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Diary

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Entered in C.C. No 84 Enclosing a Letter from his Son at Trichinopoly complaining of the various oppressions Robberies and Murders committed by the Southern Polygars and re-
Cavaliers in the Circar Districts requesting orders may be given prohibiting any protection to them in the Tanjore Country

Read the following Letter

From Colonel Floyd complaining of the vexations and oppressive conduct of the Nabobs Son towards him and desiring that a Letter from him may be wrote to Hyder Ally Cawn

To The Honble the Governor in Council

Honble Sir

I am exceedingly concerned to trouble you with Complaints But altho I have conducted myself in compliance with your directions and from respect to His Highness the Nabob Walaja and from towards the Nabobs Son Hyder Ali Mulk Bahauder, the only return I meet with from him is a perpetual attempt to excite enmity between the Europeans and the

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the Nonsense and endless complaints of the most frivolous and vexatious and groundless nature.

At length His Highness Hussain ul Mulk wrote me a letter a Copy of which, and a Translation also, I have the honor to enclose for your inspection, on a Subject that did not concern him, and in which there is a paragraph marked A. of such import if my Translation errs not that I could not in honor pass unnoticed—

I have waited from the 13th of May, when I received it till now, in hopes that upon reflection some Apology might be made that would authorize me to drop the Subject without troubling you. But I think I should be very way wanting to delay it any longer—

His Highness Hussain ul Mulk has sent me another letter since, but I declined receiving any letter from him till I heard further about the Offensive letter—

The event that gave rise to this letter is narrated as I most firmly believe

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4th believe with the utmost precision in the
enclosed Copy of a letter No 1 to Colonel
Maxwell — But you will naturally remark
that the nomination in His Highness's letter
is pretty nearly opposite. This is an —
Accident which people a little acquainted with
India will not marvel at. But I have to
remark and to regret that every representation
from His Highness is of the same complexion,
owing to the evil advice and information he
receives —

No 2 is Colonel Maxwells —
Answer in consequence of which I sent the
Sloopman to Tanjore earnestly requesting the
Rajah would spare him any further —
Punishment on condition of the man's being
sensible of his misconduct —

No 3 is the translation of
His Highness's letter —

No 4 is a Copy of the letter
I cannot avoid requesting your
attention to these circumstances, and that —
you will be pleased to take the measures
you judge fit that I may be exempted in future

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Future from similar vexations and domestick

Trichinopoly
1st June 1794

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir &c &c
(Signed) J. Lloyd Lt

Colonel Maxwell

Commanding at Tanjore.

Sir,

I request you will be pleased to state to His Excellency the Maha Rajah the following circumstance which gives me great concern, as I sincerely wish well to all His Excellency's — Subjects.

Yesterday evening just as the Sun was gone down, Mr Little, Surgeon in His Majesty's 36th Regiment, was returning on Horse back from the Fort to his Quarters at Warriore. Mr Little met a stout Moorman on a small horse who without the smallest provocation, or the exchange of a single — word, struck Mr Little on the side of the head with the butend of a horse whip, and felled him to the ground As Mr Little returned from the stun he found the Moorman on foot — preparing

proposing to attack him again, and a scuffle —
ensued in which the Moorman was joined
by several other persons one which Mr Little
mounted his horse and proceeded to the —
Barracks of his Regiment from whence the
Guard came, and made the Moorman prisoner
and his other persons belonging to his —
Highness the Nabob who were in the —
Scuffle, and got hurt this upon the best
examination I could make it does not —
appear that these persons of the Nabob
were offending the friends to the Moorman
— They agree that the Moorman was to —
blame, and indeed I am perfectly persuaded
of it — I have released the two persons of
the Nabob — But the Moorman's behaviour
was so exceedingly unprovoked and outrageous
that I have kept him a prisoner. Tele I
have made a regular Complaint of him to
the Rajah through you, and till the —
Rajah is pleased to say what he wishes me
to do with the man, which will be complied
with as soon as I am informed.

I beg

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I beg leave to mention that Mr Little is a man of perfect sobriety and remarkably inoffensive in his manners—

Trichinopoly
16th May 1794

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Floyd Lt Col

To Colonel Floyd
Commanding South of the Coloroon

Sir,

I have had the honor to lay before the Rajah of Tanjore your letter complaining of the outrageous conduct of one of His Subjects at Trichinopoly— His Excellency has requested of me to inform you, how much he esteems himself obliged by your attention on this and every other occasion, and desires me to assure you that on the Prisoner's being sent to Tanjore he shall order him to be punished in an exemplary manner, and that he shall be turned out of his Territories.

Tanjore
18th May 1794

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Hamilton Maxwell
Lt Col commg (Translation)

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Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob Ismael ul Mulk Bahauder

Colonel John Floyd Commander of the Fort of Trichinopoly— Endowed with magnanimity, circumspection, and sincere affection, may you remain in Peace and Happiness wrote 17th of the Benefficient Month Showal and 1208 year of the Higera—

Lately Mahomet Ismael, a man of Rank and consequence, arrived here from Tanjore—

That Dr Little without any cause, struck, beat and disgraced the said man and strictly confined him— If you will be so good as send for the said man from his confinement you will soon observe how he has been disgraced and maltreated by the Europeans, without any cause or reason whatever, and his case will excite your compassion— I have to observe that such tyranical rules are contrary to the Officers of the King of England's

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If you'll take this man's extraordinary situation into consideration — you'll no doubt confer a favor on your — friend Hunter Sing the Zemindar of — Tanjore / that is the Rajah / for which reason I have wrote you these few words in order to convince you of the Mutual Friendship that subsists between us —

All the people on the road say that Dr Little was Galloping his — horse from the Fort to Warriore, and that the said Mohomet Ismael was upon a little horse going to the Fort that on passing each other, the little horse neighed on which Dr Little began to flog him with a whip and abuse him that the said — Mahomet Ismael endeavouring to get out of the way by striking his own horse with the Chawbuck — by some accident touched Dr Little —

on which Dr Little dismounted from his horse and laid hold of the said — Mahomet Ismael by the leg and dismounted him

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him also, by which they both closed and —
abeating and shuffle mixed —
after which D° Little left
the said Mahomet Ismael and returned in
about half an hour with a number of
Soldiers armed with Bayonets, Swords and
Sticks, who beat and abused the said —
Mahomet Ismael in such a manner —
that he was almost without life, and —
afterwards dragged him along and confined
him, by which the said Mahomet Ismael
lost two Shauls besides his Clothes — and
extraordinary to observe and tell that two
people belonging to the Corps happened —
to pass at this time — on which D° Little
wounded them both with a Sword — and —
bound them like thieves and carried them
Prisoners — by which one of the said people
lost his Turband besides some Pagodas and
one hundred fanams — And the Soldiers —
robbed the other man of his Cloths and
some fanams — after which the whole three
were confined, when the European Soldiers
Began

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to scoff and ridicule them all the nights by spitting at the prisoners and smoking them with fire. After having Gagged them with a Drum Stick—

It is now in all peoples mouths that the Kings people are very wicked and bad sort of people and now they have— given a convincing proof of it by dealing it with the above Action—

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It is certainly proper that we should Act agreeable to Justice and propriety in this world—

What can I write more—

A true Copy
(signed) Alexr Agnew Secry

Translation Copy of a Letter from Hussain ul Mulk Bahadur &c &c &c to Colonel John Floyd Commanding at Trichinopoly — Dated 8th May 1794—

Mahommed Ismael a Gentleman of a distinguished Family lately arrived here from Tanjore on a visit. Doctor Little — without any cause has persecuted, affronted, punished and imprisoned him, with a degree of

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of Rigor which cannot be expressed and —
which, if you will be pleased personally to
enquire into, you will learn with regret
the violence of the Europeans, and the disgrace
and injury which Mahomed Ismael, tho'
innocent, has sustained: surely an act of
such extreme oppression as this, which
all wise and good men would disapprove,
must be reprobated severely by the just
administration of the Company, and more
particularly so, by the Officers of his —
Britannick Majesty, as their just and —
equitable Procedure is celebrated. The —
investigation thereof, of this extraordinary
affair, and the release of the injured
Prisoner, at the same time that it will
contribute to your Renown, it will confer
a favor upon, and promote the satisfaction
of your friend Runnee Sing, Zemindar of
Tanjore. My sincere friendship has induced
me to make this communication to you
I have learned the following
particulars from the concurrent testimony of
every

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every body whom I interrogated on this subject, whether Mussulman or Hindoo — that Doctor Little being intoxicated was galloping his Horse, (at random) to Walajahabad; and — Mahomed Ismael a Gentleman, Stranger was returning, on Horseback, thence to the Fort. Their Horses ran against each other on the road, when the Doctor first struck the other with his Whip, and abused him. Mahommed Ismael bore this, but in order to turn his Horse made a back with his whip This blow, as they were together, probably hit the Doctor — and he then dismounting pulled the other off his Horse, struggled with and threw him on the Ground, and then went away. he returned in half an Hour with some Soldiers and again attacked this single defenceless man — whom they beat and wounded in the Evening at Pleasure, — with Bayonets, Swords, Kicks and Blows, until he was deprived of his senses, in the most disgraceful manner they carried him

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him, suspended by his Hands and Feet and robbed him of two Shawls he then wore. To aggravate their Enormity, these were two very respectable people, — belonging to the Serkar at that time Passing the Road — The Doctor tho' he knew no cause for such treatment — wounded them with a Sword he had in his own Hand: bound their Hands behind and had them carried away — The Soldiers robbed each of them of their Turbans and Handkerchiefs, in one of which there were 7 Pagodas and 10 Chuckrums, and in those of the other, one Rupee and some Fanams — notwithstanding their Rank, they were confined in the most disgraceful manner, like the meanest of the — Rabble, and cruelly molested all night long, by having Drum Sticks tied in their Mouths — fire applied their Bodies — by being spit on, and by every other species of Indignity which could be thought of. In short the General Report

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of the Inhabitants here is a proof of the violence and oppression which has happened—

The due Investigation into the truth of this Business therefore, will contribute to the good Fame of the Kings Officers—

What more? &c &c

Attest Translation

(Signed) A. Falconar

Dy. Sec.

Receive also the recommendations Letters Entered on Mis. Nos B. 9. 10.

From Military Board

From Military Board, submitting an abstract of the Tenders made, of Vessels for the Public Service—request a decision in regard to the terms on which they may close with the same—opinion—

From Col. Nixon

From Commandant at Pondicherry forwarding Extracts from the Register of the Superior Council and the Sentences of the Choultry Court of—in opinion the Greffier should be removed from

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4th from his office, and the Chaultry Court abolished

— Reasons for such opinion

From Ditto enclosing another

From Ditto letter from the French Merchants respecting the

Bales seized by Captain Mears —

Recvd Letter from the

5th Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Nabob enters in Lb. N° 35 complaining that

the Agent of the Contractors for Buildings and

Repairs, have appropriated to themselves

the Privilege of making and supplying

Bricks and Chunam, at Trichinopoly, to

the prejudice of his Highness Interest

Despatches the undermentioned

letters entered in M.B. N°s 11, 12, 13, 14 —

To Commandant at Arnee

To Major Petrie granting him leave to visit the Presidency —

To Paymaster on the —

To Mr Hughes — Baramhaul Ditto.

To Commander of the Army

To Colonel — Braithwaite — enclosing copy of a letter from Captain Dallas

and desiring his opinion in regard to the

detachment proposed to be sent from —

Conatore and Arcotto Angole, to escort the

horses

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horses expected to arrive there

To Vizagapatam.

To Vizagapatam forwarding Returns of Troops imbarked on the Ships Friends Adventure, Captain Gray, and Sree Kistna Swamy Captain Christians—orders respecting the Provisions shipped for them

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Received the following letters—

The Honble the Governor in Council

From Colonel Floyd—stating the particulars of the Fray between Doctor Little and Mahomed Ismael—the former entirely blameless.—

Honble Sir

In compliance with your Commands of the 28th Ultimo received Yesterday, I have the honor to state the Fray alluded to by His Highness the Nabob, and to promise that the next Morning, after it happened I made the most scrupulous enquiry into the affair.

Early in the Morning of the 16th of May, a Servant of the Nabobs Sons, Meyjaun Sor Ismael Ul Mulk Bahauder came from His Highness to relate that a Moorman — whom I since understand is named Mahomed Ismael, had behaved ill the night before and had struck Mr Little, Surgeons Mate in

the

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Sir

the 36th Regiment that the Guard had come and taken up Mahomet Ismael and a Daroga and another, and they were now in the Guard at Warriore that the Nabobs Son requested they might be released. He represented the Daroga and the Darogas friend as lookers on who had nothing to do in the fray and that they has blamed the behaviour of Mahomet Ismael, tho he was a friend of theirs – while he was talking, Mr Lettice himself arrived attended by the Commanding Officer of his Regiment Captain Burnes, to complain of the outrage that had been offered him —

Mr Lettice said that the Daroga and his friend had been busy in the Scuffle but could not say they had struck him, he rather thought they were disposed to quell away the Mussuan, whose behaviour they appeard to disapprove; an order was immediately dispatched to release the Daroga and his friend at all events I should have sent them immediately to the Nabobs Son had

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had there been grounds of Complaint as is my
custom with all those who belong to the Circar.
I sent a Civil Message to the Nabobs Son,
that I was much concerned for the confinement
these two Men had endured - that being found in
the thick of the Scuffle, they had been taken
up by the Guard through ignorance - as to
Mahomed Ismael, his behaviour had been so
unprovoked and Outrageous that it would be
necessary to detain him till I heard from
the Rajah of Tanjore, to whom I found he
belonged -

Doctor Little then related that
going on Horseback from Trichinopoly to Warriore
the evening before, just after Sun Set but
before it was dark, he met a Moorman on
a small horse, that the Moorman rather
swerved from his track to meet him more
direct, and without the exchange of word, or
gesture, the Moorman with the Butt end of a
horse whip, struck Mr Little on the Temple
and he fell, stunned, to the ground - As Mr

Little

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6th Little recovered himself he found the Moorman on foot preparing to attack him again and a scuffle ensued in which the Moorman was joined by a Croud of other natives on which Mr Little made shift to Mount his Horse, and proceeded to the Barracks of his Regiment, from whence a Guard issued, and took up the Moorman and two others, — after all the resistance they were able to make —

Of the meeting on Horseback the first blow, and the scuffle I cannot believe there were any Witness, but Natives, whose testimony it is out of my power to acquire, wherewith than through the Servants of the Nabob Son, Ramah Sawmy, who, at that time, represented the Moorman as the agressor and that he had struck Mr Little with a horsewhip first —

The evidence therefore rests on Mr Littles own Account —

As

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As he had dined that day with the officers of the 36th Regiment at a farewell dinner given by the officers of the 19th Dragoons, I was very particular in my inquiries as to his sobriety & was told he was the first person who rose from table, to go and attend the sick of the Regiment that he had not sat above an hour at table. that he was unquestionably perfect sober - and moreover never was known to be in liquor at any time whatever - that he is remarkable for the extreme regularity and inoffensiveness of his conduct and in short for all sorts of good qualities. This is what I learn from his commanding Officer Captain Burne from Captain Chambers, Mr Duncan Surgeon to the Regiment and others, who all agree he is a young man of unusual merit

On the 16 May I wrote a complaint of Mahomed Ismael to the Rajah of Tanjore through the commanding Officer there, Colonel Maxwell

On

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On the 28th May Colonel Maxwell wrote me word that the Rajah of Tanjore was thankful for my attention, desired the Prisoner might be sent that he should be punished in an exemplary manner, and be turned out of his Territories—

The Prisoner was sent accordingly and I wrote requesting the punishment of his intended punishment on condition of his being sensible of his misconduct—since this I have heard nothing concerning him—

In Obedience to your Command I offer my opinion that Doctor Little was wholly blameless in this Affair, and what-ever ill usage Mahomet Ismal received he brought on himself by his unprovoked attack—

I beg leave also to remark that Mahomet Ismael being a Subject and a Servant of the Rajah of Tanjore I did not imagine the Nabobs son here could with propriety interfere—a

conniving

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concerning them —

Trichinopoly
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On the 21 May the 30th Regiment Marched for the Providency — I have the to be,

&c &c

(Signed) J. Floyd Colo

The Honble the Governor in Council
Hon'ble Sir

From Colonel Floyd with an account of the Feuds between the Rammad Rajah and Cherokan of Shivagunga has stationed a Guard at Melore for the protection of Travellers

Having had many reports of Disturbances between the Rammad Rajah, and the Marvas I desired Lieut. Colonel Campbell Commanding at Palamcotah, to acquire, and favor me with what information he could concerning them — He has accordingly sent me some papers, of which I have the Honor to inclose Copy for your information —

Such large bodys of men being withdrawn from Cultivation and imployd solely in destruction cannot but have a very pernicious effect on the —

Country

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Southern Provinces in general, and might, by
an artful and designing Enemy, be brought
to try their strength in attempts of more
consequence I therefore thought it incumbent
on me to give you this information, that
you may make such use of it as the case
may require—

The Colleries also are very
troublesome, and commit considerable depredations
At Melore, about 18 Miles North of Madura,
Travellers were aware of being robbed of all
they have, and if they assembled in bodys
for mutual protection they were sometime
attacked by some hundreds of these people. a case
of this sort lately happened to some travellers
who had collected about a Corporal of the
71st Regiment and a Sepoy with Arms and
two other Sepoys without Arms. Most of the
Travellers were plundered, but the Corporal,
and particularly the armed Sepoy are said to
have killed some, and wounded others of these
Colleries. —

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I have taken on me till your Commands are known, to station a Company of the 9th Battalion from Madura at Melkote for the protection of Travellers.

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) J. Floyd Lieut

Trichinopoly
5th June 1794.

Lieut Colonel Campbell

Commanding Palamcottah

Sir,

I was favored with your Letter of the 18th Instant last Night. I beg leave to observe you that your instructions of the 26th April were explained to the Dotaikul Guards in the most positive manner. In consequence of reports being spread in this place, that the Rammad Rajah and the Shevagunga Poligar were a variance, I made it my business to find out if there was any foundation for such reports. I am just now informed that four days ago the Shevagunga

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Sir

Shevegunga Polygar attacked the Rajahs people and took a Gun from them - For fear I should make a Mistake, I got the writer of my Company to take the Account in writing on a Cadjan which I take the liberty of inclosing -

I am also informed that the Shevegunga Polygar has applied by letter to the different Polygars in this neighbourhood for Assistance -

Agreeable to your desire I have sent out two Despoys who shall inform you of such intelligence as I may receive from time to time - Govind Rose is in the Village, has sent me word, that he will call on me this evening - I dispatch this Express the man promises he will be at Pallam-cottah tomorrow by twelve o'clock -

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) James Nagle
Lieut Army

Naglapore
15 May 1794 -

Translation of the Cadjan alluded to in the above letter

The Rammad Rajahs Army —
consists

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consists of twenty thousand men, and Murtoos
of fifteen thousand an action took place at
Tyanore, when both parties sustained consider-
-able loss, and Murtoo took one of the —
Rannad Manis Guns —

A true Copy
Sign'd Dug.d Campbell Lt. Colo

Lieut. Colonel Campbell
Commanding Palamcottah

Sir,

I had not the pleasure of receiving your
letter of the 10th Instant until Yesterday Morn
and agreable to your wishes have sent two
trusty men seperately to make the —
enquiry you desire. I had a report some
days ago that a Vackeel from the Murtoos
had been at Tandalam Courtchy, but I
not hear that any Polygars went from
thence since I came here I have been
particular in giving instructions on that
head to the Guards —

A man belonging to Ramnad
who —

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who came here yesterday gave me the following Account — that Perry and Chenny Murdos are encamped with five or six thousand Polygers at Arandoo about 15 Miles from Shevegunga, and that the Nawaub Polygars to the amount of six thousand are at a place called Tachinos Drunoor about three Miles from Arandoo, they have been at the above places more than twenty days — On Sunday the 11th the Nawaub Majah attacked the Murdoos, where they were posted behind a tank, and was beat back with considerable loss — Six companies of his Regular Sepoys were cut off and a Six Pounder which they had with them taken, the man who gave me the above account, says he left the Nawaub Camp the day after the Action, and was present when it happened —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(signed) C. D. Bruce

16th May 1794.

P.S. as the Sepoys return I shall send them to you. —

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Lieut Colonel Campbell

Commanding Palamcottah

&c &c &c

Sir,

One of the people we have sent to the Manaar Camps returned this Morning — whence he left them on the 19th Instant. The Rammad people were Encamped at Ashenoor and Commanded by Oyedewa a man who has some claim on the little Murwar; there were Eight thousand Poligars, some regular Sepoys and a Company of Topasses; there were of the Poligars of this description two hundred from Colagoody, a Polaim near this place, forty or fifty from Alagaumpoony, and nearly that number from Colarpetty. Chinny Murdoo was Encamped at Yegandeswaram had seven thousand men and nearly one hundred horse: his Brother Timy Murdoo was at Colangoody with a considerable number of Poligars: Yegandeswaram is distant from Ashenoor but one Mile. there has been no Action nor Skirmishing of any kind

since

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since Murdoo's last Succefs a Vackeel had arrived at Murdoos Camp some time ago from M.r Lawson, the Sepoys Did not see him but say both parties are anxiously waiting for some decision from the Nabob it is in general believed there will be much more trouble.

I have the honor to be,

(Signed) C.D: Browne
Lieut Comg Pycaur

NB There are no Polygars of this or any of the other Districts with the Murdoos—

Lieut Colonel Campbell
Commanding Pallamcottah

Sir.

Agreable to the 2d Paragraph of my instructions, I have now the honor to inform you that I have receive information from the Tashildar and the Sepoys posted at the Village of Coleton, that Moodo Naig — a Brother to the Coletoor Nayak left that Village yesterday, with a bout twenty Polygars Armed with Muskets and Matchlocks

for

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for to join the Rammad forces, and that he was to be joined by Polygars from the different Villages in that neighbourhood to the amount of probably one hundred men, this has been done without the sanction and I understand against the opinion and consent of the Coletoor Rajah, no other of the family is with Moodoo Naig – I sent a Cayan to the Rajah acquainting him of the great impropriety of allowing any Armed people to go from his Village and of his Brothers conduct, and directed to send off immediately – after him and order him back in your name,

I have the honor to be

(Signed) C. Bruce
Lt Colo Commg Tyfar

Adjutant
(Signed) Dugd Campbell
Lieut

Tyfar
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Lieut Colonel Campbell
Commanding Pallamcottah

Sir,

The Second man whom I sent to the Marawa Country returned this morning, he says the situation of the Camps are nearly as before

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Or

before related: that there are a considerable
number of the Poligars of this Province —
employed with the Nawaab Rajah, that
Mopolly Davie son in law to the Shivegerry
man is there with a considerable number
of them that he saw him and knows him —
with whom there are none from his —,
province, but a considerable number from
Tinnavelly, Nattam and Mellore. On
the 19th they were skirmishing the greater
part of the Morning. Mundoo lost several
men but did not retreat from the Posts
he had occupied. —

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) C. D. Bruce
Lt Comg Vyghar

Vyghar
24 May 1794 —

A true Copy
(Signed) Dug Campbell Lt Col

Extract of information forwarded by
the Shivegerry Poligar to the Commanding
Officer of the Troops in the Tinnevelly
District —

I the Shivegerry Poligar entrusts
the management of my affairs in my
Country

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Country under me for a considerable time
back to my Brother in law Cumpeana —
Vanian, who formerly behaved contrary to
the orders of the Honble Company, and
brought down their displeasure on me
before — and on which Account I forbid him
having any thing to do with my Country —
business for four Months past, and allowed him
some Lands for his support about two Months
ago, being sent for to Attoor by Mr London
the Collector, on business, my Brother, during
my stay there, went to Tennauddy, and from
thence returned to Shoregerry, where he —
commenced a Correspondence with the Rajah
of Baunaè, to whom he has since gone
with five hundred men raised in the
Shoregerry Country. — I entreat the Honble
Company to punish my Enemy and give
me their support —

Pallamcottah
9th May 1794 —

A true Copy
(signed) Dug. Campbell Lt Col

true Copies
(signed) A Cuppage Lieut

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Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in Mss Nos 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20

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From Lieutenant Montgomery — From agent for Horses at Arcot reporting his return from Cochin, and the promises made to him by the Hove Dealers there of opinion that mode of Subsidy will prove Successful —

From Mr W. Boyd — From Master Attendant submitting the proposals of the Commandant of the Expenment and Brig Diligence for the Transport of Troops from Masulipatam to Vizagapatam —

From Adjutant General — From Adjutant General reporting the Arrival of Lieut Gen Erskine —

From Lieut Colo Giles — From Lieutenant Colonel Giles inclosing an address for the Worship Court of Directors —

From Colonel Braithwaite — From Commander of the Army stating his opinion in regard to the Details required by Captain Dalton —

From Col Kelso — From Commandant at Pondicherry inclosing two more letters from Mons Gerard explaining

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complaining of the conduct of the Resident to the Superior Council

From Captain Spence

From Commander of the Experiment requesting a Commission for that Vessel

From Commandant at Tanjore

From Lieut Colonel Kelly reporting his having received the command of Tanjore from Colonel Maxwell also various papers and records belonging to the Office of Resident

From Mr Paymaster Wynch

From Paymaster at Vellore requesting leave to visit the Presidency

Sent the following Letters

To Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident at Hydrabad

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon'ble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 19th Instant and to acquaint you that, as Captain Doveton received instructions for his conduct immediately from the Marquis Cornwallis and

To Captain Kirkpatrick stating why the arrangements between Tippoo Sultaun and Captain Doveton were not sent to him - Tippoo insisted on no Agent or public Minister on Tippoos part - Resident at Madras

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and was to be still 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, as this does not
appear to have been the case, I am now
directed to inclose copies of two letters from
Captain Doveton to Sir John Shore, which
contain the only information in the
possession of this Government regarding his
conferences with Tippoo

There is at present no Agent
or public Minister on the part of Tippoo
Sultaun residing at this Presidency, and
the President in Council is not aware of
any mode of forwarding representations to
that Chief except the one formerly
practised, of sending Hircarahs to
the

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the frontiers—

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

To Colonel John Braithwaite
President & Members of the
Military Board.

To Military Board - stating the terms on which the Transports are to be engaged—

Gentlemen,

We have received your letter of Yesterday's date.

We concur with you in opinion that "four Pagodas ₰ Ton for six Months certain, or so long as the Vessels shall be employed, with two Months in advance on signing the Charter party - four Months more at the end of six Months, and what more may be due when the Vessels are discharged" is a fair consideration, without subjecting the Company to any risk on account of the Vessels - and upon these terms I where latter have not been offered) we authorize you to take up such Ships

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were in the Roads as may on examination be
found proper for the Service - But we do not
wish you to engage in any manner at present
for Vessels that are only expected, and whose
Arrivals therefore must be uncertain -

We are
Sir &c
Signed Charles Oakeley
for Commee

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To Mr. Thomas Cockburn
Register of the Nabob's Debts

To Register of the Nabob's debts the new Cavalry loan being paid all the Bonds to be lodged in the Company's Treasury.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President
in Council to desire that all the Bonds of the new
Cavalry Debt, and which was completely discharged
on the 10th Instno, be lodged in the Company's
Treasury, until some arrangement be made
with his Highness the Nabob for the repayment
of the sum advanced by the Company on this
account - You will accordingly deliver over the
whole to the Clerk of the Treasury, who will
furnish you with a receipt for the same -

I am, &c
Signed W. C. Jackson
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Dispatched the undermentioned letters
Entered in Mss Nos 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32.
33. 34. 35. 36.

To Mr R. Dilon

To Mr R Dilon informing him
that his office of Muster Master has been —
vacated the duties of it being incompatible
with those of a Commercial Agent and
that Lieutenant Youngson has been —
appointed thereto —

To Mr Thos Sudgrass

To Mr Thomas Sudgrass returning
his Bond of Security for Mr Thomas Cooper —
duly cancelled —

To Mr Thos Cockburn

To Principal Agent for Cassay
Supplies with Extract from a letter from
Captain Dallas, and desiring him to order
the Deputy Agent at Aout to take the Accounts
of all Horses arriving there from Hyderabad —

To Captain —
Kirkpatrick

To President at Hyderabad
acquainting him that the Postmaster General
has been directed to carry into Effect the
Arrangement suggested in his letter of 10th
Ultimo —

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6th To Ditto requesting him that the

Ditto application of major Roberts for an Increase of —

Tent Allowance and that of Captain Bell for —

reimbursement of his Expences in the Victualling

Department have been admitted - Major —

Roberts may be instructed accordingly —

To Resident at Poona inclosing

To Sir C Warre Malet copies of the Conferences between Captain —

Doveton and Sipsor Sultaun —

To Military Auditor General

To Auditor General the whole amount of Captain Doris charges

while at Cavoor, to be passed. the required —

declaration on honor having been made by him.

To Ditto the Judge Advocate to

To Ditto the Kings Troops to be allowed the same —

allowances as are drawn by the Deputy Judge

Advocates to the Company's Troops - Copy of

Lieutenant Handcyde's letter inclosed —

To Ditto Tent Allowance to the

To Ditto Commandant of the Nizams Detachment —

encreased and Captain Bells Expences in the

Victualling Department to be reimbursed - Copy

of a Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad —

To

inclosed —

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To Paymaster General

To Military Paymaster General
with Copy of the Auditor Generals report on
Mr Paymaster Vaughan's Estimate for June —

To Colonel Pearse

To Commandant at Pondicherry
transmitting Copy of the Attorney Generals —
opinion, regarding the Trial of Sutanah Nayik
& Natives for Murder. for the guidance
of the Superior Council in case of
conviction the Sentence of Death to be
stayed until His Majesty's pleasure be
known — Copies of the Proceedings of the
Trials required —

To Ditto —

To Ditto Ensign Lawder to
be sent to the Presidency — if necessary for
the maintenance of the peace —

To Postmaster General —

To Postmaster General
with Copy of a letter from the Resident
at Hyderabad and directions for adopting
the Arrangements proposed therein —

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Passed the undermentioned
Letters Entered in MB Nos 37 38 39 —

From Military Paymaster
General

From Military Paymaster
General has repeatedly called on Govt Letters
for

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For the Refund, ordered on the 4th February
last copy a Letter from Sirr, submitted —

from Collection, from Commandant at Pondicherry
on the Subject of the Exchange and Impositions of
the Shroffs recommends that a larger proportion
of the Pay of the Troops be sent in Silver
Fanams. Copy of a Letter from the Police
Master inclosed —

From Administrator to the Estate
From Lieut. of the late Captain Scouler proposing a
Bose — Claim to off Reckonings due to the deceased
from 5th May 1780 to 31st December 1788 —

Sent the following Letter

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To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

May it please your Highness.

In consequence of the —
To the Nabob inclosing Copy of a Letter from Colonel Floyd relative to the Complaint & against Doctor Lister remarks and recommendation on the same —

representation contained in the Letter to your
Highness from your Son Walaja ul Mulk
Behauder under date the 10 Ultimo, a —
translation of which was inclosed to me in —
your Highness's Letter of the 22d I sent —
directions to the Commandant of Trichinopoly to
enquire

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inquire particularly into the complaint which
had been preferred against Dr Little and to report
to me the Result.

I have received a letter from
Colonel Floyd on this subject, Copy of which I
have the Honor to transmit for your Highness's
information. The circumstances which gave rise
to the Complaint, as explained by Dr Little
himself, and attested by the inquiry of Colonel
Floyd are so different from the facts reported
to Hussain Ali Khan Bahadur, and the
Colonel speaks of Dr Little's character and
manners in terms so very favorable, that I
am persuaded your Highness will at once
perceive how much this matter has been
misrepresented by those from whom your
Son received his account.

As Colonel Floyd is an officer
of respectable character, and particularly
attentive to preserve good order and discipline
among the troops under his command, I am
assured that nothing will be wanting on
his part to restrain and punish irregularities if
any

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any kind, and in this confidence, I hope your
Highness will strongly recommend it to —
Hussain Ali Mulk Behauder to rely upon the
Colonels disposition to act justly and uprightly
on all occasions and to manifest his respect for
your Highness and your family by every —
mark of attention —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Charles Oakeley

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Sent also the undermention letters
Entered in C.C. Nos 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 —

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

To the Nabob transmitting a
Statement of Sums paid by the Company in
discharge of the New Cavalry Loan and requesting
His Highness to state the means he proposes
to adopt for repaying the same —

Ditto Ditto

To Ditto — in reply to
His Highness's letter regarding the situation of
Affairs in the Ramnad Country — the Rajah
and Cherakar of Shivagunga will be —
informed to desist from their Mutual —
depredations, and to refer their differences to the
Collector —

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To Ditto acknowledging the receipt of the last payment for the present Year, and expressing great satisfaction at the punctuality observed by His Highness in this respect.

Ditto Ditto

To Ditto

Ditto Ditto

To Ditto no objection to the Departure of the Vackeel and by Letters to Trichinopoly and requesting that the Nabob before suggested may be given to him, on occasion of his Demand for the Surrender of Refugees.

Ditto ditto

To Ditto requesting him to give orders that there be no Interference with the Contractors Agents at Trichinopoly in the provision of Bricks and Chunam required for the execution of the Public Works at that place.

Substance of a letter to the Nayak of Ramnad and Cherrakar of Sivagunga.

To Nayak of Ramnad and Cherrakar of Sivagunga disapproving their recourse to Arms for the adjustment of Disputes and enjoining them to desist from such Hostility under pain of the Governt displeasure of the Company, and to refer the same to the Collector.

End

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Sent the following Letters

To David Haliburton Esqr

& Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

To Board of Revenue with instructions regarding the outstanding Balances of Assumed Revenue in the Nabobs Country

We have received your Letter of the 24th Ultimo with your minutes on a report from the Place relative to the outstanding Balances of Assumed Revenue in the Nabobs Country—

After maturely considering those minutes we 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 Nabobs fifth Account—because this account appears already to be overpaid, and because, from the nature of such advances, we are doubtful whether they can with propriety be charged to that head, which was meant to comprehend only a specified portion of the Assumed Revenue appropriated, during the Assumption, for His Highness's personal accommodation and the subsistence of his Family—

We are of opinion however that, as these advances consisted of money, issued from

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from the Revenue Treasury, and were secured by Bonds or acknowledgments from the Inhabitants to delivered over to His Highness after his reinstatement, they cannot properly be 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 assumpshire on account of Balances that had accrued previous to the Company's management—

With regard to the Balances of Rent amounting to Pags 1,81,120. 17 we have already resolved that they shall be given up to the Nabob; and with respect to those dues from Renters or others who professed willing with Company we are of opinion that such part as may be collected should be carried to the credit of His Highness's General account with the Company—

You will be pleased to give directions accordingly, and furnish Mr Sanderson with the List mentioned by your Accountants

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8th accountant that he may demand payment accordingly —

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We are
&c &c
(signed) Charles Oakeley
Chairman

To Colonel John Floyd
Commanding at Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President
in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your
Letters dated the 1st and 2d Instant, and to acquaint
you that he has communicated to the Nabob
the account contained in the latter relative
to the compliment preferred against Dr Little —
Enclosed is copy of Mr Falconars
translate of Hussain Ali Mulks letter to you of
the 3d Ulto. by which you will have the
satisfaction to see that the offensive Passage
contained in the translation you had procured
was not in the original: the President in
Council wishes you to continue your —
attentions and civilities to the Nabobs Son and

Lt Colonel Floyd has
report relative to the
complaint against
Dr Little, and to the
Nabob the offensive
Passage complained
of not in the original
translated by Mr
Falconar —

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and he hopes in consequence of the representations
that have been made to the Nabob that his
Highness will impress upon His Son in all
Minds the propriety of shewing the same
conduct towards you upon all occasions

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6th June 1794

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Sir, &c.

Signed W. C. Jackson Secy

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters
Entered in MB Nos 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46

To Colonel Stuart

To Colonel Stuart transmitting
Copy of a letter containing information
respecting the Island of Mauritius received
from Bengal

To Military
Board

To Military Board the
Arsenal at Vizagapatam to be repaired the
orders given for those at the Ghauts
Bastion, and for providing Stores for
Vizagapatam approved

To Board of
Revenue

To Board of Revenue inclosing
the two letters for the Rajah of Ramnad and
Cherokan of Shevagunga, with Copies for
their information.

To

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To Ditto

To Ditto requiring Copies in English of the Summah Kurch Accounts of Collections made in the Tanjore Country during the three Years of the Assumption, for the Rajah. Extract from his Letter enclosed—

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam advising of the Experiment Captain Spence and Brig Eliza Captain Carey being taken up for the Transport of the Europeans Artillery & Stores thence to Vizagapatam Instructions—

To Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam with a similar Notification—

To Ditto

To Ditto with Invoice of Military Stores laden on the Friends Adventure Captain Gray and consigned to that Factory—

Substance of the Letter from the Nabob—

Received Letter from the Nabob entered in CC No 93 advising of his having sent orders for the detainment of the Tipsoo's Vackeel at Tuticorin &c—

Received the following Letters

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Colonel Wahawaite Enclosing Extract of a letter from Captain Read disapproves his dispersion of the Force in the Baramhal in small parties - Remarks and recommendations in consequence

I have the honor to enclose an Extract of a Letter I have received from Captain Read who being Revenue Manager as well as Commanding Officer attends to both Duties in the Distribution of his Military Force and thus the regular Native troops allotted to the defence of the Frontier may be greatly injured in their Discipline by dispersion in small Parties - The employment of effective regular Native troops on such services is what I must very seriously object to, and I have expressed my sentiments to that end, in my reply to Captain Read, and have informed him, that, as you have promised me that in future Peons shall be expressly hired for all such services, I shall request of you to Authorize him, as well as all other Managers or Collectors, who are not Military Men to hire Peons for such services

and

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and I request that you will authorize him so to do, and to consider the services of Police or Revenue such, as regular Sepoys should not be applied to.

I agree with Captain Read, that a Distribution of small parties of Armed men is the securest way to protect a Country from the Depredations of Thieves, but I can never agree that these parties should be composed of regular Sepoys. On the contrary I am clear that the Public will finally lose more by the decline of discipline in Battalions so broken up, than ever will be gained by the services of regular troops so employed—

In framing a Detail originally, for the Baramahal, foreseeing all this, I proposed that Captain Read should have some irregulars - he was then of opinion that he should want no Soldiers but such as were required for Military Duties strictly speaking and defence of the Frontiers— It is plain however that he has been obliged to employ some Companies otherwise—

When

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When I lately recommended the stationing of certain Companies with a view of surprizing Chil Saigue and effectually to put an end to her Depredations. I considered it altogether as a Military Service. The Companies were to be kept constantly together under the eye of their Officers in a perfect state of discipline, and ready to perform a Military Service of Enterprize, but I have since received a letter from Lieutenant Boyce who Commands the Company stationed at Trincomalé Copy of which I have the honor to inclose by which you will see that Captain Read wishes three Companies to be dispersed also which I cannot approve; and as it does not appear to me that Captain Read has more any Plan for surprizing Chil Saigue I recommend that he may be authorized to have Peons to be dispersed for the purposes of Revenue and Police and that all Detachments of regular Sepoys which he may have out for the purposes of Revenue or Police be ordered back to their respective Military

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Military Stations — and that the two companies
Stationed at Trinomale and Arnee be ordered
back to the Head Quarters of their Battalion at
Vizagar which will enable me more readily to
provide for the details of Natives for —
foreign Service which have unavoidably gone
with the 20th Battalion to Vizagapatam —

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

Military Head
Quarters Madras
9th June 1794

Extract of a letter from Captain Alex.r Read to
Colonel Braithwaite under date June 6th 1794.

"The party (speaking of a Company
of the 4th Native Battalion Commanding by Lieut.
Shadwell) is distributed in small Guards in
the vicinity of the hills from which the thieves
have made their incursions, and 10 Peons ranks
are employed in gaining them intelligence.
There have been no Robberies since this ar-
rangement took place, and I am persuaded it
is the only way to afford the Country effectual
protection against such Banditti, on this
Side

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Idea I think now that the Companies at Trenomaly and Amie are of no use, unless they were posted in a similar manner very near the hills and on that account I have employed all the Mercarahs I have been able to procure in the Baramahal. I have some more and a few small Guards to the Eastward of Triphatore and round the eminence tract of hills that extend thence to Vellore and Shanganna called Inaddyhoor. I have directed Lieutenant Boyce to maintain some Mercarahs and he has succeeded, but he is not less than 20 Miles from the haunts of the Thieves."

true Extract

(Signed) H. Wilson Lieut

Commander of the Army on the Coast

To Colonel John Braithwaite

&c.

I beg leave to acquaint you, that I received a letter a few days ago from Captain Alexr Read, wherein he recommends to me, to divide my Company into small Guards amongst the

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the Villages shewing the Wells, as the most effectual disposition that can be made for the protection of the Country against the Robbers who move infest it. In pursuance of this plan I have today ordered out seven Havaldars Guards to different Villages situate to the N.W. near the haunts of those Robbers, but as this number is very inadequate to the present service, I am apprehensive, unless my party is augmented so as to enable me to send out more Guards that the plan now adopted for the protection of the Country will be attended with very little effect.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c

Trinomalee
2 June 1794.

(Signed) Alex.r Bryce Lieut.t 23d
doing duty with a Company of
the 16th Battalion N. I.

true Copy
W. Wilson Lieut.t

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President and Governor in Council

From Raymond to Govg
inclosing a letter for the
Governor General from
Serjee and the Heirs
of the late Rajah of
Tanjore translate
Enclosed —

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose, by desire of
Serjee

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Serfogee and the Tanjore Ladies a Letter which they have been desirous to address to the Honble Sir John Shore the Governor General, which they request your Honor will have the kindness to forward — I have also the honor to inclose a Translation in English for your Honor's information —

I have the Honor to be
most respectfully &c &c
(Signed) C. W. Geneeke

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To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart
Governor General &c &c &c

The Widows of the late Rajah of Tanjore and Serfogee, Wes adopted Son present their respectful Salaams —

Whereas Amer Sing the — present Maha Rajah of Tanjore has informed us very much We acquainted the — Government of Madras with our Going and intreated them to protect us —

The Government at Madras and

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afterwards Lord Cornwallis desired us to quest—
Tanjore to come to Madras and live under the
Protection of the Honble Company.

+ After this we explained in
a Letter to Lord Cornwallis in what manner
the late Rajah of Tanjore had adopted—
Serfogee before he deceased, we mentioned
the Lineage of him He adopted how at
the same time we exposed the decision of
the 15 Pundits at Tanjore, who were influenced
by fear and Self interest we proved at last,
from our Shastar, that the Decision made
by them was contrary to Justice—

All these Papers were sent
to Lord Cornwallis who read them and called
for some Pundits in Bengal ordering them
to decide the Affair according to Justice—

Those Pundits considered the
case and gave their decided opinion in the
Sanscrit Language Lord Cornwallis ordered
their Papers to be translated into English,
but before this Translation was finished

his

+ Agreeably to this Letter of Government we (my Father) came to Madras where we have been very kindly treated—

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His Lordship left Bengal and came to Madras —

At the Arrival of His Lordship Sir Jofeyn waited on him with Mr Swartz Who Lordship declared His desire to decide that point But being obliged to leave Bengal before the Translation of the papers — written by the Pundits was finished He had delivered all those papers to your Honor His Lordship assured Sir Jofeyn that your Honor would do him Justice —

We are aware of the many and important Concerns that must have demanded and engrossed your Honors Attention since your Accession to the Supreme Government and it is this Impression that has deterred us from obtruding any — Expression of our Solicitude to know the Decision that may be the Result of your Honors Deliberations upon our — case Our Wishes are flattering in Expectation

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as our confidence in your Justice and Equity
is unlimited. We shall wait with submissive
patience the issue, and in the mean time
pray with true sincerity that your Honors
Administration may be attended with
Success and prosperity to the Country and
that your Name may become illustrious.—
What can we say more.

24th May 1794.

A true Translation made by
(Signed) Co.s Swartz

Recd the undermentioned Letters
entered in Mss Nos 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53.—

From Sub Secretary at Bengal
acknowledging receipt of the Khelaat and
Jewels from the Nizam entrusted to Captain
Doveton.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal

From Paymaster at Ellore—
requesting permission to resign his Office

From Mess.rs Colhoun and
M.c Lean inclosing their Bills for Arrears of
pay and Allowances—

From Mr. Taylor

From Mess.rs Colhoun and M.c Lean—

From

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From Mr Vaughan

From Paymaster at Madura —
explaining the mode he adopted for procuring
Sheep for the 71st Regiment, of which their Paymaster
rentier has complained —

From Colonel
Brathwaite

From Commander of the Honey
reporting the distribution of the last lot of Horses
received from Hydrabad — recommendations regarding
Supplies from thence — Major Younge tenders
his House at Arcot for sale to the Company —
and Ensign J Johnston applies for arrears of
pay from the period of his Arrival at Bengal

From Lieut Colonel
Floyd

From Commandant at Trankenpey
the Officers of the 19th Dragoons request to
decline the allowance of fifty Pagodas for
quartering themselves — offers to build the
Lessee of each — upon honor probable —

From Vizagapatam

From Vizagapatam inclosing
Intelligence of the Proceedings of the Rajah of
Padmanabum — Colonel Pendergast encamped
at Bimlipatam —

Sent the undermentioned Letters
entered in Mss Nos 5455 —

To —

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To Secretary at Bengal —

Secretary at Bengal

forwarding the letter from the Family of the late Rajah of Tanjore, for the Governor General —

To Paymaster at Vellore &c.

To Mr Paymaster Wynch —

permitting him to visit the Presidency —

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor President

Tuesday 10th June 1794

Lieut William Tallofield

George Westcott Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved —

Read the following Letters

From Bengal

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council at Fort St George

From Bengal dated the 14th March & Report may be looked for in the course of the ensuing intestine in the Carnatic —

Honble Sir,

Finding that the mode of providing for

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for the payment of the Nizam's Subsidy from hence is attended with a very heavy expence and considering also that the Subsidy is properly a charge of your Presidency we have thought it advisable to leave the future payment of it entirely to you.

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As we deem this Article of Disbursement to have the first claim to consideration after the pay of your troops and as we are very desirous of effacing from the mind of the Nizam every recollection of our former want of punctuality we request you will be particularly careful to provide for the discharge of such Bill regularly as it becomes due.

3

The Subsidy having been fixed in Arcot Rupees, we wish you to make the payments in that Coin. Should you however find it necessary to make them in Gold, we think the Nizam entitled to receive the Gold at whatever may be the Market Rate of Exchange between Arcot Rupees and Pagodas on the day of payment.

You

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You will ascertain from the
Resident at Hydrabad the exact amount of
the Paishcush in arrear. But should the
state of your finances at this particular
juncture and the difficulty of raising
Money on loans prevent you from undertaking
the payment of the Paishcush for the
present, you will be pleased to signify
this circumstance to the Resident at
Hydrabad who has been directed in that
event to draw upon us for whatever
sums may be immediately wanted for the
above purpose.

We are
Honble Sir &c &c
J. Shore
Robt Abercromby
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

Signed

Fort William
20 May 1794

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

Hble Sir

We have received your letters of the
[illegible] ult

From Bengal ordering the
Transfer of Grain and
Agreement for the supply
of Grain &c. 500 Bullocks
Bank and Bills may be
sent to the Force
ordered to be under
for the Expedition

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for the payment of the Nizam's Paishcush from
hence is attended with a very heavy expence and
considering also that the Paishcush is properly a
charge of your Presidency we have thought it
advisable to leave the future payment of
it entirely to you—

2

As we deem this Article of
Disbursement to have the first claim to our
consideration after the pay of your troops and
as we are very desirous of effacing from
the mind of the Nizam every recollection
of our former want of punctuality we
request you will be particularly careful
to provide for the discharge of each Kist
regularly as it becomes due—

3

The Paishcush having been
paid in Arcot Rupees, we wish you to
make the payments in that Coin—
Should you however find it necessary to
make them in Gold, we think the Nizam
entitled to receive the Gold at whatever
may be the Market Rate of Exchange
between Arcot Rupees and Pagodas on the
day of payment.

You

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You will ascertain from the Resident at Hydrabad the exact amount of the Paishcush in arrear. But should the state of your Finances at this particular juncture and the difficulty of raising Money on Loans prevent you from undertaking the payment of the Paishcush for the present, you will be pleased to signify this circumstance to the Resident at Hydrabad who has been directed in that event to draw upon us for whatever sums may be immediately wanted for the above purpose.

We are

Fort William
20th May 1794

Hon'ble Sir &c &c

J. Shore
Rob.t Abercromby
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper

Signed

To the Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir

We have received your letters of the 7th Inst

from Bengal ordering the Transfer of Rupees 5,000 Sicca Weight and Value may be paid to the Persons ordered to be employed for the Expedition

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7th and 13th Instant with their inclosures —

2 We advised you on the 19th Instant of our having taken measures for providing the Supply of Grain pointed out by you under terms that the Vessels carrying it should be freighted if required for carrying Grain or Troops to the French Islands —

3 We now inclose you an — Extract of a Minute from the Governor General, with a Copy of our Resolutions on it, shewing the Result of those measures, and the particulars of the Agreement entered into by us for the freight of from 30 to 35 thousand Bags of the best Cargo Rice, the Dholl, Peas & Ghee indented for by your Garrison Store-keeper, and as many Sheep as can be conveniently transported on the same freighted Ships the Abercromby, Carter, Phenix, Preservance, and Restoration, as well as on any other Vessels going to the Coast so as to make the total supply if possible one thousand —

You

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4 You will also observe that, in the Expectation of part of the Troops intended to be sent to Bengal by the Ships of this Season, as advised in the dispatches you forwarded to us from the Havanna, We have Authorized you to offer 5 or 600 European Recruits, in addition to the Force Bank and file in addition to the Force to which we limited your Order to — in General Instructions by our Instructions of the 9th Instant and, although we cannot doubt that, under those Instructions, you will continue to make every necessary preparation for the mutual Expedition against the French Islands till the Arrival of General Meadows, or the receipt of further directions, We think it proper to point out to your attention, as an additional reason for doing so, the remark you will find in our accompanying Resolutions of this — date, that we consider it highly probable Marquis Cornwallis will have arrived in England before the Fleet destined for the attack of the French Islands could sail, and that

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That in consequence of his Communications with
a Number of Troops may be ordered from
England, as with those that can be spared
from this Country, might be deemed
sufficient for the Expedition

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23d May 1794

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen &c &c
J. Shore
(Signed) Robt Abercromby
Peter Speke

Extract of a Minute of the Governor General
&c &c &c

The Terms offered by Mysore
Tantia Read and to bring about immediately the Conclusion
and that Moore having expressed a
readiness to engage for the whole
quantity of Rice required by the
Madras Government. I directed the
agreement to be concluded with them &
they have, in consequence taken up the
Insurance and Restoration in addition
to the Ships hired by themselves, the
whole Tonnage of which will be 33577
Bags, which exceeds the Quantity
stipulated

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applied for by the Madras Government.
but not so much as to make it an object to
take up either of the Ships for a part only
of their respective Tonnage, especially as
they are all well calculated for the trans=
port Service, if they should be required —
hereafter for the Conveyance of Troops —

A Recapitulation of the Terms
of the agreement, as finally settled by Mr
Farkie, may not only be satisfactory to the
Board, but by bringing the Heads of it
into one point of view, it may serve as
an instruction for drawing up the —
agreement from —

Messrs. L. Rand & engage
to deliver at Fort St George from 31 to
35000 Bags of the best Cargo Rice —
agreeable to an approved Muster, at the
Rate of Sa Rs 5-4 P Bag packed in double
Bags each bag containing two Bazar Maunds
with an Allowance of 3 P Cent for Wastage —
including the Cost Freight and Charges of
every kind, one half of the Amount of the
Rate

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Rate of Hire to be paid in advance, and the Company's papers to be deposited, as a security to Government for the return of the said — advance in case of Accident to the Ships

The other half to be paid on the Arrival of the Ingagements being fulfilled

The Ships to be employed in the conveyance of the above to be the — Abovesaid by Captain Thomas Insurance and Restoration every possible Expedition to be used, in loading and completing their Cargoes, each Ship to have Instructions as soon as she can be made ready for Sea and the Commanders to be instructed to make the best of their way to Madras without stopping any where, unless compelled by distress —

The risk of the River and Sea both on Stock and Cargo to rest — with T. R and Co: but the risk of — Capture or loss by the Enemy to be — with the Company

The Ship ordered as follows to —

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Despise the Amount to be paid in case of Capture

Abercromby ..... S.Rs 57,000

Centaur 45,000

Phoenix 30,000

Perseverance 45,000

Restoration 55,000

Messrs. T. Rand & Co. to engage that every Ship shall be loaded and ready to proceed from Tocorin by the 15th of June at latest.

That it be left to the Govern.t of Madras to employ the Vessels in transporting Rice or Troops to the Mauritius or Bombay, the Government there to declare their determination within 10 days after the Arrival of each Vessel at Fort St. George—

If employed by the Madras Government in conveying their original Cargoes to the French Islands — Messrs. T. R. and Co. to be entitled to receive for each Bag delivered there 5/8 S.Rs. instead of 5/4. one half of the additional

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additional Freight to be advanced on Bengal,
as soon as their destination is notified and the
other when Advances are raised of the —
delivery of their Cargoes at the Islands —

Should the Government of
Madras wish to take out any part of the
Rice Cargoes, and to occupy the vacant Tonnage
with European or Native troops their Arms
Baggage Provision, Camp Equipage &c. they
are to be at liberty to do so F. R. & Co being
entitled to claim the full Freight of 1.12.0
Bag for every Bag of Rice taken out for
the accommodation of the troops and to the
same Payment for the Rice delivered at
Madras —

F. R. and Co to conform to
whatever may be the Regulations generally
adopted by the Madras Government for —
victualling the Troops and Officers on their
Passage to the Islands in case any are
sent on these Ships —

Demurrage, at the following
rates, to commence 15 days after the arrival

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of the Ships at either of their Ports of destination,
if they shall be longer detained there —

The Abercromby ..... Rs 150 P day
Carter ..... 125 do
Phenix ..... 100 do
Providence ..... 100 do
Restoration ..... 130 do

I calculate the Vessels now freighted will arrive at Madras, at the latest by the first of August, and many of them earlier; but at all Events, I see no reason to doubt, that they will be fully in time for Admiral Gardiners Fleet, which was not expected to leave England before the 1st of February, will probably be later, and can hardly be expected to reach Fort St. George, before the middle of July if so soon —

A true Extract
(Signed) J. H. Harington
Sub Secy

(Extract) Fort William 23d May 1794

The Board entirely concur in the Agreement adjusted by the Governor General with

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with Messrs Fairlie Read and Co and thereon as follows

That an Extract from the above Minute with Copies of the Papers referred to in it relative to the Proposals of Messrs Fairlie Read and Co be sent to the Company's Attorney with Directions to prepare an Engagement conformably thereto between the Company and Messrs Fairlie Read and Co as early as possible.

That the Garrison Storekeeper be ordered to provide the Shalloops, and Ghee and Cocoanuts for by the Garrison Storekeeper at Fort St George and that it be included in the Freight now taken up.

That as much Cattle as shall appear to be the most proper Live Stock to be sent for the intended Expedition, as many of them be sent on the Vessels now freighted as they can conveniently carry; and the Board request the Governor General to inquire for any other Vessels going to the Coast and to engage

with

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with the Commanders of them for the Transportation of such Number of Ships as they can take, so as to send, on the whole, if possible One Thousand, which Number Sir Charles Blunt is to be requested to provide for this purpose

That the above Measures be immediately communicated to the Governor in Council of Fort St George, and in consideration of the Intelligence contained in the Military Letter from the Honble Court of Directors, dated the 19th December 1793, and lately received by the Persons, of their intentions to send out a thousand Recruits, if possible by the Ships of the ensuing Season, that an addition of 500 European Cavalry and Foot be made to the Force which the Madras Government were authorized to offer to General Medows for the Expedition against the French Islands by the Resolutions communicated to them on the 9th Instant.

The Governor General in Council, in shaping the latter Resolution, is influenced by a wish to use every justifiable Effort to

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to pursue the Expedition ordered by his Majesty's and the Instructions of the Court Committee of the Honble Court of Directors, and, relying on the supply of Recruits for Bengal being at least a Moiety of the Number stated, he judged it incumbent on him, as well as consistent with his former Resolutions to authorize the additional Equipment above specified —

In taking measures for the eventual undertaking of the Expedition notwithstanding the uncertainty of the determination of the Executive Officers, under the prescribed limitations — communicated to them by the Government of Fort St. George, the Governor General in Council in addition to the reasons already recorded further thinks it necessary to observe that he considers it highly probable the Marquis Cornwallis will have arrived in England before the Fleet destined for the attack of the French Islands could sail, and that, in consequence of his communication, such a number of troops may be ordered from England, as, with those that can be spared

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joined from this Country, might be deemed sufficient for the Expedition —

This Suggestion he will also intimate to the Governor in Council of Fort St George, who, however, he doubts not will under the Resolutions and Instructions already transmitted to him, continue to make every necessary preparation for the eventual — understanding of the Expedition until the arrival of General Medows —

A true Extract from the Proceedings of the Governor General in Council

(Signed) G. H. Harrington Secretary

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart —

Governor in Council

at Fort St George

From Bengal of whom the Counterpart Treaty last sent by the Nizam may be forwarded to Tippoo and the other returned to Hydrabad —

Honble Sir,

We receive your Secretary's

letter of the 8th January last, with its

enclosures, and have also received from the

Resident at Hydrabad a Copy of his

correspondence with you relative to the

two

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two Counterparts of the Treaty of Seringapatam which the Nizam has deposited with Sir C. Oakeley, till the receipt of our recommendation which to deliver to Tippoo Sultaun —

2 The difference between these Copies of the Treaty of Peace, of which a correct Counterparts have been returned by the other two Confederate powers being of no Essential consequence, Supporting only that the Peishwa's Counterpart should bear both his Seal and Signature and those of Purnea Pundit instead of the Seal of the former and signature of the latter, and as it is possible the same error may — inadvertently have occurred in the original Triplicate Treaty delivered to the Nizam by Tippoo. We are of opinion that in compliance with the wish of the latter, the last — Counterpart Sent by the Nizam containing the error referd to, but duly Sealed by the Nizam and Ajeem ul Omrah, — should be transmitted to him, in reply to the application made by his Vakeels Khoja

Captain

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Captain Doveton, and we accordingly recommend
to you to take early measures for this purpose
returning the other Counterpart to the —
Resident at Hydrabad, whom we shall
advise, for the information of the Nizam,
of our present recommendations to you —

We are

Fort William
the 23d of May 1794

Honble Sir &c &c

Signed { I Shore
Robt Abercromby
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

Resolutions on the foregoing letters from Bengal

Resolved that the Resident at Hydrabad be desired to state the exact Amount of the Pechcush in arrear, that the Board may be able to ascertain whether payment can be made at present from the finances of this Presidency —

Agreed that Colonel Stuart be informed that five hundred Rank and File will be added to the Force which this Government were authorized to offer to

Sir

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Sir William Meadows for the expedition against the French Islands by the former resolutions of the Supreme Board

Resolved that a letter be written to Tippoo Sultaun advising him that the Board are ready to forward the last counterpart of the Treaty of Seringapatam, ratified by the Nizam and Azum ul Omrah, in any way he may point out — Resolved also that the former counterpart received from Sir John Kennaway be transmitted to the Resident at Hydrabad agreeably to the recommendation of the Governor General in Council —

Mr. M. Fraser allowed a salary of 200 Pags P Annum —

The President proposes that Mr. William Fraser Agent for Transports be allowed to draw the sum of two hundred Pags 200 P Month during the time he is so employed — This sum to be considered in full of every expence for Servants &c.

Approved and ordered accordingly —

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite —

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To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Honble Sir.

I have the honor to lay before

you a Letter from the Barrack Masters —

which I received yesterday evening, accompanied

with a request that I would forward it to

your Honor in Council —

I have the honor to be,

with respect &c &c

(Signd) John Braithwaite

Military Head Quarters

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From Colonel Braithwaite with a letter from the Barrack masters inclosing an appeal to the Bengal Government

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor &c &c in Council

Honble Sir.

We have had the honor to receive

Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 20th May 1794,

which was transmitted to us by the Commander

of the Army on the 26th of the same Month —

We have herewith the honor

to inclose an address to the Honble the Governor

General in Council to Calcutta, which

we respectfully request that you will do

us

From Barrack Masters inclosing an address for the Bengal Government

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We have the honor to transmit

We have the honor to be
Sir Your
Most Obedt Humble Servants
[Signed] M. Wilks Lt for A Dyce
Capt Barrack Master Southern Division
T. Capper Lt Barrack
Master Center Division
T. Capper Lt for J. Wilks
Barrack Master Northern Division
M. Wilks L't Barrack
Master Reading Division

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart
Governor General &c &c &c in Council

Appeal of the Barrack Masters to the Supreme Government on the subject of the General Order of 25th February 1794

Honble Sir

We have to solicit your favorable consideration of a case, the circumstances of which we trust will appear to you to justify the Present address

On the 10 May 1794 we had the honor to address a letter to the Hon'ble the Governor in Council through the Commander of the Army of this Presidency, a Copy of which for your more ready reference we enclose, together with, No 1, a Copy of the reply

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reply transmitted to us by the Military Secretary through the same Channel —

The former of these documents will explain the Grounds on which we respectfully solicit a revision of the General order of this Government dated the 20th February 1794, and regarding the latter we have but one observation to offer —

Had the intention expressed by this Government of referring the subject in question to the Honble Court of Directors been accompanied by any resolution in virtue of which the operation of this General Order of the 20 February 1794 had likewise stood in a State of reference and suspension, we should not have been compelled to be the bearer of the present Address to your Honble Board —

But as the determinations of the Honble Court of Directors could not possibly be obtained for a long period subsequent to that fixed for the operation of the order, and the very Essence of a reference would thus be lost to us by a previous decision, we are constrained

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Minute of the Chief in Consultation the 5th June 1794

Government having in their Letter
of the 22d ultimo expressed their regret that
precautions was not taken to secure Vizeram
Rauze's Compliance with their Orders, by
appointing a proper Escort to attend him, I beg leave
to state to the Board, that I made the offer of
an Escort more than once to the Rajah, who
uniformly declined it saying, that as he meant
to travel with very few people, the attendance of
an Escort would convey the idea of his being
a Prisoner, rather than appear as an appendage
of Honor to him — As I found that the
proposition occasioned alarm and uneasiness
to him, and as I had no instructions on the
subject, I did not press it, when the Rajah
took leave of me, for as I at that time, firmly
believed he was determined to obey the orders
of Government, as far as the State of his
health should enable him, I did not wish,
if the desired point could be carried by gentle
treatment, to pursue a mode, which might
drive him to some Extremity —

I am confident that my opinion
is correct when I affirm, that the Rajah is a

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well disposed man but he is naturally
Weak and fickle, and, at his present
advanced time of Life, worn down by
Sickness and uneasiness he is more than
ever liable to be affected by public
Rumours and slight Events. He seems
to have a horror not to be overcome, of being
made a Prisoner and I am therefore strongly
inclined to apprehend that he would
Sacrifice his Life, rather than submit
to it. —

There can be no doubt that
he was desirous to leave the District,
for he had not fortitude Enough to
reconcile himself to the idea of appearing
in a lessened state, either at Masulipatam
or at Madras — yet, notwithstanding this,
had not some wicked Counsellors after
his departure from hence, inspired him
with apprehensions of personal indignities
intended to be inflicted on him and
privately encouraged his Followers to
insist on payments, which the Rajah
had not the means of making, I am of
opinion, that he would not have deviated

from

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from his Course by going to Padmanabum For I had reason to believe that I had reconciled him to the Sacrifice of his Feelings to his Duty.—

I sincerely regret that I could not at an earlier period lay before the Board an Account of the Number and Quality of the People with the Rajah. the Number of which is daily varying, for the Devastation of native Militia are not Constant attendants, they are all ready when there is Batta to be received, but when neither that, or Plunder is to be shared, they disappear and provide for themselves in other Quarters the whole may be Considered a tumultuous, and undisciplined Rabble not capable of any resistance to regular Troops.—

The Rajah has not, as far as I can learn the means of paying the People who are with him, nor is he likely to derive material, if any, Assistance from other Quarters.—

The People at Padmanabum must necessarily therefore disperse before long, but we cannot expect that tranquility will

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13th will be restored to the Destricts under the P
this numerous assemblage of Vagabonds
be punished or expelled from the P
Lemindary. —

(Signed) John Chamier

a true Copy

(Signed) Robt. Alexander Secy

Received also the undermen-
tioned Letters Entered in my Bk Nos. 63. 64.
65. 66. —

From Clerk of the Peace. — From Clerk of the Peace —
suggesting that the several Defendants in
against whom a Bill of Indictment was
found for a Conspiracy against Mr. Mayne,
be ordered to the Presidency to enter into
Recognizances — a List Enclosed. —

From Military Paymaster
From Paymaster General. — General enclosing an additional Estimate
of Cash required by the Paymaster
at Arka. —

From Mr Philips Mayne
From Mr. Mayne preferring a similar request to that made
by the Clerk of the Peace. —

From

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From Colonel Nixon.—

From Commandant at Pondicherry Monsieur La Febre requests leave to go to Cochin China.—

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81.—

To Messrs Woolf and Clerk.—

To Messrs. Woolf and Clerke directing them to state all the information they possess on the subject of a Balance standing against Lieutenant Lapper in the Books of the Pay office Copy of Mr. Roebuck's letter Enclosed.—

To Mr. Fa Paymaster Faylore.—

To Paymaster at Ellore requiring a Surgeon's Certificate, previous to permitting him to resign his office, on account of Ill Health.—

From Mr. Paymaster Vaughan.—

To Dito at Madura repeating to him the point of Complaint, on which an Explanation was required the same having been wholly unnoticed in that from him.—

To Auditor & General.—

To Military Auditor General with directions regarding the Situations in which the Batta of major and Lieutenant Colonel may be drawn for a Captain and a Major Commanding Rings Regiments that of a Lieutenant

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13th Lieutenant Colonel not to be drawn on
on advanced Rank the Refund demanded
of the Paymaster to the 71st Regement may
be accordingly dispensed with. —

To Auditor General — To military auditor notifying
the allowance of two hundred ₹200/ Pagodas
₹ Annum granted to Colo. W. Fraser, as
Agent for Transports and that Colonel
Lloyd will superintend the Building of
temporary quarters for the officers of the
19th Dragoons the sum before ordered to be
advanced to them not therefore to be issued. —

To Military Paymaster General
to Paymaster General. — with Copy of a letter from Colonel Nixon &
directing him to ascertain from the
paymaster at Palamcotah the sum he will
require monthly on Tarrans —

To Commander of the Army
to Colonel Braithwaite — Major Young to put a Valuation upon the
house tendered by him to the Company —
Ensign Johnston's claim for arrears of pay
inadmissible. —

To Resident at Nagore
to Mr. Sowriano — acquainting him that the Widow of Lieutenant
Colonel Wood is to receive her pension so long

as

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To David Haliburton Esqr

&c. members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen

To Board of Revenue
Captain Read to be
ordered not to
Employ Regular
Sepoys in duties
of Revenue or
police. Copy of a
letter from Colonel
Brathwaite &
Enclosed

We enclose for your information
Copy of a Letter addressed to us by Colonel
Brathwaite, recommending that the Troops
stationed in the Baramahal for the defence
of the Country, be not employed in matters of
Police and Revenue. —

We some time ago desired that
the regular Troops should be confined to
duties entirely of a Military Nature, and that
Subsidies or Peons should be hired, if necessary
for other purposes — you will therefore send
orders on this Subject to the Collector on the
ceded Countries, enjoining his particular
attention to them. —

Fort St. George
12th June 1794.

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

Dated Sentence of 15th
a letter to the
Sippoy Subsidy

Sent Letter to Sippoy Subsidy
— Entered in L. B. No. 96 requesting he will
state in what way he would wish the Sundy
drawn out agreeably to his demand by the
Sundah

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15th Soubah of Decan, should be sent to him.—

Despatched a letter to the

to Officer Commanding at Ryacottah.— officer commanding at Ryacottah, Entered in M. B. N.o 82 enclosing the beforementioned letter, and directing him to forward the P. Hircarrahs on with same to the nearest Station in the Mysore Country.—

16th Received letter from the

Substance of the letter from the Nabob.— Nabob, Entered in C. C. N.o 97. approving the List of Stores requested they may be lodged in a separate Store house, and issued upon application, and as they may be P. paid for.—

Received the following letter

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor &c. &c. &c. In Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel A Stuart requests the Inspector Officer may be ordered to report to him the Number and State of the Boats &c. &c. for completing the Embarkation. I have had the honor to P. receive Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 12th June 1794.—

As it will be material for me to form some estimate, for Lieutenant General Medows's information, of the P. probable period that may be required for effecting the whole of the embarkation, P. which

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which I cannot accomplish without being informed of the means we may possess. I have to request the favor of being authorized to receive intemation, from time to time, from the proper Officers, of the number and state of the boats and catamarans at this place, and of the men to work them, as near numbers I understand are subject to fluctuation. And that your Honorable Board will have the goodness to cause my being acquainted with the numbers you may expect from other parts of the Coast, —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed J. Stuart
Colonel 73d Regiment

Madras
14th June 1794

Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in Bk No. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87.
88. 89. —

From Mr Wolf

From Mr. R. Woolf stating
the Information required of him, regarding
the Balance standing against Lieutenant
Copper. —

From

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From Mr R. Clerk

From Mr R. Clerk. — With similar Information. —

From Commandant of the Nizams Detachment enclosing Correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad. —

From Masulipatam

From Masulipatam advising of the Principal Beam of one of the Gateways having given way and its being ordered to be replaced — the Repairs to the Public Buildings, tho ordered in march not yet begun, nor any materials provided by the Contractors. —

From Paymaster General. —

From Military Paymaster General with an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Presidency Paymaster for June. —

From Colonel Brathwaite. —

From Commander of the Army Enclosing Translate of a letter from the Rajah Vizieram Rauze to Lieutenant Colonel Brendergast. —

From Lieutenant Bose. —

From administrator to the late Captain Scoulers Estate — explaining the cause of delay in preforming the Demand for off Reckonings already noted therein. —

Received

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To

Received the following letter

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Military Auditor General on the Subject of the orders regarding Batta to Kings Officers in Command of Regiments and Batta stations requests to know this Construction of them & the court.—

In Obedience to your Commands Signified to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 12th instant I shall notify the same to the Military Paymaster General by Furnishing him with a Copy of the Secretary's letter in order that the refunds called for by my letter to Mr. Roebuck of the 26th ultimo may be dispensed with.—

In regard to the other part of your Commands contained in Mr. Jackson's letter of 12th instant relative to "Situations in which the Batta of major "a Kings Regement, and the Batta of "Lieutenant Colonel for a major "Commanding a Kings Regement may be drawn for a Captain Commanding "when they are the Command of a Regement "and of a station" I shall consider it in my communication to the Military Paymaster

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17th. Paymaster General as in force after the present month, which I conceive to be the period up to which, inclusively, the Charges on which a refund has been called for may be admitted; but that it is not intended by your decision of the 12th. instant that a Lieutenant Colonel of a Kings Regement shall draw Batta in an advanced Rank except in the case of the Lieutenant Colonel of a Regement having the rank of Colonel in the Army when of course he becomes entitled to the Batta of Colonel in all situations where Batta falls to be drawn.—

I request to be informed whether or not I am correct in considering as above explained, your Orders conveyed in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 12th. instant.—

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

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St. George
17th. June 1794.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield

and

George Westcott Esqr.

Tuesday 7th June 1794

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read the following Letter from Bengal. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George —

Honble Sir,

We have received your address of the 24th ultimo, with its enclosure, relative to the requisition made by the Nabob of Arcot to the Rajah of Tolanty for an armed force to chastise the Poligars of Moograul. —

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The Governor General has also received three addresses from the Nabob, on this subject, and respecting

his

From Bengal — on the subject of the Nabobs requisition to the Calastry Rajah for an armed force to chastise the Moograul Poligars and of his Complaint against Colonel Floyd Recommendations in consequence — letters from and to the Nabob, & enclosed. —

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his complaint against Colonel Floyd, for acts
said to have been by his order at Trichinopoly
of which we transmit you translate Copies
together with an English draught of the
Governor Generals letter in Answer. —

3 By the latter you will
be informed of our Sentiments and wishes
respecting the supply of peons which his
Highness has desired, and we accordingly
request you to instruct the Rajah of
Tolastry to comply with any further
Requisition which may be made to him
on every practicable Extent which the
Security of the Collections may allow
stating fully to you, and to the Nabob,
in what respects he may be unable to
comply altogether with the requisition
made to him, if there should be a
necessity for it. —

4 On the Subject of the
Nabobs representation respecting the
Conduct of Colonel Floyd, having
received no information from you, we
have, as you will observe by the
Governor Generals Letter, referred them

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to you, and we doubt not you have taken immediate measures to remove any inconveniencies of which He had reason to complain, & particularly in those Instances where his Religious prejudices may be supposed to be concerned.—

Fort William
the 28th May 1794

We are &c &c

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

From the Nawaub of Arcot

Received 4th May 1794

I am extremely distressed at the afflicting Report of your indisposition and am Continually offering up Prayers to God for your Health that, by his gracious favor it may be confirmed. I am enclosed for your perusal Copies of Sir Charles Oakeleys Letter to me Relative to the Polygar of Moograul and my Answer thereto. I hope you will quickly remove my anxiety by the good news of the Reestablishment of your

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your Health. —

A true translation
(Signed) H. Vansittart
A.S.t. D.y S.r

From the Nabob of Arcot
Received 16.th May 1794

When the Foujdars or Aumils
Appointed Agents of this Country to
protect the Cultivation and the Villages,
they, in processe of time, according to
their opportunities, became some of them
Polygars some Zemindars and others
Bowligars. To you my Friend who are
well acquainted with all the affairs
of this Country, this cannot be
unknown; afterwards, when the
Country came under the Government
of the Nawaubs, each of them acted
towards the Polligars according to his own
Judgement, and, either by degrading, exterm-
-nating them, chastizing, or encouraging
them, preserved the peace of the Country:
and such is the Custom all over the World:
now my Situation is this — From the
day that the Treaty between me and
the

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the Company was executed through Marquis Cornwallis, Several of the Polligars Zemindars and Cowlegars &c. whose names are inserted in the Treaty, have exceeded the bounds of Moderation, the Jaalook of Trinavelly is in Consequence in a very Turnorous State, and the Polligars of Ankt are also backward in their Obedience to me. moreover Khummul Naik a Polligar of the Banda Ghaut and Cowlegar of the Payan Ghaut has during this 1½ Year and a half excited disturbance in this Country. Accordingly, my Aumily whenever he and his Peons make their appearance in any of the Villages for the purpose of Plunder, do not fail in their endeavors with the assistance of the Zebundies to destroy or take them prisoners — The same man also excited disturbance in Tipproo's Country — particularly these Nine or ten months since, he had, with the assistance of the Cowlegars of Chettoor and Chundergurry Collected together a large force which he daily sends among the Villages of Chettoor Chundergurry

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Chundergerry and Arcot, where they plunder, murder, and desije the Ryots, and harrass passengers and travellers in the greatest degree — The Jaggeerdar of Chettoor and Chundergerry always used to Chastije the said Cowligars with his own force, but he had now brought his complaints against them to me — Bommy, a Pollygar of mine, has written repeated Arzies upon the following subject, that the Moograul man has become so independant that he changes the Cowlies, and puts to death, and desjes the Cowligars of other districts, and my Aumils Complain loudly — These disorders render the Augmentation of the Sebundy necessary in every Village, and the Governor in Council at Madras has written to me to apply a Remedy to the evil — upon a Review of all these Circumstances I resolved / God Willing / to Chastije them with the Sebundy Troops and Peons of my Pollygars, and issued Orders accordingly throughout my Country — I Enclose for your information Copies of a

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Letter written at that time to me by the Governor in Council, and of my reply, and also of the Governors Rejoinder. My Friend out of your prudence and penetrating Judgement, from a motive of Compassion towards Thousands of my Subject as well as from that Justice which the Almighty has gifted you with, be pleased to Consider a little that I have so closely bound myself down by the Treaty in Respect to the Kists, that, let what will become of my Country and my Subjects, I must pay the Kists. I am not Jesus Christ that I should effect this by a miracle. this is a World of Causes and effects, and means must be found. Now this is my present Situation that every English Collector wherever he is appointed to collect the Pollygar Peishcush disregards all that my Family say and acts just as he pleases. This is a situation that demands one such as you, who have no object but Justice, to relieve it. I therefore entreat you to Judge on this occasion what I am to do, they set me in the depths of the Sea and then

desire

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desire me not to wet my Cloaths, but
to take care - The Polligars of Wemketgery
and Calestry and Bimraj &c are as P
restricted in the Treaty as to have no
other Concern with the Company than
to pay their Peishcush, and, by the favor
of God, all the affairs of the Nawaubship
the Sovereignty altungha belong to P
me. By way of trial, to shew the World,
and put the treaty in execution, P
immediately on the conclusion of it P
Isent for their / the Polligars / peons who
are always ready to attend when sent
for, but they / Polligars / put off P
Compliance under pleas and pretexts -
Sir Charles Oakeley Observed to me
the expence, and dissuaded me from P
Sending for them - Considering this P
/ opposition / as a light matter I connived
at it: now that Thummel Naik, with
the assistance of the Coorlegars of P
Chittoor and Chundergery, is Committing
disorders, I levied Sebundies; but, that P
not sufficing, I sent for the Polligar
peons, who again demurred to come.

I therefore

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I therefore most earnestly write to you,
as the foundation of Justice and honor,
to issue positive orders to the Governor
in Council there to Conform to the
treaty - Suppose I do not send the Pollygars
peons to muggraul or Panghaut yet,
according to the most ancient custom,
Service keep them to guard
Villages and afterwards send them
back my object is this that ancient
custom may not be infringed and
that I may not be lowered and
disgraced in the eyes of my subjects
and equals, and thence an impediment
arise in the payment of the Kists.
God is Witness that I have no concealed
View whatever, in this; that my only
object is the General good and the
due arrangement of my Country: may
the almighty ever preserve you in
Health and safety - I hope now I
will have the goodness to return
a speedy Answer to this Letter - I have
offered up a thousand thanks to God

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on hearing of your Recovery. —

A true Translation

(Signed) A.B. Edmonstone

C. Sr.

From the Nabob of Arcot

Received 27th May 1794

I transmit enclosed for your information Copy of a Letter I have & written to Sir Charles Oakeley; from which you will learn my alarming Situation From your own Compassion, your Justness, greatness, and that consideration implanted in you & by the Creator, I hope for Justice in this matter. —

True Copies

(Signed) J. H. Harrington

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To the Nabob of Arcot

Written 28th May 1794

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Highness's Letter, on the subject of your Demand of Peons from the Colastria Polligar and & others, for the purpose of punishing

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the Mogaul Polygar for his intemperate and depredatory Conduct. —

2 It is not only my duty but my Inclination to regard the Rights of your Highness in the same light as those of the English Government, and whilst the personal respect which I entertain for your Highness, will even induce me to comply with your Wishes to the utmost of my power, I shall use the Liberty, which your Highness's Profession of Friendship for me, authorizes, to offer my Sentiments freely upon ^ any subject which you do me the honor to communicate. —

3 No one can deny or dispute your Highness's right to the Services of the Polygar Peons, which you require, and I shall accordingly request Sir Charles Oakeley to take measures for complying with your Highness's requisition in every practicable extent, but allow me, at the same time, to suggest to your Highness's Consideration the Possibility of a Inconvenience

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Inconvenience to the Collections of the Polygar
Districts made by the Officers of the
English Company, by withdrawing P
from them any considerable Number
of Peons, either for the purposes P
mentioned or any others. I have no doubt
that your Highness has taken Care
to satisfy yourself that the Mograul
man has been guilty of the Misconduct
imputed to him, and, in this Case, it
is highly proper that he should be
punished for it, but I am equally
persuaded that it is not your P
Highness's Wish to obstruct the P
Collections made from the Polygars
included in the Treaty, by the P
Company's Officers either by demanding
their Peons when they are not essentially
Required, or a greater Number of them, P
than can be supplied without P
Inconvenience, and it would make
me happy to observe, that your P
Highness, upon such Points would
receive the Opinion of the Government
of Madras. As the matter stands, P
Requesting

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requesting your Highness's consideration to what I have written, I shall immediately write to Sir Charles Oakeley to desire he would direct a Compliance with your H Highness's requisition for the Peons, if it should be repeated; and your Highness may rest assured that in this and all other Instances I shall be equally attentive to the Treaty, and anxious to preserve the Friendship with which your Highness has honored me. —

4 On the subject of your Highness's Letter respecting the Conduct of Colonel Floyd in Tinnivelly I really am at a Loss what to write; For, whilst I am fully persuaded, that Colonel Floyd entertains the highest respect for your Highness, and that his Conduct will ever be conformable to such sentiments, I am equally satisfied that your Highness's representations would not have been made without a conviction that there were Grounds for them — your Highness has written to Sir Charles

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Charles Oakeley, who, from his situation is best able to form a Judgement of the circumstances stated in your Highness's Letter, and is, I am sure, disposed, as far as possible, to remove any Inconvenience of which your Highness has reason to complain. I shall add my request to him for the same purpose.—

I am &c.

(Signed) J. Shore

A true Copy

(Signed) J. H. Harrington

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Resolutions in consequence.—

Resolved, in consequence of the above, that orders be sent to the Rajah of Calastry to comply with any further requisition that may be made to him by the Nabob for Peons, for the purpose of punishing the Moogrul Polygar.—

With regard to the Nabobs Letter respecting the conduct of Colonel Floyd, it is agreed to inform the Governor General in Council that the moment the

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the affair was represented to the Board, they called upon that officer for an explanation and had since adjusted the matter to his Highness's satisfaction — that had they been acquainted with the Nabob's intention of making it a subject of reference to the supreme Government, they would certainly have accompanied it with an explanation from themselves — but having resolved to send the orders to Colonel Floyd that his Highness had applied for they deemed it unnecessary to trouble the Governor General in Council on the occasion. —

Read the following letters. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt
Governor in Council.

Hon^ble Sir,

From Colonel Braithwaite — enclosing a letter from Colonel Floyd — opinion concerning the existing Warfare between the Rajah of Ramnad and Cherokar of Sheveganga. —

I have the Honor to lay before you a Packet I have received from Colonel Floyd, and am sorry to find by it, that the Poligars to the Southward appear much inclined to be refractory, and as it has been invariably their Custom to take — A advantage of the absence of Force, it is more than probable that under present

Circumstances

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Circumstances this Disposition may encrease but much will depend upon the Disposition of Men employed as Sepoys, who, I fear, sometimes contrive to foment troubles, with the hopes of deriving advantage from them I have lately heard much of troubles in the Marrawa Country, and a sort of regular war between the people of Ramnad and those attached to the Mudoos; but, as these have been private Communications to me, and there are none of the Company's Troops in those Countries I have not thought it necessary to say any thing on the Subject as no doubt you have full information from the Collector and Colonel Martin — The last account I had was of a pitched Battle between them about six miles from Lieutenant Colonel Baird's Cantonment, by some of the Officers of which, it was seen — There were supposed to be something near two thousand men on each side, and some pieces of Artillery — In this Action it was said the people of Ramnad had the worst of it, and lost two pieces of Cannon — I should suppose that a small

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small Party from us to either side would
part an end to the Contest, but as neither
the Commanding Officer of the Division, or
any other, have received any information from
any of the Collectors, where people are
permitted to Carry on their Wars within
sight of our Forts and Stations — this I think
may be attended with bad consequences, the
measure pointed out by Colonel Floyd is
I believe the most likely to produce a general
tranquillity, but we are not yet in a
very well circumstanced to carry it into
Execution. —

I have the Honor to be with
Respect. —

Military Head Quarters
Madras June 13th 1794.

&c &c
Signed John Braithwaite

Sir,

I am favored with yours of the
3d instant and have, as you desired, made
every enquiry respecting the assistance
that may have been, or is given from
this District to the Rammad Rajah or

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the Murdoos, - and am informed neither party is assisted from hence -

The former is greatly aided by the Tinnevelly Polygars, but from whence the latter is supplyd my Informant is ignorant of. -

Sawmee Naig has again been refractory, notwithstanding his late humiliations respecting his former insolence - some of the Guard stationed at Ramgerry have been struck, and exceedingly ill treated by him and his people - I have written to Mr Landon in consequence of it - but am greatly surprised I have not yet received an Answer to two former letters, in one of which I made mention of this Polygars first disobedience

The Jasoldar, is in hopes that the Majority of the Polygars will shortly pay their Tributes - some of them I really believe are very willing to do it, but wait for an example to be shown them, by those, who are unfortunately the most refractory. -

To Colonel Floyd

I have the honor to be &c.
/Signed/ Jn Kearsberry

6 Oclock. P. M. a Sepoy is just arrived from Ramgherry

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Ramghery whom I had sent to desire the Havildar stationed there to escort two Prisoners to this place, that he had taken in the late disturbance of Travancore People — But the Polygar declares they shall not be sent, and defies us to make the attempt even by force. I have also mentioned this circumstance to Mr. Landon. —

A true Copy
(Signed) A. Cuppage
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To Colonel Floyd

Dear Sir

I am sorry to inform you that an Occurrance has just taken place which gives me infinite chagrin — A Cokul of Pekkee Caste, that Mr Landon had kept Prisoner at Outoor for some time past, and has within these few days — I sent up here under an Escort, to settle his Accounts with his Tahsildar, has this morning / as he was at a Tank at some distance from where the Tahsildar lives / who kept him there a prisoner / been carried

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carried off by 300 of Pitkee. Naiz people
—And was accompanied also by the Vakeels
of the other Polygars who were with him
at the same time. The two Sepoys who had
conducted him to the Tank were unable to
make the least resistance having only
their Bayonets, and before I could arrive
with the force I had in the Village, which
is near a mile from whence the Jaysalder
lives, they had completely effected their
escape— I have often remonstrate with
the Jaysalder at the distance of this place
of residence, and wished to keep his
Prisoner with my Sepoys in the Village
of Manapar, but he could not, he said
settle their Accounts well, as when together,
of course I supposed he had his Orders from
Mr Landon for so doing— The Polegars who
rescued these men had lurked in the
adjoining Jungle untill an opportunity
should present itself which has
unfortunately been the case— I hope
Sir you will have the Goodness, to
Suppose, I have done every thing in my
power to prevent an Accident of the
Kind

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Said having taken place — had the Sepoys resided near me with his Prisoner I am confident an attempt of the kind would not have been made — I shall wait with Anxiety your Orders how I am to act in the Business — I have Ordered the Sepoys to call in the Guards that are on the Pollams immediately. —

8 Clock A. M. June 8th
Manapar

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) In Kearsberry

Lieutenant Kearsberry

Dear Sir

I am favored at 7 this morning with your two letters of this date. —

I am sensible that the escape of the Prisoner was entirely owing to the mismanagement of the Sepoldar, who put it out of the power of you, or your Sepoys to prevent it. —

Mr. Landon has very lately had the misfortune to loose his Lady, and her Infant, in Child Bed, and is rendered for the present, incapable of any business

As it is not proper your

small

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small parties should remain among the refractory, or rebellious Polygars to be insulted, and perhaps murdered, you will be so good as to call in all small Parties from such situations, and keep the greater part of your force together, with yourself

I am absolutely averse to employ small parties, or even no stronger party than your whole Company where there is any probability of receiving an Insult. –

you will be so good then as to content yourself with remaining on the defensive, and protecting Travellers from Robbers till you hear further from me, informing Mr. Landon and the Tahsildar of the purport of these directions. –

I shall report what has occurred to Government and wait their orders. –

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Floyd

Trichenopoly
June 8th 1794

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Culpepper
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The Hon.ble the Governor in Council:

Hon.ble Sir,

From Colonel Floyd - reporting that the Southern Polygars appear inclined to be refractory - his Correspondence with the Offrs stationed at Manapar - & enclosed - Observations on the occasion. -

In consequence of your Commands communicated to me by Colonel Brathwaite, thro' the adjutant General in his Letter dated the 13th April ultimo One Company of Sepoys was posted at Manapar, and Detachments were sent to other stations, as requested by Mr. Landon, Collector assigned Southern Peshcush. Lieutenant Kearsley, of the 31st Battalion commands the Company at Manapar. —

On his arrival at Manapar he found the collection in charge of a Tahsildar, employ'd by Mr. Landon who resided at a considerable distance. —

The Tahsildar immediately required the whole Detachment to be spread abroad very wide asunder, in small parties - a practice which, as a military man, I consider highly improper. —

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Reasberry
requested to me that all the Polygers
were represented by the Tahsildar as
in Arrear, and altogether refractory, and
that the smaller ones looked to the
conduct of Likee Naig, one of the
principal Polygars, and one or two more
in order to act after their Example.—

Upon the first message
from Lieutenant Reasberry to Likee
naig, the Polygar expressed his
determination to have no intercourse
with the Tahsildar—but having sent
persons to ascertain that an European
Military officer was there—his message
became civil and he consented to treat
with Lieutenant Reasberry—others
followed his example, and all things
put on a very favorable aspect; which
I attribute entirely to the good sense
and moderation of Lieutenant
Reasberry's Conduct.—

yesterday, however, I received
two Letters from Lieutenant Reasberry
Copys of which, for your Information
I have

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I have the Honor to enclose, with my answer to Lieutenant Roseberry.—

Upon Lieutenant Roseberry's arrival at his Station, I desired him to take every means of acquiring some knowledge of the Force and situation of these Polygars, by sending intelligent native officers or non commanding Officers under pretex of messages, to make their observations—He accordingly represents Leikee Naig's Force as amounting to 3000 men, tolerably armed

It is to be expected that the other Polygars will make common cause in case of any operation against one of them.—

I am informed that these Polygars have high and pointed Ideas of Honour on many points, and, from their behaviour to Lieutenant Roseberry, I should hope they might be brought to perform what is required of them, and to respect, as they ought, your Government, without proceeding to the last extremity this I think might be

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be effected by your sending some P
reasonable military officer at the Head
of an irresistable military Force, with
instructions to treat them with P
consideration and a most scrupulous
observance of every engagement entered
into — to accept their apology, and their
Arrear of Peshcush — Or, in case of P
a contumacious refusal, to attack and
force them. —

I should think an example
of this sort might have considerable P
effect towards allaying a ferment P
which prevails considerably in the P
Southern Provinces. —

Be pleased to favor me
with your commands on this occasion. —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Floyd
Colonel

Truchinopoly
June 9th 1794.

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Their Cruelties and attacked us three different times in last Month, thro' the power of money they have.—

I address this to you, as trusting so much, as the matter was represented to the Governor.—

My Vakeel Runguia will inform you all other matters and beg you will favr me with the state of your health.—

A true copy of the Translation

(Signed) A Kuppage

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Trichinopoly June 11th 1794

Cheinna Murdoo Sheravagar

I have received your letter dated the 4th June, as well as a former letter, by the hands of your Vackeel, and understand the contents very well

It is very certain that the Hon'ble Company is extremely concerned at the Warfare between you and the Rannad Rajah because it will destroy the people of you both and ruin your Countries and may bring

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on Famine and every misery.—

The Government of Madras certainly wishes Peace to be established between you immediately, and, as your Friend, I hope you will do according to the directions you may receive by Mr. Landon, from Government.—

I hope the Ramnad Rajah will also listen to reason, and what the Government may think proper to say to him; for it speaks with a friendly but a strong voice; and I am ready at a moments warning with the whole Southern Force, to obey its Commands.—

I shall immediately inform Government of the contents of your letter as you wished.—

May you long live in peace and comfort and health.—

/Signed/ J. Floyd
Colonel

A true Copy
/Signed/ A. Lespinasse
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to
Translation

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Translation of a Letter
from Vigee Ragahnaut Periah Vedia
Sever, Zemendar of Shevagunga to the
Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart Governor
of Fort St. George

Dated 17th. May
Received 12th. June } 1794

From the Cherokar of Shevagunga transmitting the particulars of the Irregularity and Oppression of the Ramnad Rajahs towards him.—

I have the Honor to detail and transmit, in the accompanying Enclosures, the Particulars of the Irregularity of Rajahs Seit Petty, for your Information.—

As I am a Subject of the Company, I beg to represent, that the said Seit Petty hath, in an unjust and unwarrantable manner, begun a violent Quarel with me, to the great Distress of my People—and I request you will be pleased to send peremptory Orders that each remain, as usual, within his respective Talookahs.—

In effect, both our Countries are Subject to the Company; it is improper therefore that any Dispute should exist between us.—

As

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As for me, I profess myself a most faithful and devoted Adherent - and whatever Orders you may be pleased to issue, I shall testify my Zeal, by my implicit obedience. -

What more need I write.

a True Translation

(Signed) A. Falconar

Depy Secy. Sec.

Translation

Particulars of the Irregularity and Oppression of Rajah Sait Petty towards the Zemindar of Shevagunga. -

Heretofore the Beoparies (Merchants) in their Way from the Tinnevelly &c. Countries, paid at Pellimeera and Tenoor by in the Ramnad Country the just and stated Duties - and afterwards proceeding thence, passed thro' the Cuchah of Pettah - Pata neloor in the Shevagunga Country, towards Tanjore, Madras, Cuddalore and Dionampostam - Sait Petty detains the Bags of the Beoparies at Pellemarra, and prevents

them

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them from coming to Pettha - Pata nelore,
which tends not only to impair the Cust.
but entirely to the Interruption of my
Receipts of Custom, at the said Pettha
to the amount of 30,000 Chuckrums - He
has likewise compulsively seized 500 ℔
Chuckrums which the Chittiesbad in
deposite to be paid, on account of Goods
they purchased from the Beoparies - This
money he has not yet restored, tho' the
Beoparies are distressed for it. -

In the Days of the former
managers of Sheveganga, when Rice
was brought to Tony Patan, it was ℔
generally passed by the Ordinations of
Seit Petty, Free of Duty; at present, ℔
however, he exacts a Tax on every Bag, ℔
contrary to Custom. ℔ there was sometime
since, a territorial Dispute between ℔
Seit Petty and myself, which was ℔
adjusted by the Intervention of Colonel
Martin; a similar altercation subsists
at present, which induced me to ℔
intercept some water that run from

Sheveganga

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Shevagunga into the Ramnad Tank — This circumstance tended to heighten the animosity, which was, nevertheless, compromised by Mr. Lanton last year, who settled that each should remain at the Place of his usual Residence — that the Gunny Bags should be suffered to pass as formerly by Scit Petty — and that I should allow the water to flow as heretofore — Accordingly complied as far as related to the water — but when I sent a Hirkarrah, to desire the the Gunnies might not be detained, — Scit Petty violently sent him from his presence —

Scit Petty has sent for, enveigled and instigated (to his Plans) one of the amils of my master (the Grandson of Veya Tever) a bad man, and a Rebel and this Scit Petty intoxicated with the Pride of his excessive Riches, entertains the absurd Idea of getting Possession of the Shevagunga Country —

He formerly plundered the Villages avergoram Gudgery &c. to the number of 15 (of their Cattle and Grain — burned their

Houses

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Burned and wounded the Inhabitants Bibles
Theis, having posted in the Cusba of P
Perumgaudy of the Ramnad District, a
a Body of Infantry and Cavy, together
with small Guns, under the Orders of a
Garrison; these People dispersed themselves
over the Contiguous Places of the Shevagunga
Country, and daily plundered four or five
Villages - upon hearing this, I deemed it
necessary to station People, as Guards, in
the several Talooks of Shevagunga - Tail
Petty, in Consequence, assembled a Force
in the Solikram Cusbah of the Ramnad
District, and having plundered about
one hundred and fifty Villages of the
Shevagunga District, as far as Pellimeram
some of which he burned; he carried
off their Cattle, together with the Grain
which they had deposited in several
Places, as an equivalent for the Money
of the Peishcush - he seized the most
responsible Chittis and Besperis
residing at Pellimeram - reduced the
Place to his own authority and
possessed himself of all the property

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to the amount of 3,000 Chuckrums. —

There lived a very respectable Brammin named Pishie-Natah-Goorkal at the Village of Pelmary, near Permumpet in the Shevagunga Country — This man was murdered by the People of Seit Petty, the Village burnt, and all the Cattle Plundered — They have also seized Bal Guro, another Brammin, & whose Beard they cut off and then confined him in Irons. —

There was some Paddy deposited in the Cusbah of Anundore and Budhanore of the Shevagunga Country, on account of the Company's Peishcush — Seit Petty's People, to the amount of 10,000 Peons Infantry &c. having assembled in the village of Vesthymoor, belonging to Ramnad, have set down against the above two Places and the People of each side are daily killd and wounded in the casual Skirmishes. —

Shad deposited in the Serpenam Cusbah of the Shevagunga Country

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bountry 1000 bullums of Paddy on account of the bompany's Peishcush, and Iplund over it two hundred of my own People two bompany's Sepoys, and one badged Peon — Seit Petty and the Elder Grandson Vetia Sever sent, by Sheevashengerum Pillah a Shilar Dresh, of the value of 1000 Chuckrums, as a Present to the Grandson Veyu Sever — and he having instigated the Madura Colleries, proceeded with a Body of them to the Cudah of P Veepienem, These Colleries remonstated saying this Paddy is the Property of the bompany, and should not be P plundered — the Dependents of P Seit Petty insisted that it should — upon this the Colleries proceeded to take it from those in Charge — they resisted and fought — fifty People P were killed — the rest wounded — and the Grain finally plundered — Besides P this 20,000 bullums belonging to the Ryotts &c were taken away and — P all the villages of the said Talookah desolated — all these Circumstances are

be

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be clearly explained by Colonel Baird and Doctor.+ —

+ The Commissioners in the Carnatic

I have detailed there Particulars for your Information, and, being a faithful and grateful Dependant of the Company, I shall obey any orders they may issue on the occasion. —

a true Translation

(Signed) A Falconar

Dy Jon Sec

Resolution of the Board upon the foregoing letters

Resolved that the misconduct of the Rajah of Ramnad be represented to the Governor & General in Council, and that it be stated as the opinion of this Board that some decisive step should be taken for the maintenance of the Company's authority, in case the Rajah do not immediately comply with the orders sent to him to lay down his arms, and submit his differences with the Cherokar of Shevigunga to be enquired into and settled by

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the Company's Collector.—

Read the following Letter

from Colonel Braithwaite.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir.

From Colonel Braithwaite with Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Pendergast complaining of a want of sufficient Communication from the Chief and Council Concerning the affairs of the Vizagapatam District—Remarks on the occasion.—

I have the Honor to lay before you Copies of Correspondence I have received from Lieutenant Colonel Pendergast—I think the Lieutenant Colonel has just ground to complain of a want of sufficient Communication from the chief and Council to whom alone he is authorized to look for Intelligence, and to point out the Services required of him—Had the Distrist been declared in a state of war and delivered over to him for his Defence, the case would have been different, but in that case it is to be supposed the Chief and Council would have given him every information for his guidance, and, with him, all future operation would have rested with him, as well as all future responsibility—Under such circumstances it would have been justifiable no doubt

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doubt in the Chief and Council to refer the
Manager of the Havally, Mr. Keating, to the
Lieutenant Colonel, but as the Country P
was not declared to be in a state of war
but remained still under the sole direction
of the Civil Government, the Lieutenant
Colonel was not vested with any P
extraordinary Powers or Responsibility,
and could only hold himself bound to
comply with such specific requisitions as
were made upon him by the Chief and
Council, or by the Manager of the Havally
acting by their authority; and I remember
an instance of the Chief and Council
of Masulipatam being extremely P
displeased at an attention paid to the
requisition of a Manager of the Havally-
- asserting, that no Troops ought on any
pretence to move but by their specific
direction - I know the Rajah, personally,
well; I do not pretend to very correct
knowledge of his present Resources,
but from such information as I have,
I do not think that any very alarming
Consequences can follow - The worst I think

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to be apprehended are predatory incursions from the Hill people, which cannot so easily be prevented. I should conceive the Artillery and European Force with two Native Battalions are very sufficient to attack and rout Vegavam Naigue any where in the low country if the Lieutenant Colonel is authorized decidedly to consider him as an Enemy that he may attack when and where he can, and that one Native Battalion may therefore be allotted to the Cavalry

I have the Honor to be with Respect.

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Madras June 17th 1794.

&c. &c.
(Signed) John Braithwaite

Colonel John Braithwaite
Commanding the Troops on the
Coast

Sir,

I do myself the Honor to transmit for your information copies of two Letters, one from Mr. Keating Collector of the Cavalry to me, and my Letter

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Letter to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam

in consequence.—

The Chief and Council having

not thought it necessary to make me ¶

acquainted with any orders of Government

respecting Rajah Vizaram Rauze, nor even

to inform me of the day on which these ¶

orders was to be enforced, put it entirely

out of my power to take any steps to guard

against any difficulties on his part; had they

thought proper to communicate to me this

necessary information, I should have taken

such measures as would have prevented the

Rajah's attempting to deviate from the Orders

of Government, this I could & should have done

by ordering Captain Cox with the Detachment

then under his Command, consisting of eight ¶

Companies to move toward Vizagapatam, which

would have been a sufficient check to the

Rajah going out of the road to Madras or ¶

Collecting his Troops; from their neglecting this

very essential point, the District is thrown

into the greatest Confusion, and the most ¶

alarming Consequences to be apprehended, and,

without any instruction whatever, they now

want

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want to throw all the responsibility for the safety of the District on me as Commanding Officer. –

The disagreeable predicament in which I am placed in consequence of the extraordinary Conduct of the Chief and Council towards me, rendered it necessary to address them on the subject, a Copy of which Letter accompanies this, and which I hope will meet with every favorable support in your Power. –

The defenceless state of the Company's Havallies of Chicacole and Cajeminattah call for immediate attention, as when the matters can be brought to a Conclusion with Rajah Vizeram Rauze it will require all the Troops in the District with the expected Reinforcement for that purpose, and as that is the time when most is to be apprehended from the Hill People plundering, I have in my Letter to the Board recommended an application to Government for more Troops for the protection of the Havallies alone and do not think that less than one complete Battalion will answer the purpose

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purpose.-

The Rajah is still in great

Force at Panadra but quiet - Inclosed I

send you a Letter of Intelligence + just P

received from the Chief and Council of P

Vizagapatam. -

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Thos Prendergast

Lieut Col

+ already Entered

Camp near
Bimlipatam
3d June 1794.

True Copy
(Signed) Wm Wilson
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To John Chamier Esqr.
Chief and Council of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to enclose
you a copy of a Letter received this morning
from Mr Keating, Collector of the Havelly,
representing the dangers to be apprehended
from Roya Bopaul Rauze and his P
Partizans, that, on his application to you
for Troops, you refer him to the Commanding
Officer, as the person responsible, for the
safety

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safety of the District.—

You have Gentlemen kept back from me all official information & whatever regarding the Orders of Government against Rajah Vigaram Nauje: had you done me the Honor to have communicated those Orders to me, or informed me of the time they were to be enforced, I should then have thought it my Duty to have taken such steps as would in all probability have defeated any attempt of the Rajahs deviating from the Orders of Government, and prevented the Troubles that are now brought on the District in consequence.—

From your not having communicated to me the necessary information and seeming desirous, from your Letter to Mr. Keating, of throwing all responsibility on the Commanding Officer for the safety of the District, I think it incumbent on me, in justice to myself, to disclaim all responsibility whatever for the troubles that have been brought on, or may follow further than may relate to the troops under my immediate Command.— I have

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Since receiving your Letter of the 14th May, informing me that you had reason to apprehend Rajah Vejaram Rauze had broke with the Company, and desiring me to be on my guard, you have dropped all official Communication whatever with me, except in replying to my Letters, nor have you furnished me with any instructions whatever regarding the Services on which the Troops were to be employed. —

The Havally is at present in high Cultivation, and from whence alone any Supplies can be expected this next Season — With the few Troops we have at present, it is impossible to prevent some part being plundered, I therefore beg leave to submit to your Consideration, that of waiting here, the arrival of the Troops from the Southward — As dividing the Force we have, for the protection of the Havally of Chicacole and Cazimcottah, but as it will be necessary to call in these Troops on those matters

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matters are to be brought to a conclusion with Rajah Vejearam Rauze, I would recommend an application to Government for more Troops, for the protection of the Country —

I am consequence of Mr. Keating's Letter I have sent directions to Major Langley to order the Company back to Cajeemeottah that was ordered from thence to Vizagapatam. —

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Camp at Bemlipatam
1st June 1794.

/Signed/ Thos. Prendergast
Lieut Col.

True Copy
/Signed/ Wm Wilson
Secy

Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast
Commanding the Troops in the District of
Vizagapatam

Sir,

In consequence of some of alarming Threats of Rajah Bobaul Rauze and his Partisans to avail themselves of the defenceless state of Chicacole and Cajeemeottah

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Cassimcottah, I repeated my application to the
Chief and Council for a Reinforcement
of Troops at both Places, in answer to which
they again refer me to you, as the person
responsible for the Security of the District
I have therefore to request you, the former
the Intelligence I daily receive, I apprehend
the most injurious Consequences to the
Company's Interests in both Havelies, if
speedy precautions are not used to
Counteract the designs of the Refractory
Zemindars.—

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Chicacole 30th May 1794

/Signed/ Michael Keating

Colr Comg. Havelly

a True Copy

/Signed/ F. Prendergast

Lt Col

True Copy

/Signed/ Wm Welsh

Secy

minute thereon

as the Board have received

from the Chief and Council no Copies of

their

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Their Correspondence with the Commanding O
officer, they cannot judge of the grounds upon
which Lieutenant Colonel Brandyan to
representation has been preferred — But
it is resolved to direct the Chief and C
Council to furnish that officer regularly
with all intelligence necessary for his
information, and to forward to the P
Presidency, with the least possible d
delay, copies of their military and P
Political Consultations brought up to
the latest period. —

Read the following Letter
from Colonel Brathwaite. —

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

From Colonel Brathwaite submitting Drafts of General Orders for assembling and arranging the whole force intended for foreign service: Surgeons, and assistant Surgeons, requisite for the temporary Battalion the Order of the Court of Directors to be employed on foreign service noticed as also the reason of excluding Colonel Morison and Fraser from the Details Enclosed the present Distribution of the Native force exclusive of that destined for foreign service observations

I have now the Honor to s
submit to your Consideration the Draft of
an Order to be published by Government
which will operate so as to have the whole
of the Force intended for the Expedition
against the French Islands completely
arranged early in next month. —

I shall not swell this
Letter

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Letter by speaking individually of the Officers
whom I have included in that Order for Commander
and Staff Appointments they are all of them
such as are perfectly well qualified for the
Stations in which the publication of this
Order will place them — And I have proposed
to place Major Vigors Corps at Marmalong, &
with a view, that Officer may have it in his
power to bring it into very high order — To
render the Order complete, a Surgeon and P
Assistant Surgeon should be attached to P
Major Vigors Corps and an Assistant Surgeon
to each of the Native Temporary Battalions;
For these I shall beg leave to refer you to
the Physician General —

I also enclose, for your P
information, a Copy of the Order I mean to P
publish, in reference to the same subject
so soon as the Order of Government shall P
have been published —

At the desire of Colonel
Fraser and of Lieutenant Thomas Fraser his
Secretary, I request you will be pleased to P
permit by an order, that Lieutenant Thomas
Fraser

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Fraser Secretary to Colonel Fraser may go on
Foreign Service, with the Black Company to which
he belongs, without prejudice to his present
appointment, and Lieutenant Barkley of
the 11th Native Battalion may Act for Lieutenant
Fraser as Secretary during his absence.

And it is but justice to the
Officers of this Establishment to say, that the
order to be employed on this occasion has
been very general — Colonels Nixon and Fraser
both of them long ago requested to be employed
in the event of any Troops being sent from
hence against the Islands, but the Arrangements
for the Expedition made in England put it
out of my power to bring forward these O
Officers although Colonel Fraser declared that
he should not object to serve under Colonel
Stuart as a Brigadier General, though he was
junior to him as Colonel because I was
informed of a circumstance which Colonel
Fraser could not know, and which would
render it altogether improper to employ
him on this Service, namely, that the
Commission of Brigadier General sent to
Colonel Stuart is not to operate 'till he
leaves

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leaves the Coast, or in presence of any Senior Colonel — Colonels Nixon and Fraser are both Senior Colonels by virtue of the Kings Commission which they possess, consequently had either of them been sent, it would have rendered the Commission sent to Colonel Stuart null and void, and would have been expressly contrary to the declared intention that Colonel Stuart was to be second in Command, and Chief in case of the Non arrival of Lieutenant General Sir William Medows — I have thought it necessary to mention this that the Reason which induced me not to include either of those Officers in the Details may appear upon Record. —

The Commander in Chief has expressed much anxiety about the very scattered state of our Native Force. I must own it has been a very painful reflection to me to know how ill we are prepared for any prompt check to an Enemy, large as our Force is, and how subject it would be to be cut off in Detail in case of an invasion of the Carnatic before any Body

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sufficiently respectable to face an Enemy could be collected, but with such an extensive Country to govern and Defend, and with such constant Demands for Native Troops in small Bodies, and with an Establishment so inadequate to all this it is not possible for me to propose a Disposition of the Troops so as to have a Native Brigade constantly kept together in high Order, and ready for any Service, which I am decidedly of opinion ought to be the case, that such a Disposition should be made was the opinion of Marquis Cornwallis, and is the opinion of the present Commander in Chief, but unless the System here is entirely changed, or the Establishment considerably encreased I am bold to say that such a Disposition cannot be made – The Commander in Chief has called for a Return, which will bring before him at one view the Distribution of our Native Force – I had been intent for some time to prepare such a statement to lay before your Honor in Council, for, although you could not but know how the Troops

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troops were employed yet it might have its use
to bring it before you in one point of view, P
but really the fluctuation was so great, and
the dispersion was into such minute parts,
that I almost dropped the idea as a thing P
impracticable, a Statement however has been
prepared, which although it does not state how
these small Parties are every where almost
broken into small Guards, which are often
dispersed again in single Sepoys, in which
Situations they are insulted, beaten, and P
deprived sometimes of their Arms, yet it P
will suffice to shew how greatly dispersed
our Force is, and that five Regiments of P
Native Cavalry thirty two effective Native P
Battalions, and eighteen Invalid Native P
Companies are (without descending to all P
the minutes Divisions) dispersed, in near
an hundred different Stations, in a range of
Country nearly one thousand miles in length -
I have therefore the Honor now to enclose
it, and to inform you that I have sent a
Counterpart of it to the Commander in P
Chief - It supposes Details for foreign P
Service to be furnished by the 20th Native
Battalion

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Battalion, but I have explained that to the Commander in Chief and informed him, that I shall propose to you to draw those Details now from the 14th. Native Battalion at Vizagar.—

I have the Honor to be with Respect.—

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Madras June 16th 1794.

I. &c.
(Signed) John Braithwaite

Draft of G. O. By Government

Lieutenant Colonel Gaile with the 1st Battalion of Artillery under his Command 500 Gun Lascars and the Royal artillery, to be in readiness for foreign Service—Further Orders regarding this Detail will be issued by the Commander of the Army—

Captain Lockhart with the Company of the Royal Artillery under his Command at Pondicherry, to embark with their Comp Equipage on the Fannie Captain Mears, on the Return of that Ship to the Presidency—from whence the Company is to march to the Mount, and join the 4th Company Commanded by Captain Rose.—

This

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His Majesty's 73d Regiment to march on the 1st of next month from Pondicherry and join the Troops encamped at Sheveram, and on the arrival of his Majesty's 73d Regement at Sheveram His Majesty's 72d Regement is to quit Wallajahbad, and encamp also at Sheveram.—

So soon as the 72d Regement encamps—Major Petrie with the Detachment of the Corps at Arnie, is to proceed to Sheveram to join— when major murray with the dismounted Detail of his Regement, will march into Arnie, and take the Command of that Post.—

The officer Commanding at Wallajahbad is to furnish every accomodation in his Power for the Sick and convalescent men from the Camp at Sheveram— and so long as the Troops shall remain at Sheveram some of the Buildings at Wallajahbad must be occupied as Hospitals for the Camp.—

Major Urban Vigors to join the flank Companies of the Honble Company's 4th European Battalion now encamped at Chouttry

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Choultry Plain, and march them to some convenient spot near Mammalon.—

The Flank Companies of the Honble Company's 1st European Battalion to march from Vellore without delay, and join Major Vigors at Mammalon—as are also the Flank Companies of the Honble Company's 3d European Battalion, from Condicherry—these six Companies to be considered as forming a Corps held ready for Foreign Service—to be Commanded by Major Vigors without prejudice to his Appointment to the Command of Cuddapah to which he is to repair on his return.—

Lieutenant Colin Campbell from the 5th Native Battalion to be Quarter Master, and Lieutenant Nash from the 16th Native Battalion, to be Adjutant to Major Vigors's Corps.—

Captain Ferguson of the Honble Company's 3d European Battalion to proceed to Sheveram—when the Commanding Officer there will put under his Command the Details of the 1st 2d 5th 9th and 13th Native Battalions as they come in, which are to form a temporary Battalion of ten Companies

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Companies under his Command for Foreign Service. —

Lieutenant Young of the 12th. Native Battalion to be adjutant to Captain Fergusons or the 1st. temporary Battalion. —

Captain Mc. Donald of the Hon.ble Company's 4th. European Battalion to proceed to Sheveram, where the Commanding Officer there will be pleased to put under his Command the Details of the 6th. 16th. 25th. 24th. and 31st. Native Battalions as they come in which are to form a temporary Battalion of ten Companies under his Command for Foreign Service. —

Lieutenant Bowles of the 25th. Native Battalion, to be adjutant to Captain Mc. Donald's or the 2d. temporary Battalion. —

Captain Kenny from the Hon.ble Company's 4th. European Battalion to proceed to the Presidency, where the Details of the 3d. 10th. 11th. 19th. and a Detail of two Companies hereafter to be named, will be put under his Command, and form a temporary Battalion to be encamped on

Choultry

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Choultry Plain, and held ready for foreign service, but subject, in the mean time, occasionally to be employed on the Duties of the Presidency.—

Lieutenant Vernon from the 1st. Native Battalion to be adjutant to Captain Kenny's or the 3d. temporary Battalion.—

The three temporary Battalions thus formed, to be considered as a temporary Native Brigade, to be Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Sale from the 5th. Brigade, the Brigade Staff of which Vizt.— Brigade Major Turing, and Brigade Quarter master Graham are to be attached for the time, to the temporary Native Brigade, but they are to continue to act as Staff to the Officer Commanding the Camp at Sheveram until further Orders.—

The Details from the 6th. and 16th. Native Battalions told off for foreign Service to proceed to Sheveram without delay.—

The Details of the 3d. and 19th. Native Battalions told off for foreign Service to encamp on Choultry Plain and there to join them without delay.—

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His Majesty's 52d Regement the Honble Company's 2d Battalion, European Infantry and the native Corps of Pioneers have notice that they are intended for Foreign Service.—

Draft G. O. By Colonel Brathwaite

Captain Ross commanding the Royal Artillery is to furnish Lieutenant Colonel Geils with a present state of the Royal Artillery, and Lieutenant Colonel Geils having ascertained the Effective strength of that Corps, is to reserve with himself for Foreign Service, as many of his own Battalion as will, when added to the Royal Artillery, make up the Complement of 300 Effective Rank and File—all above that complement of his Battalion, he is to consider as intended to remain at the mount under charge of such Officer or Officers as shall be hereafter appointed to them.—

When Captain Lockburne's Company of Artillery arrive at the Mount Lieutenant Colonel Geils will be pleased to form the

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the Detachment as above ordered, which is to be commanded by him on Foreign Service, and which from that time is to encamp together and be held ready to Embark at a short warning.—

To this end Lieutenant Colonel Gaile is to retain at the mount the Camp Equipage brought thither by the 2d Battalion of Artillery, the Officers of which, must of course continue to occupy their Tents 'till quarters shall become vacant by the Encamping of the above ordered Detachment.—

The 1st European Battalion to send to Captain Mc Donald at Chevaram Three men well qualified to be Serjeant Major Quarter Master Serjeant and Drill Serjeant to his Battalion.—

The 2d European Battalion to furnish three men for the like purpose to Captain Kenny at the Presidency.—

And the 3d European Battalion to furnish to Captain Ferguson three men for the like purpose.—

Present

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Present Distribution of the Native force upon the Coast not including the Native Details ordered for the expedition against the Mauritius — Fort St. George 10th June 1794

Coast Division

			Rank and File
Fort St. George	3d Battalion	Native Infantry	432
	9th	Ditto	432
	32d	Ditto	582
		Native Invalids	213
Mount		Gun Lascars	746
Pondamallee	6th Battalion	Native Infantry	78
		Native Invalids	73
Chingleputt	10th Battalion	Native Infantry	73
		Native Invalids	71
Arnee	6th Battalion	Native Infantry	57
	14th	Ditto	71
Tiagar	15th	Ditto	393
Pondicherry	17th	Ditto	574
		Pioneers	89
Arcot	1st Regiment	Native Cavalry	264
	7th	Ditto	384
Connatore	2d	Ditto	264
Vellore	6th Battalion	Native Infantry	103
	16th	Ditto	432
Amboor	6th	Ditto	272
Buddalore		Native Invalids	97
Chemendelum Plain	5th Regiment	Native Cavalry	264
Pareual	25th Battalion	Native Infantry	128
Ahtoor	23d	Ditto	532
Sankerrydroog	22d	Ditto	576
	Gun	Lascars	111
Penagra	25th Battalion	Native Infantry	123
Tripatore	15th	Ditto	13
Selim	25th	Ditto	299
Kistnagherry	5th	Ditto	493
	Gun	Lascars	150
Riacottah	4th Battalion	Native Infantry	280
Veerabaderdroog		Ditto	66
Chinnicoydroog		Ditto	51
Angole	10th	Ditto	189
Nellore		Ditto	94
Rampore		Ditto	71
Congoondy	4th	Ditto	47
Pertmallie		Ditto	125
Ravet Nellore	14th	Ditto	19
Perinomalie	14th	Ditto	72
Maharaguer	15th	Ditto	6
Cottaguer		Ditto	7
Budgenguer		Ditto	6

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Rank and File

Carnatic Division

Poggadoo	15.	Battalion Native Infantry	6
Tatticull		Ditto	6
Worranger		Ditto	7
Veeranalore	23.	Ditto	13
Tumbampettah		Ditto	7
Unavaram		Ditto	7
Perreny		Ditto	7
Pootoo		Ditto	7

Southern Division

Trichinopoly (Head Quarters of the Division)	1st.	Battalion Native Infantry	432
	5th.	Ditto	428
	31st.	Ditto	370
		Gun Lascars	168
Tanjore	2d.	Battalion Native Infantry	431
	24th.	Ditto	432
Madura	9th.	Ditto	392
	31st.	Ditto	5
Secundermally	9th.	Ditto	40
Kytar	7th.	Ditto	305
	31st.	Ditto	7
Tachinore	3d.	Regiment Native Cavalry	384
	31st	Battalion Native Infantry	5
Pallamcottah	25th.	Ditto	428
Dindegul	3d.	Ditto	224
		Native Invalids	88
Oyloney	13th	Battalion Native Infantry	219
Negapatam		Native Invalids	79
Nagore		Ditto	27
Karrical		Ditto	83
Pattacottah		Ditto	55
Elaiporam	7th	Battalion Native Infantry	56
Naglepoor		Ditto	58
Seppar		Ditto	47
Shangernacoil		Ditto	56
Yetteramputtany		Ditto	58
Mannapar	31st.	Ditto	53

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Ellore	Head Quarters of the Division	8th Battalion Native Infantry	309
		11th Ditto	259
Masulipatam		12th Ditto	575
		11th Ditto	21
		Native Invalids	221
Samulcottah		8th Battalion Native Infantry	199
Rajahmundry		Native Invalids	42
Condapilly		11th Batt. Native Infantry	27
		Native Invalids	99
Muggletore		11th Battalion Native Infantry	9
		Native Invalids	55
Noozeed		11th Batt. Native Infantry	66
Innacondah	30th	Ditto	233
Seinreecottah		Ditto	145
Guntoor		Ditto	133
Bellamcondah		Ditto	71
Vizagapatam	20th	Ditto	432
	27th	Ditto	143
		Native Invalids	41
		Gun Lascars	81
		26th Batt. Native Infantry	221
Chicacole	27th	Ditto	53
Easeincottah	18th	Ditto	23
Berrulipatam	26th	Ditto	232
	27th	Ditto	313
Ganjam	18th	Ditto	301
		Native Invalids	40
Aska	18th Battalion Native Infantry		174
Barrampore		Ditto	307
Corcundah	8th	Ditto	26
Ingeram		Ditto	20
		Ditto	22
Corringa		Native Invalids	35
Trivore	11th Batt. Native Infantry		7
Maddepollam		Ditto	25
Seetanagur		Ditto	26
Narsurewanjee	18th	Ditto	14
Pooramerry		Ditto	18
Goomsur		Ditto	12
Ankapilly	26th	Ditto	7
Seinparapilly		Ditto	20
		Ditto	72
Vejanagrum	27	Ditto	67
	25th Batt. Native Infantry		828
Hydrabad	29	Ditto	767
	Gun Lascars		224

N.B. The 20th Battalion is returned above at Vizigapatam having lately embarked

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embarked for that Station it is however destined for Service in the District — The details of the 14th Battalion at Arnee and Trinomalle are posted at those Stations for the purposes of Detachment and by a late General Order are recalled —

No part of the Native force destined for the Mauritius is included above — the several Detachments for the expedition being furnished by the Corps marked thus x

(Signed) John Brathwaite

x

Minutes thereon

Agreed that the General Order proposed by Colonel Brathwaite be published —

Five Companies from the Battalion at Tiagar may supply the place of those intended to have been furnished from the 20th Battalion, and the Board will order this detail to join Captain Kenny's Corps, at any time Colonel Brathwaite may think proper —

As orders have been every where issued for the disuse of regular Sepoys

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Sepoys in the duties of Revenue and
Police, the Board trust there will be
no further inconvenience on this head —
they are sensible that in the wide
extent of Country which is to be
defended, and where the number of
Garrisons and Posts is so very extensive
the Corps must unavoidably be much
broken, under every precaution that can
be taken to prevent it. yet they are
very desirous of meeting any proposition
Colonel Brathwaite may suggest for
keeping the Sepoys as much together
as circumstances will permit, and they
hope the reinforcements to be provided in
the Event of the expedition now preparing
for, will admit of a complete native
Brigade for the purpose he mentions. —

Ordered that the above be
communicated to Colonel Brathwaite. —
Read the following Letter
from Bengal. —

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal desiring that all articles of military stores that can be provided cheaper there than on the Coast may in future be indented for upon them — the Auditor General to correspond on the subject. —

At the suggestion of our Military Auditor General we beg leave to Recommend to you to indent on us for all supplies of Military Stores required at your Presidency which can be delivered from hence at a cheaper rate than they can be provided at in your markets, and that your Military Auditor General be instructed to correspond with the Military Auditor General here to ascertain what Articles may be supplied from hence with advantage. —

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It may at the same time be proper to observe that this measure does not in any degree affect the Regulation, which prohibits the Military Auditor General from having any concern in

Agency

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Agency or Commence.—

We are &c &c &c

Signed J. Shore
Robt. Abercromby
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

Fort William
May 28th 1794.

Agreed that a copy of the
foregoing letter be transmitted to Colonel
Malcolm, and that he be directed to
correspond with the Military Auditor General
in Bengal on the points Recommended by
the Supreme Government.—

Minute thereon

Read the following letter
from Bombay.—

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

Honble Sir,

We have had the honor
to receive your Letter dated the 10th Instant,
and are to acquaint you, We have advertised
to contract for the Water Casks, but, We
are apprehensive that so great a number
cannot be procured in such a short time
however

From Bombay
apprehend that
5000 Water Casks
cannot be procured
in time — have
advertised for a
Contract.—

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however We shall exert ourselves to send as many as possible.

Bombay Castle
28th May 1794

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Geo Dick
Daniel Cockatt
William Sewell

Read the following letter from the Commander of the Ship Windsor

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

Honble Sir,

From Captain Hall requesting a Compensation for the Loss of an Anchor and Cable in the Trade of Masulipatam Bill for Freight enclosed.—

I have the Honor to lay
before you the Humble Representation of
a Hardship experienced by the Windsor on
her late Service on account of the
Honorable Company, and I have no
doubt but that your Honorable Board
on being made acquainted therewith
will afford such redress as is suitable
to the Loss sustained. On the 9th Day
of May last, the Windsor left the
Roads

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Roads of Madras on her Voyage to P
Masulipatam, in order to take on Board
two Companies of the Honble Company's
Troops and to transport them to your P
Presidency; and on the 10th the Windsor
arrived at Masulipatam, and the Commander
of her immediately notified to the Chief
of that place the event of his arrival
and his readiness to receive the Troops, P
Captain Taylor Commanding the Troops
to be embarked on the Windsor, did not
reach Masulipatam until the 16th of the
same month, and the time between the 16th
and 19th was occupied in receiving the P
necessary Provisions and Water, on the 19th
a storm came on, and was so violent as to P
drive the Ship from her Anchorage, with
the loss of an Anchor of 50 Cwt and an
Europe Cable of 16 Inches; the Embarkation
did not take place before the 22d -

I have not to prefer any
claim on this Honorable Board for the
time lost in waiting for the arrival
of the Troops, as above stated, though
a Demurage of that sort was neither

provided

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provided for, nor expected, but it would
seem a natural kind of Justice that the
immediate Loss occasioned by the delay
of the Windsor in the Roads of Masulipatam
which was not Conditioned, and the loss
being moreover of such a sort that could
not have happened had she been on her
Passage to the Presidency, that your
Honorable Board should make certain
compensation for the same the manner
or Extent of the Compensation I will not
presume to point out, but will trust it
wholly on the Bounty and Benevolence
of your Honorable Board for such relief
as to you shall seem reasonable and just.

I have the Honor to be

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June 12th 1794.

[Signed] Henry Hall
Commander of the Ship
Windsor

P.S.

I have the Honor to enclose a Bill for the
Passage of two Company's of European Troops

[Signed] W. H.

Received

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Resolved that the Bill for the Freight, amounting to Six hundred /600/ Pagodas be paid; and that Captain Hall be allowed by way of compensation for the anchor and Cable lost in the Roads of Masulipatam one hundred and fifty /150/ Pagodas. –

Read the following Letter from the Attorney General. –

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

President and Governor

In Council

Hon'ble Sir,

From Attorney General recommends that the orders for the Surrender of the Bales seized by Captain Means be enforced or a reference made to Bengal. –

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter of 28th ultimo informing me that Captain Means of the Ship Favorite having declined acquiescence in the opinion I had the honor to submit to you regarding the seizure of the bales on the roads of Pondicherry, he was directed to transmit to me Copies of Papers received from Colonel Nixon on the subject and to desire I would state my opinion as to the further steps necessary to be taken. –

As

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As my opinion in the above seizure appears by your Honorable correspondent orders to Colonel Nixon, to have been adopted by your Honble Board, I see no measure necessary or proper to be now taken, but either to enforce obedience to your orders, or to refer the whole matter to the Governor General to whom Captain Means is by his Commission and the bond he has executed, more immediately answerable. —

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Benjn Sullivan

Fort St. George
15th June 1794.

Minute thereon

The Board being decidedly of opinion that the Bales should be delivered up to those to whom they were consigned the property having been secured to them by this Government, it is agreed that order be accordingly sent to Colonel Nixon, & and that Captain Means be apprized of this resolution. —

Read the following letter from Colonel Floyd. —

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The Honble

The Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor of reporting

From Colonel Floyd reports the arrival of a Danish Vessel at Tutocorein, & with many French Families from Imake on board, destined for the Islands.-

to you the following intelligence, copied from a Letter I have this Day received from P Lieutenant Colonel Campbell at Palamcottah dated the 12th. Instant.-

"The Governor of Tutucorein has just informed me that a small P Danish Vessell has put in there, in great distress and Danger, after bad Weather, & to be repaird. She is full of the French Familys from Imaée, and freighted P to carry them to the Mauretius, where they intend to proceed as soon as the P Vessel is fit for Sea. She no doubt has a proper Passport from Pallicherry and P Bombay, and I suppose that Government would wish to know of her being at P Tutucorein."-

I have been the more P anxious to lay this before you, as the P circumstance of an Expedition intended against the French Islands, might P influence

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influence your wishes regarding the
progress of the Dam -

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Floyd Coll.

Trichinopoly
June 14th. 1794.

Minute thereon

The President is requested to
write to the Chief of Tutocoryn, with
advice of the intended expedition against
the French Islands, and submitting to his
direction the propriety of detaining the
Danish Ships until the month of August,
when, in all probability, the Fleet destined
for the Islands, will leave this Country. -

Read the following Letter
from the Resident at Hydrabad -
William Collins Jackson Esq.
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Fort St. George.

From Captain Kirkpatrick - stating the Sum paid by the Bengal Government for Pishcash one only in Arrear and due since 31st. March last - intention in consequence.

Sir,

The Governor General in
Council having directed me to transmit to
the Honble Board a Statement of the arrear
due to the Nizam on account of Peishcash,
I beg leave to observe, for their notice, that

my

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my Predecessor having adjusted and forwarded a statement of the Peishcush payable by the Madras Presidency to the 31st of March 1792 including the first Kist for 1201 Fuſsily and the Supreme Government having since paid, by means of Contractors to the Nizam's agents at Masulipatam, the following Kists viz.t —

Vizr Dewarka Das the 2d Kist for 1201 Fuſsily on the 31st October 1792

Do — Do — the 1st Do Do 1202 Do — Do Do 31st March 1793

Do Mr Fairlie the 2d Do Do Do — Do Do 31st October 1793

There remains at this time but one Kist (amounting to Arcot Rupees 350,000 per annum, being the 1st first for 1203 Fuſsily, and which has been due to his Highness since the 31st March 1794 the next will become payable the 31st October ensuing. —

I shall lose no time in applying to the Durbar for an order on the first Kist for 1203 Fuſsily in favor of the Board to the amount of the arrears due on account of the Ellore Detachment, or, in case of the ministers persevering in his reluctance to make a direct transfer of this Kist, for the immediate liquidation of them here. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt Servt

Signed J. W. Kirkpatrick

Bedr the 7th June 1794

agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Captain Kirkpatrick, that so soon as the Board are informed of the success of his application to the Durbar, they will take measures for liquidating whatever balance may appear due on the march next. –

a letter to the Secretary at the India house to be written for Danish Ship Princess Frederica, about to sail for England. –

As a Danish Ship, the Princess Frederica, sails for Europe to morrow the President proposes that a short letter be written, by the Secretary, to the Secretary at the India House, acknowledging the receipt of the dispatches from the Secret Committee by the Dromedary and Bervick and stating that measures are taking in conformity to the instructions therein contained – and that further and more particular advices will be given by the Danes as daily expected from Bengal. –

Approved and ordered accordingly. –

Chas Oakeley.

E. Hollond

Rich. Benyon

Edwd Geo. Parry

Wm Fell

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Diary

Received the undermen=
tioned letters Entered in Mls. Nos. 90-91-
92-93-94-95-96. .

From Persian Translator
at Bengal - Enclosing a letter from the
Governor General for the Nabob - acknow=
ledging the punctuality he has observed
in the payment of his Kists. -

From Pitts. From Pitts - enclosing
another letter for the Nabob. -

From Monsr. Delon - en=
closing a List of the Stores he has received
from the Arsenal, and requesting a
Passport. -

From Masuli=
patam. From Masulipatam -
Borah Parentals Bills having been
discharged to the 31st December, shall
demand payment of his penalty from
Mr. Dobbyn's Executors. -

From Colonel
Nixon. From Commandant at
Pondicherry - Messrs. Brulon request leave
to go to China, carrying with them some
Merchandize

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Merchandize for the purpose of defray-
ing the Expenses of their Voyage —

From Vizagapatam — ?

From Vizagapatam —

advising of the arrival of the 20th Battalion

From Ditto —

From Ditto - Enclosing a
letter addressed to them by Cabetaen ?
Fotherenghame - detailing the State of
the Friends Adventure and Stree Kista-
na Swamy - and the Treatment the Troops
experienced on board of each —

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Despatched the following letter

To M. Mekern Esqr.

Chief of Tutocoryn

Sir,

To Tutocoryn -
requesting they
will delay until
August, the
Departure of the
Danish Vessel
lately arrived
there in distress
from Mahé and
bound to the
Mauritius -
Reasons why -

Having received intelligence
from the Commanding Officer at Palam-
cotah, that a small Danish Vessel had
arrived at Tutocoryn in distress - that she
had on board several French Families
from Mahé, and was to sail for the Isle
of France so soon as she had undergone
the necessary repairs, I think it neces-
sary to observe that, as preparations are now
making

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18th making for an expedition against the
French Islands, and as the intelligence
that this Vessel may convey to the Mau=
ritius, might prove of some disservice to
the object in view, you will perhaps
think it adviseable to delay her depar ure
until the month of August, when, in
all probability, the Fleet destined for the
Islands will leave this Country. —

I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George &c. &c. &c.

18th June 1794. — (Signed) Chas. Oakeley

20th Sent the undermentioned

letters Entered in MB Nos 97-98-99-100-
101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-
111-112. —

To Captain Oliver. — To Commandant at Pindi-
gul informing him that himself and the
Officers stationed at Pulney will be pleased
in the same footing, in point of allowances
for quartering themselves, as the Officers
at Kytar and Tachinore. —

To Military Auditor
General. — To Military Auditor
General

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20th General - with directions to the above effect.

To Ditto: To Ditto - notifying the -?
Compensation granted to Captain Hall
of the Windsor, for the loss of an Anchor
and Cable in Masulipatam Roads - Off-
Reckonings due to the late Captain Soules
paid to Lieutenant Bose, his Administrator.

To Ditto. To Ditto - the Sum of 4470 -

21 - ordered to be paid to the Paymaster &
General for additional Expenses in June

To Ditto. To Ditto - referring Mr. &
Paymaster Cochrane's additional Estimate
for June - 500 Pagodas advanced to the
Paymaster General, being the Amount
of Mr. Paymaster Cooper's Draft on him
for account of Repairs ordered at Baram-
pore. -

To Military Board. To Military Board - direct-
ing them to submit the Draft of an ?
Advertisement for proposals of Contract
for providing Army Clothing. -

To Ditto. To Ditto - informing them
that orders have been given for quartering
the Native Troops at the Presidency on
the

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20th the Buildings purchased from Mr. Topham. —

To Military Paymaster General — directing him to pay to Lieutenant Bose Pugodas 1327. 40. 40 — the amount of Off Reckonings above mentioned. —

To Paymaster General.

To Commander of the Army —

To Colonel Brathwaite.

the General Order proposed, regarding the force intended for the Expedition — published — Two Companies from the 14th Battalion may form Captain Kenny's Corps as recommended — reply to his Observations regarding the use of Regular Sepoys in the Duties of Revenue and Police. —

To Ditto — notifying the orders sent to the Rajah of Ramnad and Chevathur of Shevagunga for desisting from all further Hostility. —

To Ditto.

To Commandant of Pioneers —

To Lieutenant Powse.

— referring, for his investigation, a Complaint of the Native Pioneers, against two Jemadars of that Corps. —

To Ditto — at Pondicherry —

To Colonel Nixon.

authorizing

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authorizing him to deliver up the Bales seized by Captain Mears, to the Consignees.

To Lieutenant Bose.

To Administrator to the Estate of the late Captain Scoular - informing him of the Orders given for discharging his Demand for Off Reckonings. -

To Captain Mears.

To Commander of the Favorite - notifying the above orders for the surrender of the Bales, and the Grounds upon which they were issued. -

To Clerk of the Treasury.

To Clerk of the Treasury directing advances to the Paymaster & General on account of his Employ. -

To Colonel Floyd.

To Commandant at Trichinopoly - notifying the Orders sent to the Rajah of Ramnad and Chevakar of Shevagunga for desisting from all further Hostility. -

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in MB Nos 113-114-115-116-117-118. -

From Captain Pallas.

From Agent for Horses at Hydrabad - advising of his having despatched 105 Horses to Arcot via Ongole. -

From Mons. Delon.

From Mons. Delon - requests

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a Permit for Embarking the Nizam's Stores for Nairpellee. —

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - enclosing an Indent for Rice. —

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

From Military Paymaster General - Enclosing his Indents for July. -

From Paymaster General.

From Commandant at Pondicherry - Captain Perishon requests to remove some property at Masulipatam, said to belong to his Brother. —

From Colonel Nixon.

From Petts at Trichinopoly - enclosing another Report from the Officer stationed at Manaparra, respecting the Southern Polygars, and a Tafsaldar employed by the Collector. —

From Colonel Floyd.

Sent the following letters. —

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council at Fort William

To Bengal - orders sent to the Calastry Rajah for suppressing the Nabob's with Peons - explanation regarding his Complaint against Colonel Floyd. —

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the

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20th

the 28th ultimo, with its Enclosures.

Agreeably to your desire
we have sent orders to the Rajah of
Calastry to comply with any further
requisition that may be made to him
by the Nabob for Peons, for the purpose
of furnishing the Moogral Polygar.

On the subject of his Highness's letter respecting the conduct of Colonel Floyd, we beg leave to observe that the moment the affair was represented to us, we called upon that Officer for an explanation, and have since adjusted the matter to his Highness's satisfaction. Had we known that it was the Nabob's intention to have made it a subject of reference to your Honorable Board, we should certainly have accompanied it with an explanation from ourselves. But having resolved to send the orders to Colonel Floyd that his Highness had requested of us, we deemed it unnecessary to trouble you on the occasion.

We

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We have the honor to be,

Fort St George
19th June 1794.- (Signed) Do. Do.
Chas Oakeley
Do. Council

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

Hönble Sir,

We have the honor to inform you that we have received accounts from different quarters, of the very improper conduct of the Rajah of Ramnad, who has long exercised the most severe oppression over his People; and, in opposition to every remonstrance from us, contumaciously perseveres in a conduct fatal to the prosperity of his Country. He has of late taken up Arms against the Cherokar of Shevigunga, and has called to his assistance several of the Tinnevelly Polygars, by whose aid, in conjunction with the people in his own pay, he has invaded his Neighbours Territory, and desolated many of its Villages.- The Cherokar

To Bengal- stating the misconduct of the Rajah of Ramnad- papers respecting his Disputes with the Cherokar of Shevagunga enclosed- Opinion on the subject.-

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20th.

Cherokiar has acted in his own defence, and we learn that several Skirmishes have taken place and many lives have been lost on both sides. Under these circumstances we have judged it proper to write to the Parties pointedly directing them to lay down their arms, and submit their differences to be enquired into and settled by our Authority.—

Letter to Governor General in Council under date the 24th April 1793.

We some time ago addressed your Honorable Board respecting the misconduct of the Raja of Ramnad, and we have now the Honor to enclose such communications as have been made to us on the subject of the existing Disputes between him and the Cherokiar of Shevigunga.—

The weak state of our Force in the Southern Countries occasioned by the removal of the Troops intended for the expedition against the French Islands, may, in some degree, augment the difficulty of bringing the Raja to reason; but, notwithstanding

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20th notwithstanding this, we are of opinion, that some decisive Step should be taken, for the maintenance of the Company's Authority, in the event of further disobedience on his part. -

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
18th June 1794. -

do. do. do.
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
do. Council

Enclosures
Letter from the Nabob - dated the 28th May 1794
Letter from Board of Revenue and Enclosures dated the 28th May 1794
Letter from the Rajah of Ramnad dated 26th April
Letter from Colonel Floyd dated 3d June
Ditto from Do. - do. - - - 11th June
Ditto from the Cherohar of Shevegunga 17th May.

Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in MB Nos 119-120-121-122-123-124-125. -

To Hospital Board.

To Hospital Board - directing them to nominate one Surgeon and four Assistant Surgeons for the temporary Corps ordered for foreign Service. -

To

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20th.

To Masulipatam. To Masulipatam - the Repairs of the Draw Bridge at the West Gate approved. —

To Colonel Stuart. To Colonel Stuart - informing him that orders have been sent to the Board of Trade and to the Master Attendant, to render information on the points contained in his letter of the 14th Instant. —

To Auditor General. To Military Auditor General - with direction on the subject of indenting on Bengal for all articles of Military Store, that can be provided there at a cheaper rate, than on the Coast - Copy of the letter from Bengal, enclosed. —

To Pitts. To Pitts - explaining the Board's meaning, in regard to Stations where Batta falls to be drawn. —

To Paymaster at Palamcotah. To Paymaster at Palamcotah - the French prisoners to receive the difference between their former, and present Encreased allowance from the

period

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20th period at which the Scarcity of Provisions commenced at Palamcotah.—

To Colonel Nixon. To Commandant at Pondicherry—Mons.r La Febre may proceed to Cochin-China upon his Parole.—

21st Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. No.s 126-127—

From Auditor General. From Military Auditor General—M.r Paymaster Cochrane's additional Estimate for June may be complied with.—

From Paymaster General. From Military Paymaster General—Enclosing the Estimate of the Paymaster at Nagore for July.—

Sent the undermentioned letters Entered in C.C. No.s 99-100.—

Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Calastry To Rajah of Calastry—desiring in case the Nabob should repeat his requesition for Troops, that he will comply therewith—or, if he be unable so to do, the reason thereof to be fully stated.

Ditto Ditto to the Nabob. To the Nabob—advising him of the preceding Orders—and of those given

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21st

given to the Military Board for selling apart the Stores and Powder, and for issuing them in such quantities as shall, from time to time, be paid for.

Sent the following letter:

To Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident

at Hydrabad

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, and to inform you that he concurs entirely in your opinion as to the propriety of your applying to the Durbar for an order on the first Kist for 1203 fusly, for the amount of the arrears on account of the Detachment so soon as he is informed of the success of this application he will take measures for liquidating whatever Balance may appear due on the March Kist. —,

To Resident at Hydrabad - approving the mode intended for procuring payment of the Arrears on account of the 6th Detachment.

Fort St. George,
19th June 1794. —

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

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

Despatched

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21st

Despatched the following

Letters Entered in Mil. Bd. Nos. 128-129-130-

131-132-133-134. —

To Auditor General. To Military Auditor General—referring the Military Paymasters General's Estimate for July. —

To Ditto. To Ditto—referring the additional Estimate of the Paymaster at Nagore for July, and Arrears previous.—

To Military Board. To Military Board—directing them to ascertain and report the Cause of delay in commencing the Repairs ordered in March to be made in the Masulipatam District—the repair of the Draw Bridge at that place—approved. —

To Ditto. To Ditto—with Copy of a letter from the Nabob, and directing that the Pondicherry Stores and Powder may be set apart, as desired by His Highness. —

To Paymaster General. To Military Paymaster General—Mr. Paymaster Cochrane's additional Estimate for June ordered to be complied with. —

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To Clerk of the Treasury.

To Clerk of the Treasury with directions to advance the Amount

To Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam directing them to furnish Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast with all Intelligence necessary to direct his Judgment in the application of the Force under his Command - and noticing his Complaint on this Head - their Military and Political Consultations to be forwarded to the latest possible period. —

23d

To Colonel Stuart.

Sent Letter to Colonel Stuart Entered in Mil. Nº 135. transmitting for his Information Copy of the letter from Bengal dated the 9th Instant. —

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in Mil. Nos 136-137-138-139-140-141. —

From Sub Secretary at Bengal.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal - Enclosing a letter for the Secretary at the India House, to be forwarded per Sugar Cane. —

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - requesting authority to provide a Stock of Grain - and to

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23d to be informed occasionally of the Number of Horses that may be expected from Hydrabad. —

From Contractors for Repairs —

From Contractors for Repairs — again representing the Obstructions thrown in their Way by the Nabob's Manager at Trichinopoly. —

Memorial of W. J. Gordon.

Memorial of Mr. John Gordon — requesting payment of Arrears of pay as a Minor Cadet. —

From Military Board.

From Military Board — opinion on the Offer made by Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott for the Brass Mortar lying at the Sea Gate. —

From Colonel Nixon.

From Commandant at Pondicherry — requesting a Subsistence for Madam La Coste — a Certificate enclosed. —

24th Received the following Letter

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George

From Military Auditor General reporting on Mr. Roebuck's Estimate for July. —

Honble Sir,

Having examined the Estimate

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24.

Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of July 1794, &c. forwarded to me with Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 20th Instant, as well as the Estimate of Mr. George Thompson Paymaster at Nagore, forwarded to me with Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 21st Instant, I have the honor to report that the Sum of Star Pagodas Two Lack, four thousand, two hundred, and Seven, Twenty Six Fanams, and fifty Nine Cash /2,04,207.26.59/ is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing month Viz.t —

	Pag.s	fa.s C.
From the General Treasury	140348.	12.26
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General ---	63859.	14.33
Pagodas --	2,04,207.	26.59

This Sum is exclusive of what may be found necessary to pay the Troops within the Department of the Paymaster at Pallamcotta, the &c.

Estimate

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24th Estimate of Mr. Martin, the Paymaster at that Station, not having been forwarded for examination with the others —

The Amount estimated for by Mr Paymaster Thompson is inserted as payable by Bills, in conformity with the Estimate drawn out by the Military Paymaster General for the current Month.

I have the honor to be with the highest respect, &c.ª —— &c.ª

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily. Audr. Genl.

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 24th June 1794. —

Received also the undermentioned letters Entered in Mls. Nos. 142-143-144-145-146-147-148. —

From Masulipatam — advising of the Arrival of the Experiment and Eliza, and of their departure for Vizagapatam. —

From Masulipatam. —

From Military Board — stating that the Repairable Arms required by the Rajah of Tanjore can be furnished at Trichinopoly. —

From Military Board.

From

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From Pay-master General. — From Military Paymaster General respecting the Exorbitant pay demanded by the Artificers required for the Expedition.—

From Ditto — From Ditto reporting the Number of Lascarins that will be required by the Paymaster at Pondicherry, monthly

From Pay-master General — From Military Paymaster General transmitting M. Paymaster Martin's Estimate for July, and M. P. Wynch's additional Estimate for the same Month.—

From Colonel Brathwaite — From Commander of the Army Enclosing a letter from Colonel Floyd requesting a Decision whether the Paymaster and Storekeeper be at all accountable to him for his Presence, Absence or his office during his absence. Major Brodie requests the 52d Regement may be put on Batta, being destined for foreign Service.—

From Town Major.— From Town Major requesting orders regarding the subsistence of the Officers taken on the Duguay Trouin, French Frigate a List enclosed.—

At

2445

Fort St. George 24th June 1794.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor - President

Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires
and
George Westcott }

Tuesday
24th June 1794

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved. —

Read the following letters

from the Board of Revenue. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

We have the Honor to submit

From Board of Revenue - detailing their proceedings relative to the Vizianagrum Zemindary and the Circumstances that led to it's Sequestration - and subsequent Revolt of the Rajah - requesting decision whether they or the Chief and Council are culpable. —

to your, Copy of a Letter received from the Chief at Vizagapatam dated the 21st ultimo; and, in consequence of what is asserted by him, we are compelled to trouble you with a recapitulation of some circumstances stated in the Correspondence, in order to prevent any wrong impression relative to the affairs of the Vizianagrum Zemindary. —

In

2446- Fort St. George 21st June 1794.-

In consequence of the repeated

October 1792 Failure of Vizeram Rauze in his Engagements, you judged it a fit opportunity on the return of the Bengal Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell to enforce the payment of the Arrears,

From Vizagapatam 6th Dec. 1792 and to bring this Zemindar to a proper sense of his duty - On the 5th December 1792 the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam reported, that he had discharged his current balance to the end of Fusly 1201 - but forwarded an address from the Zemindar, requesting that the arrears of Fusly 1200 amounting to Arcot Rupees 401,100 might be liquidated in four, instead of two years, contrary to your orders in September 1792, and proposing an alteration in the periods of his Kists, thereby further to protract his payments into the

From Government 26th Dec. 1792. Company's Treasury - The reasons which induced you to reject these proposetions, are fully explained in your reply to our Letter of the 19th December 1792. -

No

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Lieutenant Col.
Cochrell quitted
the Vizagapatam
District on the
10th Dec. 1792.—

No sooner had the Bengal
Detachment proceeded on its march, than the
Rajah, unmindful of his new engagement and
the Indulgence lately shewn him, fell of
again into Arrears, and, as it would appear,
to shew himself independant of all Controul,
he had recourse to his old expedient of placing

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Proceedings
Rajahs Letter
30th March 1793

his Brother, Setteravoo Ruuze, in the manage-
ment of his Country, in defiance of the repeated
injunctions both of the Honorable Court of
Directors and of Government, and in violation
of your positive orders in November 1791, sub-
sequently repeated, in the strongest terms, by
the Chief, at different times, and the Letter
received from him on that occasion, dated
30th. March 1793 affords a striking proof of his
contempt of any authority, not according with
his will.—

Finding that the Balances
had accumulated to so considerable an —
amount as Arcot Rupees 6,26,000 — We called
upon the Chief and Council to inform us of
the measures they had taken, and to com-
municate such propositions as might occur

To Vizagapatam
dated 28th March
1793

to

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to them, for the general Welfare of the Zemindary, and the Security of the Revenue.

From Vizagapatam Dated 4th April 1793.

In reply, they informed us that no alteration had taken place in the mode of conducting Business at Vizeanagrum, and that they conceived the objects of promoting the general Welfare of the Country and the Security of the Revenue, were not likely to be effectually attained by any measure less than that of sequestering the Zemindary of Vizianagrum.—

To Government 3d April 1793.

We had the honor to lay before you the several papers received from the Chief and Council, and you expressed your decided opinion that Measures should be immediately adopted to secure the Company against the

From Govermt 16th April 1793.

Effects which must result from affording this Zemindar the smallest reason to suppose, that his marked Inattention to your orders would escape with Impunity; and added that you had applied to the Governor General in Council for his sanction to take the Zemindary under the Company's management, in case of the Rajahs refusal to assign

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assign an adequate Portion of his Country for the discharge of his Arrears, together with the growing Summa, and, in the event of his refusal, to dismiss his Brother from all concern in the management of his Country.

These Resolutions were communicated to the Chief and Council, and Vizeram Rauze was warned by the Chief, agreeably to your direction, of the consequence that would inevitably ensue, if he did not, without hesitation, comply with your requisitions. But it appeared, by a Letter from them of the 8th May, that the Rajah had not paid the smallest attention to your orders, or even made any reply to the Letters from the Chief on the Subject. they also represented that, in consequence of the unusual and oppressive Exactions of Vitteram Rauze, who still retained his power, the Country had been thrown into great Confusion, and that more serious Disturbances were to be apprehended without

To Vizagapatam dated 26th April 1793.

From Vizagapatam dated 8th May 1793.

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without a decided and immediate check,
and an entire Change of System. —

Convinced of the Impropriety
of Setteram Rauze's remaining in the
District, particularly as the Chief and
Council represented that the Hill Polegars
had revolted in consequence of his oppres-
sions — We repeated our recommendation
that he should be deprived of his authority
with the least possible Delay, and required
to proceed to the Presidency, or to some other
place where he would have it less in his
power to occasion Disturbances — In the
mean time we received another Letter from
the Chief and Council, which tended to shew
in a more particular manner, that the
defection of the Hill People had been entirely
brought on by the unjust demands of Setteram
Rauze, and we again urged the immediate
adoption of the most effectual means to
prevent further and more serious troubles
in the Country. —

To Government dated 16th May 1793.

From Vizagapa-tam dated 12th May 1793.

To Government dated 23d May 1793

In

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From Government dated 22d May.

In reply you observed, that, seeing no reason whatever to hope that Vizeram Rauze would profit by the admonitions which had been given him, or that any Security, either for the Balance which had accrued or for the growing Demands of the Company, would be provided by the Councils or Conduct of his Brother Sitteram Rauze, you were of opinion, as the only alternative left, that the Zemindary should be sequestered, and held by the Company until their Demands upon it were fully discharged. On this occasion you gave directions that the Rajah should not remain at Vizianagrum, or any place within the Zemindary, and advised us that you should take into Consideration the allowances to be given to the Rajah and his Brother Sitteram Rauze, but that all Claims to indulgence would be forfeited by the least resistance to the measures you had resolved upon - You enclosed to us on this occasion a Letter for Vizeram Rauze from the Honorable Governor under date 22d May

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May to the same effect, and expressing the most severe censure at his further & violation of his public engagements and open defiance of the Company's orders by entrusting Sitteram Rauze with the & management of the Country, notwithstanding the repeated admonitions and warning given him. —

At the same time you & informed us, that you had requested Colonel Brathwaite to give his opinion with & regard to the Force that might be necessary to support the measure. —

In consequence of a further reference from us, you confirmed your & orders of the 22d May for the sequestration of the Vizeanagrum Zemindary, but were pleased to authorize us to give Instructions to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam to demand once more from Vizeram Rauze the immediate Payment of the arrears due by him, both old and new, and the Instant removal of Sitteram Rauze from all & management

From Government
Dated 29th May 1793

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management, adding that his Compliance with these conditions was so remote, from your Expectation, that you did not in any respect depend upon it, and had therefore Issued orders for assembling the Troops in the District of Vizagapatam, to enforce the sequestration, in case of disobedience to your authority.— In this Letter the 29th. May you expressed your sentiments more fully of the Rajah's misconduct and the necessity of sequestering his Zemindary.—

To Vizagapatam dated 3d. June 1793.

We communicated your determination to the Chief and Council, calling upon them to lose no time in reporting the state of the Zemindary, the measures they proposed for its future management, on the event of sequestration, and to ascertain and lay before us, as soon as possible, a Statement of the particular situation of the different Talooks or smaller Zemindaries dependant on Vizeram Rauze— the amount assessed on

each

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each, and every necessary information in regard to the present possessors, their &c Tenures Characters and family — But the mode of carrying your orders for the &c sequestration into execution was necessarily left to the Chief and Council, and, to guard against any resistance to the measure, it appears that a Detachment consisting of Europeans, Artillery, and &c Sepoys, entertained at a Considerable Expence to the Company, was formed at Vizagapatam, and placed under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast. —

From Vizagapatam dated 23d June 1793.

On the 23d June the Chief and Council reported that no answer had been received from Vizeram Rauze to the Letter written by the Chief, in compliance with your beforementioned &c orders, but that Sitteram Rauze had withdrawn from the management of the Country and arrived at Vizagapatam, and that they had great reason to hope Vizeram Rauze would shortly proceed to the Chiefship

The

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From Vizagapatam dated 9th July 1793.—

The Chief and Council soon after reported his arrival at Vizagapatam, and that much negociation had taken place to induce him to make an immediate payment of his arrears both old and new, amounting, at this time, to Rupees 8,50,000 but without Effect. The Rajahs Dewan however, made a verbal proposal, on the part of his Master, to pay in the course of one Month the full amount of three Kists then due, being Rupees 4,50,000 and one Kist of the Arrears, in all Rupees 5,50,000 in three equal payments, an Arrangement which the Chief and Council stated to be feasible, and which we had the Honor to lay before you.—

To Government 18th July 1793.

We, however, considered the proposal merely an Expedient to gain time, which, if complied with, would tend but to encrease the Rajah's Embarrasment, the consequence of all former palliatives.— We therefore stated very fully our reasons for

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for thinking it inadmissible, and adverted to his Conduct during the last year, which we considered to have been in an higher Degree culpable than at any former Period, and gave it as our opinion that he had incurred the Penalty which he was repeatedly apprized would follow a failure in the regular discharge of the Current year's Engagements, Viz.t "to be assessed 2/3rds. of his Gross Revenue the proportion for which other Zemindars are made answerable— You were pleased to inform us you conceived your late Instructions so full and explicit, that you did not expect the Chief and Council would have made a second

From Government dated 2d July.

reference, and you concurred in our opinion that Vizeram Razuze had incurred the penalty of which he was apprized in case of failure, but you deferred agitating the Question respecting the increased Jumma as the knowledge you expected would be acquired by the Management of the Revenue might enable you to determine with more

accuracy

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accuracy the extent to which the Country should be assessed. —

To Vizagapatam dated 23 July 1793.

The final Resolutions &c were communicated to the Chief and Council with Instructions to carry them into immediate Execution, and

From Vizagapatam dated 2d August 1793.

they reported on the 2d August that they had adopted the necessary measures for sequestering the Zemindary, which was

Vizagapatam Proceedings 5th August 1793.

shortly afterwards completed by Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast taking possession of

From Vizagapatam dated 18th August 1793.

the Fort of Vizeanagrum — In the mean time Sitteram Rauze proceeded to Madras,

From Government 7th September 1793.

and you were pleased, at our recommendation, to grant him a monthly allowance of 5000 Rupees. —

It was not without frequent applications from the Chief to the Rajah, that he was enabled to procure accounts of the Zemindary from

From Vizagapatam dated 26 August 1793.

the Cutcherry Servants, and on the 26th August the Chief and Council transmitted to us various Statements and Papers relative

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relative to its Revenues, and their appro-
priation by Vezeram Rauze, accompanied
by an explanatory Minute of the Chief.
These papers exhibited proofs of the most
reprehensible and improvident waste on
the part of the Rajah, and it appeared that
his account with the Company on the 9th
August stood as follows.

Due on account of Old Arrears	Rs. 401,100..	
for 1200		
Do. of his Current Kists	261,000..	
Do. of Pytha Rows Family	666.10.8	
Do. of Severam Rauze's Do.	4587..	
		673353.10.8

It also appeared that nearly
half the Current Revenue of the Zemindary
had been realized or accounted for by the
Renters, which clearly evinced the great
inattention of the Rajah to the Company's
Claim upon him, and totally obviated the
Plea so frequently urged of the distressed
state of his Country in consequence of the

Effects

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Effects of the late Famine, Indeed we have reason to believe, from the information received, that, on a proper enquiry into the resources of the Country, it will appear that the Collections made by the Rajah during the three years preceding the Sequestration, were fully ample to enable him to pay the Company's demands, and to defray all Subsidy, and his other necessary charges. —

The Minutes entered by Messrs Gregory and Snow accompanied the Letter from Vizagapatam dated 26th Augt 1793. —

Messrs Gregory and Snow concurred in opinion with the Chief that all the Accounts delivered in by the Rajah "were "purposely involved in Intricacy and con= "fusion," and to effect an Investigation of "them, as well as to provide for the future "management of this Extensive Zemindary "they submitted the propriety of the imme= "diate appointment of Collectors, or that the "Districts should be placed under the "separate and Distinct Management of the "several Members — But the Chief did not "offer any opinion as to the mode of Manage=

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management which he considered best calculated to the situation of the Zemendary tho' called upon by our Instructions of the 3d. June preceding. —

Minute of Board In Consultation 9th September 1793 To Government dated 16th Sept. 1793.

Having taken these papers into Consideration, we submitted to you our Sentiments thereon, and as the Chief and Council appeared to be fully convinced that no dependance was to be placed on the accounts transmitted, we had no hesitation in determining on the absolute expediency of an Investigation into the actual State of the Country to be conducted by persons on the spot, and accordingly recommended the appointment of Collectors, as a measure which appeared to be the best adopted to the situation, Circumstances and future Management of the Districts; but lest you should not concur in this Recommendation, We offered it as our decided opinion that the Chief and Council should separate, and each take a distinct Division of the Zemendary

under

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From Government dated 27th Sept. 1793.

under his Charge— you were pleased to concur generally in our several Recommendations; but, for reasons stated, approved of the latter proposition, for allotting a distinct Portion of the Jemmundary to the respective members. —

We accordingly directed the Chief and Council to prepare a Statement of the division of the Country into three Parts, in order that we might determine on the allotments to be made; and they, in consequence, laid before us two Statements, one prepared by the Chief, and the other by Mr. Gregory, as Revenue Accountant. We resolved to adopt the Statement furnished by the Latter as it included the Maccasars Agraharams, Mauniams and Customs in each Division, a mode that appeared more eligible than annexing the whole of those Branches of Revenue belonging to the Northern, and Southern Districts, to the Center Division, as proposed by the former, more especially as a Minute

From Vizagapatam dated the 13th. October 1793.

To Vizagapatam dated 30th. October 1793.

investigation

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investigation into the Mocafsan &c.ª Tenures was ordered; and we, at the same time, acquainted the Chief and Council that, being unenformed of many particulars relative to the small Zemendaries, they were to become the subject of special Enquiry and report to their respective divisions. —

By the Records of the Chief ship forwarded to us, we perceived that, in consequence of an irregularity on the part of Vizeram Rauze in issuing orders relative to the Zemandary Concerns, you expressed your sentiments on the occasion to the following effect under date 26th September 1793, "We hope that the remon= "trances of your Chief will have entirely "checked so improper an interference, but "we would have you go further, and intimate "to Vizeram Rauze that if we receive any "further Complaints of this nature, we shall "deem it expedient to remove him from "the District" — On the 28th of September 1793 you

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you transmitted to us Copy of a Letter from Vizeeram Rauze dated the 15th of the same Month, which appeared to be an Answer to the Honorable Governor's Letter to him of the 22d May preceding; and, having therein expressed his wish to remain at Vizagapatam, you informed us that you had no objection to his remaining there provided his residence did not occasion any improper interference in the management of his Zemindary. —

In our Address of the 30th of October last, we laid before you a Letter from the Rajah, under date the 14th October, strongly objecting to His Country being divided and placed under Collectors, and urging the restoration of it, and that immediately upon receipt of the orders, he would begin to pay such money as he could raise on part of the Eleven Lack of Rupees due. — you informed us, in reply, that you meant those arrears should be received entirely through the medium of our own Management

From Government dated 9th November 1794.

and

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and not, as Vogearam Rauze proposed, by enabling him, at the expence of the growing Revenue, to discharge them, and thus bring on again, in the course of a few months, the same Exigency which lately compelled you to sequester the Country: and, with a view to remove all ill founded hopes on this subject from the mind of Vogearam Rauze, you advised us that the Honorable President had been requested to write him to that effect.—

From Vizaga-patam dated 15th November 1793.

The Chief and Council of adviſed us under date the 13th November that they had taken charge of their respective Divisions; and we shall now confine our Remarks, principally, to the management of the Center Division which is under the authority of the Chief.— It must be sufficiently evident, from the foregoing Facts, that the sequestration of the Vizianagrum Zemindary took place in the first instance, at the immediate Recommendation of the Chief and Council,

and

and more particularly from the strong opinions given by Mr. Charnier of the Rajah's total inability to manage the affairs of the District, and that he conceived the Welfare of the Country, and the Security of the Revenue were not to be effectually attained by any measure less, than that of taking the Zemindary under the management of the Company.

The objects We had in view, and which we trusted would result from the Sequestration of the Zemindary, were, to reduce the Military Force which this Zemindar, notwithstanding the repeated Orders to the Contrary of the Honorable Court of Directors within the last 20 years and of successive Governments, had not only retained, but even encreased; to Meliorate the Condition of the Inhabitants, and the Families of those Zemindars who had been dispossessed by the most unjust

and

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and ambitious projects of the Vizeana-
gram Zemindars; to afford relief to those
who retained their Countries, but who
have been exposed to great oppressions;
to heal the distractions which had so
long prevailed under a weak fluctuating,
and improvident administration; to
ascertain the real value of the different
Purgunnahs, and the Extent of the im-
proper alienations of Land, whether for
Military services, or to Brahmines and
favorites; to clear off all debts, particularly
to the Rajah's Troops; to introduce some
fixed principle of management in
order to secure tranquility, and the
Realization of an adequate Revenue;
and by affording the Zemindar a more
intimate knowledge of the resources of
his Country, We hoped to provide for the
punctual discharge of the Company's
future Demands. —

To Vizagapatam dated 30th October.

Our Instructions to the
Chief and Council, copy of which we
had the Honor to submit to you, on
taking

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taking Charge of their several Divisions naturally directed their immediate attention to the Security of the current Revenue, and the Balances that might be due from the Renters then in Charge; and, observing that the Cowles granted by the Rajah would expire in the Month of February, We recommended that the Chief and Council in their separate Capacities should be authorized to receive offers for reletting the Purgannahs for three years, which you approved, and the necessary Instructions were accordingly sent to Vizagapatam. —

To Government dated 9th January 1794.

From Government dated 10th January 1794.

On the 11th of the following month the Chief reported to us that he had published an Advertisement for proposals for reletting the Center Division of the Vizeanagrum Zemindary; but that the time had expired, and none had been delivered in — He attributed the failure to the unwillingness of the Rajahmans, the principal Renters, to contract

From M.r Chamier dated 11th February 1794.

new

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new Engagements until the Accounts of their former management had been adjusted, and added, besides these, there were a few responsible men in the Centre Division who might be willing to become Renters, but that they were prevented from making offers, fearing the resentment of the Rachawars, who would undoubtedly resume their respective Charges upon the restoration of the Country to the Rajah. —

From Mr. Chamier dated 18th February 1794.

In a subsequent address from the Chief, in consequence of his observing that Mr. Snow attributed the failure in his division to arise from the immediate situation of the Rajah and a combination to deter those from coming forward who might otherwise be willing to engage, he urged as a further reason for the late Renters not tendering proposals in writing, their ignorance of the Style of doing Business according to the Regulations under which Collectors act, as well as

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as their not being able to reconcile themselves to a change of Character which, when compared to their former Situation, must be deemed humiliating, The Chief added that, if the present principal Renters continued to decline coming forward, they would not, he supposed, prevent their Sub Renters from Engaging with the Company, a Supposition not to be reconciled with His opinion of the 11th above quoted; but if any doubt of the true Cause of Abstruction remained, it was entirely removed upon perusing the Rajah's Language to the Renters, held forth in the presence of the Chief (& highly inconsistent with his situation and with the Intentions expressed in the Honorable Governor's Letter to him of the 9th November last) encouraging them to withhold from the Knowledge of the Company their several Claims upon the Zemindary, either on account of Balances due to them or Remissions

which

which he urged, would, if brought forward, militate against his prospects of being shortly restored to his Country — The Chief however gave it as his opinion that the Rajah used no Language but such as he was authorized to do from the Tenor of the Governor's Letter to him. —

To the Rajah's interference therefore and its being so evidently the interest of the Renters to preserve their independence, and careful influence in the Country, only to be exercised under him, that we ascribed their Backwardness in making tenders themselves or allowing others to come forward; and our opinions received further, and yet stronger, Confirmation from the Reports of Messrs Gregory and Snow upon the like ill Success in their Divisions, & whereby it actually appeared that the Rajah was openly entering into negociations, for raising Loans to accomplish his purpose. —

In

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To W. Chamier
dated 28th February
1794.

In this situation of
affairs it became our indispensible
duty to interdict the Rajah from all
interference whatever with the Renters
Do. Do. or the Zemindary, and We directed the
Chief again to advertize, allowing 10
Days for the delivery of Proposals, and,
if alike unsuccessful, we informed him
that We should deem it expedient to
recommend the Removal of Vizeram
Rauze from the District; and, conse=
quently, that Influence which had
hitherto impeded the attainment of the
objects in view; and We pointed out the
obvious inconsistency of the Rajah's
Conduct, compared with the declared
intention of Government - We also directed
the Chief to call upon the Renters to state
their Demands, and the Grounds of their
Claims to remissions, and to endeavour to
ascertain every other Debt due by the
Rajah. -

We

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To Government dated 27th March 1794.

We submitted to you the Correspondence which had passed with the several Gentlemen at Vizagapatam, relative to the failure of the first Advertisement for renting the Districts, and stated, from the Circumstances which came before us, that it appeared to be reduced to this point; whether the Orders and measures of Government should be supported, or the Zemindar and his principal Servants allowed to frustrate them, and to accomplish the restoration of his Country without the Balance being discharged from the regular Current Collections, or effecting any one of those important objects intended by the Negociation, and, We might have added, & meant equally to secure the Public & Revenue and the Comfort and due protection of half a Million of People — Such a measure, we observed, would be contrary to your Resolutions, and, as the Example would be attended with the

worst

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worst effects, we had no hesitation in recommending that we should be &c. authorized to require Vezeram Rauze immediately to proceed to the Presidency, provided a similar backwardness was evinced by the Renters and others to the delivery of Proposals in consequence of the second Advertizement. —

From M.C. Chamier dated 14th March 1794.

The Chief informed us &c. that he had again published for receiving Proposals on or before 21st March; and, a few Days afterwards, he forwarded to us

From M.C. Chamier dated 18th March 1794.

an address from the Rajah, replying to our Orders interdicting his having any &c. Communication with the Renters &c; and expressive of his utmost submission to the Will and Orders of Government; and the Chief concluded by observing, that he hesitated not in saying, if the Rajah be charged with preventing the Renters from making Offers for renting a new, such charge was totally without foundation.

We

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From Mr Chamier dated 22d March 1794.

We were naturally much astonished, after such a Declaration, to be informed by the Chief that the time limited by the second advertizement had once more expired, and but three Proposals received for the rent of the single Purgunah of Bimlipatam and a Village in Putteoor, in the Center Division, and Letters from Messrs. Gregory and Snow represented that they had received no Proposal whatever.

To Government dated 1st April 1794.

We laid the whole of the Correspondence before you, and, from the most deliberate Consideration of the Communications from the Gentlemen, particularly their separate Minutes entered on their Proceedings in September and October 1793, as well as their Representations of a later date, We were confirmed in the Belief that the Influence of Vizeram Rauze and his adherents must have operated to deter Persons from coming forward with offers.

Under this Impression, and in knowledge of your repeated Orders that

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Letter to B. of Rev. in 22d. May 1793
D° to Chief Sheps 26th. Sept. d°.
D° to B. of Rev. 28th d° d°.

that Vizeram Rauze was to remain at Vizagapatam, on condition that his residence did not occasion any im= proper Interference in the management of the Zemendary, there was no alter= native without acting highly in-con= sistent with our public duty, and in direct breach of your resolution, but to recommend that the Rajah should be required to proceed either to Madras, or some other place Distant from Vizagapatam - We noticed the further Arguments adduced by the Chief in excuse for the Renters not coming forward with offers, and Explained the motives which had induced us to wish that the Persons who had been Renters in the Rajah's Administration should be continued under the Company, but we also proposed, that, should the same resistance be continued after the removal of Vizeram Rauze, by any exertion of influence on their part to keep back

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others

others from making proposals, they too should be removed from the District; and, in order to inspire those Persons with Confidence who might be disposed to come forward with Offers, We submitted

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the propriety of notifying that the new Renters should be Guaranteed in the P. possession of their Farms during the Term of their Lease provided they punctually fulfilled their Engagements. —

From Vizagapatam dated 25th March 1794.

On the 25th of March We received a Letter from the Chief and Council enclosing an Address to Government im- porting that Vizeram Razze had ab- ruptly quitted his residence in the P. Pettah of Vizagapatam, and repaired to the Chief's Garden House, and recom- mending that the Rajah should be gratified with the permission to reside at Padmanaburm, a Village within four Cos of Vizeanagrum. —

To Government dated 3d april 1794.

We had the honor to address you fully on this subject, and, on the 5th ajrial

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To Government dated 27th March & 3d April 1794

From Govern.t dated 5th April 1794.

April, We received your reply to our several Communications – From a Perusal of the Correspondence, you were decidedly of opinion that the ill success of our repeated Publications for Renting out the Vizianagrum Zemmindary was occasioned wholly by the exertion of the Zemindars' influence, against the measure, and that no other reason which had been assigned offered any satisfactory explanation of the embarrassment –

Do. Do. – Under this impression you approved of the Orders we had sent in consequence of the ill success of the first Advertisement, and agreed with us in the propriety of the measure suggested, in consequence of the second failure, for requiring Vizeram Rauze to come to Madras, or reside, if more agreeable to himself, at some other place sufficiently remote from the Zemmindary. – Being satisfied, you observed, that there was no alternative but to remove the influence of the

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the Zemindar, or resign the District into his hands, without accomplishing any of the objects for which it was sequestered - At the same time you apprized us that if any of the late Renters should still persist in opposing the views of Government, you would have us give orders for their removal likewise; since you were determined to effect the complete execution of the measure that had been resolved upon N. P. - You left it to our Discretion to Publish again for Proposals or settle with the Head Inhabitants for the Revenue, as should appear most advisable; but, in the event of a fresh Publication, you agreed with us that it would be proper to Guarantee the continuance of the Persons who might become Renters during the Term of their Leases. When the Country should be restored to the Rajah provided they fulfilled their respective

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respective Engagements - you also expref=
sed in strong terms your entire disap=
proval of Vizeram Rauze's abrupt &
Departure from Vizagapatam, and
added that such Conduct betrayed a
want of Confidence both unworthy of
his own Character and injurious to &
that of his Protectors. -

Upon making known
these Resolutions to the Chief and other
Members in charge of the several &
Divisions, We directed them again to
Publish for Proposals, allowing ten Days
for their delivery; but if, at the Expiration
of this Period, no adequate offers were
received, We authorized them to proceed
in making the best Settlement of the
Revenue in their Power either with the
Head Inhabitants or others willing &
to engage - At the same time We desired
the Chief would, on the fifteenth Day &
from the receipt of our Instructions &
insist upon the departure of Vizeram
Rauze

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Rauze for Madras, or Masulipatam, but leaving to his option the choice of either of these places, and directing the Chief to carry into execution this measure in a manner the most reconcileable to the Rajah, and with every attention due to his situation. —

Unwilling, however, to take any steps which might affect the feelings of the Rajah notwithstanding he had given ample cause of Offence while a possibility existed of accomplishing our object of procuring reasonable Offers of Rent, we directed, in the event of no adequate Proposals being tendered in the three Divisions, in consequence of the third advertisement, that the departure of Vizeram Rauze was to be delayed until further Orders, and we instructed the Chief, and the other Members, in that event, to report to us immediately their opinions, whether the Residence of Vizeram Rauze at Vizagapatam

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Vizagapatam was likely to interfere with Engagements of the Renters to the Company, to impede their Management in any respect, or the attainment of the objects intended by the Sequestration.

In the mean time another effort was made for the immediate restoration of the Rajah's Authority – We received a Letter from the Chief and Council dated 7th April, forwarding Proposals from five of the late Renters in the Jemmadary to rent the Country from the Rajah, and give their Sunnuds to the Company to pay the Rajah's Arrears / exclusive of the Remission for the Suspension of the Sea and Land Customs due to him / and the present year's Summa of 900,000 Rupees in four Payments as follows – on the 12th May, 9th August 5th November 1794 and 5th February 1795 besides any Balances that might appear due on a final Adjustment of

From Mr. Chamier dated 7th April 1794.

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Accounts, and to pay the annual Summa regularly in future. —

This was followed up by another Letter from the Chief of the 9th April submitting a Claim made by the Rajah to remission on account of the Suspension of the Sea and Land Customs for the last three years amounting to Rupees 4,52,609-7-3 - accompanied by a Letter from the Rajah hoping he should have Credit for the same; and that, agreeable to the Promise made by the Honorable Governor to restore his Country as soon as the arrears are discharged, he requested the Chief would write for the order for that purpose; at the same time he addressed the Governor in Council separately on the subject. —

From N. Charnier dated 9th April 1794.

To Government dated 21st April 1794.

We stated our Sentiments regarding the very improper terms in which the Offers of the Renters were conducted, and the Enormous and inadmissible Demand of the Rajah for Remission

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Remission forwarded without any
objection or opinion expressed by the
Chief; and that, for some time past, We
had forseen, as particularly explained
in our Letter of the 27th. November last
that Matters were approaching to this,
Crisis, when such Proposals would be
tendered by the late Renters on purpose
to effect the restoration of Vizeram Rauze
with their own improper Influence in
the Purgunnahs; in the hope, by that
means, to obviate the Salutary objects which
were intended by the Sequestration; but
We observed that your Determination of
the 5th. April would effectually correct
the Evil intended, and Check the
Influence of the Renters, which appeared
so fully explained by the Reports of the
Committee of Circuit, and other Docu=
ments on Record. —

From Government dated 26th. April 1794.

You approved of the
several Opinions offered by us, and
directed the Rajah to be informed that no
alteration

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alteration could take place in the
resolution of retaining the Collection
until the objects mentioned in the
Honorable Presidents Letters of the 9th
November last were fully accomplished.

From Mr. Chamier dated 15th April 1794.

Mr. Chamier on acknow-
ledging the receipt of our orders relative
to the removal of Vizeram Rauze, &c.
requested a further Explanation and
special Instructions, in what manner
to proceed in the event of the Rajahs &c.
declining to set out at the period provided,
but stating that if he did not obtain an
Answer before the expiration of 15 days,
he would order a Guard to seize his &c.
person, if he should not previously
comply with the requisition for his
departure. — As it thereby appeared that
the Chief entertained a Suspicion of a
refusal on the part of the Rajah to comply

To Mr. Chamier dated 23 April 1794.

with the requisitions of Government, we
observed to Mr Chamier that he had on
former Occasions proceeded to the Presidency
in

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in Obedience to their Directions: that the whole Tenor of his Correspondence as well as the Professions contained in the several Addresses from Vyeram Raze himself gave assurances of his Disposition to submit to the will of Government in every Instance, and We desired the Chief to remind the Rajah of these professions, and to warn him of the Consequences, if he neglected to obey the Orders of Government. —

We also furnished — Mr. Chaunier with Instructions to assemble the Council to take into Consideration the most proper steps to be pursued to carry into execution the orders of Government in the event of the Rajah not attending to this warning, and it becoming necessary to employ Troops for this purpose; but observed, that We trusted, by a proper — Exertion of his (the Chiefs) Influence and persuasion, the Rajah would, without Difficulty, be brought to a proper Sense of his Duty. —

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From Mr. Chamier dated 19th April 1794.

The Chief addressed us again on the 19th. April, stating the Rajah's inability to undertake a Journey, and forwarded a Certificate from Doctor Ogilvie on the Situation of his health - observing that, as he did not know how far the Report of Mr. Ogilvie might influence the Board, he had resolved not to carry into effect his intention, before communicated, of insisting upon the Rajah's departure at the period prescribed - but to wait our reply on this point. -

From Vizagapatam dated 26th April 1794.

The Chief and Council in their separate Capacities finding entirely for the third time in their attempts to procure offers for their respective Divisions, it became necessary that the orders for removing Vizeram Rauze from Vizagapatam should be carried into effect - Subsequent Letters from the Chief advised us of the Measures which he had adopted

From Mr. Chamier dated 3d. & 8th. May 1794.

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adopted to reconcile the Feelings of the
Rajah; and that, after much difficulty
and Persuasion, he had, at length, ~
agreed to quit the District, and to set
out on his Journey - Mr. Charnier also
forwarded to us a Letter from the Rajah
addressed to the Honorable Governor ~
which we had the Honor to submit to
your Consideration, together with his
Letters above alluded to. ~

From Mr. Charnier 8th May 1794.

To Government dated 17th May 1794

Do. Do.

With respect to the Claims
and pretentions of this Jemendar and
his family, as mentioned in his Ad-
dress, We conceived it unnecessary to
enlarge on the subject, as they are fully
detailed on Record, and more particularly
in a clear and Comprehensive Address
from Mr. Cotsford to the Honorable Court
of Directors under date the 13th January
1777. We also took this opportunity of ~
submitting to your Copies of our late
Correspondence with the Chief; and, in
Reference to that part of his Letter ~
wherein he mentions the Ill state of
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the Rajahs Health, We were under the necessity of referring you to the Surgeons Report which accompanied Mr. Charniers Letter of the 19th April 1794, in order to prevent any Misconception of his real state tho' it was not our Intention to have detained a paper so harmlessly relating to his Character. —

To Government 17th May 1794.

We offered our Opinions fully on the advance of 30,000 Rupees which Mr Charnier had made to Vizeram Rauze, in order to satisfy his attendants previous to setting out on his Journey; and, in regard to the proposed Increase of allowance, We stated our reasons for thinking the Sum fixed for the Rajahs Expences was sufficient, but We were induced to recommend, that Mr. Charnier should be authorized to pay him the full Amount of 15,000 Rupees pr. Month, as his removal from the Vizagapatam District might render the former allowance of 12,000 Rupees pr. Month inadequate - you have however, since

From Government dated 24th May 1794.

observed

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observed that, in the present state of affairs, you must decline passing any resolution in the Rajahs favour. —

To Government dated 23d ultimo. From Vizr. dated 8th & 11th May 1794.

On the 23d ultimo We had the honor to lay before you several Letters addressed to us by the Chief and Council, with their Minutes at a full meeting, together with our Replies, which materially related to the affairs of the District —

From Mr. Charnier dated 14th May 1794.

We likewise submitted a Letter from Mr. Charnier, advising us that he had received Intelligence, which left very little doubt of the Rajah's Resolution to throw off his allegience to the Company, and which subsequent advices have confirmed; It would appear that the Rajah had quitted Vizagapatam, with a large Body of Armed Troops and attendants, whose pay it would seem had not been discharged, Notwithstanding our repeated orders that all arrears due to the Rajah's Troops, including every Description of Persons, should be ascertained, and paid out of the Collection

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Collections, and to which Orders Mr. Charnier had at various times, promised obedience - Our surprize was however encreased by observing that the Rajah had been permitted to keep up numerous armed Followers while residing at the Chief= ship more particularly when We adverted to the orders of Government under date 26th September 1793 and when it appears that the Rajah, in a Letter to the Chief dated in October last, reported the discharge of 1650 of his Troops of different descriptions, and even offered to deposite their Arms in the Company's stores until he should be restored to his Country; but it would now appear, from the late Communications, that a very considerable body of Armed Followers still attended the Rajah on his leaving Vezagapatam - On this subject, however, we have called for a particular report.

We shall now beg leave to insert that part of Mr. Charnier's letter of the 21st Ultimo alluded to in the first paragraph

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paragraph of this address, and to offer a few remarks on what relates to the letting out of his division since the 20th April. "The pleasing Prospect which I had before me has now entirely vanished "— I had made Arrangements for letting "out the greatest part of my Division to "responsible Men, and Muchelkas and "orders were actually preparing, when the "Execution of the Resolution from the "Presidency for obliging the Rajah to quit "the District involved it in confusion, and "furnished the Persons who had consented "to be Renters with very sufficient pleas for "declining to enter into any Engagement "at present"

"Thus situated, the Revenue "Concerns are totally at a Stand, but I "trust this State of Anarchy and alarm "will not continue, for, should the Res- "toration of Tranquility be much longer "deferred, the Season of Cultivation will "be past, and the District will be "exposed to the Calamities attending a

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"Scarcity, from which it was but just begin-
"ning to recover". —

Our Orders to Mr. Charnier
of the 8th April directed him, for the
third time, to publish for Proposals allow-
ing ten days for their Delivery, and
that if at the Expiration of this Period
no adequate offers were received, he was
then to proceed in making the best
settlement of the Revenue in his power,
either with the Head Inhabitants or
others willing to engage — On the 26th
April last, the Chief reported that the
time limited for receiving proposals had
expired, and, none having been delivered
in he observed "that there was not a
"moment to be lost in letting out the
"Country in the best manner in our
"power "and added" let it however be
"recollected, that my exertions will be
"much cramped by the confused state
"of the Country from the Incursions of
"the Hill Poligars, by the lateness of
"the season for making revenue settle-
ments

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settlements, together with the miserable depopulated Condition of the Zemendary.

The time limited for Vizeram Rauze's eventual departure from Vizagapatam expired on the 1st of May; and it must be observed that the Chief's Communications of the 3d and 8th May do not mention any progress made, or measures taken for letting out his division, and indeed it would seem, from these Letters, that nearly his whole time must have been occupied from the 26th April, at Vizagapatam, by visits from the Rajah, in the examination of the claims and accounts of his attendants, in discussions on the subject of his own allowances and advances necessary to enable him to satisfy them and set out on his Journey — In Mr. Charnier's Minute which accompanied the Letters of the Chief and Council of the 11th May, he only expresses his hope that he shall be able to arrange what relates to the Center division

division, and in their next letter of the 14th May, we were advised that the Districts had been thrown into the utmost state of confusion by the revolts of Vizeram Rauze, but no mention of any progress having been made in settling the Rents, nor can we conceive how a Country, if in the deplorable state reported by the Chief, could be properly arranged in so short a period.—

Admitting, however, the fact, as stated, it must obviously prove that the people waited for the departure of the Zemindar no offer being made until it was known he was ordered to leave the District. Here we must remark that, tho' repeatedly called upon for information of the value and state of the Districts, we have not yet been furnished by Mr. Charnier with any report which could enable us to form a correct judgment of any offers made for the different Purgunnahs &c. under him, and it is with concern we say

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say that little or no progress has been
made by Mr. Charnier for attaining any
one of the other important objects of the
sequestration; and, instead of following
up the execution of them with Zeal,
firmness, and decision, it must be ob-
evident that there has been a consider-
-disposition on his part - Mr. Charnier
has repeatedly taken occasion to represent
the sequestration merely as a temporary
measure, and that it would not be ad-
advisable to attempt alteratives, tho' he
had so decidedly recommended a total
Change of System, and expressed him-
self in the most unfavourable terms of
the incapacity and misconduct of the
Hermandar before his arrival at Viza-
gapatam in the month of July last -
This change of sentiments appears to
us the more irreconcilable, as the various
Communications from the Gentlemen
in charge of the three divisions of the
Hermandary, exhibit the most positive
proofs of the disorders and abuses in
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the Rajah's management. But notwith-
standing it became so essential for the
Credit and Interest of the Company's
Government, as well for the Security of
the Country, that we should avail ourselves
of the present opportunity of the Seques-
tration for introducing the necessary
arrangements, ordered by the Honorable
Court of Directors nearly 20 years ago;
and since frequently reiterated, We are
deeply mortified in observing that, to
hitherto, the object has been over looked;
and that the restoration of the Zemindar
has not only pervaded almost every
transaction, but shackled every Order
given by us for establishing the Com-
pany's Authority, with regulations for
the due Security of the Revenue. —

The improper attempts of
the Rajah to interfere in the Country,
of which Mr. Gregory and Mr. Snow
were fully convinced, so long ago as
October last; and his improper repre-
sentations, from time to time, and
unjustifiable

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unjustifiable inattention in almost every occasion, were not only passed over by M. Charnier, but inadmissible and enormous claims, on account of the suspension of duties, and irregular propositions made by the late Renters, solely with a view to effect the Rajah's restoration, contrary to your declared intentions under date 9th November last, have been forwarded by him - without a word of objection, tho' called upon to offer his specific opinion on transmitting the statement of such claims - Yet, upon our having stated the impropriety of his having done so, he has subsequently observed, a previous examination into the Claim was so obviously necessary, that he should have been apprehensive of being censured had he presumed to suggest to the Board what would at first sight appear to any one indispensible - It has already been remarked that M. Charnier has invariably given us assurances

assurances of the perfect submission of Vizeraram Rauze, and his readiness to check any irregularities on the part of his Dependants. Under this idea the Chief did not fail to urge that the Zemendar should be allowed an increase of his allowance, and, at length, in his Letter of the 3d and 8th ultimo, a few days previous to his open disobedience of the Company's authority, he recommended 30,000 Rupees monthly or 20 ₱ Cent instead of 10 ₱ Cent on the Estimate nett Collections - also an increase of allowance to Sitteram Rauze, which had been fixed at Rupees 5000, ₱ month - Indeed the Chief was so far deluded as to advance the Zemendar 30000 Rupees under pretence of adjusting accounts with his people, and to enable him to proceed on his Journey, but which it is to be apprehended he has employed for collecting Troops in order to resist the authority of Government. -

This delusion appears the more remarkable, when we advert to the

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the many instances of sickleness and disobedience of the Rajah (pointed out by Mr. Charnier himself not 12 Months ago) and to the decided opinions given by the two other Members, in which not only ourselves, but you, entirely concurred, that the late opposition to the proposals of rent, and the troubles in the Country, had been excited by a Combination of & influence on the part of Vizearam Rauze and his adherents — But it appears to us still more extraordinary to find, notwithstanding your particular orders to the Chief and Council of the 26th September 1793, & relative to the reduction of the Rajah's & Seapoys, that he has been allowed to retain his armed people in pay; and we cannot trace, from the proceedings forwarded, that any Arms have been deposited in the Stores, tho' Vizearam Rauze proposed to lodge them there in October last — Mr. Charnier is in knowledge that the Court of Directors have repeatedly urged the necessity of a reduction of his Armed followers;

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and it is an express condetion in the Cabooleat of this Zemendar that he shall not keep up a greater Establishment than is necessary for the Collection of the Revenue and peace of the Country. —

"We have had occasion to report to you some instances wherein M. Charnier has treated Our Authority in a manner which could not fail to weaken the effect and operation of Our Orders, and we have kept you constantly advised of the different occurrences relative to the sequestration and manage- ment of the Vizianagreum Zemindary. — You have invariably approved of our proceedings, and having no other wish than to discharge our duty to the best advantage to the public, We must ex- confess our extreme surprise at the as- assertion used by M. Charnier "of "the execution of the Resolution from "the Presidency for obliging the Rajah "to quit the District involved it in con- "fusion and furnished the persons who had

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"had consented to be Renters with very
"sufficient pleas for declining to enter into
"any engagements at present. —

If any Blame be imputable
to us, it is we conceive for having allowed
a latitude of indulgence not expressly
warranted by you — In the Commune=
cation of your Orders for the removal of
Vizieram Rauze, we informed the Chief
that, in the event of reasonable proposals
being tendered, in consequence of the
third Advertisement, he was not to insist
upon his departure without our further
instructions — But no proposal was
delivered, the Season was far advancing,
every Revenue Arrangement was im=
peded, and you had repeatedly notified
that Vizeram Rauze was to be allowed
to remain at Vizagapatam on Condition
only that he did not occasion any inter=
ference in the Management of his
Zemindary. —

Under these Circums=
tances, We request you will be pleased
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to pronounce in the most explicit terms, whether the Confusion and loss of Revenue alluded to by Mr. Charnier ought to be ascribed to the Order given by us for the removal of the Rajah, in Conformity to your repeated instructions, or whether the present Confusion ought to be attributed to the Contumacious Conduct of the Sherestadar, and to Mr. Charnier by suffering himself to be deluded, and not having taken prudent and proper precautions, in carrying into execution our orders sanctioned by your express Authority.

We must declare that the assertion used by Mr. Charnier appears to us to have a tendency not only to destroy all order and subordination, but to justify a flagrant instance of disobedience to the Resolutions of Government, which were founded upon the Rajah's misconduct and the exigency of the occasion - The late Revolt, by which the Country and Inhabitants must be exposed to great inconvenience, appears the more ungrateful and

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and inexcuseable, when it is recollected upon what favourable terms Vizianaram Rauze has been assessed, in comparison with other Zemindars in the Circars, and that he has so often experienced indulgence in former instances of irregularity and infidelity to the Company. —

We shall only add that our principal motive in troubling you with the present detail is to afford still more evident proof of the necessity of adopting some permanent principle of manage= ment, and to ensure a Conduct on the part of the Zemindar of Vizianagrum more compatible with his situation, and less dangerous to the safety of the Inhabitants and the Revenue. —

It has been the uniform wish of the Honorable Court of Directors and the Company's Government in India, founded upon the soundest principles of Policy, That no subject should be per= mitted to retain a force Capable of dis= turbing, at will, the Peace of the Country,

or

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or of opposing the introduction of regulations for the better management of their possessions - and we trust, it will not be considered that we Step beyond our province, if we suggest that, the present affords a very favorable opportunity of reducing a power inconsistent with good Government, which, from the nature of the Country - its Situation and resources, if on the profession of an able as well as refractory Zemindar, might prove dangerous to the Interests of the Company in the event of defection at a time when our Government may be involved in difficulties from a foreign War - Having it equally in his power to admit their Enemies by Sea and thro' the passes to the Westward, particularly the strong pass in the Nundydroog District - We have already taken the liberty to refer to Mr Cotsford's historical account of this Zemindary - It clearly shews the unjustifiable means by which its power and Territory has been, from time to time, extended, and that Sultaun Rauze in accomplishing

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accomplishing his ambitious Views, &
trampled upon every Consideration of &
right - and even of humanity - It at the
same time points out the measures to be
pursued to place this Zemindar in his &
proper Station, which appear to us, in &
general, judicious. —

We have thought it necessary
to accompany this address with some &
Extracts from the proceedings, explanatory
of the Opinions of the Chief and Council
previous to the Sequestration, and shewing
upon what grounds that measure was &
adopted by you. —

We have the honor to be,

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5th June 1794. —

&c. &c.

(Signed) David Haliburton
Jha. N. White
Tho. Cockburn

Extracts from the Proceedings of the Chief and
Council at Vizagapatam. —
Minute of the Chief entered in Consultation
the 29th March 1793. —

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I regret very much that so much time has been lost in the transaction of our business with the Rajah Vizeram Rauze, but I trust it will appear that every effort in my Power has been made towards the expediting of it. —

On the 28th. of last Month I wrote a long Letter to the Rajah in which I noticed the resolution of Government respecting the discharge of his arrears — I also desired he would acquaint me in what proportions and at what periods he would pay the two Lacks of Rupees which are to be added to his Cowmabundy during the present and next Phasaly, and I required of him to discharge the amount of the first Kist being Rupees 2,25,000 then become due.

I further called to his mind the contents of a letter written to him by Mr. Snow on the 28th January, wherein mention was made of a Report that he had the intention of putting the management of his Country under his Brother Setteram Rauze

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Rauze, and a desire expressed that previous information should be given of any such arrangement - I observed to the Rajah that it did not appear, either that he had replied to Mr. Snow's letter, or attended to its contents; and I called upon him for an explanation of his conduct in this Particular. —

I also reminded the Rajah that Mr. Snow as well as myself had written him fully respecting the conduct of some individuals who had been concerned in the purchase of Slaves, and in the exporting them from Vizipatam, and I desired he would acquaint me, what Steps he had taken for the prevention of so pernicious a practice. —

On the fifth of the present month I wrote to the Rajah, stating that the man who had stolen cloth from the Company's washing green, was protected by one of his Renters &c. &c.

On the 11th no answer having been received, I wrote again to the Rajah, acquainting him with the Steps which

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the Chief and Council had been obliged to take regarding the exportation of Slaves at Bimlipatam &c. and desiring he would lose no time in replying to my letters. —

On the 14th, no answers having arrived, I again wrote to the Rajah referring him to the letters already written, and expressing my apprehension that they had not been delivered, I directed my Hircarrah to deliver this Letter into the Rajah's own hand and to wait, and bring back to me his answer. —

It is here necessary to remark that, altho' it is by no means an unusual thing for the Rajah to delay replying to Public letters, the present cause of delay, probably, in great measure, existed from the unsettled State of Politicks at Vizianagrum, Sittaram Rauze is indeed said to be the Dewan; but his power must in that Case be much fettered, for I cannot learn that any business is going on

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– I understand that this may be attributed to the influence of the Pantla family, who still maintain such great weight in the mind of the Rajah, that Sittaram Rauze is unable to adopt any measures which might militate against their interest. –

On the 18th I received two letters from the Rajah Dated the 17th in one he replies to what I wrote respecting the Slaves, and regarding the protection of which one of his Renters had given to a man who had stolen Cloth, and in the other he acknowledges the receipt of mine dated the 28th of last Month, and requests I will send him Ramrapah Nauck the Company's Interpreter, that he might acquaint him decisively on the subjects mentioned therein, and write me accordingly. –

Altho' I considered the Rajah's request to see Ramrapah as an expedient to gain time, I thought I could not with propriety refuse, and I therefore dispatched him immediately with directions

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directions to hear what the Rajah wished to say, and, at the same time, to desire he would write to me fully, informing him that I should not regard any thing official, but what was committed to paper.

Ramanaiah proceeded on the 19th Instant and between the 20th and 26th wrote me several letters in which he informed me that no business was going on at Vizianagrum, and that the Rajah delayed admitting him to a Conference on various frivolous pretences, I therefore, on the 26th, wrote to him to return immediately to Vizagapatam. —

Upon his receiving the Order to return he caused it to be notified to the Rajah, who, on the evening previous to Ramanaiah's departure, sent for him: but said nothing that was in any respect satisfactory or decisive, — he expressed his intention of answering my Letter in a few days, desired Ramanaiah to continue at Vizianagrum, talked of the distressed

state

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state of his Country and at last dismissed him without a Letter. —

Upon Ramanapah's return hither I learned from him that every thing was in a State of great confusion at Vizeanagrum, that the Rajah is totally neglectful of public business, that Sitteram Rauze, if he has the power, is afraid to exercise it; that the Dantla family are in the same predicament, and that no measures appear to be on foot for the discharge of the Company's Kist. —

In this situation of affairs it will, I conceive, be necessary for the Company's Authority to be exerted very soon, and I therefore recommend that a letter be addressed to the Board of Revenue, and that a Copy of this Minute with a transcript of my letter to the Rajah under date the 28th of February be transmitted therewith.

It has been reported to me that the Rajah has engaged in his Service, a great number of the regular and Revenue

Seapoys

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Seapoys, who on the late reduction of Corps were discharged from the Company's service — In justification of this measure it is given out that these additions to his Troops are merely to replace the old and infirm: but I find that many more than were necessary for this service have been engaged, and I have accordingly written strongly to him on the subject. —

I have also, in a letter dated yesterday, (which I have the honor to lay before your Board) endeavoured to recall the Rajah to a proper sense of his Duty, but I must confess that from the accounts I have received I have little hopes of any thing being done without an effectual interference on the part of Government. —

(Signed) John Charnier

Vizagapatam 28th. March 1793.

To the Rajah Vizaram Rauze

In your letter of the 17th Instant, you desired me to send Ramanapatu

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to you that you might acquaint him &
decisively respecting the Company's Claim
upon you, and he was accordingly sent and
delivered to you my letter of the 19th Instant,
in which I desired you would not detain &
him, but lose no time in acquainting me
fully with the Steps you were taking for
payeing the Company's Money. —

Ramanapah was nevertheless
detained several days at Vizianagrum before
you gave him an Audience; and when he
was admitted to your presence you said
nothing that was satisfactory or decisive,
but dismissed him with a declaration that
you would write to me in a few days. —

In my letter to you of the 28th
February last, which you have not answered,
I pointed out to you the consequence that &
would attend a failure in your engagements
Viz.t "that on your first failure you would
"be assessed in the same proportion of two
"thirds of Gross Revenue for which other &
Zemindars are made answerable, and an
assignment equal to the Payment of the

increased

"increased Summa, together with such Balance
"as might be due would be peremptorily
Demanded". — I had great hopes that the
remending you of this determination of
Government would be attended with a
good Effect, and that you would have
exerted yourself to avoid the mortifica-
tion and disgrace which you will suf-
fer, when the determinations of Govern-
ment are carried into execution. —

But, so far from exerting
yourself, it appears, from the Reports I
have received, that no Steps are taking
for the discharge of the money due to
the Company, and in short that all
Revenue Business at Vizianagrum
is entirely at a stand. —

At the same time that
you are neglecting the business of your
Country, and are inattentive to the dis-
charge of what is due to the Company,
you are increasing your own expences,
by engaging in your Service the Sepoys
lately

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lately discharged by the Company.— What am I to think of all this, and what will Government think of it? Will they not immediately conclude that you are no longer fit to be entrusted with the management of the Vizcanagrum Zemendary.—

In addition to all this I understand that you have appointed your Brother to act as your Duan, but you have not told me whether this is or is not the case— I should suppose, from the inactivity that prevails at Vizianagrum, that there is not any Duan; but it is my duty to acquaint you that, under the late positive Orders of Government, you cannot be suffered to confer the management of the Zemindary upon Setteram Rauze.—

It is also my Duty to require that you immediately discharge all the Men whom you have lately engaged, and remember what has so often been mentioned, that Government expect you to reduce your Military Establishment

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Establishment, which is attended with an heavy Expence, and is, in every respect, an useless burthen upon you. —

If you wish to avoid the Effects of the Company's Displeasure you will immediately wrote me fully and satisfactorily in answer to this letter, and to mine of the 28th. February, and you will, at the same time, send to me the Amount of the Rent due - Believe me your friend and listen to my advice - what can I say more? —

As the Board perfectly concede in the Sentiments expressed by the Chief in the above Minute, it is resolved that the following Letter be dispatched to the Board of Revenue with a Copy of the Chief's letter to the Rajah of under date the 28th Ultimo. —

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

Gentlemen,

We were duly favoured with your

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Your Letter of the 25th ultimo which arrived here the 9th Instant.

We are concerned to acquaint you that the Conduct of the Rajah Vizeram Rauze affords but little prospect of the discharge of what is due from him to the Company. Our Chief has repeatedly written to him, and being unable to obtain Payment of the last due or to procure any satisfactory arrangements, has laid before us the State of Affairs in a Minute, of which we beg leave to enclose a Copy for your Information.

From a perusal of the Chief's Minute and of the letter addressed by him to the Rajah under date the 28th ultimo (of which a Copy now waits upon you) We conceive that you will be possessed of the materials necessary to enable you to furnish us with Instructions as to the Steps to be taken, should the Rajah persevere in his

present

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present Line of Conduct. —

In transmitting to us the Directions of Government on the above Subject, We beg leave to suggest the propriety of having in view the probability of the Rajahs refusal to acquiesce in the Decision that may take place, and we hope therefore to be provided with Instructions for our Guidance in case of his non-compliance within any prescribed period. —

We are, &c.ª — &c.ª

Vizagapatam
29th March 1793. —

(Signed) John Cranmer
&c.ª Council

From the Chief to Vizeram Rauze 28th February 1793.

As the Period is arrived when the February Kist becomes due it is necessary to desire that you will discharge it without loss of time. —

During my absence, Mr. Swon addressed to you a Letter, dated the 9th of last month, in which he acquainted

you

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you with the decision of the Honorable
Governor in Council in reply to the requests
contained in your letter to me of the 1st
December last; among those requests was one
of paying off your arrears in four years, and
another for the alteration of your Kists, both
these requests have been taken into consi-
deration and Government have thought
proper to decline a compliance with them.—

Nothing therefore remains
but to arrange matters agreeably to what is
contained in my letter to you of the 27th
November last, wherein I informed you that
your arrears amounting to Rupees 40,100
must be divided on the two following years,
Commencing from the 25th September last, and
be paid in addition to the nine Packs Cur-
rent Jummabundy.—

I beg leave to refer you to the
letter above mentioned dated 27th November
last, and to desire you will particularly
attend to that part wherein I acquainted you
that whatever the arrangement might be,

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deration and Government have thought
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but to arrange matters agreeably to what is
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November last, whereon I informed you that
your arrears amounting to Rupees 4,01,100
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Commencing from the 25th September last, and
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that whatever the arrangement might be,

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the fulfilment of it would be strictly exacted. and that on your first failure you would be assessed in the same proportion, of two thirds of Gross Revenue, for which other Zemindars are made answerable, and an assignment equal to that payment of the increased Summa, together with such Balance as might be due would be peremptorily demanded. —

In the same letter I desired you would inform me in what proportions and at what periods you would pay the two Lacks which were to be added to your Zemmabundy, during the present year, and next Phasaly, and I gave you my opinion fully as to the best mode of arranging this business, and of avoiding any disagreeable Consequences which would result in case of failure in the required Payments. —

Some important time has elapsed since I wrote the abovementioned letter, during which, had proper exertions been made, you might have paid in some proportion of the additional two Lacks

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Lacks of Rupees, which are to be made good between this time and the 25th September next.

I request you will inform me on what day I may expect to receive the amount of the Kist due (Seeng Rupees 2,25,000) and what proportion of the two Lacks of Arrears you purpose paying at the same Period.

As a great part of the Produce of the last Crop must still be undisposed of, I recommend to you earnestly to Pay one Lack of your arrears at this time in addition to your Kist which is due.

In a letter dated the 28th last Month Mr. Snow acquainted you that he understood from Report that you had the intention of putting the management of your Country under your Brother Sitteram Rauze, and desired you to give him previous information of any such arrangement, that he might communicate the same to the Governor in Council, yet it does not appear that you replied to this letter or

attended

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attended to its contents; for I have been informed that you have actually placed your Brother publickly in the manage= ment of your Zemindary. —

This very imprudent measure has much surprized me, and given me great concern. I could scarcely believe that you would adopt such a Step, after reflecting on the contents of my letter dated the 5th of August last, wherein I particularly desired you on no account to employ your Brother in any public Station without previously consulting me, who would, in such case, have obtained the Sentiments of Govern= ment on the Subject. —

As you have, in my absence, taken this Step you must suffer the conse= quences of your own imprudence; but that I may without loss of time acquaint the Government with the particulars, I desire you will inform me what were your motives for neglecting the recommenda= tions contained in my letter of the 5th of August last, and whether you have actually placed

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placed your Brother Publickly in the management of your affairs after having been told that such measures would bring upon you the Company's displeasure.

In a Letter dated the 12th of last Month Mr Swon mentioned to you the Conduct of the Renter of Bunlipatam, who had permitted some Slaves to be sent on Board a French Ship: it appears, that you answered this letter, and I trust you have given proper orders for preventing a measure so injurious to your Country, so inconsistent with humanity, and so contrary to the orders of Government - I wrote you fully on this subject dated the 8th of October last, and I desire you will now acquaint me what Steps you have taken to prevent the Embarkation of Slaves, for if you have not taken such a one, effectual others must instantly be adopted by which We may be certain that nothing of this Kind can happen in future. -

I request you will without loss of time reply fully to the different matters

2524. Fort St. George 24th June 1794.—

matters contained in this Letter.— I
Believe me always your Friend— What
can I say more?—

(Signed) John Shore

From the Rajah Vyzaram Rauze to the Chief.

30th. March 1793.

I have received Mr. Snow's &
Letter of 28th. January, and your Letter of the
28th. February, on the subject of placing my
Brother into the management: on your
Letters of the 25th. August, 11th.-19th. and 31st.
October, having, after making a strict
enquiry, wrote me that the managers
on whom I have placed confidence are
greatly deceiving me, and thereby my
affairs are much injured, considering
you as my greatest Friend, who wishes
for my Interest, I thought proper to take
strict notice of it, as otherwise it would
have been difficult to pay the Company's
money, and to support the expences here;
and have therefore employed my Brother
to transact the management.— From

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From the Chief to Vizjaram Rauze -

2nd April 1793

I have received your letter dated 30th of last Month, wherein you tell me that, in consequence of my acquainting you, in several letters, that your managers are deceiving you, and your being thereby much injured you thought proper to take strict notice of it, and that you have therefore employed your Brother to transact the management. -

It is very true that, in several Letters which you mention, I gave you my Sentiments as to the Conduct of your Servants, and as to the Consequences which would result; but I never advised you to put the management of your affairs under your Brother Settanarn Rauze, because I knew that such measures would be displeasing to the Governor and Council at Madras, - all this you will find, on reference to my Letters dated 5th August, 28th February and 28th of last Month. -

You

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You will also find in my Letter to you of the 31st. of October last the following words, "Take the management "of this Business into your own Hands; "and trust no one at this moment of &c. "Danger." —

This is the advice I gave you when your affairs were in a very Critical State as they are now in a similar one I repeat the advice and recommend to you immediately to look after your &c. affairs yourself, and to pay the money due to the Company without a moment's loss of time. —

I do not hear that you &c. have inflicted any punishment on the Renter and Cutwal at Bimlepatam, nor that you have dismissed them from their Stations. — If you do not punish those who are engaged in measures &c. which will ruen your Country it will be said that you ought not to continue in Charge of it. —

As there is no order or

regularity

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regularly observed at Vizagapatam, and as you are totally unmindful of what has been represented to you respecting the proceedings at that Place, it has been judged necessary to send one of the Company's Officers with a guard of Seapoys to reside at Vizagapatam. I therefore desire you will direct your people to obey the orders of Lieutenant Cranston who will report to me every thing that passes, and preserve regularity in that place. —

Be pleased to answer this Letter and rely upon my friendship. —

From Vizagaram Rauze to the Chief

3d April 1793.

Since two years troubles have commenced upon the Hills of Padaty. — this Hill is larger than those of Jayapore, Golcondah and others, when troubles begin upon that Hill it is the same as if they are all about these places and therefore they should be quelled. — My Seapoys are many dead by sickness, however I have collected

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collected as many as I could, and not ordered them to proceed from Tada to Padaty, When the troubles does commence it is with the assistance of the Company they are quelled - I request you will be pleased to order Four Companys of Seapoys to proceed to Padaty to put a Stop to the troubles there. -

From Vezarara Rauze to the Chief

3d April 1793.

Being much in want of Tents here I find it difficult to procure long Cloth for that purpose, all the weavers being employed by the Company. - If I am ever now supplied with Cloth it will take some time before the Tents would be made, and as they are much required for three Troops that are now detached upon the Hills, I request you will be pleased to supply me with 10 Seapoys Tents - 40 Arm Tents; - and 40 Pecals, for which I shall pay; I beg leave to repeat my request. -

Minute

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Minute of the Chief

The Chief is of opinion that, in answer to the foregoing, the Rajah should be informed that his whole attention ought to be paid to the discharge of what is due to the Honorable Company; When these matters are settled, it will be the proper time to take into consideration the requests made in his Letter now before the Board. —

(Signed) John Shannier

W. Snow's Minute

Not knowing the cause or nature of the troubles mentioned by the Rajah, I cannot Judge of the Expediency of granting his Request, and am therefore of opinion that more particular information should be obtained from him, and also by means of Hircarrahs, before any Steps are taken against the Hill People. —

(Signed) John Snow

Minute

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Minute of the Chief

The Chief observes upon what is mentioned by Mr. Snow, that the granting the requests of the Rajah is very far from his thoughts, as he conceives the whole is a mere pretence upon which the Rajah wishes to ground further delays in his Payments. – He shall however enquire whether there is any foundation for the Representations made by the Rajah. –

(Signed) John Shore

To the Rajah Vizaram Rauze

I have written many letters to you, respecting the Payment of your Kist which was due the 25th. of February; my last letter was dated the 10th of the present Month, no answer is received, nor has any money been paid on your account. –

All that has passed has been reported to the Government of Madras

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Madras, and they, after taking every
thing into Consideration, have formed
some Resolutions, which, by their order, I
shall now communicate to you. —

In the first place it is
required from you to remove your
Brother Sittaram Rauze from all con-
cern in the management of your Country.

In the second place, it is
required that you assign an adequate
portion of your Country for the discharge
of your Arrears, and for the Payment
of the Current Summa. —

The Governor in Council
directs me further to convey to you their
strongest disapprobation of your Conduct
in having employed your Brother
contrary to their Instructions, and in
having withheld, to this time, the Payment
of your Kist; they require your immediate
acquiescence in, and prompt obedience to their
Orders; and they direct me to notify, that,
if you do not, without hesitation, comply

with

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with the abovementioned Requisitions, your whole Zemendary will be forthwith put under the Company's Management. —

I have thus acquainted you with the orders of Government, and warned you of the Consequence that will inevitably ensue if they are not immediately complied with. —

Vizagapatam
26th April 1793. —

Minute of the Chief entered in Consultation the 8th May 1793.

It is necessary to acquaint the Board that the Rajah Vizzaram & Rauze has not yet answered either of my Letters dated the 10th and 26th ultimo and 2d Instant. — While we are thus kept in suspense relative to the Rajah's intentions, Intelligence is daily coming in detailing the Incursions of the Hill People, and giving reason to believe that the troubles excited by them are not likely to cease, unless a change of System takes place. —

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The Rajah, in a Letter to me dated 3d ultimo, represented, that for these two years past there had been Troubles upon the Hills of Padaty, and that, as many of his Seapoys were dead, he requested four Companies of Sepoys should be sent to Padaty to put a stop to the disturbances further desiring a supply of Tents for his own Seapoys. — In answer to this application, I acquainted him, that I should make enquiry into the cause of the Troubles which had arisen, and I requested he would inform me, what was the amount of his Claims upon the Hill People, and how long they have been due. —

The result of my Enquiries is, that the Revolt of the Hill People is entirely owing to the heavy and unjust Exactions of Sittaram Rauze; but, as Sittaram Rauze is now said to have entire Dominion over his Brother, it is probable that he will insist in his Demands, and the Country will be exposed

to

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to plunder rapine and Confusion.—

To prevent these effects as much as possible it is my Intention to write to the Principal Sardars among the Hill People inviting them to make known their Grievances to me, and to warning them of the fatal consequences which will ensue, if they do not refrain from committing Depredations.—

In the mean time I propose that a Letter be sent to the Board of Revenue stating the foregoing Particulars and desiring they will obtain for us the Instructions of Government for our further Proceedings.—

(Signed) John Shannier

Agreed in consequence of the above, that the following Letter be sent to the Board of Revenue.—

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

Gentlemen,

We had the honor of &
receiving

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receiving on the 25th ultimo, your Letter &
dated the 18th, giving cover to a Letter from
Government on the subject of the Arrears
due from the Rajah Vezeram Rauze &c.
&c. &c. &c. —

In conformity to the Inst-
tructions contained in the Letter from
Government abovementioned, our Chief
addressed the Rajah under date the 26th
ultimo, and made the requisitions specified,
at the same time warning the Rajah &
with the consequences that would inevi-
tably attend his refusing to acquiesce in
what was required from him. —

While this business was
agitating, our Chief heard that, in conse-
quence of unusual Exactions made by
Setteram Rauze upon the Hill People,
the latter were proceeding to Revolt, and
that a System of Plunder and Rapine &
would soon Commence, which would &
prove highly detrimental to the Country,
unless it received a timely check by &

relieving

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relieving the Hill people from the heavy and unjust demands of Settararm Rauze.

That this matter might not be brought forward too suddenly, the Rajah Vizyararm Rauze, in a Letter dated the 3d ultimo (probably written by Settararm Rauze) had represented to our Chief that, for these two years past, there had been troubles upon the Hills of Padaty, and that as many of his Seapoys were dead, he requested four Companies of Seapoys should be sent to Padaty to put a Stop to the Disturbances, and further desired a supply of Tents for his own Seapoys: In answer to this application, the Chief, after advising the Rajah to attend to the affairs of his Government more particularly than he believed he was in the practice of doing, acquainting him, that he (the Chief) would make enquiry into the Cause of the troubles which had arisen, and that, in the meantime, he requested the Rajah would inform what was the

amount

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Account of his Claims upon the Hill &
People and how long they had been due. —

No answer was given either
to this Letter or the Chief's Letter of the 26.th
ultimo; It became therefore necessary to
address the Rajah again, and a Letter was
accordingly sent dated the 2.d Instant, but
to this time no reply has been received to
either of the three Letters. —

While the affairs of the &
Zemindary are thus advancing to a very
Critical State We learn that Sittaram &
Rauze maintains his Ground with the
Rajah, over whom he is said now to have
established entire Dominion, and that
every thing, by consequence, is left to his
management. He avails himself of this
Power in persisting to force the Hill people
to a Compliance with his demands, by
which the Country is already thrown into
great Confusion, and is not likely to be &
relieved from it, but by an immediate and
entire change of System. —

We

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We request you will be pleased to lay this Representation of the State of Affairs before Government, and obtain for us their Instructions for our future conduct. —

We are, &c. &c. &c.

Vizagapatam
8th May 1793. —

(Signed) John Channer
2d Council

Revenue

There has been as usual much difficulty in obtaining Payments of what was due from the Rajah. — In October last, he was so much in Arrears, that Government had given directions to enforce the Demand of an Assignment of Country, in liquidation of them, and the Officer in Command of the Bengal Detachment passing thro' the Circars, was ordered to use force if necessary, but the Rajah, perceiving the Storm on the point of breaking over his head, made good all the required Demands, and occasioned its temporary dispersion. — It is now

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now gathering again, and will probably end in a total sequestration of the Zemindary. For the Rajah, unmindful of every advice given to him, is employing his time and his Revenue very improperly. – Besides the Arrears of 4 Lacks of Rupees mentioned in my last Report he now owes 5 Lacks being the Amount of the two first Kists, the last of which falls due the 25th Instant. –

His Settlement for the present Phasly, owing to the distressed State of the Country, is only Rupees 16,00,000. –

True Extracts

(Signed) Wm Harington Secy

To David Haliburton Esqr.

Acting President &c. Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 4th Instant, in which you mention your "resolution that "the Sibbendy employed in the three Divisions of

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"of the Vizianagrum Zemindary shall be
"allowed the same rate of pay as is given
"to the Company's Troops, which differs but
"little from the nominal Pay granted by
"the Rajah."—

As the above Resolution does not contain all that is necessary for my Guidance on this subject, I have to request you will be pleased to acquaint me, whether the Seapoys to be entertained by me in the Center Division, are to be Cloathed, and Armed as the Company's Seapoys—if so, I shall, without loss of time, raise two Companies with Native officers, and every thing complete, precisely upon the same footing as two Companies in a Battalion of the Company's Native Infantry.—

Every Man that had been retained from the Rajah's Service, has quitted mine, of course I have not any Seapoys, Sibbendies, or Armed People of any description in my Division; but as the Country is in such a State of Confusion as

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as entirely to preclude all possibility of the Revenue Arrangements, the Loss of the People deserted from me, is not at present felt.

The pleasing prospect which I had before me has now entirely vanished — I had made Arrangements for letting out the greatest part of my Division to responsible Men, and Muchelkas, and orders were actually preparing when the Execution of the Resolution from the Presidency for obliging the Rajah to quit the District, involved it in Confusion, and furnished the persons who had consented to be Renters, with very sufficient pleas for declining to enter into any Engagements at present. —

Thus situated, the Revenue Concerns are totally at a Stand, but I trust this State of Anarchy and Alarm will not continue; for, should the restoration of Tranquility be much longer deferred, the Season for Cultivation will be past, and the District will be exposed to the

Calamities

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Calamities attending a Scarcity, from which it was but just beginning to recover. —

I have the honor to be,

Vizagapatam
21st. May 1794. —

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) John Channer

True Copy

(Signed) Wm. Harington Secy

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Board of Revenue requesting that the line to be followed with regard to the Rajah, after the arrival of the reinforcement, may be prescribed for the Guidance of the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam.

We have the honor to lay before you, a Copy of a Paper of intelligence just received from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam. —

As the Chief and Council have requested to be furnished with the fullest instructions for their guidance, in order that they may be prepared to act on after the arrival of the Troops, we beg leave to request you will be pleased to prescribe the line which they are to follow with regard to the Rajah, his Family, and adherents. —

A. Entered in Diary to Consult. 30th June. —

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The Cowles of the Kommady and Tickally Zemindars having Expired, We beg leave to recommend, in Consideration of the present State of their Zemendaries, that they be renewed for a period of Two years on the same terms. —

We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

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11th June 1794. —

(Signed) David Haliburton
Cha. A. White
Tho. Cockburn

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

From Board of Revenue - submitting three more letters from Vizagapatam, connected with the subject of their late Report regarding the affairs of that District - remarks on the Conduct of the Chief - Extract from the proceedings enclosed. —

Entered in Revenue Consult. 14th June. —

Honble Sir,

As the accompanying three Letters from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam under dates the 2d and 5th Instant and their several enclosures are connected with the subject of our late address to you of the 5th Instant, and materially relate to the affairs of the District, we have judged it necessary to lay them before you together with Extract of our Proceedings thereon. —

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We have felt much concern to be under the necessity of referring such Voluminous Papers to your attention on several occasions - They have unavoidably engaged a good deal of our time, and we make no doubt it will be obvious, that without a material change of Conduct on the part of M. Chanvier, those desireable objects which you had in view by the Sequestration of the Vizianagrum Zemindary, and our endeavours for effecting the due administration and security of the Revenue, must still be liable to be impeded and defeated - For a long time past, we have experienced little else than a series of counteraction and perplexity, or controversial discussion upon, instead of a prompt execution of our orders, tho' the situation of affairs called for the most Zealous attention, exertion and co-operation on the part of those entrusted with the execution of our instructions, which were sanctioned by your authority. -

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We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
David Haliburton
Chas. A. White
Tho. Cockburn

Fort St. George
14th June 1794. — (Signed)

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Dated the 14th June 1794. —

Read the following —

Letters from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam. —

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Dated 2d June

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dated 5th June

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dated 5th June

The Board have already, in pointed terms, expressed their disapprobation of the extraordinary delay — used by the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam in the transmission of their proceedings; but, tho' reminded in a Letter of the 26th April that they had not

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not been transmitted to a later period than the 7th December, and since called upon for their correspondence which related to the Negotiation with Nuckey Roya= Cupaul Rauze, and their records com= plete, the Chief and Council in answer only inform the Board that their pro= ceedings have been transmitted to the 6th December - that they are ready for trans= mission to the 20th March, and that the rest are transcribing as fast as possible - but they have not forwarded those which they report ready, a conduct which in the present situation of affairs, is very reprehensible. ~

The Board deem it only necessary to observe, in reply to Mr. Charnier's general assertion of a preju= dice against him on their part, that the records incontrovertibly prove a forbearance towards him in the execu= tion of their trust, which they hoped would have produced a conduct in him

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more suitable to the declared views
of Government, and the measures
their duty impelled them to adopt -
that he should not have, as he states,
met with a single mark of the Boards
approbation for upwards of twelve &
months is a circumstance of regret to
them, more especially as it has arisen
from a disposition in Mr. Chamier, &
which they have been obliged to declare
has appeared incompatible with the
Spirit of their Orders: But supposing
a profession (which they utterly dis=
claim) to exist, they are at a loss to &
conceive how Mr. Chamier could recon=
cile with his public duty to his Em=
ployers, his withholding, under any
impression, public opinions, which
might be of importance to the Peace,
and regulation of the trust committed
to his charge - they must, however, &
repeat, that, in general, the opinions
offered by Mr. Chamier since the &

Sequestration

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Sequestration, and diversion of the Zemindary took place, have only had a tendency to the restoration of the Authority of the Zemindar, without the attainment of the objects which induced Government to take the Zemindary under their management, although the measure was adopted in consequence of the decided opinion of its Expediency given by the Chief and Council in the Months of April and May 1793.

Mr Charnier observes, that the very reason, which, in the opinion of the Board of Revenue, ought to have prevented the application to allow the Rajah to reside at Tadarmanaburm, was the identical one that urged them to make it - As the Board stated the express orders of Government prohibiting his residence within the Zemindary, such an assertion appears irreconcileable with a due attention thereto, particularly in the situation to which affairs had been reduced by

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by the interference of the Zemindar, and his adherents. —

The Board cannot admit Mr. Chamier's explanation of Captain Coxe's Complaint as satisfactory, more particularly when they advert to his having formerly expressed his conviction of the necessity of sending a Person possessing influence in the Country, to assist Lieutenant Barclay in a similar situation; and the reason assigned by him, that he could not prevail upon Vizia Gopaul Rauze, and Venkatapatty Rauze to proceed to the Detachment is an additional proof of the combination against the success of the measures of Government which has been so evident in all their proceedings: It does not even appear that Mr. Chamier availed himself, as in the case of Gopaul Nursa Rauze, of the Rajah's influence over his immediate Servants, although the Rajah declared

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object, in requesting the Permission of Government to remain at Vizagapatam, was to assist the Chief with his influence on such occasions. —

Mr. Charnier's explanation of his conduct in regard to conciliating Naeky Royalupaul Rauzer and for ascertaining his claims afford no information to enable the Board to judge of his exertions, or the steps taken for that purpose; nor is any thing stated by Mr. Charnier to do away the opinion, expressed by Lieutenant Barclay, the Officer employed against him — but it appears yet more extraordinary that Mr. Charnier should not have felt the necessity of giving the Board every information in his power upon the point stated by Mr. Gregory, in regard to what has passed in the negociation with this man. —

The Board, however, certainly concur with Mr. Charnier, when he says that the delay in the business of letting

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out the Districts in the Zemindary has proved a principal obstruction to the views of Government, and the arrangement of the Country, but they widely differ from Mr. Charnier in their opinion of the true Causes which have operated to obstruct the progressive attempts made for that purpose ever since the 1st January last, as particularly explained in their address to Government of the 5th Instant.

Mr. Charnier alone seems blind to what appears to the Board obvious on the face of his own proceedings - and what has been so fully proved both by Messrs Gregory and Snow, and even by the Rajah himself, and his adherents, in the reiterated attempts to take advantage of the confusion created by their opposition to the measure, as if in the hope of compelling Government to consent to his immediate restoration - but how far the conduct of Nuchy Royalnaud Rauze has been thereby influenced, the

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Board can form no opinion for want of information, as already noticed. —

That want of Confidence to the appearance of which Mr. Chanier would ascribe, in a great degree, the confusion on the Boundary, If he allude to the Board's disapprobation of Recommendations on his part, which they conceived ill calculated to follow up their orders with effect, it originates with himself; and, with respect to the reception of the various applications from the Rajah, they have been in general so exceptionable that had the Chief professed that Influence over the Rajah's mind, which he has all along professed, he should have exerted it to dissuade him from bringing them forward as being incompatible with the objects of the Sequestration conveyed to him in the repeated, and decided orders of Government, as well as being inconsistent with the duty he owed to the Company's authority; a conduct which would have prevented the Rajah from

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indulging ill founded hopes of effecting the restoration of the Country until those Objects were accomplished. —

As Mr. Charnier acknowledges, in his Minute of the 2d Instant, that the Sibbendy and Armed Followers of the Rajah were sufficiently ready to exhibit their claims of Arrears, The Board must express their regret that he did not sooner ascertain what was actually due to them, in order that he might be enabled to effect the reduction ordered by Government in September 1793. The delay in the adjustment of their demands is the more to be lamented, if as represented by Mr Charnier, it has principally occasioned the late disobedience on the part of the Rajah. —

It appeared, from the correspondence, that many of the present Claimants, particularly the Sepoys, and Cavalry, had been long ago discharged from the Rajah's service; and it was concluded

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concluded, of course, that their arrears were paid up; but it would now appear that these people have been retained in the pay of the Zemindar tho' he informed the Chief in October 1793 that he was settling their accounts, and requested him to discharge their arrears. Having been particularly called upon to bring forward the Claims due to the Rajahs Military in order that they might be adjusted, and discharged from the Current Collections, Mr. Charnier informed the Board in a Letter of the 15th January last that he should call in, and disband a great number of them, reserving a sufficiency to defend the Frontiers. On the 8th February following he reported that the Rajah's Sepoys were collecting together at Vizagapatam, and would be discharged as soon as their accounts could be settled, and that he should retain such number of them as were necessary for Subsidies for assisting the Collections; and on the 21st March

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Mr. Charnier was reminded of the Rajah's inattention to the positive orders of the Court of Directors for the reduction of his Military, as well as the condition of his Cabooleat, by which he is bound not to retain a larger number than is necessary for the Collection of the Revenue, and peace of the Country.—

The Board certainly thought it extraordinary that Mr. Charnier should withhold the explanations lately communicated by him in regard to Rammchunder deo, and the principle upon which he proceeded when he recommended, on a former instance, that several Districts should be entrusted to him.— The Board did not refer to the moral Character of this man; but they were of opinion that all Engagements with the Hill Polygars should be conducted upon principles of justice, security, and policy, and that no agreement should be made with them

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without an intention of strictly adhering to it— If such conduct had been observed towards them within the last 25 years they would not probably be unacquainted as remarked by Mr. Charnier, with the meaning of the words justice, and good Government —

With respect to the Service of Vizeararm Rauze's ancestors, this is a point particularly alluded to in the Board's address to Government of the 5th Instant — They are at loss to understand Mr. Charnier's meaning when he asserts "that the measures adopted since "the sequestration have been calculated "to wound his mind in all the points "which his education had fostered; as "being the essential parts of a great man's "Character" — No measure relative to Vizeararm rauze has been adopted by this Board without the express sanction of Government as detailed in their late address of the 5th Instant; and the Honble Governor's Letters to Vizeararm ought alone to

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to have commenced Mr. Chamier of the uncommon indulgence with which he has been treated, notwithstanding the many instances of his profuse conn, neglect, and improper conduct - This Jemendar appeared sensible at one time of the gratitude he owed to the Company for restoring his authority in the Country, and relieving him from that degraded situation, and those circumstances of hardship & which he represented to have suffered during the power of his Brother Setteram Rauze, but he now appears to have forgotten all the favors conferred on him, and every conciliating means tried to bring him to a sense of his duty, and to attend to his public engagements - Indeed Mr. Chamier has, on former occasions, represented that he was totally neglectful of public business, weak, profuse, and improvident, and was the first to propose the Sequestration of his Country, tho' he can now stand forth his declared advocate, at

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a time, when his conduct approaches to a State of open disobedience, and rebellion to the Company. —

Mr. Charnier adverts to the Report the Committee of dated 11th October 1784 in support of his opinions — On reference thereto it will be found that they proposed the immediate reduction of a considerable part of the Rajahs Troops — that they fully stated the abuses committed by the principal Renters, or Rachwars, and pointed out the necessity of discontinuing their lawful influence; but those, and various other important objects of reform have been totally overlooked. Mr. Charnier must recollect, however, he has acknowledged that the Rachwars had a mischievous influence over the Rajahs, and that they had opposed every attempt to rent out the Purgunnahs. —

The Board have only further to observe that every attempt to regulate this Country, and relieve a great body of people

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from oppression has been, it would seem, hitherto frustrated by similar arguments to those adduced by Mr. Chamier viz.: "the impolicy of attempting, hastily, great changes": the changes proposed by this Board are those which they have already observed have been in contemplation for a space of 20 years, and the Zemindar has repeatedly been called upon, and even bound himself to carry a very essential part of them - the reduction of his Military - into effect, but the calls have been vain, as have proved the warnings of Government of the consequence of disobedience to those orders. -

The measures which this Board adopted, under the sanction of Government, and their views, have already been very fully explained, but it will ever happen that measures, however moderate, and judicious, must, in a great degree, depend, not only for their ultimate success, but even the complexion they may take,

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upon the Conduct of those entrusted with the execution of them. —

The Board have not been unmindfull of the History of past times — They have referred to a very minute one of this Boundary, and the Pretension's pretensions, but they cannot allow for a moment that under any Circumstances their duty to their Employers, the peace and happiness of the Inhabitants, and security of the Revenue, should be sacrificed to support the parade of an Individual declared to be weak, profuse, and improvident, and totally incapable, and neglectful of publick business. —

It might appear, from what Mr. Chamier has advanced in his Minute, that he had rather soothed, and encouraged the prejudices of the Rajah's education — The Board are willing, however, to think that it must have occurred to him to be his duty as Chief, not only to use his endeavours to check, and remove

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prejudices which had proved so dis=
tructive to the Rajah himself - given
rise to Ideas of his situation incon=
sistent, and dangerous, and to the most
unworthy gratifications - but also to per=
suade the Rajah, if he wished to attain
any honorable Distinction of Character,
that he must conduct himself with pru=
dence, and good faith, and bestow some
attention to the welfare of the people, and
the improvement of the Country entrusted
to his charge. —

It appears to the Board
that there was an irregularity in the con=
intercourse of Mr. Martin, more especially
as the Chief particularly directed him to
confine himself to his professional duty
and they are of opinion that Mr. Charnier
ought not to have given any sanction to
such interference by receiving, and con=
detailing the Reports of a man of his con=
Character, and under his circumstances. —

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the irregular mode which the Chief observed in wishing to hurry the dispatch of a Letter to the Presidency, principally intended to give cover to his own Minute of the 2d June, and which involved many points of consequence that required the consideration of the other two Members of Council, as their Minutes entered in consequence will fully explain. —

A true Extract

(Signed) Wm Harington Secy

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

From Board of Revenue with another letter from Vizagapatam, and Minute of the Chief. —

Entered in Revenue Consult. 19th June. —

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to transmit herewith a Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam under date 10th Instant, with a Minute of the Chief which is connected with the Papers lately submitted to you. —

We have the honor &c.

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19th June 1794. —

(Signed) David Halliburton
Chs A. Wroke
Thos Cockburn
Resident

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Resolved that the following letter be written to the Board of Revenue, in reply to the foregoing.—

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

Gentlemen,

To Board of Revenue—in reply to the foregoing letters

We have received your Letters of the 5th, 11th, 14th and 19th Instant enclosing the latest correspondence from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, with M. Charnier's letters and minutes, accompanied by your own observations, and by a detailed account of your Proceedings relative to the Vezianagrum Zemindary from the first steps taken for the recovery of the large Arrears due from it, to the present time.—

Our Resolutions on the various references made to us in the course of these transactions will have put you in complete possession of our opinions; and we see no cause, after the

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maturest deliberation and perusal of the Proceedings, to alter the judgment we have formed upon any part of them. But, as you have intimated a wish to receive a further declaration from us in consequence of the sentiments expressed by Mr. Charnier in his Letter of the 21st ultimo, we do not hesitate to pronounce, that the measure recommended by your Board for the removal of Vizarame Rauze from the district was become indispensably necessary, for the reasons you have assigned; and that the Zemindar's professions of implicit obedience - the situation in which he was then placed - and the precautions taken by our Orders of the 26th September last to prevent the countenance of armed people in his Service, afforded the strongest ground to suppose that there would be no difficulty in the execution of this design. —

Whatever consequences therefore may have resulted from the failure

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failure that has happened we impute them in no degree to the measure itself. The disappointment must be ascribed altogether to the disregard of those & precautions so particularly directed in our orders abovementioned, and to an imprudent confidence in the sincerity of Vizeramrauze's intentions at a & moment when he betrayed evident & symptoms of reluctance to proceed on his journey, and when, from the embarrass= ment occasioned by numbers of armed and clamorous people about him, there was reason to doubt whether he had the power to come away, even if his inclination had been ever so sincere. ~

The importance annexed by us to the dismission of Vizeramrauze's troops of every description must have been fully understood by our directing the & European Detachment, then on duty at & Vizagapatam, to be detained there until it was accomplished. That was the proper

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period for discussing the demands of those people upon their Master and making such provision as might be requesite to effect their complete discharge without further trouble or inconvenience. As the Detachment soon after proceeded to its former station, We imagined, of course, that this necessary object had been settled, and that no embarrassment, from the same cause, would have been again suffered to disturb our measures.—

It appears, however, notwithstanding these well founded expectations, that the evil, instead of being removed, had, after some imperfect attempts, broken out afresh, and with a more disagreeable aspect; and thus what might have been effected with little difficulty and at a small expence in the month of September, when our orders were given, became an inconvenience of serious magnitude 7 seven months afterwards, when the arrears of these people had swelled to a considerable

amount

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annoyance, and their clamours grow so importunate as to threaten the personal safety of the Raja and his family. —

This the evil from these causes was undoubtedly much augmented, its removal should, at all events, have been accomplished while Vizaram rauze was under the immediate controul of the Chiefship, and we have no doubt, by a previous concert with the Commanding Officer of the District, that measures might have been taken for completing it without any risk — The reason urged by the Chief against any proceeding by force, on the ground of danger to the Raja's person, ought not to have prevailed, because the embarrassment in this, and every other point of view, was likely to encrease by delay, and the mischief, in its present form, certainly threatens consequences far more serious than any that could have happened by

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encountering it in an earlier Stage.

We are sensible how
materially the progress of your Endeavours
to arrange the affairs of the Vizianagrum
Zemindary, has been impeded by the
unfortunate differences which have
so long subsisted in the Council at
Vizagapatam, and we observe with
particular concern and disapprobation
the line of Conduct pursued by the
Chief in the discharge of the duties of
his trust under your authority.

The want of due deference
and respect to your decisions, though
confirmed by our sanction, is apparent
in almost all the letters and Minutes
of Mr. Chaunier, which you have sent
up for our perusal. Instead of submitting
chearfully to your orders when they
differ from his own opinions we per-
ceive in the Style of his correspondence
strong marks, of impatience and dissa-
tisfaction on this account; with such
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best hope in the conduct of public affairs,
to take away the Chief security upon -
which it must necessarily rest for the
success of all its measures. The most
unexceptionable plans will ever be -
subject to defeat and miscarriage when
the influence of opposing opinion or dis-
content is suffered to mix in the execution
of them. --

Mr. Charnier attributed
the present situation of the District -
principally to the several orders com-
municated to Vizeraam razoo and to
the reception which was given to his
various applications. But we agree
with you in opinion, that Mr. Charnier's
sentiments upon these points do not -

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accord with the ideas expressed in his letters and minutes before the sequestration of the Zemindary. If the Raja's gross mismanagement, and failure in his payments to the Company, rendered it in the opinion of the Chief, at that time, expedient to adopt the strong measure of suspending his authority, as the only resource for promoting the Welfare of the Inhabitants and securing the revenue; and if, from the Confusion into which the Country had been thrown by the oppressive exactions of his Brother Sattavanawze, whom he had entrusted with the administration, serious disturbances were to be apprehended "without a decisive and immediate check and an entire change of System; Mr. Charnier is now inconsistent in complaining that prosecutions are not encouraged which tend to a premature Restoration of the Zemindars authority, or in recommending that

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that those changes should be slow and gradual, which have professedly for their object the removal of a total obstruction in the business of the Country. — We have thought it proper to communicate our sentiments fully and explicitly upon the point referred to us, not only with a view to satisfy your Board in respect to the measures you have suggested, but in the hope that this deliberate expression of our Judgment will convey to Mr. Charnier a perfect sense of the light in which we consider the execution of your late orders, and of the degree of responsibility attached to every part of the duty entrusted to him, under the particular

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particular circumstances and events
which have occurred. —

If Vizaram rauze &
should decline a compliance with the
Summons contained in the Presidents
Letter of the 31st Ultimo, and accompanied
by a promise to discharge the just &
demands of his followers, he will be
altogether without excuse for his con=
duct, and the Chief and Council &
must be instructed to declare him in
a State of armed and wilful disobe=
dience to the Company's Government,
and require of the Commanding
Officer to proceed against him as &

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soon as he shall be prepared for that purpose, and to use the most effectual means in his power for dispersing his people and securing the person of the Zemendar himself and his principal adherents. –

We are, &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
24th June 1794. – (Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

Read the following letter from the Military Board. –

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Military Board – Steps taking for complying with the late orders from Bengal regarding the Western Frontier &c. – think the Contractors for Repairs may be allowed

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your commands under date the 1st of May last, transmitting to us copy of a Letter from the Governor General in Council with Copy of

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allowed an Encrease of Charge for Arched Work, but not for the Carriage of Materials - President dissents. Minutes of the other Members enclosed. →

of a Minute of the Commander in Chief in India, on the subject of the reference made from the Supreme Government respecting the defence of the Western Frontier of the Carnatic, and, in obedience thereto, we shall immediately call upon the Capitaun of the Guides, who has been lately employed in accurately surveying the Baramahal for such information as may enable us to determine such Forts as it may be necessary to retain as intermediate Posts, if a road can be opened by a good and short route from Amboor through the Centre of our new acquisitions by the Tapoor pass - and shall, as soon as we have received

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that information, give the necessary instructions for immediately dismantling all such Forts as it has been before determined to destroy, and as it may not be necessary to retain as interme-diate posts on such new roads. —

We have called upon the Chief Engineer to lay before us Plans of all Forts and Fortifications under this Presidency, including and distinguishing such as belong to the Nabob of Arcot and Rajah of Tanjore, together with a general Map of the Carnatic including and distinguishing the ceded Countries, to be taken from the best surveys on which the roads, communications, and passes are accurately laid down and described. — We shall call upon the Commissary General of Stores to lay before us a State-ment of the quality and quantity of Ordnance and Military Stores allotted to

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each Garrison under this Presidency, and shall address the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, as the only means by which we can obtain a Knowledge of the provisions allotted to each Garrison; and shall request the Commander of the Army to cause a Statement of the details of each Garrison to be laid before us - Having obtained these informations, we shall, in obedience to your commands, prepare a Statement of the quantities and qualities of Ordnance, Military Stores and provisions contained in each of the Forts garrisoned by the Company's Troops, as well as of the number and description of Troops by which they are garrisoned - But We beg leave to remark that we have no means of acquiring this information from any Forts in which the Company have no Troops, as such information can only be obtained from His Highness the Nabob, the Rajah of Tanjore, or other Rajahs or Zemindars under whose immediate charge they are. — We

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We shall have the honor to lay before you, with as little delay as possible, the information required by the Governor General in Council relative to Trichenopoly, where Major Trapaud is now employed for that purpose. —

Having taken into consideration copy of the letter you enclosed to us from the Contractors for Repairs and Buildings, submitting to our consideration whether any, and what encrease of allowance, should be made in consequence of their representation — We have accordingly the honor to acquaint you that it is the unanimous opinion of this Board that they are not entitled to any encrease of allowance for carrying materials to Tillery — and the Board is of opinion that they may be allowed an encrease of charge for arched work in Brick and Chunam, to the extent as stated by the Chief Engineer in a Minute dated 29th ultimo Vog.t Five Fanams per Cubic foot — but, as the President has dissented from

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the last of these Resolutions of the Board, for the reasons given on his Minute of the 21st ultimo, and as there have been some differing opinions on the subject, we have the honor to lay before you the several Minutes accompanied with the proceedings of the Board thereon. —

We have given directions to the Military Storekeeper to construct the machine proposed by the Deputy Commissary for the more effectual and expeditious sifting of Sulphur for the manufacture of Gun Powder, and have had the signature of Messrs. Topping and Parry, with their securities, affixed to their Contracts. —

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

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14th. June 1794. —

(Signed)

John Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
I. Richardson
B.J. Close
Wm. Gent
George Hall
President

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Presidents Minute

If the Board can suppose that the Gentlemen who proposed to Govern-ment, after much deliberation, to under-take all Buildings and Repairs whatsoever under the Presidency of Fort St. George on certain terms of Contract which were not acceded to, because they were lower than any others then offered, were totally ignorant of Military Architecture, and the topography of the extensive range of Country included in their offers, and were consequently ignorant, that a great deal of solid Arched work would necessarily occur to be executed, as also a great variety of work on high and Steep Hills, however Blamable they may have been for offering to engage without sufficient information, it will not, I think, be liberal in the Board, under such conviction, to recommend it to Government to hold them rigidly to their engagement. I rather think that the Board, under such

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an opinion should use its influence with
Government for their relief - The only
mode however which occurs to me to pro-
pose for doing this with propriety and
impartial justice, is to recommend that
the Contract shall be considered as hence
forward null and void. —

This is a justice done to the
present Contractors if they have acted
hastily and inconsiderately, and it is a
justice due, at the same time, to such other
Gentlemen as were Competitors for the
Contract. —

The reason for closing
with the proposal of the present Contractors,
was undeniably, because their offers were
lower than those proposed by any others, and,
as they now plead that the lowness of their
offers, in reference to some particulars,
arose from an entire ignorance of what
they were about to undertake, and as on
that plea they desire an increase of
terms, they have now no longer, in justice,

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a preferable claim founded on the lowness of their offer which operates to the exclusion of others. Where offers were rejected because they were some what higher (and I remember much stress was laid by the then Chief & Engineer on the term on which they proposed to execute Arched Work) but were probably such as were not made without sufficient information and consideration, and consequently such as the proposers meant strictly to adhere to.

I therefore propose for the relief of the present Contractors - to recommend it to Government, to release them from their engagement from this day, and to advertise again for proposals; and, in the event of a Contract being entered into with other Gentlemen upon more favorable terms in regard to Arched Work, and work to be executed upon high and steep Hills that, in that case, the present Contractors shall be allowed

agreeable

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agreeable to the terms of the new Contract for all such Works Vizt. Arched Work and Work upon high and steep Hills, as they may already have been ordered to execute, and for which they have no doubt made expensive preparation. —

And in the event that the present Contractors should be again engaged with, upon new terms, to ~~o~~ recommend that they may be allowed for all such Works as I have before specified - though previously ordered, the terms which may be granted in the new Contract. —

I think it however my indispensible duty to add that I can never consent that the present Contractors who obtained the Contract by reason of the low Terms they offered, to the Exclusion of others whose terms were somewhat higher, should now be allowed to keep the Contract, and yet raise their terms for any sort of Work or on any

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plea or pretence whatsoever; because if such a practice is admitted it is an injustice to all others who were Competitors, and it renders all advertising for Proposals a nullity. Those who are determined to have a Contract may propose terms so low as to baffle all Competition, and, having secured the Contract, they will, on this precedent, then address themselves to the Candor and liberality of Government, pleading error of Judgment - the impossibility of fulfilling the Contract but to their ruin &c. &c. and so ultimately gain the Contract upon such terms, as would have lost it to them, if brought forward at the time of Competition.

May 21st 1794. — (Signed) John Braithwaite
President
(A true Copy) W. Linley
Dep. Sec.

Government having desired us to give an opinion "whether any and "what encrease should be made to the "Contractors for Buildings and Repairs for

arched

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"arched Work in Brick and Chunam and
"for carrying Materials to Hills, I give my
"mine as follows:" —

On considering the circum-
tances under which the reference on this
subject has been made to the Military
Board, it is reasonable for us to conclude that
Government, so far from determining to
insist on a rigid adherence, on the part
of the Contractors, to the terms of the Contract,
suppose there may be causes, for allowing
some increase of rate on account of the
two descriptions of Work in question: —

In regard to the part of the
reference concerning the Contract rate for
the Carriage of Materials to Hills no reason
occurs to me at present why it should be
increased, because a correspondence took
place before the Contract was concluded
on a matter which appears to apply closely
to this Article at the time the occasional
assistance of Lascars was proposed on the
part of the Contractors, whereby, as the
proposition

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proposition was rejected, they had an opportunity of reconsidering the Expence attending the Carriage of Materials in all situations - as I presume the principal object in requiring the assistance of Lascars was to employ them in that part of the Works falling to be executed, and as an increase of the Contract rates was afterwards admitted, on the rejection of their proposal to be allowed Lascars occasionally, the present application on this head does not, in my opinion, deserve the same consideration which appears to be open on adverting to what is stated in the address of the Contractors, and what is communicated in the Chief Engineer's Minute, together with the information which we have in the Estimate on which the Comparative Statement of Lieutenant Colonel Ross is founded, whereon the Arched Work is reckoned at 4 Fanams ₱ Cubic Foot, and on which Statement, in communication with other circumstances

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the Military Board recommended the
Buildings of the construction on the
question to be generally adopted on the
Coast. —

On adverting to these
documents I conceive there is reason to
believe that there has been a misun-
derstanding in regard to the description
of Arched Work being provided for in
the Contract which the Contractors are
now called upon to execute both on the
part of the Contractors, and of the Chief
Engineer at the time we recommended,
in consequence of the Statements laid
before us by that Officer, that Military
Buildings, on the principle of those
constructed at Tanjore, should be adopted.

I am led to consider the
matter in this way, because if the Chief
Engineer at the time, and the Contractors
had any communication together in
regard to the Arched Buildings which it
was in the contemplation of the Military

Board

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Board to recommend to Government, it is not reasonable to believe that the Contractors would have been so inattentive to their own Interests as to have given in a proposal for Arched Work, which was thus about to be determined upon for the Buildings on the Coast, at a rate inferior to the one by which the Comparative Estimates of that description of Work, with those commonly in use before, fell to be judged of, in leading the Military Board to recommend, and Government to decide on the Kind of Buildings which it would be most adviseable, under all circumstances, to resolve upon. -

The Contractors, however, are not, by any means, entitled to an encrease of rate of Contract on account of the Arched Work, if it shall appear that they had a previous communication with the Chief Engineer, relative to the new construction of Buildings falling

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to be executed in the manner adopted by Major Stevens at Tanjore, because, in such case, I conceive that the Contractors should be regularly held to the rate as per Contract, as it is to be presumed they must have had a full communication concerning the nature of the Work of which it was certain they would be called upon to execute to a great extent during the period of their Contract; — I mean this however, only in the event of its appearing that the Contractors will not thereby sustain a loss to such extent as would in all probability render them incapable of performing the Stipulations of the Contract in general, as it can answer no good purpose for the service to pursue matters to extremities in cases of this kind unless the inconvenience and loss to the Company by an indulgent proceeding shall be such as to require a regid adherence to the original agreement. —

If such previous information

shall

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shall not have been communicated to
the Contractors applicable to the cons-
truction of Arched Work on Walls of two
feet or two feet and a half in thickness
and that they are nevertheless to be
bound to perform the Work at the Con-
tract rates for Arched Work in general,
it appears to me, from what they have
stated in their address to Government,
that they will naturally make appli-
cation to be allowed to turn the Arches
according to the general practice, and
consequently the Expence will be
greater, by this means, if the nature
of the Contract warrants their applica-
tion, than if an increase of rate were
allowed for the purpose of having the
Buildings constructed on the principle
followed by Major Stevens at Tanjore--

Under such considerations,
therefore, on the subject, I am of opinion
that it will be advisable either to give
up the plan of Arched Buildings
entirely

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entirely, on account of the additional Expence which will be incurred by either mode of turning the Arches, or, if the addition of Expence shall be judged unexceptible, after making a calculation of it in each way, that we should recommend some increase of rate to be made to the Contractors, so far as regards the proportion of the Arched Work required for the new Construction of Buildings

Should an increase of rate be deemed proper, I submit to the consideration of the Board three modes by which the proportion may be judged of, that is to say by an experiment, in order to ascertain the actual Expence - by admitting the rate of 4 Pagodas, as Estimated by Lieutenant Colonel Ross Chief Engineer - or by striking a medium between the rate as per Contract of 3-4th for Arched Work in general, and the average of the rates for the same description of Work which are contained in the proposals that were

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were given in at the same time with those of the present Contractors; and I beg leave to notice in this place that the only increase of expence, judging from Lieutenant Colonel Ross's opinion - comparative Estimates, will arise by giving the Contractors more than 4. ⅝ Fanams per Cubic foot in case the Arches can be turned on walls of two feet in thickness. —

If however it shall appear to us that the Contractors are not only bound to execute Arched Work in general at the rate of 3.40. but also to execute it according to the mode adopted by Major Stevens, and not according to the usual practice on Earthern Centres, it follows, I think, that we should not recommend any increase, as this mode of considering the subject will in fact be giving an opinion, that, while the rate of 3.40 per Cubic foot applies to Arched Work in Brick and Chunam in general, it is also determined by the

Contract

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Contract that the Contractors are not to be allowed to execute it according to the general practice, although we have reason to believe that there is only one Man in the Country ac- quainted with the mode by which the Arches are to be turned according to the plan of the Chief Engineer sent for their guidance. —

On the contrary however if it shall appear that while the Letter of the Contract is considered to bind the Contractors to perform Arched Work in without distinction at 3 fanams 40 Cash per Cubic foot it is also a part of the construction of the Contract that the Work falls to be executed in the usual manner and not according to the Plan of the Chief Engineer, which has been sent to the Contractors, in such case I imagine the alternative I have already mentioned should be stated to Govern- ment, with every other information in our

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our power to afford, whereby an opinion may be formed whether the Contractors have reason to expect an increase of rate either from the Liberality of Government or otherways, and to what extent, if any increase shall be thought proper, or whether, under the circumstances of the case, it will be most adviseable either to give up the plan of Buildings recommended by the Military Board, or to persist in them, by holding the Contractors answerable to execute them for the Contract rates, and according to the Plan of the Chief Engineer.

I agree entirely with the President in regard to the impropriety, in general, of deviating from the provisions made by a Contract, and think it should be desired by the public only on occasions when it is clear that the service will be benefited by the alteration, at least, that it shall not be injured; but I apprehend that, in the present case, there will be less inconvenience to the

service

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service, even if an increase of rate on reasonable terms, shall be allowed for the Arched Work, than would arise from throwing upon the present Contract for Buildings and Repairs, at a time when so much of both descriptions of Work shall be executed, for which we have reason to believe that considerable preparation has been made by the present Contractors. —

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(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Military Asst. Genl.

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Pinley
Pro. Secy.

On mature consideration of the subject relative to what has been set forth by the Contractor respecting Arched Roofs, I am led to believe that what has been termed "Arch Work" in the Contract applies only to arches over Doors and Windows, and, altho' it may be considered as thus

explained

expressed in general terms) as binding to the Contractors to execute every description of Arch Work upon the terms mentioned in the Contract, yet, as the impossibility clearly appears from the Minutes and calculations of the Chief Engineers, to execute Arched Roofs at the Rate in the Contract for Arch Work, and as Government appear inclinable, from the reference made to this Board, to shew such indulgences to the Contractors as may appear proper to us, upon a supposition that Arch Work not mentioned in the Contract does not extend to roofs of that description, I am therefore of opinion that the prices for Arched Roofs should be extended to the rates calculated by the Chief Engineers. —

The adoption of Arched Roofs for Quarters and Barracks was made under the Idea that the trifling excess of expence was fully compensated by their durability; But the calculations

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and Estimates having been made upon the prices in the Contract for "Arch Work", consequently, should Government be pleased to extend the rates for Arched roofs, the Expences for Building Quarters and Barracks according to the plans recommended would so far exceed every idea we had formed of the expence, that it may become a matter worthy consideration whether it would be proper to persist in the Plans formerly recommended, or adopt a more reasonable description of Building. —

With respect to putting the Contract into other hands, I subscribe to what has been said upon that part in the Adjutant Generals minute. —

(Signed) Jn. Richardson
D. M. G.

Military Board
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A true Copy
(Signed) W. Conley
Depy Secy

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In proceeding to offer an opinion on the principal matter submitted to us regarding the solicitation from the Contractors for Repairs and public Buildings, I shall wave the Abstract Question "whether a deviation from contract is admissable on any account, or under any circumstances", and the more so as I perceive that Government, to whom the consideration of it seems exclusively to belong, appear to have admitted the point by the manner in which they have submitted the request to our consideration, namely, whether the present Contractors should have any, and what increase of allowance regarding the Article alluded to.—

Seeing then that Government have made no difficulty as to the abstract consideration— I conceive that the Question put to us demands only an examination into the following points namely, whether the Contractors can

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abide by the terms, which, from a mis-
taken notion, they have agreed to, &
relative to Arched Work, without sub-
jecting themselves to material loss, and
whether, if the present Contract be done
away, a new one could be concluded,
without much public inconvenience,
on terms much more favorable than
those of the present Contract, supposing
the rate for Arched Work to be settled at—
for each Cubic foot, as suggested by the
Chief Engineer, which is somewhat
lower than the average of the terms pro-
posed by others, previous to the present
Contract being concluded. —

I confess that, on the greater
part of the subject, my Judgment must
be chiefly guided by the information
set forth in the Chief Engineer's Minute,
from a view of which I imagine it will
be clear to the conviction of the Board,
that if the Contractors be not relieved,
they must be seriously involved sup-
posing

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supposing the Demand for Arched Work
to run to any considerable extent - and
that were new proposals advertized for,
the probability is, that terms more -
favorable than those stated by the -
Chief Engineer would not be proposed,
especially as the recommendation of
the Board in favor of Arched Roofs for
the Public Buildings must now be -
known all over the Coast. -

Adverting to the remain-
ing point for consideration, I cannot
think otherwise than that extreme -
inconvenience would inevitably occur
to the Public Service were the present
Contract to be annulled, and new Propo-
sals called in - The delay which attends
the adjustment of a Contract of the sort
has been sufficiently experienced by the
Board, not to mention the time that would
be requisite for new Contractors to make
their arrangements at the several -
Stations for undertaking the business -
required

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required - To all which may be added the extreme embarrassment that would ensue, were the repairs of Buildings now going on at the different Stations to be suspended till a new Contract could be adjusted - From all these considerations I am of opinion that the present Contractors should be granted the encrease of allowance suggested by the Chief Engineer.

Adverting further to our recommendation to Government, that Quarters and Barracks &c. shall be erected future constructed with Arched Roofs the request of the Contractors will at first appear to be of importance, and such as, if complied with, must add considerably to the public expence - If our Plan of Arched Roofs is to be pursued such is certainly the case; however, from what is stated by the Chief Engineer, I take it for granted, that whether the present Contractors be relieved or not, or whether or not a new Contract be entered

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into, the Board will find it expedient to recommend that their Plan of Arched Roofs be relinquished. —

2d June 1794. — (Signed) B.T Close
A.G.

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Linley
Depy Secy

Minute of the Chief Engineer

On the subject of Messrs Roebuck and Abbotts Letter of the 21st April relative to the demand they have made of an encreased price to the Arched Roofs they are going to perform, I shall beg leave to observe that I have given the subject of these new intended Buildings very serious attention. The Plans I have laid before the Board are not founded upon my own immediate knowledge, but upon the opinion of Colonel Ross, whom I looked upon as having more experience in Building than myself

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myself, I do not find that he had laid down any plan by which they were to be executed, I shall trouble the Board with the recital of the Mode, in which the Centres are formed, which they will find is totally different from the mode in which the Arches of Bombproofs have been turned at Fort St. George. —

As soon as the Piers are raised to the Spring of the Arch, large Blue Stones are placed so as to bear on the Base of the Foundation on this, Timbers of 9 or 10 Inches Square are placed close to the Wall, then Beams, of 14 Inches Square, are placed on the Top of these. side Timbers from Wall to Wall the same being done throughout the whole Building at the distance of 9 or 10 feet, a Wall is then built on the Beams, of Brick in Clay, to receive the Covering of Plank, on which is laid a Course of Raw Bricks and then a plaster of Clay and Sand which completes the Center. —

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The Board will at once see, that this mode of raising Centres is much more difficult and Expensive, than the common one used in this Country, of filling in Earth and upon that making Centres, upon which Idea alone, the Contract of Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott could be supposed to be carried on. Yet it was in this manner that Major Stevens executed the Arched Buildings at Tanjore, and upon which only, they can be executed, except at an immense Expense.

With respect to the thickness of the Walls, I found from plans in my office that Colonel Ross and the late Colonel Maule had made them only two feet; but, having since considered the subject I am of opinion they ought to be two feet 6 Inches, for turning the Centres, even in the way I have described: but if the Arches are to be turned upon a solid Centre, I am confident Walls

of

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of four feet thick will be requisite to support the Weight of Earth filled in for the turning of the Arches, and this would, of course, encrease the expence of the Building very Considerably.

I am firmly of opinion, from all my Enquiries, that Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott could not even have executed common Arched Works upon Centres Settled on at the rate they have contracted for. Mr. Banfield had five Pagodas a Cubit foot for Arched Work in this Fort, which consisted of Building of great thickness and where there was no difficulty in the Execution.

On a reference to the Proposals given in at the same time with those given by Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott, the average price of the Arched Work offered, was 5 Pagodas 30 Cash per Foot, and this could only be supposed to be Arched Work executed in the common way of the Country, by turning the

Arches

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Arches upon Earthen Centres — The plain Brick Work in Chunam contracted for by Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott is also much lower than any at the other Contractors, their proposals being, upon the average, for 2 fanams 76 Cash per foot, while Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott are 2 fanams 20 Cash — The proposals therefore of Messrs Roebuck and Abbott for executing the Work upon the common mode of Earthen Centres, is cheaper than the offers made at the time the Contractors were pending; and I have no reason to think that any lower offers would be made, even supposing a fresh Contract was advertized for. —

In the way I have described, of forming the Centres, I do not think the Arches can be turned at a less price than 6 fanams ¾ Cubic foot, which is at as low a rate, as it can possibly be executed. —

(Signed) W. Gent

29th. May 1794. —

A true Copy (Signed) Wm. Purley
Depy Secy
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Proceedings of the Military Board under date the 18th of June 1794 on the subject of the Letter from the Contractors for Repairs and Buildings enclosed in Governments Letter under date the 1st of May 1794. —

The Questions before the Board are.

1st Whether any encrease of allowance is to be made in consequence of the representation of the Contractors.

2nd What that allowance should be.

These may be divided as follows

1st Whether any encrease of allowance should be made in consequence of the representation of the Contractors for carrying materials to Hills.

The Question being put is negatived unanimously. —

2nd Should any encrease of allowance be made for arched Work in Brick and

Chunam. —

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The Question being put.

Commissary General of Stores ... Yes
Chief Engineer ..... do.
Adjutant General ..... do.
Quarter Master General ... do.
Military Auditor General ... do.

The President dissents
from the Resolution of the Board, for
the reasons contained in his Minute
of the 21st May 1794. —

3d What that allowance should be

The Question being put

Commissary General of Stores ... proposes five
fanams for
the reasons
stated in the
Chief Engineers
Minute dated
29th May 1794.

Chief Engineer ..... five fanams
Adjutant General ..... five fanams
Quarter Master General ... five fanams
Military Auditor General states that,
as it is not thought necessary by the Board,
in giving an opinion on this Question,

that

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that we should have the computation of the addition of expense in each way - before us as suggested in my Minute - I give my opinion for the increase of forty Cash per Cubic foot, as it will not increase the expense on comparison with the cost of Buildings on the old construction, beyond what was stated by Lieutenant Colonel Ross at the time the Military Board recommended in consequence of his Statements that arched roofs should be generally adopted for the Buildings on the Coast. -

The President dissents from the Resolution of the Board for the same reasons as given in question the 2d.

True Extract

(Signed) W. Conley
Depy Secy

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(Signed) W. Purley
Depy Secy

Mr Westcott delivers in the following Minute.

The subject Matter upon the Contracts with Messrs Roebuck and Abbott which has been returned from reference to the Military Board - being before

Minute of Mr Westcott relative to the application of the Contractors for an Increase of Charge for carrying Materials and for Arched Work.

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before us - with the Present of the
President of that Board from their
decision, I beg leave to offer my opinion
on the subject - Contracts are entered
into on the one part to ascertain the
exact expence to be incurred by the
business contracted for; the time neces-
sary to complete, and the lowest rate
at which it can be done - on the other
the object is a moderate profit on
recompence of labor. - To effect these
points it is necessary, that those who
contract should be acquainted with the
nature of the business they engage in,
and the Expence and time necessary
to accomplish it: and any neglect here,
is highly reprehensible, both as it
relates to the Party contracted with, to
whom disappointment is often of the
most serious consequence, but also as
it relates to the Interest, and Credit
of the Contractors themselves - Not but

that

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that on some occasions where the accomplishment of a Contract depends on circumstances, not under the Controul of the contracting Party — a remission of the strict Terms of the Contract may be reasonable and just. —

In the Instance before us, the Military Board recommend that an increase of Price be allowed to the Contractors for repairs on each Cubic foot of Arch Work performed by them — the contract price is 3 Fanams 40 Cash P. Cubic foot, and the Majority of that Board propose an increase of one Fanam 40 Cash — from this, the Auditor General, in part, dissents, and proposes an increase of 40 Cash P. foot — while the President, whose experience gives great weight to his opinion, wholly rejects the Idea. —

It must be remarked that the Members who compose the Majority appear to have formed their opinion

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opinion from the Prices of Materials,
and workmanship at the Presidency,
without adverting to the low rates, at
which the business of Building, and
Repairs may be done at the out Stations;
for they have not given us any estimate
of the Charges at different places, or
any Statement to shew what proportion
of the Contract would probably be required
to be performed at the Presidency, and
what proportion at the out Stations; nor
has any Measure proper of the whole to
been drawn out - an omission, which, in
admitting the present Contract to be of
a nature that required particular in-
dulgence, must leave the Board in
doubt, as to the increase of price neces-
sary to be allowed. - They do not grant
out any loss that has been sustained by
unforeseen Accidents, or any rise that
has taken place in the price of Materials
(since the commencement of the contract)
necessary to be employed; but, in general
terms,

terms, agree to the increased rate, and the Contractors observed, they had not any Idea, when they entered into their Engagements, that they should be called upon to execute so largely that part of their Contract, now under consideration, and the expences of which they had not sufficiently ascertained.— These Arguments I can by no means assent to, not only as the fault rests wholly with themselves if their estimates were incorrect, as they did not thoroughly understand the Contract they entered into,— but as such an Indulgence may hereafter prove of very serious consequences, and be highly detrimental to the Interest of the Company. By this Example, if it be allowed to take place, Men of Interest may be led to offer Terms inadequate to the Expence of the business they undertake, in order to secure a Contract to themselves, resting their hope on the Indulgence of this Board to give them, at

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at a future period, such advanced prices as they state to be necessary, and thereby have the Contract on their own Terms, without the intervention of any Commissioner. The Company under such circumstances never can know the real Expence they are to be at, - or ascertain the lowest price at which their business may be done; It not unfrequently happens, in Contracts, that some Articles are under, and others over rated, the general balance being in favor of the Contractor - It was therefore necessary to the Contractor to shew that they had not gained considerably, or had any extraordinary advantage in the other Articles of their Contract, either from the Contract prices, or from accidental causes operating in their favor, before they claim this Indulgence, which they have not done. —

It is also worthy of remark that in the latest contract which those

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these Gentlemen had with the Com-
pany for repairs, I understand a
clause was inserted authorizing a
deduction of 15 ℔ Cent on all Estimates
exceeding the Sum of 500 Pagodas - In
the present Contract no such clause
is to be found, of course no such deduct-
ion can have been made, this
circumstance alone is a sufficient
proof that the present Contract is not
unfavorable. —

I have some doubts also
both of the Justice and the Policy of
complying with their request, those
whose offers were rejected, in favor of
the present contractors, may with pro-
priety say, "had we known of this
"Indulgence we should have availed
"ourselves of it, and reduced our Propo-
"sals accordingly, in which case we
"might have been successful Candidates;
"Out of that hope we have been deprived" -

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It may also give rise not merely to partial Ideas among disappointed individuals, but even to a general Idea among all who wish to be employed by the Company, of partiality at this Board, — an Idea which we ought to guard against with the utmost Caution, but, independent of those Arguments, it does not appear that the present Contractors have been assiduous in the discharging their duty; The Chief and Council of Masulipatam informed us on the 10th Instant that the repairs ordered to be done at that place as far back as the 13th March last, have not as yet been begun, or even a preparation made for them. That they have in vain enquired for the Contractors or the Contractors Agents, but no person of that description, either European or Native, can be found. — That it is only at certain months of the year that Materials can be collected there for those Repairs, and which is well known to

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to be from 15th December to the 15th May -
- That the season for the present year
has passed, and no Collection of Mate=
rials has been made, and that, in the
want of such Agent, the Chief and
Council have been obliged to employ
the Company's Engineer on the business
of the Contractors, to repair one of the
principal Gate ways of the Fort, the
Beam of which had fallen down. -

Thus has every circum=
stance of advantage or convenience on
the part of the Company in this Con=
tract, been lost - while the Contractors,
conscious of their neglect, apply to us
for an encrease of Price in their favor. -

I am therefore of opinion
that we ought not to grant the Indul=
gence now recommended to us, but
that we ought either to insist upon the
Contract being fulfilled, according to
its present Terms, or, if Indulgence
is necessary, that the Contract be, from

this

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This Pay abolished—praying for the Work that has been executed, agreeably to the Terms of the present Contracts, or as stated by the President of the Military Board.—

(Signed) Geo. Westcott.

W. Falkfield dolivers in the following Minute—

Minute of Mr. Falkfield on the foregoing occasion.—

In Justice to the Contractors Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott I think it necessary to observe that there does not appear to me to have been any remissness or neglect on the part of the Contractors in executing the Terms of their Contract—no Complaint that I recollect having been made either to the Military Board or to Government on this Subject.—

(Signed) E. W. Falkfield.

Resolution of the Board—

Resolved, after mature consideration and Perusal of all the proceedings relative to the present Contract with Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott, that no

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no addition be made to the price of any of the Articles comprised in that Contract.

The Offers of Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott were accepted, because they appeared, on the comparison, lower than those of any other Person; and the Board feel that they could not, in Justice to the Public, or in Strict equity towards the other Proposers, accord, at this time, to any deviation in the terms of the Contract.

But they are disposed to grant every indulgence that is Consistent with the principles by which they must necessarily be guided with regard to transactions that have been so long and so formally concluded. —

Agreed that the above be communicated to Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott. —

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Powse. —

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor &c. &c. &c.

in Council

Honorable Sirs.

I have the Honor to
inform you that I have now entirely
completed, as far as in my judgment is
necessary, the Demolition of the Fortifi-
cations of Pondicherry agreeably to the
Instructions I received from the Marquis
Cornwallis. —

The present state of the
Place may be collected from the several
Letters which I have already had the
honor to address to you on this subject;
but, as different opinions may
with regard to the necessary extent of the
Demolition of a Place, I trust there can
be no impropriety in stating on this occa-
sion, the substance of those Reports, for
your more particular information, and
to enable your Honorable Board to decide
on the execution of the Work. —

I there

From Lieutenant Power — reports the completion of the Demolition of the Fortifications of Pondicherry — Suggestions in regard to the Public Buildings which remain Entire

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When I reported the
Demolition of the North and South
sides of the Fort, I endeavoured to explain
distinctly what had been done, and my
motives for not doing more, - and as
your Honorable Board did not then
think it necessary to give me any further
Instructions, I consequently proceeded to
execute the remaining part of the Works,
in the same manner. —

In the Instructions I
received from the Marquis Cornwallis,
my attention was particularly directed
to the filling of the Ditch, as forming,
in his Lordship's opinion, the principal
strength of the Place. — It has, accord-
ingly, from one extremity of the Work to
the other, been filled from two to three
feet above the Level of the water, and in
general to the Level of the Berm - For
this purpose the Earth has been taken,
occasionally, either from the Rampart or
Glacis, as the nature of the Service seemed
most

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most to require, by which means the
Covert Way is totally destroyed. —
It is proper to inform your
Honorable Board that a great part of the
Rampart still remained, after the Ditch
had been filled, of which
as much as appeared to me necessary
and I have also taken care to destroy
effectually, the strong Revetement of Turf,
which, in every part, was raised to con-
fine the light Soil, of which the Ram-
part was generally formed. What
remains is a mere bank of Sand, in such
a State that it can be of no material con-
sequence, — to remove it which
would attended with considerable expence, and
could answer no good purpose, as every
successive fall of Rain will diminish it.
The Gates and Bridges,
the grand Magazine, and other pieces
of Masonry about the Fortifications, have
all been destroyed, as well as the Out-
works, Places of Arms, and detached
Batteries

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Batteries - Pondicherry is, in short, now so completely open and defenceless, that a Troop of Horse may, without obstruction, charge into the Town over any part of the Works. - Such being, and I trust without exaggeration, the real State of the place, I respectfully submit it to the consideration of your Honorable Board, how far the end proposed by the Demolition of the Fortifications has been accomplished.

I beg leave to add that the small powder Magazine on the Parade, still remains entire, as the Powder could not conveniently be removed to any other situation, It is for your Honorable Board to determine how far the preservation of this Place, and of the Barracks, Hospital, Arsenal, and other publick Buildings; which offer all the necessary accommodations for a numerous Body of Europeans, may, at some future period, influence the Question of rebuilding, or not

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not rebuilding the Fort, or may stand connected with what I have understood to be the first object of the Demolition - to obstruct, as much as possible, the reestablishment of a French Military Force in India. -

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect.

Do.^ Do.^

Madras June 15th 1794. - (Signed) W. Dowse Lieut. Comm.d Pioneers

Minutes thereon.

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Dowse that the Board highly approve the satisfactory manner in which he has executed the orders entrusted to him for the demolition of the Fortifications at Pondicherry. -

Resolved that the opinion of the Governor General in Council be taken in regard to the expediency of destroying such of the Public Buildings in the Town of Pondicherry, as might, in the Event of its restoration to the French, tend to induce them to rebuild the Fort. -

Read

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Read the following —

letter from Major Muat. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

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

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Sir,

From Commandant of 2d European Battalion — requesting an advance for the men to enable them to provide the Cloathing necessary for the Voyage to the Islands. —

The Honorable Company's 2d Battalion of European Infantry — having had notice in orders that it is intended for Foreign Service, I think it my duty to represent to you, in the most respectfull manner, that, as the Non Commissioned and Privates of the Corps will require some preparation in the Article of cloaths for wear whilst on board Ship, and that, as the extra charge of these cannot, consistent — with their necessary Sustenance on this garrison, be immediately afforded from their monthly pay, it may be expedient to indulge them with some advance for that purpose, to be replaced from their subsequent progressive pay and

allowances

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allowances, as circumstances admit.—

In regard to the European Officers, and more especially the Junior part of them, your own knowledge, & of their situation at the Presidency, will suggest their occasion for some assistance of the same kind.—

I have the honor to be,

with the greatest respect,

Fort St. George
20th June 1794.—

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Geo: Muat
Major Comm.g 2d B.E.I.

Resolution in consequence, to allow Batta to all the Corps destined for foreign service from the day they had notice of preparation.—

Resolved that it be published in orders that, the Board having taken into consideration the representations that have been made to them for an allowance of Batta to the Corps, from the day they had notice of preparation for foreign Service; and being satisfied that an indulgence of this sort is the more necessary from the nature of the Service on which the Troops are to be employed, and that it cannot

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cannot be drawn into a Precedent hereafter, have resolved, that all the Corps in orders for foreign Service, and not on Batta, shall be permitted to draw that allowance on and after the 17th. Instant, the date of the orders in question.-

- Dry Batta to be drawn for the Men, and Commanding Officers to see that it be appropriated to the purpose for which it is meant - Viz.t to enable the Soldier to provide such clothing as may be necessary for the Voyage. -

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board - and its Enclosure Entered in M.B. No. 149.

From Hospital Board - Mr. Mein's reply on the subject of his health - Death of Mr. P. C. Pattison - Mr. Harris's Bills for Repairs to an Hospital at Cuddalore - a Surgeon - and Assistant Surgeons for the Temporary Corps for foreign Service imposed. -

Observations of Government 24th. June 1794. -

Hospital Board 20th. June 1794.

In reply to the explanation which we required from Mr. Mein on the subject of his Health

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Health, we have
received a Letter from
him wherein he
represents that he
had been very much
indisposed during
the months of April
and May last, in
consequence of the
excessive Heat of the
Weather, but that he
now finds himself
perfectly recovered,
and capable of per-
forming, with ease
to himself, every duty
annexed to his station,
both in the General
Hospital, and at
Warriore; and that
it will be his cons-
tant care that all
possible attention be
paid

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paid to the Such.
in General. —

We beg leave
to observe that Mr.
Mein has been
very correct and re=
gular in his official
reports to this Board.

We are sorry
to acquaint Govern=
ment, that Mr. —
William Coakley
Lettsom, Assistant
Surgeon, died at
Pondigul on the 2d
Instant. —

We have the
honor to forward to
Government, Copy of
a Letter from Mr.
Harris, Surgeon to
the Garrison of —
Cuddalore; request=
ing to be reimbursed
for

As the house repaired
by Mr. Harris was
private property, the
President in Council
is of opinion that the
expence should have been
a charge upon the pro=
prietor rather than upon
the Company, since,
without these repairs,
the Building would not
have

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have been eligible for the intended purpose, and consequently not vested. At all events, the previous sanction of Government to the expenditure was indispensably necessary - but admitting even that the sanction had been obtained, Mr. Harris's Bill would not have been rejected, as, by the Order in force, no demand can be passed, that is not preferred within three months from the day on which it became due. -

The President in Council will have no objection to continue the Rent of the Hospital, provided there be a necessity for it, and that the same be stated by the Resident at Cud- dalore. -

for the Expences he incurred in fitting up an Hospital for the reception of such Sick as it might be found expedient to place under his care during the Siege of Pondicherry.

The accounts which Mr. Harris has laid before us, P. 5. amounting to 175.41, appear to be very moderate; and, as the former Hospital is represented to have been in a very ruinous State; we hope Government will order the Bills to be discharged. -

Pursuant to the Orders communicated

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Approved.

Communicated in
M. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 18th Instant, we recommend the following Gentlemen to do duty, with the Corps intended for Foreign Service — —

For Major Vegor's Corps of Europeans
M. Bernard Mc. Mahon Surgeon
M. Henry Wise Assistant Surgeon

For Captain Ferguson's Native Corps.
M. Edward Mackay Assistant Surgeon

For Captain Mc. Donald's Native Corps. —

M.

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Mr. Samuel
Lockhart Assistant
Surgeon --
To Captain Kenny's
Native Corps.
Mr. Betty
Assistant Surgeon
Mr. Charles Crann
Assistant Surgeon,
will perform the
Duty of the Dispen-
sary and Garrison
during Mr. Betty's
absence. --

Approved.

(Signed) J.A. Anderson
Physician Genl.
Colley P. Lucas
Chief Surgeon
W. Raine
Head Surgeon

Read

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Read the following

letter from Bengal

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

We have received your

From Bengal— the European Mails and File for the intended Expedition to be eventually augmented to 3500 men— subject to further additions—

Letter of the 24th ultimo, with the Copy of Colonel Stuarts Address to you of the 23d.

2 We have given due attention to the Circumstances stated by Colonel Stuart, as well as the Opinions delivered by him; and have also reconsidered the deliberative Opinions and Resolutions communicated to you on the 9th ultimo, under the various Considerations stated in which, and those suggested by the Papers now before us, and adverting to the possible arrival of a large & proportion of the Seventeen hundred

Recruits

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Recruits mentioned by the Honorable Court of Directors to be intended for this Presidency and yours, We have resolved, that, if no Circumstances on the Political State of Hindostan should occur between the present period and that of the Departure of the Equipment for the proposed Expedition, to endicate more immediate alarm and appre= hension for the safety of the Company's Possessions by the removal of the Troops to be sent upon it, the number of the European Rank and File allotted for the Expedition against the French Islands be augmented to three Thousand five hundred Men, subject to further additions in proportion to any supplies of the Dutch Troops from Columbo, or by the arrival of Recruits in the Kings' or Company's Service for the three Presidencies, exceeding the computation of fifteen hundred. —

This

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3 This allotment, which you will of course communicate to Colonel Stuart, with the Supplies from Europe that may be expected in consequence of the Explanations of Marquis Cornwallis, if he should arrive in England before the sailing of the Fleet, will, we confidently hope, be sufficient for the Expedition, the importance of which, and the obligations imposed on us by the Resolutions of his Majesty's Ministers and the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors, make us anxious to carry these Resolutions into execution if practicable. —

We have the honor to be,

Fort William
the 9th of June 1794. —

(Signed) { do^s ——— do^s
J. Shore
Robt Abercromby
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

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Minute thereon.→ A copy of the foregoing letter has been sent to Colonel Stuart.→

Read the following letter from Bombay

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

Hon'ble Sir,

We beg leave to acquaint you that We are very apprehensive We shall not be able to send you more than one thousand, or twelve hundred Water Casks; but We have the pleasure to inform you, several of the Merchants are sending their Ships to tender them as Transports, many of which are supplied with Casks as well as Tanks.→

From Bombay can only supply one thousand or twelve hundred Water Casks.→

We have the honor to be, &c.ª
&c.ª
Geo: Duck
Daniel Crokatt
William Lewis

Bombay Castle 7th June 1794.→ (Signed)

Read

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Read the following letter

from the Persian Translator

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir.

From Mr. Haliburton - requesting to resign the Office of Persian Translator -

I have to request your permission for resigning the Office of Persian Translator at present held by me - and do this with the more satisfaction, as the knowledge which Mr. Falconar possesses of the language, & having been my deputy for near three years, renders him qualified to fulfill the duties of the Office - I remain with great respect,

&c. &c. &c.

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24th June 1794. - (Signed) David Haliburton

Persian Translator

Mr. A. Falconar appointed to succeed. -

Agreed that Mr. Alexander Falconar be appointed - Persian Translator, in the room of Mr. Haliburton, whose resignation of the

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the Office the Board are pleased to -?
accept. -

Read the following
letters from the Military Board -

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir;

We are honored with
your commands under date the 2nd
and 5th Instant, and, in obedience of
thereto, We have desired the Contractors
for Buildings and Repairs to execute
the Work required to the Arsenal at
Vizagapatam without delay. -

From Military Board - Still of opinion that five Seers should be the Standard allowance for each horse - and that it should be drawn by the Commandant of each Troop - Suggestion on the occasion. -

Having duly considered
your Letter of the 22d. May, - enclosing
correspondence from Major Orr, We
are of opinion, as We had the honor to
report to you under date the 25th June
last, that five Seers of Grain, which has
been regulated as the daily food for one
horse, is necessary as the daily allowance
for every effective Horse, and on that
principle

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principle, We agreed in opinion with Colonel Floyd, that, by extending this allowance to every horse, although it might not be necessary, and in fact could not be necessary, to give every horse so much, it would enable the Officers commanding Troops to provide such sort of food as was more proper for sick horses, without making any separate charge for so doing - and it was therefore that we thought any other regulation on that head unnecessary - As it would be the duty of the Commanding Officer of the Corps to see that no abuse was made - and that the sick horses were furnished with more costly and delicate food, if thought necessary for them, without subjecting the Company to further expense, and it certainly was our intention to extend this reasoning to the Cavalry in general; but, as the matter before us was only to give an

opinion

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of opinion on some propositions made by Colonel Floyd. We did not think ourselves authorized to say any thing, in our reply to Government, concerning other Corps; taking it for granted that, if Government adopted the principles it would be made general. —

It appears however from the Letter of Major Orr now referred to us that he is of opinion that five seers is too much for a standard allowance, and even that but few horses ought to have it — As this opinion is singular, and differs, we believe, from the opinion on which the Standard of regulation of allowance of Grain was settled, and as it is a subject of much importance, We would recommend that Major Orr's opinion should be referred to the several Majors commanding the Native Regiments of Cavalry, that Government may obtain the fullest information on the subject.

Of

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Of the opinion of Colonel
Floyd Government is already in poſ=
seſsion, and We acknowledge it had
great weight with us - and, as his
Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light =
Dragoons has the largest and strongest
horses, We do not suppose that Major
Orr himself means that his reasoning
should apply to the Horses of that Corps.

If the reasoning of Major
Orr, as set forth in his Regimental order
under date the 24th of April last, is
fully admitted, it will go to reject the
claims of Officers commanding Troops
to draw full Feed for every horse in the
Troop fit for duty, which, if the
standard allowance is properly regu=
lated, We are of opinion he certainly
should be allowed to do; it may happen
that some horses will require less,
and it may happen that some horses
will require more, and, to enable him
to provide food for sick horses, We
recommend

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recommend that he should be allowed to draw the same for every horse, &c though actually on short feed of Grain, as We are convinced that it is sometimes necessary to give horses here, ghee or other nourishing food, when their Grain is curtailed. —

We think therefore that, whatever is allowed to each effective horse, should be drawn for by the Officer commanding the Troop, for the reasons stated — and this does not prevent the real food given to each horse from being regulated, as Major Orr has directed, by the Farrier, and it will be the duty of the Officer &c commanding the Corps to see that there is no abuse.

We are however led, from the reasoning of Major Orr, to wish you to have the fullest information, as it may then turn out that four seers for every horse in a Native Corps will be a sufficient average allowance to enable the

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the Officer commanding each Troop to
feed properly every horse, sick or well,
without further expence to Government
— but We must still be of opinion that,
whatever alteration the average allow-
ance may undergo, the Officer com-
manding the Troop should draw for
full feed for every horse, as the safest
and least objectionable mode of ascer-
taining the actual expense to Govern-
ment, and insuring the serviceable
condition of the horses. —

We have the honor to be
&c.ª ——— &c.ª

John Brathwaite
Jn. Richardson
By Close
Wm Gent
George Hall

(Signed)

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18th June 1794. —

To

2644. Fort St. George 24th June 1794.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir

We have the Honor, here-
with to transmit for your Honor's Perusal
the Charter Parties made out by the Company's Solicitor for
the Ships Yarmouth, Success, and Anna
accompanied with copy of the Certificates
of their State and condition handed to
us by the Master Attendant, and
Agent for Transports.

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

Fort St. George
20th June 1794.

(Signed)
John Braithwaite
Attendant
By close
Wm Gent
George Hull

Transmitting with the Charter parties for the Yarmouth, Success and Anna, and Certificates of their State and Condition.

Description

Description Certificate of the Ship Yarmouth – Thomson Master.

Where Built and when	Tonnage Carpenters measurement	Number of Decks	Number of Masts	Number of Guns	Anchors	Cables	Hawsers	Number of Boats	Qualities	State and Condition of the Hull and Rigging	Remarks &c^{a}
At Bombay	577	2	All 3	6	5	4	"	2	A fast Sailer	The Rigging Good – The Hull will have some little Repairs before going to sea.	Stows the Water in a Tank – but if taken up, will purchase Tank hold Rice –

This is to Certify that We have examined the Ship Yarmouth, Thomson Master, and it appears, by Inspection, that she corresponds with the above Description, and is otherwise well qualified for the Transport Service –

Fort St. George
June 5th 1794. –

(Signed) { H. Boyd – Master Attendant
W. Fraser – Agent for Transports

N.B. The Yarmouth has not a Hawser on board. But the Owners are to purchase one if she is taken up. –

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Linley
Depy Secy

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the Owners Casks and the Description

Description Certificate of the Ship Success. J. R. Smith Master

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Where Built and when	Tonnage Carpenters measurement	State and Condition of the Hull and Rigging	Remarks &c.
Built at Pegue 1792	Number of Decks 2 Length & breadth between Decks 64 Number of Masts 3 Number of Boats 4 Anchors 2 Cables 4 Guns 2 Number of Boats 2 Small Arms & Pistols	Complete	The Water stowed in Casks

This is to Certify, that We have examined the Ship Success, and it appears by Inspection, that She corresponds with the above Description, and is otherwise well qualified for the Transport Employ.—

Fort St. George
4th June 1794.—

(Signed) { R. Boyd Master Attendant
W Fraser Agent for Transports

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Conley
Depy Secy

Description

NB. There is only now Two Anchors on Board, but Captain Smith will Ship Two more if the Ship is Engaged.—

Description Certificate of the Ship's Anna John Gilmore Master.—

Where built and when	Tonnage Carpenters measurement.	Number of Decks	Length Breadth & Depth in Feet Bottom Decks	Number of Guns	Number of Guns	Anchors	Cables	Hawsers	Number of Boats	State and Condition of the Hull and Rigging	Remarks &c.ª
Built at Calcutta 1793.—	675	2		100	9	5.	6.	1	3 Sail Cutter Lanidatics	Complete	The Water Stowed in Casks.—

This is to Certify, that We have examined the Ship Anna, and it appears by Inspection, that She Corresponds with the above Description, and is otherwise well qualified for the Transport Employ.—

Fort St. George
4th June 1794.—

(Signed) { H. Boyd Master Attendant
W. Fraser. Agent for Transports

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Lenley
Depy Secy

Agreed

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Description Certificate of the Ship Success. A. R. Smith Master

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Where Built and when	Tonnage Carpenters measurement	Number of Decks	Length & breadth Between Decks	Number of Masts	Number of Boats	Anchors	Cables	Guns	Number of Small Arms and Side Arms	State and Condition of the Hull and Rigging	Remarks &c.
Built at Pegue 1792	344	2	64	3	2	2	4	2	2	Complete	The Water Stowed in Casks

This is to Certify, that We have examined the Ship Success, and it appears by Inspection, that She corresponds with the above Description, and is otherwise well qualified for the Transport Employ. —

Fort St George
4th June 1794 —

(Signed) { H. Boyd Master Attendant
W Fraser Agent for Transports

NB. There is only now Two Anchors on Board, but Captain Smith will Ship Two more if the Ship is Engaged. —

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Conley
Dep.y Secy

Description

Description Certificate of the Ship Anna John Gilmore Master.—

Where built and when	Tonnage Carpenters measurement.	Number of Decks	Length Height and Breadth	Number of Masts	Number of Guns	Anchors	Cables	Hawsers	Number of Boats	State and Condition of the Hull and Rigging	Remarks &c.
Built at Calcutta 1793.—	675	2	Length 85 Feet 3 Inches Breadth 23 Feet 8 Inches Between Decks	3	9.	5.	6.	1	3	Complete	The Water Stowed on Casks.—

This is to Certify, that We have examined the Ship Anna, and it appears by Inspection, that She Corresponds with the above Description, and is otherwise well qualified for the Transport Employ.—

Fort St. George
4th June 1794.—

(Signed) H. Boyd Master Attendant
W. Fraser. Agent for Transports

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Lindley
Depy Secy

Agreed

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Memdas on the two foregoing Letters from the Military Board

Agreed that Colonel Brathwaite be desired to take the necessary measures for obtaining the opinion of the Majors of Cavalry on the present brought forward by Major Orr, regarding the quantity of Grain to be allowed for each Horse. —

The Board having approved the Charter Parties for the Ships Yarmouth, Success, and Arena - the same are now executed, and ordered to be returned to the Military Board. —

The terms of the Engagements are - Employment for six months certain - at the rate of four /4/ Pagodas per Ton per Month - The amount of two Months freight to be paid in advance, and the remainder at the expiration of Six Months. —

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite, and its Enclosures Entered in Mss. Nos 151 - 152 - 153 - 154. —

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to lay before you the Copy of a Letter written by Captain Fotheringham to the Adjutant General, as I think it contains information, relative to the Ships employed to carry the 20th Native Battalion to Vizagapatam, which may merit attention - Seventeen of the twenty Sepoys reported as having deserted, must have, some how, contrived to desert in the very Act of embarking, as when the Rolls were called, just before stepping into the Boats, only three Men were missing. - I should imagine that the Town Major may be able to find out these Men, and an example at this juncture would be very desirable. -

From Colonel Brathwaite reporting the improper Conduct of the Commander of the Street Pestina Swamy, and the Desertion in the 20th Battalion embarked for Vizagapatam - Value of - Major Younge's House at Arcot - the Patch at Pulicat the Rajah of Calastry suspected of enlisting European Deserters - letter from Major Munat on the subject enclosed - Also one from Colonel Conyngham regarding a Claim upon Mr. Paymaster Vaughan. -

I have the Honor also to enclose the Copy of a Letter written by Major Younge to my Secretary, wherein he

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he fixes the value of his House at one thousand Pagodas — As far as my judgment goes it is a very cheap House at that price, and I do not suppose it could be built at the Contract prices for double that Sum. —

I have also the Honor to lay before you a Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Major Munat, with Copies of some Papers enclosed, that, if you think proper, you may take measures with the Governor of Pulicat and the Colastry Rajah, to prevent a possibility of our Men escaping by their means. —

I have the Honor to be.

Military
Head Quarters
Madras
June 19th 1794. —

with Respect,
&c &c &c
(Signed) John Braithwaite

P. S. I have also the Honor to enclose a letter addressed to your Honor in Council by Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham this moment received. —

(Signed) John Braithwaite

Resolved

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Resolutions in consequence.

Resolved, in consequence of the very improper Conduct of the Commander of the Ship, Shree Kistna Swamy, that the Company's protection be withdrawn from him, and that information thereof be given to the Master Attendant. —

The President is requested by the Board to direct the Town Major to cause search to be made after the Deserters from the 20th Battalion. —

The Board must be furnished with a Plan and Description of the quarter built by Major Younge at Arcot before any determination can be had as to the Purchase. —

The information brought forward by Major Must is too indefinite to enable the Board, with any propriety, to state the circumstances to the Government of Pulicat — It would be adviseable on all future occasions, when Europeans desert from the Garrison, and are supposed

to

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to have taken the Road to Pulicat, for the Commanding Officer of the Regiment to send to the Town Major a description of the Men, when Public application may be made for them, according to the Terms of the Cartel established between the two Governments. —

Agreed that Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham's letter be referred to the Military Auditor General. —

Allowances for Colonel S. Stuart and his Staff fixed, in consequence of orders from the Secret Committee

Resolved, in consequence of the orders from the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors — under date the 23d of October 1793, that the following be fixed as the Allowances for Colonel Stuart and his Staff. —

From the 22d of October 1793 (the date of Colonel Stuart's instructions) to draw as Brigadier General

	P.	f.	C.
Pr. Diem. —			
Pay	5.	5.	60
Batta	10.	-	-
	15.	5.	60

carried over

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brought over - - - 15. 5. 60

and from the 23d of April
1794, (the day of his arrival
at Madras) until the
arrival of Lieutenant
General Sir William
Medows K. B. &c. &c. &c. Pay

Table Allowance - - - - - 10

Besides the above, Colonel
Stuart will be allowed the Revenue Money
of a Colonel from the date of his aforesaid
Instructions. - His Secretary and Aid de
Camp to draw as follows, for a Month of
31 days. - Secretary Pay - - - - 38. 31. 40

Batta - - 49. 25. 16

Writers - - 40. - -

Horse Allowance 6. - -

Aid de Camp

Pay - - - - - 38. 31. 40

Batta - - - 49. 25. 16

Horse Allowance 6. - -

Candles and

Stationary 3. - -

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The above allowances to commence from the 23d of April 1794.

Read the following letter from his Highness the Nabob (entered also in C. C. № 101)

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

Dated 19th Zeccaud 1208 Hegery

18th June 1794.

Received 19th D.o D.o

From the Nabob enclosing two papers, shewing the Rules relative to the Pearl Fisheries of Manar and Tuticorye. →

Your Letter of the 1st Shawall 1208 Hegery answering to the 1st May 1794 wherein you desire me to acquaint you what the established Rules of the Pearl Fishery at Manar are, and how they are to be observed, that you may give me your sentiments on thes subject. →

My Friend - The Letter that I wrote on the 10th Rujeb 1174 Hegery answering to 30th October 1770 to Mr. Peter Stevis Lowis, a Member of the Council of

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of Columbo, who came to me to negotiate the Business of the Pearl Fishery - and another Letter that I addressed on the 20th. Zelhige 1199 or 24th. October 1785 to the Governor of Columbo, - contain a State = ment of the Rules, relative to the Pearl Fisheries of Manar and Tuticorin - Copies of both Letters, I have sent enclosed for your Information, and they will plainly shew, what the old established rules are. -

By the cessation of the accustomary Pearl Fishery at Manar, I sustain an immense loss - You are the Representative of my best Friends, and my Supporter - be pleased to point out to me, immediately, some effectual measures in this Business, and, with the Blessing of God, I will act accordingly. -

What can I say more!

A true translation

(Signed) David Haliburton

Persian Trans:

The enclosures mentioned in the above are English translations of the papers referred to.

Substance

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Substance of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic to Mr. Peter Moor Escar Member of the Council of Colombo Dated 10th Rajab 1174 answering to the 30th October 1770. —

The right of the Circar in the Pearl Fishery agreable to the ancient usage (exclusive of the rights of the Pollagars &c.) is as follows Viz.t During the Fishery the Circar has twenty Boats and 96/2 Stones - Besides these 20 Boats and 96/2 Stones the Circar takes from every Diver what is fished up at any one time once every day during the Fishery Viz.t if a Diver go down twenty times a day the Circar may take what he brought up at any three of these 20 Divings) in the same manner the Circar is to take what is fished in any one day of the Week - Besides this, the Circar is to have two large Beads in every ten, moreover an Officer of the Circar is to attend the Fishery, with Troops and a Bazar: to

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hoist their Colours, and remain during the Fishery, and receive the Customs of the Bazar for the Circar. —

These Customs were settled and established in the Government of Tirrumul Nairoo, the Rajah of Madura, whose Dubwy was Meanachee Runjaly in the Month of Tye of the year Mun-madda answering to January 1430 - and to be continued whilst the Government of the Carnatic should last. —

The above are the terms — which were settled by the Rajahs of the Carnatic with the People of Colombo — therefore this Right of the Circar, in the Manar Fishery, is incontrovertable. a to Totocorin, as it belongs to the Circar. the whole Pearl and Chank Fisheries of this place is the property of the Circar: what Right then have the Dutch to a — half share in the Pearl Fishery and to the whole of the Chank Fishery? —

Translation

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Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatec to the Governor of Columbo Dated 20th Zelhege 1199 or 24th October 1785.

I have at this time, given Orders to my Representative at Tennavelly, Estabar Canon, for entering upon the Pearl Fisheryes at Totucorein and Manaar agreeable to the ancient established Customs - and have dispatched Khazajah Cummul ud Deen Canon, and Seyd Abdillah Dr with the Standard and its appendages from my Presence, to Totucorein. —

As I have ever supported the Dutch in the Conduct of their Commercial affairs in my Country, and as I am always desirous of promoting them agreeable to the ancient usages, I assure myself that you will direct the Chief of Totucorein and the Person belonging to you at Manaar not to make any objections, to observe strictly the Rules

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and Customs observed in the Pearl Fishery at both this places in the time of the former Rajahs - The first settlement of the Dutch and the establishment of their Trade on the Sea Coast of this Country was with the Permission of the Government of the Carnatic, - by the blessing of God, the same Government still continues; and it is well known to all the People of this Country that the Fishery at Tuticorein belongs entirely to the Circar, and that the Dutch have no Concern, or Claim thereon, though they interfered in it upwards of 40 years ago, under the name of renting it, but the time of the lease to is now expired. -

In the Fishery at Manaar, the Circar and the Dutch have shares as follows Viz^{t}. -

The Circar have 39 Boats containing 188 Stones of which 20 Boats and 96½ Stones belongs to Madura, and

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19 Boats and 91 Stones belongs to Ramnaud
& Vizr 66½ Stones for Ramnaud, 15 for
the Putton muckuas, and 10 for the 7
Pagodas - The Bazar of Tutocorien and
Manaar, and the Management of those
Places, are in the hands of the Circar's
people: and the Circar's Flag is displayed
therein - The Right hand or Duchana-
wert chanks, - of every ten that are found,
the Circar have two. -

In the time of Fishery it
is customary for the Divers to swallow
the Pearls that they find in the Oyster
Shells such as may be found upon them
always belong to the Circar. -

The Dutch must prepare
a place for the residence of the Circar's
People. -

The People of the Circar
and those of the Dutch, conjointly, go in
the Boats to search for the Pearls. -

The Dutch have nothing
to do with the Fishery at Tobocorein -
- but the Divers pay them monthly as
follows

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follows Viz.t - Each Subbenar 12 Chuckrams and 5 Madura Fanams - Each Cuddanar 9 Chuckrams and 5 Fanams, and Each Parwar 6 Chuckrams and 5 Fanams. -

I trust you will act up to the established usages, in which Case I shall promote your Commercial Concerns, and afford you all reasonable support in your affairs. -

What can I say more?

Minute on the foregoing Letter.

The Board do not find, by any of the Papers received from the Nabob, that it has ever been the practice to carry on the Fishery without the consent of the Dutch - or - that the Dutch can undertake it without his Highness's approbation - If then, the acquiescence of both parties be requisite, and that the one with-holds it, the Board do not see how the other can act separately.

The Government of Columbo, in their letter to the Nabob of the 12th of March last, notice the impoverished State of the Oyster

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Oyster Beds, and give it as their opinion that the Fishery should be postponed. If this circumstance be a fact, it appears to the Board that it would be advantageous to his Highness to delay the business, under a more certain prospect of success hereafter. and it is resolved, accordingly, to recommend this opinion to his Highness's attention.

Death of Lieutenant & Boisdaure of the Infantry.

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Lieutenant Edward Boisdaure of Infantry, at Ellore, on the 13th Instant.

Chs Oakley.

G. Stallofield

G. Westbrook

Wm. George Parry
Wm. Agst