with such Force as he thought adequate, and which could be spared from the Garrison, and I sent him Instructions, by which he was desired to ascertain on his arrival at Pudmanaburn, whether the Rajah had voluntarily deviated from the Road, and if he had, the Major was directed to recall him to a proper Sense of his Duty and insist upon his pursuing his Journey without delay. Should he have been compelled to take this Step, the Major was ordered to adopt such measures as might appear proper for his Relief.

Upon the Receipt of the Letter of Instructions, Major Langley reported that he was from indisposition unable to proceed, and I therefore desired him to

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make over the Instructions to Lieutenant Hennet, who marched from Vizagapatam with three Companies of Seapoys in the Night of 13th.—

I wrote at the same time to the Rajah advising him of the March of the Detachment, and enjoining him to conform entirely to what would be required of him [Vide No 4.]

Matters were on this state when I received this morning intelligence from Pudmanabum, which seems to leave very little doubt of the Rajah's Resolution to throw off his Allegiance to the Company. I have, in consequence, recalled the Detachment, summoned the Gentlemen of Council to return, and sent advice of the Matter to Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast and to the Officers in Command of Posts & Detachments.

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The Particulars of the Intelligence were, that the Rajah was moving his Family and Effects, that some Seapoys and Cavalry who were to be paid off by me, have been recalled and actually joined the Rajah, that the Dasestatoes were collecting, that Promises had been made to the Hill Zemindars for the purpose of Conciliating them, and that it was imagined to be the Rajah's intention to proceed to the Buster Country.

I shall as soon as possible, acquaint you with further particulars, relating to this unfortunate Business, which is likely, to involve the District in very great confusion.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your

Vizagapatam
16th May 1794.

Obt. Hble Servt
Signed/ John Chamier

A true Copy
Signed/ Wm. Harington Secry

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From Vizianam Rauze to the Chief

11th May 1794

No 2 I have received your Letter of this days
date, and understand the Contents thereof. As
You are pleased to say, that it is not conve-
nient for you to advance Money on account
of the Sibendies, I have therefore considered
to go to Pudmanaburm to endeavour to borrow
Money to satisfy them, and afterwards to
proceed on my Journey; but now, being
wrote by you, that it is not agreeable I should
go to Pudmanaburm, and that I must
proceed on Straight. I have accordingly put
off going to Pudmanaburm, and shall from
hire, send some People, to that and other
places where my Relations reside, and
endeavour to raise as much Loans as I can
to satisfy my Sibbendies; and shall soon in

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three or four days more, set out on my Journey. I shall send a proper Person to you tomorrow Afternoon to Acquaint you with the some particulars. I therefore need not write more on this.

To the Rajah Vizaram Rawze

12th May 1794.

No 2

I have received your letter of Yesterday's date, it is only necessary to acquaint You in Reply, that if you do not move tomorrow Morning on your Journey, I shall send an Officer and a Party for the purpose of removing whatever obstacles there may be to your Progress. The Officer and Party will proceed from hence tomorrow in the Afternoon.

I now send to desire Venkatapelly Rawze to come to me, with whom I have some business to settle. Be pleased to direct him

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him to proceed without loss of time

From Vizianram Rauze to the Chief

12th May 1794

No 3 — I have received your Letter of this days date, and understand the Contents thereof — all my endeavours for raising Money for the purpose of the Sibbendies having proved unsuccessfull I am therefore gone to Padmanabum, from whence I shall endeavour to satisfy them by means of Jewels &c and shall afterwards proceed to Madras —

To the Rajah Vizianram Rauze

13th May 1794 —

No 4 — After I had acquainted You, in my Letter of the 11th Instant, that your going to Padmanabum was improper, I was very much Surprized to find, by the Contents of

Your

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Your Letter of Yesterday's date, that you are gone thither.—

I am willing to believe that you have been forced to this Measure by the Wicked People who are with You, and I have therefore sent Major Langley to remove them from You; and to Escort you on your Journey towards the Masulipatam District. You will set out immediately, and conform entirely to what he may desire.—

It is not necessary for me to tell You that if you disobey the Orders of the Company, you will forfeit all Claims to their favour and Protection.—

True Copies of the Letter & Translations

Signed/ J. Chanier.

A true Copy

Signed/ Wm. Harington Secry

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List of the Packet

No. 1. From Vizagapatam dated 2th May 1794

No 2 To Vizagapatam ditto — 2d Do

No 3 From Vizagapatam Do 11 Do

No 4. To Vizagapatam — Do 23 Do

Fort St. George — No 5. From Mr Chamier Do 14 Do

24th May 1794 — No 6. To Government — Do 24 Do

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir,

We have the honor to submit

From Board of Revenue submitting two other letters from Vizagapatam & Copy of their Reply — Remark that no Measures have been taken by the Chief & Council for ascertaining the Views and Resources of Vizieram Rauze nor of the Troops with him —

to You, Copy of a Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam, dated 9th Instant, —

together with our Reply thereto, also a Letter just received from them of the 21st Instant, and its enclosures, which contain the only Intelligence forwarded to Us, relative to the Proceedings

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Proceedings of Vizeiaram Rauze, since he lately threw off his disguise and allegiance to the Company.—

In the present state of the Country, it was the duty of every Member, but more particularly incumbent on the Chief, to exert his Endeavours for obtaining a correct insight respecting the Views of Vizeiaram Rauze and his Dependants, the number of Troops assembled by them, their Arms and Ammunition, and the general State of preparation for resisting the Authority of Government.—

We are sorry to observe however, that the Information forwarded to Us, is not only vague and unsatisfactory on those points, but affords no explanation of any Steps taken or proposed to be taken, to detach any of the Desaulaos and Dependants from Vizeiaram Rauze, or

to

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to prevent any of the Hill Zemindars from joining them, or any other Measures for bringing the Zemindar to a Sense of his Duty, and for restoring the peace of the Country —

We have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir,

Your &c.

Revenue Department
Fort St. George
30th May 1794

Signed { David Haliburton
Chas N. White
Thos Cockburn

To David Haliburton Esqr.

Acting President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

We have having Yesterday arrived in Vizagapatam, agreeably to the Summons, a Council was immediately held

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held, when it was agreed to communicate to Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast, all the Information We had relative to the present Situation of the Districts, and to request he would attend a Meeting of Council as soon as Mr. Gregory should arrive.—

Since the Chief's Communication to your Board under date the 4th Instant, a Letter has been received from the Rajah, of which a Copy is enclosed, as also a Copy of a Letter, which our Chief has written to him. An Answer to the Letter is daily expected.—

Entered in Consult 27th May 1794—

From the Intelligence last received from Pudmanabhurm, it appears that the Rajah, with his Family, and all his Followers, are still there, and that the Seapoys who are employed on the different Divisions and under Captain Coy's Orders, have all repaired to Pudma-

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-nabuns. Captain Cox with the Detachment under his Command, has taken possession of Vizianagrum -

Universal Alarm having spread throughout the District, the Business of Revenue is totally at a stand, and all the expected Arrangements must of Course be given up, until Tranquility be restored -

In Your Letter of the 3rd. Instant, You have mentioned Guzzipetty Deo as one of the Persons engaged in exciting the Disturbances. In this We apprehend there must be some Mistake as Guzzipetty Deo, the Zemindar of Kimmedy, has not, to the best of our Knowledge, taken any part in the present Business -

We are

Gentlemen

Your &c.

John Chamier

John Snow

Vizagapatam
17 May 1794

A true Copy
Signed/ W.m Harington Secy

Signed

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To John Shamier Esqr.

Chief & Co. Council

at

Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

We have received your letter of the 17th with its enclosure. In the present Situation of Affairs, we are extremely desirous that You make the earliest Communication to us relative to the Proceedings of Vojiaram Rawze and the Means taken, and those which you propose should be taken for effecting bringing him to a proper Sense of his Duty and restoring the tranquility of the Country.

It appears by Mr Shamier's Letter to the Rajah of the 15th Instant, that there were Arrears unpaid to his Cavalry & Sepoys, which the Chief had promised to discharge. On reference to your Records,

We

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We perceive in October 1793 that a List was
given in by Vizaram Rauze, mentioning
the number of Troops dismissed by him,
which amounted to 1650, including his
50 Horsemen, informing You that he was
settling their Accounts, and requesting You
would Order their Arrears to be paid off -
We desire you will transmit us a particular
Statement of the Number of Armed People
whose Arrears have been discharged and -
who have been dismissed conformably to
the Orders of Government under date the
26th September, and what number of their
Arms were deposited in the Company's
Stores, as proposed by the Rajah in the
Month of October last. -

The Name of Guzzepetty

Doo was by an Official mistake inserted
in

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in our Letter of the 3rd. Instant instead of that of Ramachender Deo, and We desire that it be rectified.—

We are

Gentlemen

Yr. Mo. Obt. Servts.

Revenue Department
Fort St. George
26th May 1794

Signed { David Haliburton
C. D. White
T. Cockburn

A true Copy

Signed/ John Read
Actg Secy.

To David Haliburton Esqr.

Acting President

&c. &c. &c.

Members of the

Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

We beg leave to lay before You

Entered in Diary to Consult 3rd June

Copies of the Intelligence Communicated to us by

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by our Chief, respecting the Proceedings at Pudmanabum, since the Rajah's Arrival there to the present Period—

It will naturally occur to your Board, that the Intelligence is to be received with great Allowance, as it is collected from various Channels at Pudmanaburrum, and has already proved in many Points very erroneous, as is generally the Case in Matters of this Sort—

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your

Vizagapatam
21.st May 1794

Signed { John Chamier
A.W.m Gregory
John Snow

A true Copy
Signed/ W.m Harington Secry

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The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Vizia ram Rauze (Entered also in C.C. No 79)

Translation of a Letter

From Mirza Rajah Vizeram Rauze Gra Fa Hemindar of Vizanageram

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

Dated 17th May
Received 29th Do } 1794

From Vizeram Rauze explaining the cause of his Departure to Pudmanaburm and professing his Fidelity to the Company and Obedience to their Authority —

You have been already apprised of all the Particulars relative to my Propositions for the Appointment of Renters - the repelling the Incursions of the Hill Rebels - the Tranquillizing the District, the Payment of the Jummabendy, the Liquidation of the Arrears, after deducting the Amount of Sea

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and Land Customs, and the Mechilkas —
proposed for renting the Country; together
with the Letter of the Renters, signifying their
Compliance with the same —

Mr. Chamier hath written me
notifying your Disapprobation of the above
Propositions, and your Orders that I should
repair to the Presidency —

Conformably to these Orders, not-
withstanding the indifferent State of my
Health, I waited on the Chief to take leave,
and had just returned to my House, previous-
-ly to my setting out for Madras; when a
Body of my Troops consisting of Infantry
Sibendies, Cavalry &c. came to oppose my
Departure, unless they were first paid
up their Arrears to that date: I represented
this Circumstance to the Chief — Upon which
his Dubash (Ramnapa Naid) came &
promising

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promising the Infantry their full Pay,
they were satisfied: The Sibendies &c. strongly
remonstrated, that they saw no Cause, why
they should not receive Assignations for
their just Pay, as well as the Rest, and
were very clamorous: I then sent a Message
to the Chief, suggesting the Propriety of
satisfying these Men also, as it would
accelerate my Departure for the Presidency.
To this Message I received a written
Answer from the Dubash; purporting
that he had made known the Circumstances
to the Chief, who said that the Sibendies &c.
should not be paid at present - nor until
they professed themselves entirely submis-
sive to me their Master, who would pay
them - and that they should rest satisfied
'till that happened. At this Answer they
became

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became obstreperous, and redoubled their
Importunity to me for their Pay.—
Seeing the Chief had refused to —
satisfy these People, as I had recommended —
the only alternative I had, was to do it myself
But as my Talookah was now completely
sequestered to the Company, wherewithal was
this to be done: It behoved me however to —
bethink myself of some Expedients.— I at last
proposed to go to Pedamanatu, to satisfy the
People, by giving them Jewels &.a and I wrote
to the Chief accordingly, requesting to proceed
thither, in my way to Madras. But the
Chief in his Reply forbade my proceeding
to Pedamanatu, and intimated his —
Intention of sending some Companies of
Troops to pacify the Sibendies, but without
giving them their Pay —

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The Impropriety, and indeed the Injustice of withholding the Pay for which they had served, on the other hand, together with their determined and peremtory Demands, which I could not but consider just, on the other, necessitated my setting out for Pedamanata, and this the rather, as the Chief had written that he should send Major Langley with three Companies of Infantry as an Escort to Madras—

When I reflect on my inflexible Fidelity, and that of my Ancestors — on my implicit Confidence in, and my undeviating Obedience to the Company; when I contrast this Conduct with the late Proceedings against me; I confess I cannot help repining at the Infelicity of my Fortune!

Nevertheless, to whatever Pitch of Adversity I may be reduced, whilst my Heart throbs

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throbs in my Bosom, I shall not with-
draw the Foot of Obedience from the
Path of Duty.—

I have taken the liberty to
trouble You with this Detail of Circum-
stances which have lately happened, &
I shall only add my Prayers that Your
Prosperity may become more and more
illustrious.—

A true Translation

Signed/ A.r Falconar

Depty Persn Trans.r

The President lays before the
Board the draft of an Answer which he
proposes should be written to Vizeeram Rauze

To Vizeram Rauze

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I have received your letter
of the 17.th of this Month, and understand
the Contents.—

You write that, conformably to

President's Reply to the foregoing letter from Vizieram Rauze.—

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to the Orders you had received, it was your Intention to come to the Presidency, but that difficulties had arisen on account of the Arrears due to your Troops, and that not being able to obtain any Assistance from the Chief and Council to satisfy them you had been under the necessity of going to Padmanaburm for the purpose of obtaining Supplies, to enable you to discharge these Engagements. That your Fidelity to the Company is unshaken, and that you can never in any Situation withdraw your obedience from their Authority...

Though this Letter has not been forwarded to me through the regular Channel, Yet, as it contains your Reasons for the extraordenary Step you have taken, I shall reply to it, in the hope, that if You have

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have not yet openly renounced your allegiance to the Company by any hostile act of Resistance, you will see the danger of such a Proceeding, before it be too late.

When the Company were compelled, in consequence of the heavy Balances of Revenue due from you to take the Zemindary under their own Management, you were required to discharge the Armed People formerly retained in your Service; and, if you had attended to this Requisition, at the time it was made, the object might have been easily accomplished, and your Mind at once relieved from all Uneasiness on this Account. But you were inattentive to the pleasure of Government, and still continued to keep up a considerable Number of armed People

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People of different descriptions without stating the Amount of their Arrears, or taking any proper Measures to obtain the Company's Assistance in discharging them.— It was only at the Moment when it became necessary to comply with the Order sent for your Departure from the District that you pleaded the Embarrassment of your Troops as an excuse for delay; Yet it does not appear that you were prevented by this cause from beginning your Journey, and proceeding, for some days, in the proper direction. Your Subsequent Movement in a contrary Line, towards Padmanaburm, was a voluntary Act of your own and persisted in notwithstanding the positive direction and warning of the Chief and Council against it.—

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What Credit can I give to the
profession you make of fidelity & obedience
while your Conduct is in manifest opposi-
-tion to your Assurances? You cannot be un-
aware of the certain ruin that must
fall upon yourself and your Adherents, if
you persevere in your present Course, and
I sincerely hope that you will, by immediate
-ly proceeding, with your common Attendants
only, to Vizagapatam, avert so serious a
consequence of the Company's Displeasure.

With regard to the Arrears due
to your Sibbendies, in order to remove any
Impediment that may arise on this Account.
I think it proper to inform you that the
Chief and Council will be directed to see
justice done by full Payment to all Persons
of this

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of this Description who have Demands upon
You.

What can I say more?

The Board entirely approve the
foregoing Draft - Resolved that it be immediate-
-ly translated and sent to the Board of Revenue,
to be transmitted, through the Chief & Council,
of Vizagapatam to Vizianaram Rawjee

Resolved that the following Letter
be written to the Board of Revenue -

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

Letter to the Board of Revenue advising of the reinforcement ordered into the Vizagapatam District; enclosing the Letter for the Rajah, also Copies of it & the Letter from him. Copies of other Letters from the Chief & Council also inte.

Gentlemen

In consequence of the Advices
received from Vizagapatam relative to the
Situation of Affairs in that District. We
have directed a Reinforcement of three
Companies of Europeans, One Battalion of
Sepoys

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Sepoys, and half a Company of Artillery
to be sent thither with the least possible delay;
and every necessary preparation is now
making for that purpose.—

As it is particularly incon-
-venient, at this Juncture, to take these Troops
from their proper Stations We trust that
the Chief and Council will very soon be
able to return them.—

A Letter from Vizeram
Rauze to our President having been received
through the hands of Samuel dos Souzar,
We have deemed it expedient, in the present
Circumstances, that a reply should be
sent, notwithstanding the irregular
mode in which it has been forwarded.—

Copies of Vizieram Rauzés
Letter and of the Answer are herewith
Enclosed for your Information. We also
transmit

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transmit Copies of two Letters written to the Chief and Council since the Receipt of their application for a reinforcement of Troops —

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We are
Gentlemen
Your &c.
Signed Sh: Oakeley & Council

Read the following Letter from Colonel Braithwaite —

To the Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bar^t
Governor in Council.

Honble Sir,

From Col. Braithwaite relative to the Force required to be sent to the Vizagapatam District, and the Mode of furnishing it —

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of yesterday conveying to me Copy of a Letter addressed to You from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam; also Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast Commanding the Troops in that Country stating the immediate

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immediate necessity of Reinforcement, and
desiring my Opinion of the Reinforcement required.
The Reinforcement now required by Lieutenant
Colonel Prendergast is almost exactly what
I had the Honor to recommend to be sent to
that Country, upon a former occasion, in a
Letter May 25th 1793; and, as matters seem now
to have taken a more serious turn than I
supposed they would then do, and as the
Zemindar Vizeram Rauze seems now determined
to maintain a certain kind of Independance,
I do not think that any thing less than the Force
required by Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast
could operate so as to produce any good
effect or change in his Sentiments With the
Force required by Lieutenant Col Prendergast
added to what is now in the District, I will
have no doubt the Lieutenant Colonel will think
himself sufficiently strong to attack the Zemindar
with

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with any force that he can Collect, or in any position he can take, in the low Country. And I have no doubt the measure will be attended with Success - but in saying this I desire that I may be understood as speaking upon very insufficient Information of the Rajahs present Means, Resources, and Connections; for of these, as I have stated in the above cited Letter, neither myself or any Military Officer can have any Information but such as is received from the Civil Government. As far as I am informd the force required is absolutely necessary, &, if this opinion is all that is required of me by Mr. Jackson's Letter of Yesterday, I have no doubt or difficulty in giving that opinion promptly; but, if it is expected that I should go further than the Words of the Letter require, and give an Opinion how, and from whence

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whence, that Reinforcement is to be sent, I own I am more at a loss - If the state of the Masulipatam District, already too weak in Military Force according to my general Ideas of it, from any particular Circumstances, insures a prospect of uninterrupted tranquil-
-lity and Collection for some Months to come, the half Company of Artillery with the Gun Lascars, and three Companies of European Infantry can be sent from Ellore, and in that case, it is my Opinion they should be ordered by Sea directly to Vizagapatam, which would be the safest Conveyance, and, probably, the most expeditious, provided a Vessel can be prepared for their reception at Masulipatam while they are on their March thither from Ellore; but it must be considered, that this Measure will in effect annihilate the European Force in the Masulipatam District, & it must be remem-
-bered

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-bered that the Six Battalion Companies of the
1st. European Battalion now at Ellore have
just now been draughted to Compleat the
two flank Companies which have embarked
to one hundred Rank and File each - so that
when the Sick are deducted, and three Batt.n
Companies are Compleated to send to Vizagapatam,
little effective Strength will exist in the three
Companies which remain at Ellore - and
this may merit Attention considering the
weak state in which that District stands as
to Native Strength, both from Quantity and
Distribution; whence to derive the Native -
Battalion required, under present Circumstances
I really do not know, unless one can be spared
at the Presidency, and Compleated so as to -
make up for the Details draughted for the
intended Expedition, and, if that can be done
I would recommend, that it should -
immediately be sent by Sea, and on this
Occasion

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Occasion I have pleasure in informing you
that Captain Fotheringham on the Occasion
of calling for the Details for foreign Service,
reported to me, that the 20th Battalion under
his Command were ready to embark to a Man
If the European Force required cannot be
spared from the Masulipatam District, of
which I am not Competent to Judge, as no
Information that I have, enables me to offer
an Opinion - that also can only be furnished
from the Presidency.

I was writing to the Commander
in Chief on the 25th Instant, and took occasion
to mention the state of the Troops in the
Vizagapatam District, and the Opinion of
the Officer Commanding there, as in the
event of Native Battalions being sent to this
Coast from Bengal, it might be thought
necessary to order a Battalion or two into the
Circars

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Circars; I think it necessary to mention this, but at the same time I am of Opinion, that if matters are not misunderstood in the — Vizagapatam District, the Reinforcement of it should be done by means as expeditious and free from risk as can possibly be adopted —

I have the Honor to be with — Respect

The Honble Sir

Your

Signed / John Braithwaite

Military Head Quarters Madras 28th May 1794 —

In consequence of the foregoing Letter, the President, on the 29th Ultimo, sent in Circulation the following Minute, which having been approved by the Members of the Board, the G.O. referred to therein, was accordingly published —

President's Minute proposing a General Order to be published in consequence —

The President having communicated with Colonel Braithwaite in regard to the best Mode of providing & dispatching the Troops required for Vizagapatam, proposes that

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that the accompanying General Order be immediately published, and that Freight be taken up as expeditiously as possible to convey the Seapoys that are to go from hence and the Europeans ordered from Allore.

G. O. By Government

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General Order by Government -

The following Details are to march with all convenient Expedition -

The 22d. Battalion from Wallajahbad to the Presidency, with the exception of such Detail of it as Major Fraser may judge indispensible for the Service of this Cantonment

It is expected this Corps will move without Tents, the Officer commanding will take the Route he may judge most convenient. that of Chingleput and Vandeloor however is recommended.

From the Cantonment near

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near Arcot, to Wallajahbad; a complete dismount-
-ed Troop from the 1st. Regiment, to relieve
the Detail of the 72d. Battalion that may
be retained at the latter station, which will
join its Corps so soon as relieved.

From the Cantonment near Arcot,
to the Presidency, a complete dismounted Troop
from the fourth Regiment.

From Ellore to Masulipatam to
embark from thence for Vizagapatam. three
Companies of the 4th. European Battalion, and
half a Company of Artillery, with its propor-
tion of Lascars.

The 20th. Native Battalion to be
held in readiness to embark at a short notice
for the Northern Circars. As this Battalion
is to proceed with its Complement of Camp
Equipage, the necessary Indents are to be
sent in without Delay.

By Order of the Honble the President
in Council.

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The President informs the Board

Vessels taken up for conveying the Troops to Vizagapatam Terms.

that he has taken up the Ships Friends, Adventure and Three Sisters Sowary, for the purpose of conveying to Vizagapatam the 20th Battalion of Native Infantry - that the Troops will embark to Morrow Morning and that he has settled for the Freight at the rate of one Pagoda pr. Man, the Company furnishing Provisions -

The Board entirely approve the Measures adopted by the President, and request he will endeavour to engage Freight for the Transportation of the Europeans and Lascars from Masulipatam to Vizagapatam x

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue -

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt

Governor in Council.

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From Board of Revenue submitting two Letters from Mr. Landon, relative to the Disputes between the Rajah of Ramnad and Shevigunga Minister.—

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Honble Sir,

We had lately the Honor to forward to you, a Persian Letter addressed by the Rajah of Ramnad to the Honble the Governor, relative to the Disturbances that prevail between the Rajah and the Minister of Shevigunga, and we now beg leave to Submit to You two Letters since received from Mr. Landon on the same Subject, under Dates the 14th and 19th Instant.—

We have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir,

Your Obt

David Haliburton

C. N. White

T. Cockburn

To

Revenue Depart.

Fort St. George

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Signed

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To David Haliburton Esqr.

Acting President &c.a Board of Revenue

Fort. St. George

Gentlemen,

On the 2d. Instant I had the
honor of forwarding a Persian Letter addressed
by the Rajah of Ramnad to the Honble the
Governor representing that the Shevegunga
Minister had plundered the Borders of his
Country. I now beg leave to transmit Copy
of a Representation made by the Vackeel of
the Shevegunga Minister, containing simi-
-lar Complaints against the Rajah of Ramnad

I beg leave to observe, on the
occasion of their Mutual accusation, that
both Parties are so much in the habit of
Misrepresentation, implicit faith is not
at all times to be placed in what they
assert, and it is probable that, on the present
occasion

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occasions, were the Circumstances stated by the Rajahs of Ramnad and by the Shivegunga Minister to be strictly investigated, they would be found, in many Instances, to be greatly exaggerated...

The main fact of both parties having armed, and of their having committed Depredations on the borders of each others Provinces admits of no doubt, and it is also true that the Inhabitants of both Provinces have suffered considerably by this petty Warfare...

I have dispatched two Hircarrahs extraordinary, whom I have engaged for this purpose charged with Letters to the Parties, recommending to them to refrain from disturbing the tranquillity of the Country on pain of incurring the displeasure of Government, but their Minds appear to

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be so much inflamed with the repeated Injuries that they have mutually experienced from each other, for some Months past, that I am doubtfull of the degree of attention that will be paid to my Advice.—

When I resided at Tondy, the latter part of last Year, it was with much difficulty that I could restrain the extreme Animosity that subsisted between the Rajah of Ramnad, and the Minister of Shivegunga, who were, at that time, wrangling about the Water Courses leading to the Ramnad Province, which the Shevegunga Minister had stopt up, and about the Road by Parthenellore to the Shevegunga Province which the Rajah of Ramnad shut up.— The Conduct of the Parties, together with my Endeavours to accommodate—

Matters

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Matters between them, are fully recorded throughout the Diaries of my Proceedings in the Month of March, and in the successive Months of September, October, November and December 1793, and are particularly referred to in my several Addresses to your Board under date the 4th of October, and 10th of December 1793, and 20th of January last.

I shall fully succeeded in preventing their proceeding to Extremities at that time, but the Rajah's Country having lately suffered much by the want of Rain, he has since opened the Water Courses by force - This the Shevegunga - Minister resented by plundering upon the Borders of the Ramnad Country, and the present Scenes of disorder have ensued.

My Address to your Board of the 10th of December last which was written

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written in consequence of your calling upon me on the 22d of October for "my "specific Opinion in what manner the "points in dispute between the Rajah and "Shevegunga Minister might be adjusted" contains every thing I have to offer on that Subject. I shall be careful now to report to your Board every Circumstance that occurs which may be worthy your Notice.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your &c.

Signed/ James Sandon.

Collector &c. &c. Pesh.

Autoor in the Tinnevelly Province. 14th May 1794

A true Copy

Signed/ John Read

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Translation.

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Translation of a Representation from Suncaralingum Vackeel to the Minister of Sheerguncga.

Dated 11th May 1794.

The Rammadapooram People, from 4th Chitty to this time, have entirely plundered about 50 Villages, and killed the Inhabitants, and carried away many Sheep, Bullocks and 20,000 Cullums of Paddy, which was made Inas for the Peshcush-

Emoonasoorund was a large Country, in which all their Forces came, and burned many Houses and plundered about 30,000 Chuckrums worth of Property.

Except Annundoor all our - punny (or own Cultivation) Country was plundered - In Annundoor we left some Forces, in order to save the Paddy & Property that were in it. The Rammadapooram people in

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in Veevavandoor with 10,000 People and Barr
(or Battalion of Infantry) four Guns and
some Horses, were plundering every day in
one Country or other; afterwards they also
came to Annundoor and began fighting.
besides this, the Ramnad People gave some
Country to Mailnadoo Cullar people, and
Oya Daven's Grandson, and spurred
them to plunder all Teeroopavanum Country,
and carried away Paddy which was made
I was for the Peshcush.—

In Ramnad poorum Country
some Inhabitants are gone away out of
the Country, in which Country they them-
selves put fire in our name—

On the 28th Chitty Month Pareya
Wodya Daven's young Son Sreenalingum
Sheroigar, and some people went to take
care of the Paddy at Teeroopavanum, Oya
Daven

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Davon Gounden gathered about 5,000 Collaree People, and Plundered Padamatoor Country, and Teerooparavanum Country, when they plundered the Paddy at Teerooparavanum in fighting Pareya Ogda Davon 8258 people were killed. In Teerooparavanum they carried away 20,000 Cullums of Paddy and 1,000 Bullocks and 10,000 Sheep.—

Signed/ James Sandon
Collector &c. &c. &c. Pesheush

A true Copy
Signed/ John Read
Actg Dy Secy

To David Haliburton Esqr.
Acting President &c. &c.
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Your Commands of the 8th Inst., communicated through your Secretary, for expediting the Arrears of Accounts, shall be duly

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duly attended to —

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Copy of the Diary of my Proceedings in the Month of April —

In obedience to directions from the Honble the President in Council under date the 1st of March, I dispatched Circular Orders to the Southern Tributaries on the 5th and 11th of April to assist Mr. George Sulivan Marten, Commercial Resident, in providing Cloths for the Company; which I have the pleasure to say, the generality of them readily promised to do. The Shevegunga Minister, however, has hitherto made no Reply — On the 20th of April I received a Letter from the Rajah of Ramnad informing me that most of the Weavers of his Country had emigrated on account of the distress for Provisions; and, on the 29th,

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I received another Letter from him, referring me to the Sentiments he formerly expressed to me on the Subject of the Weavers of this Country, alluding, I imagine to the Letter which he delivered to me on the 28th of March 1793. a Copy of which I beg leave to enclose for your Information.

On the 14th. 16th. and 25th. days of April I received Letters from the Rajah of Ramnad, and from the Minister of Shevegunga, containing mutual Accusations of Depredations committed upon their respective Limits. I earnestly recommended to them to accommodate their differences, and not to lay waste each others Territories; but I am concerned to observe that they have not attended to my Advice, as my Letter of the 14th Instant will have informed

Your

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Your Honour

I now understand that, in addition to the pretence of opening the Water Courses which the Shevegunga Minister had shut up, the Rajah has espoused the Cause of the Descendant of the Nadlacoatah Poligar by name Puddamatoor Gowry Villapa Davan, the young man who is betrothed to the present Heiress of the Shivegunga Family, and who was under the necessity of flying the Minister's Resentment as recorded in my Proceedings on the 25th of March last, to which I entreat the particular Attention of your Board.

The Rajah of Ramnad granted his Protection to Puddamatoor Gowry Vellapa Davan, as appears by Letters from the Parties recorded in my Proceedings on the 17th day of April, and it is now said that the

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the Rajah has engaged to assist him against the Minister of Shevegunga, and to effect the Marriage that has been so long in agitation, and which the Minister has hitherto prevented, from the interested Motives already detailed to your Board, in my Report of Particulars respecting the Maravar Provinces, dated 29th of December last.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your &c

Signed/ James Sandon

Collector &c. &c. &c. Pesheush

Author in the Tinnevelly Province 19th May 1794

A true Copy

Signed/ John Read.

Extracts from Mr. Sandon's Diary for April 1794

14th Received a Letter this day from the Rajah of Ramnad, complaining of Depredations

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Depredations committed by the Shevegar of Shevegunga in his Country; stating that several of his the Rajah's People have been killed, and wounded by a large body of Armed People from the Shevegar's Country; and that the only reason he can assign for this outrage, is because he (the Rajah) had given protection to Padamnatoor Gourry Vellapa Davem, a Descendant of the late Poligar of Shevegunga, whom the Shevegar was prosecuting unmercifully.

The Vackeel of the Minister of Shevegunga, being informed of the above, asserts, that the Rajah's people were the Aggressors by entering in Armed Bodies, and by forcibly opening the Water Courses.

19th Received a Letter from the Rajah of Ramnad, acknowledging the receipt of my Letter of the 8th enclosing a Letter from

His

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His Highness the Nabob, desiring a Suspension of all Duties on Grain &c. and forwarding his Reply thereto.

True Extracts

Signed/ John Read

Dep. Sec.y

Translation of a Letter from Mondee Ramalinga Nigia Ragoonda Shaytoo Putty Caulta Taver to Mr. Landon.

On the 20th of March 1792. You delivered to me a Written Paper with your Seal, which I have perused attentively & understand the same.

Formerly the Nabob seized this Country and carried me to Trichinopoly, where I was confined for ten Years. Afterwards the Company kept regard upon me, and, ever since, they restored my Samastanum, or House, and reinstated me therein according to Maamool, to this hour under their protection

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-tion I live within this Fort - I light the Lamp at my House in the name of the Company. and I have behaved agreeable to their Inclination, also I am ready to execute according to the Company's Order: but if I put in execution, the Regulations mentioned in your said Paper how can I carry on the Management of my Samudanum, or House - In order to assist the said House, You must address the Governor Bahaudar, and obtain an Order that I may carry on the Management of my House, that your Name may increase - I trust in you - however, that you will settle the Business of my House -

What can I say more: Much Compliments.

A true Copy

Signed/ James Sandon.

Collector &c. St. Peshcash

A true Copy

Signed/ John Read

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Minutes in Consequence

Resolved that Letters be written to the Rajah of Ramnad and to the Cherokär of Shevigunga directing them to desist from all further Hostility and to refer their Disputes to Mr. Sandon. (Vide C.C. Nº 92.)

Resolved that the Board of Revenue be desired to send Instructions to the Collector for adjusting the points in Contest between the Rajah and Cherokar.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue.-

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Board of Revenue - submitting their Proceedings - regarding the disposal of the Outstanding Balances, at the Surrender of the Nabob's Country &c. and Orders.-

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to submit to you, Extract of a Letter from our Accountant, requesting Instructions as to the disposal of the different Balances outstanding at the Surrender

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Surrender of the Assigned Revenue to His Highness
the Nabob in 1792, together with our Proceedings
on the Subject, and we beg to be favored with
your Determination thereon—

We have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your

Revenue Depart.

Fort St. George

29th May 1794

Signed { David Haliburton
Charles N. White
Tho: Cockburn

Extract from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

Dated 22nd May 1794

Read the following Extract of a
Letter from the Accountant.

2nd Balances of Advances for
Cultivation & Repairs

As Pattaed	1055.8.60	
Origole	4089.33.74	
		5145.6.54

Carried over

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Brought over 3145.6.54

In the Southern Division of the Arcot

Province ..... 2550.....

At Trichinopoly

Advances for Cultivation 19629.....20

Do. for Repairs of Tanks 6953.1925 26582.19.45

34277.26.19

of which Sum there are Bonds regularly executed to the following Amount.

At Palnaud	377..5..68	
At Ongole	4,117..15..60	
In the Southern Divisions of the Arcot Province included in the Acknowledgements of the Head Inhabitants for the Balances of their Rents	2550.....	
For Cultivation	18837..2..65	
For Repairs	5711.24..	24548.26.65
		31593.12.33

Difference for which Bonds are wanting 2684..13..66.

It must rest with Government to determine, whether the whole Sum of Pag.34277..26..19 should not be debited to the Nabobs Sijeth, for although Pag.2684..13..66. are unsupported by Bonds, the Accounts of the Country will shew from whom it is due, and probably it may have been already Collected

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Collected by him, at any rate there can be little doubt regarding the Propriety of his being charged with such part, as the Acknowledgements, + vouchs, for it was actually a loan to him from the Company's exclusive Funds. The small difference between the Balance outstanding, and the Amount of the Bonds at Ongole, may possibly arise from an advance at Palnaud, being blended therewith.

3rd Balances of Revenue

I have the honor to enclose a list shewing from whom, these balances are specifically due - in abstract, they are as follows -

For Fasly 1200

At Madras	191.24.10	
At Palnaud	1778.26.22	
At Ongole	14,368.8.18	
At Vellore	26,678.14.66	
At Trichinopoly	917.35.37	
At Madura	849.3.36	
At Tinnevelly	58,102.8.51	103,386.13.-

Carried over

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Brought over 102,346.18.—

For Fasly. 1201

At Madras	780.9.3	
At Patnaud	26,122.28.33	
At Pongole	49326.24.33	
At Vellore	4983.23.42	
In the Center Division of Arcot	13.797.5.28	
In the Southern D.	13,634.13.73	
At Trichinopaly	27,357.12.69	
At Madura	1060.25.21	
At Tinnevelly	70,278.31.55	207,341.30.57
		310,728.7.57

Of these balances such part as is due from the Tributaries and Poligars, assigned over by the Nabob to the Company, will be transferred to the assigned Peshcush Books, as well as what is due from the Tinnevelly Renters, who preferred settling with the Company for their Lists to the end of June 1792, the amount is as follows—

For Fasly 1200

At Madras	191.24.10	
At Tinnevelly	58102.8.51	58293.32.61

Carried forward

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Brought forward 53,293.32.61

For Fusly 1201

At Madras —— 74.9.—

At Madura —— 1060.25.21

At Tinnivelly — 70278.31.55. 71,413.29.76

129,707.26.57

Should the Determination of Government, which as appears by the Extract furnished me from their letter of the 5th February 1793, has been suspended, until particular Information, respecting the Balances could be given, now be to Credit the Nabob's sixth for the proportion of the Sum of Pag. 129,707.26.57 their directions will be necessary to debit him for a like proportion of the remaining Balances Viz. Pag. 181090.17.— given up to him, which of Course, upon the same principle, the Company will be entitled to—

I have

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I have to observe that the Jummah Wesaul Baky, furnished by Mr. Torin, does not agree with the Balances stated by me, because it omits the extra Revenue, with which the Renters are chargeable, in proportion to the amount of their Kists to the end of June— As soon therefore as a final decision is passed by Government, I shall, with your permission, transmit to Mr. Sandon, a Correct List of the two discriptions of Balances, that Payment may be demanded from the respective Renters.

Balances of Advances for Cultivation and Repairs—

N.o 2. The Acting President proposes, the following Question be put to the several Members.

Are the Sums stated by the Account-tant under the Head of "Balances of Advances for Cultivation and Repairs" to be carried to the debit of His Highness's 1/5 or not.

Mr.

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Mr. Cockburn is of opinion that the Sums stated to be outstanding on account of Balances of Advances for Cultivation and Repairs, amounting to Star Pags. 31,593.12.32. for which Bonds have been taken, should be considered in the light of An Advance of Cash from the Treasury, repayable, and not included in the Balances of Rent. Ordered to be delivered over to the Nabob, and therefore that the amount ought to be carried to the debit of his I/5, more particularly as the greatest part of the Advances were made immediately previous to the (11) Surrender of the Assumption for the benefit of the Country, and His Highness's Revenue.

Mr. White entirely concurs in opinion with Mr. Cockburn, particularly as

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as he observes, that Balances of Rent to a large amount, Pagodas 18020.17.– were ordered to be delivered over to the Nabob, which he has without doubt realized since the Surrender of the Assignment in July 1792, because it appears also that the Board of Assumed Revenue in Fusly 1200 or 1790, reimbursed the Rajah of Tanjore the Advances made by him, for repairs and Cultivation while the Country was Subject to his Authority in Fusly 1199. and that a large Amount of Balances of Rent outstanding previous to the Assumption of the Nabab's Districts in the same Year 1790 and collected afterwards by Company's Collector, was carried to the Credit of His Highness's General Account.

The Accountant attends the Board, and, at the desire of Mr. Haliburton, he is asked, how the Nabob's Accounts of his

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this 1/5 stands. He replies that his Highness has been over paid on this Account about three or four thousand Pagodas —

It is my opinion that the Sums advanced for cultivation and repairs during the two years of the Assumption, and not recovered at the close of it, must be considered as balances outstanding which have been made over with others to the Nabob, on the Surrender of the Country, and that consequent by they are intended by the Order of Government of the 26th September 1792 and 5th February 1793, not to be charged to the account of the Nabob fifth. Besides as we are informed by the Accountant, that the Payments on account of that fifth have already exceeded what is due, about three thousand Pagodas - to debit that Account, as proposed by the Accountant, with a further

Sum

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Sum of Pags 3,15,93,12,33 of a balance to be recovered from the Country, would only lead in my Opinion, to unsettle it unnecessarily with an overpayment, and the Propriety of this might be very probably disputed by the Nabob, since Government have not in other Instances charged him with the outstanding balances, though equally recoverable after the Surrender of the Country to him.

Signed/ David Haliburton

Balances of Revenue...

No 3. With respect to the balance of Rent of Pags 1,81,120.17 on it appears by the Order of Government dated 5th February 1793, that these balances are to be given up to His Highness, and not to be debited to his Sirkar

Agreed to submit to Government an Extract of the foregoing Proceedings, and to request their determination thereon

Above Copy Signed/ John Read
Act. Secy

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Resolutions in consequence.

After maturely considering the foregoing Extract, the Board are inclined, on the whole, to think that it would not be advisable to carry the Balance of Advances for Cultivation and Repairs to the Nabob's first Account, as this account appears already to be overpaid, and because, from the nature of such advances, the Board are doubtful whether they can with propriety be charged to that Head, which was meant to compre=hend only a specified portion of the net Revenue appropriated during the Assumption for His Highness personal accommodation, and the Subsistence of his Family - But, as these advances consisted of Money issued from the Revenue Treasury, and were not secured by Bonds or Acknowledgments from the Inhabitants delivered over to His Highness after his Reinstatement, they cannot not properly

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Sum of Pags. 3,15,93,,12.33 of a balance to be recovered from the Country, would only tend in my Opinion, to embarrass unnecessarily with an overpayment, and the Propriety of this might be very probably disputed by the Nabob, since Government have not in other Instances charged him with the outstanding balances, though equally recoverable after the Surrender of the Country to him.

Signed/ David Haliburton

Balances of Revenue...

No 3. With respect to the Balances of Revenue of Pags. 181,120.17. on it appears by the Order of Government dated 5th February 1793. that these balances are to be given up to His Highness, and not to be debited to his A/c—

Agreed to submit to Government an Extract of the foregoing Proceedings, and to request their determination thereon

Above Copy Signed/ John Read
Asst. Secy

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Resolutions in consequence.

After maturely considering the foregoing Extract, the Board are inclined, on the whole, to think that it would not be advisable to carry the Balance of Advances for Cultivation and Repairs to the Nabob's fifth, because this account appears already to be overpaid, and because, from the nature of such advances, the Board are doubtful whether they can with propriety be charged to that Head, which was meant to compre=hend only a specified portion of the net Revenue appropriated during the Assumption for His Highness's personal accommodations, and the Subsistence of his Family - But, as these advances consisted of Money issued from the Revenue Treasury, and were not secured by Bonds or Acknowledgments from the Inhabitants delivered over to His Highness after his Reinstatement, they cannot not properly,

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properly, in the opinion of the Board, be so
classed with the outstanding balances of Rent,
but ought to be carried to the debit of his general
account with the Company; and particularly
as that account was credited by a considerable
Sum received during the Assumption on
account of Balances that had accrued in
previous to the Company's Management.—

With regard to the Balances of
Rent amounting to Pagodas 131,120.17... the Board
have already resolved that they shall be given
up to the Nabob. and with respect to those
due by Renters or others who preferred settling
with the Company, it is agreed that such
part as may be collected shall be carried to
the Credit of His Highness's general account
with the Company.—

Ordered that the above be (#)
communicated to the Board of Revenue,

and

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and that they be directed to furnish Mr. ...
Landon with the List mentioned by their
accountant, that he may demand Payment
accordingly--

Read the following Letter from
His Highness the Nabob (entered also in C.C.
No. 81.)

Translation of a Letter from His Highness
the Nabob Walla Jah Bahauder to Sir Charles
Oakeley Baronet. Governor of Madras--

Dated 30 Shawall 1208 Hegery
or
30th May 1794

Received 31st Do.

From the Nabob enclosing the ... required Bullocks, exempting all Duties upon Cattle and Sheep on account of the Expedition against the Mauritius--

Your Letter of the 22nd Shawall 1208
Hegery, answering to the 22d May, mentioning
that the Kings Ministers have resolved to make
an Attempt upon the Mauritius; that the
Troops intended for the Expedition would
shortly assemble in the Vicinity of Madras--

That--

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That it will be necessary that a sufficient Stock of Bullocks and Sheep be provided for the use of the Europeans, and, as a large proportion of the Supply must come from my Country, You desire me to issue Orders for an exemption of all Duties upon the Cattle and Sheep, and to furnish Dustucks to that Effect - I have duly received, and understand the Contents -

My Friends the English have always experienced my uniform friendship and support in all their Expeditions. During the Superiority of the French, my Father was slain, and I sustained various Losses and Difficulties. I have several times made Exertions and afforded assistance in expelling the French from India. My Country has never remained long in peace, and particularly by the War of Hyder & Taik which lasted for Years; and afterwards the Invasion of Tippoo, and

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and the large Supplies of Provisions and Cattle that were furnished for our Army, it has been desolated, in such a manner, that, notwithstanding all my Exertions and Endeavors to make it flourish, I cannot restore it to it's primitive State - I assure You, my Friend, that if a large Proportion of the Supply of Cattle and Sheep is drawn from my Country, the Inhabitants cannot subsist, and the Cultivation will be interrupted - therefore such Cattle and Sheep as my Countries can afford, will be supplied - In consideration of the necessity, I have written Orders to my Naibs in the Districts of Arcot, Vellore, Trichinopoly, and to the Polygars of Venkatagherry, Calestry, Bom Rauze, Murwar and Valcoty, on the Subject of providing Cattle and Sheep for the Company's people to

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to purchase, and I also enclose you three of
Dustucks for an exemption of the Duties - You
will please to direct your people to purchase
the Cattle and Sheep at an equitable price
and in such a way that the Business of
Agriculture may not be interrupted nor the
Ryotts injured - and that they purchase the
Cattle and Sheep through the Medium of my
Naibs, and not seperately - If you also send
for Bullocks and Sheep from the Company's
Jaghire, from the Northern Circars, and or
from the Tanjore Country, it will be of great
assistance -

You wrote me that you need not
explain to me the important Consequences
that must result to the general Interests of
my Prince and that of the Company by
the Expulsion of the French from the Islands,
the only Possessions remaining to them on

this

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this side the Cape of Good Hope - and that I would call to mind the Circumstances that have heretofore occurred, where the French have never omitted an opportunity, when their Affairs in Europe would admit of it, of uniting with the Mysore Power in all its attempts to disturb the tranquility of my Country. This I understand my Friend. The heavy Losses I have sustained by the trouble of the French, and the Assistance I have given to my Friends the English in Money, in Troops and in Supplies of every kind, to effect their expulsion, is so well known as to need no Explanation -

I pray the Almighty to grant my Friends Victory and Success in the reduction of the Mauritius - and I hope that hereafter, the Mauritius & Pondicherry will not at any time be put again into

their

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their profession,- as, from their Establishment in those Places, it is to be apprehended that they will raise troubles and disturbances and form Combinations with the Princes of this Country, and thereby disturb our tranquility.—

What can I say more?

Above Translation

Signed/ David Haliburton

Pers.n Interr.

Translation of a Dustuck. Directed to the Gomastahs of the Phowdars, Jaghiredars, & Pollagars and the Aumils of the Districts of the Carnatic under the great Seal of His Highness the Nabob Walla Jah Bahaudur &c.a.

The Company's People with, in concert with those of the Circar, purchase Bullocks and Sheep, for the use of the Troops who are appointed to go an an Expedition against

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against the Islands of Mauritius, at a reasonable price, with the Consent of the Ryotts (such as the Cultivation in the Talooks may not be interrupted thereby) and will bring them to Madras.—

It is required that no one Stop them under prelence of Duties or Toll, but pass them through their respective Limits. considering this a positive Order; act accordingly:—

Written the 30th Shawall 1208 Hegery

A true Translation

Signed/ David Haliburton

Pers. Transr.

Ordered that the Dispatches &c received from the Nabob be sent to Mr. Cockburn.—

Read the following Letter from Bengal.—

To

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To the Hönble. Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Secret Depart. Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Hönble Sir,

From Bengal. measures taken for procuring Grain, and freight for Stores & Provisions for the Expedition. Enclose a Paper of Intelligence concerning the Islands.

We have received your two Letters of the 30th Ultimo, with the Duplicate dispatches by the Heroine which accompanied them.

2d. We shall give the earliest attention to your Suggestions relative to the Freight for Stores and Provisions for the eventual Expedition against the French Islands and have already taken Measures for Providing the Supply of Grain pointed out by You, under Terms, that the Vessels carrying it, shall be freighted, if required, for conveying Grain or Troops to the Mauritius.

3. In the mean time We enclose for

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for your information, and request You
to Communicate it to Major General Sir
William Medows and Colonel Stuart.

Copy of a Paper of intelligence concerning
the above Island addressed to the Comman-
-der in Chief Sir Robert Abercromby.

We have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir,

Your &c.

Signed { J. Shore
Rob.t Abercromby
Peter Speke

Fort William
19th May 1794

To Sir Robert Abercromby K.B.

&c &c &c

Sir,

The following Observations, on
upon the Situation of the Island of Mauri-
-tius which I have now the honor to offer
to

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to your Notice, although they were collected,
and made on the Spot, permit me Sir, to
add, in justice to myself, must partake
of those disadvantages, which attend a
Search into Objects, over which a constant
Care and Watch are given to Check their
Knowledge and prevent their Examination.

Thus situated it was not in
my power to obtain Informations so
perfect, as not to recommend their being
received with Caution; more especially as
I could not with safety commit these to
paper at the Instant of my possessing
them, and as I had therefore chiefly to
trust in this to my Memory, so that altho'
I have every reason to be persuaded the
material parts will be found just, I beg
to request some Allowances may be
made for any Inaccuracies to which they

may

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may be otherwise liable.—

To the material Parts of these Remarks I shall add marginal heads, and arrange them by beginning with the usual Approach to the Island. The Periodical Winds and Weather which prevail

The Principal Objects without the Town; with which in the Event of an Assault, it might be of Consequence to be immediately acquainted — In this order I will beg leave to proceed.—

Approach to the Island.—

Ships bound to Mauritius, whether from Europe or India, generally make Diego Rays, or proceed to it's Meridian, nearly as far to Windward, and then Run for the North East part of the Island, from whence there is a clear and safe Passage, between the small Islands of the Coin de Mer, and Colombe, situated on

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on its Northern Extremity, round to the Mouth of the Harbour of Port Louis, on its N: W: side, and near to which Ships may, at most times, reach in.—

Prevailing Winds & Weather.—

From the end of October, to the beginning of April is the period of unsettled Weather, during which, upon the full and Changes of the Moon, the Winds frequently incline round from the N: W: which blows directly into the Harbour. This is the Period also, in which, at times, they are exposed to their Hurricanes, which however are not always the Certain Attendants of this Season, although it is liable to frequent Squally and blowing Weather. It is in these Months that their Communication between Madagascar, Bourbon, and Diego Rays is most open, as from the occasional variable Winds, it

is

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is attended with less difficulty, than in the other Months, during which the South East Trade prevails, when being at any of these Islands to Leeward, there to Windward are not to be gained, without an extended or circuitous and tedious Navigation. The S.E. Trade blows in a direct line down the Harbour of Port Louis, which runs about N.E. and S.W.

The Mouth of this Harbour, is formed by the Main, on the Right, as you enter, and a small, narrow, irregular shaped, low Sandy Island, interspersed with small bushes on the Left. The former is defended

Mouth and Defences of the Harbour.

near to, and rather within the Point that makes the Entrance, by a low Battery of about Fourteen Guns, called Fort Blanc. The latter by an elevated Round Fort nearly opposite to Fort Blanc; called the Tonnelier,

in

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in which may be about Eight Guns, and from which Round Fort, to the further or Northern extremity of this narrow Sandy Island, on which it is fixed, and it's length about one Mile and a half, is a Line of Redoubts with a continued Wall of Communication. The whole of these Works were open in their Rear, excepting as near as I can recollect the Tonnelier to Fort and one of the Redoubts about the Center of the Line, the further or northern End of which defends this Point of the Low Sandy Island, which forms an entrance into what has the appearance of a River, but which is only the Continuation of the Back Water from the Harbour round the Low Sandy Island. Opposite to this Entrance, and advanced about Three or Four Hundred Yards into

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into the Sea, is a very small Spot on which
which is a Fort to defend this Passage.—

The note of the Low Sandy
Island, on which is the Former Fort,
is defended towards the Sea, by a Shoal
Coral Bank, which extends out about a
Mile, and on which, at about Two
Hundred Yards, or rather less, from the
Shore, which is a Sandy Beach, may
be unequal depths of Water to three and
four Feet. These depths are caused by
the Spaces between the pointed Parts
of the Coral Rocks, suddenly changing
from One and One and a half feet to
three or four, and continues thus to
about twenty or thirty Yards from the
Shore, where the bottom partakes of
the Sandy Beach, and has a regular
Decreasing

Coral Bank off the Low Sandy Island at the mouth of the Harbour.

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decreasing depth from about three feet to the Landing. The Side of this Island which forms the Entrance on the left into the Harbour, is clear of the Coral, with a good bottom, and close to which Vessels of any Size may lay; it is therefore the Mooring Birth for the largest Ships which frequent the Port.

Rocky Shoal off the Point at the Entrance of the Harbour on the Right.

From the Main which forms the Offside or Right Side of the Harbour's Mouth, the greatest Extent of which may be about Three Quarters of a Mile, to the upper part of the Harbour, is very Shoal Rocky Ground, nearly dry at low Water, running out almost to the Middle of the Harbour, and towards the Sea to about the same distance as the Shoal Coral Bank from the Low Sandy Island. These two form the warping Channel the Breadth of

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of which may be about four Hundred Yards.

On the necessity of Warping into the Harbour.—

The Winds in the fair Season as before Remarked blow directly down the Harbour, Ships are therefore obliged to Warp in from the outer Part of the Shoal Coral Bank that extends from the Low Sandy Island, and on which Side the Channel inclines; and which immediately after passing the Round Fort of Tonnelier is bounded by the Beach of the Island itself. Off this Situation, as before noticed, is a Mooring Station for the large Ships.

Extent of the Harbour.—

The Harbour from its Entrance at the Forts Blanc and Tonnelier, to the Town may be nearly two Miles, in which there was not the Appearance of any others for its protection, or that the Works of the Town had a clear Command of all its Parts.—

Landing Place

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Neither, that there were any at the Landing Place, which is at it's uppermost Extremity, from whence to the Gate of the Town, which was exposed, may be about two Hundred Yards, or rather an open Space of about the same breadth, in which were irregularly interspersed some low Buildings, that might assist an Approach when opposed.

Tides in the Harbour.

There did not appear to be any perceptible Current from the Tides, notwithstanding a Rise and Fall of the Water was visible, so that Boats passed & repassed in the Harbour, at all Times, without any impediment from this effect.

New Brole.

At a short distance, and as near as I can recollect, opposite to the Landing Place above the Town on the left, was a small Branch from the Harbour.

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To protect this from the violence of the Sea in their Gales, a Work was nearly finished to form a Mole in which to receive their Ships, and bordering upon this appeared to be a Naval Yard, with Buildings for Stores - A Battery upon the Head of this could cover the Landing Place, and entrance into the Town, and which, if it is attacked, may be expected to be occupied for this purpose -

Approach to the Mole from the Causeway -

Advancing immediately after leaving the Causeway from the Low Sandy Island, to the Right, a few Hundred Yards, is this Mole which was open to approach, being without the Town, or other Enclosure -

On the Approach to the Entrance of the Harbour and respecting its Defences -

From the Situation to which Ships might reach in, opposite to the Harbour's Mouth / as before marked / Warps, in

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in the fair Season are the only way by which to advance, for this purpose, Warping Buoys are laid, but which may be of course removed on the Approach of an Enemy; There must be relaid, and for which a Provision can be made.

By the small distance, from the Entrance of the Warping Channel to the Forts Blaine and Tonnelier, Ships might be taken in, as has been practised with great Expedition, and so as to Command both, within a Point Blank. The Possession of the Tonnelier, if effected, would give an immediate Possession of the small Low Sandy Island and of its Redoubts.

Approach to the Town for Tonnelier Fort, by the Causeway.

There is a Communication from the Low Sandy Island, to the Town, by a Broad well made Causeway.

nearly

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nearly in a right line, and little more than half a Mile from Fort Tonnelier; it's length rather less, but at about the same distance from this face of the Town, to the Gateway of which it leads. This appeared to be defended by some regular Outworks, yet not of great Strength.

Works on the N.E. face of the Town.

From this Gate, to the N.E. a-

-cast, as you approach from the Tonnelier, the Works of the Town appeared to be regular, Strong, and in good Order, with Outworks dry Ditches and Glacis; The Ground appeared also to be Rocky; to be occasionally and lightly covered with a gravelly Coat, and to take an easy Ascent as they led round on this Side to the Mountains, which close the Town in it's Rear.—

Approach to the Town from Fort Blanc or to the S.W. face.—

By possessing Fort Blanc an Approach might be secured to the Suburbs

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Suburbs which leads to the Gate of the Walls on the S.W. face of the Town, and to which there did not appear to be any Defences of any great Strength, nor that the Works near it were of the consequence of those on the S.E. Face. To the best of my Remembrance, the Suburbs almost joined the Walls of the Town not far from Fort Blanc, is a Burying Ground the Walls of which would cover a Lodgement, and which may be about three hundred Yards from the Entrance into the Suburbs.

On entering the Town by the Gate from the Harbour is a broad Space which with a small Square that joins it in front; appears to form an Oblong; in the Face of which and opposite to the Gate is the Government House.

On entering the Town by the Harbour Gate and Situation of the Government House

Approach to the Champ de Mars.

The small Streets on each Side

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Side of the Government House, in advan-
=cing from the Gate, lead to a larger one,
which runs in a direct line, nearly thro'
the Center of the Town, about eight or
nine Hundred Yards, by the Church in
it's left, to the Champ de Mars a large
Opening, which is bounded in it's Rear
by the Mountains, that closely encircle
the back parts of the Town.—

On the Right of the Champ

Champ D'Or.

de Mars, upon a more elevated Site and
near, is another large opening called the
Champ D'or. by securing both these —
Situations, a ready and Commanding
Communication to the other Parts of the
Town, will be the consequence.—

The Oblong at the entrance

Principal Street intersecting the Town.—

by the Gate of the Harbour is intersected
by a large Street, that leads through the
Town

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Town from the Entrance by the Gate to the S.W. Side, in the approach from Fort Blanc, to the opposite Gate in the N.E. face of the Town.—

To the Right, on entering this Street from the Oblong, and at about Five or Six hundred Yards are the Infantry Barracks, turning close to and before you come to — which, in a Street to the left, is an approach to the Champs Dór.—

Infantry Barracks and Approach to the Champs Dór.—

But proceeding in the great Street to the Right from the Oblong; and passing the Infantry Barracks, on the left are, at a very small distance, the Artillery Barracks, and Arsenal.—

Artillery Barracks and Arsenal.

To the left on entering the great Street from the Oblong, and at about Six or Seven hundred Yards is a small Street to the left also, that leads Down, to the Cause-Way

Gate of the Town Communication with the Cause-way and Tonnelier

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Way, and Fort Tonnelier.—

General Observations on prosecuting the Defences of the Harbour.—

By first reducing the Defences of the Harbour, a general Communication will be given for securing the approaches to the Works of the Town, to the N.E. side by a possession of the Tonnelier and the Redoubts on the low Sandy Island, and to the S.W. Side, by the possession of Fort Blanc; Also by these Posts being secured, an unimpeded Entrance, by the Harbour, to the Town would be obtained, and this on what appeared to be it's weakest part, which is the face, at the Landing Place

It has been already observed

Nature of the Ground for carrying on approaches.—

the Ground on the N.E. face of the Town where the Works have the show of the greatest regularity and Strength, has a Rocky foundation, which however near to the Communicating Gate of the Causeway

and

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and being low, had an Earthly covering, and the appearance of being more impenetrable. It has also this Earthly Appearance from Fort Blanc to the entrance of the Suburbs, where it becomes Rocky, and rises upon an easy Ascent towards the Back Mountainous Barrier on this Side the Town.

Extent of the Town

The Town itself may be about four or five Miles in Circumference, of irregular Shape with much unoccupied Space within.

Military Force.

At the Period of these observations, which is near three Years since, the Military Force was said to consist of about four Hundred Artillery, Two Battalions of the Regiment of L'Isle de France and one Battalion of the Regiment de Pondicherry which

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which Battalions if Complete may be about
Six Hundred each, there was also a 6th
Company of Invalids, and to which, it is
not probable hitherto any addition has
been made. Detachments from these
were in the different parts of the Poland
and at Bourbon. Of the regular Militia
from four to five Thousand were also
said to be on the Establishment. They were
at the above period, embodying their 4th
National Troops, in which their Militia
may be included and considered as the
greater effective Number.—

They are frequently alarmed
by Depredations from their fugitive
Slaves who have retired to the Holds in
the Mountainous Parts of the Poland,
and to check which their Military were
said

Fugitive Slaves.

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said to be constantly employed; Their Number was reported to be about Four Thousand.

I do not at present, recollect any thing further of Moment, and shall be happy if what I have brought forwards may prove useful; Nor in having done this, do I profess a desire more than to be allowed such Credit, which my Observations may be hereafter discovered to deserve, being actuated solely by my Zeal and favorable Wishes to the Succeſs of the Service they are intended to promote &c.

With the utmost Respect
I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your &c.
Signed / G. Farwell

Calcutta
17th May 1794

A true Copy / Signed / W. Harrington
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Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the Letter from Mr. Taswell to Sir Robert Abercromby be sent to Colonel Stuart.—

Read the following Letter from the Accountant General—

To the Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bt.

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Accountant General with a Statement of Sums paid in exchange of the New Cavalry Debt.—

Agreeable to Mr. Jackson's Letter of the 22d Instant I have the honor to lay before You a Statement Shewing the Sums paid by the Honble Company in discharge of the Nabobs New Cavalry Debt amounting to Pags. 720598.26.7½ for Principal and Interest.

I have the honor to be with the great Respect Honble

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Accountant
General's Office
20th May 1794

Hon'ble Sir,
Dear Sir
Signed/ Robert Woolf
Accountant General

Statement of the Sums paid by the Hon'ble Company in discharge of the New Cavalry Debt of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic.

		Paid on account of Interest	Paid on account of Principal	Total Amount paid on account of Interest and Principal
		Pagodas F. Cs	Pagodas F. Cs	Pagodas F. Cs
1786				
Decemr 12th	Paid 1 Year Interest to 31st Decemr 1785	26,378.22.72	— —	26,378.22.72
1787				
June 5th	Do 6 Mths do to 30th June 1786	13,439.12.10	— —	13,439.12.10
October 25th	Do 3 Mths do to 30th Sept do	6719.24.5	— —	6719.24.5
1788				
March 28th	Do 3 Mths do to 31st Decemr Do	6719.24.5	— —	6719.24.5
June 15th	Do 6 Mths do to 30th June 1787	13,439.12.10	— —	
	Do on account of Principal	— —	4409.7.16	17,848.19.26
Decemr 15th	Do 6 Mths Interest to 31st Decemr 1787	13,439.12.10	— —	
1789	Do on account of Principal	— —	57,109.9.30	70,548.21.40
Decemr 1st	Do 3 Months Interest to 31st March 1788	6627.22.21	— —	
	Do on account of Principal	— —	28,646.25.17	35,274.11.38
		37262.39.53	90,164.41.65	127,428.15.36

Carried over

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			Pagodas	F.	Cs.	Pagodas	F.	Cs.	Pagodas	F.	Cs.
		Brought forward	87,262	39	53	90,161	41	65	177,428	15	36
December	1st	Do. the 2nd Class ing Creditors admitted to the above from the Dividends already made as above 6 Dividends being 3 years Interest to 31st December 1787 ——— £4986 19 72									
		3 Mos. Interest to 31st Mar. 1788 ——— 5371 10 11	30,357	30	3						
		Do. on account of Princip. £244 29 31									
		Do. ——— Do. ——— 54,930 7 60									
		Do. ——— Do. ——— 27,578 25 61							137,161	21	15
1791						86,803	27	12			
January	1st	Do. 152 days Interest to 30th August 1788	20,065	12	55						
1793		Do. on account of Principal				93,228	19	66	113,293	32	41
Novemr.	10th	Do. 190 days Interest to 3d March 1789	22,011	—	61						
1793									22,011	—	61
January	15th	Do. 227 days Do. ——— 31 October Do.	21,951	33	30						
									21,951	33	30
March	15th	Do. 496 days Do. ——— 1st March 1791	27,569	18	66						
									27,569	18	66
May	1st	Do. 670 days Do. ——— 31st December 1792	34,425	15	17						
		Do. on account of Principal				1,522	20	13	35,947	35	30
		Do. on account of Principal				38,797	22	18	38,797	22	18
July	10th	Do. on account of Principal				30,174	3	51	30,174	3	51
Septemr.	10th	Do. on account of Principal				23,875	16	36	23,875	16	36
Novemr.	10th	Do. on account of Principal	15,200	4	27						
1794											
January	10th	Do. Interest for the Year 1793				7396	29	29	22,596	33	56
		Do. on account of Principal				29,844	11	45	29,844	11	45
March	10th	Do. on account of Principal									
May	10th	Do. in full discharge of balance of 129 days Interest to this day	2126	15	19						
						37,819	6	32	39,945	21	71
		Do. in full discharge of balance of Principal									
		Pagodas	230,971	8	11	439,627	18	65	720,598	26	76

Ex.d Cecil Smith
Depy Accomt

Fort St. George 28th May 1794
Errors Excepted
Signed Robt. Wolf
Accomt. Genl.

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy of the Statement be sent to the Nabob, and that he be requested to inform the Board of the means he proposes to adopt for repaying to the Company the Sums they are in advance to His Highness on account of the New Cavalry Debt.

Ordered that all the Bonds of the New Cavalry Debt be lodged for the present in the Company's Treasury. This Debt having been finally liquidated by the Company on the 10th Ultimo, on account of the Nabob.

Read the following Letter from the Nabob (Entered also in C6. N° 82)

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob Walla Bahaudur to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor of Madras.

Dated 28th Shawall 1208 Hegery

or

23 May 1794

Received 29th Do Do

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From the Rajah shall give Orders that the Cherokar of Shevegunga do not prevent the Marriage of the Heiress - no Compact exists between the Rammad and Shevegunga Families - States instances of the Tyranny & Oppression exercised by the Rammad Rajah - proposition in Consequence -

In your Letter of the 15th May 1794 answering to 15th Shawall 1208 Hegery you write that the Collector of the Polygar of Peascash to the Southward, has represented that the Cherrokar of the Shevegunga is making means to prevent the Heiress of that Province from disposing of herself in marriage, with a view to keep the Management of the Country in his own hands - That it appears there is a Compact existing between the Families of Rammad and Shevegunga, that in the Event of the present Heiress having no Female Child, the latter Province is to revert to the Rammad House - and that your Advice is that I should take such Steps as may frustrate the designs of the Cherrokar - All this I understand. I will immediately give Orders agreeably to

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to your desire, that the Peashcar of the Shevegungah do not prevent the Marriage of the Heiress of that Country - But you have not been informed fully of the Circumstances of that part - there is no such Compact existing between the Ramnad and Shevegungah Families as has been represented to you - I have received many Complaints of the untoward Conduct of Muttu Ramling the Ramnad Man - He has not obeyed any one Order that I have sent him - In consequence of your recommendation in favour of the poor Ryotts of the Ramnad Country in your Letter of the 4th. Shaaban 1208 Hegery or 7th. March 1794, I sent orders to him, but from his improper Conduct, they had no effect. In his excess of Insolence, he is always committing acts of Disobedience

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If my Friends were not acquainted with his mode of oppression, it would be necessary for me to state particulars. A few Instances of his Violence and oppression are as follows - without reflecting on the good or ill Consequences he takes away the people's Property by force. Things which for a long series of Years, no one has ever laid his hand on, he has violently taken possession of; those who would not comply with his unlawfull demands, he has put to Death, and many have killed themselves on account of his having seized their Women; - All these Circumstances, are not fabrications of the Complainants against Mutter Ramling; - for they are as clear as the Sun at noon day - It is a duty incumbent on a

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on a Sovereign, who is charged with the care of Gods people, to exterminate, by the power of Government, a Man of such a savage Disposition, who feels no remorse at taking away the peoples Lives, and who pays no regard to the duties of obedience which he owes to his Master - I therefore think it proper that I should write Colonel Martinz to entice him under some pretence, into the Fort of Rammad, and then to keep him there: that the Bloodshed of the people, from his daring tyranny, may cease - You will be pleased to write also to the Colonel in support of my Orders. My Friend this business may be done, at this time, with facility; - but any delay will be the cause of Injury to the Inhabitants, because he

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he is making a Fort in the Village of Tirpellany, collecting warlike Stores, &c, contrary to his Muchilka, is enlisting armed Men. With the blessing of God, after he is secured I will give such orders for the arrangement of the Affairs of the Ramnad Country, as the Inhabitants may be at ease, and the stipulated Peashcush regularly paid to the Company—

What can I say more!

A true translation

Signed/ David Haliburton.

Pers. Trans.

Minute on the foregoing letter from the Nabob—

Agreed to inform the Nabob that as the Board are desirous of avoiding strong Measures, unless the Necessity be very urgent, and that as they yet have some hope that the Rajah of Ramnad will see the

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the error of his Conduct, the President has been requested to write to him, as well as to the Cherokar of Shoriguncha enjoining them to desist from their mutual depredations, and to refer the Differences which have arisen between them to the Collector of the Peiscush.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad.—

William Collins Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Resident at Hydrabad, relative to the Postage to and from Masulipatam, in consequence of a new Establishment of a Tappy between Hydrabad and the Nizam's Detachment.—

Sir,

Conformably to the orders of the Governor General in Council I have directed a Dawk to be established immediately, — between Hydrabad and the Ellore Detachment, the charge of which, as well as the general Superintendance of the Post Department between

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between Toolgapoor and Masulipatam,
has been committed by the Supreme Go-
vernment, to my Assistant, Lieutenant
W. Stewart.

It appears to me desireable,
both for the purpose of more equally
dividing the payment of Postage between
the Writers and Receivers of letters than
has hitherto been practicable on account
of the Want of an authorized Post Office
here, and because the amount so collected
can be immediately made applicable
towards defraying the expence of the
new Establishment, that the Collection
of the Postage to, and from Masulipatam
should be made severally at Hydrabad
and at Major Roberts's Camp on all
Letters both outward and inward, and
the covers of the former be marked
accordingly

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accordingly "Post paid to Masulipatam".

I therefore beg leave to request that if the mode meets the approval of the Honble Board they will be pleased to direct the Post Masters under the Madras &c Presidency to levy Postage only to, and from, Masulipatam, on all their dispatches to, and receipts from Hydrabad and Major Roberts Camps, marking the Covers of the former "post paid to Masulipatam".

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Signed/ Wm Kirkpatrick

Bedar 16th May 1794

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy be sent to the Post Master General, with directions to attend to Captain Kirkpatrick's &c Recommendation —

Read the following Letter from the Attorney General — To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council

From Attorney General stating his Opinion upon the reference made by the President of the Superior Council at Pondicherry —

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of 28th Ultimo, transmitting to me Copy of a Letter addressed to you from Monsieur Gerard President of the superior Council at Pondicherry — of the same date, bearing date the 21st Ultimo, and desiring your decree that I should report my Opinion thereon —

This Letter states that a Trial had been instituted according to the French Laws against Setanna Rajah and three other Natives as his Accomplices for the Murder of Ramazingoce, a Rajipoot of high Caste, that it was then ready for decision, but, as there may be — sufficient

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sufficient ground for passing Sentence
of death against the Prisoners, and it
was indispensable that the Sentence
should be confirmed in the name of
the Sovereign who governs, it was nec-
-essary the Council of Pondicherry should
be instructed in the measures proper
to be pursued on the occasion—

This I believe is the Substance
of Monsieur Gerards Letter, and the
opinion on it, which I have the honor
to submit, is, that the Trial be proceeded
on to acquittal or conviction - that, if the
Prisoners, be condemned Judgment —
should be pronounced in the name
and by the Authority of His Majesty,
but that Execution be stayed until his
Majesty's pleasure can be known. I
submit

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submit it also to your Honor in Council that it will be proper to direct true & authentic Copies to be made out of the whole of the Proceedings (including the Judgment) for the purpose of laying the same before his Majesty.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir,

&c &c &c

Signed / Benj.n Sulivan.

Fort St. George

1st June 1794

Minute thereon

Ordered that Colonel Nixon be furnished with a Copy of the fore-going letter, for the information and guidance of the Superior Council at Pondicherry—

Read the following Letter &

from the Resident at Hydrabad—

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Resident at Hydrabad requesting to know if any Agent or public Minister on the part of Tippoo, resideat Madras, cause of the enquiry hopes to receive Copies of Captain Doveton's conference with Tippoo.—

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 8th Instant advising me of the return of Captain Doveton to the Presidency.

It appearing to me but too probable that so long as the remaining territorial Claims of the Nizam on Tippoo Sultan shall continue undecided there will be frequent occasion for their addressing each other on the Subject, permit me to request, that I may be informed; whether or not, there be any Agent or Public Minister on the part of the latter residing at your Presidency: and

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and if not, whether you have any other Channel of communication open with the Court of Seringapatam, by means of which the mutual Representations of the two States can be forwarded.—

This Durbar having received what I conceived to be a false account of the tenor of Captain Doveton's Conferences with Tippoo Sultan, and of the issue of his Deputation, I trust I shall be furnished in due time with such an official Statement of the Transaction, as will enable me to satisfy completely and authentically the Enquiries addressed to me on this Subject.— I have the honor to be with great Respect—

My Honble Sir
Your &c &c
Signed/ Wm Kirkpatrick
Agreed

Camp Bider
19th May 1794

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Minutes thereon.

Agreed to acquaint Captain Kirkpatrick that as Captain Doveton is receiving Instructions for his Conduct immediately from the Marquis Cornwallis, and was to be further guided in the execution of the objects of his Deputation by a direct intercourse with the Governor General in Council of Bengal, the Board conceived that such Communications as were necessary to be made to the Residents at Hydrabad and Poonah, would either proceed from Captain Doveton or from the Bengal Government - But, that as this does not appear to have been the Case, he will be furnished from hence with Copies of two Letters from Captain Doveton to Sir John Shore, which contain

the

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the only information in the possession of this Government regarding that Officer's Conferences with Tippoo.—

Resolved that similar Copies be sent also to the Resident at Poonah—

Ordered that Captain Kirkpatrick be informed that there is at present no Agent or Public Minister on the part of Tippoo Sultaun, residing at this Presidency, and that the Board are not aware of any Mode of forwarding Representations to that Chief, excepting the one formerly practiced of sending Hircarrahs to the Frontiers.—

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob (Entered also in C.C. Nº 83).

Translation,

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Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob Walla Jah Bahaudur to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart Governor of Madras.

Dated 2d Zeleaud 1208 Hegery

or

1st June 1794

Received 2d Do. 1 Do.

From the Nabob has paid one Kist due the 1st June which completes the Payments for the present Year—

By the blessing of God, the Sum of one Lack fifty Six thousand & four hundred Star Pagodas, fifteen Fanams and fifty four Cash, being the amount of the Kist of the 1st June 1794— I have this day paid in full, to the Company, and Mr. Secretary Clerke has given me the Receipts for the same. Praise be to God, that, notwithstanding the troubles of the Polygars in the South-ern Districts, and the Injuries they have done to the business of Collections,—

the

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the Amount of the Company's Hists for the present Year have been compleatly — received - I have written this for your Information. —

What can I say more!

A true Translation

Signed/ David Haliburton.

Persian Translator

Minute thereon - Agreed to inform the Nabob, that it affords great Satisfaction to the Board to observe that he has made his Payments with so much punctuality; and that they will not fail to make honorable mention of it, in their next dispatches to the Honble Court of Directors.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General —

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

From Military Auditor General.

the Muster Master in the Vizagapatam and Ganjam Districts, requests leave to visit Madras, Suggestion on the occasion.

I beg leave to acquaint you, that Mr. Dillon the Muster Master in the Vizagapatam and Ganjam Districts has applied to me to procure him leave of Absence to the Presidency for a short time on account of his private Affairs to which I see no objection provided he procures a proper Person to do the Duty in his absence; unless you shall be of opinion that according to the general Orders of the 26th. last February he vacated the Post of Muster Master at that time as Mr. Dillon's appointment to the Office of Muster Master in the Chicacole and Itchapore

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Ichapore Districts (now termed Vizaga-
-patam and Ganjam) took place in
January 1790, in which case you may
think it proper to nominate another
Muster Master—

I have the honor to be with
the highest Respect,
Hon'ble Sir,
Your &c.
Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
31st May 1794—

Resolution in
consequence—

In consequence of the Appointment
lately conferred upon Mr. Dillon, of
Assistant to the Commercial Resident
at Vizagapatam, the Duties of which
are considered to be incompatible with
those of a Muster Master, it is resolved
that he shall vacate the latter Office, &
that Lieutenant William Youngson
shall

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shall be appointed to succeed him, as
Master Master in the Vizagapatam and
Ganjam Districts. — Chs. Oakley

E. Tallofield

Geo. Vertue

Edwd. Geo. Parry