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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge

From Colonel Braithwaite urging arguments relative to the Situations of Barrack Masters, and to Staff appointments in general in consequence of the late division from Bengal — remarks on stating his Secretary's Rank and standing in the Service. —

the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 30th Ultimo, in which was enclosed a Letter for Lieutenants Capper and Wilkes Barrack Masters, which shall be immediately forwarded to them; also Copy of a Letter from the Supreme Government of the 7th Ultimo, conveying their sentiments relative to the reference made by the Barrack Masters, which has determined you to let them remain in office 'till the pleasure of the Court of Directors is known. — As the opinion of the Supreme Government may induce the Honorable the Court of Directors to determine that these appointments shall be established as permanent, I request you to urge to the Honorable Court the propriety, May I may say necessity, in that case, of ordering that the

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the fixed Staff shall no longer be Kept on the
strength of Corps, but be considered as Supernumerary
to the Establishment; I am sensible that this has
already been urged, but it may be necessary to
call the attention of the Honorable Court to
the subject, more particularly, on this occasion
I need not I believe adduce any Arguments to
prove that Captains Commanding Native
Battalions can never, without great prejudice to
the Service, be employed as Staff, except in such
a particular case as that of Captain Cuppage,
whose Battalion being Stationed at Trichinopoly
is attended to as much by him, although Secretary
to Colonel Floyd, as if he was not Secretary. —
Upon the principle then that Staff
appointments, at least of a certain description,
should be given to experienced Officers, which
is a principle that Cannot be Controverted, it
will of course happen that they will fall
to Captains or such Officers as will be soon
Captains, consequently if they are permanent
appointments it must happen in the course
of a few years, that there will be few or no

Captains

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Captain to do duty with the European
Regiments - The whole number of Captain
with the European Regiments are thirty
two - Out of these, at this time, there #
are eight on the Staff List - Consequently
totally detached from all care of their
Companies, and all Regimental Duty,
the three oldest Lieutenants, consequently
the first for Promotion, are all on the #
Staff, which will then make eleven, and
it follows as a matter of course that in #
a few years the far greater part of the
Captains will be in Staff Appointments. -

Hitherto it has been pretty #
much the practice to give these appoint=
=ments to young Officers, and these, if
their Appointments are to be permanent
will rise to the highest Situations #
in the Army, having little or no Experience
in regard to the internal Oconomy, #
Details, and Discipline of Corps, which #
is

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is, in my opinion, a matter meriting a serious Consideration.—

As the observation of the Supreme Government relative to my Recommendation of Lieutenant Wilson must I think have arisen from their having mistaken him for some other of the name, it may not be improper in me to inform you that Lieutenant Walter Wilson, the Officer I recommended, is within two years as old an Officer as the oldest Barrack Master in the Service, of the same years standing with the two next Barrack Masters, and three years an older Officer than Lieutenant Wilkes the fourth Barrack Master; and on reference to the dates of the appointments of the present Barrack Masters as such it will appear, that in January 1795 when it was proposed that he should be nominated to one of these Offices, he will be six years an older Officer than the present Senior Barrack Master was when he was

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was appointed, seven years an Older Officer than the two next, and ten years older than the Junior Barrack Master— He is an Officer of above Sixteen years standing, and consequently an high and experienced Officer in the Subaltern line - and so long as the present System continues of keeping the staff on the strength of Corps, I cannot well recommend Officers for these Duties who are not Subalterns, for the reasons before mentioned, namely the small number of Captains on the Establishment exclusive of those who Command Native Battalions, I flatter myself therefore, that if the Supreme Government had known this to be the Lieutenant Wilson recommended by me, that they would not, on reflecting on the inconveniency which arises from having Captains in such numbers detached from their Regemental Duties, have thought Lieutenant Wilson an Officer not sufficiently old in the Service for the Situation.—

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

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
August 1st. 1794.—

Agreed.

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Minute thereon

Agreed, in our next advices to the Honorable Court, to refer to the arguments urged by Colonel Brathwaite relative to the situation of the Barrack Masters, and to the staff & & appointments of the Army in general. —

" Chas. Oakeley

" E. H. Fallofield

" Edwd. Wetton

Ex. Edwyn Parry
Mo. Govt.

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6th Despatched the undermentioned Letters, Entered in M. B. Nos. 57. 58. 59.—

To Mr. Secretary Hay.— To Secretary at Bengal with Copies of the General Letters to England per Sugar Cane.—

To Auditor General To Military Auditor General his Superiors upon the different changes in the Abstracts of the Kings Regiments, approved the necessary instructions to be given to the Paymaster General.—

To Major Fraser To Commandant at Walajahbad permitting him to visit the Presidency.—

8th Received the following letter.—

To W. C. Jackson
Secretary
Fort St. George

Sir,

From Captain Read stating his opinion as to the admission of the people lately expelled from Mysore into the Ceded Districts.—

I request that, in answer to your letter requesting my opinion with regard to the admission of the mussulmen lately expell'd Tippoos Country into these districts you will inform the Honble the president in council that previous to the admission

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admission of them I informed myself as to
their numbers and disposition, and was
confident that nothing was to be apprehended
from them, on the contrary I was advised
of the advantage which the acquisition
of them would be to the country could
they be prevailed to settle in it. They
have been afford land on very favorable
terms, and advances of money for
cultivation and trade, but a few
hundreds only have agreed to stay, by
much the greater part of them,
having passed through these districts
to the Carnatic, Cuddapa and
Cornaul / whence they were mostly
brought by Hyder / and the Nizams
country - I believe the chief reason
is, that by much the greated part
of them are sepoys and Sagreens who can
procure a livelihood in those countries more
suitable to their habits than they could
in these. -

I am &c &c

(Signed) A. Read

Baramahl
August 4th 1794.

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Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M B N.o 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68.

From Monsieur Jourdan. — From Monsieur Jourdan — requesting the release of his Nephew Monsieur La motte / a Prisoner at Illore / upon A his Parole. —

From Paymaster General. — From military Paymaster General with an additional Estimate of Cash for August. —

From adjutant General. — From adjutant General A Captain J. M. Chalmers requests leave to return to Europe. —

From Colonel A Brathwaite. — From Commander of the Army on the subject of the Loss sustained by A Lieutenant Williamson and Leonard, by the Death of their horses — in consequence of the Stabling at Conatore taking fire — letters enclosed. the Paymaster at Palamcotah A refuses to grant to the Deputy Gram A agent of the 3.d Regement of Cavalry a receipt for Stoppages made by him for Gram — Copy of letter from Captain A Wahab enclosed. —

From

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From Chief Engineer

From Chief Engineer - reporting the Obstacles thrown in the way of the Contractor's people employed in collecting Materials. -

From Lieutenants Warne W. Wilson and Gurnell. -

From Lieutenants Warne W. Welson and Gurnell - requesting Copy of Captain Maynes Court martial in 1789. -

From Colonel Nixon

From Commandant at Cuddalore Monsieur B. St. michael - F. Robert - a Laurent and madam Aubert - request a Subsistence. -

From Captain Bowser. -

From Ditto - at Kystar - the Serjeants Quarters, Store rooms &c. require repair - probable expense. -

From Town major

From Town Major - requesting permission to provide Clothing for the - French Prisoners taken by the Squadron. -

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in m B. Nos. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85 & 86. 87. -

To Accountant General

To Accountant General transmitting Six proposals of Contract for Cloathing the Army, with instructions for preparing a comparative Statement. -

To Lieutenant Grant. -

To acting Barrack master at the Presidency - directing him to take charge

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8th Charge of the Buildings purchased from Mr. Popham — may hire quarters for the Sergeants of the 3d Battalion, until others can be provided by the Company. —

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions with Copies of the Reports of the Auditor General upon his different Estimates for August. —

To Mr. Cockburn

To Colonel Stuart

To Colonel Stuart — his address to the Bengal Government forwarded — and his recommendation in favor of major Petrie approved, and will be adopted. —

To Auditor General

To military Auditor General the whole of the Charges under the Head of Committee of Works at Masulipatam to be passed, until an Establishment of Artificers can be fixed. —

To Ditto

To Ditto notifying the above Orders to the acting Barrack master at the Presidency, and the permission to the Town Major for providing Clothing for the French Prisoners. —

To Ditto

To Ditto — advising of the purchase of major Young's House at Arcot — and directing the payment of the purchase money to him or his order. —

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To Colonel Brathwaite 8.vo

To Commander of the Army - Lieutenant Dowse to be ordered to destroy the whole of the publick Buildings at Pondicherry, excepting what may be absolutely necessary for quartering the troops of the Garrison — Copy of a letter from Captain Wahab enclosed — with directions for his expelling the party of Chil Naigs people. —

To Ditto

To Ditto - Captain Lindsay to resume the Command of Permacoil — Lieutenant Colonel Smiths situation will be favorably noticed to the Court of Directors. —

To Chief Engineer

To Chief Engineer — desiring an Estimate of the Expence of fitting up part of the Buildings in the Black Town as quarters for the Serjeants of the 3.d Battalion

To Quarter Master General

To Quarter Master General — with Copies of the Reports of the Auditor General upon the Estimate of the Bullock Agency — and of Chicacole for August. —

To Major Smart &.c Agents. —

To Mysore Priize Agents transmitting Copy of letter from the Resident at Poona, relative to their claim upon the Mahrattas. —

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To Lieutenant Deighton and Lt Hadow

To Commandants at Nellore and Rampore - desiring them to procure information respecting the Reddy of Pelly Peter and Joyram Reddy - Copy of Captain Kirkpatricks letter Enclosed. -

To T. Light Esqr.

To Governor at Prince of Wales Islands - enclosing a letter for Commodore Michell. -

To Captain Michell

To Captain Michell, directing him to return with his Squadron to Bengal

To Town Major

To Town Major - may provide Slops for the French Prisoners landed from the Squadron. -

To Clerk of the Treasury. -

To Clerk of the Treasury. -

directing Advances for the Grain and Provisions Department and Bullock Agency for August. -

To Ditto -

To Ditto -

deliver up to Mr. G. Taylor the Bills of Sale of Houses, deposited by him as Security.

To Mr. Paymaster Wynch

To Paymaster at Walajabad. -

requiring him to produce Security in the Sum of ten thousand Pagodas. -

Received the undermentioned

To Paymaster at Gr. Walajabad

Letters Entered in my B. No. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94.

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From Secretary at Bombay.—

From Secretary at Bombay—
with Bill of Lading of Water Casks shipped
on the Fatty Salam.—

From Ditto

From Ditto—forwarding a
Duplicate of the Despatch of the Secret
Committee dated 25th March—received overland

From Chief at Tutocoryn.—

From Chief at Tutocoryn—
advising that the Danish Vessel, with
French Families on Board, had already
sailed from thence.—

From Mr. Gordon

From Acting Resident at
Ganjam—with Copy of a letter of apology
of Lieutenant Orrok—and expressing a
hope that the Inquiry into his late
Conduct may be countermanded.—

From Lieutenant
Orrok.—

From Lieutenant Orrok—
—requesting to resign the Command of the
Troops in Ganjam.—

From Mr. Ulktosh

From the Assistant to the
Resident at Poona—advising of the
Arrival of Meer Allum on a Deputation
from the Nizam, for settling some
differences between the two Courts.—

From Lieutenant
Colonel Campbell

From Commandant at
Palamcotah advising that all the
French

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From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell

9th French Prisoners excepting the Officers are about to be sent to Tutocoryn — at the desire of the Dutch Chief. —

Sent the following letter. —

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

of Fort William

Honble Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 8th ulto. & relative to the Disputes between the & Rajah of Ramnad poram and the & Cherokar of Shevengunga. —

To Bengal — advising of the cause of — suspending any measures against the Rajah of Ramnad for the present month and that a particular Enquiry into the subjects of Dispute will be made in meantime. —

Being informed by Colonel Marting, who commands at Ramnad, that the Country, from a severe drought is at present unable to afford the means of subsistence to any troops that might be sent thither we are under the necessity of postponing for a few months those measures of & Coercion which the Rajas contumacy & seems to require. In the mean time we have directed a more particular Investigation to be made into the subjects of Dispute between him and the Cherokar of & Shevegunga

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Shevegunga and especially with a view to
ascertain the truth of the fact alleged
against the Rajah that he continued hostilities
after he had received the Governors Letter
positively directing him to desist, and after
the Cherokar in compliance with a similar
Order, had laid down his arms. —

We have the honor to be
with respect. —

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&c. &c.
(Signed) Chas Oakeley
&c. Council

To David Haliburton Esq.r
&c. members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

We transmit herewith Copy
of a letter from the Governor General in
Council on the subject of the hostilities
committed by the Rajah of Ramnad A
against the Cherokar of Shevagunga and
desire that you will send such directions
to Mr. Downey as may appear to you A
suitable, on occasion of the additional A
instructions contained therein — Copy of
another

to Board of Revenue
with orders on the
above subject — and
to furnish Copies
of the English answers
before required for
the Rajah of Tanjore

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9th another letter from the Cherokee to our President is also enclosed for your information

The Rajah of Tanjore having repeated his application for Copies in English of the Summa Kerch Accounts of the Collections made from his Country during the Assumption, we desire you will give orders for their being prepared as speedily as possible.-

We are &c. &c.

/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley

&c. Council

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103.-

To Commandant at Ryacottah advising of the Party proceeding to Seringapatam from hence in charge of Letters and Presents for Tippoo - instructions respecting the Escorts.-

To Commandant at Ryacottah.-

To Beach master - requiring information respecting the Parcel, containing masters of Cavalry Accoutrements, sent to him for the purpose of being forwarded to Bengal.-

To Beach master

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To Garrison & Storekeeper.—

To Garrison Storekeeper—with Bills of Lading of Ghee, shipped on the H Fort William and Success Galley—instructions respecting it.—

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General notifying the advance ordered for the repair of the Bridges, of the Canals, and Prisons of the Choultry Court at Pondicherry.—

To Mr. Skardon

To Paymaster at Pondicherry —ordering the advance.—

To Colonel Nixon

To Commandant at Ditto—advising of the above.—

To Military Board

To military Board—directing them to call for an Estimate of the Repairs required to the Barracks and Quarters at Tanjore—the Bills for Ordnance Work passed

To Ditto—the planking of the North Pavelion Bridge to be repaired and the Matting for the Body Guard to be completed for 100 Horses—Letter from Chief Engineer, and Estimates of the same, H enclosed—and an application in favor of a Serjeant of the Royal Artillery referred.—

To Ditto

To Commandant at Arcot.—

To Commandant at Arcot—directing him to furnish an Estimate of the repairs indispensably necessary for

preserving

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9th preserving the Barracks and Stabling near that place, during the monsoon.—

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.—

11th Received letter from the Nabob Entered in C C. No. 139 requesting a supply of three thousand muzquets for his Hibbentry in the Tinnivelly Province.—

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B No. 104. 105. 106. 107 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116.—

From Accountant General.—

From Accountant General enclosing Lists of the King's and Company's Field officers entitled to share in the P Gratuity Fund from 1st may 1793 to 30th april 1794.—

From Beach master.—

From Beach master giving the information required of him.—

From the Resident at Hydrabad.—

From the Resident at Hydrabad stating Rae Dada Row a Servant of that P State has been robbed of his Effects by a Party of Bunjarries near Dachapilly in the Guntoor Circar, and requesting that measures may be taken for the recovery of the same.—

From Lieutenant Imeson.—

From Lieutenant Imeson 74th Regement requesting to be appointed P adjutant to the Garrison of Ponnamalee.—

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From Masulipatam — From Masulipatam — on the subject of Mr. Topping's Complaint against Captain Johnston, and exculpatory of his conduct. —

From Ditto — From Ditto — recommending the disposal of various old materials on hand there belonging to the Company — the Battery &c. at Coringa require repair. —

From Major Orr — From Commandant of 5th Regiment of Cavalry — requesting leave to visit the Presidency. —

From military Storekeeper. — From Military Storekeeper — requesting an advance of Cash for the Provision of Stores ordered to be made up a List transmitted. —

From Mr. Torriens — From Resident at Nagore — the Anna arrived there — encloses two letters from Tutocorin — with Accounts of Expences incurred for the Dutch Troops. —

From Ditto — From Ditto — forwarding a Letter from Colombo. —

From Mr. Jas Wynch. — From Paymaster at Wallajabad &c. stating that the Board are already in possession of his Security. —

From Vizagapatam — From Vizagapatam — have placed the European Infantry and Artillery

From Messrs Duncan — × From Messrs Duncan requesting Payment of Sundries for Stores furnished other Detachments from Palamcottah — and

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19th and 20th Battalion upon the same footing as the other Troops in the District, in point of allowances.—

From Commandant at P

From major Fraser.— Walajabad the Barracks at that place in great want of Repair.—

Sent the undermentioned Letters

Entered in 66 Nos. 140–141.—

To the Nabob again representing

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.— the Obstacles to the provision of materials & and Workmen at Trichinopoly—and urging His Highness to a removal of them—no measures yet taken for removing the ordnance and Stores set apart for his Highness at Pondicherry.—

To Ditto—stating the irregularities and violences committed by some Tanjore Cavelgars who have taken refuge in Warriore Pollam and other Districts of the Circar—and requesting that his Amildars be ordered to compel them to quit them present retreats.—

Ditto Ditto

Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters Entered in 67 Nos. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121

To Secretary at Bengal—& advising of the Proceedings in the military and

To Mr. Secretary Hay.—

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11th and Political Departments from the 27th March to 31st December 1793 having been forwarded to Bengal on the Ship Amelia.—

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General referring the Estimate of the Paymaster General for August.—

To Lieutenant Dighton.—

To Commandant at Vellore informing him that the Nabob has been written to on the Subject of the conduct of his Shoucadar—and directing him in the mean time to observe conciliating & behaviour towards him.—

To Mr. Polack

To Mr. Z Polack—enclosing the Copies of papers he applied for.—

To Colonel Floyd

To Commandant at Trichinopoly the Nabob has been addressed on the Subject of the difficulties experienced by the Contractors for Repairs—Captain Hennings Claims cannot, at this late period, be attended to.—

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Sent the following letter Entered also in B. B. No. 142.—

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To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

&c &c &c &c &c

May it please your Highness!

I have had the Honor to receive your Highness's Letter of the 1st Instant, and am concerned that your Highness should have deemed the Representation made by the Officer Commanding at Nellore so exceptionable, though it appears to have proceeded from a point of duty intimately connected with the trusts he holds from this Government. —

To the Nabob expressing concern that he should hold Lieut. Dighton's representation so exceptionable and surprize at the allusion to the situation of Vizieram Tauze.

It must always afford me the greatest pleasure to manifest my sense of your Highness's unremitting regard for the Company; and, upon this principle, where I see any cause which may lead, however remotely, to the smallest misunderstanding between any of your Highness's officers and those of the Company, I feel anxious to remove it; being satisfied that I cannot better shew my desire to preserve your esteem and to forward the purposes of mutual friendship. —

Lieutenant Dighton could not possibly mean to prevent the free entrance of your Highness's servants, &

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into the Fort he commands, but, seeing the
danger of misunderstandings and disputes
from the admission of an unlimited Number
of Sepoys not under his controul, he P
thought it prudent to represent it,
and I am inclined to hope your Highness
will not disapprove this Caution since it
is evidently inclined to preserve that harmony
which we reciprocally desire. -

Your Highness, writing under
the impression of displeasure at the
Conduct of Lieutenant Dighton, observes
that had it not been for the attention
shewn to you by Lord Cornwallis - by
Sir John Shore, and myself, your P
situation, from the Conduct of some P
Individuals, would have been as desperate
or worse than that of Vizeramrauze - I am
at a loss to conceive the meaning of this
allusion, since the situation of Vizeramrauze
was occasioned by his own misconduct,
which carried him into a daring and P
armed Rebellion against the Company, and
forced their Government, after trying the
most conciliating measures without [illegible]

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12th to proceed against him by a military Force. —

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I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

At a Consultation
Present
The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor — President
Ernst William Falloficld
and
George Westcott Esquires

Tuesday
12th August 1794

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved. —

Read the following letters
from the Officer commanding the Army. —

To the Hon.ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

From Colonel Brathwaite stating his sentiments with respect to the European Force necessary for the defence of the Carnatic — submits Draft of a General Order for the new Levies — proposes that the native cavalry be augmented — and an additional Bounty for Every Recruit. —

Hon.ble Sir,

I have now, according to
the best of my judgement, the Honor
to reply to your commands conveyed in
Mr. Secretary Ince's Letter of the 4th
Instant, which I received yesterday. —

I have

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I have not any means of
obtaining any precise information of the
views and intentions of the surrounding
Country Powers, of their present military
Establishments, or their resources, but, as
I cannot be altogether ignorant of them,
or an idea that it might be possible for
them to take advantage of any weakness
on our part, and knowing them to be
capable of rapid decisions and movements
as a professional man I have constantly
wished to provide for the better security
of this Country, and have thought it an
essential part of my Duty to point out
to your Honor in Council the weak state
of our native Establishment, both in
point of numbers and from its extensively
scattered distribution, and have anxiously
looked for the Augmentation now proposed
and for the means of so disposing a respectable
part of our force that it might be more
Centrically collected and put in motion – and
as my thoughts have been more particularly
engaged on important subject since I first
knew of the intention of sending so Considerable

a force

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a force from this Coast on an Expedition to the Islands, I am prepared to submit my P professional opinion on the subject required without delay. -

Waving every idea of offensive war to be undertaken from the Carnatic, P I have been decidedly of opinion that, in the event of the Force lately required being to be employed on an Expedition to the French Islands, no time should be lost in completing the originally intended Native Establishment to six Brigades by the raising four new Battalions as now proposed, and it will P appear that this augmentation to our Native Establishment is what I have uniformly P recommended merely on defensive principles, ever before it was in Contemplation to P part with as much of our Force, and it gives me great pleasure to learn that P the measure is now resolved upon. -

In the event of our being to part with the Force required, namely three hundred Artillery, all His majesty's Infantry Regiments, so large a proportion of the Honble Company's European Infantry and

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and two thousand Native Infantry I think we shall require to be reinforced from Bengal or Bombay with not less than two hundred Effective European Artillery, and somewhat more than two thousand Rank and file European Infantry, and six Native Battalions, and I could wish it to be so Arranged, if Circumstances admit, that this Presidency may have the option of detaining all the Cadets and Recruits of the Season destined for Bengal - My idea in short is that this Country cannot be said to be in a proper state of Defence, unless, after providing for the principal Garrison, it can promptly assemble in the Field an Army of ten thousand Men, or something very near that Force, of which three thousand five hundred or thereabouts should be Europeans, namely, three hundred Artillery, two hundred Cavalry, and three thousand Infantry - the rest to be Natives, and one thousand or twelve Hundred of them, Cavalry; and this I think the proposed Augmentation and the Reinforcement I have named would enable us to do, as we were now

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now to be in good train for a supply of P
Horses, and there is no doubt in case of P
emergency many could be procured in the
Carnatic.-

And I would recommend
that as soon as it is determined to undertake
the Expedition against the Islands, that P
Arrangements should be set on foot for
Completely equipping this Force, and that
such a disposition should be made of it, as
would enable us soon to collect it and put
it in motion.-

What we are to derive from
Bengal & Bombay is simple and clear, and
the stationing of it easy, on its arrival. It
remains then to be shown how we can P
most securely collect that part of the Force
which we must ourselves furnish, and P
this I would propose to do as follows - Observing
that with regard to the Artillery, if three
reinforced, we shall have no difficulty to
furnish the number required.-

I have no doubt of being
able to draw from His Majesty's 19th Regiment

of

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of Dragoons the number of European
Cavalry proposed, or more, nor have any
doubt of mounting the number of Native
Cavalry I have spoken of, nay I should
suppose that it will be practicable to
mount Completely with proper Horses the
Dragoons of His Majesty's 19th Regiment
which would be a very desirable thing.—

Pondicherry is no longer
a fortified place, it would not be difficult
to provide for its police by Peons, and to
draw from thence the European Battalion
Completed to 500 Rank and file, and
the Native Battalion now there, or whatever
other Corps may be brought thither, and
they cannot till the Plan proposed of a
Cantonment at Arnee can be effected, be
better situated for the purpose than at
Pondicherry — One of the new Native
Battalions should be raised at —
Tricheinopoly, and one of the old Battalions
drawn from thence to Pondicherry — the
same should be done at Tanjore — One
new Battalion should be raised at —

Madras

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Madras, when we shall then be able to send an old Battalion to Wallajaubad – one new Battalion should be raised to Vellore, which will give three Battalions to Vellore and to Amboor – one of the two old Battalions may be then sent to Wallajaubad, as may also the European Battalion completed to 500 and this it will not be difficult to do and provide also for the Security of Madras (which will have three entire Native Battalions) from our Supernumeraries – by a proper Collection of the Europeans & Invalids, and application of the Recruits which we have every reason to expect, and if we are allowed to detain those for Bengal I should hope we shall be able to keep up our numbers required for the Field – Arcot must furnish three Companies for Tiager, and the Battalion in Tiager be also drawn to Wallajaubad – Thus will the Carnatic be able to provide sufficiently for its Garrisons, to check the Tributaries, and have a nearly collected force sufficient, including the Reinforcement

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to oppose any Invasion - namely, all the Cavalry and Artillery proposed or more, three thousand Rank and file European Infantry and twelve Compleat Native Battalions, after the force required for the Expedition is withdrawn - For the Native part of that Force, I would propose to Collect in the manner in which it was lately so successfully done - by Details from such Corps in Garrison as can best spare them, and to be immediately then Recruited. I would recommend that the Native Regiments of Cavalry upon the reduced Establishment be now augmented in Men to the War Establishment, as it takes some time from good Horsemen - and with the dismounted Cavalry I would propose to Garrison Armee - If we should have the means of mounting them, and their services should be required with the Army in the Field or against Polygers who very inconsiderately stand more in awe of them than of any Troops, though in fact they can be least injurious to them, I think a Battalion

may

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may be sent from Madras to Arnee. —

It may appear that upon defensive preinciples — namely, to form an army that is not to move into the Enemy's Country, I might withdraw more Troops & from the Garrisons, so as not to require as many Native Battalion from Bengal or & Bombay, but, when I consider the Force we are to part with, the great extent of our & Territory and how many turbulent & Zemeindars and Polygers it includes, who may be very distant from the positions it may be necessary for the Army to occupy that it is not good policy too much to & weaken our Garrisons of Check — such a measure, is always followed in this & Country, I have reason to believe, by a & failure of Revenue, at least, which must greatly encrease the inconveniences of War. —

War in the Carnatic however I am inclined to think will not be the consequence of our Employing so large a Force on a foreign Expedition, if matters are arranged as I have now had the honour to submit

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Submit to your Consideration for thus I think we shall be as well prepared to resist any invasion, that none will be attempted—and the Zemindars and Polygars seeing our Resources for resisting any Foreign Enemy, without much lessening the checks upon them, while we have, at the same time, sent such a Force on Foreign Service, will be effectually awed into good Behaviour..

Our present want of Ensigns is such, that it will not be in my power to officer just now the four new Battalions but I trust that difficulty will cease on the arrival of the expected fleet; and in the mean time I propose to give to each of them a Captain and adjutant so well selected, that I have no doubt of the Battalions being almost immediately brought forward to a considerable degree of utility.—

In regard to the most practicable means of augmenting our Native Establishment, either Cavalry or Infantry, having well Considered the great difficulty of procuring

Horses

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Horses I almost despair of compleating the present Establishment – and as yet cannot take upon me to point out any mode for augmenting it – If the hopes given to P Lieutenant Montgomery of large supplies of Horses by the way of Cochin prove well founded, the Augmentation of the Cavalry may then perhaps be attempted, and here P Honble Sir, it may not be improper to inform you, that I find that the Bengal Establishment and this are unfortunately obliged to have recourse to the same markets Captain Dallas would have been able P to have sent us 200 more Horses now, but that they were bought up by an Officer from Bengal – Perhaps the Presidency of Bengal is so circumstanced as to be able to assist this with three or four hundred Horses – If this can be done, and the P Supply promised to Lieutenant Montgomery arrives, we may be able nearly to P compleat our Cavalry Establishment, but as it now wants three hundred and P sixty one Troopers and thirteen hundred and

Ninety

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Ninety one Horses to Complete, I see little or no prospect of ever being able to augment it

In regard to augmenting our Infantry Establishment, I conceive it will not be difficult, provided, a Bounty of ½ half a Pagoda is given, besides the Jamam a day allowed to Recruits – and this I would recommend to be allowed 'till the four new Battalions, and such augmentation as may be ordered, is compleated – after which time the Bounty to be discontinued – The addition of one Howitzer and one Saique and 8 eighteen Seapoys to every Company would give us, on the whole thirty six Battalions an augmentation of five thousand seven hundred and sixty Firelocks, and is the mode I would recommend as productive of the least expence at the present, and such as would no way encumber us with Supernumeraries of any kind ℔ probably at the end of a War –

If we do not receive large Supplies of Arms from Europe by the expected fleet we must have ℔

recourse

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recourse to Bengal or Bombay for Muskets, as we shall not otherwise be able to arm such an Establishment - And as Saddles and Cavalry accoutrements take some time in preparing, I would recommend that the Cavalry Regiments should be provided to the Amount of the Establishment suppose Compleat. -

Enclosed I have the Honor to lay before you the arrangements Promotions, and appointments which occur to me as necessary on the present occasion. -

I have the Honor to be with Respect. -

Head Quarters
Chowltry Plain
August 6th 1794.

&c. &c.
(Signed) John Braithwaite

The following Promotions, appointments and Removals are submitted to the consideration of Government by Colonel Braithwaite, in consequence of the intended augmentation, with his recommendation that they may be adopted, to which end he has

thrown

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thrown them into the form of an order by Government — Lieutenant Colin Campbell would have been included in the following list, but that Lieutenant Pierce's removal makes a vacancy for him in the Line he is now acting in. —

G. O. By Government

The Honorable the President in Council having resolved to complete the native Establishment to Six Brigades as originally intended, is pleased to order that four new Native Battalions be raised without delay, to be numbered the 33d. 34th. 35th. and 36th. Battalions of native Infantry. —

The 33d. Battalion to be raised at the Presidency, and, in order to accelerate the completion of this Corps, it is to receive the additionals lately raised by the 3d. 10th. 11th. and 19th. Battalions. —

The 34th. Battalion to be raised at Vellore, to receive the additionals lately raised by the 6th. and 16th. Battalions. —

The 35th. Battalion at Trichinopoly to receive the additionals lately raised by

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the 1st. 5th. and 31st. native Battalions. -

The 36th. Battalion - at Tanjore

to receive the additionals lately raised by the

2d. 13th. 25th. and 24th. Battalions. -

The supernumerary Subedars

Jemidars Havildars and Naigues now on the

Establishment, to be distributed to the new

Battalions. -

In consequence of the A

foregoing resolutions the following Promotions

appointments and Removals to take place. -

Major Alexander Wynch to

be Lieutenant Colonel, pursuant to the

completion of the 6th. Brigade - Date of

Commission 6th. August 1794. -

Captain William Bruce to

be major - vice Wynch promoted - Date of

Commission 6th. August 1794. -

Captain Archibald Brown

to be major pursuant to the completion

of the 6th. Brigade - Date of Commission

6th. August 1794. -

Captain Thomas Dunwoody

to be major - vice Bruce deceased date of A

Commission 6th. August 1794. -

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Lieutenant John Bannerman to be Captain - vice Bruce promoted - Date of Commission 6th. August 1794. -

Lieutenant Thomas Williams Shipsey to be Captain - vice Bruce promoted Date of Commission 6th. August 1794. -

Lieutenants Francis Johnson Capper Jackson Sundt and Ross Lang to be Captains in room of those required to command the new Battalions - Date of Commission 6th. August 1794. -

The following Ensigns to be Lieutenants in consequence of the Above augmentation - Date of Commission 6th. August 1794. -

John munro - Alexander Grant - G. R. A. Kelly - Charles Lucas Philip Dormieux - Nathaniel Thornton Showers - George Mayregor - Thomas Stonner Archibald Campbell - Peter Smith - Dugald Campbell - John Fortune - John Fitzpatrick Edward B. Bagshaw - James Funston - Donald Mc Gregor - James R macdonald William H. Vaughan - Arthur Frith -

Joseph

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Joseph Cowpland - William Robinet - William
Bagster William Davis Junr. Robert Robinson
Shipyard - Joseph Storey John Evans -
Anthony Monein - George Pipyard - William A
Fraser John Spencer Blofeld - Charles Ryves
John Ravenhill and -

Captain Thomas Leighton
removed from the 19th Battalion to the Command
of the 24th Battalion - vice Bruce. -

Captain George Ure to A
Command the 19th Battalion vice Leighton
removed. -

Captain Edward Ferguson
to command the 1st native Battalion - vice
Brown. -

Captain Edward Tolfrey to A
command the 33d native Battalion. -

Captain Donald Mc Donald
to command the 34th Native Battalion. -

Captain William Kenny
to command the 35th Native Battalion. -

Captain James Innes to
command the 36th native Battalion. -

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Frederick Pierce to be Major of Brigade to the 6th. Brigade and Lieutenant and Quarter master John Munro to be Quarter master and adjutant to the 6th. Brigade.-

Lieutenant Alexander William Patterson to be Quarter master to the 1st. Battalion European Infantry- vice Munro.-

Lieutenant Henry Nash to be adjutant to the 15th. Native Battalion vice Cuppage promoted.-

Lieutenant Thomas Bowler to be adjutant to the 33d. Native Battalion.-

Lieutenant J. M. Vernon to be adjutant to the 34th. Native Battalion.-

Lieutenant Burnet Reid to be adjutant to the 35th. Native Battalion.-

Lieutenant Thomas Younge to be adjutant to the 36th. Native Battalion.-

The Native Cavalry Regiments at present on a reduced complement of Privates to be recruited to the full Establishment without delay.-

/Signed/ John Braithwaite
Colonel Commanding the Army

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite submitting a change in the appointments above proposed in consequence of the Death of Captain W. Bruce.—

Since I had the Honor to address you on the 6th Instant an event has happened, which will necessarily occasion some little change in the appointments &c. which I had then the Honor to submit to your consideration.—

Captain Kinsey has reported to me direct from Negapatam, that Captain William Bruce died there on the 5th Instant.—

Consequently it will be now necessary to state Captain Archd Brown to be Major vice Wynch promoted and Captain Dunwoody to be Major in Consequence of the Completion of the sixth Native Brigade.—

As this event has taken place, I will also beg leave to recommend another alteration—Namely that Captain Leighton be removed to the Command of the 8th Native Battalion vacant by the promotion of Captain Dunwoody.—

And I recommend Captain Anthony Beale for the Command of the 24th Native

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Native Battalion vacant by the death of Captain Bruce.—

Alas, that Lieutenant G. George Coupland may be promoted to the Rank of Captain, vice Dunwoody, and Ensign Nicholas Ryan to that of Lieutenant vice Coupland.—

Every thing else, should the Parties recommended meet with your Approbation; I could wish to remain as stated in my letter of the 6th.—

I have the Honor to be with Respect.—

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
August 11th 1794

E. E.
/Signed/ John Braithwaite

The President proposes that the following letter be written to Bengal in consequence.—

To

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To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

of Fort William

Honble Sir,

1 We have now the Honor to reply to that part of your Letter of the 18th July wherein you desire our explicit sentiments "as to the European Force & "which we may judge indispensibly & "necessary for the protection and security "of the Company's possessions under our "authority, taking into consideration at "the same time, any practicable augmenta= "tion of our native troops either Infantry "or Cavalry"—

2 Previous to forming any Judgment ourselves on a question of this nature, we deemed it expedient to take the opinion of the officer commanding the army, and that your Honble Board may be in full possession of Colonel Brathwaite's ideas, as well as our own, we beg leave to enclose a copy of his Letter for your information.—

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to Bengal with the Board's remarks on the opinion given by Colonel Brathwaite, as above and stating their own — the augmentation of the Cavalry, and the proposed Bounty do not appear advisable.—

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The result of that Officers opinion is that the Carnatic cannot be deemed in a proper state of defence, unless, after providing for the principal Garrisons, we can promptly assemble in the field an Army consisting of ten thousand men of whom 3500 should be Europeans viz.t 200 Cavalry 300 Artillery and 3000 Infantry and that this object in the event of the force lately required being detached from the Coast might be accomplished by a Reinforcement of 200 European Artillery, somewhat more than 2000 European Infantry, and six Battalions of Seapoys.-

4 On inspecting the latest general Returns before us we find the present strength of the Kings and Company's European Troops on the Coast to be as follows.-

Artillery-	Cavalry-	Infantry-	Total
737. . . .	332 . . .	6050. . . .	7119

5 of this total 762 are sick in hospital or quarters- assuming therefore upon the opinion of the Commanding Officer that 3000 Europeans ought to

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be reserved for field service, there would remain
3619 / including 742 sick / viz. Cavalry
132 – artillery 437 – Infantry 3050
Colonel Braithwaite seems to
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think a very small provision of Europeans necessary
for Garrison duty in the Event of the Army's
taking the field, since he observes "it will not
"be difficult to provide for the security of Madras
"/ which will have three entire native Battalions /,
"from our supernumeraries, by a proper selection
"of the European Invalids and application of the
"Recruits which we have every reason to
"expect &c." upon this point however we are
inclined to think difficulty, upon the ground
of an opinion expressed by Lord Cornwallis to
our President, that Fort St. George ought not,
in any circumstances, to be without a Battalion
of European for its protection: with respect
to the other principal Garrisons, a few European
Invalids, with a requisite proportion of native
troops, would probably be sufficient. –
Considering the whole subject
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therefore, with the best advice we can obtain,
and with a due regard to the present reduced
state of the myssore Power, we estimate the
European

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European Force indispensibly necessary for the protection and security of the Company's possessions on the Coast at 6500 rank and file- which, after deducting a reasonable proportion on account of sick, in hospital or quarters, would probably give about 4000 men fit for duty.-

8 As to the practicability of augmenting the native Establishment of Infantry, Colonel Brathwaite seems to apprehend no difficulty, provided an additional Bounty of half a Pagoda be given to each Sepoy Recruit, and he recommends that this be allowed till the four new Battalions, and such further Augmentation as we may require, be completed.-

9 We are unwilling to authorise such increased Bounty without your sanction, as it may be inconvenient hereafter to withdraw it; nor is it easy to foresee, when an alteration is once made, what increase may actually be found necessary to attain the object. we think, at any rate, the additional bounty, if you approve of it, ought only to be resorted to, in the event of your

resolving

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resolving to undertake the Expedition, and the state of our Levies, at that period, appearing to require it—

10 Colonel Brathwaite has suggested an immediate augmentation of the Cavalry Corps to the War Establishment. But as he entertains so little hope at present of completing them with horses we know not how far you may approve of such a measure, and shall therefore not adopt it without your sanction.—

11th The great deficiency in our Establishment of European officers has been stated by Colonel Brathwaite as an object requiring a very early attention. The number of Ensigns wanted is, and the Colonel observes that he can only give to each of the four new Battalions, a Captain and adjutant. The Casualties of the Army are regularly communicated to the Honble Court of Directors, and as they have strictly prohibited us from appointing Cadets under any Circumstances we trust that ample provision will have been made for our wants by the ships of the Season. Colonel Brathwaite however, with a view to provide against possible disappointment has intimated

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a wish that we may, eventually, be permitted to detain the Cadets, as well as the Recruits, expected for Bengal.—

12 We observe that, although the Commanding Officer thinks / with proper encouragement / there will be no difficulty in augmenting the native Establishment, he requires, in the event of our detaching a force equal to that lately provided, six native Battalions from Bengal or Bombay; upon this point we cannot be supposed competent Judges, but the idea of bringing so considerable a Reinforcement of native troops from the other Presidencies seems to imply some doubt of the practicability of increasing our own establishment at least to the extent that may be required.—

We have given orders for raising the four additional Battalions, agreeably to your recommendation.—

We have the honor to be with respect.—

Fort St. George
12th August 1794.

Lt. Gl.
/ Signed / Chas. Oakeley
Lt. Council

agreed

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further minutes on the above subject.—

Agreed that Colonel Brathwaite be informed that the Board concur generally in the sentiments he has expressed relative to the European force necessary for the security of the Company's possessions in the Carnatic—but that, with respect to the proposed augmentation of the Cavalry Corps to the War Establishment, as he entertains so little hope, at present, of completing them with horses—the Board have judged it proper to postpone the measure, as well as that of granting an additional Bounty to Sepoy Recruits, until the opinion of the Governor General in Council can be obtained thereon.—

Agreed that the General Orders proposed by Colonel Brathwaite for raising the new Levies and for the arrangements and promotions in consequence, be published.—

Read the following letters from the attorney General and from Colonel Nixon.—

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From attorney General stating his opinion, relative to the re-election of a new council at Pondicherry.—

I have had the honor to receive your Secretary's letter of the 22d. ultimo with several papers forwarded by Colonel Nixon Commanding at Pondicherry. From these papers, which I have perused with all the attention in my power, I am directed to observe that Monsr. Gerard, in consequence of the scandalous discussions which had taken place at the meetings of the Superior Council, had strongly recommended the entire suppression of that Court, and the re-election 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; and your Secretary informs me that, agreeably to this recommendation, you had sent orders to Colonel Nixon to suppress the Superior Council, but that you were pleased to postpone your determination as to the re-election of a new one until I should report my opinion

on

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on the subject. –

In my letter of the 28th. of September last I had the honor to submit it to you that the laws of France previous to the deposition of the late unfortunate King ought to be enforced in Pondicherry until his P Majesty's pleasure could be known; and as you did me the honor to adopt this opinion, it follows that in the formation of the new Council you are now going to establish, the Edict of August 1784 ought to be adhered to. –

This Edict declares that the Superior Council shall consist of five persons P chosen from among the merchants and Notables and it directs the administrators of the Government there to nominate the Procureur du Roy, or the King's attorney – and to appoint a Greffier or P Register, with such other officers as may be judged necessary for the service of the Council: of the Chouldry Court it takes no notice but it must, I think, be comprehended in the Tribunaux Particuliers from which an appeal lies to the Superior Council. –

It has been suggested to P you – not indeed wholly to suppress the office of

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of Procureur du Roy - im properly stile Solicitor General, but to commit the execution of it to the youngest member of the Superior Council. This measure cannot however in my apprehension be adopted without derogating from the Edict, which, directing the appointment in a seperate and subsequent article to that which establishes the Superior Council, clearly intended that the office should not be executed by a member of that Council; and I should conceive it never could have been the King's view to have that office filled by a merchant or noble, but rather by an advocate whose professional knowledge would enable him to discharge the public trust he had reposed in him. —

It has also been suggested that the office of President of the Choultry Court may be executed by the members of the Superior Council in rotation: but this I conceive cannot be done without great inconvenience; for as in matter of appeal from the Choultry Court, the Counciller officiating there, could not consistently sit in Judgment in his own decision

there

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there would remain but four Councillors or P
Judges; and as in Courts of law there is a casting voice
if the Court should happen to be divided no P
Judgment could be passed. I therefore submit it
to you as my opinion that this office of P
President of the Choultry Court ought not to
be executed by a member of the Superior P
Council, first because it does not any where P
appear to be authorized by the Act, and secondly
because an equal division of the Judges should, P
as a check to Justice, be as much as possible P
avoided.—

The appointment of Curateur des biens
vacants or Trustee for the estates of Intestates P
has been recommended to you as indispensibly
necessary—and I believe with great propriety.
on this subject therefore I have nothing to observe
and shall only add that in keeping up the
full establishment of Judicature at Pondicherry,
you respect those laws you have ordered to be
observed; and that if it should happen P
to amount to 20 or 30 Rupees a month more
than when the late Suppression took place,
it would, in my opinion, be too trifling
an object to take into consideration when

you

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you have in view the harmony of the Courts
and the security of the Inhabitants —

Fort St. George
7th August 1794.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Benjn Sullivan

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

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Nixon
— nominating persons
to constitute the
new Council — their
characters — forwards
a letter from Mejor
Collier, Chief Engr
and mercilly —

The many causes to be unfinished
by the late Council here and other urgent
matters, induce me to express my hopes that
an Order may be issued by your Honor to
convene a new one, and I admitting no alteration
shall be deemed necessary by you in the Information of it I have to hope that you will
approve of the following Arrangement, which has
been made by Mons.r Gerard and myself, on the most
mature Deliberation, and necessary Inquiries into
the Characters and Abilities of the different Gentlemen
whom we have now the honor to propose to you — viz.t
Mons.r Gerard as President
Mons.r Caillaud — 2.d in Council
Des Rebeyrit — 3.d
St. Paul Jun.r — 4.th
Brancour — 5.th
Collondont Greffier in Chief

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The three first Gentlemen having been members of the late Council I deem it unnecessary to trouble your Honor on the Subject of their Eligibility, further than to observe that they were always well spoken of, and have whilst I have been home conducted themselves with much Propriety in their Avocations. –

Mons. St. Paul [illegible] the 7th on the List, and late a professor to the Chaudry Court is a man of respectability in this place – I am ill connected with the English, and strongly recommended by many, particularly his Relation Mr. Downey, who is anxious for his Welfare, and, altho' Brother in Law of Mr. H Chargy will not, as I expect, be influenced by him so as to deviate from the true Rules of Justice in his Duty, as he bears the Character of a very upright honest man. –

Mons. Beauvoir the 5th is recommended by Mons. Gerard as a man of Probity and of Business. –

Mons. Collandonet's Character

I enclose No 1 and shall only add that of the strictest Integrity, supported by great abelity with much Practice in the Line to which he

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he is recommended, can intitle him to the nomination, there is no one so perfectly qualified for the important office of Greffier in Chief as this Gentleman. —

The Solicitor General Mr. Grant informing me it unnecessary, but in the event of their occasionally requiring such Aid — the Junior member (Brancomb) can act, and he is very well qualified so to do. —

It is with some Reluctance that I trouble you with the enclosed Letters (Nos. 2 & 3) from Majors Colin, Chaugy & and Marcelly, which I have been strenuously pressed for some days past to forward. —

These Gentlemen have Lamentably dispensed topics of them about and complained loudly against me for not having yielded a ready compliance with their Request. —

Pondicherry August 8th 1794.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) E. Nixon

Mr. Collondon, respectable from his abelety, his probity and upright conduct, has ever been held

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in the highest estimation by the public — and has for this long time past been employed in P Places of Trust — He was employed for 6 or 5 years, as Register of Pondicherry. —

afterwards as Secretary to the Intendant, after having been Secretary to the Ordonnateur of the Army, in India, and Treasurer to that Army, till the period of the French Flags being re-established in the year 1785 — Since then he has P acted as Adjutant to the Troops, for 5 years — and finally he has been employed as P Secretary to the Intendant, till such time as Pondicherry was surrendered. —

Mr. Collondon, relying on the abovementioned Services, requests to be appointed Register to Pondicherry — which Place was formerly held by Mr. Marcilly — and he would be no doubt, a valuable acquisition for the Council and Public at large. —

Pondicherry
6th August 1794.

/Signed/ Gerard
a true Translation
/Signed/ G. Buchan
French Transr.

To

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

We were informed by Colonel Nixon, the 27th of this month of your having been pleased, on the 22d Instant to confirm our Suspension — a thing that had equally surprized and distressed us — If nothing else than simply the loss of our Places were to be the consequence; we would be silent — But our honor is called in question — and we will summon up every exertion in its defence — However precious your time may be — you will not refuse to bestow a small portion of it, when a Business of this nature — In so doing you'll spare yourselves an eternal Remorse, for having condemned three innocent persons, without hearing them in their own defence —

The opinion of the President in Council has been solely founded upon the Report, that Mr Gerard laid before him, of the Discussions

That

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that took place in our last Meeting — and in
order to prevent any thing of the sort again
happening, you have thought proper to
deprive those of their Places, who appeared
to you to be the most culpable — If, according
to Mr. Gerard's Report, we have thus ✠
appeared to you to be the most culpable
we hesitate not Honble Sir and Sirs, to say
that, that Report is false, and more ✠
calumny — We appeal to the testimony of
Messrs. Caillaud and Reynaud — who ✠
went to Mr Gerard and insisted that he
should inform Colonel Nixon of their
intention not to take, any longer, their
Seat in Council, with Mr. Desrabiers, ✠
sole author of all the scandalous discussions
and upon whom alone the weight of ✠
your punishment ought to have fallen —
We would appeal to Mr. Gerard himself
if after his having been misled by Mr.
Desrabiers — if, after his having only ✠
listened to the dictates of his own hatred
— and after his having rendered us the
victims of his weakness; we could hope
that he had resolution enough to reverse

his

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his former sentence, and to pay a due tribute
to truth — We appeal to the different
Governors of this Settlement — who have
ever done justice to our conduct and who
are still ready to give fresh proofs of their
regard — We appeal to the whole Colony
of Pondicherry — the favorable testimony
of which, will plead our apology — and
the good opinion of which has already in
part avenged us for the Behaviour of our
calumniators towards us — But let us
now, Honble Sir and Sirs, suppose, that
we were capable of giving rise to those
scandalous discussions, of which Mr.
Gerard complains — we would be
still authorised to protest against our
suspension — When the Council of
Pondicherry was re-established, you
charged it with the distribution of
impartial Justice, according to the laws
existing in the time of the late King
all the members of the Council took
an oath to that effect — and Mr. Gerard
has been the first to infringe it — shall
we only then be deprived of the protection

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of those laws; — We appeal to them — and to the letters patent granted by Lewis 16th regarding the interior Order of the Council which are Registered in the Records of the Council, and which have ever been scrupulously adhered to — you will see by the Kings Declaration which we have the honor to send you, whether or not three persons bearing the Kings Commission can be condemned upon the simple Representation of Mr Gerard, who has been instigated to take the steps he did by one of his colleagues — a Representation two of which the partiality is so much the more evident, that not even simple mention is made of Mr Desnabines, who alone merited all the censure — and who, together with Mr Caillaud, held only his Place, during pleasure — having been taken into Council, without any Brevet or Commission — you will see Mr Boddam by the last article of the above mentioned Declaration, that it is expressly prohibited to disturb any member of the Council on account of his Vote or opinion — and

that

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that he cannot be suspended or deprived
of his Employ, without an Order from the
the King — which would not be granted
without clear proof of the accusation, &
after the notefication of that Proof to
the member — or without a sentence
were pasted against him by the President
of the King's Council or without the
institution of a criminal Process — The
positive refusal of Mr. Gerard, to inform
us of the chief complaints that were
brought against us by him — and of which
we could receive no information, at our
suspension was declared, the 3d. July and
his letter was wrote the 5th. of the same
month — his refusal, we say, which
he has again repeated in spite of the
many urgent instances we made him
by writing, ought to prove how little
his testimony merits to be preferred
to that of Mess.rs Chermont, Mottet and
Caillaud — If Mr. Gerard had made
known to you the tenour of the letters &
Patents he swore to observe — If he had
made a faithful Report to you of the

Cause

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Cause of the Scandalous Desensions, of which
We complain; we would not have now found
ourselves stript of our Employs — and you
would not have given your vice against us
It now only remains for you to recall it
or to legally institute a Process against us
— that is all we humbly requires of your
Equity. —

We are, with respect. —
Honble Sir & Sirs
&c &c &c
/signed/ Collin
De Changy
Marcilly

Pondicherry
30th July 1794

We herewith forward to you a Printed Copy of the Kings Letters patent for the regulation of the Council — dated 3d February 1776 — as also a copy of the letter wrote to Mr Gerard, with his answer. —

a true Translation
/signed/ G. Buchan
French Transt.

Copy

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Copy of a Letter from Mesrs. Collier, Chaury and Marcilly to Mr. Gerard President of the Council — 29th July 1794.—

Sir,

There being no longer any room to doubt of the cause of our being deprived of our Employs, since the Honble Council of Madras, in its last Letter to Colonel Nixon, expressly says, "that it was, in consequence of the Report made by you, regarding the Discussions that took place in our Council that it thought proper to suspend those who appeared to be the most culpable — and that thus, we ought not only to know our Accuser, but also the nature of the accusation —" these being, we say no longer any room to doubt of the cause of our being deprived of our Employs; we hope, Sir that you will, at least favor us with the Papers relative to our Suspension — We call upon you to send us the Letters addressed to you by Mesrs. Desrabiers and Caillaud — and likewise that Official Letter

which

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which you wrote to Colonel Nixon. -

We wait your answer - and

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

Answer from M. Gerard, President of
the Council to Messrs. Chaigy Collin &
and Marcilly — 29th. July 1794. -

Gentlemen,

When I made my Report
respecting the scandalous deveufsions,
that took place in the Council; I addreffed
myself to Government - and did not
take a copy of my Letter - With regard
to the letters from Messrs. Caillaud &
and Desrabines; I forwarded them to
Colonel Nixon. - I do not know if they
have kept Copies of them. -

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
[illegible] copy of the Originals, in
my poffeffion -

/Signed/ Marcelly
atrue Translation
/Signed/ G. Buchan
French Transr.

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Minutes and Resolutions on the above letter.—

The Board approve and confirm the Selection made by Colonel Nixon, of persons to constitute the Superior Council at Pondicherry viz.t

Mons.r Gerard — President
Mons.r Caillaud — 2d. member
Mons.r Des Rabieres — 3d. Ditto
Mons.r St. Paul sen.r — 4th. Ditto
Mons.r Beaucour — 5th. Ditto — and of
Mons.r Collondons as Chief Register — agreed
therefore that the Council so nominated be
directed, that Colonel Nixon, to proceed
without delay in the Exercise of the usual
functions of Magistracy.—

As, in the formation of this Court, it is the intention of the Board, that the [illegible] it of 1784 should be adhered to, as closely as possible, and as it declares that the Offices of Procureur du Roi and President of the Choultry Court, shall not be executed by members of the Superior Council, it is Resolved to call upon Colonel Nixon to nominate such persons

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persons as may appear to him to be well qualified from moral character and professional ability to fill those offices, as also that of Trustee for the Estates of Intestates, including in this nomination Mons.r de Bergy, mentioned in his Letter of the 11th Instant, and of whose integrity and capacity the Board have received every favorable impression. —

The Board disapprove the delay in transmitting the address of Mess.rs Collin de Bergy and Marcelly, and accordingly resolve to direct Colonel Nixon to forward, immediately, in future, all Letters addressed to Government. —

Read the following Letter from Fort Marlboro' and its Enclosure — entered in Con.n No. 122. —

From Fort marlboro -applying for a reinforcement of artillery and stores.

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

Honorable Sir,

We have taken up a small Vessel Commanded by Captain A Wilson for the purpose of conveying a Packet

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Packet to the Supreme Government — as it is probable the Vessel at this late season will not be able to proceed direct to Bengal — Captain Wilson has been instructed to make any Port on the Coast of Coromandel and to forward the Packet with the greatest expedition overland. —

We think it necessary to acquaint you that our principal motive for transmitting this dispatch is to lay before the Governor General the very weak state of our Garrison at this Critical juncture and request a Reinforcement may immediately be sent hither — but as an early supply at this season of the year may be doubtful and our danger extreme, we take the liberty to furnish you with a return + of the strength of the Garrison and to request you will take our situation into your immediate consideration & send us some relief. One hundred Artillery and Lascars are what we are most in want of, as the Garrison will consist of 2[illegible] with fifty rounds of Grape [illegible]

and

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and two hundred Stand of arms, complete, would be an acceptable addition to our Military Stores and greatly wanted here.

The weak state of our Garrison oblige us to make this application to you and we flatter ourselves to receive early and effectual assistance; in such event you will be pleased to apprise the Governor General that he may regulate the supply necessary to be sent from Bengal.—

On the 7th of December the Dutch Settlement of Padang was captured by a French Privateer commanded by Captain Le Meme and on the 24th of the same month the Honorable Company's Settlement of Natal fell to two Privateers the Resolu of 32 Guns & avangeur of 22 and Ransomed by Mr. Maidman for thirty Thousand Dollars—

These Privateers afterwards attacked the Honorable Companys Ship Pigot off this Place and after an action of two hours & twenty minutes were beat off in a very Gallant manner—They were a few days after taken by Commodore Mitchell's Squadron in the Straits of Sunda—

We are sorry to inform you the Pigot was Captured at her moorings here the 7th of February by the French Squadron consisting of two forty Gun Frigates (the Sybel & Prudent) with the Brutus (late Princess Royal Indiaman) & a small Brig under the Command of Commodore

Jean

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Jean Marie Renaud, who, on the 9.th sent us a Flag of Truce and a Summons to Surrender the Place, which being answered in the Negative he, so soon as the Pegot was repitted, proceeded to Sea with his Squadron—

We have the honor to be

Honorable Sirs

Your most Obt. humble Servts.

Fort Marlbro'
6.th April 1794

(Signed) Robert Broff
" Thomas Brown
" James Moore
" Philip Braham

Minute thereon.

The above letter having been recieved, via Bengal. and the Board understanding that a Vessel has lately been engaged by that Government for the purpose of conveying reinforcements to Fort Marlbro', it does not appear necessary to take any steps in Consequence of the application from thence—

Read the following Letter from the Nabob, entered also in CC No 143—

Translation

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Translation of a Letter

From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

Yr. Yr. Yr. Yr. Yr. Yr.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 6th
Received 6th } August 1794

From the Nabob with copy of his letter to Sippoo on occasion of the nuptials of his Sons. and the present to accompany the original.—

I have sent accompanying my Reply to the Letter of the Nabob Sippoo Sultaun, with a Copy, for your Information.—

As the Nuptials of the said Nabobs sons are about to be celebrated, and as I called them my own sons when they were here,— I have,—in lieu of Dresses and Jewels, (which it is the custom of the world to present on such occasions,) sent Fifty thousand Rupees, which I request you will be pleased to forward.—

What can I say more?

A True Translation

Signed/ A Falconar
Pr. Jr.

Translation

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Translation Copy of a Letter

From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

J.a J.a J.a J.a J.a

To Nabob Tippoo Sultaun

Without Date.

In an auspicious Season,
I received your letter. mentioning your having
determined on the celebration of the Nuptials
of your Sons in the propitious Month of our
Rubbelawell. and it made me extremely happy

In the greatness of my affection
and regard. I could have wished to be present at
the Marriages. and to perform the ceremony of
tying the Sehra J.a with my own hands—
but. for certain reasons. contenting myself with
praying for the happy conclusion of the nuptials,
and that this Commencement of the increase
of your family may prove Propitious, I have,
according to the rules of Friendship, sent Fifty
Thousand Rupees. in lieu of Jewels and —

Dresses

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Letter to the Brides and Bridegrooms, and I hope you will be pleased to performe yourself the ceremonial Forms on my part. on this occasion.—

May the almighty Vender the Father of the two Bridegrooms happy!—

A True Translation

/Signed/ A. Falconar.
Pn. Sy.

minute thereon

The President informs the Board that he judges it necessary to send a congratulatory letter with a few articles by way of Present, on occasion of the Nuptials of Tippoo's Sons. and that the letter and Present above mentioned, were forwarded, at the same time, under charge of the Company's Head Hircarrah.—

an advance ordered to the military Storekeeper.

Ordered that the Sum of twenty five thousand. two hundred and fifty five Pagodas. fifteen fanams. and nine Cash (25255: 15: 9:— be advanced from the Treasury to the

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to the Military Storekeeper, being the amount of Vegetables by him for the provision of Military Stores —

Chas. Oakeley.

E. Wallace Lieut

Geo. Vatch

Ex.d George Parry
Wo. Yst

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Diary

Received the undermentioned letters

Entered in M B Nos 123–124–125–126–127–128–129–

From Persian Translator at Bengal –

From Mr Edmondstone — forwarding a letter for Tippoo Sultaun, on occasion of the approaching Nuptials of his Sons – Translate Enclosed –

From monsieur Hardy – requesting that himself and the Officers of the Prize Ship Les deux – " Aides may receive an Encrease of Allowance –

From Lieutenant Fireworker Bettson presenting a Bill for House Rent and Peon money –

From Officer Commanding at Nellore requesting orders respecting the Troops who still remain with the Phousdar in the fort –

From Commandant at Pondicherry requesting permission to entertain a Persian Writer –

From Ditto – the Bangalore and Resource arrived there from Bombay – and stating the – Intelligence received by them –

From Board of Revenues – relative to some depredations committed by the Nabob's people in the Guntoor Circar –

Sent

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Sent the following letter.

To Colonel Eccles Nixon

Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant, and likewise to transmit to you Copy of the Report of the Attorney General upon the reference made to him, respecting the re-election of a new Council for the administration of Public Justice at Pondicherry.

The President in Council approves and confirms the Selections you have made of persons to constitute the Superior Council — Viz.t

Mons.r Gerard — President.
Mons.r Caillard — 2.d Member.
Mons.r Des Rabines — 3.d Ditto.
Mons.r St. Paul Senior — 4.th Ditto.
Mons.r Biancour — 5.th Ditto — and of
Mons.r Colondone — as Chief Register — and desires that you will convey to them his directions that they proceed, without delay, in the exercise of the usual functions of Majistracy.

As, in the formation of this Court it is the intention of Government, that the Edict of 1784 should

To Colonel Nixon — of Appointing the new Council and enclosing Copy of Mr. Sullivans opinion on the subject — to — Nominate a procureur du Roy — President of the Choultry Court, and a Guardian for Intestate Estates and Monsieur de Clergy as one — his delay in forwarding the letter from Mons.r Collin de Chauzy and Mercilly disapproved —

15 should be adhered to, as closely as possible, and as it — declares that the Offices of Procureur des Bois, and President of the Chouldry Court shall not be executed by members of the Superior Council, the President in Council desires that you will nominate such persons as may appear to you to be well qualified from Moral Character and professional ability, to fill those Offices, as also that of Trustee for the Estates of Intestates — In this nomination you will include — Monsieur De Clergy, mentioned in your letter of the 11th Ultimo and of whose integrity and Capacity, the Board have received a very favorable impression.

The President in Council does not approve the delay in transmitting the address of Messrs Collen, de Chaugy and Marcilly, and desires that you will in future immediately forward all letters addressed to Government.—

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13th August 1794

I am
&c &c
Signed Dan.l Ince
Dep.y Secy
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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

Entered in M B Nos 130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-

To Secretary Ray

To Secretary at Bengal — forwarding a letter, received from the Government at Columbo —

To Ditto

To Ditto — with Copy of my own Intelligence —

To Govr Gordon

To acting Resident at Ganjam — the Enquiry into the Conduct of Lieutenant Orrok Countermanded —

To Auditor General

To Military auditor General — with Copy of a letter from St Leger — and desiring him to direct Mr Paymaster Marlen to grant the receipt required by that Officer

To Ditto

To Ditto — with Lists of the King's and Company's Field Officers, entitled to share in the Gratuity Fund from 1st May 1793 to 30th April 1794 inclusive — the Amount to be included in Mr Roebuck's next abstract —

To Military Board

To Military Board — with Copy of the Beach Masters Letter respecting the Musters of Cavalry Accoutrements, intended to have been sent to Bengal by Hooghly Schooner.

To Col Brathwaite

To Commander of the Army — the Claims of Lieutenants Williamson and Lonard — cannot possibly be admitted, consistently with the

Cavalry

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15th Cavalry Regulations — The Receipt required by Lieutenant St Leger will be granted by the Paymaster Master —

To Commander of the Army — his Sentiments respecting the defence of the Carnatic Generally approved

To C.O. Braithwaite — the augmentation of the Cavalry, and additional Bounty for Sepoy Recruits — referred to Bengal — his arrangement for the new Levies approved and published.

To Ditto — directing him to countermand

Ditto — the Enquiry into the Complaint against Lieutenant Orrok — and to appoint him to a Corps to the Southward, since he has been permitted to resign the Command of Ganjam.

To Commandant of the 5th Regiment

To Major Orr — of Cavalry — permitting him to visit the Presidency.

To Captain Chalmers — permitting

To Captain Chalmers — him to proceed to Europe.

To Commandant at Pondicherry —

To Col. Nixon. — Monsieur St Michael — Serjeant major F. Robert. Antoine Laurente and Madame Anbert — may receive

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receive the allowances proposed —

To Paymaster at Walajabad &c —

To Paymaster at Walajabad &c

observing that the Security he has deposited as for his Office of Paymaster to the Expedition against Pondicherry — and that if he do not provide another for his present Office in two Months his appointment will be vacated. —

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Received letter from Tippoo Sultaun, —

Substance of a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun

Entered in CC No 1414 advising of a party of the — "
Mussulmans who lately quitted his Country having murdered
the Amuldar of Rejoojh and taken refuge in the "
Baramaul and requesting they may be seized and
brought to Justice.

"

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in MB Nos 143 - 144 - 145 —

From Lieutenant Dyer.

From Barrack Master in the Southern Division — requesting to know whether the Dutch Troops are to receive the same Barrack Allowances, as are

issued

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16th Issued to the Company's Troops.

From Commander of the Army — Lieut.

from Colonel Wathwaite.

Dowse requests the Pioneers may be supplied with — "
Clothing by the Contractors — and Major Munat, that the
Balance of the Batta allowed to the Privates of the
2 European Battalion may be paid to them — Claim
of Ensign Seton to arrears of pay — and Travelling Batta
from Tellicherry, submitted. —

From Officer Commanding at Nellore

from Lieutenant Dighton.

on the subject of the Complaint from Hydrabad against the
Reddy of Pilly Pahr and Seyram Reddy. —

Sent letter to the Nabob Entered in
"
CC. No 145 stating that Rae Duda Tow, a Servant
of the Nizam, has been plundered of his Effects near —
Substance of a letter to the Nabob. —
Dachapilly, and requesting that his Aumil at that
place may be ordered to exert himself towards the
recovery of the property —

Despatched the undermentioned Letters

Entered

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Entered in MB. Nos 146-147-148-149-150-151-152.

To Mons.r Le Fevrier

To Monsieur Le Fevrier the Claim preferred by him must come thro the Channel of the Commandant at Pondicherry —

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam the Materials on hand to be disposed of — the Battery at Coringa need not be repaired — Monsieur La Motte, a Prisoner of war at Ellore, to be released, on Parole, and receive his proper Allowance —

To Captain Bowser

To Commandant at Rytar permitting him to make the repairs he proposed —

To auditor General

To Military Auditor General notifying the same — and directing him to order Mr Paymaster Marten to advance fifty Pagodas for the above purpose

To Military Board.

To Military Board — the Barracks at Walajabad to be surveyed and reported upon.

To Mr Paymaster Marten.

To Paymaster at Palamcotah — directing him to state the sum due to Monsieur Duvay, French Prisoner, previous to his departure from that place.

To

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16th To Paymaster at Pondicherry — notifying

To Mr Paymaster Skardon. allowances to Monsieur St. michael — Sergeant Major Robert, Antoine Laurent and Madme Aubert —

18th Received and Sent the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M.S.B. Nos 153 — 154 — 155 — 156.

From Commander of the King's — " —

From Captain Newcome Squadron — enclosing a Demand for Ordnance Stores for the Diomede Frigate —

From Military Paymaster General —

From Paymaster General enclosing his Estimate for September —

To military auditor General — referring

To Auditor Genieral the same —

To Military Board — directing them to

To Military Board supply the above Demand for Ordnance Stores —

19th Received the undermentioned letters —

Entered in CC Nos 146 — 147 —

From the Nabob — has sent orders to —

Substance of a letter from the Nabob — Dachapilly for seizing the Thieves who plundered Rae Buda Row of his Effects —

From

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From Commandant at Tanjore — has directed the repair of the Roof of the King's Hospital in the little fort — requests the Officers may be allowed House Rent —

From Lieutenant Colonel Baird.

From Town Major — on the subject of Luis Rumcar, a French man, who offers his — services on the Expedition against the Islands — requests orders regarding his subsistence.

From Town Major

From the Agents of Captain Croker — requests that the Off Reckonings due to that Officer for 1791 and 1792, may be paid at Madras, instead of at Madura, in Porto Novo Pagodas.

From Messrs. Tulloh Jervis and Brodie.

From Paymaster at Walajabad 4th — Requesting reimbursement for Expences incurred for Office Servants, and that an adequate Establishment may be fixed —

From Mr Paymaster Wynch —

Ad

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield

and

George Westcott Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Tuesday
19 August 1794

In consequence of the following letter —

attorney General attends the Board

— from Messrs Young and Cheminant, late Officers of the Ship Dorothea Elizabeth, the attorney General attends the Board —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary &c &c &c

Sir

From the officers of the Dorathea Elizabeth — declaring their intire — ignorance of Captain Walkers intention to proceed to the Islands —

We have the honor to receive your — Letter of the 25th Instant, enclosing a copy of an Information given by Captain Henry Newcome regarding the Ship — the Dorathea Elizabeth, and acquainting us that a — warrant had issued for the apprehension of our Persons, by virtue of an act of the 33 year of his present Majesty's under suspicions of carrying on an illicit correspondence

dangerous

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dangerous to the peace and safety of the british posessions in India and that we have permission to deliver in our defence in writing together with a list of such Witnesses as we may desire to be examined in support thereof.

Embracing the indulgence allowed us, we beg leave to transmit you our several declarations relative to the matter in question and humbly hope it will be received as fully sufficient to exculpate us from a charge, the very mention of which makes us shudder. we love our King and our Country and we have long lived under the Protection of the Honorable Company and we would rather suffer death than carry on any illicit correspondence dangerous to the peace and safety of the British posessions in India or in any other part of the world, but, on the contrary, as it is our duty so it would be our happiness by our feeble exertions at all times to contribute to their support and we entreat permission to assure you in the most solemn manner that to our knowledge we never did any one act that can be construed or deemed illicit correspondence dangerous to the peace and safety of the British posessions in India — we are young men but we are englishmen, and the imputation conveyed by the Charge on Captain Newcomes Information has

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has plunged us into the deepest affliction although we are perfectly innocent and so we solemnly declare ourselves to be, and we are desirous, if allowable, to confirm our declarations by an Oath.

We have no witnesses to produce in our Situation and in our Circumstances it is impossible. We throw ourselves upon the benevolence of Government for relief in our present distresses.—

We have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Richard Young
John Cheminant

Town Jail
31st July 1794.

The Declaration of Richard Young late Chief Officer on Board the Dorathea Elizabeth then commanded by John Walker—

Richard Young the abovenamed declarant —. declareth and says that in the month of June or July one thousand seven hundred and ninety two he engaged with the above named John Walker as second Officer on Board the above mentioned Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth then in Bengal and bound to the Coast of Coromandel with a Cargo of Rice which was afterwards landed at Jagganaparam where the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth took in Sand Ballast and returned to Bengal. That at Bengal the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth took

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sent a Lieutenant and party of Seamen on board of the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth, and in company with her, sailed for the Roads of Madras where she arrived on or about the eighteenth day of June now last past-

And the Declarant says that he has thus detailed every particular circumstance — regarding the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth as far as his memory serves him as he has not his log Book to refer to, the same being on Board the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth and this Declarant declares that for the most part of the Time the Dorathea Elizabeth lay at Tranquebar he this Declarant continued on Board, and solemnly declares, that, when the said Ship Dorathea Elizabeth sailed from Tranquebar as aforesaid, he, this Declarant, did no know to what place or port she was bound nor did he at any time afterwards until the time taken the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth fell in with a Squadron of his Majesty's Ships as aforesaid; and, as some proof thereof, this Declarant's Log Book was not completed in the head thereof being headed only "the Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth from Tranquebar to —" and the same was afterwards completed after the said Captain Henry Newcome had taken possession of the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth and in the presence

of

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of the Lieutenant in charge thereof and this Declarant further says that he never did hear nor was he ever informed by the said John Walker or by any other person that the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth was bound to the Mauritius or to any other French Port until the time when she fell in with his Majesty's Squadron as aforesaid and not till then. And this Declarant says that he was not privy to nor did he ever possess any knowledge of the said John Walker's intentions of proceeding to the Mauritius or to any enemy's port in the said ship the Dorathea Elizabeth either at the time she sailed from Tranquebar as aforesaid or at any other time or times whatever, and further says that it is not usual for the commander of a Vessel to communicate to his Chief or other officers his intentions as to the destination of the Ship he commands.

Signed P Young

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The declaration of John Cheminant late second Officer on Board the Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth then commanded by John Walker.

John Cheminant the above named declarant declareth and saith That he engaged as

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as second Officer on board the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth in the Month of September one thousand seven hundred and ninety three the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth being then in the Bengal River, and proceeded in her on diffirent voyages. That the first voyage was from Bengal to Madras in the month of October in the said year one thousand seven hundred and ninety three with a Cargo of Rice, with which the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth proceeded to Columbo and there landed it and took in Corar Cordage Arrak and Oil and returned to Madras where she landed part of those Articles and took in one thousand Bags of wheat and some Ballast and then sailed for Tranquebar where she completed her Cargo with Rice Europe Cordage and piece Goods, and on the Evening that the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth sailed from Tranquebar which was some time in the month of March now last past four Gentlemen came on board as Passengers, and in about half an hour afterwards the Ship got under weigh, and stood to the Southward and Eastward and continued so with a beating wind for several days and then stood a South South East Coast and crossed the Equinoctial line about 10 or 12 South latitude

and

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and bore away to the westward and on or about the twenty fifth day of April following the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth fell in with three of his Majesty's Ships under the Command of Captain Henry Newcome and the said Henry Newcome did then take possession and charge of the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth and cause her to sail to Madras where she arrived on or about the eighteenth day of June now last past, and this Declarant saith that when the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth sailed from Tranquebar as aforesaid he was not informed by the said John Walker or by any other persons nor did this Declarant know that she was bound to the Mauritius nor to any other port belonging to the Enemy, nor did he this Declarant know to what port or place she was bound, until she fell in with his Majesty's Ships as aforesaid and further declares that he was not privy to the Intentions of the said John Walker nor was he informed thereof by the said John Walker or by any other person as to the Port of — destination of the said Ship the Dorathea Elizabeth at the time she sailed from Tranquebar as aforesaid or during the Voyage, until she fell in with his Majesty's Ships as aforesaid.

Signed John Cheminant

Resolved

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Resolved that Copies of the foregoing

Resolution thereon

be sent to Captain Newcome, and that it be observed to him that as it would appear from those documents that Messrs. Young and Cheminant were wholly " unacquainted with Captain Walker's intention of " Proceeding to the Isle of France, there can be no " longer a reason for continuing them in confinement, unless he should be of a different opinion from any " circumstance unknown to Government.

The Attorney General withdraws.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue...

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Board of Revenue enclosing Copy of their Instructions to Mr. Powney request to know whether any additional ones be necessary.

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter dated the 7th Instant with its Enclosures.

We beg leave to submit to you Copy of our " Instructions to Mr. Powney under date 14th ultimo and 5th Instant, and to request that you will be pleased to inform us if you deem any further " Directions to the Collector necessary, in Consequence of the last Paragraph of the Letter from the

Honorable

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Honorable Governor General in Council, or whether
it is your intention that the Collector should merely
Communicate the Substance of it to the Rajah of
Rumnad--

We have the Honorable
&c &c

Fort St George
12th August 1794

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

To Mr. George Powney

Sir

Government having been pleased to
appoint you Collector of Poligars Peshcush South of
the Coleroon, we recommend that you proceed with
all possible expedition to Rumnad and that you
use your best Endeavours to adjust the disputes--
at present subsisting between the Rajah of Rumnad,
and Cherokar of Shevagunga.-- The Communications
which have been made to us on the subject will be
found recorded on the Proceedings of the late Collector,
and we would have you on your arrival require the
immediate attendance of the Parties at your Cutcherry,
in order that you may fully ascertain the causes of the
disputes

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disputes and hear what they have to urge in justification themselves, respecting the late irregularities which were attended with such fatal consequences. as Letters from the Honorable the Governor to the Rajah and Cherokar containing his Injunctions might render your efforts to preserve tranquility more effectual, we have recommended in case it should meet the approbation of Government, that they be given in Charge to You to be delivered in Person.

With respect to the Tinnevelly &c.a Poligars you will refer to the Instructions to the late Collector and the correspondence that has passed for your Guidance for the present.

As there are very considerable outstanding Balances of Peshcash, if you will be pleased to direct your early attention to the recovery thereof, and report to us your progress from time to time.

We are
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) David Haliburton
&c.a Members.

Fort St George
14th July 1794.

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm Harington Secy.

To

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To M.r G. Powney

Collector of the Assigned Poligar Peshcush
South of the Coleroon.

Sir,

Our instructions of the 14th Ultimo required you fully to ascertain the causes of the disputes between the Ramnad Rajah and Cherokar of Shevagunga, and to hear what they have to urge in justification of themselves — We now transmit you Copy of a Letter from Government dated the 30th Ultimo, with Translates of Letters addressed by the Cherokar and Rajah to the Honorable Governor for your further Information and Guidance in ascertaining the particulars of the late disputes with every possible precision.

We are

&c &c

(Signed) David Haliburton

Charles N. White

Thomas Cockburn

Fort St George
5th August 1794

A true Copy

(Signed) Wm Harington Secy

Received

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that the Board of Revenue be desired to instruct Mr Powney to advise the Rajah of Ramnad of that part of the Communication from the Governor General in Council which relates to the Rajah's claim to the Sheviganga Province.

Read the following Letters from the Military Board – with minute of the Chief Engineer and letter from the Contractor for Repairs – the other papers entered in MB Nos 170 – 171 – 172 – and 173 –

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Military Board – the Store of Powder at Vellore will not admit of a supply to the Nabob – submit a letter from Messrs Tocknell and Ab.ob, and Correspondence respecting Damaged Cartridges proper received on the anna from Bengal – Chief Engineers opinion respecting the thickness of walls for arches of the new Construction – recommend new Gun Carriages and Tumbrils for the Nizam's Detachment papers Enclosed – Report proof of Gun powder made at Madras –

We are honored with your Letter under date the 31st Ultimo, and have the honor to acquaint you, in answer to your commands relative to the request of His Highness the Nabob to be supplied with Powder from Vellore, that it is our opinion that the Store of Gun Powder in that Garrison will not admit of any issue to the Nabob, and that on considering the present state of the Magazines on the Coast it would be equally exceptionable to permit it from any other Store.

We beg leave to observe on this subject that in the List of Ordnance and Military Stores which we considered might be spared to the Nabob from

those

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those captured at Pondicherry, no mention was made of the article of Gun Powder, and it appears also from His Highness's Letter to the Honorable the Governor that he approved the said List after inspecting it.

We have the honor to lay before — — Government the accompanying copy of a Letter from the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs under date the 6th Instant with its enclosure, as also to acquaint Your Honor in Council that, in consequence of a report of the Military Storekeeper relative to damage and deficiency of Cartridge Paper shipped from Calcutta on board the Anna Captain Gilmore for this Presidency — we thought it necessary to endeavour to ascertain the causes thereof; and the means that were open for the Company's being indemnified for the loss, the result of which will be found in the enclosed copy of correspondence which has passed between the Military Board, the Military Storekeeper, and Captain Gilmore, which we beg leave to lay before your Honor in Council in order that Government may determine the further steps necessary to be pursued.

The commands contained in your Letter of the 9th ultimo have been carried into effect.

In consequence of the receipt of your Letter of the 17th ultimo, we gave the necessary instructions to the Contractors to execute the works required

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required at Trichinopoly, and having referred that — "
paragraph of it relative to the opinion of Lieutenant
Colonel Gent in regard to the wall of the building
to be erected for the Europeans to his further report —
we have in consequence the honor to lay before you a copy
of his Minute on the subject.

We lost no time on the receipt of
your Letter of the 18th Ultimo to take the necessary means of
putting a stop to all expenses arising from orders given by
us relative to preparations for the intended expeditions.

We have herewith the honor to lay
before you copy of a Letter from Major Robert under date
the 6th Ultimo, accompanied with copy of the Papers to which
it relates, on which we have the honor to acquaint you
that it is our opinion it would be more advisable to —
provide the Detachment with new Carriages and Tumbrils
even after considering the expence of transporting them,
than to admit the expense of repairing the old ones
and that the articles in the Paper marked A may
be purchased in the Detachment, and those in the
paper marked B written off the Returns

The Senior Officer of Artillery having
laid before us a proof report of Gun Powder made
in July last, a copy of which we have the honor
to enclose, and it having been found to be above
the standard rate — we have directed it to be —
received upon the Company's Books

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Books—

Fort St George
8th August 1794.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) John Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
Thomas Geils
Jn Richardson
By Close
Wm Gent
George Hall

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

Gentlemen,

In reply to the letter from your Secretary Mr Brodie requiring us to inform you upon what Grounds the delay was occasioned in executing the Works ordered at Masulipatam in last March.— we beg to say that so soon as we received the order, we transmitted it to our agent in the Circars requiring the Works ordered to be begun upon, without delay, but you must be sensible that the burning of Bricks and procuring Chunam are operations which are not executed in a few days, but require a period of some Weeks, and until they were procured it was

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was impossible for us to Commence Repairs – we have however the pleasure to inform you that they are – executing with all Expedition. – we would wish to have at all times early intimation of any Repairs you may intend, in order that the Materials may be procured, and as little delay occasioned in carrying your orders into effect, as possible, – we must observe that we are given to understand that M.r Corbett has declined to allow our people to execute the Repairs required to his House, saying he means to do it himself.

We have the honor to inclose you Copy of a letter from our agent at Trichinopoly, which will point out the Causes of the delay in Commencing the Buildings ordered there, and the Expence we have been put to, from the want of that necessary support and assistance, which by the fifth Clause of our – Contract, Government are bound to give us.

We are Concerned to use the language of Complaint, yet we are necessited to state the – various breaches made in our Contract by the – – Temporary Buildings which are executing, and have been Completed in various parts in violation of our Contract, on this Subject we shall at a future day take the liberty of addressing you at

length

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length.

Fort St George
6th August 1794

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

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott
Contractor for Repairs

A true Copy
(Signed) I Brodie Secy

Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott

Gentlemen

I had the honor to acquaint you in
my last Letter that the Nabob had consented to our
making Materials and to supply us with proper
Work people agreeable to an order from his Father
in Madras, on Condition that I should give him
a Written agreement that we were not to make
more Materials than what should be immediately
wanted for the Cavalry Cantonment only; and to do
no other Works than that; and, as soon as the
Cantonment should be finished we were to
deliver the remaining Materials with the Working
people back to his people — after I had considered
the impropriety of this request, I acquainted the
Nabob that I was not sufficiently authorized, nor
could

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could I presume to give any kind of agreement on the above Heads from my Hand that if the Nabob wanted any such thing, he must apply to my Employers in Madras.— I was answered, that there was an order from the Nabob Wallajah that I should give and sign this — I told them that I was resolved not to give any Writing to the Nabob, until I should — receive orders to that purpose from my Employers —

The above request appears in such Ridiculous Light and to be nothing but a Baffling Scheme, in order to give us all the trouble they possibly can; with a View to engross the business of this place to themselves, in Consequence of which I thought it prudent not to satisfy the Nabob with any kind of Writing whatever; on which account he has put a total Stop again to all our Business, after I had advanced a necessary Sum of money to the people who had the management of making Bricks and Chunam &c. and these poor people have not only put themselves to the Expence of making the necessary Ceremonies, but as an encouragement, have made presents of Cloth and Turbans to several of the Workmen, which now are taken away again, and the Business left in a Predicament as bad as ever. Those people who have received money in advance may

absent

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absent themselves and are not the better for our advance-
my little understanding it entirely left at a Stand,
when I consider what all these Proceedings can tend to.

I am with due respect
&c &c

Trichinopoly
9th July 1794.

(Signed) J. Balfour
agent to your Contract

A true Copy
(Signed) Roebuck and Abbott

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

As the Honorable Board
in their Letter of the 17th instant have not been pleased to
acquiesce in my opinion that two feet six Inches thickness
of the Walls are necessary for supporting an Arch of 16
feet Span and say that Colonel Ross "stated his form-
"belief, that Walls of the thickness of two feet would answer
"every purpose" I take the liberty of observing to the
Board, that it does not appear on the face of the
Proceedings of this Board that Colonel Ross ever
stated that opinion.

When he laid before this Board
the Plan of a Quarter for a Captain or two Subaltems
he observed, that it was on the same plan as those
built at Trichinopoly by the late Major Stevens
I have the orginal Plan of those Barracks and
have now the Honor to lay it before the Board,
by

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by which they will perceive, when compared with Colonel Ross's Plan a great difference, not only in the Plan, but the Construction, and where a three feet three Inches Wall, was thought requisite to support an arch of 16 feet span

As it appeared to me that arched Roofs were to be in general adopted, I made the plan of the artillery Barracks at the Mount on that Construction and as I was glad to copy from such a good Master, most readily took Colonel Ross as my guide, and made the plan accordingly – I did not then perceive my Error. but when I came to consider the Subject more maturely. I found that Walls of two feet were not sufficient. that for a semicircular arch (which is the surest) it will require piers of better than two feet – the arch of these Barracks is called a Scheme arch which is less than a semicircle, and being flatter, consequently presses more upon the Walls. I am therefore still of opinion that an additional six Inches to the Walls are necessary.

I hope the Honorable Board will be pleased again to take the subject into consideration and I am induced to request this on account of the delay in the execution of the other Buildings that must necessarily be occasioned, if the Experiment proposed

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proposed by the Honorable Board is made, for to allow a fair Trial, whether a two feet Wall can support an arch of 16 feet, no Judgment can be formed until the Building has been erected at least twelve Months.

31st July 1794

(Signed) W. Gent

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Brodie Secy

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23d July and its enclosures, and beg leave to acquaint you that, having referred the same to the consideration of the Chief Engineer, we have now the honor to enclose his Report* thereon, which we approve with the exception that we think, according to the present system, it should not be the Engineer that should make up the Centry Boxes, as he is considered by that system, as the check upon all work done, and there appears to be an impropriety in the work being done by the Person who is ultimately to check it.

The Contractors for buildings and Repairs, in the terms of their Contract, bind themselves to do all such works, though not specified in the

From military Board reporting on the late Proceedings of the Committee of works and Estimates, from Masulipatam, think the Sergeant who had charge of the Royal ordnance at Pegu after should receive more Sergeant's pay – recommend an immediate provision of Tents – a General account Enclosed –

* Entered in Mil. Cons. 1793.

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the Contract, if thought necessary at such prices as shall be determined by the Honorable the Governor in Council or by the Military Board for the time being — It will rest therefore with Government to determine, whether to employ the Contractors, or any other Person to provide these Centry boxes; although the Board is of opinion, that the prices at which the Engineer has offered to make them up, are astonishingly low

We beg to call the serious attention of Government to that part of the Chief Engineer's report — relative to the pulling down a building apparently unnecessarily, as it is not very long since an Estimate for the repair of the whole of the Engineers' Quarters, including this building, was before the Board — passed and ordered to be executed amounting to Madras — Pagodas 125, some odd fanams

We also cannot help observing that this building has been pulled down, as far as we can collect from the correspondence before us, without any previous report, or authority obtained from Government, and without bringing forward any account of the materials, which we are informed were of unequivocal value — the building having been constructed of Teak

application is now made for the rebuilding of this very building, without any mention of

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of the materials whereas by Articles 2d and 3rd of the Contract, it would have been more consistent if it became necessary to pull down any building and to rebuild the same, that the Contractors should be called upon for that purpose.-

We have the honor to acquaint you that the subject of the Engineers establishment of Artificers for the Garrison of Masulipatam, as well as that required at other Stations, together with the rates of pay, which becomes necessary to attend to at the same time, are now under the consideration of the Military Auditor General, and so soon as we receive his report, we shall have the honor to address Government again.

In consequence of the receipt of your Letter under date the 8th Instant we have forwarded copy of the Estimates for planking of the Bridge before the north ravelin, and for the additional work required to the Stables of the Body Guard to the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs, with directions that the work should be executed with as little delay as possible.

With regard to the Letter from the Officer commanding the Royal Artillery, which Government has done us the honor to submit for our consideration we are of opinion, that the Sergeant who had charge of

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of the Royal ordnance, was not, according to the practice of the Service entitled to the pay of a Sub Conductor. but we think him entitled to the pay of a Store Serjeant, — provided Government does not mean to object on account of the late period at which the claim is brought forward

We have received from the — Committee of works at Tanjore the Estimates of works required at that place and Vellum, which are now under the consideration of the Chief Engineer, and when we receive his report thereon, we shall have the honor to forward copies of them with our opinion, agreeably to the commands contained in your letter of the 8 Instant.

The Quarter Master General having laid before us a Return of [x] Tents shewing the stated number, the present remains, and wanting to — complete at the different Forts and Stations, under this Presidency — we have the honor to lay before Your Honor in Council a copy thereof, and to request that we may be authorized to direct the Military Storekeeper, to provide without delay, at such place, or places, as he shall think most convenient for the purpose, the number of Tents which are necessary to put the Army on the Coast in an efficient state.

[x] Copies in the Office

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15th August 1794

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) John Braithwaite
Henry Malcolm
I Richardson
Jas Close
W Gent
George Hall

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Minutes and Resolutions on the foregoing Letters from the Hospitals Board -

The Board are not aware that they have withheld, in any one instance, that support and assistance which they were bound to give to Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott, by the fifth clause of the Contract intered into with them - on the contrary, the Board have upon all occasions met the wishes of the Contractors when the same could be done with propriety - But these - Gentlemen must be sensible that, in those districts - which are subject to the authority of the Nabob, Government have no means of assisting them but by applications preferred to his Highness

With respect to the complaints preferred by the Contractors on the score of the various breaches - made in their contract, as they assert, by the temporary buildings constructed at different places, the Board can only say, that under their conception of the Contract, there has been no breach of it on their part - tho' they have much to object, on account of delay in the execution of orders to the Contractors which necessarily compels - them to have recourse to temporary expedients, for the purpose of preventing injury to the Troops and Stores of the Army - as a proof of the justice of this remark, the Board here quote a passage, stated in the proceedings of the Hospitals Board under date the 18th instant

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"We have information from the Head Surgeon in
"the Circars that no repairs have been yet made
"to the Hospital at Ellore, notwithstanding the repeated
"orders of Government to that purpose; and that the
"want of a Medical Storeroom, by keeping the
"Medicines still at Masulipatam occasions much
"inconvenience and detriment to the Service"

As it does not appear, by the correspondence between the military Storekeeper and Captain Gilmore, that the damage and deficiency of Cartridge paper shipped at Calcutta on the Anna, happened during the Voyage; and as Captain Gilmore was not called upon to account for the same until several days after the paper was landed and received into Store, the Board do not see how he can, with any propriety, be made answerable for the Loss

As Lieutenant Colonel Gent has urged so decided an opinion with regard to the thickness of the walls necessary for the support of arches on the new construction; and as he has stated that so considerable a time would be required to give the experiment directed by the Board a fair trial — Resolved that the proposition of adding six inches — be acquiesced in —

Resolved that the opinion given respecting the Gun Carriages, Limbers and Tumbrils &c.a of the

detachment

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detachment serving with the Nizam be approved,
and that the Military Board do issue orders accordingly

Resolved that an extract of such
part of the Military Board's report of the 15th instant as
relates to Masulipatam be transmitted to the Chief and
Council with orders to explain the cause that induced
the demolition of the Building (referred to by the Chief
Engineer) without the previous authority of Government.

agreed that the Centry Boxes
required at Masulipatam be made up by the Contractor
at such price as the Military Board may deem
reasonable.

agreed that orders be sent to the
Military auditor General to pass the Bill of the
Serjeant who had the charge of the Royal Ordnance for
the pay of a Store Serjeant, from the month of October
1792 to the 16th of May 1794

Before the Board can come to any
determination in respect to the provision of Tents, as
recommended by the Quarter Master General, it will
be proper that an estimate of the expence attending the
same should be laid before Government. Agreed therefore
that the Military Board be directed to have an estimate
made out; and, as the Board observe so large a proportion
of Tents wanted, notwithstanding the number made
up last year, it is agreed to notice this circumstance
to

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to the Military Board, in order that they may furnish — such opinions as may occur to them for regulating the care and preservation of such Tents as are delivered from the Arsenal.

Resolved that the foregoing observations and Resolutions be communicated to the Military Board —

Read the following Letters from —

Vizagapatam —

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

Honorable Sir,

From Vizagapatam — on the subject of Continuing Full Battas to the 20th Battalion and a Fort adjutant at Vizianagrum.

We beg leave to enclose a Copy of a Letter addressed to us by the Officer Commanding in the District, giving Cover to a Letter written to him by Captain Fotheringham Commanding the 20th Battalion of Sepoys now stationed at Vizianagrum

on the subject of allowances to the 20th Battalion We have only to observe that there is but little probability of our being able for some time to dispense with the services of that Corps, and with regard to a Fort adjutant at Vizianagrum, We have to remark that as Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast (to whom a Staff Officer is attached) is, by a late order, removed to Vizianagrum, the inconvenience Complained of, may, possibly, from

that

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that Circumstance be, in some measure, remedied.

We have the Honor to be,
&c &c
John Chamier

Vizagapatam
10th August 1794

John Chamier Esqr.
Chief & Mbrs. of Council
of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

A letter from Mr. Gordon acting Resident at Ganjam dated the 5th Instant informs me of his having that Day dispatched for the Chiefship of Vizagapatam one Lack and Seventy five thousand two hundred and fifty Rupees, as also two thousand six hundred Madras Pagodas, under Charge of Lieutenant Fletcher with a Company of Sepoys.

I have the honor to lay before you the accompanying Copy of a Letter addressed to me from Captain Fotheringham Commanding the 20th Battalion of native Infantry, and to submit to your Consideration, the distresses of his Corps cannot suffer, unless You are pleased to grant them the indulgence he requests, until such time as it is settled. Their continuing in the District, and that they can send for their

families

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families. I likewise submit to your Consideration that of a Syrang, Tindal, and thirty Lascars, attached to the Corps

Captain Fothringham informs me of his having appointed Lieutenant Marshall to act as Fort adjutant at Vezianagrum, and as a publick Officer of that Kind is necessary, where there are Europeans he requests that he may be permitted to draw the usual allowances of that appointment, during the time of his doing the Duty —

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

Chicacole
8th August 1794

(Signed) Tho.s Prendergast
Lieut.t Colonel

(A true Copy)

(Signed) Robt Alexander Secy

Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast
Commanding the Troops in the Vizagapatam District
&c &c &c

Sir,

I hope your Indulgence in requesting your attention to the very particular situation of the 20th Native Battalion, which, to me appears extremly distressing and distinct from any other which is within my Recollection — should it appear so to you, I hope you will have the Goodness to recommend

prevent

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present Relief and future Provision to the Consideration of the Chief and Council

The Battalion embarked for this District at Madras the 4th of June last, almost Complete leaving all its Families behind upon whom was settled nearly Two Thirds of their Pay, depending for subsistence on their Batta and the remaining Third after undergoing a pretty smart Campaign, in which it suffered Considerably, and, I hope, acquitted itself to your Satisfaction, it is sent into this Garrison, with no other Subsistance than one Third of the pay of the several Ranks, upon which it is impossible for them to live Field Allowances having been ordered to cease the Day after they came here, the 20th Ultimo, by order of the Chief and Council

I would therefore request that Batta should be allowed to the Battalion, until such time as they can be united to their Families, either by sending for them here, should this become the Station of the Corps, or by any other means which Government may hereafter direct.

I would flatter myself that the liberal Provision, made by the Presidencies of Bengal and Bombay for the Families of their native Troops when employed on similar Occasions, may at least justify me for prefering this Request, and that you will have

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have the Goodness to support it.

There is a Syrang a Tindal and Thirty Lascars attached to the Battalion, who were received from the Military Board, who are still in a more distressing Situation than the Battalion having settled on their Families the whole of their Pay, but Mr. Wilson, the Paymaster, has I believe written for Instructions — regarding them.—

I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect and Esteem.

Vizanagaram
4th August 1794

&c &c
Signed Geo. Folthringham
Captain
Comg the 20th Batt. N.I.

A true Copy
Signed Tho. Prendergast

A true Copy
Signed Robt Alexander Secy

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

Honorable Sir,

From Vizagapatam on the foregoing subject—

Since We had the Honor of addressing You under date the 10th Instant, We have received a Letter from Captain Folthringham Commanding the 20th Battalion of Native Infantry, requesting immediate relief

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relief, and stating that Desertion has been the Consequence of striking off the full Batta from his Corps.

As Captain Fothringham has earnestly solicited our attention to the above Circumstance, We have thought it right to order the full Batta to be continued, until your Pleasure shall be known.—

We enclose Copy of Captain —"

Fothringham's Letter, and have the honor to be with great respect.—

&c &c &c

John Chamier

Vizagapatam
12th August 1794

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John Chamier Esqr
Chief &c &c &c and Council of Vizagapatam

Sir and Sirs,

From Mr Secretary Alexander, I have been honored with your Determination of the 7th Instant regarding the European artillery and Infantry in the Garrison, till the Pleasure of Government can be known, to whom you have referred it

I hope the Board have received Copy of my Letter of the 4th Instant regarding the destressed Situation of the 20th N. Battalion and Lascars attached, and that it may appear to them to require more — immediate Relief than can at this Distance be obtained

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obtained from Government — Several of the Men have deserted within these few Days which I can attribute to no other Cause than the dread of being starved scarcely an Instance of the kind having occured since the Batt.n arrived in this District till the Field Allowance was discontinued — I do therefore most earnestly solicit the attention of the Board to this Object.

I have the Honor to subscribe myself with great Respect.

&c.a &c.a

Vizianagram
10th August 1794

Signed Geo. Fothringham
Capt
Comg Vizianagaram

A true Copy
Signed Robt Alexander Secy

Minute thereon

The Board approve, for the Reasons assigned, the resolution the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam came to, on the representation of Captain Fothringham for continuing the full Batta to the 20th Battalion of native Infantry; They conclude, of course, that the same indulgence has been extended to the Lascars attached to that Corps.

The appointment of Lieutenant — marshall is rendered unnecessary by the G.O. which removed Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast to the command of Vizianagram

Read the following letter from Messrs Woolf and Smith

To

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

From messrs Woolf and C. Smith submitting a more detailed Pistrikey account, than that lately prepared, agreeably to the Nabob's wish.

Agreable to your orders contained in Mr. Ince's Letter of the 31st July we delivered an attested Copy of the Account thereon mentioned to the Nabob's deputies. They have, however, represented to us that his Highness wished to have a more detailed account, and we have in consequence the honor to lay before you another account, differing some what in form, but not in substance with the first, and to submit the same for your honor's approbation.

We have the Honor to be
with great Respect

Fort St George
18th August 1794

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Robert Woolf
Cecil Smith
D.

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Dr His Highness the Nabob Mahomed ally Cawn His Restbundy

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To the amounts payable as per Treaty of
12th July 1792.

1793 September	5th	100000	
October	5th	100000	
November	5th	100000	
December	5th	100000	
1794 January	5th	100000	
February	5th	100000	
March	5th	100000	
April	5th	150000	
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June	5th	200000	
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To the Amount of Poligar Peishcaush payable on the Nabob's account in part of the 9 Lacks for Subsidy			264704 20 26
Carried over Pagodas		15,21105	

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Account Current for the year 1793/94 with the Honorable Company &c.

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By Cash received at Madras particulars per Treasury Journal, as follows.-

1793 August	24th	By Cash in part of Rest of 1st September		10,000	" "	
	26th	By Ditto in further part		25000	" "	
	27th	By Ditto	D°	3000	" "	
	29	By Ditto	D°	22300	" "	
	31st	By Ditto in full		39700	" "	100,000 " "
September	23d	By Dittoin part of Rest of 1st October		10,000	" "	
	26th	By Ditto in further part		18000	" "	
	27th	By Ditto	D°	11000	" "	
	28th	By Ditto	D°	4000	" "	
	30th	By Ditto	D°	52600	" "	
				95,600	" "	
October	1st	By Ditto in full		4,600	" "	100,000 " "
	25th	By Ditto in part of Rest of 1st November		6000	" "	
	26th	By Ditto in further part		21160	" "	
	28th	By Ditto	D°	34,812 18	"	
	29th	By Ditto	D°	14,500	" "	
	30th	By Ditto	D°	13000	" "	
	31st	By Ditto in full		10527 18	"	100,000 " "
November	27th	By Ditto in part of Rest of 1st December		51800	" "	
	28th	By Ditto in further part		9300	" "	
	29th	By Ditto	D°	6000	" "	
	30th	By Ditto in full		32900	" "	100,000 " "
December	26th	By Ditto in part of Rest of 1st January 1794		37900	" "	
	27th	By Ditto in further part		9375	" "	
	28th	By Ditto	D°	16900	" "	
	30th	By Ditto	D°	26525	" "	
	31st	By Ditto in full		9,300	" "	100,000 " "
1794 January		By Ditto in part of Rest of 1st February		12900	" "	
	27th	By Ditto in further part		49000	" "	
	29th	By Ditto	D°	20,000	" "	
	30th	By Ditto	D°	16500	" "	
	31st	By Ditto	D°	98,400	" "	
				1600	" "	
February	1st	By Ditto in full				100,000

Carried over Pagodas 600,000 " "

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D.° His Highness the Nabob Mahomed Allyghawn His Hest-

Brought over Pags ..... 1521105 " "

Star Pagodas 1521105 " "

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Sundry account Current for the year 1793/94 with the Honorable Company Cr.

			Brought over Pagodas		60,000 " "
1794					
February	25th	By Cash in part of Rist of 1st march		46125 " "	
	27th	By Ditto in further part		43700 " "	
	28th	By Ditto D°		8000 " "	
				97825 " "	
	1st	By Ditto in full		52175 " "	150,000 " "
March	1st	By Ditto in part of Rist of 1st april		44850 " "	
	27th	By Ditto in further part		15000 " "	
	29th	By Ditto D°		80275 " "	
	31st	By Ditto D°		110125 " "	
				9875	
	1st	By Ditto in full		21000 " "	150,000 " "
april	26th	By Ditto in part of Rist of 1st may		17050 " "	
	28th	By Ditto in further part		21000 " "	
	29th	By Ditto D°		49000 " "	
	30th	By Ditto D°		113050 " "	
				86950	
	1st	By Ditto in full		8000 " "	200,000 " "
may	26th	By Ditto in part of Rist of 1st June		48400 15 54	
	30th	By Ditto in further part		100,000 " "	156,400 15 54
	31st	By Ditto in full			1256,400 15 54
		By Poligar Peishcush, being the amount carried to His Highness's Credit in the General Books on that account			264704 20 26
			Star Pagodas		15,21105 " "

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Errors Excepted

Sign'd Robert Woolf
Cecil Smith

Resolved

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that Mess.rs Woolf and Smith be directed to send an attested copy of the above account to the Nabob's Deputies.—

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Observations of Government 19th August 1794

From Hospital Board the repair of the Ellore Hospital still not begun propose Mr Lockhart assistant Surgeon for Ganjam—Mr J. Dalton for the 13th Battalion—Mr H Wise for the 34—Mr W. Colhoun 35th and Mr J. Mc arthur for the 36th—Death of Mr J. F. Mc Lean—

The order will be complied.

Hospital Board 18th August 1794

We have received—" information from the Head Surgeon in the Circars that no repairs have been yet made to the Hospital at Ellore, notwithstanding the repeated orders of Government to that purpose; and that the want of a medical Storeroom, by keeping the Medicines still at Masulipatam, occasions much inconvenience and detriment to the Service.

We Recommend that Mr. Samuel Lockhart, Assistant Surgeon, be stationed at the Garrison of Ganjam, that Mr. James Dalton be appointed to do duty with the 13th—Mr Henry Wise with the 34th—Mr William

Approved

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Williams Colhoun with the 35th and
Mr. John Mc Arthur with the 36th
Battalion of Native Infantry.

We are concerned to acquaint
Government that Mr. John Field
Mc Lean Assistant Surgeon died
at the mount on the 15th Instant.

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

Read the following letter from
Captain Chalmers.

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor and President in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Captain Chalmers submitting various accounts of his Expenses incurred during the 1st and 2d Siege of Coimbatore

Some Considerable time ago, I had occasion to transmit to the Honorable Basil Cochrane Paymaster of Fort St George, accounts particular of Charges incurred by me on account of the Public Service, during the time I commanded the Fort and Garrison of Coimbature when it was twice besieged by the troops of Tippoo Sultaun. Mr. Cochrane referred those accounts to the Military Auditor General

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General, who, having perused them, has returned them to me, informing me that as a paymaster stood especially appointed to Coimbatore he did not consider himself authorized to pay any Charges made by me. It now becomes necessary for me to acquaint your Honorable Board, that at the time necessity compelled me, for the Security of my Post, to make the purchase Contained in the accounts I have now the Honor to lay before you, the Paymaster was absent on duty at Paulgautcherry; what the Military auditor General urges is true, the Paymaster did make Charges for the same months I do, but his Charges were for pay to the Garrison, mine were for materials to enable me to defend my Post. I had no other means of strengthening my own hands than that of disbursing my own private property to forward the public Service. It may be urged against me, that I was originally late in my application for a reimbursement but that was solely occasioned by my not having it in my power to procure until a late period many Vouchers that were in the hands of Lieutenant Hamilton Hall at Paulagautcherry. I have great confidence in the Justice and impartiality of your Honorable Board to relieve me from the great inconvenience I am, and have been suffering, from the want of so considerable a part of my property. I am in possession of your leave to proceed to Europe, and nothing prevents my availing myself of it, but a final Adjustment of

these

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These my last claims.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

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15th August 1794.

(Signed) J. Mb. Chalmers
Capt 13d B.C.S.

The Board cannot enter upon the
consideration of Captain Chalmer's accounts, without
deviating from the regulations of the Service, which
expressly provide that all demands upon the Company
shall be rejected, if they are not preferred within the
period of three months, from the time they fell due.—

minute thereon

Read the following letter from—a
Columbo—

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

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

We have had the Honor of receiving
Your Letter of the 1st Instant. The five Companies of Europeans,
which, according to our former advice, were to be sent
over Point de Galle to Trinconomale under the Command
of Colonel De Meuron, and now ready for Embarkation,
were countermanded when on the point of setting out,
but the four other Companies from Jaffna and —a
Tuticorein have probably been on their way already
before the contra order, which was immediately made
out

From Columbo—have countermanded the five Companies of Europeans intended to have been sent from Point De Galle to Trinkonomalee—request a supply of rice—Governor Van De Graaff proceeds to Jaffna & Mr Van Angelbeck succeeds—encloses a letter for—Chinsura.

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out, could have reached the two said places.

we are apprehensive that we shall be in want of Rice, and therefore take the Liberty humbly to request of you, Honorable Sir and Sirs, that You will be pleased to assist us with a Supply of four or five thousand Pegs, which may be delivered at Point de Galle by the Ships going to Bombay.

The first Signer has the Honor to acquaint You, Honorable Sir and Sirs, with his Departure for Batavia, and to thank you kindly for the mutual friendly Correspondence, and the Second Signer, who succeeds as Governor, begs leave humbly to recommend himself to it, assuring You that he shall readily contribute thereto his share, as far as it depends on him.

we beg leave to recommend to Your Favor the enclosed Letter, which, that it may speedily and safely be forwarded, is of Importance to us; while we have the Honor to be with every Respect.

Colombo
24th July 1794

Ye. Ye.

(Signed) J W. Van de Graaff
J. G Van Angelbeek
C. Van Angelbeck
D C. V. Driberg
B. L. Van Citter
J. Vollenhove
J. L. Van Ranzow
A Ysendorp

Agreed

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minutes in consequence

Agreed to inform the Governor and Council of Columbo, that the Board have great pleasure in the opportunity that offers of convincing them of the desire of this Government to pay the most ready attention to their wishes in regard to a supply of Rice, and that — " five thousand Bags will be immediately forwarded. — "

Agreed to express the high sense the Board entertain of the friendly conduct which Governor Van de Graaff has manifested towards this Government during the whole of his administration; and, at the same time, to " offer congratulations to Governor Van Angelbeck on his Succession to the Government of Columbo.

Resolved that the Ship Yarmouth be employed in carrying the rice to Columbo, and that her Commander be directed to bring from thence, such quantity of Arrack as the Agent for Spirituous liquors may have in readiness at that place; and to regulate his proceedings so as to arrive at Madras on or before the 15th of December.

Resolved that the Sucess Captain Smith be employed in bringing down Arrack and Salt Petre from Bengal; and that the necessary letter be written to Mr. Secretary Hay on the occasion.

Read the following letter from

Captain Newcome.

To

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

Honorable Sir,

From Captain Newcome - shall lose no time in detaching part of his Squadron to cruize off the Islands - cannot send the whole for want of provisions -

I have the Honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 1st Instant, communicating to me, the desire of the Governor General in Council of Bengal; that the whole, or part of the Squadron under my command, should resume 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 of the Island &c.

Your Honorable Council, will be pleased to acquaint the Supreme Board, that I shall lose no time, in complying with their recommendation; but have reason to apprehend, that it will not be, in my power to dispatch more than two Ships, on the Service in question; as there are not any Salt provisions, belonging to His Majesty's in Store; and all that can at present, be purchased in Madras, together with a portion furnished from my own Ships, will be barely sufficient to supply the Centurion and Diomede, for a period, equal to the probable duration of their cruize.

I have the honorable
&c. &c. &c.
Signed Henry Newcome

Resolved.

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Major Petrie to embark on one of the Ships for the purpose already recorded and to be accompanied by Captain Conway and Monsieur Courson.

Resolved, at the suggestion of Colonel Stuart, that Major George Petrie be directed to embark on one of the Ships destined to cruize off the French Islands for the purpose of obtaining Military Information on certain points of most essential consequence in the Event of an expedition against Mauritius and Bourbon, and that Captain Conway and Monsieur Courson, two French Gentlemen well acquainted with the Islands, do accompany the Major.

Table Allowance to the Commanders for each of the above Gentlemen

In order to indemnify the Commanders of his Majestys Ships for the expence they will be put to in providing a Table for Major Petrie, Captain Conway and Monsieur Courson, it is resolved that the Sum of five hundred (500) Pagodas be allowed for each.

Their allowances while employed

Resolved that Major Petrie and Captain Conway be allowed the Batta of their rank while employed on this Service—and Monsieur Courson that of a Lieutenant.

Louis Husneau, a French man to procure with Major Petrie his allowance

a French—man of the name of Louis Husneau, who had been employed for many years in coasting the Island of Mauritius, and is supposed to be well acquainted with the various landing places, having offered his Services on the present occasion.—resolved that he be permitted to proceed on one of the King's Ships, that Major Petrie may, if it be found deserving of his attention, benefit by the experience of the man, who is to be allowed twenty Rupees while employed.

Ordered that the necessary instructions be

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be drafted for Major Petrie; and that the Governor General in Council be furnished with a Copy.

Death of Lieutenant R. W. M. Swain 13 Battalion.

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Lieutenant R. W. M. Swain at Dindigul on the 13th Instant.

Read the following letters from the Military Board.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Military Board submitting Draft of regulations for the Ordnance Department upon the new System observations on the occasion minute of Colonel Gent the office of Military Storekeeper being done away an Agent General of Supply should be appointed.

In compliance with your commands under date the 2nd of April we prepared the draught of an order which it may be necessary to issue in consequence of transferring the charge of ordnance and Military Stores from those Civil Servants under whose charge they have hitherto been, to such as are strictly Military — which draught we have now the honor to enclose; but while our attention was engaged on this business, it appeared to us to be essentially necessary that the regulations for the Ordnance Department should be revised and altered so as to be applicable to the new classes of Servants to be employed, and so as in some cases to be more efficacious; We therefore set about this revision and correction, and have now the honor to submit to your consideration a set of regulations for the

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Ordnance Department which we think will answer better than those heretofore in use, and if they appear to you to be adequate to the ends proposed, we recommend that a number of copies of them should be printed and distributed under your authority as the regulations now to be in force in regard to Ordnance, Military Stores and Camp Equipage; and here it becomes necessary to observe that although there are some articles relative to Camp Equipage which have not an immediate dependance upon the regulations which appeared to us, to be necessary on new modelling the Store Department – yet the department of Camp Equipage is so frequently included in that for Military Stores, that we thought it advisable also to revise the regulations for Camp Equipage, and to alter them so as to make them reconcileable to the new System, and to recommend, that the whole of the regulations that we have now the honor to submit to your consideration, if adopted by your Honor in Council, should be published and considered as in full force from the time that Storekeepers shall be relieved from their charge by Commissaries, deputy Commissaries and Conductors, and from which time the heretofore existing regulations for the Ordnance Department and Camp Equipage are to be no longer in force – We think it necessary to observe that Your Honor will notice some

little

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little alteration from the detail formerly laid before you
namely, the addition of six more Conductors, and four
sub Conductors, and four sub Conductors for Fort St George
and these we have been induced to recommend in
addition, not only as the Arsenal at Fort St George is the
properest place for Conductors to be well instructed in their
duty, (and it will unavoidably happen that some must
be upon the List who will require some instruction before
they can be deemed fit to be entrusted with a separate
charge;) but because the Arsenal of Fort St George should
always be in a situation that will enable it to detach
Servants of this description without suffering internal
inconvenience — and We are clearly of opinion that the
expense of the four sub Conductors will be amply repaid
from their being employed as we have proposed, in the
last article of the regulations, to prevent loss or embezzle-
=ment when Stores are sent in large quantities by Sea-
or in small quantities by Land, as in the former case they
will go off with every boat load, and in the latter case, when
it may not be requisite to send a Conductor, they will
accompany them the whole way.

We have had no difference in opinion
relative to this subject among the Members who have
attended the Board. — but Lieutenant Colonel Geils who
was at the Board when this measure was agitated
(last May was twelve months) and who did not then
object to the principle, and who having been long
absent

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absent from the Board on account of extreme ill health,
has thought it necessary to send in a Minute, which —
although it has not occasioned any change in our sentiments,
it is our duty to lay a copy of it before Your Honor.

We shall conclude with observing that
as the Office of Military Storekeeper is entirely done away
by the present System, we have concluded that Government
will appoint an Agent General of Supply, and have —
worded some of the regulations upon that idea, and we —
suppose that this Agent General of Supply will have deputy
Agents at the principal Stations in the several Pay Master-
-ships or that the Pay Masters will be appointed Agents of
Supply as principals, at their several Stations and for such
as are immediately dependant upon them all which will
be to be regulated as Your Honor may think proper at
the time the new System is to be published, and we have
not conceived it necessary for this Board to say more on
this subject, or on the Persons to be hereafter employed as
Commissaries, deputy Commissaries, Conductors &c — as we
conceive that will be determined by Your Honor, in commuci-
-cation with the Commander of the Army: —

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort St George
3d July 1794

Signed John Braithwaite
" Jn Richardson
B J Close
W. Gent
George Hall

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St Thomas's Mount
1st June 1794

Lieutenant Colonel Geils having
been precluded by Indisposition from attending the duty
at the Military Board, has had no opportunity of seeing the
Proceedings on the subject of the Store Department, and only
yesterday was favored by Colonel Brathwaite with a private
communication of the "Appointments detailed for the new
"arrangement of the ordnance and Military Store Department
on which, as the only guide he has, he will proceed to make
such observations as he conceives to be consistent with his du-
to the service, his experience as an officer, and what may be
naturally expected from one of his standing at the head
the Artillery, under whom, till of a recent date, the charge
of all ordnance and ordnance Stores were considered

Lieutenant Colonel Geils begs leave,
in the first place, to premise, that in removing the charge of
Stores from the Company's civil Servants, who are generally men
of property, and putting them under Military Men, who frequent
are not, at least until they have made a Campaign as
Commissaries, a responsibility is lost in the fortune of their forme
to answer for any Embezzlement or loss thro neglect in
their Department, and of those very Military men were to
profess the same candour with Mr. Hughes, the Paymaster
at Rislnaghurry, they would likewise in many instances
with him, require a Store Serjeant to tell the Names and
arrange the several Articles of Stores in their Charge, or what
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he believes to be frequently the case with both the one and the other; trust altogether to a Store Serjeant for the care, Receipt and Delivery of Stores. He is therefore clearly of opinion; The Pay Masters or Civil Servants should be continued as heretofor in charge of Stores, under check of the Commissaries and controul of the Commanding Officer of the Fort or Station excepting in such situations where it becomes indispensably necessary to appoint Military Men, Storekeepers, where security should be required to an amount proportionate to the quantity of Stores in their charge.

Lieutenant Colonel Geils will take up no further of the Board's time, than by observing on the appointments as they are Detailed for the new arrangement, and beginning with the Presidency; only remarking, when he arrived first in the Country, the whole of the Store Department was under a Clerk of Stores upon 15 Pagodas \ month, who was afterwards rewarded after the first Mysore Campaign with Captain's Pay and the appointment of Commissary; our Territories were as extensive as at present (excepting the Tanjore Country) for we were sometime in possession of the Baramahl, Salem, Attour, Namcal and Coimbatore Countries, and within 40 Miles of Bangalore, how the Department has grown to its present extent appears to him more a matter of surprise than necessity; But as Government have at different times thought proper to make such appointments, Lieutenant Colonel Geils will confine himself to observing what of the present Plan may in his

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	Sergeant under the control of the Officer Commanding	Gunners	Lascars	Tindals	Pioneers
Salem				1	1

Salem being an open Village at a probable no great quantity of Stores will ever be lodged there and can at most only require a Store Serjeant.

Athoor	"	"	1	1

Athoor being a Fort and considerably advanced from any Station it can be supplied with Stores from, will doubtless require the Establishment detailed for.

Cungoondy	"	"	1	1

Cungoondy will require only a Store Serjeant.

Southern Division

Trichinopoly	"	1	2	2

Lieutenant Colonel Gent considering — Trichinopoly to be a Fort of the next importance to Madras, and on which the safety of Tanjore and all the Southern Countries in a great measure depend, would add to the above detail a Deputy Commissary, but he does not see the necessity of two Store Serjeants in any one Station

Tanjore	"	1	1	1

The Detailed Establishment appears to be required for a Fort of the extent and consequence of Tanjore

Negapatam

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	Commissd Officers	Deputy Do	Commissd Sergts	Deputy Do	Conductors	Store Serjeants
Negapatam	"	"	"	"	1	1

While the Royal Artillery were at Negapatam, a Conductor might be usefully employed, but when their Stores are removed, Lieutenant Colonel Geils would suppose a Store Serjeant perfectly sufficient.

Madura	"	"	"	"	1	1

This Establishment appears very necessary to Lieutenant Colonel Geils for Madura.

Dindigul	"	"	"	"	1	1

A Store Serjeant at Dindigul, the same as on the other Hill Forts and under similar controul appears to Lieutenant Colonel Geils to be perfectly sufficient.

Pallamcottah	"	"	"	"	1	1

The Detailed Establishment will no doubt be required for Pallamcottah.

Northern Division

Masulipatam	"	"	1	"	2	2

Lieutenant Colonel Geils is of opinion this Establishment with the exception of a Second Store Serjeant, will be required for Masulipatam, as the only Tenable Fort he knows that is not a Hill Fort to the Northward of the Kistna and 'till you reach Ganjam.

Vizagapatam

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Lieutenant Colonel Geils is of opinion the Duties of the Cantonment might be done without the Commissary as they were some time ago, but as the Marquis Cornwallis thought proper to add a Commissary to the former establishment he takes leave to propose the Detail should stand the same as his Lordship left it —

(Signed) Thomas Geils

a true Copy

(Signed) W. Linley
Dep.y Secy

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to lay before you another Minute from Lieutenant Colonel Geils under date the 18th Instant, on the same subject as the one mentioned in our Letter of the 3d Instant, and to observe that the Board is at a loss to know what Colonel Geils means by his having been kept in the dark respecting the intended Store arrangement, as it appears by the Records that he was in his Seat at the Board when the subject was taken into consideration, and when the present System was finally determined on and the Establishment of Servants to be employed in future succinctly detailed, and

From Military Board submitting another Minute of Lieutenant Colonel Geils relative to the new System for the Ordnance Department. Observations thereon.

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and delivered in his sentiments— The preparations for Pondicherry interrupted the business for a long time; when it was resumed again, Lieutenant Colonel Geils was, it is certain, confined by severe indisposition— during the time of his indisposition however it so — happened that little progress was made and the — Regulations now submitted to Government have been digested one day in each week, specifically appropriated for the purpose, of which due notice was given to every Member, and the regulations have undergone many — reconsiderations on Tuesdays, since the perfect recovery of Lieutenant Colonel Geils, which was no sooner known, than he received regularly a summons to attend— If he has not attended the Board, nor even looked at its — proceedings which his Minute implies, the neglect is on his part— The Board would have been gratified by his attendance and well pleased to have the advantage of his sentiments in the usual mode of delivering them at the Board, but as he has thought proper to deliver them in a different manner and not till after the whole business has been concluded; the Board can only observe that it would lead to an endless discussion were they to enter into arguments to refute opinions and — suggestions which they cannot deem of sufficient — importance to authorize any further delay of an arrangement

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of so much consequence, and on which the Board has bestowed much very serious attention, and in which it has endeavoured with the strictest impartiality, to — regulate matters so as to have the Service carried on with efficacy and economy, and without delay — and in doing this, they are not conscious of having taken any thing from the Senior Officer of Artillery which ought to belong to him, or of giving any thing to the Commissary General of Stores, which ought not to belong to him. —

Fort St George
22d July 1794

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

Signed John Brathwaite
" Jn. Richardson
B. J. Close
Wm Gent
George Hall
Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Geils, in addition
to the Minute he had the honor of submitting to the Board
on the 1st of June, begs leave to observe that he has been
kept altogether in the Dark, respecting the intended
More arrangement, until yesterday afternoon at 5 oClock,
when the fair Copy, meant to be sent immediately with
the Letter to Government, and scheme of a General order
was brought to him. He has it therefore only in his -
power at this time to observe, That the Commissary -
General of Stores is brought forward in a very prominent
point of view, and in several instances is made actually
to usurp the situation of the Commandant of artillery
or at least to interfere very much in his duty, and
more especially in the Articles. 12. 13. 29. 31. 32. 39. 40
and 44 comprehending Ordnance and ordnance Stores.
Lieutenant Colonel Geils has therefore to request the -
Board will be pleased to allow this to accompany -
their Proceedings to Government and assign the cause
of omitting altogether the former regulation of the Senior -
Officer of artillery, receiving Returns of ordnance and -
ordnance Stores, from out Garrisons, as well as from
Fort Saint George, by which his situation at the Head
of the Artillery becomes inefficient and very much
circumscribed -

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circumscribed.— Lieutenant Colonel Geils only desires until the pleasure of the Court of Directors is known that, in his station as Senior Officer of artillery he may be treated on matters respecting the ordnance Department, by which he understands Artillery and Artillery Stores, so as that reference may be made to him (and not to the — " Commissary General of Stores) in the same manner as is usually made by the Board to the Auditor General, the Chief Engineer. The Adjutant and the Quarter Master General in their respective Offices; and he is further of opinion before regulations to this extent are finally adopted a communication should be made of them to the Military Board at Bengal.—

Fort St Thomas's Mount
18th July 1794

(Signed) Thomas Geils
Lt Col Artly

A true Copy
(Signed) J Brodie
Secy Mil Bd

Resolutions upon the foregoing subject.

The Board having perused the Draft of regulations for the ordnance Department, think it necessary to record their approbation of the attention the Military Board have bestowed on

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this subject, which is evinced by the clearness of their suggestions, and the accuracy of the forms accompanying them, for the guidance of the persons employed in this important branch of public trust — as there are some points however which do not appear to be in exact conformity to the rules observed at Bengal, the adoption of which has been recommended on this Coast the Board think it necessary to state the following propositions, in order that the new ordinance regulations for this Presidency may be revised and arranged (under the principles thus laid down) previous to their publication —

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Second

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Second — That the Commissary General of Stores shall not hold a seat at the Military Board —

Third — That the Charge of the arsenal — shall be in the Commissary General of Stores, by which, of Course, is to be understood the Abolition of the separate Office of Military Storekeeper —

Fourth — That the duty of keeping the accounts shall, in consequence of these alterations, be allotted to the Secretary of the Military Board —

Fifth — That the Officers in charge of " Military Stores shall be denominated Commissaries, Deputy Commissaries and Conductors of ordnance —

Sixth — That when advances of Cash are to be made to the agent for the supply of Military Stores, they shall be paid through the Military Paymaster General, but not before they are recommended by the Military Board to Government; and on such occasions Government will give the necessary notice

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notice to the military Paymaster General, that he
may estimate to the extent they (Government) —
may approve —

Seventh — That there shall not be constant
Committees of Stores at out Stations, but that the
Military Board shall regulate the care of the
Store Department, and order such Surveys of
Military Works, Buildings, and Stores, as they —
shall think proper —

Eighth — That the Laboratory Service shall
be performed under the Superintendence of the
Commissary General of Stores, and his Deputy, who
should make the necessary conversions to keep up
the prescribed proportion of ammunition &c —

The Board are in hopes that
with the above outline of the principles which —
Govern the ordnance Department at Bengal,
and the Extract of a letter from the Governor
General in Council to the Government of Bombay
on the same subject, together with the information
the Military Board will have derived from
the Book of regulations of the Military Board
at Bengal, that the Military Board will be
able

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able to revise the whole of the ordnance regulations, so as to produce a strict conformity with those at Bengal, without impairing the principles of System and Control established there, although, in particular points, some variation may be allowed, on account of local differences between the two Presidencies.—

" Chas. Barkley.

" Ebt Fallofield

" Gyb Westcott

Exd Parry
Sec.

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Diary

Wrote the following letters.

To the Honorable J. G. Van Angelbeck

Governor &c. Council at Columbo.

Honorable Sirs & Sirs,

To Columbo complimentary on the departure of Mr. Vande Graaff to Batavia and on the Succession of Governor Van Angelbeck to the Government & supply of Rice forwarded.

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 24th Ultimo, and are much obliged by your attention to the requisition contained in our letter of the 1st of that month.

We have great pleasure in the opportunity that offers of convincing you of our desire of paying the most ready attention to your wishes in regard to a Supply of Rice — We now forward on the Ship Yarmouth five thousand Bags, with an Invoice of the same, and we have given directions to the Commander to land the Rice at Columbo or Point de Gaul as you shall be pleased to determine.

We take this occasion to express the high Sense we entertain of the friendly conduct which

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the 20th which Governor Van de Graff has manifested towards this Government during the whole of his administration, and we beg leave at the same time to offer our congratulations to Governor Van Angelbeck on his succession to the Government of Columbo.

We have the honor to be, with great esteem,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Chas Oakeley
&c. Council

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To Henry Newcome Esqr
Commander of his Majesty's Ship Orpheus

Sir,

To Captain Newcome with Copy a letter from the Officers of the Dorothea Elizabeth and of their Declarations - remark in respect to their Confinement

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you Copy of a letter from Messrs Young and Cheminant with Copies of their declarations in regard to the Danish Ship the Dorothea Elizabeth, and to observe that, as it would appear therefrom, that these persons were wholly unacquainted with Captain Walker's intention of proceeding to the Isle of France, there can be no longer a reason for continuing them in Confinement unless you should be of a different opinion from any circumstance at present unknown to Government.

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

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received letter from the Nabob Entered in C. C. No. 1458 - has sent positive Orders for supplying the Contractors Agent with Artificers at Trichinopoly - and Money to pay for the Pondicherry Stores - again requests a supply of Gunpowder - also to be informed what number of Sheep will be required Monthly at Shiveram, Vellore and Arnee. —

Received the undermentioned letters — entered in M.B. Nos. 174 175 176 177 178 179 180

From Major Murray.

From Commandant at Arnee reporting that the Military Board have ordered the removal of many Houses in the fort for the purpose of building Quarters Granaries &c. &c. requests instructions on the subject.

From Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General transmitting an Additional Estimate of Cash for September.

From Lieutenant Colonel Geils —

From Commandant of Artillery at the Mount - relative to the bad condition of the Cantonment Hospital - suggests it's removal to another situation. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell. —

From Commandant at Palamcotah relative to the prisoners, who have been permitted to remove to Pondicherry. —

From

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From Lieutenant Haddow. From Ditto at Rampore — can obtain no information respecting the Reddy of Pilly Palve and Seyram Reddy. —

From Mr. Paymaster Wyatt. From Paymaster at Walajabad requests the Surrender of the Bonds already deposited that he may be enabled to procure other Security. —

From Vizagapatam. From Vizagapatam Lieutenant Denton requests a few Doolies may be allowed for the use of the Sick and wounded of the party employed under his Command.

Sent the undermentioned letters Entered in C. C. Nos 149-150. —

Substance of a letter to the Nabob — To the Nabob acquainting him that the state of the Stores will not at present admit of a supply of Gunpowder.

Ditto to Tippoo Sultaun. To Tippoo Sultaun acquainting him that orders have been sent to the Commandant in the Baramhaul for seizing the persons who perpetrated the murder at Veyogh that they may be brought to justice. —

Sent the following letter.

To Henry Newcome Esqre

Commander of his Majesty's Ship Orpheus,

To Captain Newcome advising of the appointment of Major Petrie — the object thereof — 500 pay will be allowed for his accommodation and that of Captn Conway and Mons. Courtoy on the Centurion and Diomede. —

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President

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2d President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 18th instant advising of your intention to dispatch the Centurion and Diomede to a Station off Mauritius, for the purposes recommended by the Governor Generalin Council of Bengal.

As it is of importance that an able Military Officer should embark on one of the above Ships for the purpose of assisting in the necessary investigations, Major George Petrie has been selected for this Service, and authorized in conjunction with the Senior Officer of the Squadron, in the event of any attempt to open a communication with the Islanders proving successful, to enter into such negotiations and conclude such arrangements with the Inhabitants as Circumstances may render expedient. Captain Conway and Mons.r Courçon, two french Gentlemen well acquainted with the Islands will accompany Major Petrie.

In consideration of the expence which Captains Osborne and Smith will be put to, in accommodating Major Petrie Captain Conway and Mons.r Courçon with Seats at their Tables, the Honble the President in Council has been pleased to resolve that the Sum of five hundred Pagodas for each Gentleman shall be paid on that account, of which

you

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21st you will be pleased to advise the Commanders of the Centurion and Diomede ——

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

Despatched also the undermentioned letters
Entered in Mil. Ds. 181-182-183-184-185-186-187-
188-189-190-191-192. ——

To Captain Read. To Commandant in the Baramhaull directing him to use every means in his power for seizing the perpetrators of the Murder of the Amuldar at Kejoojh — Copy of Tippoos letter enclosed. ——

To Garrison Storekeeper. To Garrison Storekeeper with directions to imbark 5000 Bags of Rice on the Yarmouth for the Dutch Government at Columbo. ——

To Auditor General. To Military Auditor General enclosing Copy of a letter from Paymaster at Vellore &c. and desiring his opinion as to an Establishment of Office Servants.

To Colonel Brathwaite. To Commander of the Army the — application respecting Pioneers Clothing will be — decided on, so soon as the Contract is disposed of — the Balance of Batta may be paid to the privates of the 2d European Battalion — Ensign Seton's request wholly inadmissible — the Bengal Artillery will be stationed at Ariancoupang — and the Troops at

Madura

21st Madura served with Rice —

To Captain Chalmers

To Captain Chalmers informing him that the Board cannot enter upon the Consideration of his Accounts, as the period prescribed for delivering them in, has elapsed. —

To Messrs. Woolf and Smith

To Messrs Woolf and Smith the Kistbundy Account last submitted approved an attested Copy may therefore be delivered to the Nabobs Deputies. —

To Lieutenant Dighton

To Commandant at Nellore with instructions for the Guidance of his Conduct in regard to the Troops with the Phousdar.

To Colonel Nixon

To Ditto at Pondicherry, no necessity appears for the appointment of a Persian Moonshee.

To Captain Thomson.

To Commander of the Yarmouth ordering him to receive on board 5000 Bags of Rice for Columbo — instructions. —

To Captain Smith

To Ditto of the Success directing him to receive 120 Leaguers of Arrack to be landed at Adriapatam — and afterwards to proceed to Columbo and bring from thence a Cargo of that Article. —

To Mr. Cochrane

To Agent for spirituous Liquors enclosing the above under a flying Seal. —

To Attornies of Captain Croker.

To Messrs Tulloch Jervis and Brodie Captain Croker must be satisfied to receive his Allowances

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21st Allowances in the Current Coin of the District when he may be stationed, and at a fair exchange. —

22d Sent letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 151 requesting he will take measures for suppressing the Disturbances in the Guntoor Circar arising from His Highness's Sibbendies in the Palnaud being in arrear of pay. —

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Sent the following letters

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

Honorable Sir

We have the honor to transmit for your information Copy of a letter from Captain Newcome, advising us that in consequence of your desire, he had come to the resolution of sending the Centurion and Diomede on a Cruise off Mauritius. —

Ld Bengal advising of the intention of Captain Newcome to send his Frigates to Cruize off the Islands and inclosing Copy of the Instructions to Major Petrie. —

At the suggestion of Colonel Stuart we have directed Major George Petrie to embark on one of the above Ships for the purpose of obtaining Military Information on certain points of most essential consequence in the event of our expedition against the Islands – a Copy of our instructions to him is

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22 is enclosed herewith. —

We have the honor to be with respect
&c &c
/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley &c Council

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To. Major Petrie

Sir,

To Major Petrie advising of his appointment for obtaining Military Information on the state of the Inhabitants at the French Islands. Instructions to embark on one of the Frigates proceeding thither. Captain Conway and Mons.r Cuvyer to accompany him. also Louis Hurricane.

Two of his Majesty's Ships being about to proceed to a station off Mauritius for the purpose of cutting off supplies, as well as for the chance of obtaining information on the state of the Inhabitants of the Islands — and it being deemed of importance that an able Military Officer should embark on one of the Ships in order to assist in the necessary investigations, and to be in readiness, in the event of any attempt to open a communication proving successful, in conjunction with the Commander of his Majesty's Squadron, to enter into such negotiations and conclude such arrangements with the Inhabitants as circumstances may render expedient, the Honorable the President in Council has been pleased to select you for this Service, and to desire you will principally direct your attention to the following

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22d following points of Military information. —

1st To ascertain the exact force on each Island, whether of regulars National Guards, or Militia, white or black. —

2d An accurate description of their several Batteries with the Guns &c. mounted in them at Port Louis, and of it's defences towards the land as also of the Batteries at the different Bays &c. of the Island where Boats can land. —

3d To ascertain the most vulnerable parts of each Island, and where a landing could be effect-ed with the greatest facility, with the depths of Water and distance from the Shore for Ships to Anchor, and the nearest possible approach for the purpose of silencing their Batteries — The distance (in the Isle of France) of such part from Port Louis with the nature of the Country and road to be passed — The number of Rivers to Cross on the March, the depth of Water in such Rivers, and the height and declivety of the Banks &c. &c. —

4th Whether there be any Bay or part of the Island where Boats can land where there are no Batteries, and the precise situation of such

landing

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22d landing place, with the depth of Water for Ships to Anchor, and at what distance from Shore. —

5th If it should be found practicable to open a Communication, it will of course be the leading object to discover the actual disposition of the Islanders the respective numbers that might be expected to join us, or to remain neuter, in the event of a Descent being made on either Island, and to regulate, with the utmost precision, the spot at which they would assemble; that at which the Force should land, and the nature, and extent of the assistance they would afford towards facilitating a descent, as well as in the subsequent operations private Signals of course to be concerted. —

6th In the event of a negotiation there seems to be no objection to engage for the security of the private property of such as shall join us and that all confiscations of their property made by the Democrats shall be annulled and in General, that every attention will be paid to their Interests and all reasonable indulgence and encouragement afforded to Individuals in proportion to their zeal and exertions in contributing to the success of any attempt that may be made, and every aid and protection given to agriculture and

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22d Commerce.

7th Such of the Inhabitants as remain neuter to be in like manner secured in their private property. Rs. 5

The President in Council has resolved that Captain Conway and Mons.r Courson, two French Gentlemen well acquainted with the Islands, shall accompany you, and in order to indemnify the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships for the expence they will be put to in providing a Table for yourself Captain Conway and Mons.r Courson the Sum of five hundred Pagodas will be allowed for each.-

You will of course be allowed to draw the Batta of your Rank while you are employed on this Service- Captain Conway will also draw the Batta of his Rank and Mons.r Courson that of a Lieutenant.

A French Man of the name of Louis Huncan who had been employed for many years in Coasting the Island of Mauritius, and is supposed to be well acquainted with the various landing places, having offered his Services on the present occasion, the President in Council has resolved that he shall procued on one of the Ships, that you may benefit by his experience, in case it be deserving

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of your attention. —

If any information of importance should reach you, particularly between this and the middle of October, it will be very necessary that you take every means that offer of communicating it both to this Government and to the Governor General in Council of Bengal. —

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

Despatched the undermentioned letters —
entered in M.B. Nos 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 —
200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210. —

To M.r Secretary Cay — To Secretary at Bengal advising of the arrival of the Fort William, with the Detachment of Artillery on board. —

To Ditto — To Ditto advising of the Success being sent to Bengal for the purpose of bringing down Arrack for the Agent M.r Cochrane, and requesting that her lading may be completed with Salt Petre. —

To M.r Cockburn — To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — directing him to send a supply of Rice by Sea to Angole — the Troops at Madura to be served with that Article from the Public Stores. —

To Captain Cockburn — To Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery — orders given for allowing Store Sergeants pay to the Sergeant of his Corps, who had charge of the Royal Ordnance. —

To

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To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam transmitting Extract of the Military Board's Report and Copy of the Chief Engineer's Minute on the proceedings of the Committee of Works and Estimates, forwarded by them on the 17th Ultimo — the Centry Boxes to be provided by the Contractors — to explain the reason of pulling down the wooden Building mentioned by Colonel Gent. —

To Auditor General.

To Milletary Auditor General referring the Estimates of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Principal Agent for Bullocks for September.

To Ditto

To Ditto referring the Accounts of the King's Deputy paymaster General in continuation and an additional Estimate of Cash required by Mr. Paymaster Thompson. —

To Ditto

To Ditto referring a similar Estimate of Mr. Roebuck's for September — the Commander and three Officers of the Les Deux Andres to be allowed the same subsistence as the persons of similar rank taken on the Du Guay Trouin. —

To Ditto

To Ditto the 20th Battalion and 60 Lascars, stationed at Vizeanagrum to be continued one Full Batta — and directing him to pass the Bill of the Serjeant of the Royal Artillery for Store Serjeant's pay as above mentioned. —

To Military Board.

To Military Board — in reply to the Complaint of the Contractors for Buildings of the want of Government's support and assistance. Six inches to be added to

to

22d to the thickness of the Walls for the Arches of new construction and their opinion respecting the Gun Carriages &c. of the Nizam's Detachment approved. Their report respecting the Masulipatam repairs will be sent to the Chief and Council, and explanations required. Opinion respecting the Centry Boxes, and allowance for the Sergeant of the Royal Artillery approved. an Estimate of the Tents wanting, to be prepared, as also regulations for the Care of such as may be issued from the Arsenal. —

To Ditto

To Ditto referring Major Young's proposal for erecting new stabling at Arcot: the Contractors to state whether they can complete the work before the Rains. —

To Lieutenant Fireworker Bettson.

To Lieutenant Fireworker Bettson his Bill for House Rent and Peon Money totally inadmissible.

To Board of Revenue.

To Board of Revenue the Orders of the Bengal Government relative to the Claim of the Ramnad Rajah to the Shevagunga province may be communicated to him - the Nabob will be written to, respecting the Disturbances in the Guntoor Circar. —

To Captain Smith.

To Commander of the Success. ordering him to proceed to Bengal and to receive such Articles as may be tendered to him by that Government, and the Attorney of the Agent for Spirituous liquors - returning to Madras by the 1st October if possible. —

To Captain Thomson.

To Ditto of the Yarmouth - with additional instructions for receiving 120 Leaguers of Arrack

22d Arrack to be landed to the Southward and bringing a Cargo from Columbo. —

To Town Major

To Town Major Louis Heumcan to be allowed 20 Rupees pr. Month, while employed under Major Petrie and Major Gowdie to be repaid the five pagodas he advanced him. —

To Ditto

To Ditto notifying the encrease of allowance for the Captain and Officers of the Lascars.

To Vizagapatam.

To Vizagapatam approving their continuance of Batta to the 20. Battalion and it's Lascars the appointment of Lieutenant Marshall to act as Fort Adjutant at Vizianagrum unnecessary. —

11th

25 Received letter from the Rajah of Vencatagherry entered in C. C. No. 152 complaining of the Demands made by the Naib Cuddapa, upon his Ryots for Nuzzers. —

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Vencatagherry.

Received also the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. No. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. —

From Sub Secretary at Bengal.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal intimating by Order, that any transfers of French prisoners taken by the Dutch, should be discouraged. — Extract of a letter from Chandernagore enclosed. —

From Captain Monson.

From Commandant at Chinglipet requesting leave to visit the Presidency.

From Mr. Cockburn

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions enclosing his Estimate for September.

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From Ditto — reporting the steps he has taken for supplying Rice to the Troops at Madura. —

From Ditto

From Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment — enclosing his Correspondence with the Resident at Hyderabad. —

From Major Roberts

From Commander of the Army with a letter from Colonel Floyd respecting the Dutch Troops — observations. —

From Colonel Brathwaite

From Commandant of the 3d Battalion stating that the Rajah of Vencatagherry has detained some Recruits, entertained for his Corps. —

From Captain Maclean

From Resident at Nagore stating Captain Kinsey's Claim on account of rent of Godown hired by him, to lodge the Stores of the Royal Artillery —

From W. Torriano

From Commandant at Pondicherry the Superior Council established — proposes Mr. B. Cornette to fill the Seat which Mr. St. Paul has declined: his address to the Council, and the President's reply enclosed. —

From Colonel Nixon

From Ditto — his Secretary requests a Monthly allowance as French Interpreter. —

From Ditto

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26.

Sent the following Letters. —

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

Gentlemen,

We have perused the Draught of Regulations

To Military Board approving the attention they have shewn in examining the Regulations for the Ordnance Department but desiring they may be revised and made conformable to the Rules observed at Bengal. propositions founded thereon stated. —

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No. 26. Regulations for the Ordnance Department submitted with your Letter of the 3d. Ultimo, and much approve the attention you have bestowed on this subject, which is evinced by the clearness of your suggestions and the accuracy of the Forms accompanying them for the guidance of the persons employed in this important Branch of public trust - As there are some points however which do not appear to us to be in exact conformity to the rules observed at Bengal, the adoption of which has been recommended to us - we think it necessary to state the following propositions, founded on those Rules, in order that the new Ordinance Regulations for the Coast may be revised and arranged (under the principles thus laid down) previous to their publication. —

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3d. That the charge of the Arsenal shall be in the Commissary General of Stores, by which of Course, is to be understood, the abolition of the separate Office

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26th Office of Military Storekeeper.

4th That the duty of keeping the Accounts shall, in consequence of these alterations, be allotted to the Secretary of the Military Board. —

5th That the Officers in charge of Military Stores shall be denominated Commissaries, Deputy Commissaries and Conductors of Ordnance. —

6th That when advances of Cash are to be made to the Agent for the Supply of Military Stores, they shall be paid through the Military Paymaster General, but not before they are recommended by the Military Board to Government, and, on such occasions, Government will give the necessary Notice to the Military Paymaster General that he may estimate to the extent they / Government / may approve. —

7th That there shall not be constant Committees of Stores at out Stations, but that the Military Board shall regulate the care of the Store Departments, and order such Surveys of Military Works, Buildings, and Stores, as they shall think proper.

8th That the Laboratory Service shall be performed under the Superintendance of the Commissary General of Stores and his Deputy, who should make the necessary conversions to keep up the

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26. The prescribed proportion of Ammunition &c.

We are in hopes that with the above out line of the principles which govern the Ordnance Department at Bengal, and the extract herewith enclosed of a letter from the Governor General in Council to the Government of Bombay, on the same subject, together with the information you will have derived from the Book of Regulations of the Military Board at Bengal, already in your possession, yourwill be able to revise the whole of the Ordnance Regulations so as to produce a strict conformity with those at Bengal without impairing the principles of System and Controul established there, although in particular points some variation may be allowed, on account of local differences between the two Presidencies. —

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We are
&c. &c.
Signed Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

To Joseph Greenhill Esqr.
Sheriff of
Madraspatam

To the Sheriff directing him to liberate the Officers of the Duchess Elizabeth.

Whereas, you were directed by an order under my hand and Seal on the 18th day of July last past, to

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To 26. to apprehend the Persons of Richard Young and John Cheminant, and them to keep in safe Custody until further Orders — these are therefore to charge and Command you to release the persons of the said Richard Young and John Cheminant.

Given under my hand and Seal in Fort St. George this 26th day of August 1794

Signed/ Chas. Oakeley
Governor

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

Honorable Sir

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the month of September 1794 forwarded to me with Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 15th instant I have the honor to report that the Sum of Pagodas Two Lack, thirty eight Thousand nine hundred, and sixty three; twenty nine fanams; and fifteen Cash/ 2,38,963.29.15./ is required for the payment of such Military charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing month Viz.t —

Quarter General's Report on the Paymaster Generals' Estimate for September.

From the General Treasury	1,72,994.	5. 62.
By Bills on the Military Paymaster Gen.l	65,969.	23. 33.
Pagodas	2,38,963.	29

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect
Sir &c.
/Signed/ Henry. Malcolm
Milit.y Auditor

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The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor in Council of

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir

Ditto Ditto on the Estimate of the Grain and Provisions Department for September.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 23d. with the Estimate of expected Disbursements in the Department of Commissary General of Grain and Provision for the Month of September 1794 and to report thereon as follows.

Expected Disbursements at Madras	165.	31. "
Chingleput Permacoil and Pondicherry	740.	16. 64
Arnee Vellore and Amboor	66.	12. "
Tanjore	16.	27. "
Pallamcotah	6,028.	6. 57
Masulepatam	62.	22. 80
Baramhaul	103.	" "
Ellore	579.	40. 64
Pagodas	7,762.	30. 55

From the total amount of expected Disbursements, as above stated, the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions deducts the following Sums as not payable from the General Treasury at the Presidency but payable out of the expected Receipts from Sales in

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No. 26. in the Department, or from the Subordinate Treasuries for which Bills will be drawn upon him and transfered through the General Treasury.

Arnee Vellore and Amboor			66.. 12.. "
Masulipatam			103.. 22.. 30
Barramhaul			103.. " "
Ellore			579.. 10.. 64.
		Pagodas	811.. 33.. 14.

Consequently the Amount payable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in September 1794, as per Estimate of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is / 6,950.. 39.. 41. / Pagodas Six thousand, nine hundred and fifty thirty nine fanams and forty one Cash.

I have the honor to be with the highest respect.

Sir & Sir &c

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[Signed] Henry Malcolm
Milty Audr Genl.

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President and Governor in Council of
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Ditto Ditto Ditto

Honorable Sir

I have the honor to Report as follows

of the Bullock Currency.

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26th follows upon the General Estimate of Expected Disbursements in the Department of the Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of September 1794 accompanying Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 23d instant.

Expected Disbursements at Madras	4,302.32.-
Chingleput Permacoil and Pondicherry	200.- .-
Arnee Vellore and Amboor	3331.- .-
Palamcotah	401.- 8.21.
Baramhaul	60.- .-
Ellore	209.- .-
Itchapour	10.- .-
Ongole	15.- .-
Hyderabad Detachment	858.38.-
Pagodas	9,387.36.21.

From the Total Amount of expected Disbursements as above 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 him and transferred through the General Treasury. —

Baramhaul

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		P.	F.	C.
26th	Baramhaul	60	"	"
	Ellore	209	"	"
	Itchapour	10	"	"
	Ongole	15	"	"
	Hydrabad Detachment payable by the Nizam	858	38	"
	Pagodas	1152	38	"

Consequently the amount payable at the Presidency as per Estimate of the Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for September 1794 is — (8234.40.21.) Pagodas eight thousand, two hundred thirty four; four fanams, and twenty One Cash.

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect

&c &c

Signed Henry Malcolm
My Asst. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
24th August 1794

Received the undermentioned letters entered in 1193. Nos. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227.

From Lieutenant Macgregor. — From Officer Commanding at Ryacottah — has followed the instructions sent him on the 9th instant respecting the letters and presents for Tippoo — reply of his Officer at the nearest Station.

From Auditor General. — From Military Auditor General — reporting

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Mr. 26th reporting on Mr. Roebuck's Additional Estimate for August and

From Ditto

From Ditto reporting on one for September, and another of Mr. Paymaster Thompson for August

From Lieutenants Wilson Warne and Gurnell.

From Lieutenants W. Wilson R. Warne and Thom.s Gurnell requesting to be allowed Batta, while detained at Madras. —

From Lieutenant Welsh

From Lieutenant J Welsh requesting six Months leave of absence to Bengal. —

From Colonel Kaim

From Commandant at Pondicherry — Captain Law requests to draw the allowances of a french Aid du Camp and Madm.e le Fevre a subsistence of ten Rupees P.r Mensem. —

From Mons.r Durand

From Mons.r F Durand requesting a subsistence. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield

&

George Westcott Esquires

Tuesday 26th August 1794

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read

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Read the following letter from Bengal.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir.

We received your letter of the 18th. Ultimo

From Bengal. desiring complete Copies of the proceedings of the Board of the Revenue Board and Council at Vizagapatam which led to the sequestration of the Vizianagrum Zemindary and to the order for the Rajah's Attendance at Madras.

with its enclosures on the 1st instant and have since been in expectation of a further Report from you on the subject of the action at Padmanaburn on the 10th Ultimo, no Official Account of which had reached you when you addressed us on the above date except the Correspondence communicated by the Board of Revenue.

2d To enable us to form an accurate opinion on this transaction, and to transmit a Satisfactory Report on it to the Honorable Court of Directors, we desire you will furnish us with Complete Copies of the whole of your Proceedings, and those of the Board of Revenue, and Council at Vizagapatam, which led to the sequestration of the Zemindarry of Vizeram Rauz, and the order for his personal attendance at Madras.

3 At the same time it is proper to explain that in making this requisition for our own information and that of the Court of Directors

We

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We do not mean to express any disapprobation of the proceedings held as far as they have hitherto come to our knowledge. On the contrary we have already approved the precautionary measures communicated in your letter of 27th May last.

We are
&c &c
Signed / J Shore
Peter Speke
" Wm Cowper

Fort William
the 11th August 1794

The President proposes that the following answer be returned.

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

Honorable Sir,

Letter to Bengal in enquence of the foregoing.

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 11th Instant, and are concerned to find that Lieutenant Colonel Prindergasts official Report of the action with the late Vizeramrauze's Troops at Padmanaburn was not transmitted to you at the time it arrived. we really imagined it had been forwarded, and were not sensible of the omission until we received your

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your letter.

2d We now do ourselves the honor to enclose a Copy of that Report with the papers accompanying it also Copy of the instructions given to Lieutenant Colonel Pindergast for his guidance by the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, in consequence of our Orders.—

3d Agreeably to your desire we have ordered complete Copies to be made of the whole of our Proceedings, and those of the Board of Revenue and of the Council at Vizagapatam, which led to the sequestration of the Zemindary of Vizeanagrum, and the Order sent to the Zemindar, at the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, to come to the Presidency, or to reside, if more agreeable to himself, at any other place sufficiently remote to prevent those evils of which they complained.—

4th As the Proceedings are very voluminous some time will necessarily be required to prepare Copies; but we have directed the utmost diligence to be used on this occasion, and they shall be forwarded to you the moment they are ready. In the mean time we beg leave to refer to the abstract or Narrative of these transactions up to the 5th June last sent by

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by the Board of Revenue with their General Report of the 15th of that month, and transmitted to Bengal with Copies of our last letters to the Court of Directors by the General Anker on the 8th instant.

5th Westcott, when the whole of the Proceedings are before your Honorable Board, that you will perceive the extraordinary degree of indulgence which the late Vizeramrawze experienced under constant failure in his public engagements for some years before the sequestration of his Zemindary took place. That we were strongly urged by the Court of Directors to pursue the most decisive measures for obtaining payment of their just demands, and removing the disorders occasioned by the Zemindar's misconduct and incapacity. That our Propositions to this effect were fully approved by the late Governor General in Council and that in point of strictness we proceeded no further than simply to take the management of the Country into our own hands until the public arrears [which had accumulated to above eight Lacks of Rupees] were discharged, and provision made against future disappointment. That it was this equitable and moderate arrangement which the Zemindar set himself to oppose with all his influence and evidently for the purpose

Revenue Letter from England 19th September 1792 Par. 3 4 and 5
Dr. 25th June 1793 Par. 23.

Letter to Bengal 16th April 1793.

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purpose of compelling us to a premature restoration of his authority, and that it was not, till after he had been warned tho' ineffectually by strong and repeated remonstrances, and until the business of the Zemindary had been brought entirely to a stand by his intrigues, that we had recourse to the expedient of requiring him to leave the district and fix his residence for a time in some other part of the Company's territory.

6 We trust it will appear that this requisition contained nothing of such a nature as to warrant the Zemindar even in a passive disobedience, and much less to justify him in opposing it by actual revolt and by the assembly of an armed force consisting (as Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast reports) of six thousand Men. That the danger confusion and alarm which this proceeding created throughout the district and the effect of its example upon the Zemindars in general were such as to call for the most vigorous measures, and that, in the exercise of our discretion upon this emergency, we still used every possible precaution to avoid extremities, first by sending Vegeramauze a formal letter of expostulation and summons from our President, to which no reply was ever made, and secondly by—

affording

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affording him, to the last moment, an opportunity of returning to his allegiance without any sacrifice either of his Honor or Interest.

7th Such we hope will appear to you to be the principles on which we have acted both with regard to the sequestration, and to the Order sent to Vizianamrawze, but as the several points which influenced our proceedings (though perfectly clear in our own judgment) have occasioned voluminous correspondence and minutes we think it may be proper to observe that the cause of so much discussion has originated in the line of conduct and opinion, adopted by Mr. Chamier, the Chief of Vizagapatam, which has been deemed by the Board of Revenue as well as by ourselves totally incompatible with the objects of the sequestration founded on the Honorable Courts' orders above referred to, and favorable to the late Zemindar's views of a premature restoration of his authority.

8 We do not wish by these explanations to anticipate your judgment in any degree upon the merits of our Proceedings, but generally to shew the grounds upon which they rest, and to bespeak your confidence in the measures we have adopted from motives of public duty, until the particular

information

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information you have required can be laid before you.—

We have the honor to be with respect

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&c &c
Signed Chas Oakeley
&c Council

Approved and ordered accordingly.—

Agreed that the Board of Revenue be
directed to prepare with all expedition complete Copies
of their whole proceedings and those of the Chief and
Council of Vizagapatam that have any relation to the
Sequestration of the Vizianagrum Zemindary, and to the
Order to Vizeram Rauze to come to the Presidency.

Ordered also that Copies of the Proceedings
in the Departments of Government on the above
subject be likewise made for the purpose of transmission
to Bengal.—

Read the following letters from Captain
Newcome.—

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

From Captain Newcome
shall give orders for Major
Petrie Captain Conway and
Mons. Cuisson being received
on board the Centurion
and Diomede.—

Honorable Sir

I am to acknowledge your Secretary's
Letter

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letter of the 20th instant informing me that your Honor in Council deems it expedient that an able Military Officer should embark on board one of His Majesty's Ships destined to cruize off Mauritius for the purpose of collecting information on the state of the Island and in conjunction with the Senior Officer of the Squadron entering into such negotiations with the Inhabitants as Circumstances may render advisable Observing Major George Petrie has been selected for the above purpose, and that he is to be accompanied by Captain Conway and Mr Cowson two French Gentlemen well acquainted with the Islands, I shall immediately give the necessary orders that they be received on board His Majesty's Ships Centurion and Diomede. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Henry Newcome

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt

President and Governor &c in Council

Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

I am to acknowledge receipt of your Secretary's

from Dirks — in the proposed release of Captain Walkers &c Masters — Suggests that the Surrender of his person be demanded from the Danish Government. —

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Secretary's letter of the 20th instant transmitting to me Copy of a letter from Messrs Young and Cheminant with Copies of their declarations in regard to the Dorothea Elizabeth.—

Being unacquainted with the operation of the Law in cases of this nature, I cannot take upon me to decide on the propriety of their being released from Confinement, but must leave it to the judgement of your Honor in Council; and should you determine on the measure conceiving them (as I am willing to believe they are) innocent of any criminal intention it will I apprehend be the more necessary to require from the Government of Tranquebar the Surrender of the person of John Walker late Commander of the Dorothea Elizabeth that he may be proceeded against according to the resolution of your Honor in Council communicated to me by your Secretary's letter of the 15th July last—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed Henry Newcome

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Resolutions thereon

Resolved that an order be sent to the Sheriff to release the persons of Richard Young and John Cheminant.

Resolved

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Resolved that a letter be written to the Govern.r of Tranquebar communicating the Circumstances relating to Captain John Walker and soliciting the favor of his good Offices for the surrender of the said Captain Walker, in order that he may be brought to Justice.

Read the following letter from Bengal.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Governor in Council at

Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir,

From Bengal on the subject of Tonnage for the Expedition should it be resumed — suggestions respecting the Ships returning from China — letter for the Select Committee there enclosed.

We advised you, in our address of the 18th Ultimo that enquiries were then making in order to ascertain the probable Tonnage this Port could furnish in the months of December and January next in the event of the expedition against the French Islands being resumed about that period. — From the best information that we can obtain, we are disposed to believe that Vessels calculated for Transports may be expected to arrive at this Port between the Months of November and January, equal to 7 or 10,000 Tons of Burthen but it has occurred to us that the Vessels best calculated for the Transport Service are those generally trading between Bombay and China

and

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and that it might be a reciprocal advantage both to Government and to the owners if some communication was made to the Commanders of the possibility of the Expedition against the Islands being resumed which might induce them to touch at Fort St. George on their return from China for the chance of being chartered by the Company. —

Under this impression we have — addressed the accompanying Letter to the Select Committee of the Supra Cargoes at Canton which we refer you to the contents of and request that it may be forwarded in duplicate by two of the Coast and China Ships, and should any opportunity offer of sending another Copy of it, from hence we shall — avail ourselves of it.

We have adopted this measure — without reluctance, as we are not aware that the — Owners or Commanders of the returning Ships can experience any inconvenience from calling at — Fort St. George. —

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Shore

" Peter Speke

" Wm. Cowper

Resolved

Fort William

11th of August 1794

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the letter for the Committee of Supra Cargoes at Canton be forwarded if opportunity offer, in the way recommended by the Governor General in Council. The Board apprehend however from the lateness of the Season that there is but little probability of the China Ships coming to Madras.

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir

From Board of Revenue the Rajah of Ramnad refuses to attend at the Collector's Cutcherry thinks his authority should be supported.

We beg leave to lay before you Copy of a letter dated the 13th instant with enclosures from Mr Powney and as it appears to us of the first consequence that the authority of the Collector should receive full support on the present occasion, We are of opinion that the impropriety of the Rajah's answer to the Company's representative should be pointed out to him in strong terms, and that he be directed immediately to attend at his Cutcherry.

We have the honor to be

Hon.ble Sirs

Fort St George
21st August 1794

Your most obedient humble Servants
(Signed) David Haliburton
" Chas. N. White
" Thos. Cockburn
" [illegible]

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David Haliburton Esqre

Acting President &c. Members of the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

On the 4th. instant I did myself the honor of acquainting you of my arrival at this place and of my having taken charge of the appointment.

The first object which naturally engaged my attention was to fulfill your orders respecting the adjustment of the disputes subsisting between the Rajah of Ramnad and Sherohar of Shevaganga and in conformity to your instructions I required the immediate attendance of the Cheroikaran at my Cutcherry at Tondy, and wrote a letter (Copy of which accompanies this No 1) to the Rajah of Ramnad and inorder to obviate any reasonable objection which might arise on his attending me here, being in the Sevaganga Country, I proposed that our Interview should take place at Mootooramah Linga Patam, a considerable Chetrium in the Ramnad Country, where I was informed the Raja might

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might without any inconvenience have proceeded, but it would appear from the Rajah's answer, a Translation of which I do myself the honor to enclose No 2, that he considers such a measure would be derogatory to his name and reputation. —

I must confess that the Character the Rajah bears led me to expect a reply of the nature he sent me; but when his late refractory and irregular conduct is brought to your recollection, I hope that you will deem it necessary that he should comply with my requisition, and not be allowed, in the first instance, to decline it, merely to gratify a very false [illegible] which seems, from every information, to have led him to acts disgraceful to himself and prejudicial to his Neighbours —

Every hostility between the Rajah and the Cherokar of Shevagunga having ceased, I thought it not very material that I should see the former immediately, particularly as it would appear from Government's letter of the 16th Ultimo to your Board, a Copy of which you transmitted me, that the conduct of the Rajah was in reference to Bengal; I therefore wrote him an answer to his letter; the

accompanying

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accompanying is a Copy of it N° 3 and which I hope will meet with your approval ——

It is not merely a point of Etiquette which induces me to withhold my compliance with the Rajah's wish of repairing to the place he resides at, but it would be attended at present with very great inconvenience to the public affairs, were I now to quit this place my predecessor when in this part of the Country always resided here, in consequence of which previous to my leaving Madras, I wrote to Mr. Balmain to order all the Cutcherry Servants to repair hither, and to send the official records to this place; these have all arrived and Mr. Balmain directed all the Vakeels to the Tinnivelly Polygars to attend likewise upon my arrival. I commenced the Duties of my Office by summoning the Madura and Manapara Polygars here to adjust their Balances and to settle their Visits for Fusly 1204 they may be now expected daily and I would not wish to be absent on their arrival. ——

The Cherokar of the Shevaganga Country attended on the 11th at my Cutcherry, agreeable to my Summons sent him on the 8th. — He complained of the Hostilities which had been carried on against

Sir

him by the Ramnad Rajah, and of his having instigated the Mallore Colleries to make depredations on his Country and that the irregularities and enormities committed by the Ramnad Troops were unparalelled that the Country had been so much plundered and laid waste, that a great number of the Inhabitants had quitted it and taken refuge in the neighbouring Districts, that the heavy losses which had been sustained thereby was the cause of the heavy Balance which stood against him that immediately on the receipt of the Governors letter he had withdrawn all his Troops and had discontinued to act offensively of which the oppo[illegible] had taken advantage and had continued [illegible] arms against him for some days after he had desisted that he threw himself on the Company's protection and justice for redress and restitution of the heavy losses he had incurred by the aggression and hostile conduct of the Rajah of Ramnad.

I desired the Cherokar to state the whole of his grievances in writing, as well as the cause of the quarrel between the parties to enable me to make a more attentive and minute Investigation, that he might depend upon the protection and justice

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justice of the Company so long as he paid obedience to their Orders in the mean time, I strongly enjoined him upon no pretext whatever to allow of any assemblage of Troops in his Country, which injunction he promised faithfully to attend to. —

I proceeded afterwards to press him on the subject of his Balance amounting to 20,000 — Pagodas which I have the pleasure to inform you, — he has promised punctually to discharge in ten d from this —

I have the honor to be with great resp

&c &c

/Signed/ George Powney
Collector Pol: Peshcus

Tondy
13th August 1794

A true Copy
/Signed/ Wm Harris Montgomery

No 1

Translation of a letter from George Powney to the Rajah of Ramnad —

Dated Tondy 9th August 1794

usual Compliments. —

I have the honor to inform you that I am appointed by the Governor of Madras to succeed the late Mr Landon, as Collector of the Polygar Peshcush South of the Coleroon, and that I arri here

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have yesterday and took charge of my appointment.

It gave me much concern to hear that Hostilities had been carried on between yourself and the Cherokar of Shevegunga, but I have been glad to understand, since my arrival here, that these have ceased, and I have to desire that they on no account whatever be renewed; It is necessary that I should communicate to you my Sentiments on this subject in person, and as my business will detain me here some time I desire to have an interview with you as soon as possible and I propose that you should meet me any day that may be convenient to you in [redacted] at Mootoorama — Singa Patnam — you will be pleased to advise me the day you will be there. —

I was much concerned to observe that a balance of Star Pagodas 16026.. 15.. 70.. appears to be due from you of your Peshcush for Fusly 1203 which ought to have been paid in the Months of April, May, and June last; this Sum you will be pleased to take measures to discharge immediately.

Usual Compliments

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Harington
Secry

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Downey
Collector
Usual

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Copy
No 2

Usual Malabar Compliments

From Mootoorama Linga Vijia
Ragoonada Sattopully to George Powney Esq.

Dated 10th August 1794

I am in good health and beg you will please inform me with the state of your welfare.

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 9th August 1794 and understand the contents of it in which you are so good as to inform me that the Honorable Company had appointed you to succeed the late Mr London as Collector to the Polygars Peshcush South of the Coleroon River and that you had arrived at Tondy where business would detain you for some days, and that you proposed me to come to Mootoorama Linga Patnam.

Since the time I heard of this appointment having taken place for you I was very happy and was much anxious to see you. I immediately sent down my Vakeel called Alwar Pillay as Flagabal to meet you, who wrote me that he had met you at Pondicherry and likewise informed me that you were coming from stage to stage. I wa-

very

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very glad that I might have the honor of seeing you: soon after you arrived at Tondy, you were so good as to inform me that busines would detain you for some days there - I think my Vakeel Alwar Pillah did not explain to you the manner and custom of this Circar - name and reputation for this Circar was bestowed by the Honorable Company - you are a noble Circar, every thing will come to your knowledge. It is a duty incumbent on you to observe the Custom and manner of this Circar as heretofore, and therefore I request you will please to come to this place once, that we may meet with one another - It is unnecessary to explain to you further respecting this business. —

Respecting the balance for the Year Fusly 1203 - Nobody can withhold what is due to the Company - since the Government of the Honorable Company and from the superintending time of Messrs Sulevan, Macleod and London I continued to pay the Peshcush to them soon and when any balance appeared to be due at the end of the year it was usual for me to liquidate it in the Course of two Months agreeable to this mode I shall take measures to discharge the Balance to you. —

I request you will inform me with your welfare as well as to direct me how I am to conduct

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conduct myself in Business

Translation

/Signed/ G. Bowney
Collector

A true Copy

/Signed/ Wm. Harington Secy.

No. 3

Translation of a letter from George Powney Esq.r to the Rajah of Ramnad

Dated 13th. August 1794

Usual Compliments. —

I had last night the honor to receive your letter dated the 10th. of the Month and understand its contents. — In my former letter to you I acquainted you that business would detain me here some time which was the reason of my appointing an interview with you at Mootooráma Linga Patnam not conceiving it possible that your name and reputation could be affected at the proposal I made you — I imagined that you would have been glad to manifest your attention to the Honorable Company by taking the first proper opportunity of meeting their representative; but, as you have not evinced such a

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a disposition, I am sorry it is not in my power, at present, to proceed to the place where you reside, and, in the mean time, I have sent the Copy of your letter to my Superiors at Madras —

With respect to the time that you say was allowed you by former Collectors to liquidate any balance that might be due by you at the end of the year it is out of my power to admit of it for I am directed to exert myself in recovering all balances that may be due as soon as possible I must request the favor of you therefore to discharge what is due by you without delay —

A true Copy.

/Signed/ J. Powney
Collector

A true Copy

/Signed/ Wm. Harington Secy

Minute thereon.

As it is probable that the Rajah of Ramnad from a sense of his late misconduct might feel some apprehension for the safety of his person in attending the Collector's Cutcherry, and as the Board have already come to a resolution of putting off to a more seasonable moment, any measure that might lead to a serious consequence, it is agreed that the Board of Revenue be desired to direct Mr Powney to

repeat

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repeat his Summons to the Rajah to attend the Cutchery, but, should he persist in his evasion of the Order, that the Collector be, in that case, satisfied with the Evidence of such persons as may be able to give information on the points referred to his investigation

Read the following letter from Captain Chalmers.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor and President in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Captain Chalmers producing proof that his claims were preferred within the prescribed period.

I have been honored with your Secretary's letter of the 20th. instant, and am sorry to observe that your Honorable Board should have cause to suppose that I had omitted stating my claims in question beyond the prescribed time. The accompanying letter from the Honorable Mr. Paymaster Cochrane will I trust remove the objection stated and plainly point out that he was in possession of my claims, and that he had sent them to the Military Auditor Generals' Office within the time prescribed by Government. The pressure of more important business in the Military Auditor Generals' Office may have been the cause why Colonel Malcolm did not take up my Accounts

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for audit until lately, however I am confident, after this explanation, that your Honorable Board will do me strict justice. In order to your being more particularly enabled to do so, it becomes expedient for me to elucidate certain Circumstances which are essentially necessary for your satisfaction. The first and most material of these is the means I had of purchasing the materials I claim a reimbursement for, should your Honorable Board deem it necessary my then Attorney Mr. Erskine & Nevins will declare to the truth of having remitted me Sums of Money adequate to part of Expenditures contained in my Bills of charge for which he now holds my Bond. I had no Office of the Honorable Company's Service with me during the 1st seige of Coimbatore but am willing to come forward in any manner your Honorable Board may be pleased to call upon me to declare to my Bonafide Disbursements during that period and have now the honor to enclose a Letter from Lieutenant Henry Nash who did Duty under me which I trust will be deemed by your Honorable Board a sufficient Document for my indemnification. I can produce the Evidence of the Store Sergeant and others if required – the Vouchers for working Money &c. are in the Military Auditor General's Office

and

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and may be produced provided you may be pleased to call
for them the absolute necessity for my making the
whole of these purchases and Disbursements stated
in my Accounts will appear at one view by my Journal
of the two sieges I sustained, which I should esteem
a particular honor and indulgence on the part of your
Honorable Board to peruse / both / Earl Cornwallis
and General Meadows noticed my conduct by that
particular mark of Distinction —

I have the honor to remain with great
Respect
&c &c
/Signed/ J. M. Chalmers Captain

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Minute thereon.

As Captain Chalmers has produced a letter
to him from Mr Paymaster Cochrane shewing that
his claims upon the Company for disbursements at
Coimbatoor were submitted within the prescribed time
Resolved that the accounts be referred to the —
Military Auditor General, in order that they may be
compared with the Vouchers in his possession, and the
Auditors opinion be taken as to the propriety of admitting
the balance against the Company - Resolved also
that the Auditor be directed to call upon Mr —
Venentius Corbett, who was Paymaster and Storekeeper
at

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at Coimbatoor at the time for such explanation as it may be in his power to give — and with respect to the articles said to have been purchased by Captain Chalmers during the first and second seige the mode by which the valuation has been determined must be particularized. —

Read the following letter from the Subsecretary at Bengal. —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Government at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Sub Secretary at Bengal advising of the repayment into the Treasury of the Sum lately advanced there, for peishcush; to the Nizam's Vakeel.

In consequence of an intimation from the Nizam that he should not require the payment at Benares, before desired by him, his Vakeel Meer Abdul Luttif has repaid into the General Treasury at this Presidency the Sum of 150,000 Arcot Rupees noticed in my letter to you of the 7th Ultimo, this Sum therefore is not to be carried to credit on account of the Peishcush as before desired.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. H. Harington
Sub Secy

Fort William
the 8th August 1794

Ordered

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Order thereon

Ordered that the Accountant General be informed of the above, and directed to make the necessary adjustment in consequence. —

Read the the following letter from the Resident at Hyderabad. —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have been duly favored with your letters of the 4th 5th 12th and 19th June and 9th and 24th July only the two last of which require any answer.

What has passed here in consequence of Tippoo Sultaun's letter to Sir Charles Oakeley (Copy of which was enclosed in your favour of the 9th Ultimo) will appear from the accompanying extracts of my Correspondence with the Governor General which I beg you will submit to the notice of the Honorable the President in Council. —

From Captain Kirkpatrick's little progress appears to have been made in settling the boundaries correspondence on the subject and regarding Rs 6 lakhs enclosed remarks relative to the Arrears due from the Nizam suggests the discharge of the 1st Kist of the Peishcush for 1200. —

With respect to the arrears due by the Nizam on account of the Detachment, it may be proper to observe that they have never since my arrival at this Residency amounted to four Months without my immediately obtaining two Months for the

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the Service of the Troops by which means, while the latter have usually been paid up to a day, the permanent balance of his Highness' Debt on this score has, on the other hand, been kept from exceeding three Months. The facilitating of the regular Payment of the Detachment however is not perhaps the only advantage which has accrued from the existence of this Balance, for it is owing possibly, in some degree, to this circumstance, that the Durbar has never yet been pressing with regard to the arrears of Paisheush on which account three Lacks and half of Rupees have been due to his Highness since the 31st of march last, and to which there will be to be added, at the end of October ensuing three lacks and a half more.

From the convenience thus arising from the existence of this balance which is still exceeded by the Amount of Paisheush in arrear, would, I confess, have induced me to refrain from urging its liquidation, had not an apprehension that Government might, in the present conjuncture, be thereby subjected to some embarassment, superseded these considerations. I therefore applied for its discharge at the same time that I apprized the Durbar that the President in Council was ready to pay to its order the amount of Paisheush due by the Company: but as it indicated

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no eagerness on the occasion, and as it did not appear
to be my business to press for a settlement of the
matter it yet remains unadjusted I have some reason
to think however that the Balance in question will
be tendered to me before the expiration of the present
month —

If in consequence of the late change
of measures with regard to the projected expedition
against the French Islands the state of the
Treasury at Madras should conveniently admit of
the complete discharge of the first kist of 1203
Fusly at the Presidency (or at Masulipatam) the
President in Council may possibly think the
arguments I have offered against the extinction of
the Balance due by the Nizam on account of the
Detachment worth his consideration, the more
especially as the period for the payment of the 2d
kist of 1203 is so nigh that the punctual discharge
of it (which perhaps in the case of his Highness's
liquidating the Company's claim would be expected)
may happen to be a matter of some difficulty —

Should Government see reason to
acquiesce in the measure I have here suggested, it
is not improbable but I might be able to obtain
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an additional supply of Money from the Durbar equal to the payment of the donation due to the Sepoys of the Detachment.

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

Bider
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Extract of a letter from the Resident at Hyderabad to the Governor General dated Bider 22d July 1794

8th "I have the honor to transmit Copy "of a letter with its enclosure which I received yesterday "from the Madras Government I have not yet been "able to make the necessary enquiry on the occasion "but I have no reason to think that Mahomed "Ameen Asab has concurred in the Report to which "Tippoo Sultaun alludes as if it had constituted a "definitive adjustment. It may not be amiss to "notice here that Tippoo Sultaun if I may rely on "the information of this Durbar has never yet replied "either to Azimul Omras last letter on the subject "of the boundaries or to the Nizam's complementary "Epistle inviting him to the nuptials of Secunder Jah "both of which were transmitted through the Government "of Fort St George."

Extract

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Extract of a letter from the same to the same dated 30th July 1794.

9 "After making the fullest enquiry in
"my power on the subject, I see no reason to believe
"that Mahomed Ameen Khan Arab and Meeran
"Hussain had made any material progress in the
"Settlement of the boundaries and far less that they
"had come to a conclusion on the business previous to
"the latter's proceeding to Seringapatam from whence
"there is as yet no account of his having returned to
"Goote - On the other hand however I am sorry to be
"obliged to say that there is too good ground for
"suspecting that Tippoo Sultaun is more correct in
"what he affirms regarding Heenchinhâll which place
"would not appear to be yet delivered up to that
"Prince notwithstanding the readiness to evacuate
"it so long ago professed by Azimut Omra - It
"is pretended here that the Officers of Tippoo -
"were formally invited many months since to take
"possession of it, but that they have hitherto declined
"doing so - It is also pretended that no collections
"have for a considerable while past been made from
"it on account of this Government - the improbabilities
of

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"of these assertions has induced me to remonstrate strongly
"on the occasion to the Minister which I hope will
"be productive of positive orders for the relinquishment
"of the place should none really have been already
"transmitted." —

Extract of a letter from the same to the same dated
11th. August 1794

9 "I have the honor to enclose Copy
"and translate of a letter lately written by the
"Minister's direction to the Aumil of Ranickgheir
"on the subject of Henchinhâll which I trust will
"have the desired effect."

True Extracts
Signed, W. Stewart Assistant

Translate of Copy of a letter from Mustafa Cuddum
ud Dowlah to Meer Ali Hussain Khan the Aumil
of Ranickgheir dated the 5th. August 1794. —

Prior to this Nabob Azimul Omra
wrote you directing the delivery of the Talook of
Henchinhâll and the small Fort belonging to it.
Hitherto you have neither stated to the Sirkar your
having delivered the same to Tippoo Sultaun's people
your not having taken a receipt or any particulars
whatever

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whatever concerning the business — Doubtless my friend
you will, at that time, have written to some one of
Tippoo Sultaun's people to receive possession of the said
Talook and small Fort, and, certainly, you will have
received an answer from such persons, yet, your silence
on this head is very surprising. —

At this time the subject has been re-
represented to his Highness the Nizam in a letter
from Tippoo Sultaun to the Governor of Fort St. George
fresh Orders have therefore been issued by the Nabob
Azimul Omra directing me to write you on the subject
and to desire that you will, agreeably to the Nabob's
former letter deliver the small Fort and Talook of
Heenchinhall to Tippoo Sultaun's Talookdars together
with the amount you may have collected therefrom
since the date of your Receipt of the said former
letter, which apparently was upwards of a year ago, to
the present time without making any deduction for
the charges of Sebundy: take a receipt and forward it
with all speed to the presence His Highness the
Nizam's injunctions on this head being very urgent. —

In the same manner as you are restoring
a Talook together with the amount you may have
collected therefrom to Tippoo Sultaun there are an

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hundred and odd villages of the Talook of Bulkary
&c together with the amount that may have been
collected by the Talookdars of Tippoo Sultaun to
be received by his Highness without deducting the
charges for Sebundy the adjustment of this negotiation
being required by the Treaty of Serengapatam and
this being the case a delay or procrastination on
such matters occasions derangement in general &
concerns — Immediately on Receipt of this letter
deliver the small Fort and the abovementioned Talook
to some person belonging to Tippoo Sultaun, and &
taking a receipt for the same, transmit it speedily
to the presence — Also let whatever correspondence
and negotiations may have passed in consequence of
the Nabob's former letter between you and Tippoo
Sultaun's Talookdars be fully and particularly &
detailed — Even send the original Letters you may
have received from them and the Copy of the one
you may have written to them, in order that the
reason why Tippoo Sultaun has not received the
small Fort may be known and that after learning
this an answer to Tippoo Sultaun's letter may be &
sent by the Governor of Fort St George — Thus much
has been written for your information ——

A true Translation
(Signed) W Stewart Assistant
Resolved

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Minutes thereon

Resolved that Orders be sent to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam to pay to the order of his Highness the Nizam the Sum of three Lacks and fifty thousand /3,50,000/ Arcot Rupees or the equivalent in Madras Pagodas, being the amount of the Rist that fell due on the 31st of March last.

The Board acquiesce in the measure suggested by Captain Kirkpatrick in respect to the balance due by the Nizam on account of the detachment, and particularly as there is a probability that the Resident will speedily be able to obtain an additional supply of money from the Durbar equal to the payment of the Donation due to the Sepoys of the Detachment.

Read the following letter from the Contractors for Repairs.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

From Messrs Roebuck and Abbot stating the loss they must sustain by the repair of the Drawbridges at Trichinopoly being countermanded and by withholding from them the support of Government.

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to lay before you Copy of a letter we have received from our Agent at Trichinopoly - Conformable to your Orders communicated to us through the Military Board under

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under date the 23d. May — We sent up from this place Timbers by land for the Repairs of the Draw & Bridge and our People commenced the Work untill Stopped in consequence of the instructions you were pleased to give to Colonel Floyd of which we were not favored with a Communication, although it has been at all times our desire to accommodate ourselves as much in our Contract as possible to the wishes of Government yet in the present instance, we are under the necessity of complaining to you, Honorable Sir, of the injury and loss we are likely to sustain from your Orders to Colonel Floyd and of stating that we trust you will be pleased to grant us a compensation for the same. We are also under the necessity of stating the want of that support to which we are intitled by the 5th Clause of our Contract, which is particularly related in our Agents letter marked A inclosed, and to request you will be pleased to give such Orders to Colonel Floyd as will give Security to our Property and the people whom we employed —

In consequence of an order transmitted to us by the Military Board last August we prepared

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prepared Materials for the Silk Manufacture at Vellout; but as Doctr Anderson had himself commenced those buildings, on a different Plan from what we were furnished with, we addressed the Military Board under date the 22d last March Extract of which marked B with the enclosures 1.2.3. we have the honor to enclose. As we have been at the expence of near 700 Pagodas for providing materials for the abovementioned Buildings we hope you will be pleased to receive them from us and pay us their actual amount and make us a compensation for the injury we have received.

We have the honor to be with respect

&c &c

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Signed Roebuck & Abbott
Contractors

Messrs Roebuck and Abbott.

Gentlemen,

I have been favored with your letter of the 15th in consequence of which I would have proceeded with the Bridge Business again; but, at the time, I received a positive message from the Nabob that he would not allow me to do any thing

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to the Bridge unless he had an order from his Father, I made it my duty to wait on Colonel Floyd who seem'd rather disgusted, and teized with the many Controversie and because he could not interfere in the Business forwant of an order from Government, he shewed me a letter which he received from the Secretary's Office, wherein it says the Contractors had received Orders to desist in going on with the Repairs of the Bridge that it had been a request from the Nabob for his people here to undertake that Business. —

I may be blamable for not beginning the Business again agreeably to your letter, but considering that these People certainly would have given us fresh trouble and interuption without any redress from either side, and probable cut up a good deal of fine Timber and materials / as we have done — already / and afterwards have no use for it — therefore I thought it proper to desist for the present until this point is cleared up properly — I beg leave to observe that we have already prepared a great deal of fine Materials such as Teakwood Joists and Iron work — besides I have every other Article ready which is wanted for the Repairs of the Bridge, and now laying not knowing whether all this which has cost

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cost so much Money / will come to any use or not.

The Nabob sent his Man to me and very Arrogantly said that if this Business was so much consequence and hurry what was the Reason that there was no proper Order from Government and his Father which would put a stop to all further Disputes. —

I beg leave to trouble you by laying before you the following detail of the manner and Prerogative proceedings of the Nabob and his people here with regard to your Contract. A place that had been pointed out by Order of Colonel Floyd for the use of the Contractors Stores and which we have had possession of these 2 Months was the other day redemanded from us by the Nabobs People and even took Possession of it without giving us any previous notice altho a large quantity of our Stores laid — there. I know I had no right to relinquish this place so easy, without acquainting Colonel Floyd of it. — who immediately gave orders in favor of the — Contractors to keep possession, and the Nabob's — people might take up as much ground on the Southside of the Gate to Warriore but thro the — incessant importunities of these People Colonel — Floyd

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Floyd was obliged to come himself to the spot, when it was considered in order to avoid any more trouble from these people, for us to give up the place after I had Built Sheds and made every thing for the Reception of our Stores. —

Not a person of this place of whatsoever denomination belonging to the Nabob but what have their instructions to cross and hinder your business and to give every affront to your People in order to lay hold of different Complaints the other day the People who had brought timber from Madras wanted to Repass the Cavery, when the Boat People understood they belonged to the Contractors they abused the Poor People and drove the Bullocks different ways into the River where the stream was most violent, and they were taken a great way down the River and one of the best Bullocks drowned, in order to pass the remaining part I sent a note: instead of paying any regard to it one of the Nabobs Sepoys took it with a letter of yours and threw it in the River — All this was represented to Colonel Floyd and the Nabob but without any satisfaction —

I beg once more leave to represent as for a certainty, that it will be impossible for your

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your Contract to go on unless an order from Government to the Commanding Officer here is procured and an Order from the Nabob Wallajaw to his Son here for the Protection of your Works Numbers of things are done which the Nabob knows nothing of.

I am &c &c
Signed / I Balfour

Trichinopoly
21st August 1794

A true Copy
Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Minutes thereon.

Resolved that his Highness the Nabob be requested to give his sanction to the execution of the Repairs to the Bridges at Trichinopoly by the Contractors People since it appears, by the letter from their Agent, that, in consequence of former Orders, materials had been provided by the Contractors for this Work. —

Agreed that it be observed to the Contractors that the Board have not, in any instance, withheld from them the support and assistance which Government were bound to give by the fifth Clause of the Contract that repeated applications had been made to the Nabob in respect to the obstacles

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obstacles represented in the provision of workmen and materials in the Trichinopoly District, and that, as that District is entirely subject to his Highness's authority it is only through his means such difficulties can be removed. —

Read the following letter from Captain Doveton. —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military and Political Department

Sir,

From Captain Doveton requests ordersregarding the disposal of the Balances of Cash and Articles in his hands also instructions for the guidance of his conduct at Ryacottah. —

Having received the directions of the Honorable the Governor General in Council to pay into the Treasury of Fort St. George the Sum of Pagodas 870.. 36.. 6.. being the Balance of my account Current with the Government General — and also to deliver into Government the several Articles in my possession which were purchased by me on the public Account — I have now the honor to request the Commands of the Honorable the Governor

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in Council respecting the disposal of the above Guns and Articles. —

I beg leave to inform you that, in Order to save the charges of maintaining the Horses specified in the List of Articles given in by me to the Governor General & in Council they have been sold during my absence from Madras — the Sums arising from the sale, and now in my hands — are for the riding Horse Pagodas 180 — for the two small Horses / or Tattooes / 11 Pagodas Total 191 Star Pagodas. —

I take the liberty to acquaint you that I propose, with the permission of the Honorable the Governor in Council to set off in a few days to my Station at Ryacottah — from whence I shall — transmit to Tippoo Sultaun the Letters with

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with which I am charged from the
Honorable the Governor General — I request
therefore to be honored with such further
Instructions from the Honorable the
Governor in Council, in addition to those
I have already received from the Honorable
the Governor General in Council, as they
may deem necessary for the guidance of
my conduct in the situation wherein I am
placed. —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient
and most humble Servant
(Signed) Gabriel Doveton

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26th
August 24. 1794

Resolved

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Resolved that Captain Doveton be directed to deliver over to the Civil Secretary the balance of his account Current with the Governor Generalin Council together with the several Articles on his posession belonging to the Compan

The Governor Generalin Council having resolved that the Public correspondence with Tippoo during Captain Doveton's Command at Racottah shall be transmitted through the hands of that Officer it is agreed to direct him to forward the Letters which may mutually pass between the two Governments, and likewise receive any Communications that may be made to him by Tippoo on points which the Sultaun may consider not of sufficient importance to form the subject of a Letter to Government Captain Doveton is not however to act from himself on these Communications but to take the orders of the Board on every matter referred to him. —

Establishment of official Servants and Letter Carriers to be allowed Captain Doveton.

The President lays before the Board the establishment of Official Servants and Letters Carriers stated by Captain Doveton to the necessary —

One Moonshy
One Matseddy
One Writer
One Head Hircarrah
Two Common Hircarrahs
Two Camel Hircarrahs

Resolved that Captain Doveton be permitted to entertain the above, and directed to acquaint the Board of the allowance fixed for each so soon as they have been hired. —

The President is requested to apply to

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to the Nabob for the loan of two Camels, the Monthly charge for which Captain Doveton will defray — Resolved also that Captain Doveton be permitted to draw an allowance of 5 Pagodas P.r Mo. for Stationary —

Read Petitions from the Native Writers in the Military Secretary's Office stating their length of Service, and praying that the Board will be pleased to make some encrease to their pay, or permit them to quit the Office, since they can be employed elsewhere with more advantage to themselves. —

The pay of the native Writers in the Military Office to be encreased at the discretion of the Secretary.

Resolved that it be left to the discretion of the Secretary to make such addition to the Pay of the Native Writers, as in his Judgment may be proper. —

Resolved, at the request of Mr. Thomas Cockburn, that he be relieved from the Office of Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, and that Mr. John Humphrey Sharden be appointed in his Room. —

Mr. J. H. Sharden appointed Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions vice Cockburn permitted to resign —

Chas. Oakeley.

E. Wallfield

Geo. Wardroth

Geo. Parry

Wm. Wyllys

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Diary

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in—

C: C: No. 153. 154.

Substance of a letter from the Nabob — From the Nabob advising of his having sent Citta
=vaun to Mr. Powney for the purpose of consulting with him on the
=cessary for adjusting the affairs of the Ramnad Province and rig
=ing that he may be ordered to render every assistance to this en

Ditto from the Rajah of Vincatagherry — From Rajah of Vincatagherry advising of the
Nabob having required him to detach 2000. Peons to chandima
to act against the Mogratt Polygar. —

29th Received the undermentioned letters Entered

C: C: Nos. 155. 156. —

Ditto From the Nabob — From the Nabob with remarks, in regard to
Communications from Tippoo has resolved to annihilate the tyran
=nical power of the Mogratt Polygar. —

Ditto — Ditto — From Ditto has sent positive orders to his com
=dant to prevent the Tanjore Cavilgars from taking refuge in the
Circar Districts. —

Received the following letters. —

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir,

From the Military Auditor General — Having gone into an Investigation, as far as
=sent, submitting his has been practicable, in my Office, in the first instance, of the
Instructions to Mr. Babcock, several Statements on the score of Temporary allowance as Fre
for regulating the payment =mopoly in consequence of your Orders of the 15th November las
of Temporary Allowance at and in communication with the Copy of the Military Pay
Vizianagaram. General's Letter of the 7th of that Month to your Honorable

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Board which accompanied those Statements, I have transmitted Instructions on the subject to that Officer, of which the inclosed is a Copy, as the only means by which it appears to me the payment of the Temporary Allowance for Tritchinopoly may be conducted, under the principle which I conceive it to be your intention to make allow=ance for such Errors affecting the claims of Individuals as may have been committed by the Paymaster of that Station, in granting the necessary Certificates and I beg leave to express my hope that the mode thus adopted will meet with your approbation.—

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

Military Auditor
Generals' Office
Fort St. George
3d August 1794

Henry Malcolm,
Mily Aud. Genl.

M. Benjamin Roebuck
Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I send you herewith a Copy of the Orders I have received from the Honorable the President in Council in conse=quence of your Letter to him of the 7th November last with its inclosures respecting the payment of the Arrear of Temporary allowance claimed on account of Officers Stationed at Tritchinopoly.—

Having ordered an Examination of the Tritchin. Accounts from January 1787 to June 1790 inclusive for the purpose of estimating from those Accounts the actual Sum which might be reckoned upon as payable for that Garrison under the head of Temporary Allowance during that period,

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29th It is only necessary to observe to you that the plan you have followed appears to be the only one which could have been thought of to ascertain as nearly as is practicable the extent to which the claims might be reasonably admitted.-

Where a difference however appears against the Company between the amount claimed and that which it is reasonably to suppose fell to be paid, it is proper to use every precaution to check the several Certificates and Bills which have been presented for payment previous to discharging them.

The causes of the difference may be supposed to have arisen as follows.

First In case the amount of Certificates include a proportion of the Sums claimed on the Bills that have not been attested by the Paymaster, or on those that may have been formerly paid.-

Second In case a proportion of the Sum, whether included in the Certificates or unattested Bills, is claimed for persons to whom Full Batta had been paid for the corresponding periods.-

Although it will be difficult to imagine, on adverting to the description given of the Certificates in your letter especially in the case of such as have been granted to persons not authorised to draw Temporary allowance on their own account, to discover what proportion of the difference may have arisen from the first supposed cause it will nevertheless be proper to examine closely the dates of the Certificates and the periods which they include, together with the amount formerly paid and the

Full

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29th. Full Batta Bills for the corresponding periods of the persons in whose favor Certificates have been granted, in all cases where such persons shall be found to have belonged to the Garrison of Tritchinopoly at the time for which the Temporary allowance was payable at that Station on the authority of Certificates from the Paymaster but who were either ordered, or actually on Field Service during the whole or a part of the period.

The second supposed cause of the difference arising between the amount estimated from the accounts and that which has been claimed appears to me to afford a better prospect of ascertaining the point in some degree, and in this idea I conceive a reference to the Full Batta Bills of the parties who belonged to the Garrison of Tritchinopoly at the time as beforementioned, becomes indispensably necessary as a check previous to discharging either the Certificates or unattested Bills observing in both cases that the Full Batta Bills for Examination are those of the Detachment under Colonel Stuart in 1789, those that may have been discharged by Mr. Johnston for January and February 1790 and those transmitted as Vouchers to the accounts of the Paymaster to the Army for the remaining part of the year 1790 as it will occur to you that the Garrison of Tritchinopoly furnished a quota of Troops for the Field Service of both of those periods.

It occurs to me further to observe to you the previous to discharging any part of what may be found admissible either on the Certificates or Bills not attested,

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It will be necessary for you to ascertain that no claims for Temporary allowance at Trichinopoly except such as are enclosded in your Report of the 7th November last, remain to be answered. That have been made within the time prescribed by Government for preferring Applications for pay and allowances, as, by using such precaution, any demands of the same kind which may hereafter be made can be easily — noticed with Official regularity. —

It will also be proper that you direct the amount of the Certificates and Bills for Temporary Allowance which may be discharged in consequence of the Orders of Government to be brought to account as Arrears of the respective years, as nearly as you can ascertain the period, and that the Vouchers for such payments shall, in common with others, accompany the accounts of the Paymasters, respectively, who make the payments, thereby affording me an opportunity of Auditing the Accounts in a manner that appears to warrant the payments, under such Checks according to the orders I have received on the occasion, as I conceive it to be the intention of Government, by the said orders, that the Sums shall be discharged which have been demanded under the Certificates and unattested Bills, provided the Statements you have drawn out are as correct as was practicable under the circumstances of the case and that well authenticated Certificates otherways than under the form you have described those granted by Mr. Johnston are not rejected, while, at the same time, the Errors you have mentioned in your Letter of the 7th Novembed last are not considered of such importance as to Invalidate the Claims founded upon the Certificates which have been reported upon by you. —

I have only to add that the amount which may be paid to be paid under the orders I have received is as follows. —

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Temporary Allowance for the Garrison of Trichinopoly
as pr Certificates Signed by Wm Johnston enclosed
in No3 of your report to Government under date
7th November 1793 Pagodas 2983. 22. 56

Ditto as pr unattested Bills enclosed also in No3
of your report to Government of the above date . . . 209 7. 40

Pagodas . . 3192 30. 16

Say Three Thousand One hundred and Ninety two Pagodas Thirty
Fanams and Sixteen Cash, with the exception of such part of this Sum
as shall be found not to be due under the checks to be observed.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signd) Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl

Military
Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
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a true Copy
(Signd) Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl

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

Honorable Sir,

Wm Gregory the Collector in the northern
Division of the Zemindary, having reported to us that large
Bodies of men were assembling in his Division, and that the
Detachment doing Duty there under the Command of Lieutenant
Denton was totally unequal to the protection of the Country,
we transmitted to the Officer Commanding in the Districts
a Copy of Mr Gregory's Letter, desiring that he would suggest
such measures as to him appeared necessary at this Juncture.

We beg leave to lay before your Honor
in Council, a Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Bondergasts Letter
to

From Majr Gaspr Bondergast
submitting Colonel
Bondergasts arrangement
for protecting the low
Countries and their owners
duty to him on the subject.

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to us, with a Transcript of our Reply, and to express our hope, that they will be honored with your approbation. —

Application having been made, for Military aid, in order to assist the Collector in the Southern Division of the Zemindary, a Detachment has been furnished from Ellore to that for that Service. —

It is not possible to judge of the Extent and Duration of the troubles which are to be apprehended from the Combination of the Hill Polygars in the Northern Division, but as every thing relating to that Division is exclusively entrusted to the Management of Mr. Gregory, we doubt not, but that he will adopt the necessary Steps, by means of negociations, for bringing the Service to a Successful and Speedy Termination.

We have the honor to be, with great Respect

Sir &c. &c.

Signed John Chamier

Vizagapatam,
23d August 1794

John Chamier Esqr.

Chief &c. &c. Council of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

I have been favored with your letter of the 6th instant accompanied with a Copy of a Letter received from Mr. Gregory, and desiring I would acquaint you with the Arrangement which, in my opinion, should be made for the protection of the Country - Lieutenant Denton has been furnished with an extract of your Letter but apprehends it will not be sufficient for his improving on any overtures made to him from Narrain Rauze or his adherents for an accommodation. —

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The accounts given by Mr Gregory of the formidable combination entered into by the Hill Rajahs, and the large Bodies assembled in the vicinity of Makuva under the auspices of Narain Rauze with their intentions of Plundering and Ravaging the Low Countries, render some steps necessary, immediately to be taken, to frustrate their designs, and this can only be done in my opinion, but by stationing the troops we have, in such places where they can most effectually render the service required - as the designs of the Insurgents seem at present to be chiefly directed towards the Northern Division of the zemindary, and Mukey Royah paid Rauze withdrawn his force from the neighbourhood of Singrumcottah to Mukuva, I do not conceive there will be any occasion for keeping the Detachment of Six Companies under the Command of Lieutenant Malloy longer in that part of the zemindary, and should recommend his being ordered to join the Detachment at Rajam, this Detachment to consist of nine Companies, and to be commanded by Captain Stewart - Should you think it necessary to form a Detachment in the Center Division, I would recommend the following detail for it - Two Companies from the Garrison of Vizagapatam two Companies from the 20th Native Battalion, from Vizianagrum, and one Company of the 26th Battalion from Cossimcotah - The Detachment to be commanded by Senior Officer.

I beg leave to observe if matters do not soon come to a conclusion towards settling with the Different Hill Chiefs, and should they be determined to remain Enemies with the Company that it will require three more Battalions in addition to the present force in the District, to preserve the Low Countries from devastation, the extent of which being upwards of 200 miles a small force will not in my opinion protect it from their outrages.

I am, Gentlemen, Your very obedient Servant

Chicacole
August 1794

A true Copy

Signd Tho Brandergatt Lieut. Col.

Signd Robt Alexander Secy

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Brendergast

Commanding the Troops in the Vizagapatam District

Sir,

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 20th Instant.

We acquiesce entirely in the Recommendation you have made respecting the Encrease of Force for the Protection of the Northern Division of the Vizianagrum Zemindary, but at the same time we must express our opinion that it will be detrimental to the public service at this Juncture to withdraw the Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Molloy from the frontier Places in the Centre Division to which it at present affords Protection - For although Muky Roya Bupaul Rauze has lately absented himself from that part of the Centre Division to which the Detachment under Lieutenant Molloy is contiguous, then is no doubt but that he would return as soon as the Detachment should be withdrawn, and particularly as the Districts to which he lays Claim are in the Centre Division —

We are further of opinion that until some Arrangement be made with the abovementioned Polygar, it will be absolutely necessary to keep a Detachment in the vicinity of Singavarapah Cotah Gopaul pilly &c. &c. —

With regard to the choice of an Officer it is a matter of such Consequence to the Success of a Service of this nature, that we wish a Selection should be made, and we accordingly recommend that a steady and experienced Officer be chosen for the Command of the Detachment, which is to replace that now under charge of Lieut.t Molloy, in order that such Officer may followup the negociations, which Lieutenant Molloy has commenced for the purpose of bringing Muky Roya Bupaul Rauze to a proper sense of his Duty to the Honorable Company —

We desire that the Officer so appointed to the Comma of the Detachment be instructed to report his Proceedings, and t correspond with the Chief, from whom he will receive his Orde respecting

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29th respecting all Matters relating to the Centre Division. —

We request you will without loss of time publish the necessary Orders for carrying the abovementioned into Execution. —

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Vizagapatam
23d August 1794

Signd John Chamier

A true Copy

Signd Robt Alexander
Secy

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in MB.
Nos 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. —

From Captain Macpherson — From Commandant at Amboor enclosing another letter of Complaint from the Amildar of Vencatgherry against the Changul Polygar, and his reply. —

From Military Paymaster General — From Military Paymaster General — submitting a Claim of Lieutenant Thomas Hart for Temporary allowance. —

From adjutant General — From adjutant General — enclosing a letter from Captain H. Anderson, on which Colonel Brathwaite declines making any comment. —

From Mr Paymaster Martin — From Paymaster at Palamcotah — stating the Sum due to Mons.r Duvay. —

Petitions of the Inhabitants of Arnee — Petition of the Inhabitants of Arnee — praying that their Habitations may not be demolished. —

Sent the following letters —

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bar.t

Governor General in Council at Fort William

Bengal — on the subject of regarding the letter of the Committee of Inspection at Canton —

Honble Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 5th 11th Instant, enclosing a letter in Duplicate for the Committee of

Supra

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29h Supra Cargoes at Canton, which we shall forward, if opportunity offer, in the way you have desired; We apprehend however from the lateness of the season, that there is but little probability of the China ships coming to Madras.

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

Fort St George
26th August 1794

Sign'd Chas Oakeley & Council

To Captain Doveton

To Captain Doveton—
The Cash and other Articles
in his hands to be delivered
to the Civil Secretary—
Instructions—Establishment
of Official Servants he
may engage.—

Sir, I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 24th instant, and to desire you will deliver over to the Civil Secretary the balance of your account Current with the Governor General in Council, together with the several articles in your possession belonging to the Company.

The Governor General in Council having resolved that the public correspondence with Tippoo during your Command at Ryacottah shall be transmitted through your hands, the President in Council desires you will forward the Letters which may mutually pass between the two Governments and that you will likewise receive any communications that may be made to you by Tippoo on points which he may consider not of sufficient importance to form the subject of a Letter to Government—you are not however to act from yourself on these communications, but to take the orders of the President in Council on every matter referred to you.

On your arrival at Ryacottah you will forward to Tippoo the letters entrusted to your charge by the Governor General, and as an establishment of Official Servants and Letters carriers will be necessary, the President in Council approves

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approves of your entertaining the following, and desires you will acquaint him, so soon as the persons have been kind of the allowance fixed for each.—

One Moonshy
One Matseddy
One writer
One Head Hircarah
Four Common Hircarrahs
Two Camel Hircarahs

The President will apply to his Highness the Nabob for the Loan of two Camels, the Monthly charge for which you will defray you will also be permitted to draw an allowance of five Pagodas for Stationary

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Sam Sc Sc
Signed W C Jackson Esq

To the Honorable Major General Anker
Governor &c &c &c
of
Tranquebar

Sir

We do ourselves the Honor to inform you that in consequence of an Information upon Oath laid before us by Captain Newcome, Commanding a Squadron of His Majesty's Ships, an Enquiry has been instituted by us into the Circumstances of the Dorothea Elizabeth's late Destination to the Isle of France, and it appearing from the above Information that Captain John Walker the master of the said ship is a British born subject, and that at the time he fell in with Captain Newcome's Squadron he was actually proceeding with provisions and Stores to the succour of a nation at war with his Sovereign, we deem it incumbent upon us, in discharge of our public trust, to call upon the said Captain Walker for his defence against this accusation.

As we are apprised however that this Gentleman, upon

To Tranquebar requesting that they will surrender the person of Captain J Walker now residing there, that he may be brought to justice

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29th upon hearing of the Information absconded from hence, and is residing at Trangquebar, we have judged it proper to communicate the foregoing Circumstances to you, and to solicit the favor of your good Offices for the surrender of the said Captain Walker to the British Government in order that he may be brought to Justice.—

We have the honor to be with great Consideration.

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E. E.

Signed Chas Oakeley
W Council

30th And the following Letters—

To Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident at Hydrabad

Sir,

To Resident at Hydrabad orders sent to Masulipatam for paying the peishcush due 21st March last—his suggestions relative to the balance due from the Nizam approved—

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 13th Inst. and to acquaint you that orders have been sent to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam to pay to the order of his Highness the Nizam the Sum of three Lacks and fifty Thousand ₹3,50,000/ Arcot Rupees, being the Amount of the Kist that fell due on the 31st of March last. The President in Council acquiesces in the measure you have suggested in respect to the Balance due by the Nizam on account of the Detachment, and particularly as there is a probability that you will speedily be able to obtain an additional supply of money from the Durbar equal to the payment of the Donation due to the Sepoys of the Detachment.—

I have the honorable E. E.

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Signed W. C. Jackson Secy

To Robert Gardiner Esq.

Chief & Council at Masulipatam

To Masulipatam with orders for paying the Kist above noted—

Gentlemen We desire you will pay to the order of his Highness

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30th Highness the Nizam, the Sum of three Lacks and fifty thousand (350,000) Arcot Rupees, or the equivalent in Madras Pagodas being the Amount due to his Highness for Peishcush to the 31st March 1794. As soon as the Money has been paid, you will advise the Resident at Hydrabad thereof, and transmit a similar report to us. We are &c &c

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(Signd) Chas Oakeley &c Council

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

Gentlemen

We have received your letter dated the 21st Instant

To Board of Revenue with instructions for Mr Powney in summoning the Rajah of Ramnad in attending his Cutcherry

As it is probable that the Rajah of Ramnad from a sense of his late misconduct might feel some apprehension for the safety of his person in attending the Collectors Cutcherry; and as we have already come to a resolution of putting off to a more seasonable moment any measure that might lead to a serious consequence, we would have you direct Mr Powney to repeat his Summons to the Rajah to attend the Cutcherry, but should he persist in his evasion of the order, the Collector must, in that case, be satisfied with the evidence of such persons as may be able to give information on the points referred to his investigation.

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We are &c &c

(Signd) Chas Oakeley
&c Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters Entered in MBks. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266.

To Accountant General — To Accountant General the Sum lately advanced to the Nizam's Vackeel at Bengal repaid into that Treasury — the necessary adjustment to be accordingly made in his Books.

To Mr Secretary Haw. — To Ditto informing him that the transfer of French prisoners was allowed at the particular instance of the Dutch Government at Columbo and on the promise that all expenses should be reimbursed.

To Do. — To Ditto — advising of the order for paying the Kist due to the Nizam on the 31st March last, at Masulipatam.

To Mr Cockburn. — To Mr. Thomas Cockburn — relieving him from the Office of acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

To Mr. J. H. Skardon, — To Mr. J. H. Skardon — appointing him thereto — but to continue in the Paymastership of Pondicherry for the present.

To Captain Monson — To Commandant at Ching leput permitting him to visit the Presidency.

To Mr Cockburn — To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies — his measures for procuring a Stock of Paddy at Madura approved Eighty nine horses dispatched from Hydrabad for Arcot.

To Do. — To Ditto — transmitting Copy of the Auditor General's report on his Estimates for September.

To Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott — To Contractor for Repairs — the Nabob will be requested to give his sanction to the Repairs ordered at Trichinopoly — and observing that the Board have in no instance withheld their

their support and assistance — Extract of letter from the Nabob enclosed. —

To Captain Kirkpatrick — To Resident at Hydrabad — with Copies of two letters from the Commandants at Nellore and Rampore, respecting the Reddy of Pilly Pahs, and Seyram Reddy. —

To Ditto — To Ditto — requesting him to represent to the ministe the Grievances Complained of, by the Vencatgherry Rajah — Copy of his letter enclosed — as also Copy of one from from the Nabob, respecting Rao Dadarow. —

To Military Auditor General — To Military Auditor General — referring to his examination the accounts of Captain Chalmers — instructions on the subject. —

To Ditto — To Ditto — referring Mr. Roebuck's additional Estimate for September — and notifying an allowance of 15 Pagodas pr mensem granted to Colonel Nixon's Secretary, as French Translator. —

To Ditto — To Ditto transmitting three accounts of the Expenses of the Dutch Troops, to be lodged in his office for the present — Lieutenant Denton allowed to make a reasonable Charge for Doolies for carrying the sick Sepoys of the Party under his Command in the Vizagapatam District. —

To Ditto — To Ditto to report whether the state of the Audit of Mr. Wynch's accounts as Paymaster to the Expedition against Pondicherry will admit of the Surrender of his Bonds of Surety for that Office —

To Military Board — To Military Board — referring a letter from Colonel Geils, relative to the Condition of the Mount Hospital for their Opinion. —

To Ditto — To Ditto — referring a letter from Commandant at Arnee — and a Petition of the Inhabitants of that place — with

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with instructions incase it be necessary to pull down their habitations, to furnish space for the new buildings to be erected there.

To Paymaster General - transmitting the receipt of Lieutenant W. Sandys for the proportion of Prize Money due to the Bengal Troops, who served in Mysore, and relinquished by the Company.

To Paymasters General

To Ditto - with the auditor Generals report upon his Estimate for September.

To Ditto

To Ditto - his additional Estimates for august and September, and to Paymaster Thompsons for the present month ordered to be complied with.

To Ditto

To Commander of the Army - Colonel Floyd to be informed that orders have been issued respecting the pay of the Dutch Troops, and Captain Kinsey, that his difference with Captain Sardy about their full Batta, is disapproved.

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Ditto - Notifying the dispatch of a lot of horses from Hydrabad to Arcot the necessary instructions to be sent to Major Young.

To Ditto

To Captain Chalmers - ade

To Captain Chalmers being referred to the auditor for Exam

To Lieutenants

To Lieut. Wilson

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Commandant
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To Commandant
be sent for the use of the

at Palamcotah

To Do at Palam
there.—

Colonel Nixon

To Do at Pondicherry
Cornetta approved and confirmed.—

Ditto—

To Do Captain Averend allowed fifteen Pagodas pr
Mensem, as French Interpreter from this Instant.—

Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue directing them to prepare complete
Copies of their proceedings and those of the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam
relating to the Sequestration of the Vizeanagrum zemindary, and to the
order to the late Rajah to come to Madras for transmission to Bengal.—

Lieutenant Colonel
Baird—

To Commandant at Tanjore—his order to the Engineer,
for new thatching the Hospital approved, but directing him in future
similar occasions to apply previously to Government.—

Clerk of the
Treasury

To Clerk of the Treasury—with orders to make the usual
Monthly advances to the Paymaster General and to the Commissary Gen
of Grain and Provisions and Principal agent for Bullocks.—

Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam—Lieutenant Denton may be permitted
to make a reasonable Charge for Doolies for the Sick Sepoys.—

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Received letter from the Rajah of Tanjore entered in
C. C. Nº 157—has ordered supplies of Sheep for the Dutch Troops—
represents the very high price demanded at Trichinopoly for the Old
Baskets.— Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B.
Nº 268. 269. 270.—

From Paymaster at Tanjore &c. offering Mr. P. Cherry

Military Paymaster General—with an additional
September.—

Board of the Army—enclosing a Correspondence
Lieutenant Colonel Saunderson,
Vizagapatam District.—
Smith—stating that the
deputies corresponds

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir,

From Board of Revenue relative to the supposed pregnancy of the widow of the late Saghirdar of Arnee

We transmit herewith Copy of a Representation from Nagoja Row, Brother to the widow of the late Saghirdar of Arnee, and, in compliance with his request, we recommend that you will be pleased to order the attendance of a Surgeon for the purpose suggested by him, which seems the more necessary, as he represents that the appearance of her pregnancy continues the same as when the Midwives attended her near seven Months ago. —

We have the Honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) David Haliburton
Chas. N. White
Tho.s Cockburn,

To the Worshipful David Haliburton Esq.:
President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

The humble Representation of Nagoja Row brother of Rajes Baye, first widow to the late Sunerrasa Row Saghirdar of Arnee

I most humbly beg leave to represent to your worships, that as the time of bringing forth the issue of Rajes Baye, is almost expired, and that the appearance of her Pregnancy still continues in the same situation as before, when the Dahys or Midwives attended her the said Rajes Baye from your Board - I therefore as Brother to Rajes Baye take the Liberty to Request your Honorable Board that you will be pleased to send a Doctor to clear the Doubt by feeling her pulse, and if there is any other mode where the point can be ascertained without any dishonour to the family - In granting which I will Esteem it as a great favour.

(Signed) in the Maratta Language

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm Harington Secy

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M.B.

N.s 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6

From Lieutenant Colonel Wynch, Troops may be supplied with Rice from the Public Stores. —

From Do of the Nizam's Detachment - enclosing his Correspondence with the Resident. —

From Major Roberts, Estimate for September. —

From Military Paymaster General - with another addition

From Paymaster General, leave of absence to Bengal. —

From adjutant General - Lieutenant Webber requests

From Commandant in the Guntoor Circar - requesting that the

From Commander of the Army - stating that

From Brathwaite, Artillery are in want of their arrears of pay —

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From Mr. Torriano — From Resident at Nagore - forwarding another account of the Expenses of the Dutch Troops.

Substance of letter to the Nabob — Sent letter to the Nabob - Entered in Country Correspondence No. 158 requesting that the Contractors may be permitted to repair the Bridges at Trichinopoly

To Mr Secretary King — Sent the undermentioned letters entered in M.B.N° 9. 2.

To Secretary at Bengal - forwarding a letter from the Nabob.

To Auditor General — To Military Auditor General notifying Mr Skardon's appointment as acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob — Received the undermentioned letters entered in C.C.N° 159-160-161.

From Ditto — From the Nabob - pays the Kists due the 1st Instant.

From Ditto — From Ditto - again requesting that Mr Powney may be directed to make an arrangement, in conjunction with Citabar Cawn for restraining the violences and oppressions of the Rajah of Ramnad.

Ditto Ditto — From Ditto - has given orders for quelling the Disorders in the Guntoor Circar.

Received the undermentioned letters entered in M.B.N° 9. 10. 12. 13.

From Mr Cockburn — From Agent for Spirituous Liquors - submitting an account of his agency for the year 1793/94, shewing the Amount of profits for distribution.

From Lieut Grant — From acting Barrack master at the Presidency - requesting permission to provide quarters for the Sergeants of the 33d Battalion.

From Mr Cockburn — From acting Commissary General of Grain and Provision submitting an Estimate Expence of building a Granary, in lieu of that ordered to be pulled down at Kistnaghiry.

From Ditto — From Principal Agent for Cavalry supplies - the deputy Agents of the 19th Dragoons proposes the Building of a Grain Store for that Corps.

Military Auditor General — From Military Auditor General - requesting orders as to the exchanges at which the pays and allowances of the Bengal Army are to be issued in Pagodas on the Coast.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor — President

Ernst William Tallopield

&

Tuesday George Westcott Esqr

2. September 1794

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following letter from the Secretary at Fort William.—

To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From Secretary at Bengal on the Subject of the Gun-powder Musquets &c Stores indented for requests to know whether the dispatch of those Articles may be delayed.—

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, dated the 3rd of last month, inclosing a Copy of one addressed to the Governor in Council, by the Military Board at Fort St. George, with an Indent for Gunpowder, Musquetry and intrenching Tools required from this Presidency for the Service of the Coast.—

You are requested to inform the Governor in Council that the only Articles mentioned in the Indent, that can now be conveniently spared from Bengal are

Gunpowder 3000 Barrels of 100 ℔ = to 5000 Barrells of 60 ℔.

Bill Hooks 2000

Mamooties 4920.

and that these will be ready for shipping as

at a short notice, but that, as the Quantity of Tonnage required for the Powder will be considerable, and may not, considering the — Quality of the Store, and the Exception made to it at the Offices of Insurance, be obtained without some difficulty, the Governor General in Council wishes to be informed whether it will be — Wanted very soon, or the Dispatch of it may be delayed until the Season for sending it shall be more favorable and Opportunities of transporting it offer by the Indiamen touching at — Madras on their way to Europe. —

He also requests to be informed whether a further Supply of Gunpowder, beyond the 3000 Barrels of 100 lt each, will be indispensibly required at Madras; that if it should, it — may be ordered. —

With respect to the musquetry indented for, I am directed to observe that, probably repaired Arms will be issued to the new Levies at Fort St. George, till they are — disciplined, and that, as there are fifteen thousand new Muskets in your Arsenal, after providing for the Equipment of the Troops intended for the Expedition, that was in contemplation, the Governor General in Council would postpone sending any musquetry to Madras until it should be ascertained what Supply the Fleet from England will bring for the Service of your Establishment as well as for Bengal, and there is reason to believe that the necessary Information will have been obtained on this Subject in due Time to send Supplies, if they should be necessary, at the proper Season and, upon this Account, principally, it is wished that the Military Board at Fort St. George may be instructed to furnish the Military Board here, thro' the usual Channel of the two Governments with the

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earliest Intelligence of the Supplies of Ordnance and Military Stores invoiced for your Presidency, from Europe, by the Ships of this Season.—

as to the Hand Hatchets, it appears that there are none here that can be spared.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signed E. Hay

Secy to the Govern.t

Fort William

8.th of August 1794

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Military Board, with directions to state the information required by the Governor General in Council.—

Read the following Letter from Captain Doveton.—

To William Collins Jackson Esq.re

Secretary in the Military and Political Departments

Sir,

From Captain Doveton has delivered into the Treasury the Cash in his hands and other Articles — States the Official Servants he will require and their pay.—

Agreeably to the Directions of the Honorable the Governor in Council I have delivered over to the Civil Secretary the Sum of S.r Pagodas 870. 36. 8 the Balance of my Account Current with the Government General, together with the further Sum of Star Pagodas 191 the price of the Horses as mentioned in my letter of the 24.th Instant, and also the several Articles in my possession belonging to the Company.—

I have the honor to acquaint you that, in obedience to the orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council, the necessary Official Servants and letter — Carriers,

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Carriers, Specified in your Letter of the 28th instant, have been entertained. The Allowance which I have fixed for each, is.

For One Moonshy	30	Pr Mensem
One Mutlesiddy	10	D°
One Writer	10	D°
One Head Hircarrah	6	D°
Four Common D° at 5 Pag° each	20	D°
Two Camel Hircarrahs at 10 Pagodas each	20	D°
	Pag° 96	

The Monthly charges for two Camels will be about 19 or 20 Pagodas.

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Signed Gabriel Doveton

Fort St. George
31. August 1794

Minute thereon

Agreed that Captain Doveton be directed to transmit to the Presidency his monthly Bill for Official Servants, Letter Carriers &c when the amount will be paid to his order.

Read the following Letter from Captain Conway.

From Superintendant of Roads at Pondicherry - requests an Advance of Salary.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Honorable Sir,

Having occasion for four hundred Pagodas to enable me to discharge some debts which I owe, and which I wish to discharge, previous to my embarkation,

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I take the liberty of requesting that you will have the goodness to advance me that Sum, on account of my Salary and pay it into the hands of Mr. Francis Lautour, who has advanced me that sum. —

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Tho.s Conway

Madras
August 29.th 1794

Granted.

Resolved that the Paymaster at Pondicherry be directed to pay to the order of Mr. Francis Lautour the Sum of four hundred (400) Pagodas, and to place it to the — Account of Captain Conway, as so much in advance of his Salary as Superintendant of the Roads at Pondicherry. —

Read the following letter from the Account= -ant General. —

To William Collins Jackson Esq.re

Military Secretary —

From Accountant General enclosing a Comparative — Statement of the proposals for the Cloathing Contract. —

Sir, Accompanying is a Comparative Statement of Six Proposals of Contract for Cloathing the Troops of this Establishment which you will be pleased to lay — before the Honorable Governor in Council. — It appeared on examination that the rates of three of the proposals ran pretty nearly equal to each other, and thereby — became necessary to make an exact calculation upon the present number of the Troops according to a Statement furnished by the Adjutant General, by this it will be

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Seen the proposals of Mr. Jervis are the lowest and appear to be the most advantageous for the Honorable Company — reckoning the price of the Cloth to be received from the Company's Warehouse at the same rates as last year, — the three other proposals being at much higher rates than the three first mentioned, it was evidently unnecessary to lose time in calculating their amount on the present State of the troops. —

Fort St. George
Accountant Generals Office
2nd September 1794

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Robert Woolf
Accountant General

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. John Jervis's proposals be accepted, and that the Military Board be directed to prepare the Contract accordingly. —

Read the following letter from Mr. Secretary Hay. —

To W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary
at
Fort St. George

Sir,

From Secretary at Bengal informing that the Nancy Packet will touch here for Dispatches and desiring that her departure may not be delayed. —

I have orders to request that you will be pleased to acquaint the Governor in Council at Fort St. George that the Nancy Packet, which will be sent from hence with dispatches for Europe on the 20th Instant, will be directed to touch at Madras for any advices he may

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may think proper to send, by that Conveyance, to the Honorable Court of Directors, and that it is very much wished that her final Departure from your Presidency may be delayed as little as possible.

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

Signed C. Hay Sec.y to the Government.

Fort William 16.th of August 1794

Minute thereon

Resolved that the dispatches to go by the Nancy Packet be immediately prepared, so that they may be in readiness by the 10.th Instant.

Read the following letter from M.r Thomas Snodgrass.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Governor in Council

at Fort S.t George

Honorable Sir,

From M.r Snodgrass inclosing an address to the Court of Directors.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Deputy Secretary's letter of the 2.d Instant.

Having had no opportunity given to me of explaining myself to you, and despairing, from my late Correspondences with you in other Departments, of obtaining any Communication of the terms of your reference to the Honorable the Court of Directors, I have been induced to address the accompanying Packet to our mutual Superiors, which I request may be transmitted, together with your Despatches on this subject.

Should however the Explanations therein Contained, occasion you to reconsider the subject, and to drop its further agitation, it will be in your discretion

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Seen the proposals of Mr. Jervis are the lowest and appear to be the most advantageous for the Honorable Company — reckoning the price of the Cloth to be received from the Company's Warehouse at the same rates as last year, — the three other proposals being at much higher rates than the three first mentioned, it was evidently unnecessary to lose time in calculating their amount on the present state of the troops. —

Fort St. George
Accountant Generals Office
2nd September 1794

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most
Obedt Servt
Signed Robert Woolf
Accountant Genrl

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. John Jervis's proposals be accepted, and that the Military Board be directed to prepare the Contract accordingly. —

Read the following letter from Mr. Secretary Hay. —

To W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary
at
Fort St. George

Sir,

From Secretary at Bengal informing that the Nancy Packet will touch here for Dispatches and desiring that her departure may not be delayed. —

I have orders to request that you will be pleased to acquaint the Governor in Council at Fort St. George that the Nancy Packet, which will be sent from hence with dispatches for Europe on the 20th Instant, will be directed to touch at Madras for any advices he may

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may think proper to send, by that Conveyance, to the Honorable Court of Directors, and that it is very much wished that her final Departure from your Presidency may be delayed as little as possible.

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

Signed E. Hay

Sec.y to the Government.

Fort William

16.th of August 1794

Minute thereon

Resolved that the dispatches to go by the Nancy Packet be immediately prepard, so that they may be in readiness by the 10.th Instant.

Read the following letter from Mr. Thomas Snodgrass.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From Mr. Snodgrass inclosing an address to the Court of Directors.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Deputy Secretary's letter of the 2. Instant.

Having had no opportunity given to me of explaining myself to you, and despairing, from my late Correspondences with you in other Departments, of obtaining any Communication of the terms of your reference to the Honorable the Court of Directors, I have been induced to address the accompanying Packet to our mutual Superiors, which I request may be transmitted, together with your Dispatches on this Subject.

Should however the Explanations therein Contained, occasion you to reconsider the Subject, and to drop its further agitation, it will be in your discretion

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discretion to withhold this Communication from the Honorable the Court of Directors, as in such case it will be unnecessary.

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest respect,
Honorable Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Tho.s Snodgrass

Madras
25th August 1794

Minute thereon.

Ordered that Mr. Snodgrass's memorial to the Honorable Court of Directors be forwarded by the Nancy, and that the Subject be particularly noticed in the General Letter.

Read the following Letter from the Agent for purchasing Horses at Arcot.

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary

From Lieutenant Montgomery requests an advance of 10,000 Pagodas for purchasing Horses at Tripetty fair. Sent Allowance and leave to buy horses of 2½ years old.

Sir,

I have to request you will do me the favor to acquaint the Honorable The Governor in Council, that having received intelligence of a Lot of horses being near Arcot which must arrive there in a few days, and also of several Small parties coming to the fair of Tripetty to be holden the middle of next month. I beg he will be so good as to order that I be immediately

supplied

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supplied with ten thousand Pagodas_ and that the Paymaster General be instructed to answer my demands, in case I should find occasion for a further supply.-

The mode adopted by Government for my indenting through Mr. Wynch is attended with such delay, that I am often obliged to wait five weeks, and never less than twenty days- this has several times obliged me to take up money from Individuals to make good my pay=ments, and has at this moment brought the Company upwards of Seven hundred pagodas in my debt.-

This is by no means occasioned by delay in Mr. Wynch or any other department, but by his being obliged, never having any public money in his hands, to include mine in his indent for his Military Disbursements, which must be received at the Presidency the 15th for the ensuing month. and as I often do not know my wants untill after that period, my indent must lay over till the 15th of next month.-

It will be absolutely necessary for me to have a tent with me on this excursion to Tripetty also upon my trip to meet the horses which I expect in the Travancore Country- and as I may find it advisable to travel with more expedition than is possible when my equipage is carried by bullocks, I will make use of Camels I had for my tent and baggage last war, which are still in my possession, if Government will be pleased to permit me to draw tent allowance the same as is granted to the

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Hydrabad Agent, and which I fancy will prove full as
oconomical as being supplied in the usual manner. -

I am informed that a number of Cattle coming to
the Tripetty fair this Season are very young and as some
of them which I would be inclined to purchase as an
encouragement to the dealers and with a view of hastening
our remount, may not come within the letter of my
instructions. I would recommend that I be permitted to
purchase horses about two and a half years old, and
that the inspection Committee be instructed to receive
them. -

Horses at this age may, with great advantage
to the service, be brought up in the Corps at present on
the reduced establishment of horses with only the expence
of a grass cutter, and a few Seers of gram daily to be
ascertained by the Officer Commanding the Corps, and
be fit for Service in Six months or less, at probably
a cheaper rate than they could be purchased at the
expiration of the same period from the dealers, Arcot,
as, in every respect, the most eligible Station, I would -
propose, and there is now a Regiment stationed there,
upon the reduced Establishment. -

I have the honor to be,

Madras
29th August 1794

Sir
Your
Obt Hble
Servt
H. C. Montgomery
Agent for purchasing Horses

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Ordered that an advance of 3000 Pagodas be made by the Military Paymaster General to Lieutenant Montgomery — and that, if this Sum be found insufficient, the agent be permitted to draw on the Presidency for what he may further require (as far as Ten thousand /10,000/ Pagodas) — or if that be impracticable, that a supply of Money be sent from hence. —

Agreed that Lieutenant Montgo= =mery be authorized to purchase Horses of 2½ Years old, provided the price be — reasonable —

Ensign James Prendergast 74.th Regiment appointed Adjutant to the Troops in Poonamallee. —

The President proposes that Ensign James Prendergast of his Majestys 74.th Regiment be appointed Adjutant to the Troops in the Garrison of Pondamallee. —

Approved

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Approved and ordered accordingly

Chas Oakeley

Ebt Fallofield

Gis Westcott

Geo Parry

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