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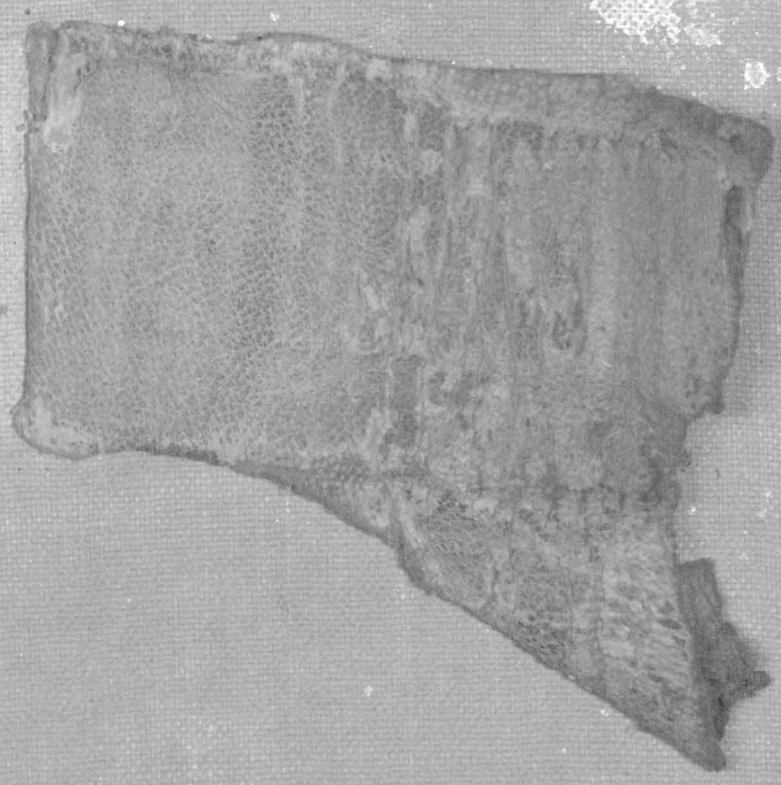

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Diary

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Received the undermentioned

letters Entered in C. C. Vols 123. 124. 125.

From the Nabob. stating

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.—

further Particulars of the turbulent Conduct of this Mograll Polygar, and the necessity of punishing him without delay. Letters from Abdul Wahab Cawn and an Officer of Tippoo Sultaun; enclosed. requests to know what Reply is to be given to the latter.—

From the Rajah of Ramnad.

Ditto — ditto — from the Rajah of Ramnad —

in reply to the President's letter of the 25th June. and stating the Injuries he has sustained from the misconduct of the Shevegunga Minister —

From Shevegunga Minister.

in

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Ditto - ditto - from Cherokar of Shivegunga - in Reply to the letter of the same date - professing his obedience to the will of the Company, and that he was (N) compelled to engage in the late Warfare, by Reason of the Enormities committed by the Rajah of Ramnad, and the Aggression offered by him - encloses a list of the Villages plundered and burnt by him -

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in MB. Nos 113. 114. -

From Commandant at Amboor enclosing another letter (H) addressed to him by the Polygar of Chargal, and Copies of Letter in reply -

From Captain Macpherson -

From Town Major - has provided the whole of the Hammocks, ordered - requests they may be received into

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19th into Store.—

Despatched the undermentioned

Letters. Entered in MB. Nos. 115. 116. 117. 118.—

119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130.

131. 132. 133. 134—

To Secretary at Bengal with

To Mr. Secretary Hay— Copies and Translates of three Letters

from Tippoo Sultaun—

To Civil Paymaster. Madame

To Civil Paymaster de Charbeau, at Pondicherry granted

a Pension of ten Rupees pr. Mensem—

To Commissary General of

To Mr. Cockburn. Grain and Provisions. Rice may be

issued to the Sepoys at Mellore from

the Stores at Madura.—

To Paymaster at Madura—

To Mr. Paymaster Vaughan permitting him to draw on the 4th

Military Paymaster General for such

part of Major Gowdie's Allowances

as

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19th as he may wish to receive by that mode—

To Masulipatam. To Masulipatam.—Monsieur Perichon may be permitted to remove the Materials of his Brother's House at that Place—

To W. W. Fraser. To Agents for Transports—annulling his Appointment—the Expedition being suspended—

To Auditor Genl. To Military Auditor General notifying the same—

To Ditto— To Ditto—with Copy of a letter from Mr. Roebuck—and observing that the 2d Artc. of the General Orders dated 20th May last do not direct the transmission of Sepoy Family Rolls to Paymasters of Stations.—

To Ditto— To Ditto—Mons. Anjard, Surgeon and Prisoner of War allowed thirty

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19th Thirty Rupees pr. Mensem—

To Ditto— the Allowance of

Eight Pagodas pr. Mensem to the

Commandant of the Body Guard

To Ditto— for each Horse in his Corps, to be

considered as a fixed Charge in future,

under whatever Contingence in —

respect to the price of Grain —

To Ditto— referring the

To Ditto— Estimate of the Military Paymaster Genl

for August —

To Military Board— the

Buildings lately purchased in the

To Military Board— Black Town to be fitted up for the

reception of two Battalions. Estimate

enclosed —

To Ditto— the Orders given

To Ditto— for the Buildings &c. at Arnee approved

also the Remarks on the Proceedings

of

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19th of the Committee of Works at Trichinopoly.

the propriety of encreasing the thickness of the Walls for Arched Work. Should be proved by experiment.

To Messrs. Wolf and Smith.

M. W. Abbot and Venealachellum appointed by the Nabob, for adjusting his Histbundy Amount. the same to be approved by the Board, previous to its delivery to those Deputies.

To Messrs. Wolf and Smith.

To Commandant of the Body Guard advising of the above resolution, notified to the Auditor Genl.

To Lieut Grant.

To Lieut John Watkins. permitting him to proceed to Sea, on Six Months leave of Absence.

To Lieutenant Watkins

To Commandant at Pondicherry a Subsistence of ten Rupees

To Col. Kirpon

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19th Rupees pr. Mensem granted to Madm.elle Charbeau—

To Ditto—Captain Perichon will be permitted to remove the

To Ditto— Materials of his Brother's House at Masulipatam, on applying to the Chief and Council—

To Town Major—Monsieur

To Town Major Anjard permitted to receive thirty Rupees pr. Mensem for his Subsistence—

To Ditto—with Copy of a—

To Ditto— letter from Bengal, and directing him to furnish the Information required relative to Mons.r Blouet.

21st Information having been received from the Sheriff that Captain Walker was not to be found, but that Messrs. Richard Young & John Cheminant were in safe Custody, the following

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21st Letters are written and ordered to be despatched—

To Messrs. Richard Young &
John Cheminant late Officers of
the Danish Ship Dorothea
Elizabeth, and now in the Custody
of the Sheriff of Madraspatnam.

To Chief Officer of the Dorothea Elizabeth on occasion of the Warrant to the Sheriff for their Seizure—

Gentlemen,

By virtue of the powers vested in the Governor in Council of Fort St. George by the Act of the 47th thirty third of His present Majesty Cap: 52, a Warrant has been issued for the apprehension of your Persons, under Suspicion of carrying on an illicit correspondence dangerous to the peace and safety of the British Possession

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21st. Poſſeſſions in India; and there ap-
pearing reasonable Grounds for
the Charge, upon the Information of
Captain Henry Newcome, Command-
ing His Majesty's Ship Orpheus, o-
taken upon Oath in writing. I am
directed by the Honorable the Governor
in Council to transmit to You, agreeably
to the Rule laid down by the afore-
said Act of Parliament, a Copy of
the Information on which you ap
have been committed, and to acquaint
you that you have permiſſion to
deliver in your defence in writing,
together with a list of such Witneſſes,
as you shall desire to be examined
in support thereof, and that such
Witneſſes

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21st Witnesses, and also the Witness or ..
Witnesses in support of the Charge
will be examined, and cross examined
on Oath in your presence.

Fort St. George
21st July 1794.

I am
Gentlemen
Your
Obt Servt
Signed/ W. C. Jackson
Secry

To Joseph Greenhill Esqr.
Sheriff of Madrasspatnam

To the Sheriff
directing him
to deliver the
foregoing.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the
President in Council to desire you
will cause to be delivered to Richard
Young and John Cherrimante, who
are now in your Custody, the ..
accompanying

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21.st accompanying Letter.

I am
Sir,
Your &.a

Fort S.t George
21.st July 1794.

Signed / W.m C. Jackson 4.th Secry

Received the following letters.

The Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bar.t
Governor in Council
Fort S.t George

Hon.ble Sir,

From Resident at Hydrabad, on the subject of the Reddy of Pilly Pahr and Jeyram Reddy of Nagpoor, who have rebelled, and taken refuge in the Nabob's Districts requests an enquiry may be made—

I have the honor to acquaint you that this Durbar has communicated to me an Extract of a letter from Ajeed Ali Khan, the Talookdar of Hurpah, to Azem ul Omrah, stating that the Reddy of Pilly Pah, after committing depreda=tions in the Talook of Dhoor, has carried away the Riots of about twenty Villages to Ongole, where he has taken up his Abode; and likewise that Jey-ram Reddy

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21st Reddy, Zemundar of Nagpoom, has re-
rebelled, and sent away his Women and
Children to Madras — This Communication
having been accompanied by a Request
that I would apply to you to cause the
said Reddy and Family of Jeyram —
Reddy to be apprehended in the Company's
Districts & delivered to Syud Ali Khan;
I returned for answer to the Minister, that
I would address you on the Subject, in
the way of enquiry into the Matter, &
let him know the result in due time —

From the consideration of
this demand's originating with Syud
Ali Khan, a man of great Capacity,
joined to the circumstance of Jeyram
Reddy's having formerly, as I understand,
enjoyed the Company's Protection, I
have thought it advisable, as well as
on

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21st on a Principle of Justice to the Individual claimed, as for the eventual guidance of Government on the Case, to make a reference to you, for the purpose of previously ascertaining as far as can be done, what degree of truth there is in the representation, or right in this Court to make the demand—

I have the honor to be with

Respect.

Hon'ble Sir,

Yr. &c.

Signed/ W. Kirkpatrick

Bedr
12th July 1794

To the Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

From Military Board, submitting Capt. Allan's opinion with respect to opening a Road from Amboor through the Center of the new Cofsions, by the Tapoor Pass— recommend that the Pioneers be employd in that Work—

Hon'ble Sir,

We have the honor, in replying to your letter of the 2d Instant, to acquaint you that if the Prize Agents will cause the

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21st the Ordnance &c. to be subjected to a Survey by such a Committee as we shall appoint for that purpose, as soon as we receive the report of that Survey we shall be able to form a decided opinion in regard to the purchase of them.—

We have now the honor to lay before you Copy of a letter from the Officer commanding the Guides &c. accompanied with the Sketch therein mentioned, and we beg leave to recommend that the measure proposed be carried into Execution under his direction, as soon as the Pioneer Corps can be spared for that purpose.—

We have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
Signed/ John Braithwaite
" John Richardson
Barry Close
" Wm Gent
" George Hall &c.

Fort St. George
13th July 1794.

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21st

To Colonel John Brathwaite

President &c.a Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive from your Secretary a letter of the 13th Instant, acquainting me that it is the Sentiments of the Supreme Government, that it may be advisable to open, by the best and Shortest Route, a Road from Amboor, through the Center of our new Acquisitions, by the Tapoor Pass; and desiring me to communicate to you, my Sentiments with regard to the practicability of opening such a Road, accompanied with a plan for the same, if Practicable.—

It is practicable to make a Military Road from Amboor, through the

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21st the Center of the Ceded Countries, by the Tappoor Pass, to communicate with Trichinopoly which I conceive to be the Intention of the Supreme Government; and, as Lieut.t Dowse has made an excellent Road through the Tappoor Pass, little remains to be done —

I would recommend, that the present Road from Amboor, to Tappoor by Trippatore should be improved, in preference to making a new and more direct one, because there is good encamping Ground at Vaniambaddy, Trippatore, Muttoor, Inamuttoor and Darampoory, and because the distance could be so little decreased, that it is not an object worthy of consideration, which will appear evident on an inspection of the Sketch, which I have the honor to send accompanying this letter —

The Road from Tappoor by Salem

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21st Salem to Trichinopoly is rather circuitous; and the Country in the neighbourhood of Salem, is hilly and difficult for an Army; I would therefore recommend that the road should be made by Amaloor, Mallusum=drum Yelloor and Toshoor; not only because it is more direct and through a more open Country than that by Salem; but because there are good encamping grounds at convenient distances - Tippoo Sullaun marched this route with his Army in November 1790.-

I have marked with red lines

in

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21st in the Sketch the route I would recommend and it may be necessary to give orders that the road be made sufficiently broad - for every Military purpose -

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient and humble Servant

(Signed) A: Allan
Capt. Comd. the Guides

A true Copy (signed) J. Brodie
Secy Mil. Bd.

Madras
July 1st 1794

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21st Received the undermentioned —

Letters Entered in Ord Bks Nos. 135. 136. 137. —

138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. —

From Commandant &c —
From Captain Macpherson —

Amboor the Sultaun's Troops encist —

Chaigul and take the Petta and Lower —

Fort. —

From Secretary at Bombay advising
From Secretary at Bombay —

of the Ships on which Water Casks have —

been sent hither - their Number - Invoice

of those shipped on the Prince of Wales. —

From

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Fort St. George " July 1794

2d in the Sketch the route I would recommend and it may be necessary to give orders that the road be made sufficiently broad - for every Military purpose --

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient and humble Servant

(Signed) A. Allan
Capt. Comd. the Guides

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Brodie
Secy. Mil. Bd.

Madras
July 1st 1794

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21th Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M B Nos. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145.

From Captain Macpherson

From Commandant at Amboor the Sultaun's Troops invest Chargeul and take the Petta and lower Fort.

From Secretary at Bombay

From Secretary at Bombay advising of the Ships on which water Casks have been sent hither - their Number - Invoice of those Shipped on the Prince of Wales.

From

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21st

From Captain Kirkpatrick

From Resident at Hydrabad requesting that Monsieur Raymond's Agent may be allowed to embark the Articles purchased for the Nizam by Sea for Nairpelly.

From Major Hart.

From Deputy King's Paymaster General enclosing his Accounts in continuation to the 24th June.

From Madras Merchants

From the Merchants of Madras soliciting protection for the

Eastern

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21st Eastern Trade and that the Commander of His Majesty's Squadron may be requested to send a Frigate in the Eastern Seas-

From Masulipatam- further repairs required to the Drawbridge- the

From Masulipa-tam- pay of the Engineers Artificers stopped- inconvenience thereof- Proceedings of the Committee of Works submitted- remarks relative to the repairs proposed thereinn-

From Military Board- have

From Military Board. directed the Repairs &c. ordered on the 5th Instant to be executed.-

From Ditto- the Ship Windsor

From Ditto- unable from Size, to bring to Madras the heavy ordnance at Pondicherry-

From Military Paymaster- (4

From Paymaster General- reporting Sundry Charges made by the Paymasters of the King's Regiments, unauthorized by the Regulations.-

From

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21st

From Commander of the Betsy with a Bill for Gunpowder Shot &c. &c. supplied by him at Bimlipatam on the application of Lieutenant Col. Prendergast.

From Captain Lennon.

From Mr. M. Topping - complaining of further obstacles thrown in his way by Captain Johnstone of the Engineers -

From Mr. Topping -

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 -

From Commandant at Moreboor advising of the Capture of the upper Fort of Chargut by Tippoo's Troops -

From Captain Macpherson -

From Military Paymaster Genl. with Mr. Paymaster Wilson's Estimate for August -

From Paymaster General -

From Commandant at the Mount requesting the Repair of the Hospital & Gun Shed in which some sick are lodged -

From Lieut. Col. Geils -

From

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22d From Commander of the Succes

From Captain declining the proposal for annulling the
T. R. Smith Contract for the freight of that Vessel -

From Ditto - of the Favorite to

From Captain the same Effect -
Mears -

From Ditto of the Anna - to Ditto -
From Capt. Gilmore

From Agent for the Owner of
From W. Sanderson the Yarmouth - Ditto -

From Town Major - with Lists
of some European & Native Troops - belong-
From Town -ing to Bengal and Captured at Rat Island,
Major - who have been embarked on the Ships
Catharine for that place -

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor - President

Ernst William Fallofield

&

George Westcott Esqurs

Tuesday
22d July 1794

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved.

Read the following Letter
from the Military Board.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

From Military Board stating that no particular notice was given by them to Messrs Roebuck & Abbot regarding the Arched Work to be made on Walls of two Feet thickness. Minute of the several Members on the occasion.

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to ack
acknowledge the receipt of your Commands

under

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under date the 9th Instant, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott, the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs, on which Government express a desire to learn from the Military Board, whether at the time the Advertisement was published, it was understood that the proposers had full Information, that arched Buildings were to be executed on Walls of two feet th thickness, and, if the Advertisement were not sufficiently explicit, whether any communication from the Military th Board, or from the Chief Engineer at the time were made to Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott, by which they could have known that such Work was provided for in the Contract Viz.

In reply to which, We have the honor to acquaint You that it is not

possible

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possible for this Board to answer the first question, whether it was fully understood that the Advertisement in which the Chief Engineer detailed the Work to be contracted for, was as usual addressed to the Publick at large, in general terms on the 6th September 1793, and the Board did not deem it so proper to communicate in particular with any Individual; consequently, in answer to the second question, the Board have to say, that they did not make any particular communication to Messrs Roebuck and Abbott, or any other Proposers; nor do they know of any such communication made by the Chief Engineer; nor is it possible for this Board to say more Lieutenant Colonel Ross who was then Chief Engineer having long since left this Country. The Board are certain however that he was

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was not authorized by them so to do—

We have the honor herewith to enclose the Ideas of individual Members as contained in their respective Minutes, in order that Government may possess as full Information on a Subject of so much importance as this Board can communicate—

We have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

" John Brathwaite

" Henry Malcolm

" John Richardson

" B.T Close

" Wm Gent

" George Hall

Fort St George
17 July 1794

(Signed)

I do not see how it is possible for this Board to reply specifically to the Questions proposed to us by Government. I believe

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believe it is not usual or esteemed fair
in any Public Body either through a
Chief Engineer or any other in Office to
make any particular Communication
to Individuals at a time when Adverti-
ments are put forth requiring Proposals
for Contracting for work in general terms.

Every kind of Work expected
to be performed was set forth in an
Advertisement consequently "Arched
work in Brick and Chunam" as to the
quantity which will be required or any
particular mode of Construction that
depends upon occurrences and the
plans to be subsequently delivered in
by the Chief Engineer the simple question
is - what will any one undertake to construct
Arched work in Brick and Chunam.

per

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per Cubic foot. and the answer is given
and either acceded to or rejected and the
preference given to some lower offer. In
the present case however the proposed
mode of constructing was currently spoken
of. All therefore that occurs to me as in
my power in order to give to Government
every possible Information on the Subject
is to state the following facts.—

In August 1792 Lieutenant Col.
Ross came forward with Proposals, Plans
and Estimates for building Substantial
Buildings with Arched Roofs—

And on the 13th. of October the
Military Board adopted the Idea of
Colonel Ross and recommended to
Government to do the same. Viz.t that
all Buildings in future should be
constructed

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constructed on a solid and permanent
Plan, with Arched Roofs agreeable to the
plan, and Estimate delivered in. By Lieut
Colonel Ross marked A. Lieutenant
Colonel Ross, in a Minute, says that
his Estimates are formed upon the
Madras Contract prices, which are, in
general, higher than elsewhere, and
that he therefore supposes that when
Government advertises for work to be
done, offers will be made on lower
terms - He estimates the Arched work
at four Fanams per Cubic foot, and
accompanys the Estimate with a
Plan in which the Walls are stated
as two feet in thickness - On the 17th of
October Government adopt the Idea &
reply to us in terms expressing their
approbation

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approbation that all Barracks, Quarters
&c. shall in future be constructed on
that plan - Was I to hazard an opinion
then it must be, that it was currently
known that a determination was e-
past for Building upon this plan, and
that a very great quantity of Work
was about to be speedily undertaken.
On the 1st of November following Messrs
Roebuck and Abbott address a letter
to Government proposing to undertake
every sort of work under the Presidency
on certain specified terms among th
which is Arched work in Brick and
Chunam at three fanams and forty
Cash per Cubic foot - and they state that
they are induced to offer upon these
low terms in general on the conviction
that they will be able to execute the
same

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same with facility, that is without difficulty or delay; provided that by thus uniting the whole work in themselves, all Competition for Artificers &c ceases, which competition they suppose must exist if there are various Contractors; which will create difficulty or delay, or words to that amount (vide Letter of Messrs Roebuck & Abbott to Government under date 15th November 1792) These proposals of Messrs Roebuck and Abbott were submitted to the Board with an Amendment in regard to some encreased prices required by them on Account of Carriage. Lieutenant Colonel Ross delivers into the Board a Minute dated the 8th of January, and his Sentiments were adopted by the Board and confirmed by Government and

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and as I think that it plainly appears that it was from this Minute that Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott obtained the Contract they solicited, that is for all Buildings and repairs under the Presidency, and were allowed the encreased prices on Carriage in a great measure on account of their offer for plain Brick work and 4th Arched brick Work, which must now, from the Resolution adopted, be 4th considered as the Staple or heaviest Articles being lower than any other. I desire that a Copy of this Minute of Lieutenant Colonel Rose's of the 9th of January may with this Minute of mine, form part of the Boards Communication to 4th Government. As far as relates to myself

I see

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I see no other Method of replying to the Letters of Government, as I conceive it was not regular if any member of the Board communicated particularly with the Proposers, and that consequently this Board cannot know if any such Communication was made. The usual Communications is by way of Public Advertisement, and it is supposed to be the Duty of the Proposers to obtain every necessary Information. the Subject was currently spoken of in Public Company's in my hearing, and the Letter from Messrs. Roebuck & Abbott offering and desiring to Contract for all the work upon the Specified terms was written after this System of Building was adopted by the Military Board &

finally

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finally confirmed by Government, and,
indeed, so immediately after it, that I do
not think it any way unfair to suppose
that the Current Report of the extensive
Buildings about to be undertaken by
might lead to the Proposal for consentering
the whole in themselves.—

Signed/ John Braithwaite
President

Military Board
17th July 1794—

A true Copy
Signed/ J. Brodie
Secy Mily Bd

Lieutenant Colonel Ross has
considered with Attention the Proposals
of Messrs Roebuck and Abbott with the
increased Prices on the Carriage—

Article 1st and 2d— As Government have determined
that the several Buildings to be here=
=after constructed shall have Arched
Roofs

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Roofs for the greater Durability and Cleanliness those Articles will be hardly ever required, if they should Colonel Ross thinks the addition on account of the carriage of the Palmiras very reasonable —

Article 3d — On the Principles above mentioned of Arched Roofing this Article will not be required. if on any occasion it should, the proposed Additional Expence is very trifling —

Article 4th — Generally used in Terraces — Roofs which will not for the reasons above be much required when wanted for Shelves &c. the proposed Additional Expence is very trifling —

Article 5th to 10th — The Additional Expence put on these Articles for the Transport of them:

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there being at the low rate of 1 fanam per superficial foot is highly reasonable—

Article 11th & 12th — Being included in Roofing. These Articles will not as above set forth be in much demand—

Article 13th 14th & 15th — Included in the Articles of Doors and frames, Windows and frames. if on any occasion it should the proposed Additional Expence is very trifling—

The Chief Engineer Concludes these remarks upon the prices by observing that the beforementioned Articles of Building are not those which swell the Expence which is mostly incurred by the Masonry

Signed/ Patrick Ross

A true Copy

Signed/ J. Brodie

Secry Mily Board

I beg

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I beg leave to refer to my Minute of 12th Ultimo in answer to both the Matters on which information from the Military Board is called for, by the Letter of Govern=ment under date 9th Instant relative to the Contract for Building and Repairs, and to add that I am not informed of any communication on the Subject of either from the Military Board or from the Chief Engineer to Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott by which these Gentlemen [Roebuck and Abbott] would have known that an Arched work was to be turned on Walls of two or more feet in thickness, otherways than as that point fell to be considered in communication with the Advertisement, the proposals made, and the terms of Contract, and subsequently with the Plans of the Chief Engineer as transmitted by

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by the Military Board in which the
thickness of the Walls is laid down—

Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily Audr Genl.

Military Board
17th July 1794—

A true Copy
Signed/ J. Brodie
Secry Mily Board

I am of opinion that it is totally unnecessary to run into any length of matter in our reply to a simple question put to us by Government in their letter of the 9th Instant— The Sentiments of this Board respecting an increase of rates to be given to the Contractors for Arched Work were transmitted to Govern=
=ment agreeable to their Orders in their letter of the 14th June, and being unacquaint
=ed with what Measures have been adopted by Government in consequence of

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of the opinion of this Board, I should suppose that nothing further is required of us in the present instance than to Inform Government whether at the time the Advertisement was published it was understood that the Proposers had full information that Arched Buildings were to be executed on two feet Walls; and whether any communication from our Board, or from the Chief Engineer at the time, were made to Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott by which they would have known that such work was provided for by the Contract.-

For my own part I do not know of any Communication that the Contractors could have had either with the Chief Engineer or this Board; and to what extent they understood the subject in question it is impossible for me to say,

as

3200. Fort St. George 22d July 1794.

as I know of no Information they could have had, but from the public Advertisement—

Signed/ Jr. Richardson

Dr. Mr. Lyle—

Military Board
17th July 1794

A true Copy

Signed/ J. Brodie

Secry Mily Board

When I had the honor of submitting to the Board a Minute on the Subject of the application from the Contractors to Government for an increase of Allowance touching the Article of Arched Work, I did imagine that Government in considering of that application, had waived the Abstract question of "whether a Contract "once formally concluded, should, on any account, be departed from", because instead of putting such question to us on which the consideration of the application ought naturally

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naturally turned in the 1st instance, Govern-
=ment only required of us to say whether
any or what Allowance should be granted
to the Contractors for Arched Work pursuant
to their solicitation, implying thereby, that
an increase of Allowance might from
considerations, be granted; in consequence
of which, I did not hesitate on the Infor-
=mation then before me in the Chief's
Engineer's Minute, and from other reasons
stated, to give it as my opinion that an
increased allowance inferior to the average
of rates offered for the same article by the
other proposers might be granted. But
from the letter from the Contractors now
before us, and the letter from Government
of 9th July I am given to suppose that
Government have resorted to the abstract
Question, and on the ground of it, passed
a decision adverse to our report and
recommendation

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recommendation on the Subject, and to the Contractors, which has given rise to their letter just alluded to —

Notwithstanding these circumstances, Government are still desirous of ascertaining grounds on which to reconsider an allowance already recommended by this Board, I know not any further information which this Board can afford, (exclusive of replying to the questions before us) than a detail of the Dates under which the Advertisement for proposals was published. The proposals from the Contractors were received, and we recommended the Plan of Arched Buildings to Government, and that Government approved the same, as laid down in the Minute just delivered in by our President. —

That an inference may be drawn

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drawn from these dates touching the questions before us is evident, but not of so positive a nature I imagine, as to furnish Government with any satisfactory ground by which to fix their ultimate Decision.—

Whether it was understood when the advertisement was published that the proposers had full information that Arched Buildings were to be executed on Walls of two feet thickness, is far beyond my means to determine. That they did not obtain such information from any communication addressed to them by this Board is certainly fact. I certainly never knew or heard that any communication from this Board or the Chief Engineer was made at the time to Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott by which they would have known that such Work was to be executed

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Executed under the Contract.—

Signed/ B.T Close

Adjt. Genl.

A true Copy

Signed/ J. Brodie

Secry Mily Board

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Signed/ James Brodie

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Minutes and Resolution in consequence.

After mature consideration of all the proceedings relative to the Contract, the Board cannot, though desirous of affording Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott every reasonable indulgence agree, to the reference proposed in their letter of the 7th Instant, regarding the prices of certain articles.

It appears, by the letter from these Gentlemen of the 1st. November 1792 that they offered to undertake every sort of building work under this Presidency, among which, was arched work in brick and Chunam, at three Panams and forty Cash pr. Cubic foot; and stated that they were induced to offer upon these low terms in general, under the conviction that they would be able to execute the Work with facility. It was on this

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this account, that their request for extend-
-ing the Contract to every part of the Compa-
-ny's territory on the Coast was acquiesced
in; and as the resolution that Military
Buildings in future should be constructe-
-ed with Arched Roofs had been agitated
some Months before the delivery of their
Proposals, and plans and estimates of
such buildings, formed by the Chief &
Engineer, and approved by Government,
the Board had every reason to suppose
that the object in view was generally
understood, and especially by persons
intending to make proposals, who
might, if they chose it, have received
whatever information they required
from the Chief Engineer.—

Under these circumstances the
Board cannot, in justice to those who
were

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were Candidates with Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott, for the Contract, or with due regard to the Interests of the Company, allow, at this time, of any alteration in the prices But as these Gentlemen have declared that they were not fully apprized of the nature of what was expected from them, and that they cannot continue the Contract upon the specified terms, without being considerable losers, it is resolved if they think proper, to relieve them, by annulling the Engagement altogether.

Resolved that the above be communicated to Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott.

Read the following letter from Colonel Braithwaite.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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From Colonel Brath
wrote with draft of
a Genl Order, in
consequence of the
preparations for
foreign Service having
ceased, and for the
distribution of His
Majesty's Corps.-
recommends that
the New Recruits be
continued as Super-
numeraries.-

the receipt of Mr Secretary Jackson's letter
of the 16th Instant. I shall, in consequence,
write to Colonel Floyd as you have directed
concerning the Dutch Troops, I have
reason to think however that they
are arrived at Negapatam. Colonel
Floyd has since written to me for
instructions concerning them, desiring
to know if they are to be considered as
part of the Troops in the Southern
Division under his Command, &
requesting also information relative
to their Establishment, Situation &c
till I am honored with a more full reply
to which I cannot reply, to the letter I
had the honor to address to you under
date the 29th Ultimo. I do not find that
they have reported themselves regularly
to any Military Officer, nor have I any
return of their Strength, and I should
imagine

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imagine as the foreign Expedition is laid aside for the present, the sooner they can be sent back to Ceylon the better, but I imagine it will require a Ship, as boats will not be able to work up against the Southerly Wind.

I have acquainted Major Smart that his Memorial will be sent to the Honble the Court of Directors by the Sugar Cane.

The proceeding of Captain Johnston of the Engineer Corps appears to have been very intemperate and unjustifiable. I think if Mr. Topping had addressed the Commanding Officer on the Spot Captain Johnston would have been soon convinced of his error, without troubling you. I have caused the disapprobation of his Conduct, as stated

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stated in Mr. Jackson's Letter, to be
notified to him through Colonel
Fraser Commanding the Division.

I have also the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
Commands contained in Mr. Secretary
Jackson's Letter of the 13th Instant, and,
in obedience thereto, I have the honor
to submit to your Consideration the
Draft of an Order to be published
on this occasion in two different
modes as far as relates to the
distribution of his Majesty's Corps, the
one calculated so as not to interfere
with Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage
in the Command of Tanjore, in
case it is your Intention that he
should remain there, the other in
case you should determine that a

Tanjore

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Tanjore has been now so many years
Commanded by one of His Majestys
Field Officers that it should continue
still to be so, as in that case there is
not any one who has such pretensions
as Lieutenant Colonel Baird, I have
therefore in this so arranged the
distribution of His Majestys Corps as
to place him there, and it will rest
with your honor to adopt either of
these modes as you shall think proper-

Mr. Jackson's letter intimates,
that the Corps which have Surplus
Men in consequence of the Order for
recruiting are to be reduced to the 1st
Peace Establishment, I have however
ventured in the Draft I have now
the honor to submit to your Considera
tion authorised their being continued
as

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as Supernumeraries, to supply all the
Casualties that may happen in the
Native Establishment as they occur,
and that in the meantime all
recruiting is to cease, as I do not think
the expence incurred by this is a
consideration sufficient to induce the
adoption of a Mode, which will create
a very general disgust among the
Natives to our Service, and render
recruiting very precarious hereafter.
I have always been of opinion that
the reduction of Troops in this
Country should be managed with
great caution, as it is well known that
Tippoo Sultaun has always his Agents
employed to pick up such Men as
have been instructed by us in the use of
their Arms

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their Arms, and I have been informed that almost all the additional Men raised last year, when the Attack of Pondicherry was resolved on, who were so soon after discharged took Service in the Mysore Country. If nevertheless it should be still the opinion of your Honor in Council that these men should be discharged, it is only necessary to insert, in lieu of the Paragraph I have drafted, that all the Corps which have been augmented by new levies, ordered in consequence of the Details drawn from them for foreign Service, are, at the end of the present Month, to discharge so many of their new Recruits as will reduce them to the complete Peace Establishment.—

I have the honor to be with

Respect.

Pea Pea

Signed/ John Braithwaite

Military Head Quarters.
Madras
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P.S.—

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P.S. I have also the honor to lay before you a letter just now received from Lieutenant Colonel Geils—

Draft of G.O. By Government

The Honble the President in Council is pleased to resolve and order that all further preparations for the expedition to the French Islands shall cease— That the Corps of European Grena= =diers and the Native temporary Batta= =lions shall be reduced— That the Details composing these Corps shall return to their respective Battalions— That the Staff nominated for the expedition shall return to their former Situations. That the part of the 1st Battalion of Artillery formed into a Detachment with the Royal Artillery shall return into Quarters at the Mount, and that His

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His Majesty's Corps ordered for foreign
Service shall be distributed to Stations
as hereunder detailed —

The Royal Artillery to Trichinopoly, and to detach one Subaltern, 1
Serjeant, 1 Corporal, 2 Bombardiers and
16 Gunners to Tanjore —

His Majesty's 36th Regiment to Warriore
His Do 52nd Do to Secunderonallee
His Do 71st Do to Tanjore & Vellum —
His Do 72nd Do to Wallajahbad
His Do 73rd Do to Pondicherry
His Do 74th Do to Poondamallee

Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage to
command at Dindigul and Major
Dalrymple at Vellum —

Captain Oliver on being —
relieved by Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage
to return to his Command at Pyloney
where he is to have 3 Companies of
his

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his Command at Pylney where he is to have 3 Companies of his Battalion as heretofore—

Major U. Vigors, when his Corps separates, will proceed to take the command of Condapilly agreeably to former appointment—

When the Royal Artillery &c. arrives at Trichinopoly Captain Tanner's Company is to proceed to join its Corps, detaching to Pondicherry, as it passes the place—1 Subaltern, 1 Serjeant 1 Corporal, 2 Gunners and 16 Matrosses—

The Detail from the 1st Native Battalion, instead of returning direct to Trichinopoly, is to repair to the Mount, and take charge of the Guns about to proceed from thence to Sankeydroog.

Mr. Ticker, Conductor of Stores is to accompany the above Ordnance and

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and also a compleate Company of Gun Lascars from the Mount—

When this Detachment reaches Santhomydroog, the Detail of the 1st Battalion will proceed to join its Corps, and, on the Ordnance being disposed of as Captain Oram may direct, the Company of Lascars will return to the Mount—

Batta to the Troops in Garrison & Cantonment who had notice of being destined for foreign Service, but did not march, the 52nd Regiment excepted, is to cease from the date of this order, and Field Allowances to the Troops now ordered to march, to cease on their occupying their fixed Quarters, conformably to the Standing regulations—

It is to be understood that Corps are to march separately for their respective Destinations

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Destinations on being properly ex-
provided by the different Departments
Recruiting amongst the —
Native Battalions is to cease until
further Orders - The new levies with
Corps Surplus to the full Complement
of each, are to be returned as Supernu-
-meraries, being destined to supply —
Casualties as may be required, in the
different Native Infantry Battalions
of the Establishment —

By Order of the Governor
in Council —

Resolved that the General
Order No. 1 proposed by Col. Braithwaite
be adopted and issued —

Minutes thereon

Resolved that the Military
Board be desired to give such directions
to the Contractors for repairs, as they
may

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may judge necessary for the accommoda-
-tion of the sick lodged in the Gun Shed
and for the examination of the Hospital
at the Mount.—

The Board will send orders to
the Resident at Nagore respecting the
Dutch Troops landed at Negapatam—

Read the following letter from
Messrs Colt Baker and Co.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President &c.a in Council

Fort St George
Hon.ble Sir,

We are honored with your
Military Secretary's Letter of the 16th Inst.o
by which we are to conclude that the
Hon.ble Board do not consider the
Liverpool and Gloucester under the
Circumstances

From Messrs Colt Baker & Co requesting a reconsideration of the Decision regarding the Liverpool and Gloucester—

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Circumstances set forth in our Address of the 14th Instant and the Notarial Act that accompanied it, as retained in the Honble Company's Service - That this should have been the Determination of the Board we cannot help feeling infinite Concern at, as well on account of the facts before them relative to the actual Situation of the Vessells in Question, as from the strong apprehensions we entertain of the Steps the Owner of them will, upon becoming acquainted with all the Circumstances, consider himself under the necessity of pursuing, by way of some self reparation for the heavy and ruinous Losses he must on all Events sustain, from having fitted out and sent round hither from Bombay as the Madras Government Advertisement

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Advertisement invited him to do, five Ships that were chiefly laid up during the War, and one of which the Surat Castle is we believe the largest in India; for the sole purpose of the Company's Employ; the whole of which are now lying in Madras Roads without the means of defraying the enormous Expence of their daily Demurrage unless the Honble Board should be pleased to take into their reconsideration the Situation of the two Ships already mentioned that have been approved and accepted of for the purpose that brought them to this place; which, from the strong Conviction impressed on our Minds of the effectual Manner in which their owner may support his Claims should he be driven to the alternative before alluded

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alluded to, we are urged to solicit —

We are told by the Honble Board's
Letter that in all engagements where
two parties are to be reciprocally bound
by certain Conditions explained in a
written Instrument to which a Penalty
is annexed in case of failure the
Obligation cannot be binding on either
until such Instrument be formally
executed by both. We take the liberty to
observe that the Claims we prefer on
the behalf of our Constituent is vested
on an Engagement entered into by a
written Instrument wherein certain
Conditions are explained & subscribed
to with as much formality as we
conceive requisite to make it permanent
and binding — Nor are we aware of
wherein the Military Board apprised
Us

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Us that they did not consider what had passed as tending, in any respect, to a conclusive Agreement, although they expressed themselves, after the Order received from Government, as not at liberty to take further Steps than they had at that time actually done.

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We have the Honor to be
&ca &ca
Signed / Colt, Baker & Co.

Resolution thereon.

The Board continue of opinion that the Owner of the Ships Glocester & Liverpool has no fair or legal demand upon the Company - for, while the Negotiation was pending, or, in other words, while the Charter Party remained unexecuted, it was optional in either party to put an end to the Proceeding.

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In proof of this, the Owners of the Ships Yarmouth, Favorite, Anna & Success, officially reported their intention not to execute the Charter Parties for these Ships, even after they had been assigned by Government, and had they persevered in their Intention, the Board had no means of compelling them to alter it, since they had not bound themselves to any penalty in case of failure -

Agreed that the above opinion be communicated to Messrs. Bolt Baker & Co. - Read the following letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam.

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

Honble Sir,

We.

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From Vizagapatam advising of an Action between Colonel Prendergast's Detachment & Vizeiaram Rauzes Troops the Rajah and many of his principal people killed.

We are concerned to be under the necessity of reporting to your Honor in Council our having received a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast, in which we learn, that he Yesterday Morning advanced to Pudmanabum, the place of the Rajah Vizeiaram Rauzes Residence, and, finding his Troops all Armed and prepared, attacked them, and, after a severe conflict for about three quarters of an hour, dispersed them. The Lieutenant Colonel further acquaints Us, that the Rajah himself, with many of his followers, was killed.

Colonel Prendergast also acquaints us, in the Letter above mentioned, that he shall shortly send Us a return of the killed & wounded.

We

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We have transmitted to the Board of Revenue, Copies of all the papers that have passed previous to this unfortunate Affair, in the in Confidence, that they will lay them before your honor in Council –

We have the Honor to be

&ca &ca

Vizagapatam
11th July 1794

John Chamier

Signed Ar. Wm. Gregory

John Snow

To the Honble Sir Chs. Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

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From Vizagapatam with a return of the killed & wounded on the 10th Instant – one of Mr. Snow's Go-downs at Bimlipa-tam occupied by Col. Prendergast for an Hospital –

* Entered hereafter

Honble Sir,

Since We had the honor to address you yesterday, We have received from Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast, a Return* of the killed & wounded on the

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the 10th Instant, of which we beg leave to lay before You a Copy -

Lieutenant Colonel Brandergat having suggested the Convenience that would be derived from the use of one of Mr. Snow's Godowns at his washing Green at Brinjipatam, for the accommodation of the Sick and Wounded of the Detachment, and Prisoners. Mr. Snow has readily acquiesced in it, at the same time trusting, that he shall be indemnified for any Damage that his Buildings may thereby sustain, which we hope your Honor in Council will approve -

As soon as we learn with some Precision the Effects of the Defeat of the Rajah's Troops at Pudmanabum We shall point out to Lieutenant

Colonel

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Colonel Prendergast such further Services as may be performed by his Detachment -

We have the honor to be with great Respect -

&c.a &c.a &c.a

Vizagapatam
12.th July 1794.

(Signed) John Chamier
" A.r W.m Gregory
" John Snow.

John Chamier Esq.r
Chief &c.a & Council
of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

My Letter to you of yesterdays date will have informed you of my having moved with the Detachment under my Command against the Rajah Vizziaram Rauze, and of the Success attending it; I now do myself the honor to forward a return of the Killed and wounded; that of the Enemy would not be well ascertained, but, from every Account, not less than between three and four

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four hundred, amongst whom were the
Rajah and many of his Principal People-

Not judging the ground at
Pudmanaburm to be a good Situation for the
Detachment to remain on, and wishing to give
the People of the Village, who had fled to the
Hills, an Opportunity of returning, I moved the
Detachment back to its former ground, where
we are now encamped -

There being upwards of Sixty
wounded in the three Native Corps, which it would
not be possible to move with the Detachment, I
have sent in to Bimlipatam to engage a Place
for them, and, as soon as Doolies and Bearers
can be procured, will move them there, and shall,
at the same time, order Doctor Nichol, of the 2d
Battalion, to take charge of them. If Mr. Snow will
be so kind as to allow one of the Godowns at his
washing Ground for their accommodation, it would
be a great relief to those Poor People, many of
whose Wounds are desperate -

Several

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Several principal People, belonging to the Rajah who were left wounded on the ground, yesterday Morning, having applyed to me for leave to go in to Bimlipatam for Medical Assistance, and to have their Wounds taken care of. I have directed Doctor Nicoll, who takes charge of the Wounded + men, to take those People under his Care also-

I have the honor to be

Y.r & &.c

(Signed) Tho.s Prendergast
Lieut. Colonel

Camp near Padmanabam
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A True Copy
(Signed) Robt. Alexander Secry.t

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite-

To the Honble Sir Cha.s Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Hon.ble Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite with Colonel Prendergast's report of the action with Vizeeram Rauze and a letter from Major Roberts-

I have the honor to transmit to you Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast's report of the late action with Vizeeram Rauze, sent to me by Colonel Fraser.

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I have the honor to be with —

Respect —

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Brathwaite

...litary Head Quarters
...dras 21st. July 1794.

P. S. I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter
...d in M.B. *just now received from Major Roberts —
...4.

Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Army

Sir,

I have the honor to send you the following Copy of Letters from Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast —

I have the honor to be,

...lore 16th. July 1794

&c. &c.

NB. The Copy of instructions mentioned in the following Letter and the Letter to the Raja have not been received by me — — —

(Signed) C. Fraser

True Copy (Signed) W. Wilson Secry.

Colonel Chas. Fraser

Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Copy of

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of Instructions received from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, likewise a Copy of a Letter of mine to Rajah Vizeram Rauze on my Arrival with the Detachment under my Command in the Neighbourhood of Padmanabum.

In obedience to the instructions from the Board, I moved with the Detachment from Bimlipatam on the 7th. Instant and encamped that Evening within two Miles of Podmanabum, where the Rajah had assembled a large Force, not less than Six thousand men of all descriptions, and next Morning at 11 o'Clock Sent him in a Letter, informing him of my orders from the Chief and Council - to this Letter I received no reply until 8 o'Clock on the 9th. in the Evening, many hours after the time had elapsed for his departure for Vizagapatam, as mentioned in the Instructions from the Chief and Council - I arranged matters Accordingly, for enforcing obedience to the orders of Government, and, leaving my Tents Standing, moved towards him at 2 o'Clock in the Morning of the 10th. at half past

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I Came in view of his Line, Consisting of two Battalions of Sepoys and the rest formed of Peons, Matchlock men &c. with 4 Field 3 pieces, four and three Pounders, during the time I was forming my Line, a Horseman from the Rajah came and desired to know what Business I had there, I desired him to tell the Rajah that I referred him to the letter which I had sent him two days before - to this he replied that if my people fired the Rajah's people &c were ready to fire also. The Line was scarcely formed when a very heavy fire Commenced from the Left of the Rajah's Line, under the Bank of a Tank against the 20th. Battalion, which was posted on the Right of our Line - the fire instantly reached the length of the whole Line, and after Continuing for a considerable time, on our Line advancing, the Enemy gave way - The Rajah and a number of his principal people fell in the Action, as did many of his Sepoys, Peons &c. whose number cannot at present be ascertained - Enclosed is a List of the

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the Killed and Wounded on our part.-

I have the honor to be

Camp near Padmanabum
11th July 1794.

&c.a &c.a

/Signed/ Tho.s Prendergast
Lieutenant Colonel.

A True Copy/Signed/ C. Fraser

/True Copy/ Signed/ W. Wilson Secry.t

Colonel Charles Fraser

Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

Sir

Every praise is due to the Officers &
and Soldiers of this Detachment, both Europeans
and Natives for their steadiness and Bravery
during the whole Action of Yesterday, and I have
to request that you will be pleased to represent
their good Conduct in the Strongest manner, to
Head Quarters.-

I have the honor to be

Camp near Padmanabum
11th July 1794.

&c.a &c.a

/Signed/ Tho.s Prendergast
Lieutenant Colonel.

A True Copy/Signed/ C. Fraser

/True Copy/Signed/ W. Wilson Secry.t

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A Return of the Killed and Wounded of a Detachment Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast, Camp at Pudmanabum July 10th 1794.

	A Detachment of Artillery		A Detachment of the 6th Bn. N. I.		25th Battalion of Native Infantry		26th Battalion of Native Infantry		27 Battalion N. I.		Total Europeans		Total Native	
	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded
Total	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	4	1	1	3	1	15	3	1	2	26	1	4	5	6	8	55

Artillerymen - 1
Lascars - 1
Privates - 3
Lieutenants - 1
Sergeants - 1
Privates - 3
Sergeant Major - 1
Serjeants - 4
Lascars - 1
Sepoys - 1
Drummers - 3
Havildars - 1
Sepoys - 15
Sepoys - 3
Havildars - 1
Naigues - 2
Sepoys - 26
Sepoys - 1
Sepoys - 4
Europeans - 5
Europeans - 6
Natives - 8
Natives - 55

(Signed) Thos. Prendergast
Lieutenant Colonel.

A True Copy
(Signed) Co. Fraser.

A True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson Secry.

Camp at Pudmanabum July 10th 1794.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue -

To the Honble Sir Chas. Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

We have the Honor to lay before you Copy of a Letter written by us to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam on the 19th. Instant - also Copy of a Letter with its Enclosures / just received from them, which tho dated on the 12th. we learn from the General Post office was not dispatched till 8 o'clock on the Evening of the 14th. Instant -

From Board of Revenue with Copies of Letters to and from Vizagapatam - and Complaining of the incomplete information received from thence of the Event of the 10th. Instant -

It is with concern we find ourselves called upon, on this occasion, to remark the Omission of the Chief and Council in not having furnished us with more Complete Information of the Event of the 10th. Instant, as well as what effects had been produced and what steps they proposed taking for securing the tranquility of the Country - it appears to us that the deficiency of

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of the present Communication is only to be equalled by the want of exertion on the part of the Chief and Council since the revolt of the Rajah on the 11th. May last, as must be evinced on the face of the Papers which we have laid before you from Vizagapatam.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
21st. July 1794.

Your
Most
Obedt.
Servts.

(Signed) David Haliburton
Chas. N. White
Thos. Cockburn

To John Chamier Esqr.

Chief &c. Council

at

Vizagapatam,

Gentlemen,

We have just received a Letter from your Chief dated the 9th. Instant with enclosures - Observing that this Packet bears the post mark of the 12th. and understanding from the General Post Office that it was not dispatched from

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from Vizagapatam till the 13th. in the morning, we cannot forbear for a moment to express our extreme & surprise, that you have not thought it necessary, at so critical a period, to make any further communication to us of the state of affairs, since your Letter of the & 11th. Instant, which was received here on the 16th. following after being advised of the event of the 10th. Instant we naturally expected the earliest information of the effects produced in the Country by the dispersion of Vizeeram Rauzé's Troops, what conduct has been pursued by them since the Rajah's death, what orders were given by you to Colonel Pendergast in consequence of his application of that date, and what further steps have been adopted by you to Establish tranquility in the districts.-

We are

&ca. &ca.

(Signed) David Haliburton

Chas. N. White

Thos. Cockburn

Fort St. George
19th. July 1794.-

a True Copy

(Signed) W. Harington
Secry.

To

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To David Haliburton Esqr.

acting President &c. Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

We beg leave to lay before you the Continuation of our Correspondence with the Officer Commanding the Troops in the District, consisting of the Copy of a Letter addressed to him yesterday, with a Copy of a Letter received from him this morning.

As soon as we can ascertain the Effects of the Defeat and dispersion of the Rajahs Troops we shall lose no time in pointing out to Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast, for the purpose of restoring Peace to the Country and confidence to the Inhabitants.

Our Chief begs leave to inform your Board, that he shall shortly procure, for the purpose of being laid before you, a List of the principal Rachawars who were killed on the 10th. Instant.

We

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We are - &c. &c.

/Signed/ John Chamier.
A. W. Gregory
John Snow

Vizagapatam
12th July 1794.

A True Copy
/Signed/ W. Harington Secry.

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters

The Board are well pleased to observe the success which has attended the Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast.

Agreed that orders be sent to the Board of Revenue to direct the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam to give Assurance to the adherents of the late Rajah, that, on their Submission they may rely upon the Company's protection.-

As all opposition is now at an end, the Board hope and trust that the Chief and Council will use every means in their power for restoring the tranquility of the District, and for securing it against future disturbance.-

Resolved that Colonel Braithwaite be desired to convey to Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast, and

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and to the officers and Men composing the detachment, the Board's approbation of their Conduct.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Nagore.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council

Fort St. George

From Resident at Nagore. enclosing Pay Roll and Abstract of the Dutch Troops for July—requests orders respecting their pay and allowances.

(* lodged in the office)

Honorable Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit a Pay* Roll and Abstract of the Company of the Dutch Troops arrived at Negapatam under the Command of Captain Brohier for the Month of July, on which I request to know, If I shall desire the Paymaster to issue the Amount accordingly to Captain Brohier, and to be informed If I am to consider the officers on half Batta——— By the Letter addressed to me under date the 26th. June from the Government at Colombo, These Troops are to have besides, for every Corporal, & Soldier, Drummer, and Fifer issued Monthly Three Cans of Arrack, and a Parrah of Rice, which will make their Monthly Pay amount to more than the

English

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English.— I should be glad to know If I shall direct the same to be issued.

I wait your Honors orders on this &c subject and am with great Respect.

Yr. Hs. Yr. Hs.

Vagoire. 17th. July 1794.

/ Signed / W. H. Torriano.
Resident.

The Surgeons Pay is not inserted in the Roll because he is not arrived.

a Parrah of Rice at Negapatam is 2 Madras Mercals

a Can of Arrack is 1/2 a Gallon.

Agreed to inform Mr. Torriano that,

Minute thereon.— while the Dutch Troops remain in the Company's &c possessions they are to be considered on an equal footing, in regard to pay and allowances with the British Troops. that they are therefore to be allowed the full subsistence of their rank, and as they are on Service, they are to draw also full Batta. but nothing more.—

Read the following Letter from &c

Mr. Cockburn.—

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department.

From Mr. Cockburn requesting payment of the Balance declared by the Auditor General to be due to the late Bullock Contractors — remark on the retrenchment made.

Sir

I have received a Letter from the Military Auditor

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Auditor General declaring a Balance due to the late Contractors for draught and Carriage Bullocks on their Army Bills Amounting to Pagodas 39.696.14.11. for the Issue of which I request you will &c. Obtain the order of the Honorable Governor in Council.

I think it necessary to observe &c. that of the Sum of Pagodas 2443.11.54. Stated as a retrenchment Pagodas 1717.32.70 is a Sett off on account of a loss of Grain over and above the allowed Wastage, for which, the Grainkeeper held the Contractors Servants answerable and Obliged them to gived an &c. obligation, tho' the Loss was inavoidable, the Sum of &c. Pagodas 701.36.64. Arose from Errors in Calculation which in the many hundred Entries Could Scarcely be Avoided in a more Settled Situation then in a Camp, and 23 Pagd. 26 fanams for want of a regular &c. Voucher Owing to an Officer having proceeded to Europe without granting one.

Madras
21st. July 1794.

I am

&ca. &ca.

(Signed) Thos. Cockburn
for the late Contractors.

Ordered.

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Ordered to be discharged.—

Ordered that the Sum of thirty nine thousand, Six Hundred and ninety Six Pagodas fourteen fanams and Eleven Cash /39696. 14. 11/ being the balance on audit due to the late Contractors for Draught and Carriage Bullocks be issued from the Treasury to Mr. Thomas Cockburn, Agent for the Contractors — and that the amount be carried to the Head of War with Tippoo Sultaun.—

Read the following Letter from Tippoo Sultaun / entered also in C.C.n N.o 126./

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Tipoo Sultaun Bahadar, To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.n Governor of Fort St. George.—

Dated 5th July
Received 15th July } 1794

From Tippoo Sultaun — sends Two Camel Hircarrahs for the Treaty executed by the To Nizam — requests that mode of Communication be observed in future.—

I have been favoured with your friendly Letter informing me that, you had received from his Highness the Nabob Asoffjah Nizamul-mulk To Bahadar, a Counterpart of the Treaty of Seringapatam. which, agreeably to my wishes, as signified to you by Gholam Alikhan and Ali Reza, To previously to their Departure from Madras: — that, as there was no Channel of Communication between

over

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. our respective Sirkars, and as it might be risking
its Safety, were Treaty transmitted by means of to
a Hirkarrah; you requested therefore I would inform
you, in what manner I should wish it to be forwarded
— That the Bearer of your Letter, after proceeding to
my Frontiers, would deliver it to one of my Subjects
and then return — and that if I sent my Reply to
the Company's Commanding officer at Raiy Cottah, he
would forward it to you"—

It surely does not remain unknown to your
Friendly disposed Mind, that, from the Day on to
which a sincere and unequivocal Friendship was contrac
-ted and ratified between this and the Honorable
Company's Sirkar, until the present Hour of writing
—, there hath been an Epistolary Intercourse invariably
preserved betwixt us — In this Case, therefore, when you
write me that there is no Channel of Communication
between the two Sirkars, I am much surprized! — &
— I wish you to believe me a genuine and real Friend,
and to send me frequent Intelligence of your Welfare
— and had you, considering the Friendship subsisting
between us, tranamitted me the Treaty by a confidential
Person, it had been very proper: But, no matter
— as it happened otherwise, let it now be passed over.—

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I have just now despatched two Camel Harkarrahs, by whom you may forward the abovementioned Treaty - and, in future, regarding our reciprocal Amity as sure and permanent, let a Communication by means of Camel Harkarrahs and Couriers, be mutually and continually maintained - for it hath been ever always allowed that, among Friends, the Receipt of Letters is productive of a Degree of Satisfaction, inferior to that only, excited by personal Visits.-

Looking upon me therefore as interested in your Happiness. it is requisite that you do gratify me, by Constant accounts of it.-

May your Happiness to equal to your Desire!-

A True Translation
(Signed) A Falconar
Persian Translator.

Minute thereon.-

Resolved that a letter be written, in answer to the foregoing, and that the Treaty be sent in the way recommended by Tippoo.-

Substance of a Mipage from the Omdut, respecting the intended repair of the Fortifications of Trichinopoly.-

The President informs the Board that he has received a Mipage from Omdut Ul Omrah, purporting, that, as the Nabob had received information that the Company intended to repair the Fortifications of Trichinopoly, his Highness, agreeably to ancient Custom,

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custom, wished that the repairs should be executed by his own Servants, and at his Expence - and requested therefore that the President would issue orders to the Company's Contractors to desist from the Work.—

mute thereon.—

Resolved that this communication be taken into consideration, when the Estimates and so reports called for respecting Trichinopoly are laid before the Board.—

Chas Oakeley

E H Fallofield

C E Wetwell

Exd George Parry

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in C.C. Nos. 127, 128, 129—

From the Nabob there being no powder amongst the Pondichery stores requests a supply either at Madras or Vellore—

Ditto Ditto

From Ditto requests &c—

Poonay may be directed to carry into effect the arrangement of Lord Cornwallis relative to the Cavelly due to the Tinnevelly Poligars from the Circar Villages—

Ditto from Muzuffer ul Mulk

From Muzuffer ul Mulk —

respecting the purchase of some Musquets &c for the use of the Nizam—

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in MB Nos. 155, 156, 157, 158 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165—

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, enclosing his Estimate for August ——:

From Mr Cockburn

From

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From Captain Lindsay —

From Captain Lindsay 77th Regiment requesting a Permit for removing home and — Captain Nightingale on board the Sugar Cane.

From Masulipatam

From Masulipatam stating that the Paymaster at Ellore refuses to pay the Coolies employed in drawing water, and that the Inhabitants consequently suffer — great inconvenience —

From Auditor Genral

From Military Auditor General requesting that an Officer may be appointed to act as Barrack Master in the Centre — Division during the Absence of Lieut Haynes —

From Colonel Brathwaite

From Commander of the Army transmitting a list of the Officers of the Coast Army to be forwarded to England hopes the Court's attention will be drawn to the great deficiency of Ensigns —

From Lieut A. Giles

From Commissary of Stores at the Mount — requesting to be continued in his appointment —

From Colonel Mason

From Commandant at Pondichery Anne Pavy Widow, requests a small subsistence —

From

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From Ditto Captain Lane —

From Ditto

requests the priveledge of exporting salt to —
Bengal —

From Commander of the

From Captain Binny —

Sanspareze Galley requesting to purchase a few
Stores for his Vessel —

From Town Major with the

From Town Major

information required relative to Mons.r L. Blanet

From Vizagapatam reporting

From Vizagapatam

the destribution made, of the force in that —
district — in consequence of the Event of the 10th instant

Sent the following Letters

To Henry Newcome Esq.re

Commander of His Majesty's Frigate

Orpheus.

To Captain Newcome requesting that a Frigate may be sent to cruize in the Eastern seas for protecting the trade — Letter from the Merchants Inclosed.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President
in Council to transmit to you Copy of a Letter
from the Principal Merchants at this Presidency
and to express his hope, provided you have
not in contemplation any object of more —
immediate importance, for the employment
of His Majesty's Ships, that you will deem it

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it adviseable to afford the Protection solicited for the Eastern Trade by dispatching a Frigate to cruize in the Situation pointed out by the Merchants. —

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

To Colonel Nixon

Commanding at Pondicherry

To Colonel Nixon — the Superior Council to be suppressed, until a new one can be formed — remarks on the opinion given by Mons. Chermont and Mottet & upon the conduct of Mess. Chauzy Marcilly & Collin.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon'ble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters, and to acquaint you that he has come to the resolution of suppressing (in consequence of the particular recommendation of Mr Gerard*) the functions of the Superior Council, until a new one can be recluted, on the subject of which you will be advised so soon as the Board have had an opportunity of consulting the Company's Attorney General —

*as stated in your letter of the 5th instant —

The President in Council has observed with much surprize the opinions given by

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by Mons. Chermont and M. Mollet and in particular those of the former, who must — have known that from his present situation the powers which formerly vested in him were completely done away, and that unless his sentiments were called for, he could have no possible pretension as a Prisoner of War, to interfere with or object to any order issuing from an authority competent to give it by the rights of conquest — Mons. Chermont and Mollet assert that the Gentlemen who have fallen under the displeasure of Government were fixed in their employs by them, and that they owe them therefore all the protection they are capable of affording — But the fact is that no Member of the late Council was so appointed — The nomination was immediately by the Board, and it was, in consequence of their wish to shew attention to the Office which Colonel Chermont held, prior to the — surrender of Pondicherry, that his opinion was consulted on the persons most fit for the administration of Justice. —— The

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The Gentlemen who have been dismissed from their Offices, propose their ignorance of the accusation brought against them, and of the persons preferring the Charges - and in this they are supported by a similar declaration from Colonel Chernment and Mr Mallet - all the more Gerard's letter to Messrs Renaud Chaigy and Marcelly of date the 4th instant expressly says "If you had followed "my advice, you would have spared me and "yourselves the disagreeable necessity of being "forced to render an account to Colonel Nixon "of the scandalous discussions that took place in "our last meetings - and of begging an order from "him to suspend the Council" - In this intimation there was surely no concealment either of the occasion, or of the nature of the accusation - it was openly asserted by the President of the Council, and supported by two of the Members, that the most scandalous discussions had taken place at the meetings, and it was to prevent a repetition of such shameful

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shameful disorders in a Court of Justice, that Government deemed it a matter of necessity to concur in your recommendation for displacing those who had been most culpable. —

The President in Council regrets that you did not agreeably to former orders refuse your permission to the — Gentlemen who applied for leave to proceed to Madras, and he desires, in future, that no one may be allowed to come hither for the purpose of retreat, since it can be always more readily attained on the Spot by a representation of the case through you to Government — Messrs Chauzy Collin, and Maisilly have returned to Pondicherry, where they will learn from you what has — passed on the Subject and you will, in — consequence, make them acquainted with every matter necessary for their information.

The President in Council has perused the Correspondence between you and Colonel Chermont on the subject of the Gentlemen abovementioned. He wishes you

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you had declined entering into such a discussion with him, and particularly while the Complaints of Mr Gerard was under reference to the Board – The President in Council rests his resolution for suppressing the functions of the Council at Pondicherry entirely upon the ground of the scandalous debates alluded to by Mr Gerard – and is not disposed to take up any other part of their Conduct –

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

To Benjamin Sullivan Esqre
Attorney General

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to transmit to you the accompanying letters from the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry, by which you will observe, that Mons. Gerard has strongly recommended to Government in

enquire

To Attorney General desiring his opinion regarding the resolution of a new Council at Pondicherry – sundry papers inclosed

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24th consequence of the scandalous dissensions that have taken place at the meetings of the Superior Council, the entire suspension of that Court, and the reduction of a new one, as the only and best method to procure harmony - to secure the administration of impartial Justice - and to prevent the complaints and remonstrances of Individuals.

Agreeably to this recommendation, the President in Council has sent orders to Colonel Nixon to suspend the Superior Council, but he has postponed his determination as to the reduction of a new one, until he can be furnished with your opinion, which you are accordingly desired to give -

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

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters Entered in Nos 166. 167. 168. 169 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176.

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To Secretary at Bengal

To Secretary at Bengal — advising of the Europeans and Sepoys belonging to the Bengal Establishment and taken at Rat Island being embarked on the Catharine — letter from Town Major with a list of them enclosed —

To Mr Cockburn

To Commessary General of Grain and Provisions — the Account Expence of laying up Paddy at Reacottah and Chinroydroog approved and the charge for the Granary built at the latter place — fifty horses despatched from Hydrabad to Arcot —

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam — the additional repairs to the Drawbridge to be made — the other repairs — and an Establishment of Artificers for the Engineers referred for the opinion of the Military Board: in meantime, their pay will be continued —

To Ditto

To Ditto — stating the Substance of Mr Topping's Complaint against Captain Johnston — and conveying the Board's displeasure at his Conduct

To

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To Military Auditor General

To Auditor General

enclosing Copy of a letter from Major Roberts
& Paymaster Vaughan to explain why he
withheld payment of the Sefroy Family —
Certifications — Accounts of the Kings Deputy
Paymaster General, in continuation, referred —

To Ditto the paymaster at

To Ditto

Allore to pay the Artificers employed under
the Engineer at Masulipatam, until an —
Establishment be fixed

To Military Board with

To Military Board

orders to report an Establishment — and their
opinion regarding Sentry Boxes and repairs
required at that Factory — the additional
Repairs to the Draw bridge approved —

To Commander of the Army

To Colo Brathwaite

directing him to send the Necessary Instructions
with respect to the horses sent to Arcot —
from Hyderabad —

To Commandant at Palamcotah

To Lieut Colonel
Campbell —

the French Officers may remove to —
Pondicherry — their Allowances, in that Case —

To

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To Captains Lennox

To Commander of the Eliza - his Bill should have been preferred thro' the Channel of the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam -

To Town Mayor

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To Town Mayor - the Hammocks ordered to be viewed into Store - no more however to be provided on any account while any part of them remains on hand -

Received the following report from the Military Auditor General

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

From Colonel Malcolm submitting further Explanations of Mr. E. Garrow upon the former decision upon the Audit of his Accounts - Remarks thereon -

Hon'ble Sir,

I do myself the honor to lay before you, with my Remarks on the margin, copy of an address of Yesterday's date, with its inclosures, received from Mr Edward Garrow late Paymaster and Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions -

I have to report further that, after admitting the sums depending on the Certificate

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Certificate in the enclosure marked C and on the enclosed marked D E and F there remains a Retrenchment against Mr Edward Garrow late Paymaster and Deputy Commissary equal to five thousand Nine hundred and fifteen — Pagodas Eighteen Fanams and Sixty one Cash (5915. 18. 61) of which I have accordingly — advised him this day —

Any deduction that may fall to be made from this Retrenchment on Mr Garrows Accounts depends on your — admitting the Charge under the Certificate marked B and the consideration you may see proper to bestow to the representation — conveyed in his Letter of the 23d Instant, copy whereof is herewith laid before you as above noticed —

Although the Letter from Mr Garrow containing an answer to matters on which it became necessary for him to — communicate with my Office is blended with others, on which your decision has already been signified to him, I have not considered — myself

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myself authorised to decline complying with his request of laying the whole before you judging it proper however at the same time to state for your information such remarks as have occurred to me on the points which appear to be in some degree new matter

You will perceive that Mr Garrow considers himself entitled to relief from the Officers in regard to the whole of the Retrenchments made on their Abstracts or Bills, while, at the same time, your decision makes a Distinction, whereby I am led to believe that, in some of those cases he is not to expect such relief. I therefore request to be informed how this matter is to be adjusted in regard to the several Paymasters making stoppages on account of Mr Garrow, who, in the first instance, must refund the whole

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Sec'y & Genl

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St. George
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25th Colonel Malcolm

Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Remarks of the Military Auditor General, on the parts of the [illegible] which appear [illegible]

As I feel deeply interested in the orders of Government on my Accounts I wish some few Circumstances to be laid before them thro' you —

As Commissary of Grain and Provisions and Agent Victualler in the field, the Refund is Pag. 1141. 20. 65 in the Article of Servants employed in those Department with European Troops under march in the Field — "the Regulations not being Observed"

I with submission refer to the last Printed Regulations of 1789 Page 9 under the Head Servants, and Crave leave to say that the Regulations were my Guide — the mistake, if any, I apprehend in the Printed Book Tho' the Chapter of Servants as it stands appears to be framed in reason as well as

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a knowledge of the source of the Department

Extract from Page 9 Regulations 1789

The Statement Page 9 is for 500 Men in the

Field P Month One Shepherd to 20 Bullocks

or 90 Sheep at 1/13 P Month One Master

Shepherd to 20 Shepherds 3 fanams P day —

500 Europeans require 62 of

the best sort Sheep P day, for a month 1875 at

least including Casualties —

To this Number of 1875 Sheep

21 Shepherds are wanting which, by the former

Book of Regulations, the Rate I adhered to,

Amounts to Pagodas 30 P Month — and so in

proportion for a greater or lesser Number

of Europeans — You are pleased to consider the

Book of Regulations as consisting the Number

of One Shepherd to 500 European P Month

that is one Shepherd to have charge of

1785 Sheep on a supposition that they may

be procured on the Marck from day to day.

For my own part I shall

without any hesitation declare that I never

failed

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fitted out a Detachment of Europeans in this manner, by which Ruin to the Troops must have been the Consequence, that I never charged to the Company one Shepherd more than I Employd - and that I never charged one Shepherd more than I considered I was actually allowed by the printed Book of Regulations Page 9. —

If one shepherd is adequate to 500 Europeans for a Month - I will with Permission Ask why does the same Regulations Page 9 Express 1 Mastry to 20 Shepherds; because, most certainly, it is known that to such body of Europeans many Shepherds were wanted - I appeal to Officers of the Army who were in Command of Europeans if they would march with Sheep or Cattle procurable from day to day; or what means the Agent would make use of to get them when on Service, when so difficult to get even at the Stations and on whom the Responsibility in case of failure of Supply would fall, if, on any One day, he was defective in Provisions —

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There are two other articles of charge in this Department necessary with bodies of Europeans — 2 Mussalgies to Collect the Articles of Provisions in the Morning as — European Troops generally march off the Ground before day light — and a Cooper without whose attention, when the Arrack is issued daily, the wastage of Theft would be immense — These I employed near 4 — years for the Good of the Service and — transmitted the Charge for them Monthly, and I trust to your recommendation to — Government that they will see it in the most favorable point of view and allow them.

I will only add that when actual Service called for Actual Exertion, I was ever perhaps too anxious, and paid — very many charges at my own Expence which never appeared —

2 I inclose Statement A of the Servants allowed by the Regulations Page 9, as I ever have understood them, and adhered to —

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3 The Next Article I would say a few words upon, is the Price of Sheep, where, at the cheapest, I never got more than 3 ℔ Pags at Trichenopoly seldom above 2½ and often, owing to their bad Quality, served one Sheep to six men which is only 3 ℔ Pags and those — purchased at 2½ served for 8 Europeans — when the Troops were lately ordered against Pondicherry I applied to the Young Nabob for Assistance, who, instead of a supply of Sheep, sent me 40 old Goats — Colonel Floyd can testify that 4 Sheep are not to be procured ℔ Pagoda that can be served to Europeans without — bodies of Troops are sent to Seize them which I never could do —

Carore

On the refund on the charge of Servants for Victualling Troops at Carore, I wish to refer to what I have already said as stated Page 9 of the Regulations Pag 59. 22. 2.

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I wish now to say a few

5 words on the refund ordered for Grain servants —

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Servants at this Garrison from August 1790 to
December 1793 Pagodas 502. 9. —

The charge of this Garrison was
delivered over to me at Tuticorin by Mr
Andrews, the last Paymaster, in August 1790 &
with other Accounts, the Servants on the
Establishment during the war in April 1792.
it was impossible for me to have left the
duties at Tuticorin, or indeed safe when
Enemies Troops were often between, to go a
distance of 73 miles and back again thro'
an open Country and for which duty I
have no extra allowance whatever made me
I therefore requested Captain Flint in the
Command to keep the Stores in proper
condition and the Servants as Mr Andrews
delivered them over — To those Servants in
the Grain Department I neither added or
diminished I found them in Office and
left them so — I received Monthly muster
and pay Rolls from Captains Flint and
Wahab, which, upon being called for, I
delivered over to you lately here — I never in
your

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four years delayed transmitting the Accounts with this charge, and, in that Period, I never had a remark saying it was improper — and will say, in addition, that tho' I had much trouble in arranging the Accounts of every Description I never received a Pagoda for it either in Pay or from Emolument.

Paymaster of Trichinopoly

To the Refund directed to be made while I Executing this duty here the Sums stand as follows

	Against Paymaster	Against Officers	Total Pay	Fans	Ct
from January to April 1792.	10.. 23.. —	33.. — .. —	43.. —	23.. —	—
from 1st May 1792 to do 1793 —	364.. 37.. 10.	321.. 23.. 41.	686.. —	18..	51
from 1st May — to Decr 93. —	220.. 9.. 6.	1631.. 27.. 74.	1851.. —	37.. —	..
Total	595.. 27.. 16.	1986.. 9.. 35.	2581..	36..	51

those on my own Account I wish to explain are as follows —

6/ Pa 101.. Ps 32.. C — Coolies in Conveying Stores to Mansurpatt, I send the Certificate required B

7/ 301.. 22.. 43. If any Price was Affixed to the Article of Stores Supplied on Indents to different Corps by Government orders of 4th April 1789 I declare to this moment I never saw them nor Could the Prices Apply. But, at the Presidency, They differ according to various Circumstances even at Trichinopoly —

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8 I now wish the Indulgence of Government on the Head of Claims which fall on different Officers, which Government have deemed Inadmissable or require further Explanation and in my present situation, on the Eve of my return to Europe, and incapacitated by having been long out of Office from making the Stoppages, I beg leave to refer to the Government orders of 3d April 1792, which provides under the new System of Regulations that, in case Officers or Paymasters are removed from their Stations — the Paymasters of the Stations where such Officers may be shall make the necessary Stoppages —

9 I have taken the liberty to State on a paper C the only Claims and in the recovery of which if not Explained there will be no difficulty — the Voucher for Ordnance &c sent from Pondicherry to Trichinopoly Colonel Smith has sent and is enclosed —

10 The refund against Commissary of Stores Lieutenant O'Bierne is Pag. 400. 6. 76

his

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his Estate insolent: in this refund, one Article of charge, I think, Government, under peculiar Circumstances, will please to Allow.

The necessity of Sending Lascars with 1389 Barrels of Powder as well as many other Articles to Tanjore was evident on the Commissary of Stores, Lieut. O'Beirn's, Pay Roll, they were discharged — the Lascars of every Garrison have their duties distinct within it and are only adequate to those Duties If they are sent away it can be by an order of Government alone, as was the Case when a part of my Garrison Lascars were sent to the Siege of Pondicherry in June 1793. or this is understood at all out Garrisons But if this Power was lodged in a Paymaster which it is not (nor would a Commandant allow it) the Circumstance of an immence Quality of Stores Ordnance Shott &c &c which came to Trichinopoly with this very Powder, during the monsoon, made the Duty of

every

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very Lascars indispensable within the Garrison for Naval Works, and no delay could be admitted in sending the Stores to Tanjore this is fact, which I trust will induce Government to Indulge me with allowing me to have this refund given up —

Paymaster of Cannore

11 Lieutenant Dyke will give the declaration required for his Bills for Stock Service many, as he has declared on the Face of the Bills he will do when he is called upon —

Paymaster of Tiagar

12 The Sums of Pags 217.. 27. 50.

Against Captain Walsh Government will be pleased to direct his Present Paymaster to receive that Sum from him for charges he is ordered to refund under new System of Regulations —

15 I Inclose the Certificates from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions Mr Cockburn, on the Subject referred to him D & E and affidavit to the

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25 the Articles required F

I request the favor of an early reference on the Subject of this letter to Government, to enable me to receive their ultimate Commands previous to my leaving this for Europe on the Ship now under Dispatch —

I have the Honor to be

Sir, &c &c

(Signed) Edward Garrow
late Commissary and
Paymaster Trichinopoly &c

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23d July 1794

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Bruce
Asst. Mily Aud Genl

the Explanations offered by Mr Garrow, with the Auditors remarks thereon, having been duly considered - Ordered that the following letter be immediately dispatched.

To Colonel Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

To Colonel Malcolm with the Board's resolution upon the reference above made by Mr Garrow

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Instant, transmitting

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transmitting Copy of the reference made by Mr Garrow, in consequence of his former Decision upon your Audit of his Accounts — and to acquaint you that the explanations offered by him, with your remarks thereon having received due Consideration, the following Resolutions have been passed in consequence —

Charge for Servants in the Provision and Victualling Department — including Masalgies and Coopers — Pages 1141. 20. 65 —	The Board see no reason from the explanations given by Mr Garrow to alter their former resolution upon this charge; the same must be accordingly retrenched —
Charge for Sheep —	the same remark applies —
Charge for Servants in the Victualling Department at Caroore — Pages 59. 22. 2. —	Ditto
Charge for Grain Servants at Teajar Pages 502. 9. "	Mr Garrow having only recurred to his former explanation on the points which

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Charge for conveying Ord-
nance and Stores to —
Memorandum Page 101–32—

Charge for Stores supplied
Page 301–22–43—

Claims on Officers for re-
Entrenchments on their —
abstracts or Bills – exclusive
of the refund against
Lieutenant Burne —
amounting to Pg 410. 3. 66

which
were not satisfactory the
amount must be —
retrenched. ——

The Certificate of
Colonel Smith is admitted
and the Refund dispensed
with —

This Charge is also
inadmissible – and to be
retrenched –

The Board upon
reconsideration, are of
opinion that the Pay-
master is entitled to
relief, under the present
System. From the Officers
upon the whole of the
Entrenchments made on
their Abstracts, or Bills
and resolve accordingly.
But, as it appears to
them natural and proper
that the Paymaster, who
has

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has the orders of Government
and Book of Regulations
for his Guide, should be
solely answerable for the
regularity of all payments,
except in the case
mentioned under the third
Article of the regulations
for that Department and
as they are convinced that
much trouble as well
as loss of Public Money
will be avoided by
resorting to this principle,
it is agreed that the
Auditor General be re-
consulted upon the subject
and directed to submit
the draft of such an
order as may appear
best calculated to meet
their wishes in this
respect.

The Board concur
in

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in the Remark of the Auditor General, in respect to the Refund against Lieut. O'Burne — the Amount is therefore to be recovered from the Paymaster —

I am,
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) Daniel Ince
Depy Secry

Fort St. George
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Received also the following letter —

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

Honble Sir.

From Auditor General reporting on the Estimate of the Paymaster General for August —

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of August 1794, forwarded to me with Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 18th Instant, I have the honor to report that the sum of Pagodas Two Lack, thirty Thousand, eight hundred and fifteen, eleven fanams, and thirteen

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therteen Cash (230815 - 11 - 13) is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month Vizt.

	Pos	fs	d
From the General Treasury	171,698	23	76
By Bill on the Military Paymaster General	59,116	29	17
Pagodas	230815	11	13

This Sum is exclusive of what may be found necessary to pay the Troops within the Department of the Paymaster at Chicacole the Estimate of Mr Wilson, the Paymaster at that Station, not having been forwarded for examination with the others —

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

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
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Received the undermentioned letters Entered in MB Nos 177 - 178 —

From Captain Macpherson

From Commandant at Amboor advising of the Aumeldar of Vincatagherry having demanded

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20th demanded of him the surrender of the Changul Polygar — his reply —

From Persian Translator at Bingal with Translate of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun and of the Reply of the Governor General —

From Mr Edmonston

27th Sent letter to the Nabob Entered in C.C. No 130 enclosing Copy of the letter from the Commandant at Vellore and — expressive of surprise at the improper conduct of the Shoucdar of that Place — and of the necessity of sending such orders to him as will effectually remove the cause of Complaint —

substance of letter to the Nabob —

Sent the following letters

To Messrs Colt Baker & Co

Gentlemen

In reply to your letter of the 19th Instant, I am directed to inform you that the President in Council continues of opinion that the Owner of the Ships Glaucester and Liverpole has no fair or legal demand upon the Company for — while

To Messrs Colt Baker & Co in reply to their second letter respecting the Negotiations for the freight of the Glaucester and Liverpool —

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while the negotiation was pending, or, in other words, while the Charter party remained unexecuted, it was optional in either party to put an end to the proceeding — In proof of this, the owners of the Ships Yarmouth, Favorite, Anna and Success, officially reported their intention not to execute the Charter parties for those Ships even after they had been signed by the Government; and had they persevered in this intention, the President in Council had no means of compelling them to alter it, since they had not bound themselves to any penalty in case of failure —

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

To Captain Kirkpatrick
Resident at Hydrabad

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your

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To Resident at Hydrabad
- enquiry will be made regarding the Rudy of Pilly Pahr. & Zemindar of Nassoom - Suggestion - relative to the arrears due from the Nizam, on account of the Detachment - Copy of letter from Major Roberts inclosed

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Sir

I have your letter dated the 12th Instant, and to acquaint you that the Commandant of Cuddalore has been written to regarding the Ready of Tilly Pahr, and that, so soon as his report has been received, a communication will be made to you as well respecting the Ready, as the Remainder of Nazeem

I am further directed to enclose copy of a Letter from Major Roberts, and to inform you that, if there be no speedy prospect of receiving from the Nizam the arrears due on account of the Detachment, the President in Council will take other means for discharging the additional Donation to the 28th and 29th Battalions — But, as this will be attended with inconvenience, and the more so, as considerable advances are made here on account of the Family Certificates and arrears of Stoppages, the Board hope that you will be able to prevail upon his Highness to pay such Balance as may be due, or to set it off against the Peshcush.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

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

Gentlemen,

To Board of Revenue the adherents of the late Vizeram rauze may rely on protection on their submission —

We have Received your letters dated the 16th and 25th Instant, and are well pleased to observe the Success which has attended the detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast

We would have you send orders to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam to give assurance to the Adherents of the late Rajah, that, on their Submission, they may rely upon the Companys protection —

As all opposition is now at an end, we hope and trust that the Chief and Council will use the means in their power for restoring the Tranquility of

the

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of the District, and for securing it against future disturbance

We are &c. &c.

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(signed) Chas Oakeley
Council

Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in Mss Nos 179. 180. 181. 182 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189.

To Secretary at Bengal. the —

To Mr Secretary Hay

Bengal Tents in store cannot be spared — Return of them Enclosed, and Copy of the — Military Board's report on the Subject —

To Prize Agents to the King's Squadron. acquainting them of the necessity of surveying the Captured Ordnance — previous to the purchase —

To Mssrs Chase Savill & Co and Mr A Boyd —

To Military Auditor General informing him that the Dutch Troops are to be on the same footing with — respect to pay and Allowances as the British Troops, while they remain in the Company's possessions — advice of the hammocks — provided by the Town Mayor and lodged in store —

To Auditor General

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To Ditto

To Ditto referring Mr Cockburn's
Estimate for August also the Chicacole
estimate for the same month

To Military Board

To Military Board the
Cookroom &c for the Ellore Hospital to be
built the measure proposed by Capt.
Allan approved and to be adopted

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Commander of the Army
conveying the Boards approbation of the
Conduct of the Detachment and Command
of Lieut Colonel Prendergast in the
Vizagapatam District

To Ditto

To Ditto with Copy of the
letter last received from Lieut Lighton: to
report from what Corps it will be most
eligible to draw a Complete Company
of Sepoys for the Garrison of Nellore

To Mr Torriano

To Resident at Nagore with
Instructions regarding the pay &c of the
Dutch Troops

To Captain Knox

To Commandant at Negole
with directions to make enquiry regarding
the Body of Silly Pahr and Zemindar of
Nafoorn

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To Commander of the Sugar Cane permitting him to receive on board the Servants of Captains Lindsay and Nightingale —

To Captain Musgrave —

To Ditto — with Dest of — Charter Party Passengers for England —

To Ditto

Received the following Letters —

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To W. C. Jackson Esqre.

Secretary to the Government

Sir,

From Persian Translator at Bengal with Translate of Tippoo's replies to the Letters of Lord Cornwallis previous to his departure for England —

In addition to my dispatch of — yesterday I have the pleasure to transmit you for the information of the Honble Board Translates of two Letters from Tippoo Sultaun, in reply to those of the 9th October 1793 addressed to him by — Marquis Cornwallis — The Originals of which was brought hither by Captain Doveton —

Fort William
11th July 1794

I am,
Sir &c &c
(signed) N. B. Edmonstone
P.T.

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From Tippoo Sultaun Addressed to
Marquis Cornwallis—

Recieved 25th May 1794

I am much gratified by the receipt
of your Lordship's Letter / here a recapitulation
of the Letter written the 9th October 1793 —
Commencing "Anxious that every attention —
"should" be shewn to your sons "&c / — my friend
Sir; the System of Attachment subsisting
between the Company and your Lordship
and me is so firmly established that it is —
evident as the Sun, and certain as Yesterday
therefore the particular Communication made
by Captain Doveton of the points committed
to his charge Afforded me exceeding —
pleasure — I also have entrusted to his verbal
Communication my Sentiments upon points
calculated to augment our friendship which
your Lordship will learn, from what he
may Communicate or write, as will also
Sir John Shore — As to what you write —
"that Sir John Shore entertains the same
Sentiments that you do" and that I should
communicate

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Communicate with him upon all occasions
without reserve" My Friend altho' in this
world there is nothing more admirable
than such a System. Yet at your Lordships
instance I shall more especially take
care to tread in this eligible path with
Sir John Shore —

A true Translation
(Signed) J. B. Edmonstone
Sec.

From Tippoo Sultaun to Marquis Cornwallis

Recvd 23d May 1794

I have rcvd your Lordships
favor with great pleasure / Here recapitulate
the Letter written 7th October Commencing —
"Notwithstanding my anxious Inclenation &c"
and have fully understood its contents —
my kind Sir! with regard to what your
Lordship obligingly writes that "Notwith-
"standing your anxious inclenation and
"my repeated wishes that my Sons should
"commence their return prior to your —
Lordship's departure the Season of the year
would

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"would not admit of your continuing any
"longer" - Our mutual attachment is so
firmly established that the sentiments of
union and friendship are engraven on
our heart, and your Lordship's sending
back my sons in so friendly a manner
is a proof of that regard - Praise to God
that my sons have arrived in safety, and
their return has afforded me boundless
happiness, and called to my remembrance
your Lordship's cordial friendship: your
Lordship writes that, with a view to the
encrease of Friendship you had directed
Captain Doveton to attend my sons back, a
measure which you hoped would meet with
my satisfaction - My friend! In truth this
exalted conduct is such a means of giving
increase to friendship, that is not to be
equalled and has afforded me worlds of
pleasure, and the measure is so perfectly
to my satisfaction that the pen is unequal
to the expression of it, with respect to
what your Lordship kindly writes that "on
"your arrival in England you will use your
endeavors

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endeavours to add to the Mutual good will by every means in your power "the attachment and good will subsisting between us is so firmly established, that no increase of it appears — feasible — I am, from my heart, sincerely attached to your Lordship — I am confident that you will be as United & Mutuals with the King of England, and use your utmost endeavors Captain Doveton who is indowed with a great share of understanding after being introduced to me took his leave greatly pleased and satisfied and by the favor of God will shortly have the honor of joining your Lordship and gratify — you by representing to you my Attachment and Regard —

A true Translation
(Signed) A. B. Edmonstone
Pr.

Received the undermentioned Letters Enclosed
in No 3 Nos 190. 191. 192. 193. 194

From Persian translator at
Bengal forwarding Letters for the Nabob & Enclosed
From Mr Thomas Sudgrass desiring to
withdraw

From Mr Edmonstone

From Mr Sudgrass

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withdraw his Security-ship for Mr Paymaster Lennox-
- and that his Bond may be cancelled and returned
to him so soon as the State of the Audit will
admit. Copy of his letter to Mr Lennox on the
Subject enclosed —

From Mr Cockburn — From Acting Commissary General
of Grain and Provisions - inclosing an Indent of
Rice -

From Chief Engineer — From Chief Engineer - proposing
an Office Establishment for the Engineer at Vellore
and Arnee and that that at Trichinopoly may be
confirmed — Lieut Lennon's Surgeon's Certificate
inclosed —

From Military Storekeeper — From Military Storekeeper requesting
a Pension for the families of two Coolies who lost
their lives at the Powder Manufactory —

Sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in
C.C. Nos 131. 132.

Substance of a letter to the Nabob — To the Nabob requesting the
necessity of all communications from Europe on
matters relating to the Carnatic, being made to
Government and informing them that orders have
been sent to the Calastry. —

To

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Ditto to Tippoo Sultaun

To Tippoo Sultaun forwarding the Counterpart Treaty of Seringapatam received from the Nizam the mode suggested for future Correspondence will be adopted—

Sent the following Letter

To Messrs Roebuck and Abbott

Contractors for Buildings and Repairs.

To Contractors for Repairs. The Board cannot acquiesce in the reference proposed therein but will relieve them from the Contract altogether remarks concerning the original proposals by of a letter from Messrs Abbott inclosed

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 7th Instant, and to acquaint you that after mature deliberation upon all the proceedings relative to your Contract he cannot, though desirous of affording you every reasonable Indulgence, agree to the reference you propose with regard to the prices of certain Articles—

It appears, by your Letter of the 5 November 1792, that you offered to undertake every sort of building work under this Presidency among which was Arched work in Basts and Chunam at three Fanams and forty Cash per Cubic Foot, and stated that you were induced to offer upon these low terms in general under the consideration that

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that you would be able to execute the work with facility. It was on this account that the President in Council consented to your request for extending the Contract to every part of the Company's territory on the Coast; and, as the resolution that Military Buildings, in future, should be constructed with Arched Roofs, had been agitated some Months before the delivery of your proposals and plans and estimates of such Buildings formed by the Chief Engineer, and approved by Government, the President in Council had every reason to suppose that the object in view was generally understood, and especially by persons intending to make proposals, who might if they chose it, have received whatever information they required from the Chief Engineer.—

Under these circumstances the Board cannot, in Justice to those who were with you for the same Contract, or with regard to the Interests of the Company, at this time of any alteration in the prices as you have declared that you were not fully apprized of the Nature of what was expe

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you, and that you cannot continue the Contract upon the specified terms without being considerable losers the Board are willing, if you think proper, to relieve you by annulling the Engagement altogether—

the President in Council has repeatedly applied to the Nabob to give you the assistance you required from his people at Trichinopoly and I am directed, for your information, to send you the enclosed Copy of his last Letter upon the subject—

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28th July 1794

I am
Sir
Your
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

Entered on M Rs Nos 195. 196. 197. 198. 199.

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Commander of the Army directing him to explain to Lieut Dowse the nature of the Service on which the Pioneers are to be employed in the Coromandel

To Military Board— directing that the Hammocks provided by the Town Major may be received into the Arsenal— the Hospital at the Mount to be surveyed, and the Gun shed

To Military Board

To Auditor General

* To Military auditor General— desiring his opinion upon the several unauthorized charges made by the Paymasters of the Kings Regiments— Copy of Mr Roebuck's Letter with Statement, transmitted. — To

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28 to be repaired if necessary on account of the sick lodged therein —

To Paymaster General — To Military Paymaster General with Copy of the Auditor General's Report upon his August Estimate —

To Clerk of the Treasury — To Clerk of the Treasury directing advances for Military paymaster in August;

29th Received the undermentioned letters — Entered in MB. Nos 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 —

From Prize Agents — From Prize Agent to the Squadron assenting to the Survey of the Captured Ordnance and Stores —

From Mr Torriano — From Resident at Nagore — three more Companies of Dutch troops arrive there a Return of them enclosed — difficulty of procuring Sheep for them —

From Town Major — From Town Major Messrs Benlon and Le Fevre requests passage Money to China —

From Mr Edmonston — From Persian Translator at Bengal enclosing a letter for the Nabob

From Sub Secretary at Bengal — From Subsecretary at Ditto advising of

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of the Number of Sheep sent on board the Druid and Defiance—

From Secretary at Bombay—

From Secretary at Bombay—with Bill of Lading of water Casks shipped on the Amelia for Madras.

From Monsr Delon

From Monsr Delon requesting permission to embark the Nizams Stores on a Boat for Nairpelly.

From Captn Newcome.

From Commander of the Squadron—shall despatch a Frigate to Cruize to the Eastward.—

From Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General respecting a Charge for Puckallis made by the Paymaster of the 72^d Regiment

From Colonel Brathwaite

From Commander of the Army—with another report of the late Action at Pendmanabum—containing the Names of the principal Rachawars killed—and the particulars of the ordnance taken—recommends that Vizianagrum be the Head Quarters instead of Chicacole—

From Captn Godfrey (Invalids)

From Captain Godfrey—requesting Batta, while detained at Madras, to give Evidence at the Quarter Sessions.—

From Coll^l Nixon

From Commandant at Pondichery stating the Inconvenience of the Carts being separated from the Lascars allowed for the repair of the Roads—

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Letter from Captain Conway inclosed

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Tuesday 29th July 1794

Ernst William Fallofield

and

George Westcott Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

Read the following Letter from Bengal

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council at

Fort St. George

From Bengal stating their sentiments on the late regulation relative to the appointment of Barrack and Muster Masters — of opinion they would be permanent remark on Colonel Brathwaite's recommendation in favor of his Secretary — regular relief of the troops approved.

Honble Sir.

We have received your letter of the 10th Ultimo, with the several papers mentioned to be enclosed, which we have considered with the greatest Attention.

The Arguments suggested by Colonel Brathwaite in recommendation of the measure adopted by your Resolutions of the 26th February, on those

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subsequently advanced by him, do not we confess — impress us with that conviction of the expediency or propriety of it which you entertain; and considering the proposed alteration in the situation of the — Barrack and Master Masters as an Innovation from the established Rules of the Service, Colonel Brathwaite should previously have communicated his Intention of recommending it for adoption to the Commander in Chief —

Admitting in its fullest extent, the privilege

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which you have exercised in this Instance, of making such Regulations as seem to you Conducive to the — Public Service and of Altering, Amending, and — Annulling them at your discretion, subject only to the Controul established by the Legislature, or that of the Honble the Court of Directors, we shall consider the Measure which You have adopted, on the grounds of its own expediency, without reference to the Arguments or observations of the Gentlemen affected by it, further than as they would have occurred to us without any representation on their parts.

To practicable Deviations from established

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established usage for the purpose of correcting what
what is improper or prejudicial, or for the
Introduction of useful and necessary Regulations
there can be no objections; whilst, on the contrary,
upon general principles, we think it should be
adhered to, where the motives which we have
stated, do not suggest the propriety or necessity of
alteration. As no Government can possibly
undertake to provide Rewards for all its Officers
we think it a fairer and more solid principle,
that the few situations of emolument in its
disposal, should be bestowed on Officers of
long and Meritorious Services, as a permanent
Recompence, rather than by rotation which
by dividing the Reward destroys its value.
If the Staff employments of Barrack and Hospital
Master are granted by this principle, there can be
little necessity for recalling from time to time, the
very few who are in possession of them, to the
Active Duties of their profession, since it supposes
merit and length of Service, as the Grounds of
their Title to recompence.

5 We take it for granted that the

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the emoluments derived from the situations of Barrack and Master Master, are neither exorbitant nor unlawful, but whatever they may be, it appears to us that a temporary and precarious Enjoyment of them is calculated to create a desire to enhance them, which would not exist whilst they are on permanent and that oeconomy is better consulted by this mode.

6 Without dwelling upon the utility of experience in all Departments, we think it necessary to observe, that the appointment of the Staff Officers in question by Rotation, as directed by your General Orders, deprives the Service of the benefits of their experience, and introduces other Officers who will have that experience to acquire—

7 For these reasons we are of opinion that the Regulation in question should not have been adopted, and we cannot but recommend to you the suspension of its operation until the pleasure of the Court of Directors, upon your reference to them, is made known—

8. But if the Arrangement in question had been proper and necessary, the opinion most

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most obvious and impartial mode of carrying
it into execution would have been by giving
it a prospective operation, by a Regulation,
that Officers appointed, in future, to the
vacancies in the Department of Barrack
Master Masters, should not hold their situations
beyond the period of three Years. As the Order
now stand they have the effect of an ex post
facto Law, upon Officers there of whom have
stood for a period of more than fourteen Years
without imputation or a Allegation of Misconduct or
Neglect of Duty. —

9 In the opinion which we have
given in favor of the Permanency of these appoint-
ments it is of course to be understood only with
reference to the good conduct of the Holder, and
the consequent approbation of Government. —

10 We cannot but observe, upon the
recommendation of Colonel Brathwaite in favor of
Lieutenant Welsh his Secretary, that it would
have been more consistent with his expressed
Declarations to recommend an old Officer for
one of the Appointments of Barrackmaster

We

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We entirely concur in the propriety of the Measure recommended by Colonel Brathwaite in his address of the 11th February, for regular Reliefs of the Troops, as conducive to the discipline and general good of the Army.

We have the honor to be,

Fort William
7th July 1794

We &c &c

Signed
J Shore
Robt Abercromby
Peter Speke
W. Cowper

Resolved in conformity to the recommendation of the Governor General in Council, that the present Barrack Masters and Masters Masters under this Presidency, shall continue in their respective Employs, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known upon the reference lately made to them - and that a copy of the above letter be transmitted to Colonel Brathwaite for his information. —

Restitution in consequence

Read the following letter from Bengal and Colonel Martin —

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

We have received your address of the 18th Ultimo, with its several Enclosures relative to the Rajah of Ramnad and Cherkar of Shivagunga.

From Bengal giving authority for punishing the misconduct of the Rajah of Ramnad and Cherkar of Shivagunga

2. Our letter to you from the Secret Department under date the 5th Instant, will enable you to employ the Troops referred to in the last Paragraph of your address; and we must leave it to your discretion to adopt such measures as may appear to you most advisable for restoring the authority of the Company which has been set at defiance by the intemperate disputes between the Rajah of Ramnad and Cherkar of Shivagunga, more particularly by the conduct of the former—

Fort William
29th July 1794—

We are
&c &c
I Shore
Robt Abercromby
Peter Speke
W. Cowper

/ Signed

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To William C. Jackson Esqre

Military and Political Secretary &c.

Sir,

From Colonel Martin with Statement of the Force in the Service of the Rajah of Ramnad and of that required to be sent against him no means at present for subsisting a Detachment

Yesterday I had the honor to receive your letter of the 9th Instant, signifying to me that the Honble the President in Council desires I will state particularly for his information, the Number and condition of the armed people in the pay of the Rajah of Ramnad, and my opinion of the Force to be sent on the part of the Company to restore tranquility in the Marawas, if such measures should be judged necessary, and also whether there are means sufficient in the Ramnad Country for the Subsistance of the party that may be sent thither for the purpose abovementioned—

Agreeable to the Honble the President in Council order accompanying this I transmit to you a separate paper containing the Number & condition of the Armed people in the pay of the Rajah of Ramnad as far as I could procure—

Respecting the Force necessary to put matters to order in the Marowas, I am of opinion that a Regiment of Cavalry two brigades of light Six pounders with their Complement of Artillery men, two flank Companies of Europeans and two Battalions of Sepoys, will, in my humble opinion, be sufficient to

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to cause a respect, and to carry Governments orders into execution without confusion and perhaps without the necessity of firing a Shot.

Respecting the means in the Ramnaud province for the Subsistance of a Detachment it is Melancholy to represent that there are none at present — the draught is such that there is not a blade of Grass or straw to be had for the Cattle no water for Men or beast, but what must be drawn from Wells which is very brackish and unhealthy; very little or no rice in the Country, except what comes by sea from the Tanjore Coasts to sell in these parts — such is the deplorable Situation of this unfortunate province at present —

Should the Detachment be ordered to be formed at Madura bearing the nearest place to Ramnaud province for a certain number of day for the men might be ordered along with them but there is no remedy at all for to supply the Horses and Bullocks with fodder, until such time as divine Providence blesses these parts with some Rain —

I humbly beg leave to represent to the Hon'ble the President in Council that the necessity of bringing the Ignorant Rajah to his proper senses is obvious: and, altho' the present moment may not admit of a Detachment being ordered here for that effect, it is to hoped for the good of the Service and the public at large, and for the sake of Humanity, such a measure will take place when the present difficulty is removed.

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) M. Martinz

Ramnad
21st July 1794

Statement of the Armed Men in the Pay of the Rajah of Ramnad 21st July 1794—

Numbers	Condition	Station	Remarks—
15	Mounted Troopers	in the Pettah	Armed and Accoutred exactly the same as the Native Regiments but is reported that the Rajah means to complete a Troop of 50 strong—
A Company 115	Sepoys	in the Pettah	The Establishment is 100 Strong each Company—
10 Companies 300	Sepoys	6 Company about the Rajah 2 in the Pettah and 2 do in the Country	
150	Rajawars	About the Rajah	These men are differently armed
300	Peons	about the Rajah	do
500	do	at Tripalany	do
1000	do	in the province of Palamcotah	do
2930			
About 4000	Peons differently Armed	who hold Lands on condition to appear when called upon; these men reside in their respective Villages—	

N.B Besides the above, on notice being given, a Mob of about 8000 differently and indifferently Armed Men soon is assembled

(Signed) M. Martinz

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I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) M. Martinez

Ramnad
21st July 1794

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300	Pions	about the Rajah	do
500	do	at Tripalany	do
1000	do	in the province of Tallimarrah	do
2930			
About 4000	Pions differently Armed	who hold Lands on condition to appear when called upon; these men reside in their respective Villages—	

N.B Besides the above, on notice being given, a Mob of about 3000 differently and indifferently Armed Men could be assembled

Signed A. Martenz

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Resolution upon the two foregoing letters

As it appears, from the foregoing information of Colonel Martin, that, in the present situation of the Ramnad Province the means for the subsistence of any force that might be found necessary to send thither are very insufficient, and as the late Warfare between the Rajah and the Cherokan of Shevagunga has now ceased, it is resolved that the Board of Revenue be desired to instruct Mr Downey to avail himself of the present opportunity for ascertaining the particulars of the late disturbance with very possible precision, and how far either Party continued to act in disobedience of the orders sent by the President to them respectively, for laying down their arms and referring their disputes to the arbitration of the Company—

Agreed also that the Board of Revenue be furnished with Copies of the Letters lately received from the Rajah and the Cherokan, in reply to the Orders abovementioned—

Read the following Letter from Bengal—

To

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(3305-332 missing)

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Future Conduct—

True Translation from the original Juntos

(Signed) A. Falconar

Agreed that a copy of the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Board of Revenue for their information—

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board—

Hospital Board 21st July 1794

Before we submitted to Government the representation of Surgeon Anderson we adverted particularly to the Medical Regulations in force, and were convinced that none of the Articles could apply to the peculiar situation in which this Regiment was placed

The 6th Article of the Medical regulations points out the whole of the Effective of each Battalion being

as the situation in which Mr Anderson is placed by Government provided for all Stations or Garrisons composed

From Hospital Board Mr Anderson's Situation not provided for by the 6th Art of the late Regulations wish to know the allowance for carrying the medicines of the Regiment during its march from the Southward proposes that two bottles be allowed for each Coll actually carried with Europeans corps under march—Rolls of Mr Little 36th Regiment enclosed—

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being detached from Ellore consisted of Fifteen Europeans one Native & Jemadar one, not exceeding 200 but the men and not provided for by at present under the Bandsmen's the Medical Regulations cases are the Sick and unfit of The Brinjarries Corps & Regiment, the Effectives consents to the allowance of & Sick are employed on two fanams per diem for service consequently the each of the Sick and unfit allowance of 20 Cash cannot men under his care — be considered sufficient to This allowance must — answer the expence, we however cease, immediately therefore beg leave again on the return to Ellore, of to urge the recommendation either of the Detachments made in our proceedings of serving at the Presidency, the 7th Instant — as the most and in the Vizagapatam moderate that can be adopted District — and as it cannot be drawn into a precedent for any deviations from the present Regulations —

Read a Letter from Mr Norman Surgeon to his Majesty's 71st Regiment requesting to know what allowance he is to draw for

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Sir

No Horseman is permitted to draw the allowances prescribed by this regulation and a General order will be published, making it applicable in future to all European Corps & Detachments marching from one Station to another—

for the Carriage of Medicines &c during the march of the Regiment from the Southward

We recommend that the following General Order of the 27 of June 1793 be republished as it provides for this Circumstance—

"Eight Coolies with a "Mastry to be allowed Regimental "Surgeons for the conveyance of "Europe Medicines & Instruments "and twelve with a Mastry "for Wine, Spirits, Country "and Bazar Medicines for "each of his Majesty's Regiments, supposing them "800 Strong, and so in "proportion to the Number "Companys European Regiments of Infantry or "any other European Corps "in the field"—

Read

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Read a letter from Mr Fitz Gerald Surgeon to the 2d Battn of Artillery, stating his expences for the conveyance of the Hospital Cotts and Clothing of the Corps from Trichinopoly to the mount. He recommend that whenever European Corps are removed from one Station to another two Coolies be allowed for every Hospital Cott that is actually transported, including 3 Suits of Bedding and Clothing with each Cott, the Bills to be countersigned by the Commanding Officer of the Corps

approved - a General order will be published.

Read a letter from Mr Little Surgeons Mate to his Majesty's 76th Regiment Copy of which we have the honor to enclose for the decision of Government

The details mentioned by Mr Little are detachments from Native Corps for which a Monthly sum of 25 Pagodas is allowed no additional expenses to the Company can therefore be admitted

Jas. Anderson
Physician General

(Signed) Colly L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon

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To Dr James Anderson
Physician General and Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to transmit to your investigation the enclosed Bills which are made out for an Allowance agreeable to Medical regulations, for a Detachment of the Honble Company's troops consisting of four hundred and fifty men, during a march from Trichinopoly to Dhurmapoory under the Command of Captain Burn — I already presented them to the Auditor General who was so good as to admit the validity of my claim, but at the same time, informed me he was not authorised to pass my Bills without an order from Government he desired me to lay them before you and doubted not, as the case was particular, but you would be so good as to take the matter into consideration —

The Auditor General wished me to advert to the regulations passed under date of

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of the 4th September 1793 where it is said - That for
"all Detachments from Native Corps for which
"an allowance is drawn the Surgeon receiving the
"allowance shall bear the expence". This order I
hope you will not consider in point with the
present Question. The Detachment mentioned in the
Bills consisted of men from different Corps at
that time not attached to any, nor did any
Surgeon draw an allowance from them, I was
appointed to take charge of them by Captain
Burn Commanding the Detachment, at the
particular request of the Officers of Native Troops.
As I hope you will be
satisfied that attending and finding Medicines
for so large a Detachment must particularly
in the field be followed with a good deal of
trouble and some expence I flatter myself you
will admit the justness of my claim and
allow me to be paid -

Camp near Wallajabad
17th July 1794

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
(signed) J Little
Assist. Surgeon
35th Regiment

A true Copy
(signed) Connolly Secy WCB

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Read the following Letter from
Colonel Brathwaite.

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

from Colonel Brathwaite inclosing an address from the officers of the army to the Court of Directors—requests it may be forwarded per Sugar Cane—& Remarks on the occasion—

I have the honor to lay before
you an address from the Officers on this
Establishment to the Honble the Court of Directors.
The candid attention you have
shewn to their Honor and Interests in matters
within your own power, convinces me, that
you will not only forward this address by your
Packet now about to be dispatched by the
Sugar Cane, and in duplicate by the first
opportunity which may offer, but also recommend
it to the favorable consideration of the Court
of Directors.

The character of your Officers
on this Coast is so well established, and so
universally approved, that it is quite
unnecessary for me, if it were becoming, to
say any thing on that subject. I trust
however that it will not escape your observation,
or that of the Honble Court of Directors, that
at

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at a time when the pretensions of the Officers of
the East India Company's Service have been
so publickly and generally agetated both in
Europe and India, that they have confined
themselves to a sort of private intercourse
with each other, guided by a respectful
attention to cherish Harmony and continue
good order; the issue of which has been
modest Addresses to their Honorable Employers
conveyed through a perfectly regular
channel Their conduct on this, as on every
other occasion has given me pleasure, and
it will I have no doubt be approved by
my Superiors—

Conducting themselves in this
manner, my Hearts with them, nor would
my hand be wanting to the Address but
that as it was to pass thro' me and
consequently to be accompanied by a letter
from me, the Express signature of my
own Name or of those attached to Head
Quarters are not necessary—

I can have nothing to add to what
these Officers have so rationally submitted to the

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the attention of the Court, but that I myself am a striking instance that they have strong reason to point out the disputing circumstance that their Services, under the present System of the Military Establishments of the East India Company, can lead to no higher Rank than that of Colonel, as they know that I have been nineteen Years in possession of that Rank, and have actually commanded the Army two Years without any encrease of Rank and with a considerable decrease of Emolument—

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) John Braithwaite

Military Head Quarters
Madras July 23d 1794

The Accounts from the Officers on the Establishment, with Copy of the foregoing Letter have been forwarded to the Hon'ble Court Numbers in the Packet p Ship Sugar Cane—

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Trichinopoly—

The

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The Honble the Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Kelly the Nabob's Son objects to the repair of the Bridges of the fort by the Company's Contractors - again states the necessity of a Bridge over the Nullah on the plain

Some time ago Soaum ul Mulk Bahauder, Son of His Highness the Nabob, desired I would not proceed in the repair of the Bridges of this Fort, conformably to direction received from the Military Board alleging that it belonged to the Circar to make these repairs, and that it should be forthwith done - observing that any materials collected might be made over to him, for which he would pay the value -

I represented the nature of my obligations to proceed according to order; but recommended it to the Nabob's Son to write to his Father who would naturally explain himself to our Government, and the matter would be instantly concluded on -

Yesterday His Highness Soaum ul Mulk informed me by my Purgue that he had received an answer from the Nabob positively requiring him to make these repairs, on account of the Circar -

I beg the favor of your directions

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directions how to act — In the mean time we are employed in preparing the materials, which are not as yet completely arrived —

I beg leave to take this — opportunity of again representing the very great necessity there is for a Horse Bridge a cross a Nullah between the Plain, and the Cantonments at Putoor, and wherein there has formerly been a Bridge at the place I mention, but it has been allowed to go to decay. This water course entirely seperates the Troops from the Exercising Ground on the Plain —

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) S. Lloyd Colo

Friendship
25th July 1794.

Resolution thereon

Resolved that Colonel Lloyd be directed to ascertain and report the expence that will be incurred by replacing the Bridge a cross the Nullah mentioned by him —

Read the following letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal

To

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Fort St George 20th July 1794

To W. C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary at Fort St George

Sir

From the Secretary at Bengal on Bill and a draft of Rupees — on account to the Nizams Vakeels on account of the Peshcush for 1203 —

In consequence of an application made to the Resident at Hyderabad by Agent to Omra the Governor General in Council has issued orders for a payment of one lack and fifty thousand Arcot Rupees (Rs 1,50,000) from the Treasury here, to meet a draft of the Vakeel of his Highness the Nizam at Calcutta this sum to be considered in part discharge of the Peshcush due to his Highness for the first Kist of the Fusly year 1203.

Fort William
the 7th July 1794

I am &c &c
(signed) J. W. Harington Secretary

Order thereon

Ordered that the Accountant General be furnished with a Copy of the above letter, and directed to carry to the Credit of the Bengal Presidency the same paid there on account of the Peshcush for Fusly 1203 —

Read the following letter from Mssrs Chace Smith and Chace —

3342 Fort St George 29th July 1754

To the Honble Sir Charles Pakeley Bart

President and Governor &c in Council

Fort St George

From Agents of — 11 Captain Spence 9 request payment of freight for troops carried from Masulipatam to Vizagapatam and thence to Bengal — 1754

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to transmit herewith No 1 a Copy of the Certificate given by the Officers Commanding the Honble Companys Troops shipped on board the Ship Experiment Captain Spence to the Number of 278 Persons and to request your Honble Board to give — instructions for the payment of the freight conformable to the tenor of the Charter Party three Pagodas for each Person — Copy of which is here annexed No 2 for your more ready reference Total due on this account as per Original Agreement Pagodas 834 —

By the Charter Party, — Honble Sir, the Experiment was engaged to go from hence to Masulipatam & Vizagapatam but immediately on the Arrival of that Ship off the latter Port, the Captain receives an order from the Chief and Council vide — Paper No 3 / to proceed to Bengal for which we hope you will consider him entitled to

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to a Compensation, and that one Pagoda in addition for each person is but reasonable more particularly when we consider his adhering to that order, he has cancelled several Policies of Insurance done on Ship & Cargo for the original Voyage from Madras to Bombay with permission to call at Masulipatam and Vizagapatam, for which he will be held accountable

On Captain Spence applying to the Chief and Council for a Compensation for going to Bunderpatam, they were pleased to say they would report to your Honble Board the Claim he had preferred, and which they did not doubt would receive all due Consideration —

Madras
23d July 1794

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Chas Stuart & Chas Oakes
attorneys to Capt. Spence

I do hereby Certify that the following Troops Embarked at Masulipatam on the 14th of June on board the Ship Experiment and were landed at Bunderpatam on the 17th following — Viz. —

1 Captain

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1 Captain
1 Lieutenant
4 Ensigns
1 Surgeon
9 Serjeants
12 Corporals
6 Drummers
202 Privates

Total 230

Followers 21 Officers Servants
13 Soldiers Cook boys
3 do Barbers

Passepartout
17th June 1794

(Signed) Geo Wright Capt.
5th Batn. E. Infantry
Comdg the Detachment

A true Copy
(Signed) Chase Lovell Chase

Agreement between T.H. Spence
Commanding the Experiment with the Hostle—
Company for freight of Troops from Masulipatam
to Vizagapatam—

I the undermentioned T.H. Spence
do agree to proceed without delay from the Roads
of Madras to Masulipatam, and there to take
on board as many of the Troops to be shipped
from thence to Vizagapatam as may be ordered
by

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by the Chief and Council, as I can carry on board, that is to say, of the Malay company of Artillery and the Lascars attached thereto — I transport them without delay to Vizagapatam, at the rate of three Pagodas pr man the — subsequent conditions as to demurrage, being agreed to by the Master Attendant, on the parts of the Honble company —

The Honble Governor in Council agree to make allowance to Captain Spence commanding the Experiment of Dumurage at the rate of Sixty Rupees pr day, if she be detained beyond the term of three days after her arrival at Masulipatam —

Fort St George
5 June 1794

(Signed) W. Boyd
Master Attendant

A true Copy
(Signed) Chase Sewell & Chase

To the Captain or Officer
commanding the Vessel carrying the Europeans and Artillery from Masulipatam —

Sir,

I am directed by the Chief & Council to desire that you will proceed immediately to Masulipatam

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Bunlepatam where you will land the Troops
you have on board—

It is the wish of the Chief &
Council that no time be lost by your —
Anchoring in these Roads —

I am &c &c
Robt Alexander
Secy

Vizagapatam
9 June 1794

A true Copy
Signed Chase Sewell & Chase

Orders thereon

Ordered that the sum of Eight —
hundred and thirty four /834/ Pagodas be paid
by the Military Paymaster General to Messrs
Chase, Sewell, and Chase being the Amount
due to the Commander of the Experiment
for the freight of Troops from Masulipatam
to Vizagapatam

Ordered also, agreeably to the
Resolution of the Board on the 1st Instant, that
the sum of one hundred /100/ Rupees be paid
to those Gentlemen on account of Captain Spence
in Compensation for his proceeding with the
Troops from Vizagapatam to Bunlepatam—

Read

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Read the following letter from
Majors Wood and Cecil Smith—

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

From Majs Wood
and Smith—
submitting the Nabobs
Kistbundy Account
for 1793/94

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to lay
before you his Highness the Nabobs
Kistbundy Account Current for the year
1793/94 with the Honble Company
with the usual Amount of Polegars
Peishcush carried to his Highness's
Credit

We have the Honor to be
with great Respect
Honble Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Robert Wood
(signed) Cecil Smith

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Dr { His Highness the Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn His Kistbundy Account Current for the Year 1793/94 with the Honorable Company } Cr

1793		To Kistbundy Accounts for the Year 1793/94 Pag 12,56,400 . 15 . 54 payable as follows as pr Treaty of 12th July 1792		
Septr	1st	Pagodas	1,00,000	
Octor	1st		1,00,000	
Novr	1st		1,00,000	
Decr	1st		1,00,000	
1794 January	1st		1,00,000	
Febry	1st		1,00,000	
March	1st		150,000	
April	1st		150,000	
May	1st		200,000	
June	1st		156,400 . 15 . 54	12,56,400 . 15 . 54
		To the Amount of Poligar Pushcush payable on the Nabob's account in part of the Nine Lack for Subsidy		264,704 20 26
		Pagodas		15,21,105 . " . "

1793 August	31	By Cash received at Madras this month particulars pr Treasury Journal	1,00,000 " "	
Sepr	30th	By ditto ditto	95,400 " "	
Octor	31st	By ditto ditto	104,600 " "	
Novr	30th	By ditto ditto	1,00,000 " "	
Decr	31st	By ditto ditto	1,00,000 " "	
1794 January	31st	By ditto ditto	98,400 " "	
February	28th	By ditto ditto	99,425 " "	
March	31st	By ditto ditto	1,92,300 " "	
April	30th	By ditto ditto	1,22,925 " "	
May	31st	By ditto ditto	243,350 15 54	12,56,400 15 54
		By Poligar Pushcush being the Amount carried to His Highness's Credit in the General Books on that Account		264,704 20 26
		Pagodas		15,21,105 . " . "

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Errors Excepted
(Signed) Robert Woolf
Cecil Smith

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Minute thereon — The above amount being approved, Agreed that Messrs Wood & Smith be directed to deliver an attested Copy hereof to the Nabob's Deputies requiring from them if they admitted to be correct a similar Account with their Signatures affixed on behalf of his Highness —

Read the following letter from the Nabob.

Entered also in C.C. No. 134.

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob of Carnatic K.K.K.

To the Wonble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart Govr of Fort St George

dated 23 Zuhedge 1208 Hegery or 22d July 1794

Recd do do

From the Nabob — I herewith send you the sum of Three Thousand three hundred and fifty Star Pags being the amount of Lady Campbells Salary for the present year 1794 — and I request you will be pleased to remit it by the Ship that is now under dispatch for Bengal — What can I say more

Salary — Above Translation

(Signed) A Falconar Pers. Tr.

Minute thereon — The Payment above mentioned has been noted to the Hble Court in the dispatches p. Sugarcane —

Lieut Colin Campbell appointed acting Muster Master in the Centre Division — In consequence of the information contained in Colonel Malcolms letter of the 22d Instant and note in the Diary, regarding Lieut Wynne, The President proposes that Lieut Colin Campbell be appointed to act as Muster Master in the Centre Division, during his absence —

Approved and Ordered Accordingly —

Chas Oakeley

C.W. Fullofield

Geo Westcott

W. Jones Secry

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Diary

Substance of a letter from the Cheroltar of Sheveguriga-

Received letter from the Cheroltar of Sheveguriga Entered in C.C. N.º 135 complaining of the depredations committed by the Madura Colleries, at the Instigation of the Rajah of Ramnad and requests he may be required to restore the Cattle, Grain &c.ª plundered.

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Received the undermentioned letters &

Entered in Mr. B. N.º 212.. 213.214.. 216.. 217..218..219

From M.r Secretary Morris-

From Secretary at Bombay with Bill of Lading of Water Casks shipped on the Prince of Wales.-

From Ditto

From Ditto with... Ditto. Ditto on the Alexand

From Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General & submitting Copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery.-

From Adjutant General.-

From Adjutant General proposing a Mode of furnishing a Complete Company for the Garrison of Nellore.-

From Colonel Braithwaite

From Commander of the Army- has reviewed the King's Corps encamped at Sheviram proposes a General Order- and that Captain Lindsay resume the Command of Permacoil Situation

of

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of Lieutenant Colonel Smith, in point of allowance by the Removal of the 2d. Battalion of Artillery to the Mount.— Major Yeounge offers to complete the Stabling &c.a at Arcot.— Bill of Sale of his house thereunclosed.—

From M.r Z. Polack— requests extract from the Courts Orders regarding his Mes.r's Claim upon the Nabob— and Copy of the letter Written to His Highness on the Subject.—

From Commandant at Pondicherry

From Colonel Picton

the Prison of the Choultry Court and Bridges of the Canals in the Town require repair— Estimates Enclosed.—

From Mes.rs Collin Chuzy and Marailly

From Mes.rs Collin— De Chauzy and Marilly— repeating their request to be made acquainted— with the Allegations preferred against them.—

Sent the following letter

To David Haliburton Esq.r

&c.a Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

We think it necessary to acquaint you that we have received the sanction of the Governor

To Board of Revenue advising the Authority from Bengal passed upon the Report of Removal— Corrie manures to be suspended for the present by order in Council.

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Governor General in Council for adopting such
measures as may appear to us expedient for
restoring the authority of the Company, which has
has been set at defiance by the late Warfare
between the Rajah of Ramnad and Cherakar
of Sheveganga; but as we learn from Colonel
Martin, that in the present Situation of
Ramnad province, the means for the subsistence
of any force that it might be found necessary
to send thither are very insufficient, and as the
Hostilities in question have now ceased, we desire
you will instruct Mr. Powney to avail himself
of this opportunity for ascertaining the particulars
of the late disturbance, with the every possible
precision, and how far either Party continued
to act in disobedience of the orders sent by the
Governor to them, respectively, for laying down
their Arms and referring their disputes to the
Arbitration of the Company - Copies of their Letters
to the President in reply to those Orders are
herewith transmitted for your Information. -

We are &c. &c.

(Signed) Charles Oakeley

&c. Council. -

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Dispatches the undermentioned letters

Entered in M: B: Nº 220. 221. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227.

Barrack Master

To Barrack Masters - advising them

that they are to remain in their respective

Employs until the Court's pleasure be known

upon the reference lately made to them. —

Hospital Board

To Hospital Board - to nominate

Assistant Surgeons to proceed with the Sura Escort

details to Vellore and Pondicherry. —

To Military Board

To Military Board - with Direction

to supply different Articles for the use of the

Success Galley. —

Colonel Braithwaite. —

To Commander of the Army - Inclosing

Copy of the letter from Bengal, relative to the

Situation of the Barracks and Master Master

To Mr Tomiano

To Resident at Nagore - informing

that the Dutch Troops are to be returned

Columbo on the Anna, which will proceed

from thence for that purpose - Instructions

the Rajah of Tanjore written to, respecting

Supplies of Sheep for their use. —

From Board of Revenue —

To Board of Revenue - approving the

Instructions to the Chief and Council at Vizag

patam and to Mr Chanier, and transmitting

Copy

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Copy of a letter from Sitteram Rauze. —

To Captain Gelmore. — To Commander of the Anna ordering him to proceed to Nagore for the purpose above mentioned and to call at Pondichery, on his return hither, for the heavy ordnance laying there. —

To Captain Mears and To Town Major — To Ditto of the Favorite and Success — ordering them to receive Troops for Masulipm: To Town Major — with orders for sending provisions and water on board those Ships for the use of the Troops. —

2nd 2: Recvd the following letter from the Nabob, entered also in C.C. No 136. —

Translation of a Letter From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

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

Dated 1st 2nd } August 1794. —
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From the Nabob — expressive of his displeasure at the conduct and representations of Lieutenant Dighton, relative to the detainer of Rhenjaun's Sepoys into the Fort of Vellore — allusion to the situation of the late C. in C. Sitteram Rauze. —

I have received your letter of the 25th July 1794 with Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Dighton the Commanding Officer at Vellore complaining of the conduct of the Serishtadar Naib,

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The paper written by Mr Dighton I have seen and it has alarmed me — the Sincere friendship subsisting between me and the English Nation is not of such a nature, as to leave room to suppose it will ever be dissolved — the basis of this friendship was first laid by my Family, and I was the means of it — after my Father, I manifested my sentiments of friendship towards them, and I myself insisted upon placing Garrisons of their people in my Fort — Every person of wisdom and penetration & may, with a little attention, plainly perceive, that Shujaa-ud-Dowlah the Nabob of Bengal, the Mahrattas, Nizam-ud Dowlah, Tippoo Sultaun and others who now make outward professions of Freindship for the English did not do so, 'till they had made every attempt to effect the Total extirpation of this Nation — On the other hand, I have been engaged with my friends the English in every affair they have had with these newly acquired friends, formerly Enemies — and my Friendship is not to be surpassed — Notwithstanding

this

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this friendship, Mr. Dighton is alarmed lest I shall possess myself of the Fort of Nellore, which is my own by Altumgah,— and he has got together half a Company or one Company of Sepoys to secure the fort from my Servants— This conduct of such & inconsiderate Men, has alarmed me & exceedingly.— In truth, had not my God been my protector— and the King of Great Britain been my Sincere friend and & faithful Supporter— had not Lord Cornwallis (who is a chosen of the World) arrived in this Country, and his Successor Sir John Shore & (one of the best of Sardars) been in Bengal— & and had I not been assured of their attention — had not also a person of so conciliating a disposition as yourself been here— my Situation had been as desperate or worse than that of Vizianam Rauze; for I have found some & individuals of this Honorable Nation the English in every respect as bad, as some of all other Nations.—

I did not however place an English Garison in the fort of Nellore when it & was

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was taken.- Many years afterwards, I admitted the Garrison of my friends into that fort, on account of necessity- And in the Treaty which I lately & concluded with Lord Cornwallis, in consequence of his Lordship's urgent desire, I agreed that the protection of all the Forts, excepting Chendergherry Kylas and Ariot, should be in the hands of my friends:- My meaning however in this protecting the forts was not, that the accustomed ingress and egress of my Servants, (without which the business of the Country must be injured) should be interrupted, or that any other of the Ancient & established usages of this Country should be subverted

Nevertheless what Mr. Dighton & has written, is his own relation of the matter I have therefore stated the Circumstances to Saudik Ali Khan, and it is the true that he has called in the people he had with him, in the manner represented by Mr. Dighton, you may rest assured that he will incur my displeasure; I have written positive injunctions to the said Khan to preserve a good understanding with the

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the Commanding Officer, and I request you
will write that Officer to the same effect - In
consequence of your Letter to Colonel Floyd -
Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly, and of my
writing to both my Sons there, the misunderstanding
between them was done away on both sides,
for which I am obliged to you, and I request
you will be pleased to do the same in this
instance. -

What can I say more.

A true Translation
Signed/ Alex.r Falconar
Persian Trans.r

Received the undermentioned letters
entered in M. B. No.1.. 2.. 3.. 4.. 5.. 6.. 7.. 8.. 9.. 10.. 11.. 12..
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From Acting Barrack Master at the
Presidency - requesting orders for providing quarters
for the Serjants of the 3.rd Battalion. -

From Lieutenant Grant. -

From Sub Secretary at Bengal - with
Invoice and Bill of Lading of Peas and Dholl
shipped on the Surprize. -

From Sub Secretary at Bengal

From

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From Hospital Board

From Hospital Board - nominating two Assistant Surgeons, as required. Mr. M'Mahon H requests to Remain a short time at Madras, on account of his health - and Mr. Mein to visit it

From Mr. Sutton

From Clerk to the Justice, requesting that Certain persons may be ordered to Madras to Answer to an Indictment for a Conspiracy -

From Commanding Officer of the Royal Artillery

From Captain Cockburn - requesting that Conductors pay for a Serjeant of the Royal Artillery, who had charge of the Royal Ordnance at Negapatam

From Mr. Ashoff

From Assistant to the Resident at Poona - on the Subject of the Claim of the Mysore Prize Agents, for Stores issued to the Mahrattas

From Auditor General.

From Military Auditor General has denied the pay of the Artificers to be continued explanation relative to his credit on that subject, requests to know if the other Charges in the Bill which includes the Artificers, are to be allowed -

From Military Board

From Military Board - the Mo[illegible] at Pondicherry, for the Nabob, not yet removed; request to know by what Depot the mu[illegible]ters of Cavalry Accoutrement were sent to Bengal - Bills for Arpentage provided & proceedings of the Committee of Works at Tanjore enclosed. -

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From Commander of the Army - proposes that the Dutch Troops be announced in Orders a Return of them enclosed. —

From Colonel Braithwaite —

From Chief Engineer — the former a Estimate for the Stabling of the Body Guard provided only for 50 Stables - submits whether they should not be completed to 100 - Estimate Enclosed - the North Bastion Gate Bridge & requires repair - Estimate of work done at the Garden house, enclosed. —

From Lieutenants Warne, and Gurnell enclosing a List of Evidences required at their Trial requests they may be summoned to Madras. —

From Lieutenants Warne and Gurnell. —

From Captain W. Macleod - enclosing Bills for Intelligence for April May and June

From Captain Macleod

From Commandant at Walajabad requesting leave to visit Madras. —

From Major Fraser

Sent letter to the Rajah of Tanjore; "

Substance of letter to Rajah of Tanjore. —

Entered in C.C. No. 137 requesting a Daily supply of Sheep for the Dutch Troops at Negapatam. —

Dispatched the undermentioned letters "

in M. B. No. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. —

To Accountant General advising of One Lack and fifty thousand Rupees having been paid

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paid at Bengal in part discharge of the Pertuash for the first Kist of Phusly 1203 for which that Presidency is to have Credit.—

To Mr. Lindgrass

To Mr. Thomas Snodgrass, relieving him as Security for Mr. Paymaster Lennox, from the date of his application — The Style and expression of this letter to him very improper, and will be particularly noticed to the Court of Directors.—

To Colonel Stuart

To Colonel Stuart — with Copy of a letter from Bengal relative to the Expedition and desiring his sentiments upon it.—

To Merchants of Madras.—

To Merchants of Madras — transmitting, for their information, Copy of a letter from the Commander of His Majesty's Ships.—

To Military Board

To Military Board — with directions for surveying the Captured Ordnance of the Princess Royal

To Chief Engineer

To Chief Engineer — Major Trapaud allowed a Draughtsman — an Establishment for the Engineer at Vellore and Arnee under Consideration.—

To Messrs. Woolf and Smith

To Messrs. Woolf and Smith — the Kistbund Account approved — many interchange an attested Copy with the Nabobs Deputies.—

To Mr. Tomiano

To Resident at Nagore — The Dutch Troops not to be embarked until further orders — The Ammunition to be detained at Nagore in the mean time — a letter for Columbo enclosed and to be forwarded immediately

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To Commandant at Pondicherry -

To Colonel Nixon — The Board have it not in their power to grant the Privilege requested by Captain Law - Madam Pavy will be allowed Seven ₱ Rupees ₱r Mensem. —

To Ditto - To Ditto - may make such an Arrangement of the Carts at present attached to the Police Office, as he may judge proper.

To Messrs. Chase Steele and Chase — To Attornies of Captain Spence - the Amount of Freight due to him and a further Compensation of one hundred Rupees, ₱ will be paid by the Paymaster Generals Application. —

To Colonel Floyd — To Commandant at Trichinopoly - ₱ the Contractors will be ordered to desist ₱ from repairing the Draw Bridge - the ₱ Nabob having Objected thereto - to report ₱ the Expence of building the Bridge ₱ across the Nulla on the Plain. —

To Mr. Hawkins. — To Paymaster at Trichinopoly expressing Surprise at his inattention to the repeated ₱ requisitions made to him for Security - and apprising him that if it be not tendered within Two Months, his Appointment will be ₱ vacated. —

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters,

Entered in M: B: Nos. 27.. 28.. 29.. 30.. 31.. 32.. 33.. 34.. 35..
36.. 37.. 38.. 39.. 40.. 41.. 42.. 43.. 44.. 45.. 46.. 47.. —

To Captain Macpherson — To Commandant at Amboor - sent th
persons as may be claimed by Tippoo's Officer, th
under the description of "Zemendars or Amildars
"in Balance," to be apprehended, and reported
to the Board. —

To Mr. Secretary Hay — To Secretary at Bengal - with Copy of
The Town Majors letter respecting Mons.r La Blove
and of Mysore Intelligence. —

To Civil Paymaster — To Civil Paymaster - notifying the
allowance made to Madam Pavy at Pondicherry

To Mr. Landon — To Paymaster at Pondicherry - directi
him to pay it. —

To Mr. Cooper — To Ditto at Ganjam and Ajka directin
him to nominate another person as Sweri
in the room of Mr. Landon, deceased. —

To Garrison Storekeeper — To Garrison Storekeeper - with Copies
of Papers received from Bengal, relating to t
the Provisions shipped on the Fort William for
the use of the Artillery and Lascars on board. —

To Mons.r Delon — To Mons.r Delon - permitting him t
embark the Nizam's Stores on a Boat for Nairsp

To Sea Customer. — To Sea Customer - with directions
to that Effect. —

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To Masulipatam. — To Masulipatam - the Charges for # Shipping Water to the Fort to be inserted # in their Civil Disbursements in future # - the Paymaster at Ellore, will receive # instructions for removing the inconvenience from the delay of making small Military # payments at Masulipatam. —

To Auditor General — To Military Auditor General - with directions on the preceding subject. -

To Ditto — To Ditto - Captain Godfrey to receive Full Batta, while detained at Madras. —

To Auditor General — To Military Auditor General - desiring his opinion upon an explanation of the Quarter Master of the 72d Regiment relative to a charge for Puttallies. - and Enclosing Copy of a letter from the Commandant of the Royal Artillery respecting Dooley Boys - the necessary orders to be given. —

To Ditto - To Ditto - transmitting papers # received from Bengal regarding the pay and allowances of the Bengal Artillery embarked on the Fort William —

To Ditto - To Ditto - the Surgeon of the 41st European Battalion to be allowed Two Sanams # Diem for each of the Sick and unfit men under his #

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Care—Instructions on the subject—The Surgeon of the 71st Regement. also permitted to draw the sum of allowed by the General Order of the 27th June 1793.—for Carriage of Medecines.—

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General—three Months pay to be allowed Messrs. Boulon & and La Fevre, French Officers, as passage Money to China—and the Engineer in the Southern Divisions a Draughtsman at fifteen Pagodas P. Mensem.—

To Military Board

To Military Board—advising them that the Anna will transport hither, the Ordnance at Pondicherry—The Nabob requests a supply of Powder from Vellore—their opinion required—as also respecting an Establishment for the Engineer at Vellore.—

To Military Storekeeper

To Military Storekeeper—a Pension of one Pagoda P. Mensem granted to each of the families of the persons, who lost their lives at the Powder Mills.—

To Civil Paymaster

To Civil Paymaster, notifying the same.—

To M. Lennox

To Paymaster at Angola—advising of M. Snodgrass having been relieved, as his Security—and calling upon him to nominate another person in his room.—

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Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue — Mr. Powney's & attention to be directed to the instructions sent to Mr. Landon, relative to the investigation of the Amount of Cawelly due to the Southern Polygars — in consequence of a request from & the Nabob. —

To Captain Mears

To Commander of the Favorite — directing him to receive on board Arrack for Masulipatam —

To Town Major

To Town Major — notifying the Allowances of Passage Money to Messrs. Brulon and La Fevre

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Substance of letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Received letter from the Rajah of Tanjore Entered in C. C. No. 138 repeating his request for the English Jumma Kurch Accounts of the Tanjore Collections during the Assumption; & and complaining of the Violences and Depredations committed by Nerlungur Poodiachy &c. & Cavilgars of his Country who have fled and taken refuge in the Nabob's District. —

Received the following letters. —

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

Honorable Sir,

From Auditor General reporting on the unauthorized Charges made by the King's Regimental Paymasters. —

I have the honor to report as & follows in Answer to your commands conveyed in

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in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letters of 26th. Ultimo
and 1st. Instant, concerning the matters stated t
you by the Military Paymaster General as
& inclosures transmitted to me along with
Mr. Jackson's letters relative to certain
Allowances, as hereafter mentioned, drawn
for in the Abstracts of his Majesty's Regimen
under marching Orders, and on all of which
I am directed to give my Opinion.-

Carriage of Regimental Books - This allow
was admitted both on Account of the King
and Company's Corps during the second
War with Hyder, and also on Account of
the Kings Corps during the last War -
an order was sent by the then Commissary
General to the Paymaster with the Army
expressly forbidding this charge on Accoun
of the Company's Corps but no such
Order appears to have been forwarded to
the Paymaster of Company's Allowances
in whose Accounts the Charge was made
Monthly up to the latest date and admitte
in consequence of the prohibition having not
been

4. been signified in so far as regarded the Company's Corps.— In regard to this allowance I know it to be of very long standing, for all Corps & serving with the Army in the Field, although I cannot just now trace either the original Authority for it, or the particular cause of its having been thought necessary to forbid the payment of it in the case of the Company's Battalions, except that it does not appear entered as an allowance in the division of the Regulations for the Service, commonly called the printed books, which were published in the beginning of 1789 as so many parts to be followed & affecting the points that had been thus announced in Orders - a variety of Charges, even coming under the general heads & which had been thus partially regulated for, and which had been invariably allowed and were equally necessary at the time, appear however to have been omitted — for example, Among many others, although general Rules appear in these books & relative

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relative to Camp Equipage, and the portion
proportion for Corps, including Lascars &
Bullocks &c. no notice is taken of the
proportion for a Regiment of European
Cavalry, nor for the General and Brigade
staff of the Army, and many other public
Officers always attendant on them in the
Field. In such cases, therefore, and
of a similar nature it appears that
Accounts could only be audited by prec
to the former ones unless a regulation
affecting them was found to have be
exclusively considered by the Comman
in Chief's Order and Arrangements in
Camp. My Opinion, therefore, is that
Charge for the Carriage of Regimental
in the King's Regiments is admissible,
drawn for in the Abstracts, and that an
allowance of the same kind should be
regulated, on the same principle, for the
Company's Corps.—

Charge for Doolies and Bearers. appear
to me admissible in consequence of the orde
issued by the Commanding Officers of the Arm
for bringing with the European corps to be
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embarked for Foreign Service their sick and Convalescents
of every description, while, at the same time it covers
to me as equally unexceptionable to permit the "
proportion for the Officers in the calculation of
Doolies and bearers for a Corps, which is one of
the causes that occasions the numbers drawn
for to exceed the proportions as "Regulations
as this matter is not exclusively explained in the
printed books. —

Puckallies — Do not appear drawn for otherways
than in the proportions that are admissible by
the unrepealed Government Orders of date 26th June "
1793 with the exception of an inconsiderable "
number, on Account of the increase of sick and
Convalescent cases necessarily with the Corps under
the orders they received — I am therefore of opinion the
proportions drawn for ought to be admitted. —

Lascars and Bamboo Coolies — admissible in
my Opinion, for the same reasons that apply "
generally in the case of Coolies and Braves; only
that I observe the proportion called for by the
Royal Artillery includes "Second Tindals" "
which I imagine must be a Mistake, as "
that distinction in regard to Tindals is "
peculiar to the Gun Lascars, but is not to be
found

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found among the Class of Lascars employed for the Service of Tents.—

Charge for Batta as Captain for Lieutenant Hughes as Paymaster of the 52: Regiment—

The reasons assigned for this Batta appear to deserve consideration in so far as both the Surgeons and Chaplains of the King's Regiments are allowed the Batta of Captain; besides which it is to be observed that the same rate of Batta is the rate by which the Company's Paymasters draw the allowance, and also that it does not appear that the present claim is one that was open to be brought forward until lately, the Paymasters of his Majesty's Regiments having been, in general possessed of the Rank of Captain— of late however — Lieutenants, one in the 19th Dragoons and another in the 52nd Regiment have been appointed paymasters to their respective Corps

On considering the whole of this point as above explained together with the other Matters in communication with it generally, on adverting to the usages of the service in India, I beg leave to state my opinion that the Paymaster of a King's Regiment should

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should be allowed the Batta of Captain, ex officio,
when at a station where Batta is payable, &
under the general Rate however, as a Matter
of Course, that no Officer can draw Batta in
two Capacities, whereby the increase of ex-
pence by this regulation, if established
by Government, will be found in the differenc
between the Batta of Captain and that
of Lieutenant, or Ensign, according to the
Rank held by the paymaster if a Subaltern.

The only points remaining on which
my report has been called for, in Mr. Jackson's
letter of 26th Ultimo and 1st Instant, relate to
an Allowance for rice beaters in one of the #
abstracts and to request of the Regimental #
paymasters in general for the pay of a #
Conicaply, as they represent they have been
obliged to employ one with each Corps in
consequence of the additional trouble attending
the new mode of drawing and distributing the
pay and allowances of persons attached to their
Corps, who were formerly paid by the Camp
or Garrison Paymasters - In regard to the

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First of these Charges allowance for Rice beaten I think it inadmissible, but am of opinion that a Commissary as part of the Establishment of a Regimental Paymaster in the Field may be required under the circumstances they have stated. —

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

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 4th August 1794

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily. Aud. General

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

Honorable Sir,

From Auditor General reporting on the Estimate of the Grain and Provisions Department for August —

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 2d Instant, with the Estimate of Expenditure Disbursements in the Department of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of August 1794 — and to report

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report thereon as follows.—

	Pags.	fs.	c.
Expnded Disbursements at Madras	166.	41.	40
Chengliput, Permacoil & Pondicherry	2000.	—.	—
Arnee, Vellore & Amboor	11,006.	12.	—
Tanjore	16.	30.	
Pallamicottah	3081.	33.	78
Masulipatam	212.	22.	30
Baramahal	103.	—.	—
Ellore	579.	40.	66
Chicacole	3,362.	—.	—
Pagodas	20,529.	12.	52.

From the Total Amount of expnded Disbursements as above Stated, the Commissary Gen[illegible] of Grain and Provisions deducts the following Sums, as not issuable for the General Treasury at the Presidency, but payable out of the expnded & Receipts from Sales in the Department, or from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which & Bills will be drawn upon him and & transferred through the General Treasury.—

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At Masulipatam	212..	22..	30
Baramahal	103..	—..	—
Ellore	579..	40..	04
Chicacole	3302..	—..	—
Pagodas	4257..	21..	14

Consequently the Amount is payable at the Presidency on Account of Disbursements in August 1794 as per Estimate of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is Pagodas Sixteen thousand two hundred, and Seventy one, Thirty three fanams and Thirty eight Cash/16271.. 33.. 38/—

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect. — &c. &c.

Military Auditor Generals Office
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Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily. Aud. General

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of expected Disbursements in the Department of the Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for

From Ditto — Ditto
of the Bullock agency
for Ditto

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for the Month of August 1794. Accompany-
ing Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the
24 Ultimo.—

Expected Disbursements at Madras .. 3139.. 4.. 56

Chengleput, Permacoil & Pondicherry	750.. —.. —	
Arnee, Vellore and Amboor	2619.. 22.. 10	
Palamcottah	8.. 32.. —	
Baramahal ..	60.. —.. —	
Ellore	209.. —.. —	
Chicacole ..	1838.. —.. —	
Itchapour ..	11.. —.. —	
Ongole	12.. —.. —	
Hydrabad — Detachment	858.. 38.. —	
Pagodas ..	9500.. 13.. 10.	

From the Total Amount of expected Disbursements
as before stated the Principal Agent for Draught
and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following
Sums as not issuable from the General Treasury
at the Presidency, but payable from the
Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will
be drawn upon them and transferred through
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The General Treasury—

Baramahal	60..	..	—
Ellore	209..	..	—
Chicacole	1838..	—	..
Ichapour	11..	—	..
Ongole	12..	—	..
Hydrabad Detachment	858..	38..	—
Pagodas	2988..	38..	—

Consequently the Amount payable at the Presidency as per Estimate of the Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for August 1794 is 16517.17.16 Pagodas Six thousand five hundred and Seventeen, Seventeen Fanams and Sixteen Cash—

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 4th August 1794.

I have the honor to be with the highest respect

Honble Sir,

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant,

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily. Audr. Genl.

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Received the undermentioned letters &
Entered in M: B: Nos. 48.. 49.. 50.. 51.. 52.. 53.. 54.. 55.. 56

From Sub Secretary at Bengal.—

From Sub Secretary at Bengal with Invoices and Bills of Lading of Ghee shipped on the Fort William and Success Galley. & c Instructions on the Subject.—

From Captain Oliver

From Commandant at Dindigiel reporting the result of a proof of the Ordnance at that Garison.—

From Masulipatam

From Masulipatam - forwarding their Consultations for May.—

From Auditor General

From Military Auditor General reporting upon the Chicacole &c. Estimates for August.—

From Paymaster Genl.—

From Military Paymaster General submitting a Letter from Captain W. Chambers Paymaster of 36. Regiment

From Captain Rose.—

From Commandant at Angole can furnish no information regarding the Reddy of Pilly Pahr, and Seyram & Reddy

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4. Reddy, of Nagpoor.—

From W. Taylor — From Mr. George Taylor— The Accoun
of Mr. Edward Garrow's late Paymaster
=ship, being adjusted, requests the remitta
of the Bills of Sale lodged in the Treasu
as Security.—

From Captain Walker — From Commandant at Tiagar
advising of a party of Chuel Naigs
people committing depredations
near Ravet Mellore.—

From Colonel Floyd — From Ditto at Trichinopoly
with a further Statement of the
Difficulties Experienced by the Contracto
for Repairs— and submitting Captain
Hemmings Claim, on Account of
Quarters repaired by him in 1792.—

At

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At a Consultation Present:—

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor — President

Tuesday 5th August 1794 — Ernst William Fallofield and George Westcott. Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and Approved. —

Read the following letter from

Bengal. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

The Arrival of his Majestys Ships at Fort St. George having removed the # # necessity of employing the Squadron under the Command of Captain Mitchell for the protection of the Companys Settlements and

From Bengal Captain Mitchells Squadron recalled — conclude that similar # Orders will have been # sent from hence

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and Commercial Interests in India we have directed him to return to this Port without loss of time; and we conclude that you have taken an opportunity of sending him similar directions & in conformity with our advice to you under date the 22nd November last

We are, &c. &c.

Fort William
the 14th July 1794

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

The President proposes that the following letter be written, in reply to the foregoing. —

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

Honorable Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 14th ultimo

Has Circumstances earlier permitted us

To Bengal. in reply on the above subject.

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us to provide for the security of the Eastern
Trade agreeably to the Instructions contained
in your Letter of the 22d November last We
should have forwarded orders to Captain
Mitchell to return to Bengal, but it is
only since the Resolution was taken to
suspend the preparations for the Expedition
to Mauritius that We had it in our Power
to obtain that Protection - Captain Newcome
in consequence of an application made to
him on the 22d Ultimo promised to detach
the Resistance of 44 Guns on this Service as
soon as she could be got ready. —

On the Arrival of his Majesty's
Ship Diomede, the end of April, our
President communicated to Captain Smith
the object of Commodore Mitchell's Distination,
and requested to know whether it would
be in his power, consistently with the
Orders he had received in England, to
proceed on that Service - Captain Smith
informed him that it was absolutely
necessary

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necessary he should be there at the time of Admiral Gardener's Arrival, and as the fleet was then expected to reach Madras about the Middle of June, he could not undertake any Service that required more than a very short absence, but that he would proceed to the Eastward and cruise for a few Weeks.

We did not feel ourselves authorized under these Circumstances to send orders for the recall of the Bengal Squadron, since it was evident that Captain Smith, allowing for the Time necessary to perform the Voyage to and from the Straits, could not afford no adequate protection to the Eastern Trade.—

The Orders given by Admiral Gardiner to Captain Newcome on his Departure from England were to cruise off the Cape, until he received further Instructions.— But that Officer finding on his Arrival at Table Bay that he could render more Service

by

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by proceeding to the French Islands, took this deviation upon himself, and after continuing in that Latitude as long as his provisions would permit, judged it advisable to come to Madras, where he expected to meet with the Admiral.—

As the Object of Captain Newcome's Destination was, to co-operate in the Views of the Expedition to Mauritius We considered his Ships, while that service was in agetation, as a part of the Force appertaining to it, and this being likewise his own opinion, We did not feel ourselves at liberty to make the applications directed by your Letter of the 22d. November, until the preparations for the Expedition ceased.—

The Resistance will sail, We believe, in the Course of eight or ten days and touch at Prince of Wales's Island— We shall direct one Copy of our Orders to Captain Michell to be left there, and request the Commander to take

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take a nother Copy with them to be delivered
in the event of their meeting with any of the
Ships of the Squadron in their further progress
to the Eastward.—

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We have the honor to be with great
&c. &c.
(signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

Approved and Ordered Accordingly.—

Read the following letter from Bengal

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley &c
Governor in Council,
at
Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From Bengal opinion respecting the Demolition of the remaining Public Buildings at Pondicherry

I We have received your address of
the 26th. Ultimo, with it's Enclosure, communi
=cating the complete demolition of the
Fortifications at Pondicherry, and submitting
to us the Expediency of destroying such of
the public buildings as in the event of the
Restoration

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restoration of the place to the French,
might induce them to rebuild the Fort —

2 We are of opinion that the whole
of the Public Buildings which can be rendered
Serviceable in re-establishing a Military Force
at Pondicherry should be completely
destroyed; and request you will issue orders
for this purpose; excepting only the
buildings which may be indispensably
necessary for the temporary accommodation
of such of your own Troops as you may think
it necessary to continue there —

We are, &c. &c.

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

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To The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. —
Governor in Council,
at
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

We transmit, for your information
translate

From Bengal Captain Denton
to be the Channel of Correspond-
ence with Tippoo during his
Command at Calicut &
— Instructions given to him
— Copies of letters from and
to Tippoo enclosed. —

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translate Copies of a letter addressed by
Tippoo Sultaun to the Governor General,
and of the Sultaun's answer thereto, delivered
to the care of Captain Doveton. —

You will observe that, in consequence
of the wish expressed by Tippoo Sultaun
for the continuance of Captain Doveton's
mediation, as a means of friendly &
intercourse, and considering also the &
convenience of his Situation for the &
purpose during his Command at Ryacotta,
we have acquiesced in his being made
the Channel of Correspondence during
his residence at the above Station; and
We request you to furnish him with
any instructions you may judge necessary
in addition to those He has received from
us, of which a Copy will be forwarded
to you with this Letter. —

These Instructions will inform
you that it is our intention He should
act

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act under your Orders, conducting the whole
of his Correspondence with us, thro' you;
and We think it necessary to add that
we do not intend this employment on
this occasional Service should be attended
with any charge to Government beyond
what may be necessary for Official &
Servants and letter carriers.—

We are, &c.a &c.a &c.a

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

Fort William
the 14th July 1794.

From Tippoo Sultaun

Received 23d May 1794

I have been much gratified by the
receipt of your favor (here a Recapitulation
of the Contents of that Written 24th December 1793)
my Friend; I have fully understood the
Contents of your Friendly Letter with respect
to

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to what you write that it was Marquis
Cornwallis's Wish that my Sons should
return without delay and that nothing
could excite your desire of that object, also
as my attachment and regards towards
Marquis Cornwallis and you is not of
such a nature that its light should not illumine
the hearts of Friends which are calculated
to revive it, or that the blossoms of such
Sentiments which are productive of the
encrease of union should not expand and
flourish, praise to God I have been
gratified by the safe arrival of my
Sons in Company with Captain
Doueton, who is endowed with wisdom
and worthy of Confidence, and their return
has given me unmeasurable Satisfaction
and called to my Mind your Friendship
and Regard and that of the Marquis. In
truth, in this World of Mutual dependance
of

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of Men of illustrious Rank and power,
whose Minds are ever intent on Establishing
a Reciprocal attachment with those w
whom God has endowed with Authority
having no object but that of creating
union among one another, use their
utmost endeavours to that end accordingly
as this laudable disposition forms but a
small part of the extended Views of those
exalted Characters whose thoughts are turned
upon preserving a System of unanimity
and attachment – The rising of the Sun
of this Mark of regard, that is the restoration
of my Sons Casts and Splendor over the
World of Friendship and gives increase
to my attachment towards Marquis of
Cornwallis and You, and both in appearance
and reality (especially in the eyes of high
and low) gives strength to the basis of
the obligations of Sincerity – In this World
there is nothing more estimable than a

union

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union and attachment, and therefore
the actions and Conduct of the illustrio
are Constantly directed to such measu
as attachment demands and a laud
and Conciliatory disposition prompte
for the Almighty has made the happin
of the body of the people which are hi
special deposite to Depend upon thei
System and be thereby brought about
in the best of Ways - with respect to
what you wrote concerning the A
adjustment of the boundary dispu
between the Nawab Asuf Jah and
my Sirkar It cannot be unknown
to you that it is near eight or nine
Months Since Mirza Meeran Hus
Asuf repaired to the boundaries an
waited there in expectation of the
Arival of an Anomen on the part
of the Nawaub, Assuf Jah, Meeran
Hussein has lately written that on the
14:

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14th of the Month answering to the 12th
Shauban 1208 (15th March 1794) he met
Mahomed Aumeen Arab who had
arrived with the appointment of Aumeen
on the part of the Nawab, and that
they were busily engaged in adjusting
the boundary disputes in Concert with
the Muttuddies, Ryots and others
acquainted with facts and residing on
the Spot and that by the favor of God he
would speedily settle the affair and let
me Know.—

God willing, tho' the Matter in
dispute is of no great Value, yet still
the Aumeens of the two Sirkars will soon
give notice of their having adjusted it
to the Satisfaction of the Nawab &
Myself Sah in an equitable manner.
On receiving Intelligence of its adjustment
from the said Myself I will also communicate

it

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it to you - I hope that believing me t
fixed and sincere in my sentiments o
regard you will gratify me with Letter
intimating your welfare Farther if
particulars of my attachment and Union
You will learn from Captain Doveton
who accompanied my Sons, and has take
his leave perfectly gratified and pleas
I hope that believing me a Cordial Frie
you will certainly gratify me with Le

Post Script - Several points of Friend
of Union have been committed to
Verbal Communication of Captain Dov
from whose representation you will lea
them He is well acquainted with the
intercourse of Friendship Subsisting
between us, I therefore propose to yo
that our Khareetas may be transmitte
to and fro' thro' him and several point
of Negotiation which may not be fit
be

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be written in a Kharcta he carries on this
him his residing at Madras will be most
proper. —

A true Translation

(Signed) N.B. Edmonstone
Persian Translator

A True Copy
(signed) J. H. Harington
Sub Secretary. —

To Tippoo Sultaun

Written 9th July 1794.

I have had the honor to receive
your Letter by Captain Doveton, as well as
two Letters to the address of Marquis of
Cornwallis which have been transmitted
to him in England, and although he has
been informed by me of the safe arrival of
the two former, the Communication of
the Intelligence of this happy event from
yourself, will afford him new and additional
Satisfaction Captain Doveton has acquainted
me with your friendly attentions to him,
which

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which I consider as a proof of your Rega
for Marquis Cornwallis and Myself.

It affords me great pleasure to
learn that the Auxiens deputed by you
and His Highness the Nizam in Audience
to the Orders which they have respectively
received, are exerting themselves to adjust
the boundary disputes in concert with
well informed Mutsuddies and Pyots
resident on the Spot; I have no doubt
that the Stipulations of the Treaty of
Seringapatam will be speedily Complied
to the Satisfaction of all parties, in this
Instance as they have been in all other
and I hope soon to learn from you
and his Highness that this desirable and
necessary Event has been accomplished.

I have duly attended to the
Postscript of your Letter, and Captain Doveton
has accordingly explained to me the debates
of Friendship, which you Committed to him
such

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such Communications cannot fail to strengthen
the good Understanding which has been established
on the most solid basis, and which, by the
Blessing of God, will daily and hourly increase
This hope and Confidence will derive Confirmation
from Constant and Regular Information of
your Welfare; As the Situation of Captain
Doveton, who is Stationed at Ryacottah,
on the boundary of the two Countries is
well calculated for facilitateing the Intercourse
between us, I have requested Sir Charles
Oakeley, the Governor of Fort St. George, to
whose care all the Letters which I have
the Honor to address to you are committed,
to make them the Channel of it, and
Captain Doveton on whose Discretion
I have the utmost Confidence will be
equally attentive to forward your Letter
to me. I have only to add that I shall
always rejoice at the receipt of any
informing me of your Welfare.—

/A true Copy/ /A true Copy/
/Signed/ J. H. Harington/ Signed/ A. S. Edmonstone
Sub Secy.— P.r. Sr.

To

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To Captain G. Doveton

Sir,

You have been furnished by the Governor General with his address of the 9th Instant to Tippoo Sultaun, and I am directed to inform you that in consequence of the wish expressed by the latter for the continuance of your mediation, as a means of friendly intercourse; and considering also the convenience of your Situation for the purpose, during your Command at Ryacotta the Governor General in Council has acquiesced in your being made the Channel of correspondence during your residence at the above Station and the Governor in Council at Fort St. George under whose orders you are to act, and thro' whom you are to conduct the whole of your Correspondence with this Government, will furnish you with the necessary Instructions for your guidance.—

I am

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2d I am directed to add however that it is not intended by employing you in this occasional Service to incur any charge to Government beyond what may be necessary for official & Servants and letter Carriers. —

I am &c. &c.

/Signed/ J. H. Harington
Sub Secretary

Fort William
the 11th July 1794

A true Copy
/Signed/ J. H. Harington
Sub Secry.

Minutes on the foregoing letter from Bengal. —

Resolved, on the arival of & Captain Doveton at the Presidency, that the necessary instructions be given to him accordingly, That Colonel Braithwaite be & directed to give orders to Lieutenant Dowse for destroying the whole of the Public & Buildings at Pondicherry, excepting only & those which may be indispensably requisite for the temporary accommodation of the & Troops to be continued at the Station. —

Read

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Read the following letter from

Bengal. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From Bengal - stating their Sentiments at large on the proposed Expedition against the Mauritius & requesting an explicit opinion as to the European Force requisite for the defence of the Carnatic the four additional Battalions to be raised at all Events suggestions on various other points. —

1 In our address of the 5th Instant we informed you that we should communicate to you our Sentiments at large, on the propos Expedition against the French Islands. —

2. We have already expressed our deci Sentiments, that the present State of the European force in India is not sufficie to justify the Subtraction from it of t Troops required for this undertaking. —

3 By the public dispatches we are informed that it is the Intention of the Court of Directors to send a Reinforcem of 2,200 Recruits to India, but without any positive

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positive assurance of their ability to procure
this number. We have no authority to
justify an expectation of any Troops to
complete his Majesty's Regiments. We
shall suppose therefore, an actual #
supply of 1500 Recruits, which, with the
Troops furnished by the Duteh, will #
make an addition of 2,300 Men to the #
present strength of the Military Establish=
=ment in India. On the other hand, some
allowance must be made for Casualties
amongst the European Soldiers now in
India, and a farther Reduction, on the
same ground, with respect to the Recruits,
before they are sufficiently inured to the
Climate, for Service. —

4 Under these considerations, We
should not probably be justified in #
assuming an accession of Strength at the
period of undertaking the Expedition #
beyond what we now possess, of more than
1500 Men

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1500 Men. —

5 Admitting the accuracy of the preced
suppositions and Calculations, which the
reduced State of the Military Establishment
in India compels us to enter into. — We a
still of opinion that after detaching 5000
European Rank and File against the Frenc
Islands, and the Artillery, the number th
remaining would by no means be sufficient
for the protection and Security of the Compa
Settlements. —

6 But as the suspension of the
Expedition admits of reference and disc
we cannot but wish to avail ourselves of
the benefit of your Sentiments on this
important Subject, and we request there
you will furnish us with your explicit
opinion, as to the European Force which
you may judge indispensably necessary
for the protection and Security of the Company
possessions under your Authority, — taking into
Consideration

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Consideration, at the same time, any practicable augmentation of your Native Troops either Infantry or Cavalry. —

7 The preceding observations have a # reference to the primary object of our care and attention, the Security of the Company's Settlements in India. The remaining # points for consideration involve the # number of Troops required for the ## Expedition. the practicability of procuring proper Transports, and protection of a Convoy of his Majesty's Ships. —

8 On the first point we are disposed to rely with Confidence on the opinion of Colonel Stuart, who, in addition to his professional abilities, for which we entertain the greatest respect, # has naturally availed himself of a variety and extent of Information, both in India and Europe, which we do not possess. —

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9 With respect to Transports, we
not at present prepared to give you correct
information on the Number which ca
be supplied from Bengal; but the
Governor General has directed Enquiries
to be made to this point, the result of wh
we shall communicate as soon as it
is obtained. —

10 On the subject of a Convoy, we mu
naturally wait the arrival of the Fleet, a
of the Dispatches sent by it, and all
that we shall say upon this subject,
that we conceive the protection and
Cooperation of Line of Battle Ships
indespensibly necessary. —

11 The circumstances, which we
have stated are not the only points
Consideration, previous to a Decision
on the propriety and practicability of
an attempt against the French Islands.

12 On the one hand, it is possible
that the French Nation, approved of
the

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the Meditated Expedition or apprehending it, may find the means of reinforcing their posefsion at the Islands, so far as to encrease the hazard of the undertaking & against them, whilst the Political & Situation of India may augment the danger attending the absence of our Force or, we may assume other Suppositions on both cases, that the Animosities of the Inhabitants at the Islands, and their distresses, may give additional encouragement to the & probability of a Successful Expedition & against them, even with a force inferior to what is now supposed necessary, and the & same may follow from the Success of the allied powers in Europe.—

13 Our Decision is not immediately called for, and it is only necessary to form it in time sufficient for completeating the & arrangements for the Expedition of it & should be ultimately resolved upon. But, in the mean time, We recommend to you & to

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to urge on our parts to the Commander of
his Majesty's Ships the necessity of
returning with a part or the whole of his
Squadron, to a Station off Mauritius, as
well for the purpose of cutting off supplies
as for the chance of obtaining Information
on the state of the Inhabitants at the
Islands, with a request, that if any
Information of importance should reach
him, particularly between this and the
Middle of October, he will immediately
communicate it. —

11 We also think it proper, at all events, that
you should compleat your Military Establishment
by the four additional Battalions. —

15 With respect to the Troops sent from
this Presidency, as well as those which have
been furnished by the Government of Ceylon
We desire that the former may remain at
Madras, and the latter, with the Consent of
the Dutch Government, be also retained at
Negapatam, unless the Dutch should
express

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express a Solicitude for their return, or you should be of opinion, considering the length of time which must intervene before the Expedition can take place, that it would be advisable.—

The Arrival of the remainder of the supply will depend upon future determination, and in the mean time it will be proper to advise the Government at Ceylon of the Resolution to defer the Expedition and if your intention to send for the Remainder of the Troops, which they promised to lend, whenever the resolution to proceed on it is formed.—

16 On certain points relating to the Expedition you are directed to Consult with the Commanders of his Majesty's Fleet, as well as Colonel Stewart, with respect to the latter, the Confidence reposed in him by His Majesty's Ministers, and the great responsibility which will remain with him in the event of carrying the Expedition into effect, suggest the propriety of a Communication on all Matters relating to it, and we shall be happy to

receive

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receive his Sentiments on any points of W
reference to you, or of consideration between
the two Governments, either by letter, or
personally, which the season, and opportunity
will now sufficiently admit. —

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Fort William
18th of July 1794. —

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

A Copy of the foregoing letter having
been furnished to Colonel Stuart his reply
now read. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt
Governor &c. &c. &c.
In Council

Honorable Sir,

I have had the honor to receive
W. Deputy Secretary Smee's letter of
the 2d instant, covering a copy of a letter
from the Governor General in Council dated 18

From Colonel Stuart with a letter for Bengal containing his sentiments on the objects pointed out by that Government - proposes a communication with the Islands be opened - and the means recommends Major F. Petrie for that Service. —

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to your Honorable Board.—

The respect due to the manner in which the Honorable the Governor General in Council has been pleased to call for communications with me, either personally or by letter seemed to render it proper, that I should take the present opportunity, of addressing through your Honorable & Board, the enclosed letter, which is & left open for your inspection.—

The objects that may possibly be & attained, by the service which he has recommended to his Majestys Squadron, are so very important that I am induced to recommend every possible & mode, of communicating as speedily as may be, with Captain Newcome for that purpose, and of urging him, by every argument, and the offer of every assistance, to undertake the service without any delay: And as in the & prosecution of the essential objects suggested by the Supreme Board, it may be found practicable not only to obtain very important military information, but even to enter & into

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into useful communication with the Islanders
it will be particularly desirable, that a suitable
Military Officer be deputed for these purposes,
with authority, in conjunction with the Comman
of his Majesty's Squadron, to avail themselve
of any opportunity that may occur, to negotiat
and conclude such Arrangements as circumsta
may render practicable and expedient; and fo
this purpose I would recommend Major Georg
Petrie of his Majesty's 77th Regement, in whos
professional talents, and qualifications fo
a Service of this nature, I have the most
entire confidence, assisted by such Officer as
he may select for the purpose and accompa
by Captain Conway, and such other Irene
Royalists, as in your opinion, may be like
to succeed, in opening communication wi
the Island. —

I have the honor to be,

Madras
4th August 1794

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) J. Stuart

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.
Governor General &c.a &c.a in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Colonel Stuart to Bengal —

The obliging manner in which yo
have been pleased to call for my opinion, either
personally

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personally or by Letter, on all points connected
with an eventual expedition against the
French Islands, in your communication
to the Madras Government under date the
18th July 1794, induces me to embrace the
present occasion of offering my respectful
acknowledgements for this testimony of your
confidence and good opinion.

As certain points connected with
your deliberations on this Subject will ✱
necessarily suspend your ultimate decision
until the arrival of the fleet— If in the
intermediate period there should be any ✱
point on which my endeavours to afford
you ample explanations to the utmost
extent of my information may ✱ ✱ ✱ ✱ ✱ ✱
not have been altogether satisfactory,
or if any other motives should occur which
may render my personal attendance desired
at Calcutta, at that, or any previous time,
I shall be happy, at an hour's notice to
proceed, and have the honor of ✱
receiving your Commands.— I ✱

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It is necessary, in the meantime,
in Obedience to your Commands to advert to the
points of your present communication on
which my sentiments are demanded; and it
is proper that I should be more particular
explicit with regard to the extent of
information, of which you appear to conside
me possessed, but which, in effect, amount
to nothing, by any means material,
beyond what is contained in the paper
of information already in possession of
your Honorable Board, regarding which
is scarcely necessary to observe that they
miserably defective in the most essential
points, and particularly in not ascertain
the possibility of effecting a descent under
Cover of our Ships at any one of the situa
where a landing in boats is represented as
practicable, with the exception of what
known with regard to the formidable
entrance of Port Louis. —

With regard to the number of
Troops that may be necessary for the
expedi

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expedition - as no intelligence has been received from the Mauritius subsequent to the opinions which I have already had the honor to submit, no cause has occurred to me for suggesting a any alteration in the extent or description of the force to be employed except what may arise from the probability that the most vulnerable parts of the Island have been carefully strengthned, since the intention of an expedition against it has been known - It will therefore remain to be determined by the result of those profound considerations so distinctly contrasted in your letter to the Madras Government under date the 18th July - how far a diminution in the proposed number of troops may be admissible, under one supposition, or an augmentation of them may be rendered indispensable by the other. -

The line of Conduct which you have been pleased to recommend to the Government here for the adoption of his Majesty's Squadron appears so indispensable for the attainment of Correct information

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on the important point to which you refer, that of
I shall take the liberty of suggesting to the
Government the expediency of procuring every
possible mode of communicating with the
Officer Commanding his Majesty's Squad
who, with part of it, is now absent, and
inducing them to proceed, without delay
on the Service you have suggested - and
I shall take the freedom further to recommend
an able Military Officer to embark on one
of the Ships, for the purpose of assisting
in the necessary investigations, and that
he be authorized, in Conjunction with
the Commander of his Majesty's Squad
in the event of their attempts to open a
communication proving successful, to
enter into such negotiations and conc
such Arrangements with the inhabitan
as Circumstances may render expedient
and, if none should admit, it would be
extremely desirable that your direction
be obtained relative to the nature and
extent of such Negotiations as you may
authoriz

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authorize, which, without such sanctions, must
necessarily be very Limited. —

Madras
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I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) J. Stuart
Col. 72nd Regt. &c.

True Copy
(signed) Danl. Ince
Depy Secy

Agreed that the following letters be
immediately dispatched. —

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

Honorable Sir.

1 We have had the Honor to receive &
your Letter of the 18th Ultimo, and have communicated
a Copy of it to Colonel Stuart, whose address to
you in consequence sent under a flying Seal
for our perusal is herewith enclosed. —

To Bengal forwarding Colonel Stuart's letter and advising of the References made to Colonel Braithwaite in regard to the European force requisite for the Defence of the Carnatic. —

2nd We have judged it proper to request
the opinion of the Commanding Officer of the
Troops

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Troops upon the point contained in the 6
6 Paragraph of your Letter, and so soon
as We receive his reply We shall have the
the Honor of addressing you again on the subject
3 Captain Newcome being at present
on a Cruize to the Southward We shall
immediately communicate to him your
recommendation with respect to the
Employment of His Majesty's Ships.—

We have the honor to be, with respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) Charles Oakeley.
&c. Council

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5th August 1794.—

To Henry Newcome Esq.
of His Majesty's Ship,
Orpheus

Sir,

To Captain Newcome &
suggesting that he returns
with a part or the whole of
his Squadron to a Station off
off Mauritius.—

We have received a letter from the
Governor General in Council of Bengal strongly
recommending it to us to urge on their
Behalf "the Necessity of your returning
"with a part or the whole of your Squadron
to

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"to a Station off Mauritius, as well for the
"purpose of calling off Supplies, as for the
"Chance of obtaining Information on the
"State of the Inhabitants at the Islands, &
"and requesting that if any Information
"of Importance should reach you, particularly
"between the Middle of October, you will
"immediately communicate it"

This is an object so intimately
connected with the Success of any future
attempt that it may be judged practicable
to make on the Island that We assure
ourselves it will engage your earliest attention—

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

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To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the
President in Council to inform you, that the
Governor General in Council of Bengal &
having

To Colonel Brathwaite & desiring his opinion on the point above extend to prepare an arrangement & for completing the Establishment

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having it still in contemplation to under-
take the proposed Expedition to the French
Islands next year, if Circumstances shall
appear favorable for the attempt, are desirous
of receiving an explicit opinion from us
"as to the European force which We may
"judge indespensably necessary for the
"Protection and Security of the Company's
"Possessions under our Authority taking into
"Consideration, at the same time, any
"practicable augmentation of our Native
"Troops either Infantry or Cavalry."—

Upon this point, the President
in Council wishes to have the benefit
of your professional opinion before he replies
to the Letter abovementioned, and he desires in
consequence that you will communicate it
as early as may be convenient

The Governor General in Council
having also resolved upon Expediency of
completing our Military Establishment
by

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by the four additional Battalions, I am directed
to desire you will propose an arrangement for
the purpose and submit it for his approbation

I am Sir &c &c

Signed/ W. C. Jackson
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The Board entirely concur in opinion
with Colonel Stuart, in regard to the expediency
of opening a Communication with the
Islands by the means he has suggested, &
will take the earliest opportunity; after
the return of Captain Newcome, of communicating
to him their Ideas on this Subject — They further
approve, and will pay attention to Colonel
Stuart's recommendation for the Employment
of Major Petrie for the purpose of assisting
in the attainment of the objects in view

On receipt of the above instructions &
from Bengal, the following Letter was written
to the Government at Columbo

To

For the minute on the
forgoing Subject

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To the Honorable I. W. Van Graaf

Governor &c. Council

at Columbo

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

To Columbo relating to the suspension of the Expedition and request to know their wishes in regard to the Troops destined at Negapatam & shall send for Commodore Mitchell.

We have the Honor to inform you that in consequence of unforeseen circumstances, which have detained our Fleet beyond the time proposed for their leaving England, the Governor General in Council of Bengal has resolved to postpone the intended Expedition for Mauritius this Season. But as he has not still in Contemplation to undertake it, if practicable, early in the next year, we hope in that event you will find it equally convenient to spare the same force which you have so obligingly promised to supply the absence of our Troops from the Coast.—

We have received advice of the arrival of the four Companies sent to Negapatam. We know not under the present Circumstances whether it may be agreeable to you that they should remain on the Coast until the Government of Bengal have determined on the expediency of attempting the object

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object next season, but if you wish, in the interim, that they should be returned to Columbo, We will immediately send them to you.-

With respect to the Troops that you propose to have in readiness at Tiruvalay We imagine it will be easy, at any time, to bring them from that side of the Island in a very few days, and We shall accordingly take the liberty of sending for them whenever the Resolution to proceed on the Expedition is formed.-

We are, &c. &c.

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

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2d August 1794.-

Read the following letter from Bengal

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

Honorable Sir.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 3d Instant, enclosing Copies of those addressed to you by the Nabob, Colonel Martinz and Mr. Macleod upon the disputes between the Rajah of Ramnaad

From Bengal further Instructions respecting the Rajah of Ramnaad and his Claims to the Territory of Shevagunga

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Rammaad, and the Cheroltar or Manager of Shevegunga.—

2 In our Letter of the 7th of this Month, written in Answer to your reference of the 18th of June, upon the same Subject, we left it to your discretion to adopt such measures as might appear to you most advisable for restoring the Authority of the Company which had been set at defiance by the intemperate disputes between the Naick and the Cheroltar, and more particularly by the Conduct of the former the motives that have induced his Hostilities against the Cheroltar of Shevegunga as far as we can judge of them from the Papers transmitted to us with your last Letter are in the highest degree unjustifiable and reprehensible; and point out the necessity of taking decided steps for supporting the authority of the Nabob and for restoring the Peace of the Country.—

3 If any further lights into the Origin of the disputes between them and the Cheroltar should be attained, you will of course communicate them to us, and, as we observe the

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the Rajah of Ramnaad asserts a claim to the territory of Sheveganga, as having belonged to his Ancestors, We think it proper you should inform him that, altho' he cannot be allowed to take justice into his own hands, and his refractory Conduct might justify a confiscation of the lands in his possession, he may be assured of an impartial investigation of any claim he may have to Sheveganga on his submitting the same to the Nabob in the manner proposed by the latter.—

We are &c. &c.

(Signed) " J. Shore
" Peter Speke
" Wm. Cowper

Fort William
18th July 1794.—

Resolved that the Governor General in Council be informed, that, for the reasons assigned on the Minutes of last Consultation, the Board are under the necessity of postponing, for a few months, those measures of Coercion which the Rajah's

Resolutions in consequence.—

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Rajah's Contumacy seems to require; and that, in the mean time, they have directed a more particular investigation to be made into the Subjects of dispute between him and &c. the Cherokar of Shevagunga, and especially with a view to ascertain the truth of the fact alledged against the former, that he continued hostilities after he had received the Governor's letter positively directing him to desist, and after the Cherokar, in &c. compliance with a similar order, had laid down his Arms.—

Resolved that a Copy of the &c. foregoing letter be sent to the Board &c. of Revenue, with orders to transmit &c. such directions to Mr. Powney as may appear to them suitable, on occasion of the additional instructions contained &c. therein.—

Read the following Letter from Colonel Brathwaite.—

To