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Translation of an Hindoo Letter addressed to Wuzeeroon ul Mulk Bahadeer, by Sooruj Jyah the Circars Sunnid of Moorha Dutkal and the Ryots of Mungee Naick Pully &c. in the Talook of Sungum depending upon Trichinopoly. –

On the 26½ of Jawnee Mafs 10½ Sapthan 1209 6½ September at Night the Nulkonda Inhabitant of Sultaunee, depending upon Carroor, came with 200 Peons and carried off 230 head of Cattle, 300 Sheep 1 Gabon Horse and the Cloths of the Shopkeepers &c. residing in the Village of Mungee Naick Pully, wounded several People, and two or three of them so severely, that they are in danger of their Lives – In consequence of this the Ryots &c. were alarmed and have concealed themselves. It is reported that the same Man is coming to attack the Village again, with a superior force I have represented this for your Information –

Above Translation

[Signed] M. Salomon
Persian Trans.

Agreed

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Mr. Secretary Thomson

Agreed that the Board of Revenue be directed to make enquiry into the complaint preferred against the Bailiff of Manapara, and into the representation of Beejoien ul Mulk Bahauder respecting the Water Course leading from the River Amraotti to the Sluice of Cattak, and report the result to Government.—

Read the following letter from the President at Hyderabad.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Sir,

From Captain Kirkpatrick

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Board, Extract of my address of the 6th Instant to the Governor General, together with copies of the enclosures therein alluded to, on the subject of Bencoolen.

Inclosed in Captain Kirkpatrick's Letter of the 6th Instant.

Bencoolen Consultation 3d September 1794.

Read a Letter from Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 6th Instant, forwarding Mirza Ibrahim Khan's Persian Copy of the Treaty of 1762 the additional Donation to the Sepoys of the Detachment paid.—

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Fort St. George 26th September 1764.

I likewise enclose Papers in English and Persian, concerning the settlement that has taken place between the Nawab of Arcot and Zemindar of Tuticorin, the expedition against whom was undertaken principally at my suggestion, occasioned by my learning that he had committed considerable excesses in the Country of Tuticorin Subsidiary.—

It cannot be necessary for me to offer any observations with regard to the communications proper to be made to Tuticorin on the present occasion.—

There being no Copy in the Persian Language of the Treaty of 1763, concluded between the Company and the Nizam, amongst the Records of this Presidency, I take the liberty of requesting that I may be furnished with one: as also with Persian Copies as well as English Translates of such Papers as the Honble Board may deem necessary at any time

To

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to send me for the Notice of this Durbar.-

I have the pleasure to mention, for the information of the Board, that the Durbar has enabled me to make the necessary advances to Major Roberts for the immediate liquidation of the additional donation lent to the Sepoys of the Detachment.-

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

(Signed) Wm Kirkpatrick

Bedor
13th September 1794.-

Extract of a Letter from Captain Kirkpatrick to the Governor General, dated the 6 September 1794.

I do myself the honor to enclose copies and Translatio of some documents recently received here relative to Hirachun hall, on which I shall only venture to observe that they at least appear to render the pies= =ents of Tippoo Sultaun's late complaisant

concerning

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concerning the detention of this District extremely doubtful. I shall also transmit Copies of these Papers for the Notice of the Madras Government.

By Letters received not long since from Mahomed Ameen Khan, I find that the commission of Meeran Hussain, the former Amildar on the part of Tippoo Sultaun has been superseded and this appointment given to the Deputy Manager of Goddy, named Meeza Mehdee. This Durbar manifesting some dissatisfaction at such a change of agents which it pretends has been occasioned by the too faithful report of Meeran Hussain and appearing to doubt whether Mahomed Ameen Khan ought to give the new Amildar the meeting which the latter had required, I delivered it as my opinion that any hesitation on the occasion would be very improper. He has in consequence been directed to repair to Tarpatty, one of the two places proposed for their meeting, by Meeza Mehdee, and situated within the Rajah's limits.

Above Extract
Signed Wm Stewart
Assistant
Translate

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Translate of Extract of a letter from Meer Ali
Hussain Khan, the Vuzeel of Kanneeky heary to
Mustakeem and Dowlah received the 3 September 1794.

With respect to the delivery of the
Talook of Wincheerhall, you have written that
the Nabob Azeemul Omra desires to know why
I have not hitherto delivered to Tippoo Sultan's
Talookdars as appears by Letters received from
Tippoo Sultan on this subject—

My friend, near seven Months ago
I sent a Vakeel on this business, in order that I might
deliver the Places of Wincheerhall &c.ª to Tippoo
Sultan's Talookdars, to Bubber Sung, who
when setting out for Seringapatam, sent a Letter
by my Vakeel to his Deputy about receiving Possess-
sion of Wincheerhall &c.ª God Knows what else
the Letter contained, that they have not as yet
taken Possession of their Places.— As for
the answer to my Letter, which Bubber Sing's

Deputy

ª an Officer of Tippoo Sultan.

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Deputy wrote me, I enclose you the original from which you will learn an account of the non acceptance of the palaces, and of a requisition being made for fresh orders to Bubber Jung.- For this have an Ishpaddle: Even let the above Deputy's letter which is herewith inclosed be sent to Lispeer Sultan. My Vakeel is still residing with Bubber Jung's Deputy.-

It has been signified to me that they are ruining and laying waste, and even carrying away the wood work from, the houses of some villages in the Talook of Bulhary at present in the hands of Lispeer Sultan's Talookdars, with the view of abandoning them. Therefore it appears that they are employing them in order to deliver them to the people of the Talook as was done prior to this in the instance of that Nuwaz poor, which was emptied and laid waste and delivered, without any notification to me, to the Talookdars of Bulhary, who are my dependants.- Hereafter, should they deliver

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The remaining Villages in the like desolate and ruinous State, shall I accept the management of them, or wait for instructions? I am hopeful that you will make a representation to the Nabob Ojeem ul Oomra on this point, and inform me of his determination agreeably to which I shall act.

† N.B. Upon enquiry in reply to this reference I understand, that directions were accordingly given to make no limitation in receiving such Places as may be offered him in any Condition or Nature that they may be in at the time ...

Translate of a Letter alluded to in the foregoing Extract, from Meer Hyder ali Khan Bahadur Jung's Vakeel to Meer Ali Hussain Khan dated the 5th of Zeeal, answering to the 4 of June 1794.

Your favor notifying the surrender of Tirrigunton, and advising that people should be sent to receive possession of Binchen hall was delivered by dimunjee, your Vakeel and afforded me pleasure. The said Vakeel, previous to his meeting with me, o Bahadur Jung having at Kumsilly and the Nabob ul Kumbar favor proceeded to the latter place, where he had

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a meeting with the Nabob, and brought a letter
from me, in which it was written that in consequence
of the importunity of the Vakeel of Seira Appa and
of his, the Nabobs, march, he had sent me a letter
but that I must act agreeably to the customs of the
Southern Darbar namely, request a second order
on the subject from Seira.— Mirza Badulla Baig,
whom he appointed Phoujidar, and sent hither,
observed that no order was come for him, and that
it was also necessary that he should have a
Voucher.— Therefore in concert with the said
Mirza and your Vakeel, wrote and dispatched
notice to the presence, and your Vakeel making
Oath that he would proceed to the Village of
Siddapoor, and return in the course of four
days, set out accordingly; but as he has not
returned yet, I am waiting his arrival.—

My Master, the Nabob hesitated
exceedingly about leaving me here, but being satis-
fied, that, in consequence of your attachment to

your

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your friends, and the firmness of our Union, no disturbance whatever would occur in the Country &c. he left me. He likewise verbally informed your Vakeel that in regard to you, he was satisfied in every respect, as you are my friend and benefactor: and your Vakeel in reply requested him to consider his opinion well founded.– I have stated this for your information: considering me as your own; favor me with your Kindness, and send the Vakeel above mentioned hither.–

True Translation.

Signed Wm Stewart
Assistant

Extract of a letter from Captain Kirkpatrick to the Governor General, dated 13th September 1794–

I have now the honor to enclose Copy and Translate of an Engagement entered into by the Zemindar of Kurpeet hall with Rajah Vurrishwerud, as well as of a letter lately

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Lately received from the latter, from all which you will collect that Appirood Boora has been by no means inattentive to the remonstrances which I formerly made to him on this head.

The Hon.ble Professors, the buying of which the Zemindar has reserved to himself, is asserted here to be conformable to immemorial usage: and on this principle appears to be acquiesced in by the Durbar. - This circumstance will account for the Article concerning Ispahan Subbarow's Country not being so entirely satisfactory as could have been wished. - Its omission, nevertheless, seems to argue no want of inclination on the part of this Court to remove, as far as possible, every just cause of dissatisfaction from the mind of that Prince. -

Have the honor

to be Sir

Your most Obed.t

Humble Servant

Signed Wm. Stewart

Assistant

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Translate of the Persian Translate of a Letter in the Hindoo Language from Rajah Gunnesh Pundit, Aumil of Adoni &c.a to his Dalel Bhuey Bahader, received the 7 September 1794.

I marched with my troops against the Fort of Nundy-Kotta, and leaving Foregold, as was necessary, the place fell into my hands.— The Fort of Koor: mroor, belonging to the Polook of Adoni the Hellada of which, notwithstanding his having been formerly furnished with Money &c.a for his Expences, had joined the Kuchpet: hall Wallah with 400 Infantry and given him the place, was surrendred to me in consequence of the Assault occasioned by my success against the above Khottees, and from the same motive, the Kuchpet hall Wallah also, has made peace, given up his place, and come in with his hands tied; but several Lacs have been lost.—

Translate of the Persian Translate of an Engagement in the Hindoo language, under the Signature

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Fort St. George 26 September 5794.

Signatures of the Zemindars of Kuttyset shall be
dated the 5 of Jeyer 1209 Fyree, answering to the
first of September 5794.

We Gopaul Naig Polygar of
Kholle-conda and Kuttyset hall, and Kistna Naig
Polygar of Nundy Perguunah, belonging to the
Carnatic do hereby Engage to the
Honorable Company, that we will pay to the Sircar
the Peishcush of Rs 1000 a year in writing to this effect
that conformably to the undermentioned articles,
we shall remain in obedience to the Sirkar.—

We shall pay to the Sircar, by instalments at the
periods fixed upon, whatever Sunnud-abundy or
Nuzzeranah was formerly settled for each of the
three Pallems.—

Our Vakeel shall attend the Kutchery of the
Sirkar day and night, and making no deviation
from whatever orders the Sirkar may issue, we
shall execute them.—

We shall collect the Cowley Rusooms as settled
during the arrangement of the late Sujahood
Moolk of Bissaulut Jung & Mahamed Ameen

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Khan, and the late Deo Chund, agreeably to the statement of the Villagers, and not demand a Cowry more.—

— Shall not allow any Thefts or Highway robberies to be committed in the Talooks of the Sircar or on our frontiers: If notwithstanding such, any should be committed, and be fully proved, we shall be responsible to produce the property.—

We shall afford no protection in our Talooks to any rebels belonging to other places, or to the Talookdars of Wooly-conda and Dumriconda &c.a who, not paying their debts to the Sircar, shall come to us.— If any shall actually come to us, we shall produce and deliver them;— If we cannot produce them, we shall be responsible to the Sircar for their Engagements.—

Whenever we may be summoned to the presence whether with Troops, or slightly attended, with whatever number may be ordered, we shall attend with our hands tied.— We shall not for the

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The purpose of collecting the Cowley Rayssoms,
go to the Villages with Sonoffs, or occasion
molestations —
We shall commit no depredations, irregulari-
ties or bloodshed in the Talook of the Sircar;
If any shall be proved to have been committed,
we will produce and deliver the blood-shedders —
If we do not act conformably to our Engagement,
and should deviate from it, let our birth places
be attached by the Sirkar —
We swear by our God and religion that no deviation
shall occur, and that otherwise, we shall be criminals
of the Sircar —
We shall commit no disorders, or disturbances in the
Talooks of Tiruppoor Sultaun and shall collect the
Cowley Rayssoms conformably to custom —
The above several Articles have been given in
writing by way of an Engagement and Treaty
to be produced hereafter as a Voucher —

A true Translation

Signed W. Stewart
Assistant

Ordered.

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Minute thereon

Fort St. George the 26th September 5764.—

Ordered that a Persian Copy of the Treaty of 5768. between the Nizam and the Company, be sent to Captain Kirkpatrick.—

Read the following letter from the Persian Translator at Bengal.—

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

Sir.

From W.
Memorandum with
a letter for Tippoo
Sultaun.—

I have the honor to transmit the Honble the Governor General's reply to a letter received from Tippoo Sultaun of both of which, Translate and Copies are enclosed for the information of the Honble Board.—

I am
Sir
&c. &c.
(Signed) N.B. Edmonstone
P. Transr.

Fort William
8 September 5764.—

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Tipoo Sultaun 6th September 1794.

From Tipoo Sultaun

Received 21st July 1794.

From Tippoo Sultaun to the Governor General covering all the papers respecting the Boundaries being adjusted, between his and the Nizam's Country, excepting the delivery of Hirrichoor: but by the Letter.

By the Grace of God, in conformity to the Treaty the Boundary affair of the Nawaub of Savanore is settled. It is not unknown to you that some time since, Meeran Hussein Khan was appointed on my part, and Mohummud Ameen Khan Arab on that of his Highness for the purpose of adjusting that affair. Both Commissioners met, and, after ascertaining the merits of the case respecting the Boundaries, came to an adjustment, and accordingly one or two Villages in dispute were, after an equitable decision given up. But the Talook of Hirrichoor had is still in His Highness's possession, you will have learned that His Highness retains it from the Copy of Moonshee Ali Mondul's letter which has heretofore been sent to you. The Collections from that District are to this time received into his Highness's Circar. Mohummud Ameen Khan Arab, after ascertaining the Boundary affair, told Meeran Hussein

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Hurjeen that he would Return to his Master and lay before Him Minutely the Circumstances of it, and Be accordingly went. Meeran Hurjeen also Returned hither and made a full Communication of Circumstances – Invite this for your information – As I consider a Sincere and Cordial attachment to subsist between us, I am certain that you will urge his Diligence to give up the Block in question. –

A true Translation

Signed J. N. B. Edmonstone

Persian Transl.r

To Tippoo Sultaun –

Written 8 September 1794 –

(The Receipt of your Favor dated 21 July) has afforded me great pleasure, and I am particularly happy

The Governor General's Reply to the foregoing Letter from Tippoo –

the Letter received

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to perceive, from the Tenor of it, your readiness and anxiety to Adjust with his Highness the Nizam the Claims of your respective States, and the progress that has already been made in effecting a final adjustment according to the terms of the Treaty. With respect to what you have written regarding the Taaluk of Bednore and I have only delayed a reply to your letter until I should receive the necessary information upon this subject from his Highness the Nizam, who I am sorry to find has anticipated your wishes and mine by repeating his Orders to the Aumil in Charge of the said Taaluk, to deliver it up to your Officers, on their coming to receive possession of it. By the favor of God it is equally the wish of his Highness as it is your Desire, to cement the union grounded on the Treaty of Seringapatam, by an equitable

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equitable adjustment of Mutual Claims,
and the reciprocation of friendly Acts.—

A true Copy

Signed N. B. Edmonstone
Persian Trans.r

The Letter for Tippoo Sultaun to be sent to Captain Doveton.

Ordered That the Letter for Tippoo from the Governor General be sent to Captain Doveton, for the purpose of being forwarded to the Sultaun.—

Hobart
Con.d Saunders
E. H. Fallofield
Sec.y

Extract Parry
Sec.y

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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M: B: Nos. 188.. 189.. 190.. 191.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal - enclosing a List of Stores required at Prince of Wales's Island - and desiring that they be sent thither on one of the China Ships. -

From Sub Secretary at Bengal

From acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - requesting an Advance of 5000 Pagodas to Answer a Bill drawn on him by Mr. Vaughan. -

From Mr. Skardon

From Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies, requesting that the Nabob may be desired to renew the Perwanahs, last granted, for passing Grain to the several Regiments. -

From Ditto -

From late Commandant at Secunder Mally - transmitting his Accounts of Expenditure for building Temporary Barracks for the 71st. Regiment near that place. -

From Lieutenant Colonel Baird

Brown

28 Sent letters to the Rajah of Ramnad - Entered in C: C: No. 185 Commanding him to attend at the Collectors Cutcherry and cautioning him against further disobedience - must also discharge his Arrears of Pisheush. -

Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Ramnad -

Dispatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in M: B: No. 192.. 193.. 194.. 195.. 196

197.. 198.. 199.. 200.. 201.. 202.. 203.—

To Mr. Secretary Ways

To Secretary at Bengal - forwarding a letter from the Nabob.—

To M. N. Webb

To M. Webb transmitting, for execution, a Security Bond for Mr. Paymaster Hughes &

To Mr. Thompson

To W. M. Thompson - permitting him to go to Sea.—

To Military Board

To Military Board - desiring them to report the total quantity of Tonnage required for the Transport Service - should the expedition take place - points to be adverted to - to state also the quantity of Salt Petre, required for the Military purposes, for the purposes for the next twelve Months.— a similar Statement to be prepared Annually in August.—

To Ditto

To Ditto - transmitting a List of the to be shipped on the Dublin for Prince of Wales Islands.—

To Col. Braithwaite

To Commander of the Army - the Barracks intended for the 3d. European Battalion to be filled up in the best manner possible - as all the Military Buildings at Pondicherry are to

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to be immediately destroyed.—

To Ditto— To Ditto with extract of a letter from Bengal— containing their opinion on the points suggested by them on the 12th Ultimo.

To Major Paton— To Major Paton permitting him to visit the Presidency.—

To Grant Light Cork To Governor at Prince of Wales's Island advising of the Stores shipped on the Dublin for that Settlement.—

To Board of Revenue To Board of Revenue advising of the letter written to the Rajah of & Rammaed Copy thereof enclosed.—

To Commander of the Dublin— To Captain Smith with a List of Stores for Prince of Wales' Island & and directing him to receive them on board &

To Ditto of the Queen permitting him Captain Craig to receive on board as passenger to Bengal Captain Mac Donald of the 73rd Regiment.—

30th Received the undermentioned letters

Entered in M:B: Nos 204.. 205.. 206.. 207.. 208 209.. 210.. 211.—

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From Mr. Cockburn

From Mr. Cockburn proposing that a Lieutenant Or be notified in General Orders as acting Deputy Agent for Bullocks with the Nizams Detachment.—

From Lieutenant Le Fevrier.—

From Lieutenant Le Fevrier soliciting an Encrease of allowance.—

From Mr. Conolly.—

From Secretary to the Hospital Board—Mr. Betty requests leave to proceed to Bengal.—

From Adjutant General

From Adjutant General proposing the promotion of Lieutenant Adam Lindsay and Ensign Savoet.—

From Major Murray

From Major Murray requesting leave to visit the Presidency and

From Comet Reverend.

From Comet John Averend to go to Bengal.—

From Captain Doveton

From Captain Doveton has forwarded the Letter for Tippoo Sultaun.—

From Captain Macleod—

From Captain Macleod has taken Measures for procuring Intelligence of Tippoo's Conduct.—

Sent the following Letter.—

To

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Baronet

Governor General in Council

at Fort William.

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal advising of another Battalion having been sent into the Vizagapatam District - motives thereto - and of Narrain Rauze's intention to resist the Company's protection - Copies of letters from Board of Revenue inclosed -

We have been under the necessity in consequence of a representation from the Board of Revenue, Copy of which we have the honor to enclose, to add another Battalion to the Force stationed in the Vizagapatam District, and we are apprehensive, unless we can succeed in dissenitenting the Confederacy that has been formed amongst the principal adherents of the late Rajah Vizianam Rauze, in support of the interest of his Son Narrain Rauze, that we shall be obliged, on the breaking up of the Monsoon, to increase still further the force in that quarter. -

We are led to this opinion in consequence of letters from Lieutenant Colonel Pondergast to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, representing, "That the alarming situation of the District, from "the daily strength acquired by the Hill Polygar

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– "The little prospect of an amicable accommodation,
"and the avowed intention of the Enemy to pursue
"hostile Measures, render it indispensably
"necessary that the force in the district
"should be immediately reinforced with three
"Battalions of Native Infantry" – The
Copies of these Letters, and of two from the
Chief and Council are inclosed for your
information –

We had intended to comply with
the requisition of Lieutenant Colonel
Boondergast for the three Battalions, but
on consulting with Colonel Braithwaite We
found that the season was too far advanced
to send the Troops by Sea, without great
risk, and therefore resolved that for the
present the 11th Battalion only which was
stationed in the Northern Division, should
be detached on this Service. –

We have the honor to transmit Copy
of a letter from the Board of Revenue, with its
inclosures, advising that Narrain Rauze had
intimated his intention of proceeding with
his family to the Center Division of the District

Fort St. George
29th September 1794. –

We have the honor to be with Respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Hobart
&c. Council

Dispatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

Entered in M. B. No. 212.. 213.. 214.. 125.. 216.. 217

218.. 219.. 220.. 221.. 222.. 223. 224 .. 225.. 226.. 227.—

To Mr. Secretary Hay

To Secretary at Bengal—with Invoice and Bill of Lading of Military Stores shipped on the General Goddard for that Presidency.—

To Mr. Skardon

To acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions magrent the Godowns at Pondicherry, as proposed.—

To Ditto

To Ditto—with Copies of the Auditor Reports on his Estimates for October.—

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General & Mr. Conolly to receive two hundred and fifty Pagodas per Mensem for the Charge of the Lunatic Hospital.—

To Ditto

To Ditto—transmitting the Accounts Current and Books—respecting Additional & Donation to the Invalids &c. received from Captain Beatson—instructions on the subject

To Military Board

To Military Board—the repairs to the Garrison &c. Carriages at Trichinopoly, to be made, as well as those required at Tanjore Vellore, and Vellore: the Barrack Shed for the 34th Battalion also to be built—opinion on Lieutenant Shadwells Claim approved. an Engineer to examine and report upon the

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the Temporary Buildings erected by Lieutenant Colonel Baird at Secundermalley. —

To Ditto

To Ditto with orders for repairing the Road leading from the Fort to St. Thomas's Mount

To Paymaster Genl

To Military Paymaster General with Copy of the Auditors Report on his Estimate for October. —

To Messrs. Porcher Redhead and Co.

To Messrs. Porcher Redhead and Co. the claim preferred by them cannot be admitted for reasons stated to them in January 1793. —

To Captain Beaton

To late Town Major - directing him to pay to the Military Paymaster the Balance of Cash in his hands. —

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Commander of the Army - with Instructions for sending to Poonamallee the French Officers residing in the Black Town - in consequence of some disorderly Conduct on their part. —

To Colonel Mixon

To Commandant at Pondicherry no further Repairs to Buildings there, can be allowed - the Amount of Expences for Public prisoners returned signed for payment. —

To Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue - orders given for the Examination of the Widows of the late Jaghiredar of Arnee. —

To

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To Captain Arnot

To Commander of the Phœnix directing him to land William Johnston a Deserter from the 19th Dragoons.—

To Town Major

To Town Major with orders for embarking the Bengal Artillery and their followers on the Asia Bombay, Manship, Essex, and Harriet the necessary provisions to be indented for.—

To Clerk of the Treasury

To Clerk of the Treasury with orders for Advances to Mr. Roebuck and Mr. Mandon for October.—

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor— President

Tuesday 30th September 1794.—

Edward Saunders & E. W. Fallofield Esqrs.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.—

Read the following letter from Bengal.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Governor in Council, at Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From Bengal approving the instructions given to Major Petrie.—

We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 20th Ultimo, inclosing Copies

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Copies of a Letter from Captain Newcome, and of your Instructions to Major Petrie, upon w.h which We have only to say that we think they include the most material points to be ascertained, and provided for, in the Course of the Service, and are happy to observe that they correspond, generally, with the Opinion expressed to you in our Letter of the 22nd. of last Month.—

Fort William
the 8th. of September 1794.—

We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Shore
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper

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

Honorable Sir,

From Bengal recalling the Detachment of Artillery and desiring the Return of the Dutch Troops.

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We have received your letter of the 8th Inst.
and shall transmit you a particular Reply to it
without delay. In the mean time We request
that you will give Directions for the Detach-
=ment of Artillery being sent back to Bengal,
by the first opportunity that may offer after
your

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your receipt of this letter, on the Indiamen
bound to this Presidency.—

2. We also desire you will advise the
Government of Columbo, that we shall not have
occasion for the Troops supplied by them for
the proposed Expedition against the French
Islands; returning at the same time a suitable
acknowledgment for the offer of them, and
taking such measures as may be agreeable to the
Dutch Government for the reconveyance of
the Troops to Columbo, previous to the
Change of the Monsoon.—

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

Fort William
the 15th of September 1794

(Signed) J. Shore
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper

The Royal Artillery Ordered to Embark on the Indiamen

Resolved that the Detachment of
Artillery under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel
Hussey be sent to Bengal on the Company's Ships
Busbridge- Asia- Manship Essex and Harriet,
and that the necessary orders be given to the Town
Major for their embarkation.—

Resolved

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Resolved, That the following letter be written to the Governor and Council of Columbo, and to the Resident at Nagore.—

To the Honorable P. J. Van Angelbeck
Governor &c. Council
at Columbo

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

Letter To Columbo allowing of the Return of the Dutch Troops.—

We have the honor to inform you that we have received advice from the Government of Bengal that there will not be any occasion for the Troops you have been so obliging as to supply for the proposed expedition against the French Islands.—

We could have wished that the season had permitted us to have consulted with you before we gave orders for the reconveyance of the four Companies now at Negapatam to Trincomalee and eventually to Columbo, but in so doing, the opportunity would have been lost of sending back the Troops before the setting in of the Monsoon, and we were not

sure

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sure that their Services would not be immediately required by you — For these reasons, we have directed our Resident at Negapatam to embark the Detachment on the Ship that we have sent thither for the purpose, and we have enjoined him to be particularly careful in sending on board every Article of provision & necessary for the Voyage to Trincomalee and eventually to Columbo — you shall think proper to determine after the Arrival of the Anna at Trincomalee where the Commander will wait your Orders. —

We are desired by the Governor General in Council of Bengal to make a suitable & acknowledgment to you for the friendly conduct manifested by you towards the British Government; and we have great pleasure in making the Communication. —

We have the honor to be with great esteem and regard. —

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

(signed) Hobert

To M.r William Harcourt Torriano
Resident at
Nagore

To Resident at Nagore with Instructions for their Embarkation

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to desire you will not

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not lose a Moment after your receipt of this letter, in taking measures for the embarkation on the Ship Anna of the four Companies of Dutch Troops now at Negapatam - every Article of Provision necessary for the Voyage eventually to Columbo you will be careful to provide, and discharge all pay and allowance due to the Troops up to the day they embark. -

The Commander of the Anna must be instructed by you to make the best of his way to Trincomalee, and land the troops at that place, and he is to wait there until an Answer is Received from the Government at Columboo to the dispatches directed to that Government, and which he is to deliver to the Chief of Trincomalee on his Arrival, should the Dutch Government signify their Wish to the Captain of the Anna that the Troops, or a part of them should be conveyed to Columbo, or any other Settlement on the Island of Ceylon. - You will instruct the Captain of the Anna to proceed to such Settlement, without delay and there land the Troops with all expedition, reporting every circumstance to you; and remaining with his

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Vessel either at Trincomalee or Columbo as the
Circumstances may render most expedient till
he receive further Orders. —

I enclose a letter for the Governor and
Council of Columbo apprizing them of the
departure of the Troops which you are desired
to forward by the Anna. —

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Sam. Gc. &c.
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
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Read the following Letter from the
Military Board. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Robert Hobart
Governor in Council,

My Lord,

We have the honor to lay
before Your Lordship a copy of a Minute &c
delivered in by the Chief Engineer accompanied
with a copy of the Estimates therein mentioned,
and, as it appears that an extra expence is
unavoidable, We recommend that We may be
authorized to direct the Contractors to raise the
wall

From Military Board proposing raising the Walls of the Cavalry Barracks to be erected at the Mount. Estimate thereof, and of the repair of Guard Barracks &c: at Fort St. George

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wall as suggested in the Chief Engineer's Minute No 1.

We have now also the honor to submit to your Lordships copy of Estimates & for repairs to the Commandant's Quarters, three ranges of Officers Quarters, Hospital, Sepoy & Barracks Gun Shed and Main Guard Room at Walajanbad, amounting to Pagodas 2105.. 11.. 15, & which having been examined by the Chief Engineer, and made out agreeably to the Contract rates - We recommend that the Contractors be ordered to execute the repairs.-

We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) " John Braithwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" John Richardson
" Barry Close

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26th September 1794.-

When I had the honor of laying before the Board the Plan for the Artillery Barracks for the 2nd Battalion proposed to be built at St Thomas's Mount, I did not suppose that the Expence would have exceeded the Estimate then given in; but I now beg to represent to the Board that the Ground, on which the Barrack

is

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is building, is so very uneven, that some
expence must be incurred in levelling it,
as it rises in many places from two
to three feet above the level Ground.—

To prevent therefore the foun-
dation being laid on false Ground, w
which must have been the consequence
if the low Ground had been filled up,
it was necessary to lay the foundation
between the highest and the lowest, the
expence therefore that will attend levelling
the Ground will cost the sum of Pags 1164.32.—

To save part of this expence
and to render the Barracks perfectly free
from damps which may be the consequence
if the high Ground is cut away I beg to
propose that the flooring of the Barracks
be raised two feet above the present
level of the Base, and this may easily be
done by giving the Wall an Additional
two feet in height, the expence of raising

the

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the Walls, filling in, and levelling will cost the sum of Pagodas 896.-

I have the honor to lay before the Board two Estimates No. 1 and 2, by which it will appear that raising the flooring it will be attended with a less expence, besides the Advantage of rendering the Barrack perfectly free from dampness, should their Method be approved by the Board, I hope they will be pleased to recommend the Additional Estimate No. 1 being carried into execution.-

18th September 1794

/Signed/ Wm Gent

A true Copy

/Signed/ Wm Lindsay

Deputy Secretary

Estimate

No. 1.

Estimate of the Expence of Raising the Floor and Walls of the Barracks now building at St. Thomas's Mount for the 2nd Battalion Artillery.—

Raising the Floor of the Barracks two feet above the level of the Base, and levelling the Ground on the outside is 1523 Cubic ft Rods at 10 fanams ℔ Rod	36236	
Raising the Walls of the Barracks two feet in Cubic feet 9612. at 2.. 20.. ℔ foot	578	6
Removing Hooks Cross Barrs &c.	15	
Pagodas	896	

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(Signed) Wm Gent
Chief Engineer

True Copy
(Signed) Wm Lenley
Deputy Secy

No. 2

Estimate of the Expence of Clearing and levelling the Ground where the Barracks is now Building at St. Thomas Mount for the 2nd Battn of Artillery.—

Cubic Rods 11892 at 10 fanams ℔ Rod	1164	32
Pagodas		

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3	Ditto ... for repairs wanted to the Commandants Quarters at Mallajabad	10	5
4	Ditto Eastrange of Officers Quarters at Mallajabad	10	5
5	Ditto Northrange of Officers Quarters at Mallajabad	10	5
6	Ditto Westrange of Officers Quarters at Mallajahbad	10	5
7	Ditto Hospital at Mallajabad	10	5
8	Ditto Sepoy Barracks at Mallajabad	10	5
9	Ditto Gun Shed at Mallajabad	10	5
10	Ditto Main Guard at Ditto	10	5

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(Signed) J. Brodie
Surv. Mj. Boad

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Minute thereon.

Resolved, for the reasons stated in the Chief Engineer's Minute that the proposed alteration in the Plan for the Artillery Barracks for the 2nd Battalion at the Mount, be made—

Resolved that the Military Board be authorized to give orders to the Contractor to make the Repairs required to the Quarters &c at Walajanabad.—

Read the following letter from the Agent for Spirituous Liquors.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before you the following Accounts—

From Mr. Cockburn enclosing three Accounts of his Annual Agency— explanatory of the Payment of the Balance due to him—

No 1 My Account Current with the Honble Company, stating on the Debtor side the Cash in hand on the 1st May last, and the Money received since from the Sales of Arrack— and on the Creditor

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7	Ditto Hospital at Walajabad	10	5
8	Ditto Depoy Barracks at Walajabad	10	5
9	Ditto Gun Shed at Walajabad	10	5
10	Ditto Main Guard at Ditto	10	5

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Signed J. Brodie
Lieut Mr. Board

Received

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Minute thereon.

Resolved, for the reasons stated in the Chief Engineer's Minute that the proposed [illegible] alteration in the Plan for the Artillery Barracks for the 2nd Battalion at the Mount, be made—

Resolved that the Military Board be authorized to give orders to the Contractor for make the Repairs required to the Quarters &c at Walajanabad.—

Read the following letter from the Agent for Spirituous Liquors.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before you the following Accounts—

From Mr. Cockburne enclosing three Accounts of this Month Agency— explanations of which to Augment the Profits due to him—

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No 1 My Account Current with the Honble Company, stating on the Debtor side the Cash in hand on the 1st May last, and the Money received since from the Sales of Arrack— and on the Creditor

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8	Ditto Sepoy Barracks at Walajabad	10 — Do —
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10	Ditto Main Guard at Ditto	10 — Do —

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(Signed) J. Brodie
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Resolved.

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Minute thereon.

Resolved, for the reasons stated in the Chief Engineer's Minute that the proposed alteration in the Plan for the Artillery Barracks for the 2nd Battalion at the Mount, be made—

Resolved that the Military Board be authorized to give orders to the Contractor to make the Repairs required to the Quarters &c at Walajanabad.—

Read the following letter from the Agent for Spirituous Liquors.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before you the following Accounts—

From Mr Cochrane enclosing three Accounts of this Annual Agency—explanations of the Items of Payment of the Balances due to him.—

No 1 My Account Current with the Honble Company, stating on the Debtor side the Cash in hand on the 1st May last, and the Money received since from the Sales of Arrack—and on the

Creditor

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Creditor side the Amount disbursements made by me, the Cash remitted to Mr. Henry Abbott my Agent at Calcutta for the purchase of Spirits and what more is now required to be sent

N. 2 Mr. Henry Abbott's Account Current with the Arrack Agency — The Debtor side of which sets forth the remittances made him, and the Creditor side, the purchases effected by him, and the Balance is the Amount Cash required to pay for the Spirits that he has already bought and will be delivered to him by Mr. Lambert on or before the 31st. December next

N.3 Is Account Current Arrack at Madras, on the Debtor Side is stated the Stock on hand the 1st. May last, the receipts since, and what is expected; on the Creditor Side the Amount Issues to the Out Garrisons, and to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

I beg leave to explain to your Lordship that Mr. Abbott at Calcutta, at my desire, in the Month of June last, entered into a Contract with Mr Lambert for Guages Gallons 120000 of Rum to be delivered at Calcutta on or before the 1st. November 1795. at Eleven Annas pr. Gallon making

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making Sicca Rupees 103..2. or Star Pag.s 33..1..72
per Leager of 150 Guaged Gallons a Rate remarkably
reasonable when made at a time that there was such
a demand for Spirits both for the Army and Navy, in
Consequence of the then expected Expedition against
the Mauritius, and particularly when other Manu-
facturers were asking thirteen and fourteen Annas
per Gallon - Mr. Lambert also furnished my Agent
with all his old Rum on hand consisting of
Guaged Gallons 15,042 at the same rate as the
Contract, and this at a period when Mr. Abbott
was obliged to pay two Rupees fourteen and Sixteen
Annas per Gallon for Old Spirits in order to
complete the Commession sent him. —

All the old Spirits sent by the Peerkham
Anna and Elega and Lachme arrived safe, and
I have intelligence of the remaineing Gallons 14,000
on hand at Calcutta being sent on board the
Ship Sussex Captain Smith, that was despatched
last Month from hence for Spirits and Salt
Petre - and by the time that the Sussex returns
to Calcutta, a full Cargo of Spirits will
be ready for her. —

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The information received from Mr. Abbott in June last, relative to the Quantity of Ale Spirits on the Market at Calcutta, being rather unfavorable and that at a high rate, in comparison with the state of the Market at Bombay, which by Letters then received, stood at twelve Annas ℔ per Gallon, I did not hesitate in Commissioning W. Harding at Bombay to send one two Hundred Leagers by the first opportunity, so as to arrive here by the middle of July in time for the Expedition to the Mauritius.

Between the date of my orders and their Arrival at Bombay, the Merchants there shipped off a Quantity of Arrack for this Market, after which the Governor in Council there advertised for a greater Quantity of ℔ Spirits than the Market could afford, the ℔ Consequence of which was that an immediate advantage was taken by the Merchants, and Government were obliged to purchase their Supplies at Bombay Rupees 2/8 per Gallon.

My Agent, on receipt of my orders, ℔ conceiving that he might venture to go as far as

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as Government there, did purchase 59 1/2 Leagers
which, with Freight to Madras came to Star
Pagodas 119.14.-- per Leager.-

Now my Lord be pleased to observe the
contrast after dispatching orders to Bombay
to purchase 200 Leagers of Arrack, The House
of Colt Baker and Co. here receives intimation of
from their Correspondents at Bombay, of three
hundred Leagers shipping off for Madras &
with orders to dispose of the same - Application
was immediately made to one, and S &
concluded with them for the whole that &
might arrive here at the rate of Star Pags. 54.14.
per Leager, and this at a time when the &
nominal Market price here was at Star &
Pagodas 70 to 75 The difference in favor of the
purchase made here, when compared with
that at Bombay is Star Pagodas 64.31.-- per
Leager, from which it must appear evident,
how very destructive it is to the interest of
the Company to let the Public know the &
immediate wants of Government, at a time
when

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when the state of the Market is not able to supply the demands - For had I taken the same steps here that the Bombay Government did, I should not have got the Spirits from the House of Colt Baker and Co. under Pagodas 100 per Leager, at the time Constant reports prevailing of French Privateers & being in the Bay, that might intercept my Supplies from Bengal - and had Mr. Abbott my Agent let the Merchants at Calcutta know the extent of my orders for purchases there, he might not have been able to have got the Spirits by fifty per Cent so cheap as he did. —

I am to request your Lordship will be pleased to order the Sum of Star Pagodas 59,657.. 6. being the balance of my Account up to this day, to be paid me, being anxious to make a remittance to Mr. Abbott at Calcutta by the Indiaman now under dispatch & having other pressing calls upon me. —

Had the Expedition to the Mauritius taken place, I should not have required any Advance of Cash to my Department, as the Commissary

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Commissary General for Grain and Provisions would
[illegible] as he has hither-to done / have paid me for the
Liquor Indented for, which came to M. Gallons
81,000 - but in consequence of the Expedition being
postponed, and to a period not publickly known,
I am under the necessity of closing my Accounts
with the Honorable Company in order to
receive the Balance now due me. -

This advance of Cash will be no loss to
the Honorable Company, as it will in time be
liquidated by Payments to the Paymasters at
the respective Garisons and Cantonments from
the Monthly Sales - and in case the Expedition to
the Mauritius takes place next year, no Money
will be required by me for the Eighty one Thousand
Gallons that the Commissary General of Grain
and Provisions directed me to have in readiness
for them, and which is now in Store ready to
be delivered when required. -

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most Obedient
& very humble Servant,
(signed) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spiritious Liquors -
&c.

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Dr. The Agent for Spirituous Liquors in

				N. Pat. f. c.
1794				
May	1st	To Cash for Balance in hand		7,539.30 4
	31st	To Ditto received on Account of Sales		2920. " "
		To Balance due, carried to next Account		10317. 15. 7
June	30th	To Cash Received on Account of Sales		20777. 10. 1
		To Balance due, carried to next Months Account		7838. " "
				8550. 29 24
July	31st	To Cash Received on Account of Sales		11388. 29 24
	"	To Balance due, carried to Next Months Account		3949 " "
				12,443. " 8
August	31st	To Cash received on Account of Sales		16.392 . 2.
	"	To Balance due, carried to Next Months Account		5331. 27. 33.
				38907. 30. 14.
				44792. 31. 69.

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Account Current with The Honorable Company ---- Cr.

			Mrs.	f.	c.
1794					
May	31	By Charges Merchandize as per Account particulars	530.	14.	51.
	"	By Leakage ditto	245.	37.	30
		By Mr. Henry Abbott at Calcutta remitted him for the purchase of Spirits			
		May 10 " Remitted	10000.	"	"
		11 " ditto	10000.	"	"
			20000.	"	"
			20777.	10.	1.
		By Balance due brought from last Months Account	10317.	15.	7.
June	1	By Charges Merchandize as per Account particulars	666.	38.	54.
	30	By Charges ditto	404.	11.	40.
	"	By Leakage			
			11388.	29.	24.
			8550.	29.	24
July	1	By Balance due, brought from last Month Account			
	31	By Arrack Purchased			
		July 1st From Nagapatn Chilly M. Gall. 13302. 4. -			
		@ Star Pag. 52. 23 - per Ledger	5000.	26.	60
		4 From Mess. Colt Baker & Co M. G. 32914. 35.			
		@ Star Pag. 54. 14 per Leager	12957.	14.	-
		By Wm. Harding at Bombay M. Gall. 8071. 34. -			
		@ Star Pagodas 119. 4 per Leager	6966.	14.	3.
		Total M. Gallons 54288. 33. -			
		at Star Pagodas 63. 23. 27 per Leager	24984.	8.	63.
		By Mr. Henry Abbott at Calcutta			
	"	July 28th Remitted him for the purchase of Spirits	10000.	"	"
	"	By Charges Merchandize as per Account particulars	594.	"	60
	"	By Charges ditto	762.	38.	50.
	"	By Leakage	250.	21.	"
	"	By Insurance on part of the Cargo of the Pulicham Pagodas 5000 @ 5 P. Cent with Policy	1249.	9.	51.
			46392.	"	8.
		By Commission on Star Pag.s 24984. 8. 63. @ 5 P Cent	2499.	8.	3.
	"	By Balance due, brought from last Months Account	200.	21.	"
		By Insurance on the remaining part of the Cargo of the Pulicham Pag.s 4000 @ 5 P Cent with Policy	594.	"	"
August	1	By Charges Merchandize about the same as last Month	695.	40.	60
	31	By Leakage as per Account particulars			
		By Commission on Pag.s 17182. 28. 12 being the Amount of the Invoices of Spirits Received from Calcutta by the Anna and Eliza and Lichmee & producing Measured Gallons 34168. 31. or Star Pagodas 69. 18. 20. - per Leager at 5 P Cent	859.	6.	1.
			44792.	31.	69.

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Dr. The Agent for Spirituous Liquors in

1794		Star Pags. f. c.
September 29th	To Cash received on Account of Sales	2494 6. "
	To Balance due him	59657 6. "
	Star Pags	62151. 12. "

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[Signed] Basil

Agent for Spirits

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Account Current with The Honorable Company — Cr.

			Star Pagodas	f.	c.
1794					
September	1st	By Balance due brought from last Month's	38,907.	30.	14
	"	By Charges Merchandize about the same as last Month	594.	..	..
	29th	By Leakage about	1042.	7.	50
	"	By Commission on Pagodas 8886..41..78 being the Amount Value of the Cargo of the Pitkham received from Calcutta Viz.t			
		Amount Invoice as per Account of Mr. Abbott	6807..	27.	7
		Cash paid Captain Brown of the Pitkham in full of Freight	1628..	18.	71
		Cash paid Insurance on the Cargo in the Months of July and August as Stated above	450..	42..	
		In all Star Pagodas	8886..	41.	78
		There were received into Store M. Gallons 22857.. 16.. which is at the rate of Star Pagodas 53.. 29.. 74.. per Leaguer 5 Hhds or Star Pagodas 8886.. 41.. 78. is	444.	16.	36
		By Cash paid Captain Brown in full of Freight for his Ship Pitkham Sicca Rupees 5081.. at Sicca Rupees 312.. per 100 Star Pagodas	1628.	18.	71.
	"	By Mr. Henry Abbott at Calcutta for balance of Cash to be remitted him	19,534.	10.	69.
		Star Pagodas	62,151.	12.	..

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Dr. Mr. Henry Abbott at Calcutta in Account

1794			Sicca Rs.	a.	P.	St. P.	Fl.	C.
May	10	To Cash Remitted him for the purchase of St. Pags. 10,000.. at Sicca Rupees 312 per 100 St. Pagodas Making Sicca Rupees	31,200	..	..	10,000	..	..
	14	To ——— Ditto ——— Ditto ——— Ditto	31,200	..	..	10,000	..	..
July	28	To ——— Ditto ——— Ditto ——— Ditto	31,200	..	..	10,000	..	..
		To Balance to be Remitted to Mr. Abbott in discharge of the Sum he has already advanced and to enable him to pay for the 69,000 G. Gallons that will be delivered by the 31st. December 1794.—	69,968	3.	..	19,534	10.	69.
		Total	1,54,568	3.	..	49,534	10.	69.

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(Signed) Basil
Agent for

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Current with Agent for Spirituous Liquors — Cr.

				Sicca Rs.	A.	P.	Star Pags.	F.	C.
1794 June	12	By Amount Cargo of the Bellisham Captain Benjamin Brown as per Invoice of this date Amounting to Guaged Gallons 26,379 Value Sicca Rupees	17921	4	5				
		Cash paid Captain Benjamin Brown in part of Freight	3319						
		Total Sicca Rupees	21240	4	5	21240	4	5	6807 27 7
		at Sicca Rupees 312 per 100 Star Pags making Star Pags	6807	27	7				
		By Cash advanced to Mr. Lambert in part of a Contract for Guaged Gallons 1,20,000 of Spirituous 11 Annas per Gallon Amounting in all to Sicca Rupees 82,500 to be performed on or before the 1st November 1795 Sicca Rupees 20,000 at 312 Sicca Rupees per 100 Pags making Star Pags	20000			20000			6410 9 18
July	17	By Amount Cargoes of Anna and Eliza and Lisbon as per Invoice of this date Amounting to Guaged Gallons 40173 Value Sicca Rupees 53610 10 7 at Sicca Rupees 312 per 100 Star Pagodas making Star Pagodas	53610	10	7	53610	10	7	17182 28 12
		By Letter date Calcutta 15 July 1794 there were remaining in Store about Guaged Gallons 14,000 that had been purchased from the following Merchants.							
						Sicca	A.	P.	
		of Mr. Fairlie G Gallons 4000 at 14 Annas P Gallon	3375						
		of Mr. Barretto — 10,000 at Sicca Rupee 1 P Gallon	10000						
		Mr. Abbotts 5 per Cent Commission on the same	669	12					
		Total Sicca Rupees	14044	12		14044	12		4501 14
		at 312 Sicca Rupees P 100 Star Pags making Star Pags	4501	14					
		There will be delivered by the 31st December 1794 about 400 Leagues or Guaged Gallons 60,000 the Cost of which will be as follows —							
		Guaged Gallons 60,000 at 11 Annas P Gallon is Sicca Rupees	41250						
		Mr. Abbotts 5 P Cent Commission on the same	2062	8					
		Sicca Rupees	43312	8		43312	8		13882 4 32
		at 312 Sicca Rupees P 100 Star Pags making Star Pags	13882	4	32				
		Sundry Charges of Godown Hire and Shipping the above 73375 Gallons of Liquor Sworn at Sicca Rupees 2340 or Star Pags	750			2340			750
		Total				154548	3		49534 10 69

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Dr. Mr. Henry Abbott at Calcutta in Account

1794			Sicca Rs.	a.	P.	Rs.	a.	P.
May	10	To Cash Remitted him for the purchase of St. Pags. 10,000.. at Sicca Rupees 312 per 100 St. Pagodas Making Sicca Rupees	31,200	..	..	10,000	..	..
	14	To ——— Ditto ——— Ditto ——— Ditto	31,200	..	..	10,000	..	..
July	28	To ——— Ditto ——— Ditto ——— Ditto	31,200	..	..	10,000	..	..
		To Balance to be Remitted to Mr. Abbott in discharge of the Sum he has already advanced and to enable him to pay for the 60,000 G Gallons that will be delivered by the 31st. December 1794.—	60,968	3	..	19,534	10	69
		Total	154518	3	..	49534	10	69.

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(Signd) Basil
Agent for

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Current with the Agent for Spirituous Liquors — C.

Sicca Rs. A. P. Rs. F. C.

1794 July 12 By Amount Cargo of the Oakham Captain Benjamin Brown as per Invoice of this date Amounting to Gauged Gallons 26379 Value Sicca Rupees ... 17921..4..5
Cash paid Captain Benjamin Brown in part of Freight ... 3319..--..—
Total Sicca Rupees ... 21240..4..5 } 21240 4 5 6807.27.7
at Sicca Rupees 312 per 100 St. Pags making St. Pags. ... 6807..27..7

By Cash advanced to Mr. Lambert in part of a Contract for Gauged Gallons 120000 of Spiritous at 11 Annas per Gallon Amounting in all to Sicca Rupees 82500.. to be performed on or before the 1st November 1795 Sicca Rupees 20000 at 312 Sicca Rupees per 100 Pags. making St. Pags. 6410..9..18. } 20000.. .. 6410.9.18.

July 17 By Amount Cargoes of Anna and Eliza and Lubna as per Invoice of this date Amounting to Gauged Gallons 40173.. Value Sicca Rupees 53610..10..7. at Sicca Rupees 312 per 100 Star Pagodas making Star Pagodas ... 17182..28..12.— } 53610 10.7. 17182 28 12.

By Letter dated Calcutta 15th July 1794 there were remaining in Store about G. Gallons 14000 that had been purchased from the following Merchants.—

	S.Rs.	a.	P.
of Mr. Fairlie G Gall. 4000 at 14 Annas P Gallon	3375..	"	"
of Mr. Barette. — 10000 at Sicca Rupee 1 P Gallon	10000.—	..	—
	S.R. 13375..	—	.. —
Mr. Abbotts 5 per Cent Commission on the same ...	669..	12..	—
Total S.r Rupees	14044..	12..	— } 14044.12. .. 4501.14. ..
at 312 S.r Rupees P 100 St. Pag.s making St. Pags.	4501..	14.—	

There will be delivered by the 31st December 1794 about 400 Leagues Gauged Gallons 60000 the Cost of which will be as follows—
Gallons 60000.. at 11 Annas P Gallon is S.R. 41250.—..—
Mr. Abbotts 5 P Cent Commission on the same .. 2062..8..— } 43312 8. .. 13882 4 32.
Sicca Rupees ... 43312..8..—
at 312 S.r Rupees P 100 St. Pag.s making St. Pags. ... 13882..4..32.

Sundry Charges of Godowns here and Shipping the above 73375 Gallons of Liquor Insurance at Sicca Rupees 2340 or Pags. 750.. } 2340.. .. 750.. ..

Total ... 154548.3. .. 49534.10.69

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Cochrane
Spirituous Liquors.

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Dr ..... Account Current ..... Cr

				M. Fallon	D. McCallum	Dr.
1794 May	1st	To Stock brought from last Books				59,519 29
						59,519. 29.
June	1st	To Balance brought from last Month				56911. 19.
		To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions received of him				204 "
						57145. 19.
June	1st	To Balance brought from last Month				49,131. 30.
		To Nagapah Chetty purchased of him				
		To Messrs Call Baker and Co. purchased of him			13302. 4.	
		To Mr. James Harding purchased by him at Bombay			32,914. 35.	
					8071. 34.	
						103,420. 23
August	1st	To Balance brought from last Month				
		To Mr. Henry Abbott at Calcutta received by the Anna Eliza and Lachme sent by him	3/3			83,101. 20.
						34,161. 31.
						122,270. 11.
September	1st	To Balance brought from last Month				109,128. 1.
		To Mr. Henry Abbott at Calcutta received by the Pucktham sent by him	3/3			22857. 16.
						Total 131,985 17

The following is the quantity of Liquor expected from Calcutta.—

By the Sum's Captain Smith Guaged Gallons	14,000	"
Deduct Leakage at Sea @ 5 ℔ Cent	700.	"
Guaged Gallons	13,000.	"
at 138 Company's Measured Gallons per 150 Guaged Gallons is		12236.
The Contract with Mr. Lambert is for... Guaged Gallons is	120,000.	"
Deduct Leakage at Sea @ 5 ℔ Cent	6000.	"
Guaged Gallons	114,000.	"
@ 138 Company's Measured Gallons per 150 Guaged Gallons		104880.
Total M: Gallons		117,116.

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Arrack at Madras ..... Cr.

					M Gallons	D.	M Gallons	D.
1794								
May	31	By	Issues to Out Garrisons		"	"	2578. 10	
		By	Balance carried to next Month		"		56941. 19.	
							59,519. 20.	
June	30th	By	Issues to Out Garrisons	7635. 8				
		By	Commissary General of Grain and Provisions delivered him	378. 21.			8013. 29.	
		By	Balance carried to next Month				49131. 30.	
							57145. 10.	
July	31st	By	Issues to Out Garrisons	14775. 24.				
		By	Commissary General of Grain and Provisions delivered him	543. 19.			15319. 3.	
		By	Balance carried to next Month				88101. 20	
							103420. 23.	
August	31st	By	Issues to out Garrisons	12998. 30.				
		By	Commissary General of Grain and Provisions delivered him	143. 20.			13142. 10.	
		By	Balance carried to next Month		"		109128. 1.	
							122270. 11	
		By	Issues to Out Garrisons	29961. 1				
September	29th	By	Issues to Out Garrisons	199. "			21160. 1	
		By	Commissary General of Grain and Provisions delivered him		"		110825. 16	
		By	Balance in Store					
							Total ... 131985. 17.	

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(Signd) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the Sum of twenty thousand ₹ (20,000) Star Pagodas be advanced from the Treasury ₹ to the Agent for Spirituous Liquors, in part of the ₹ balance stated to be due to his employ - but that ₹ no further Sum be issued, until the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions shall have ₹ reported upon the above Accounts. —

Read the following letter from ₹ ₹ Captain Beatson, —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council, &c. &c. &c.

My Lord!

From Major Beatson requesting leave to go to Europe. —

I have the honor to enclose a Certificate from Doctor Anderson recommending a voyage to Europe for the benefit of My health - which has ₹ been much impaired by a residence of above Eighteen years in India - and by having held, in general, ₹ Official Situation that required my being necessarily Much exposed to the Sun; I therefore request ₹ your permission to return to Europe on one of the Indiamen now in the roads. —

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I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alex.r Beatson
Captain
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These are to certify that Captain Alexander Beatson of this Establishment, in consequence of long Residence and much exposure to the inclemencies of Weather in this Climate has had his health so much impaired, that a Voyage to Europe and his Native Air is recommended for the reestablishment of Strength.—

(Signed) Jas: Anderson,
Physician General

Fort St. George
Sept.r 25.th 1794.—

permitted

Agreed that Captain Beatson be permitted to proceed to England for the re-establishment of his health.

Read the following Letter from Vizagapatam.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council,
Fort St. George

My Lord!,

We had the honor to announce to Government in Our Letter of the — July, the Establishment at Bimlipatam of an Hospital for those who were wounded at Pudmanabum on

From Vizagapatam with Bill for Medical Charges incurred at Bimlipatam for a party under Lieutenant [illegible] attacked by [illegible]

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on the 10th of that Month, and We have to add, that Mr. Nicoll, Assistant Surgeon, was appointed by Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast to the Charge of the said Hospital; who has now addressed us on the Subject, and Delivered in a Bill Amounting to Mr. Pagodas 150 for Medicines, attendance and Charges — of both which Papers, We beg leave to lay before you Copies. — As the Bill is countersigned by Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast, who had the opportunity of Judging of the Expenditure, We request the Sanction of your Lordship for the discharge of it.

We also have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that Lieutenant Nairt of the 20th Batt. who, was ordered to proceed with a Company of Sepoys, to Poreum Fort in the Center Division of the Vizzanagrum Zemindary, was attacked on the 20th Instant, by a large Body of Peons belonging to some of the Refractory Hill Poligars, who 4 wounded, Slightly, two of the Company's Sepoys before they were dispersed. —

Vizagapatam
22d Sept. 1794. —

We have the honor to be with great Respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Shannier
Gentlemen

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Gentlemen!

On the 10th of July I was ordered by Lieutenant Colonel Brendergast to procure Country Cots and Coolies, for removing the Rajah's Wounded people from Padmanaburm, and to give them every Medical Assistance in my power. I have now taken the Liberty of enclosing my Charge against the Honorable Company countersigned by Colonel Brendergast, which I hope will merit the Approbation of your Board, and that you'll be pleased to order the same to be paid from the Treasury of Vizagapatam, the Charge being &c inadmissible [illegible] Auditor General as these people are [illegible] Company's Service.—

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

Chicacole
September 20th 1794.—

(Signed) P. Nicoll
Assistant Surgeon

A true Copy
(Signed) Robt. Alexander
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As Lieutenant Colonel Brendergast has Countersigned Mr. Nicoll's Bill, agreed that it

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it be passed, but that in future no further
expence be incurred on a similar account, as it
is the duty of Mr. Nicoll to give his attendance
to the wounded without any Charge to the Company

Read the following letter from the
Board of Revenue. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Board of Revenue
Submitting Mr. Pauny's
Report of the Origin and
Progress of the late
disputes at Ramnad
with another Report
of the Marriage of the
Rajah of Shevagunga
observations. —

We have the honor to transmit a
Report from the Collector of Assigned Poligars Peshcush
South of the C[illegible] containing a full and
distinct N[illegible]rative of the Origin and
Progress of t[illegible]putes between the Ramnad
Rajah, and Thero[illegible] Shivagunga — It appear
that the Rajah was the Original Aggressor in having
stopped up the high road to Pattanellore and Tondy
which was frequented by the Merchants from
Tinnevelly, and had compelled them to take a
circuitous route and turn off at Toreshody thro'
the Ramnad Country, thereby depriving the
Shevagunga Circar of the usual Customs at

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(Sd.) " David Haliburto
" P: N: White
" Thos. Cockburn

To

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To David Haliburton Esqr.

Acting [illegible]ent &c. Members of the

Revenue Board

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Para 1

In order to lay before your Board, with every precision, the particulars of the late Disputes between the Ramnad Rajah and the Chokkas of [illegible]quinga, I found it necessary to peruse the accounts of the Records of the late Collector, in order to trace the discussions, through all their causes, progress, and consequences; and, upon an attentive review of the various circumstances which occurred, I selected from them such parts that may exhibit the whole of their conduct upon this occasion, to be taken up by Government in such manner as they judge advisable.

2nd. It appears that, so long ago as the month of September last, the Vakeel of the Rajah

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consequence of this complai
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ment of the dispute, and pointed out to

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parties, their impolitic Conduct, by which
they mutually suffered great losses— The
Rammad Rajah apparently attended to his
advice, and through his Vakeel represented,
that he had sent orders to his Aumildar
at Treshoody, not to interrupt the Merchants
from the Southward, containing their route
to Pallamcottore, and requested that a peon
might be sent to the spot to take Notice of
the same; and hoped, as the grievance complained
of, had been remedied by his Master,
Rammad Rajah / that the Cherokar of
Shevegunga might be ordered to open the
Water Courses which he had stopped.—

4th Orders were accordingly sent to the
Cherokar to open the Water courses, as he
could then have no further cause of complaint.
and, in order that the same might be carried
into effect, and to prevent any future
complaint upon this subject from either
party, two peons were dispatched from the
Cutcheree, one to Treshooly in the Rammad
Country, and the other to the Water courses
in the Shevegunga Country.—

Shortly

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5th Shortly after this, the late Collector
called upon the Vackeel ... of the Vackeels of the
parties, to know whether their Masters had
come to an accommodation of their mutual
complaints of stopping the high Road and the
Water courses, when the Ramnad Vackeel replied,
that his master would have no objection to open
the Road, provided the Cherokar would pay the
duties he owed upon grain, and Sundry Articles
which he had lately sent through the Ramnad
District — The Vakeel of the Cherokar was
directed in consequence of this new complaint
to apply to his Master to liquidate the
Amount in question without delay. — a letter
in reply to this demand was received from the
Cherokar, which denies that the Rajah of
Ramnad had a right to levy duties on goods
passing from any part of the Shevagunga
Country to Tondy and that it was contrary
to custom, but that he would in obedience
to the Collector's orders send his Comicoplies
to adjust the Accounts. —

6th In a few days the Vackeel of the
Ramnad Rajah, again represented, that the

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orders on the subject of opening the road, had been attended to on the part of this Master, but that not a Water course had been opened by the Cherah that the lands in the Ramnad Country would remain uncultivated from having been deprived of the Water which had come down by the Freshes —

The Peons who had been sent to observe the conduct of both parties respecting their adherence to their agreement, not having then returned, and being at that time hourly expected, the Ramnad Vackeel was desired to wait their arrival. —

During this interval, a fresh complaint was presented on the part of the Ramnad Rajah by his Vackeel, who brought to the Collectors several Inhabitants of the Village Chaliagoody in the Ramnad District, who represented that the Inhabitants of Tondy in the Sheveganga, had encroached upon their limits — The Collector, apprehending much disturbance, if a speedy determination was not made — the parties concerned were persuaded to decide their claims by Arbitration. —

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8 Soon after this, the peon who had been dispatched to Tresshooly in the Ramnad Country, to observe whether the Ramnad Rajah's promises of opening the Road, had been carried into execution, returned to the Cutcharee, after he had remained six days at that place, and reported, that the Aumildar at Tresshooly declared, he had directions from the Rajah to pass no other Cloth than that belonging to the Company, but to stop all goods, the property of Native Merchants - that he had been informed by many native Merchants he had seen at Tresshooly that, instead of their being allowed to pass on the high Road which led from thence to the Sea Coast by the way of Pattanellore, they were compelled to proceed by the way of Permagoody within the Ramnad limits, which put them to a considerable inconvenience, not only on account of the encreased distance they had to travel, but the heavy taxes they had to pay in passing through so great an extent of the Ramnad Country. —

9 In consequence of this very glaring act of disobedience and deception, the late Collector dispatched a letter to the Ramnad Rajah advising

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advising him, that, depending on his
Assurance, that he had opened the road from
Treshody to Pattanellore, he had called upon
the Shevegunga Cherokar to open the Water courses,
which had been done accordingly, and communi-
cated the intelligence brought by the Peon, and
requested him to issue the necessary orders, to
obviate all misunderstandings in future.—

10 It does not appear, however, that
the Rajah of Ramnad attended, in the least, to
the repeated requisitions of the Collector on the
above subject; on the contrary, that he
continued to interrupt the Merchants
passing through the established Road, and
compelled them to proceed through the
Ramnad District, which was contrary to
the ancient custom, or mamool of the Country,
which conduct appears to have occasioned
the many irregularities committed afterwards.

11 It would be needless Gentlemen to
enumerate the Complaints, the assertions and
counter assertions of each party, during the
whole of the months of November and December.

a recapitulation

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a recapitulation of them would be unnecessary, as they have all been laid before your Board by the late Collector, you will no doubt have observed, that an implacable animosity subsisted between them, and which must have been aggravated by that series of Depredations committed on each other.— The Rajah of Ramnad however, appears to have been generally the Aggressor; and in a particular instance, which, although detailed by the late Collector, I shall take the liberty to recapitulate, as it will serve in some degree, to give you a faint colouring of his Character and Disposition, which seems to have set at defiance every obligation of rectitude and Justice.—

12 The mode in which he committed..... this act, and anticipated the representation of it, by a complaint to the Collector, is very well worthy the attention of your Board— A representation was made to Mr Landon, by the Ramnad Vakeel, that he understood the Cheroltar of Shevegunga, had assembled a large body of Armed Men with the intention

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to plunder the weaving Village of Permagoody in
the Ramnad limits, on pretence that a Sumpriety
in the Rajahs Service had been taken away
from a Village in the Shivegunga Country,
whither he had fled for protection, by a person
who had been security for him, and that
this had been done unknown to the Rajah

13th Inconsequence of this very serious
complaint, that the Cherokars people and
appeared in Arms, the late Collector told the
Ramna Vakeel, for the information of the
Rajah, that a representation should be
made to Government if the Shivegunga Cherokar
presumed to disturb the Tranquility of the
Country in the manner apprehended.—

14th But upon a further investigation of
this affair, it was discovered, that the
statement of the case, as given by the Vackeel
of the Rajah, so far from being true that it
appeared, the Rajah had acted in the most
irregular manner, by sending an armed force
into the Shivegunga Distrajinned seizing and
carrying away the Sumpriety who had fled
for protection there, in open defiance of an
ancient

ancient and respected custom of the Country —

15. This premeditated violation of what was considered sacred by the acquiescence of both Provinces, and which till the instance in question had never been abused, aggravated matters, and inflamed the minds of the people in general, and the one now alluded to was attended with uncommon circumstances of cruelty and oppression, for the Sum privately was a Man of a very respectable Family, and from the declaration taken on this Subject at the Cutcherree the truth of which was sufficiently established; it appeared that he had been compelled to leave the Ramnad Country to avoid the Rajah's persecutions, and ill treatment for having resisted the attempts that were made by the Rajah on his Sister's honor —

16. Mr. Landon having ascertained the truth of the above circumstance, remonstrated with the Rajah on his conduct and called upon him to send back the Officers compelly to the Village from where he had been so unwarrantably carried off; but the Rajah persisted in detaining him for five and twenty days, when he at length submitted to

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send him to the Collectors Cutcherree; but not till he had received some very pointed & severe requisitions for him, and even during that interval he added insult to the contempt he had manifested, by flogging the Man in the most public manner.

17 After this period, which was in the month of November, armed parties appeared upon the Borders of their respective Countries, and carried on that desultory and destructive warfare of cutting the Banks of Tanks, shutting up the War-courses, driving off the Cattle and destroying the Crops — Mr. Landon did all that laid in his power to accommodate and adjust the disputes by remonstrances, and by calling upon the parties severally to desperse their Troops and not to disturb the Tranquility of the Country, but without effect — They continued in this refractory state until the Month of January or February, when they appear to have been weary of carrying on these depredations, and an interval of tranquility took

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place for two or three Months, when they re-
recommenced with encreased animosity.—

18 In the Month of May last, they appeared
in Arms to support their pretensions to a Crop
of dry grain; the Rajah of Ramnad claimed it
as his property, which the Cherokar of
Sheveganga would not admit of. The former
was preparing to carry it off by force, which
the Cherokar having heard of, sent his people
and took possession of it; The Rajah in consequence
commenced depredations and invested, (by
a large Armed Force, said to amount to near
12,000 Men) the Sheveganga Country. Hostilities
were renewed between them and continued till
the interposition of the Honorable the Governor
Authority by his Letters to the Parties, which
caused an immediate cessation on the one side,
but was eluded on the other, for five or six
days, as will appear by the declaration of
the Peon who was charged by Mr. Landon
with the letters abovementioned to the
Rajah of Ramnad, and Cherokar of Sheveganga.
Which Declaration accompanies this — you
will observe by it, that the Rajah of Ramnad

continued

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continued to act in disobedience of the orde
of the Governor, after he had received the Lette
and that the Cherokee immediately withdrew
his Troops on receiving his orders. —

10 I have been very particular in my
ascertaining this point and from the
information I obtained upon it, there remain
not a doubt in my mind, but that the Raja
of Ramnad acted offensively against the
Shevegunga Country, for five or six days
after he had received this Letter, and took
advantage of the Cherokee's having withdrawn
his Troops, and plundered and burnt several
of his Villages. It appears also from every
account that I have collected on the subject,
that the Cherokee, after the recommencement of
hostilities in May, acted always upon the
defensive. —

20 Having now exhibited the particulars
of the late disturbance, from its apparent origin
I shall proceed to report upon what has been
alledged in the Letters, the parties have addressed
to the Governor, Copies of which you have transmitted

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me for my information.—

21 With respect to what the Rajah represents, on the subject of the Cheroker of Shevegunga shutting up the Water courses it will no doubt appear to you obvious that it was done in retaliation of the Rajah's having interrupted the Merchants from the Southward proceeding by the high road, to Sea ports in the Shevegunga Country, by which a considerable loss of duties was sustained by that Circar.— The Cheroker does not appear to have refused to open the water Courses, provided the Rajah would have opened the Road, but this the Rajah never did, and this subject of contest remains in the same state to this day.—

22. The Rajah's demand for the duties on grain, and other Articles carried to Tondy appears to be well founded, and the Cheroker evaded the adjustment of this account, although he had promised to send his Vakeel to the Collector Cutcherie, in order to have it settled. he never did so.— The Demand ought to be investigated

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are settled conformably to the Ancient Manner of the Country.—

23 With respect to what is brought forward by the Rajah on the subject of Kony Belep Tauer it appears, that he was, at one time, intended to be Husband of the Heiress of Shevegunga— that the consent of the Revenue, / the Grandmother, / as well as that of the Heiress had been obtained likewise the apparent approbation of the Cheroker of Shevegunga; but that the Father Vyya Ragonaut Woman Tauer, disapproved of the Marriage— that some disputes afterwards occurred between Kony Belep Tauer and the Cheroker, which proceeded to such a height, that the former was it is said, in danger of his Life, which obliged him to seek protection in the Ramnad Country, where he was received by the Rajah with much attention and every honor paid him that was due to the affianced Husband of the Heiress of Shevegunga.—

24 The flight of the above Person, and the reception he met with at Ramnad, seems to have originated from the intrigues of both the Rajah and Cheroker— How far, and with what propriety

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the latter ought to have interfered in the 4th
marriage of the Heiress, I cannot pretend to
advance an opinion; and whether the Rajah can
be justified in bringing forward Rory Belep Tauer,
and supporting him in his pretensions for the 4
Heiress, must be a matter very well worthy the
consideration of Government; for there is much
reason to apprehend, that unless this point be
settled, the Dessentions between the parties will
never cease, and these provinces will experience 4
that fatal effects of Anarchy, and confusion, as
the Rajah will now retain him, as an instrument
to carry into effect his own ambitious views, 4
which / from every account / I have obtained, / no
doubt extend to the annoying the lesser Meanwas
to his own domain; and, on the other hand, the 4
Cherokar will oppose his marriage with the 4
Heiress, not only on account of his present 4
situation with the Rajah, but because it 4
may tend annihilate the power he holds in
the Country.—

25 I understand that Rory Belep Tauer is
of the same Cast with the Shenegunga family, 4
but

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but is not a Zemindar as he is denominated by the Rajah of Ramnad; The Rannee has always been dissatisfied with Chinna Mundoo, the Cheroker, probably because he possessed the whole power and Authority of the State, and she no doubt abets the views of Kory Belep Tavee

Order that the Cheroker may be removed from Station in the hopes that some of the Autho may fall into her Hands.—

2d How far it may be politically of any alteration in the present system Government in the Sheveganga Country app to me to be a question of considerable impor for independant of the Character of the prese Cheroker, which is that of an able and active Manager, to whom the people are well attach and who, from his long administration and family Connections, possesses very extensiv authority in the District many other adv would result to the system of managing Country by the means of a Minister, wit the Interference of the Principals, as his situation renders him responsible to our Gover

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for all his acts, which will naturally make him obedient to its orders, as he will be sensible, that its Countenance and Support will be necessary to render him independant of the whim and caprice of his Principal.—

27 These advantages were conspicuous when Moota Illa Pillah was Perdaun or Minister of the Rajah of Ramnad.— The Character of this Person, Gentlemen must be well known to you from the united testimonies of those of my predecessors who ever had any business with him; and I feel much satisfaction in recording also the result of what I have acquired on this subject.— He continues to be highly spoken of, for having, during an administration of [illegible] Years, distinguished himself, by an attention to promote the prosperity of the Country, and an uncommon adherence to the rendering of Justice and affording protection to the property of the Inhabitants of the Ramnad Province.—

28 The very reverse appears from every account to be the [illegible] at present; every day brings me information that the most cruel and abominable oppressions are exercised by the Rajah on the Inhabitants

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Inhabitants, and from the unlimited sway, with which he governs the Country, it has been and is now daily the cause of very alarming Emigration

Humanity as well as policy require, that some measures should be taken to remedy these Evils and to confine him with proper Bounds.—

29 His Character and disposition will scarce allow us to hope for a reformation: for, having been, the greatest part of his Life, secluded from the World, without the benefits of any Education; he is said to unite with much Ignorance a great deal of Pride, and false Ambition; and notwithstanding all his protestations of a desire to attend to the orders of our Government, it was evinced, by his conduct to the late Collector, that he shewed a jealousy of his own importance, without an inclination, or disposition to assent, with sincerity, to any rules which might be laid down for the regulation of his Conduct.—

30 Although hostilities have for the present ceased between the Rajah of Ramnad, and the Chrokar of Shevegunga; it is evident, that the cause which gave rise to them, still exists, and until this be done away, these Countries, I fear, will be continually subject to that vexatious

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Warfare which entails upon the defenceless Inhabitants so much ruin and misery.—nor is the evil confined to these Countries. So long as the Rajah can bring into the Field 12,000. fighting Men, for during the late contests, not depending solely on this body of Armed Men, that he had assembled, there is no doubt he instigated some of the Western Colleries to appear in his cause, who laid waste a part of the Shevegunga & District; but he likewise negotiated with the Tennevelly Poligars for their assistance, and had our situation in the Carnatic been diffferent to what it is, from their well known Character and habits, they might probably have appeared in Arms in his support; the consequences of which would have been too evident for me to enlarge on:—

31 My very recent arrival here, has made it extremely diffident to offer any sentiments of my own, on the present state of the Marawars but having paid particular attention to acquire every possible information on the above Subject, as well as an Insight into the

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the Characters of those, at the head of the affairs of these Provinces; and having derived such, from what I conceive the best authority, I have thought it my duty to submit them, as freely, as the lights I had obtained allowed me; hopeful that my conduct, on the occasion, will meet your approbation.—

I have the honor to be with much respect &c. &c.

Tondy
29th August 1794

A true Copy
/signed/ H. Lushington
act Dep. Secy

/signed/ George Powney
Collector South Pertaubs

Declaration of Seddoo Badge Peon.

The Peon who delivered the Letter given in charge to him by Mr Landon from the Governor, to the Raja of Ramnad and Sheroffar of Shevegunga declares, that he received the Letter from Mr. Landon at Anteon on the 17th of June— that he left it on the 18th and proceeded to Ramnad and arrived there on the 23d.— that he delivered the Letter for the Rajah, on the morning of that day, into the hands of the Rajas Dubash called Verabadrah— that he left Ramnad the Evening on the 23d and proceeded to Amundoor, in

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in the Shevegunga Country, where he arrived on the 25th at Noon, and delivered the Letter to the Cheroklar's Son on the same day - that the Rajah of Ramnad's Troops were at Shalegramum about two Malabar miles from Amundoor, where a part of the Cheroklar's Troops were intrenched under the Command of his Son, - that the Cheroklar himself was at that time at Kallore about 18 Malabar Miles from Amundoor, & where he had gone with a part of his Troops & against the Colleries, who were plundering and laying waste his Country - that as soon as the Cheroklar's Son had read the Governors letter, he sent it off to his Father, and orders arrived from him on the day after [the 26th] to destroy the & Intrenchments and to withdraw his Troops, & which the Peon declares he saw put in execution, as he remained at Amundoor until the 27th when the Cheroklar's Son retired with the Troops that he accompanied the Cheroklar Son and proceeded with him to Oroowally where he encamped on the 28th where Accounts arrived, & that the Ramnad Troops had entered into & the Shevegunga Country and were plundering & the

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the Villages in consequence, the Cherokees soon sent a party of his Cavalry to observe the motions of the Enemy, and Followed himself with his Troops to resist these depredations that the Cavalry returned the same day, and reported that the Villages had been plundered but that the Enemy had retired, - upon which he proceeded on the 29th to Shewail and on the 30th to Motapully, where the Cherokees and Velloo Mundoo Arrived on that day - The Collenies who had been carrying on hostilities against the Cherokees having been informed of the Arrival of this whole force at Motahpully sent a deputation to them to make peace, and offers to make restitution for the depredations they had committed, - That the Cherokees desired them to restore all that they had plundered but that Velloo Mundoo observed, they could expect no restitution from such plunderers and recommended they should be immediately punished and 13 were accordingly on the Spot executed. —

Taken before me.

(Signed) J. Powney Coll.

A true Copy

Signed R. Pushington
Act. Sp. Secy

David

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David Haliburton Esqr.

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

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Gentlemen!

I have this Instant received information from the Cherokar of Sevagunga, that the Heiress has undergone the ceremony of engagement of Marriage to a Person of the same Cast as herself, with the consent and approbation of the Rannee and her Father, and that the Solemnization is to take place in January next.—

The Conduct of the Cherokar upon this occasion, appears to have been very improper for there is no doubt, that this Engagement must have taken place at his Instigation, and I understand it is of that nature, that it cannot be annulled, and that the Heiress must marry this Person.—

As Matters are now circumstanced it may lead to a renewal of Hostilities between the Ramnad and Sevegunga Houses— he ought certainly to have communicated the Intention

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of the Parties for the Information of Government previous to its taking place. — I have in Answer to the Cherokee Account of this Business, I acquainted them that I should report the same to your Board. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) George Powney

Col.

Sunday 30th August 1794. —

Attested by (Signed) J. A. Lushington Sec. to Bds Secy

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that Copies of M. Powney's two letters be sent to Bengal, and that the Governor General in Council be informed that as the Drought in the Ramnad Country still continues, the Board can take no steps at present for ++ compelling the Rajah's Obedience, but shall consider the Sanction given in the letters from Bengal of the 7th and 18th of July last, as a sufficient Authority to this Government for the exercise of coercive means, should existing circumstances render it advisable. —

Resolved that the Board of Revenue be instructed to send orders to the Collectors of Polygar Peishcush to adjust the ++ dispute between the Rajah of Ramnad

and

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and the Cheroltar of Shevegunga, in regard to the Customs and Water Courses conformably to the Ancient usage of the Country, previously to calling upon the Parties to declare whether they will agree to abide by the decision. —

Read the following letter from Mr. George Sullivan Martin. —

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r
Secretary in the Political Department

Sir,

From Paymaster at Palamcotah sends a specimen of Tinnivelly Cinnamon and requests an Increase of Pay for the Native Superintendant of the Plantations. —

By the Bearer I have the pleasure to send 24 ℔ of Tennevelly Cinnamon taken from 80 Young Trees of this Plantation — It is in my power to send much more having some Thousands, but as I could not prepare a Larger Quantity in time for the Ship, now Under Dispatch, and as I think the Cinnamon will be in Higher perfection after the Monsoon, I have post poned Cutting Down any more of them — Accompanying is a small Sample taken, unselected, from the Box I to

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to enable Government to Judge of its Quality.—

Much has been planted this year in the Tankassey Plantation and Government will be pleased to hear that this Valuable Spice is not absolutely growing wild along the Nullahs of this Garden and in many parts of the Paddy fields about these Grounds—and I shall request His Highness's Phoudah to give strict directions that the plants may not be destroyed.—

Lately received a Specimen of some Cinnamon from Ceylon and without partiality I can aver that the English Company's Cinnamon from this plantation is Superior; I have understood that the Dutch in general stow their Cinnamon Roots in the Pepper Ships under the Pepper, which defends it from Vermin during the Voyage and does not injure the delicacy of its Taste.—

There are some trivial Expenses of Cooley Hire and Package which with the permission of Government I will include in my Accounts they do not exceed 10 or 12 Pagodas.—

I will thank [illegible]
of Government for me to [illegible]

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the Native Superintendant of the Plantations
- He now receives only 3 Pagodas a Month - He
has obtained Considerable Knowledge in the
Methods of Managing and preparing this
Spice and is at a Small but frequent Expence
in going from hence to the Tankaussey Plantations,
almost Monthly, about 30 Miles. -

Tinnevelly
14th September 1794. -

Sam Fc. Fc.
(Signed) Geo. Lut: Martin

minutes thereon

Resolved that the Box of Cinnamon
be transmitted to the Honorable Court of
Directors on the Phanix now under dispatch. -

Agreed that Mr. Martin be
permitted to Charge in his Accounts the
expence of Cooley hire and Carriage &c.
encrease the pay of the Native Superintendent
of the Plantations from three to six Pags.
Pr. Month. -

The French officers
the Black Town
matter

Conduct

residing
in the
Black

President

In consequence of some disorderly
on the part of the French Officers
Black Town, the Right Honorable
President proposes that the whole of them be

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be sent to Pondamallee where they can remain within the Fort. —

Approved and Ordered Accordingly. —

The Road from the Fort to St. Thomas's Mount ordered to be repaired —

As the road leading from the Fort to St. Thomas's Mount is in great want of repair; Resolved, at the recommendation of the President, that the Military Board be instructed to direct Lieutenant Colonel Geils to employ such number of the Artillery Lascars, as they may think proper, in the repair of that part of the road between the mount and the end of Choultry plain, and that the Pioneers now at the Presidency be employed, as their services may be most necessary, in the repair of the whole road from the Fort to the Mount, so that it may be completed, if possible, before the Rains. —

Read the following Letter from Commodore Rainier. —

To

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To

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at

Madras

My Lord and Gentlemen!

From Commodore Rainier stating his opinion relative to the proposed Exchange of Prisoners.

I have attentively considered the subject of your letter of the 23d. instant received yesterday, and am clearly of opinion it would be very wrong to deliver up the French Officers and other prisoners in your possession to the Cartel now in the Road, as it would be an actual reinforcement to the Enemy, and as they have no right to demand them, the number of officers and men put into their Flag to by Captain Newcome of His Majesty's Ship Orpheus, and Captain Mitchell far exceeding that transmitted hither in the three Cartels with those liberated

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and sent to America mentioned in List
No. 5— List No. 3 are the Officers Men and
Servants arrived in the Cartel now in
[illegible]road, except the Manila Spaniards and
[illegible] in the Hospital at Mauritius— And as
[illegible]r. Malartic is wholly silent on the
number of Officers and Men he received in
Dutch Cartel, and which from every
information given me by the Officers who
came in the Cartel Amounts to 400 in the
[illegible]le, and there being no Account sent
by Captain Mitchell for your
Lordships direction, I do not see
how any exchange can take place for
the Officers require.—

As to the particulars of List No
I am totally uninformed, except of the
Commanders of the Princess Royal a
[illegible] enquiry from the Officers arrived
[illegible] mentioned therein, may
authenticated also.—

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Ans to the Passengers Renaud and his Servant, and the Italian Priest, Peroccini this coming on shore or not rests with your Lordship to allow according to the explanation they may have given of their intention in coming here.—

I have the honor &c remain.

&c &c

[illegible]

Suffolk in Madras Road 27th September 1794.—

[illegible]

Signed/ Peter Rainier

Minute thereon—

The Board concur entirely in opinion with Commodore Rainier that it would be improper to deliver up any Prisoners in exchange for those brought on the Cartel— Resolved however, that this opinion be not communicated to Captain De Fourcy until the three Indiamen now under dispatch for Europe have sailed.—

Pauliahs Recognizance of 30th September 1791 cancelled. —

Ordered that the sum of thirty thousand Pagodas with the Interest due thereon, be paid to Avadanum Paupiah Brahmin, on account of the recognisance entered into by him on the 30th of September 1791, and which is redeemable this day. —

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George Parry
No. 1185

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Diary

Recieved letter from the Nabob —

Substance of letter from the Nabob

entered in C: C: No. 186. has positively waived that the exchange of Dubbs at Ongole, be continued at its former rate, and made a provision for the family of the Sircar who suffered accidental death at Pondicherry. —

Recieved also the undermentioned

Letters entered in M: B: Nos. 228. 229. 230 —

From the Governor at Tranquebar —

From General Aitken — congratulating the President on his Reception to the Government. —

From Lieutenant William Vaughan —

From Lieutenant Vaughan of the Infantry — enclosing his Certificate of appointment as a Cadet for the year 1790. —

From Paymaster at Trichinopoly —

From M.r Hawkins — offers Chinna Mootoo Chitty, as his Security

Received and Sent the undermentioned

Cowber — D.o Letters. entered C. C. Nos. 187. 188. 189. —

From the Nabob — prays the Rist &c. due the 1.st Instant. —

Substance of letter from the Nabob —

From Bomrauze — congratulating the President on his Reception to the Government —,

To the Nabob — no objection to his granting Cowle to the people who have come into the Chittoor Country, provided they are not of the description mentioned in the 6.th Article of the Seringapatam Treaty. —

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Sent the undermentioned letters noted in M. B. Nos 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13.—

To Major Mercay — To the Commandant at Arnee directing him immediately to give up the House the property of the Nabob, and occupied by him, to such person as his Highness may appoint to receive charge of it.—

To Ditto — To Ditto - permitting him to visit the Presidency.—

To Secretary Hay — To Secretary at Bengal - enclosing an Embarkation return of the Detachment of artillery returning thither on the Egret, Manship, Bombridge Asia and Harriet.—

To Ditto — To Ditto - with copies of the General Letters to England, p. Nancy Packet.—

To Mr. Kardon — To Acting Commissary General, Grain and Provisions - referring to his examination the Amounts of H. Court for Spirituous Liquors to upon the Balance stated to be due thereon.—

To Mr. Betty Assistant Surgeon — To Mr. Betty - permitting him to Bengal on three Months leave of absence - Mr. Mann to act at the Dispensary until his return.—

To Captain Kirkpatrick — To Resident at Hydrabad enclosing a Persian Copy of the Treaty of 1768.—

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To Commander of the Army —

Colonel Braithwaite

informing him that the Bengal artillery are to return on the Indiamen in the roads — and the Dutch Troops, to Columbo. —

To Cornet Overend — permitting him to go to Bengal on six months leave of absence —

Cornet Overend

To Post master General — informing him that the Tappal men are going to Vellore, are not in future to pass thro' the Nabob's Garden near Arcot. —

Mr. W. Jones

To Commanders of the Manship Essex, and Hamet — with orders to receive on board the Bengal Artillery. —

Commanders of Indiamen

To Ditto — of the Busbridge and Asia — with similar orders. —

Busbridge & Asia

To Town Major — directing that all the French officers — Prisoners of war, may be immediately sent to Coonamallee

Town Major.

Received the following Petition

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council of Fort St. George

The Humble Petition of Mootia Chitty, Chinna Chitty, Narrain Chitty, Canacatapa Chitty, Chinnadoo Mastry and Patchiapah Mastry, for themselves and on behalf of the Natives of Pondichery denominated the left hand Cast. —

Petition of the left hand Cast at Pondichery — complaining of the grievances they have suffered this the insolence of the Dubashes Colonel Stuart and Captain Overend, both of the right hand Cast. Sundry papers inclosed. —

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners deeply impressed with

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with a sense of your Lordships justices and humanity are emboldened to look up to your Lordship in Council for a redress of Grievances, which they have lately sustained in the severest degree, and humbly to hope, that your Lordship will not permit Men, to be treated with cruelty and insult, who have ever demeaned themselves as peaceable and good Members of the community.—

That from the first settlement of the French in Pondicherry, your Petitioners and the Right hand Cast, have held and enjoyed certain Right and immunities appertaining to their respective Sect, as marked out and established time immemorial.—

That when the Town of Pondicherry grew Populous, the Members of the Right hand Cast men naturally of a turbulent disposition, taking advantage of their situation, as the Servants to the Gentlemen in power, endeavored to encroach upon the rights of the Sect, to which your Petitioners belong Sect were prevented from Succeeding thereon, by the impartial decisions of the French Government in the premises - and on one particular occasion in the year 1730, a Solemn agreement was entered into between the Sects, as may more fully appear by a

Translation

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3 Translation of that Agreement, which your Petitioners pray leave to subjoin for your Lordships inspection, marked No. 1.—

And your Petitioners humbly shew unto your Lordship, that from the year 1730, until the year 1768, your Petitioners and the Right hand cast, had lived in Harmony without any disputes or disagreement; but in that year fresh animosities took place, and the then Governor and Council, investigating the cause, and the heads of the different sects being called before Council, and there admonished, were strictly enjoined to refrain from all controversies and differences in future, and the Governor and Council made an order thereon, bearing date the 16th day of July 1768 - a copy Translate of such order, your Petitioners pray leave to subjoin for your Lordships perusal, and by which your Lordship may be pleased to observe, particular mention is made of the improper Conduct of the Members of the Right hand sect, and the strict injunctions of Government in consequence - and your Petitioners humbly shew unto your Lordship, that notwithstanding such the orders and injunctions of Government, the Members of the Right hand sect, again molested the members of your Petitioners sect and caused such disturbances, that the Governor and Council, almost immediately subsequent to the order in allusion, resolved, that no

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3 rites or ceremonies whatever should be performed or observed by either sect, until such measures could be taken as might effectually prevent all manner of altercation and disputes in future - and your Petitioners shew unto your Lordships, that from the year 1768. until the present year 1794, the different sects were obliged to refrain from the publick performance of every religious rite and ceremony; yet your Petitioners humbly shew, that the Members of the right hand Cast, did as often as opportunity's offered, endeavour to evade the said order of Government; but on these occasions, Government interfered and constantly published the Order of Mr. Law and Council as above mentioned, and the last publication is of so recent a date as the year 1791 - a copy whereof hereunto subjoined it is submitted to your Lordships consideration. -

That in the course of the several periods, wherein the English have held the possession of Pondicherry, the different British Commanders in the place, have invariably forbidden all kind of interference with the customs of the different Casts of Natives, and have liberally and benevolently protected and supported such Customs, in the same manner, as they were allowed during the Administration of the French, and such was the Conduct observed by

Colonel

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Colonel Floyd, who was appointed to the Command of the place, on its last surrender in the year 1793.

Colonel Nixon succeeded Colonel Floyd in the Command, and Captain Ouvard was appointed Fist Secretary - one Venkatasa Moodeley appeared in the Character of Dubash to the former, and Dayengapennaid to the latter - these men are both of the right hand Cast, and, presuming on their Stations, very soon made encroachments upon your Petitioners rights, in contempt of the regulations, Agreements, and orders herein above noticed and referred to, and gave an unjust, and improper aid and support to the people of their Cast, yet your Petitioners who had neither friends nor interest sufficient to procure any redress, and the transgressing parties being at the same time, in Servants and in the confidence of the ruleing powers, your Petitioners were obliged to bear insults with impunity and submit, to the patience to the injustice with which they were treated.

That in the Month of July last, your Petitioners Cast, great anxiety for a friendly accommodation of the disputes, that had so many years subsisted, and indicated a wish that all rancor should be laid aside, and that tranquility

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and friendship should again take place between the Right and left hand Cast, That your Petitioners happy in such propositions coming from their adversaries, against whom they bore no ill will, and not suspicious of the deep designs, which it now appears, were in contemplation, declared, they were desirous and ready to embrace any liberal and just terms of reconciliation, and, in consequence, an agreement was mutually entered into by the parties concerned, and the same was deposited in the Police Office, after which both parties commenced preparations for the performance of their rites and ceremonies, according to custom of their respective Casts, and during such preparations, one person delegated by the right hand Cast, attended to examine into and inspect the same, and he apparently approved thereof — and your Petitioners shew, that shortly afterwards, the several processions began, when, the said Venkatasa and Deyengar, accompanied by a mob, fell upon the Members of your Petitioners Cast, and beat them severely, and confined one of them, and took away the Flags belonging to the procession of your Petitioners. —

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That thereupon your Petitioners complained to the Police Master, against such the unjust and arbitrary proceedings of the Right Hand Cast. The Master of the Police then accompanied your Petitioners to the spot, and had every necessary proof from his own observations of the justness of the Complaint your Petitioners had preferred, and in consequence, ordered that the Flags belonging to the Right hand Cast, should also be taken away from them, and that the affair should be enquired into the next morning. But your Petitioners humbly shew, that early on the next morning, and before the intended enquiry could take place, the said Vencatasen and Doyengen had prevailed upon their Masters, Colonel Nixon and Captain Coverend, to order the man, who had as abovementioned, been confined the preceding day, to be flogged, and he accordingly received fifty lashes in the publick street in front of the Cutcherie Choultry, and your Petitioners representing the fact to the Master of the police; that Gentleman observed that the punishment was inflicted by the authority of Colonel Nixon, and that he had no manner of interference with it, and your Petitioners humbly shew,

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that, immediately afterwards, the Master of the Police, by the direction of Colonel Nixon, ordered your Petitioners and the Members of the Right hand Cast, to enter into penalty Bonds, whereby it was covenanted that whoever should upon investigation appear to have deviated from the usage and Customs that were established previous to the year 1768, should forfeit to Colonel Nixon, the Sum of 1200 Pagodas, and the Bonds were accordingly executed — a copy whereof is hereunto subjoined, and humbly submitted to your Lordships inspection. —

And your Petitioners humbly shew, that in support of their allegations, they did deliver to the Master of the Police, a State of their case, of which your Petitioners crave your Lordship's permission to subjoin a copy, and did entreat, that justice might be yielded to your Petitioners; but your Petitioners humbly shew that the Master of the Police gave the state of your Petitioners case to Captain Stevenson, who, thereupon, sent for the Heads of the Right hand, and taking down what they had to say, through the means of the said Venkatasen & and Dorayen, who were the interpreters for them, ordered both parties to bring their Documents — and, in the mean time, the Right hand Cast were

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3 suffered to go on with the celebration of their festivals
in their Pagodas - and your Petitioners humbly shew
that, thereupon, your Petitioners made a further
Representation on the subject of the injustice exercised
by the right hand Cast, and your Petitioners beg leave
to refer your Lordships to a copy of such representation
herein subjoined. —

And your Petitioners humbly shew,
that they were ordered to attend on Captain Overend,
and did attend on that Gentleman several times, as
your Petitioners were informed that he was finally to
decide between your Petitioners and the Right hand
Cast, altho' your Petitioners humbly trust, it is so
evident, that it was under his sanction and support
that the Members of your Petitioners Cast had been
injured, beaten, and insulted, - and your Petitioners
humbly shew, that Colonel Nixon and Captain
Overend's Dubashes, who were the principals in
the Disturbances that had taken place, acted as
Interpreters - at length, on the 31st of the last
Month, Captain Overend sent for your Petitioners,
and said, that they had made a deviation from
the Customs and rights of their cast, and, in consequence
thereof, directed, that your Petitioners should pay
the penalty of 1200 Pagodas, and, insisted upon
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immediate payment, your Petitioners then repre=
=sented, that they had produced Documents as
required, and had in a Petition, delivered at the same
time, explained the particular points, to which
those Documents had relation, that his Captain
Overend had not examined, either, and that your
Petitioners therefore conceived it very hard upon them
to be compelled to pay a fine for a deviation from
Customs, when they had not been enquired into
nor ascertained, and your Petitioners did then pray,
that the matters in dispute might be referred
to the french Gentlemen, who were lately of the
Government at Pondicherry, or to your Right
Hon^ble Board, as your Petitioners asked no more
than common justice, which they were certain of
meeting with, from Judges, who would decide im=
=partially - But your Petitioners humbly shew,
that such your Petitioners equitable suggestions,
were treated with the utmost con[illegible]pt by
Captain Overend, who, at the inst[illegible]ation of the
said Dubashes, flew at your Petit[illegible]ners with the
utmost fury, Colonel Nixon at this time joined
Captain Overend, called for that purpose, and ordered
the principal persons of your Petitioners Cast,

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that is to say, Ponnapah Chitty, Govindaram Chitty, Vodeah Chitty, Trevemba Chitty, Mootie Chitty, and Aenachella Chitty, who had all been Merchants of the Company and treated by the french Government with every regard and esteem, into the custody of Orderly Soldiers and Sepoys, and they were, together with two Carpenter Mastries dragged in the most disgraceful manner, as Prisoners to the Cutcherry, and there confined under a Guard, and in the way thither, they received every insult accompanied by menaces from the said Venkatasew and Doyengen, and others of the Right hand Cast. And your Petitioners humbly shew that, on the following Morning, that is to say on the first of the present Month of September, the Parties so confined were brought to the Government House, where Captain Ovenend and the two Dubashes Venkatasew and Doyengen, under the orders of Colonel Nixon, as your Petitioners have been informed, caused them to be shut up in a room of the said house, where they remained from six Clock in the Morning until 7 Clock in the evening, without permission to go out even for the most pressing occasions of nature — In this situation, they were surrounded by Chubdars, and Peons, with rattans in their hands, threatening them with

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severe punishment, if they did not immediately pay the said sum of 1200 Pagodas, pretended to have been forfeited by your Petitioners Cast, as above set forth - and your Petitioners humbly shew, that thus threatned and oppressed, they were at length reduced to the necessity of complying with the unjust demand, and paid the said sum of 1200 Pagodas - after which the said Connapah Chitty, Vodiah Chitty, Govindarama Chitty and Triveemba Chitty were by Captain Overend, under the Orders of Colonel Nixon and at the instigation of the said Dubashes, taken out of the room, in which they had been confined and threatened with being flogged if they did not each of them pay the sum of two hundred Pagodas to him Captain Overend; and, that they might have a clear belief, that such threat, would be carried into execution, Triveemba Chitty was actually flogged in the presence of the others - and your Petitioners were therefore forced to comply with the unjust and injurious requisition, and did accordingly pay to Captain Overend, the Sum of six hundred Pagodas.

And your Petitioners humbly submit to your Lordship's benevolence, that, as subjects to his Majesty by Capture, whether they ought not to be governed

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3 governed by their own Laws and Customs in the
performance of their religious rites in the same
manner, as they had enjoyed the same, whilst under
the french Government; and whether Colonel Nixon and
Captain Agnew, who are strangers to such Laws and
Customs, acted justly and equitably, when at the
investigation of their said Debates, they exercised
acts of oppression and cruelty over your Petitioners,
and treated them with insult and disgrace, your
Petitioners are much afraid of your Lordships
impartiality, and that your Lordships will
afford equal protection to all who have the
happiness to live under your Lordships Govern-
ment. and therefore your Petitioners appeal to
your Lordships. —

And your Petitioners humbly shew,
that, as Natives of Pondicherry, they attached to
the spot, and their hope is, that they may be
permitted to remain there, and they pray leave
to say, that it will be their constant study to
prove themselves the same good subjects to the
English, as they have been to the French Nation
That in the mean time, the Principal people
of your Petitioners Cast, have withdrawn
themselves

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themselves from Pondicherry and sought an asylum at Cuddalore, where they propose to remain until your Lordships pleasure may be known, — and as your Petitioners humbly hope, that the step they have taken, will not be disapproved of by your Lordship, when your Lordship may be pleased to consider, that it had become, indispensibly necessary to the safety of their persons and property, and to avoid a repetition of that shame and disgrace, which they have so deeply experienced under the orders and directions of Colonel Nixon and Captain Overend, at the instigation and with the advices of their Dubashes — your Petitioners have heard sufficiently of the Laws of England to respect and revere them, and it is their ambition to become subjects under those Laws, in order that they may participate in the numerous blessings they afford — your Petitioners therefore, throwing them = selves upon your Lordships clemency, and justice humbly pray. —

That your Lordship taking into your consideration, the circumstances your Petitioners have presumed to state, will be graciously pleased to grant them that relief, they may appear to be

entitled

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3 entitled to, so, will your Petitioners and their Posterity be ever filled with Gratitude towards your Lordships, and as in duty bound. — Ever Pray

Signed by the Petitioners in the Malabar Language. }

Madras 30th September 1794

Sworn at Triplicane Pagoda after usual ceremonies on Tuesday the 21st October 1794 in the Morning before me. — Signed / Annasawmy

Interpreter

Translation

We Swear at Triplicane Pagoda to the truth, of all the matters in the above Petition which has been read and explained to us in Malabars on Tuesday the 21st October 1794 in the Morning. —

/ Signed / Mootoo Chitty

" Chinna Chitty

" Canacasabay Chitty

" Narrain Chitty

" Nautamay Punyapah chary

" D° Chinnadacemy

a true Translation from Malabar

/ Signed / Annasawmy

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Translation

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No 1

Translation of a Copy of an Agreement entered into between the Right Hand and Left Hand Caste respecting their Gods of their Pagoda the 11th June 1730 Viz.t

When the Gods Vadapurreysavar adaiengar and Varadarajaperumall are carrying in procession on the two Parrepaty Feasts of Magaznavadmy and Pongal Feast, on their coming thro' the Company's Godown line in the Chitty Street, the God Callelly Eswarah Sawmyar, shall also be carried out in procession, with the Malcum / the Madicks or tom tom / Umbrells, Flags, Allevatiums, Mookana= =toraniums and Venjamarums, and when going out and coming in of the Parrepaty, they are to go in an equal procession, and on their coming back, the right hand Dancing Girls are only to Dance, and not the Dancing Girls of the left hand Caste, they are only to attend as all other Spectators of the Feast, and not to strike their Madalums or Talums, nor to come to any Official Ceremony - when coming thro' the Company's Godown line in the Chitty Street, after Vadapoorcysavar adaiengar and Varadara= =japerumall shall pass away thence, then Colleby sava= =rasaiengar shall go in procession thro' both the Chitty Street to the Westward with Dancing &c.a and

proceed

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3 proceed this the 1st of Nomasswyn the Carpenter - besides
on the new Moon and other feast days the God Callelysavara=
=saumyar shall be carried in procession with the Pagoda &
and also thro the Chitty Street round the Pagoda with =
Ceremonys - as to the Magamy or allowances they shall
be collected co-jointly and paid three Shares to Vadapoorya=
=varasaumyar and Varadarasaperoomaul, and one share
to Callelysavarasaumyar and it shall be appropriated
according to the four Shares - thus both partys the
Right hand and left hand Caste have entered into
the Agreement, and by their Consent this is drawn
by the Conceoply Chendamary - In case any person
shall directly or indirectly act in any intentional
they shall go to the Sickness of Seir - Thus
Wrong
with their Consent, Chendamary Conceoply &
had drawn this. —

Signed / R. H. /

Signed / St. Hand /

Allumbala Moodelly
Singapah Moodelly
Chinnapah Moodelly
Chinnady Pedda Chitty
Ullagadle Venkatapully Chitty
Nallo Lingadah Pedda Chitty
Jellappen
Jaudle Mostemmbalam
Coyel or Comarapah Moodely
Chinnaya Moodelly
Tamingallah Moodelly
Arumugallah Moodelly
Arumballa Pella
Chada Papen
Penny Chitty
Nalumamotta Chitty
Venkatapully Chitty

Conapah Chitty
Nomasswya Chitty
Nallatomby Chittyelw
Arunachella Chitty
Chellambala Chitty
Devanayaga Chitty
Pedderaraga Chitty
Chedambara Chitty
Nullah Chitty
Moodaliattorama Chitty

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Extract from the Register of the orders of Police &c
deposited in the office of the Police dated 16th July 1768

The following proposals being read and the &c
Majority wishing to establish equality between the
Right hand and left hand Casts it was determined
to issue an order of Police of which the following
is a copy.—

By order of the President and Council

Several disputes having arisen between
the Right hand and the left hand Casts, about &c
the right of carrying Arms the Council always &c
determined to do wrong to neither party and to &c
maintain in full force the Rights and Priveledges
belonging to each Casts such as distinction of &c
Dues, Palanquin white horse &c. Has thought &c
proper at the same time to oppose an abuse
that has been introduced and which seems to be
invasive of the Authority of the Company the &c
carrying of Arms of whatsoever nature it be is not
a right belonging particularly to any Cast but
a favor granted by the Prince here represented by the
Company consequently it has been resolved that
for the future the Malabars of the Right hand
Cast are not to arrogate to themselves the Rights

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of carrying arms in preference to those of the left hand Cast equality being perfectly established between them in that Respect, It is therefore positively forbid to all Malabars whatever to claim in their Ceremonies of Marriage or any others the honors of carrying Arms, that is to say Drums fifes, tom toms, or marching of Sepoys, under a severe penalty, and punishment to the offenders, it is also ordered that all Malabars of the right and left hand Cast, who may wish to obtain those honors shall be obliged to make application to Council, who will grant it if it shall think it necessary, and in order that no one shall plead ignorance of the above Regulation it shall be read published and struck up in such places as shall be judged necessary.

Executed &c. &c.

It was also Resolved that the Heads of each Cast should be brought before the Council in order that the above regulations might be read to them, and to forbid their doing any thing that may disturb the public tranquility, declaring at the same time, that on the least motion tending to that effect perceived by the Council, it will immediately

immediately seize on the heads of the right hand Castes, they being the only ones who will deviate on the present occasion, imprison them and sentence them to a severe penalty payable to the Company.—

Done and executed in the Superiors Council Chamber the above day.—

/Signed/ Law - Duplande Leval

" Lefebure - Le Conte, Germain.

Compared by me with the Register

/Signed/ Collondont.

Examined by me the Commissary of the French Settlements in India.—

/Signed/ Leger

Several persons having broke thro' the above Regulations I request the Municipal Officers will again publish them and see that they are carried in execution—

Pondicherry the 16th July 1791.

/Signed/ Desfesne

Extract of the Register of the Superior Council of Administration of Pondicherry

By order of the Superior Council

It is forbid to all Malabars of either

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either Gentoos or Christians, to exhibit any public Ceremonies formerly used by them, until the Council being better instructed shall be able to form and to establish such Regulation as shall effectually put a stop to any future disputes.

Done and executed in the Superior Council Chamber at Pondicherry the 24th. August 1768.

/Signed/ Law - Lenoir - Duplande
" Leval - Le Conte - Lefebure

Compared by me with the Register
/Signed/ Collenod.t.

Examined by me the Commissary of the French Settlements in India.
/Signed/ Leger

Several persons having broke thro' the above Regulations, I request the Municipal Officers will again publish them and see that they are carried in execution. - Pondicherry the 16th. July 1791.

/Signed/ DeFresne

According to the Instructions of Le Chevalier Defresne - Commandant to the King - We the Municipal Officers, have ordered a new publication of these regulations in the French and

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and Malabar Languages, in order neither the Malabars of the right hand and the left hand Cast and the Christians may not plead ignorance of these and that they must conform to them under penalty of a severe fine, or, in such cases as may require, severe punishment.

Done in the Town Hall the 16th July 1791.

By order of the Municipal Council

[Signed] Ore Coulon Major

" Fairey Secy

Compared with the Extract of the Register of Orders issued by the Board of Police.

[Signed] Fumeron

Chief of the Police

Translation of a Copy in Malabar Language.

To Mons.r Fumeron

Chief of the Police

The Humble Representation of the Assembly of the left hand Cast.

That on the existence of the Controversy between the Right hand Cast and us regarding the

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the Festivals of our respective Pagodas, you have
been pleased to favour with a Settlement that we
should perform them for the Pagodas of the
Right hand Cast, as well as for our Pagodas
respectively with such honours as had been usual,
till before the year 1768, excepting the Nowbats
and the Wheeled Coach which should be talked on
and settled by and by - we did accordingly carry
in procession our Gods comformably to the usage
observed till before the said year 1768, and have
not done a single thing more.

The Right hand Cast people
deviating from the said agreement and at that
instant gave us much trouble and distresses,
which you have seen with your own eyes.

That we conducted ourselves with
the Exceptions ordered as aforesaid - we have not
beaten Nowbats - we have not drawn wheeled
Coach - we have carried White Flags as had
always been usual and they did also carry white
Flags.

If you are pleased to ask whether
these White Flags had been used by us till before
the year 1768. We declare that it had been used
without the least interruption - this every one in

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3 the Town house - Both one thing must be considered here, that should the people of the left hand cast prove it as Evidence, would our adversaries accept it, nor would they declare what they know to be true if it was in our favour - We think they wont declare it - among the persons chosen by the Right hand cast for having the disputes between us and our adversaries settled, one of them, named Tankal Loobarey apilla being present and standing when our Gods were setting out of the Pagoda he caused us to take off the Umbrello which had been tied over the Coach, advising us that it might perhaps become disputed, he at the same time declared that it has ever been usual and they know it and that we might without doubt carry white Flags - this his declaration, the Town Polygar Comaraper Naick is witness - the Right hand people hear=ing this called for the said Loobaroyapilla and incensed against him much - we request you will please to send for him and know the truth -

Besides this for ascertaining the Matters properly if proper and respectable persons Among the Malabars who know things well and not summoned and a formal enquiries are not made, it would not make it plain, if it is done

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3 haste away thing will come to confusion — We are therefore to request that Neutral persons, who are respectable and wise should also be summoned to meet and enquire into the matter, then things & may come to true light — Besides this subject we have still more particular things to & Remonstrate to you — when the present matters & which rested on the face of penalty Bond are & finished then you will give us leave to lay them before you and we shall represent our case. —

Londicherry
11th August 1794

To

S. W. Dumeron

Chief of the Police and Captain Dumond Secretary to
Colonel Meyon —

Gentlemen,

The meeting of the left hand Cast have the honor of laying faithfully before you that they promised on the 16th to present their Petition to Colonel Meyon Governor of this Town, asking such information as might be guiding to them & in their affairs with those of the right Hand — in consequence of which you was pleased to put off the audience to the 20 of this Month. during

this

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2 this interval the right hand Cast have taken upon them to celebrate in the afternoon, at least in honor of Vardenaspenmal one of the Gods of their Pagode already on the 11.th of this Month, they had a procession of this Idol carrying with them Flags with the figures of the Kite and Monkey which belong only to the left hand Cast.

This is true Gentlemen that till now the two Casts have celebrated their feasts with Pomps and marks of honor without any distinction but since the right hand Cast have begun to dispute about their Rights, they ought to have considered that the left hand Cast should do the same, and justice demands for the sake of public tranquility that both parties ought to be forbid making any public Ceremonies in honor of their Gods.

This being considered we request Gentlemen you will forbid the right hand Cast making any public procession in honor of their Idol untill the disputes shall be finally settles between the two Casts.

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Before Colonel Nixon and Mr. Lemenow the Police, and in presence of the Colonels Dubashe Venkatasa Moodelly and Deymagapermaul Pella. —

The Right and left hand Castes of this Town having been till this time under disagreement between them with respect to the affairs of their Pagodas, and the performance of their Feasts and the procession without the Pagoda, having been at a Stoppage and discontinuance — this day we both parties having entered into an Agreement of Reconciliation for performing processions on the Feastivals of the Gods and their feast days with all the Pomp — That is to say we both parties do hereby agreed to perform the procession of the respective Pagodas with the Ornamental usage observed till the year 1768. —

as to the affairs of the Wheles Chariots and the Ropheets for the respective Gods we, both parties, shall meet, Consult, and carry it on according to the Settlement, we shall agree thereon — thus both parties have by consent entered into this Agreement, and this Writing is drawn by Chedambrum Mootiesauney. —

Signed

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/Signed/ Lowrangada Moodely Sow

Mootoo
Annah
Balakistnea
a Mootoo
Collendey
Chedambara Avoonachella Moodely
Varadapah
Vencatapatty Chitty
Tuneco Sathachella Chitty
Guantoor Narasemmea Chitty
Venayyan
Codiah Chitty
Chillapermaul
Veeramah Chitty
Peddy Chitty
Chennayen

Cooley Chitty the Headman
Mootoo Chitty
Collendy Chitty
Vaudy pah Chitty
Anna Chitty
Conjeendy Aswury
Tolpalaiswury
Channandy Swury
Chinnah Cutter
Subbanneya Cutter
Comanapah Mistry
Tanapah Swury
Pachery
Rangan

Pondicherry
29th July 1794.

No 6.

Translation of a Penalty Bond, given by the left hand Castes unto Mons.r Tumeron the Chief of the Police of Pondicherry, dated the 4th August 1794.

That in consequence of the agree=
=ment entered between us and the Right hand Cast,
under the 29th July last, with respect to the per=
=formance of processions of the Gods on Ceremonial
days, we do declare and which we shall prove to
that as we are celebrating the feasts called Audeperoom
for

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3 for our God, according to the said Agreement, which is
past to continue the Customs observed till before the
year 1768, the Right hand people, encroaching upon
us and did commit an uncommon confusion and
troubles— We do declare also that should the said
Right hand prove by equitable evidences if
necessary thereto that we have deviated from
the former Customs and exceeded any thing
towards it, We hereby promise to pay a fine
of 1200 Star Pagodas to Colonel Nixon, the
Commanding of Condicherry, and shall undergo
such punishment he may think proper to
inflict— Thus we consented and gave this
Penalty Bond to Mond. Turnevon— This
penalty Bond is drawn by Soobaroyapillay,
the Comicoply of Nireapillay and Saveriapelly
the Town Comicoply.

Signed / The left Hand Cast.

Received also the undermentioned
letters entered in M: B: No. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20

From Mond. L. Renaud — requesting permission to land from the French Cartel
Ship.

From Mr. L. Renaud

From

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From Mons.r Haubert

From Mons.r Haubert requesting permission to become a Resident at Madras.

From Lieutenant Madden 2.d Infantry

From Lieutenant Alexander Madden 2.d Infantry requesting leave to go to the Cape and eventually to Europe - encloses a Surgeon's Certificate.

From Lieutenant Dighton

From Commandant at Nellore requests leave to visit Madras.

From Captain Doveton

From Captain Doveton - has forwarded the letter for Tippoo Sultaun, enclosed to him on the 9.th September.

From Mess.rs Archer Heatley & Co.

From Attorneys of Major Jourdan requesting their Constituents Claim for ground sold to the Company may be put into a train for Settlement.

From Colonel Floyd

From Commandant at Trichinopoly representing the want of repairs to the Quarters at Warriore &c.

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in C.C. No.s 190. 191.

Substance of Letter to the Nabob

To the Nabob - requesting fresh Instructions for passing Grain to the several Regiments of Cavalry - to continue in force for one year

D.o to the Rajah of Tanjore.

To Rajah of Tanjore - acquainting him that the Storekeeper at Trichinopoly has been ordered to charge only the usual price for the Musquets, purchased by his Excellency Viz.t one Pagoda for each.

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Dispatched the following letter,
by Express to Nagore.

To Mr. William Harcourt Torriano
Resident at Nagore

Sir,

To Mr. Torriano —
advising him of the
report of large convoy
having arrived at
the Islands from
& France orders
in consequence. —

I am directed by the Right Honble. the President in Council to desire you will take every means in your power to ascertain whether there be any foundation for the report that has reached his Lordship of the arrival at the Mauritius on the 3rd Ult.o from & France of a large convoy under the protection of two Line of Battle Ships and four Frigates - This intelligence is said to have come from the Mauritius, by way of Ceylon, and if there be any truth in it, most probably it will be known at Tranquebar - The Governor in Council recommends therefore that you go yourself, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the information be correct, preserving every degree of secrecy, that may be consistent with the object of your enquiry

I am &c.
Signed W.C. Jackson
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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: Nos. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. —

From Sub Secretary at Bengal —

From Sub Secretary at Bengal

with copy of Instructions received pr General Ellis pr from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors —

From Ditto — forwarding a Petition

From Ditto

from Venkatrow, one of the Claimants for the Jaghire of Arnee. —

From acting Commissary General

From Mr Hardow

of Grain and Provisions — proposing a mode of adjustment of a difference between the Accounts of the late Commissary of Provisions to the Army before Pondicherry, and the Superintendant of Supplies. —

From Contractor for Repairs —

From Messrs Roebuck and Abbot

with further Complaints against the Nabob's Managers at Trichinopoly. —

From Military Auditor General

From auditor General

the Master Master in the Barramhaul requesting leave to visit the Presidency. —

From Commander of the Army

From Colonel Brathwaite

relative to a charge of Captain Chambers / 36 Regiment / against a Dooley Maistry, for having defrauded him of one hundred Pagodas — pursuant of a Board of Officers thereon enclosed — Sundry

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Colonel Floyds objections to the proposed situation for a Cantonment for the 19th Dragoons – Colonel Floyd has withheld the censure on Captain Kinsey – his reason for the same – the Barracks at Poonamallee require repair – encloses a letter from Colonel Fraser on the Subject of his Allowances – and recommends Adjutants allowance to Lieutenant Arthur Faith. –

Sent the following letters

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William –

Honble Sir,

2 To Bengal with Mr. Powney's Narrative of the origin and progress of the dispute at Rammad – and advices of further Intrusions of the Rajah's contumacy & Marriage of the Sister of Shahjunjee, noticed. –

You were advised in a letter from the late Government under date the 7th of August that those measures of coercion which the contumacy of the Rajah of Rammad seemed to require would be, for a time, postponed in consequence of a report from Colonel Maxting that the Country from a severe drought was unable to afford the means of subsistence to any Troops that might be sent thither, and you were to further informed that a particular investigation would be made into the Subjects of dispute between

the

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the Rajah and the Cheroker of Shevegunga:—

We have now the honor to transmit a report from the Company's Collector, with a full and distinct narrative of the origin and progress of those disputes— It fully appears that the Rajah was the original aggressor in having stopped up the high Road to Pattanellore and Tondy, which was frequented by the Merchants from Tinnevelly— and had compelled them to take a circuitous route, and town of at Truhody through the Ramnad Country, thereby depriving the Shevaganga Circar of the usual customs at the Sea-Ports, which seems to have induced the Cherokar to retaliate, as related by Mr. Powney's and it also appears that the Rajah continued his hostile aggressions in defiance of the orders of Government, notwithstanding they were immediately obeyed by the Cherokar, and all depredation on his part had ceased.

We have instructed the Board of Revenue to send orders to the Collector to adjust the disputes in regard to the customs and water-courses, conformably to the ancient usage of the Country, previously calling upon the parties to declare

4. declare whether they will agree to abide by the re-
decision. As the Drought still
the Ramnad Country, we can take no Step
present for Compelling the Rajahs obedience; but
we shall consider the Sanction given in your
Letters of the 7th and 16th of July, as a sufficient authority
to us for the exercise of coercive means, should existing
circumstances render it advisable.

We think it necessary to lay before
you Extracts of two Letters from the Board of Revenue:
the former enclosing copy of a Letter from Mr. Powney
relative to the Marriage of the Heiress of Shevagunga;
and the latter representing further instances of dis-
=obedience on the part of the Rajah of Ramnad,
we hope the Letter written to him by order of
President/ copy of which we have the honor to
enclose/ will induce his attendance at the
Collectors Cutcherry, and the payment of his
arrears of Peishcush.

We have the honor to be

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/Signed/ Hobart
&Council

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

Honble Sir,

To Bengal - advising of the arrival of a Cartel Ship from the Islands, and the measures respecting her - papers enclosed

We have the honor to acquaint you that on the 19th Ultimo, a Cartel Ship from the Isle of France anchored in these Roads, and brought Letters from General Malartic, copies of which are enclosed for your information.

We deemed it necessary on a matter of so much importance, to request the opinion of Commodore Rainier, whether, under all circumstances, it would be right to comply with the requisition of General Malartic, contained in his letter of the 23rd of August, for delivering up to Captain Du Fourg, in exchange for the English Prisoners sent from Mauritius, all the French Officers, Seamen, and Soldiers now in our possession.

The Commodore's reply, of which we transmit a copy, determined us against the delivery of any Prisoners in exchange for those brought from the Cartel, but we have not communicated this resolution to Captain Du Fourg, nor shall we do so before the departure of the

three

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4. three Indiamen that are now under dispatch for Europe. —

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We have the Honor to be
Sir: Sir:
Signed Hobart
Wilkes
Council

Dispatched also the under-
-mentioned letters entered in Mr. B's Nos 27 28. 29.
30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. —

To Resident at Hyderabad —
To Captain Kirkpatrick — with copy, in Persian and English, of a letter
from Tippoo Sultaun. —

To Masulipatam — with
To Masulipatam — Invoice of Stores sent there on the Favorite. —

To Military Board — approving
the alteration in the plan for the Artillery
To Military Board — Barracks for the 2d Battalion at the Mount
also the Walajabad Estimates. —

To Captain Beatson — permitting
To Captain Beatson — him to go to Europe. —

To Commandant at Vellore
To Lieutenant Dighton — Ditto. —

To Paymaster at Palamcotah —
authorizing his charge for Cooley hire and Package
To Mr Marston — of the Box of Cinnamon — may also encourage the
pay of the Native Superintendant. —

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To Mons.r Lebore — To Mons.r Lebore — requiring him to Colonel Nixon for a reply to his letter.

To Board of Revenue — To Board of Revenue — the disputes between the Rajah of Ramnad and Chenkar &c regarding the Customs and Water courses to be adjusted in the manner proposed.

To Captain Loyd — To Commander of the Manship — permitting him to receive Captain Keith on board.

To Captain & Lieut — To Ditto — of the Harriet to receive Mr Betty, assistant Surgeon.

To Town Major — To Town Major — Mr. C. Renaud to be permitted to land from the Cartel Ship.

To Vizagapatam — To Vizagapatam — returning Mr Nicolls Bill, signed for payment.

To Ditto — To Ditto — with Invoice and bill of Lading of Stores, sent there on the Brig Eliza

Sent the following Letters

To Colonel Nixon

Commanding at Pondicherry

To Commandant at Pondicherry — with Copies of the Petition of the left hand Cast, and desiring his and Captain Arnaud's reply to the Complaints therein preferred

Sir,

A Petition having been addressed to His Government by six Native Inhabitants of Pondicherry for themselves, and on behalf of the Natives of Pondicherry denominated the left hand Cast, complaining of very Serious

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5 Serious grievances occasioned by the influence of two
Dubashes of the right hand cast, named Veeratada
Moodeley, and Dayenga premmal Pillay, the former
of whom is said to be in your service, and the &
latter in the Service of Captain Ouvrard, I am &
directed by the Right Honorable the President in
Council to transmit to you copies of the papers
that have been received, and to acquaint you &
that His Lordship deems it indispensably &
necessary, in every account, to take measures &
for the most effectual investigation of the &
subject - you will observe that the conduct &
of your Secretary Captain Ouvrard is very
deeply implicated; and that, as the circumstance
regarding the payment of the Money by &
Poonapah Chitty - Vordiah Chitty and &
Govindarama Chitty, in order to escape the &
public disgrace with which they were threatened,
is said to have taken place in the Government
House at Pondicherry, there is an implication
also against you - But, before any measure &
be taken with respect to the enquiry &
intended to be sent on foot, the Right Honble
the President in Council desires an explanation
from

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From Commander of the 4th Army — on the subject of re-mounting the 4th Cavalry — recommends the plan of importing Horses from the Malabar Coast.

From Colonel Brathwaite

From Lieutenant Thomas Vaughan

From Lieutenant Vaughan — Infantry — requests leave to go to Europe.

Sent letter to Commanders of the Cartel Ships entered in Mr. B. No. 4th assigning a reason for delaying the reply to General Malartic's Letter — no objection to his procuring provision for the use of his Ships, in the mean time.

To Captain De Tourg.

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Tuesday 7th October 1794

Edward Saunders } Esqrs

and

Ernst William Talleofield }

Minutes of last Consultation &

read and approved.

The President informs the Board that Mr. John Briggs Surgeon, having expressed a wish to be permitted to remain for some time longer at the Presidency his Lordship proposes that the request be complied with.

Mr. Briggs to remain at the Presidency until further orders

Approved and ordered accordingly

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and Council at Fort St. George

My Lord,

In continuation of our letter of the 15th Instant, We have now the Honor to transmit you a Copy of our Resolutions of this date, containing a detailed Statement of the reasons which induced us to direct the recall of the Detachment of the Bengal Artillery, and the return of the Dutch Troops offered for the Expedition against the French Islands, and have only to add a request that you will communicate the same to Colonel Stuart.

From Bengal — Forwarding Copy of their Resolutions in which detail the means for recalling the Bengal artillery and directing the return of the Dutch Troops.

We have the Honor to be

Fort William the 19th of September 1794.

Wa: Wa:

Signed J. Shore

" Peter Speke

" Wm Cowper

Read again the letter from the Governor in Council of Fort St. George, recorded on the 15th Instant; The proposition contained in the address from the Presidency of Fort St. George for the return of the Bengal artillery

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artillery and the Dutch Troops, recalls the consideration
of the Governor General in Council, to the funda=
=mental question regarding the prosecution or dis=
=continuance of the expedition against the French
Islands. — If this question required an unqualified
determination, the Governor General in Council is
inclined, under existing circumstances, decide against
the prosecution of the expedition. The Dissentions
between the Peshwa, and the Nizam, so far from
having the appearance of a speedy or amicable
termination, strongly indicate a hostile conclusion;
while, on the other hand, the conduct of the Rohilla
Chief Golam Mahomed Khan, has compelled the
Board to adopt Resolutions, which eventually require
the services of the two Brigades stationed in Carnatic,
for supporting the Rights, authority, and Dignity
of the Nabob Vizier, and a junction of them has
consequently been ordered. —

With respect to the Dissentions between
his Highness the Nizam and the Mahrattas,
the Governor General in Council has already
declared his Resolutions, to interpose no further
between the two States, than for the purpose of
amicable accommodation, and under a Restriction,
that his Interference shall not subject him to any
implication

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implication in the consequences, if it should ultimately prove inefficacious. But if a War should take place between the Nizam and Seringapatam, common prudence under the uncertainty as to the consequences or extent of them, must oppose any diminution of the British Forces now in India, which are already so much reduced below their proper Establishment.

The Inadequacy of the force in India, for the purpose of domestic protection and Foreign Enterprize, induced the Governor General in Council to exercise the discretion left to him by the Original Orders of the Secret Committee in restricting the number of Troops required for the Expedition against the French Islands, at that period it was expected that a Naval Armament of considerable strength would be sent from England to assist in the Expedition and give protection to the Transports, and the usual complement of Marines would have added considerably to the Effective Force employed in it. The discretion left with the Governor General in Council has since been extended, whilst the Naval Force originally proposed has been reduced to a single line of Battle ship, with the attendance of the Frigates now in India; nor has the Governor General in Council, Information of any Intention that their Naval

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Naval Strength will be augmented from England. The
Original dangers of the Expedition are thus enhanced, by
the possibility of which however uncertain, it is proper to
consider of the arrival of a Naval force from France, to
which, with the addition of the Ships now at the Islands,
might prove sufficient to defeat the success of the
Enterprize. At all events whilst the most solid objections
occur to the diminution of the British Force in India
in the extent required for the service of the Expedition, it
must be deemed imprudent to expose the Troops to
the hazard of the insufficient protection of a Single
line of Battle ships accompanied by the Frigates.—

It further appears also that a considerable
proportion of the Provisions provided for the Expedition
has been relanded in England.—

Under these circumstances without reference
to future considerations the Board could not hesitate to
decide that the Expedition should be absolutely relinquished,
but as the Intelligence from the Islands may be of a
nature to justify the attempt against them, with a
Force inferior to that of the original requisition, as an
accession to the Naval Strength in India may arrive
with the expected Ships, as the political situation of
India may be more favorable, and, as other circum-
stances may occur to diminish the risque of the
Enterprize, and open a more encouraging prospect
for undertaking it, the Governor General in Council

will

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will no further divide against it at this time, than that if ultimately carried into execution, it can be only undertaken with a force very inferior to that originally proposed for this service, and that, consequently, it will not be necessary to detain the Dutch or English Ships longer on the Coast of Coromandel.—

a true Copy
Signed/ L. H. Harington Sub Secy

Ordered that a copy of the resolution of the Bengal Government be sent to Colonel Stuart.—

Read the following letter from Commodore Rainier.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council at Madras

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have to request you will please give the necessary directions to the Commanders of the Honble Company's Ships now homeward bound in this Road, to receive and accommodate with a passage to England Eighty five Seamen and Marines from the General Hospital here, being found unfit for service in this climate, their remaining in the Hospital being very expensive to Government.—

From Commodore Rainier requests that some Seamen and Marines may have passage to England in the Indiaman.—

The allowance for their Victualling is as regulated by a late act of Parliament.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed/ Peter Rainier

Suffolk in Madras Road
7th October 1794

Resolved

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Minutes thereon

Resolved that thirty one Seamen and Marines of his Majesty's Service be sent to England on the Dublin, and a like number on the Carnatic, and that the remainder be sent on the three Ships now under dispatch.—

Read the following letter from Mess.rs Colt Baker & Co.—

W.m Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary.

Sir,

From Mess.rs Colt Baker & Co. accepting the Compensation offered to them on account of the Ship Gloucester

We are honored with yours of the 27.th Instant, informing us that the Right Honorable the President in Council is disposed, by way of Compensation for the disappointment we have experienced regarding the Ship Gloucester, to make an allowance, equal to the sum that would have been paid in advance had the Charter Party been executed, Amounting to Star Pagodas 34,30 which we are willing to accept, and request you will be pleased to procure us an order for the payment of the Money.—

We have the Honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Colt Baker & Co.

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Entered

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Ordered that the sum of three thousand four hundred and thirty /3,430./ Pagodas be paid to Messrs. Colt Baker & Co. on account of the Owners of the Ship Gloucester, and that the amount be carried to the Head of Expedition against the French Islands of Mauritius and Bourbon.

ordered to be paid

Resolved that Communication be made to Bengal of the above order.

Read the following letter from the Commander of the Cartel Ship.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor of Madras &c: &c:

My Lord,

I know Captain Dea Young - expecting per a ship bound to return to the Islands.

The period fixed for my stay in the Madras road is now expired - as your Lordship will see in the dispatches from Governor Malartic, which I did myself the honor of laying before you - the Season is now on the point of changing - and the change which will take place seldom fails to prove dangerous to the vessels that may be exposed to it - several other Motives, My Lord, no less urgent than the above press my departure from hence - yet ever since my arrival, I have in vain waited for an answer, that might free me from that teazing doubt and uncertainty, in which, I now am - Have the goodness, My Lord,

to

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to inform me what resolutions you may have taken respecting my departure — in order that I may make the necessary arrangements for it. —

Sam Hall Hall

Madras
4th October 1794

Signed J DeBourg

a true Translation
Signed J. L. Buchan
French Translator

Agreed that Captain DeBourg be informed that particular circumstances render it expedient to delay, for a short time longer, the Board's reply to the letters brought by him from General Malartic — but that, in the mean time, there will be no objection to his procuring such articles whatsoever of provisions &c. as may be necessary for the use of his Ship. —

Minute thereon

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General. —

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council of Fort St George

My Lord,

I do myself the honor to enclose herewith a Statement of the Fire Establishment which I am of opinion is necessary for the Pay Office

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Jmon. Auditor General — proposing an Establishment for the pay Office at Vellore, Cuddapah, Bantoor, Arcot, Amboor and Canalore — opinion respecting the Exchange &c. praying Batta to the Military Dastoors. —

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of Vellore, Wolajabad, Ambour, Arcot, Arnee, and Connatore, as they stand at present under one Paymaster, whose Head Quarters is at Vellore, where he chiefly resides, and is provided with a House and office apartment belonging to the Company. It amounts to Pagodas 182 Monthly which you will observe is Pagodas 105 Monthly less than the Statement A. No 2 which accompanied the Paymaster's Letter, and which has been remarked upon in your order to me on the subject under date 26th of August — some enquiries which became necessary previous to sending in the accompanying Statement has prevented my reporting earlier on the subject. —

I have to report as follows in answer to your Commands of the 5th Ultimo, after considering the inclosures which accompanied it and the several Orders and Regulations that have been passed on the subject of Batta. —

The mode of stating the Exchange in the Book of Regulations is correct as mentioned in the Letter of the Commanding Officer of the Artillery at the Mount, but from the unvaried practice of the service which had obtained in the payment of Batta prior to the consideration of that subject which took place in the beginning of 1793 it appears that this part of the Regulation had been

Considered

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considered no otherways than as a form applicable to extending the Totals in the Accounts of Paymasters; for that the allowance of Batta, to whatever amount, had been looked upon as ifpeable in Fanams in the option of the Paymaster, or if paid in Pagodas, that the Pagoda was rated equal to the number of Fanams it passed for in the Bazare - under this principle then and by bringing the difference of Exchange to the Credit of the Company the General orders of the 19th March 1793 considered all payments to the Troops, except the subsistence which fell to be converted at the fixed exchange of 42 Fanams p Pagoda - I am therefore of opinion that Mr Paymaster Cochrane has been warranted under that Order to refuse paying the Batta of the Lascars otherways than at the Bazare Exchange as he is responsible to carry the difference between it and the Exchange of 42 to the Credit of the Company in such cases.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your
Obt Hble Servt
Signed Henry Malcolm
Mily Aud. General

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
7th October 1794

Answered

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Proposed Establishment for the pay offices of Vellore, Wallajahbad, Amboor, Arcot, Arnee and Connatore Mr. John Wynch Paymaster.

	per Month P	Pa	Fs	Total per Month P	Pa	Fs
Vellore, where the Paymaster generally resides						
1 Head Conicoply or Accountant and Cashkeeper	30	"	"			
3 Writers at 10 Pagodas each	30	"	"			
1 Conicoply at 6 Pagodas	6	"	"			
6 Gollah Seons at 2 Pagodas each	12	"	"			
1 Shroff at 2 Pagodas	2	"	"			
1 Mootchy at 3 Pagodas	3	"	"			
2 Peons at 2 Pagodas each	4	"	"	87	"	"
Wallajahbad						
1 Conicoply at 10 Pagodas	10	"	"			
1 Shroff at 2 Pagodas	2	"	"			
1 Peon at 2 Pagodas	2	"	"			
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/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily Acctd. Genl.

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ment which Colonel Malcolm has recommended for
the Pay offices of Vellore, Walaujanbad, Arcot, Arnee and
Conatoor – They also approve the opinion given upon
the representation of Lieutenant Colonel Gells respecting
the exchange in the payment of Batta to the Lascars.

Read the following proceedings of the
Hospital Board.

Minutes thereon

Hospital Board
6th October 1794.

We feel very great
regret in communicating
to the Right Honorable the
President in Council that
Mr. Jeremiah Adderton,
Head Surgeon, died at
Vellore on the night of the
2d. Instns.

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Recommend

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by the Hospital Board for the Station
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General Hospital at Trichinopoly

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appointed Head Surgeon
Trichinopoly in lieu
Vellore – an addition
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Minutes thereon

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General Hospital at Pulicat only

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recommend that he be so appointed Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly, vice Anderton deceased, and directed to proceed to his Station as soon as possible.

Read a letter from the Apothecary representing that the apartments at the Medical Stores are not sufficiently spacious to receive the increased annual supply of European Medicines, &c. together with an unexpected supply intended for the Expedition to the Mauritius which has been landed here; and requesting that one of the empty Bomb Proofs contiguous to the Stores may be appropriated to their accommodation, which we recommend may be complied with.

If a Bomb proof can be spared for this service, the Garrison Storekeeper will receive directions to deliver it over to the Apothecary.

Mr

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Mr. Berry also states that there is a room immediately under the quarters of the Superintendent of the Dispensary which would be of great service from its forming a part of the Building, but is in the possession of a Native, who is said to be proprietor of the whole house, and who refuses to give it up. We request that an investigation may be made into the Validity of this person's claims, and, if they appear to be ill founded, that the room in question may be added to the Dispensary.

We recommend that Mr. Edward Mackay, assistant Surgeon, be appointed to do duty with the 25th Battalion of Native Infantry, and that Mr. Colhoun, assistant Surgeon, be appointed to do duty with the 5th Battalion of Native Infantry.

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson
Physician Genl
R. Colley Deceased
Chief Surgeon
W. Raine
Head Surgeon

The Chief Engineer will receive orders on this Subject.

approved.

Read

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Read the following Memorial from Sir Paul Sodrell

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor Fort St. George &c: &c:

The Memorial of Sir Paul Sodrell, Physician to his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic.

Memorial of Sir Paul Sodrell representing his Situation as Physician to the Nabob and Soliciting Government to interpose to procure from his Highness his arrears of pay and a due discharge from his Service.

Humbly Sheweth,

That, in the year 1787, your Memorialist was recommended by his Majesty to be Physician to his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, in consequence of his Highness's application to his Majesty to send him from England a Gentleman of the highest rank in the Medical Profession to with whom he could entrust his Health, at that time declining from the advanced period of his Life.

That your Memorialist, on taking leave of the Court of Directors, bound himself by a Bond to the East India Company not to enter into any way of business, or pursue any Occupation whatsoever in India, except that which was the object of his pursuit, as above stated.

That your Memorialist, at the same time, received from the Company a Counterpart Bond, which entitles your Memorialist to

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to claim the protection of the Government of Fort St.
George whenever he may require it—

That your Memorialist on his arrival
at Madras in May 1788 did, by the advice and
approbation of Sir A. Campbell, the Governor, enter into
a written Agreement with his Highness the Nabob, to
receive, during his stay in the Nabob's service, the
sum of one thousand Star Pagodas ₱ Month as Salary
and on his return to England half that sum during
the Voyage, and all other Expences for himself and
Family—

That the said Agreement was, at that
time, thought extremely reasonable on the part of
your Memorialist, considering your Memorialist's
Rank in his profession, his lucrative situation, and
extensive prospects in England, which he had relin-
-quished to serve his Highness the Nabob, in
obedience to his Majesty's Command.

That, in consequence of the said agree-
-ment, his Highness the Nabob, in February
1789, was pleased to give your Memorialist
a Tuncha, or order, for his Arrears, at that time
due, amounting to the sum of 11,547 Star Pagodas,
which would have defrayed your Memorialist's
Expences on his first Arrival.

That

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That when the said Tunka or order became due, in July 1789, Mr. Holland the Governor claimed the Money for the use of the Company, on which account your Memorialist received no compensation for the said Tunca, and was prevented being able to discharge the said expences.

That your Memorialist since that period Viz: July 1789, has never received either Principal or Interest of the said Tunca.

That during the late War and the assumption of the Revenue of the Carnatic by the Government of Fort St. George untill the beginning of the year 1792 your Memorialist received from the Nabob but a very small portion of his Salary, wholly insufficient for his maintenance, from which his debt to his Creditors become considerably enlarged

That since that period, Viz. January 1792, your Memorialist has received only part of his Salary which, tho sufficient, perhaps, for the expences of his Family, has been by no means adequate to enable him to discharge any of his debts contracted as above Stated.

That

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That your Memorialist, being pursued by his Creditors so as not to be able to continue at the Madras in the exercise of his duty, did repeatedly represent his case to his Highness the Nabob, who, under various pretences, evaded giving your Memorialist the necessary aid and satisfaction.

That your Memorialist finding he could place no Confidence in the word and promise of the Nabob, and having frequently experienced the treachery and perfidious Conduct of those persons to whom the Nabob has entrusted the Management of his affairs; and, above all, your Memorialist, having impaired his constitution by the exercise of his Profession, has been under the necessity of requesting his Highness's Permission to return to England with his Family.

That your Memorialist has been peremptorily refused the said permission.

That your Memorialist, in consequence, can neither discharge his Debts to his Creditors, continue in the exercise of his duty, nor return to England unless he privately abscond from his Highness's service, to the utter ruin of himself and Family, and disrespect of his Majesty's recommendation.

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That, in fact, from all the above mentioned circumstances, your Memorialist is the Prisoner of the Nabob and a Slave under a British Government.

Your Memorialist therefore humbly entreats your Lordship to take into consideration your Memorialist's unparalleled situation, who came to India not as an adventurer, not at his own desire, but at the solicitation of the Nabob, the recommendation of his Majesty, and sanctioned, and protected by the Honble Company. That your Memorialist relinquished a lucrative profession in England, of which by his Education and abilities he had arrived to the highest rank, relying not only on the honor and Integrity of the Nabob, but on that protection the Government of Fort St. George, which he is now obliged to claim and Solicit.

And your Memorialist prays that your Lordship would be pleased to do him Justice which as a British subject under oppression he cannot but expect from your Lordship's humanity, and has a right to do from the powers with which your Lordship is invested in India: and that your Lordship be pleased to advise and signify to his Highness the Nabob that he is in honor

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for the various reasons above stated, to acquit himself of his obligations to your Memorialist, to pay the Hire of his Labor, and by duly discharging him from his Service, permit your Memorialist, with his family, to return to England by the first opportunity.—

And your Memorialist will ever pray &c.

/Signed/ Paul Sodrell

Fort St George
Sept. 22d 1794.

Resolved that the Substance of Sir Paul Sodrell's memorial be stated in a letter to his Highness the Nabob.—

Minute thereon

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

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

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 30th Ultimo ordering me to examine the Accounts inclosed, and to report my opinion whether there be any objection to making the advance requested by Mr. Cochrane.—

From Mr. Hanson— no objection appears, to paying the Balance due to the Agent for Spirituous Liquors.—

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It appears, that Mr. Cockburn, my predecessor, in compliance with the order of Government, Indented upon Mr. Cockrane, the Agent, for 81,000 Gallons of Arrack, for the intended Expedition to the Mauritius, to be provided with the least possible delay, which it appears, by the Accounts you have sent me, he lost no time in doing - having compared the Vouchers in Mr. Cockrane's possession with the Accounts, there does not appear to me any reason for not making the advance required by Mr. Cochrane as Accountable Officer of Government.

Madras
6th October 1794

Sam Fc. Fc.
/Signed/ H. Shardon
Actg Com.y Genl. G. & Fs.

Ordered that the sum of Thirty nine thousand six hundred and fifty Seven Star Pagodas and six fanams /39657 6/ be paid from the Treasury to the Honble Basil Cochrane, Agent for Spirituous Liquors, on account of his Employ

order thereon

Read

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Read the following letter from
Messrs. Tulloh Lewis and Brodie.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Messrs. Tulloh, Lewis and Brodie in reply to the proposals made to them, as Attornies to Tanjore Creditors.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter, sent us by your direction, under date the 10th Ultimo, as Attornies of the Tanjore Creditors, to which a more early reply would have been made, had we not deemed it necessary to communicate with our friends in Bengal previous to our coming to any determination on a Subject of so much importance to our constituents.

We beg leave to acquaint you that we are willing to accept the Honorable Company's proposal to grant their Bonds, bearing interest at 4 ₱ Cent, payable in Great Britain, from the date of such Bonds, and the Bonds to be discharged by half yearly Instalments of not less

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less than one fifth, the first payment to be made at the end of two years from the date of the said Bonds which Bonds are to be in Sums not exceeding two thousand Five hundred Pagodas or one thousand Pounds each, and the rate of exchange at which such payments are made on them be fixed at eight Shillings the Pagoda.

Having no instructions to consent to the option mentioned in the Secretary's letter, we do not feel ourselves authorized to accede to it.

We have the honor to be,
&c: &c:
(Signed) Tulloh Jervis & Brodie
attorneys to Mr. a'Court
Brodie Colonel Thomas
Burrowes and Mr. &
James Whyte.

Fort St. George
9th October 1794.

Minute thereon

Ordered that communication be made to the Honble Court of Directors of the proposition of Messrs. Tulloh Jervis and Brodie as attornies to Messrs. Brodie, Burrowes and Whyte, Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore.

Read

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Read the following letter from

Lieutenant Montgomery:—

To W. C. Jackson Esq.re

Military Secretary

Sir,

I beg the favor of you to report to the Right Honorable the President in Council that I have returned, after a very unsuccessful tour to the Tripetty fair— not more than thirty horses having appeared there this season, I do think it my duty to represent that the cause of this failure is owing to Tippoo having sent an Agent with a strong party to the Aggetlah pass— who will not suffer any horse to come into the Company's territories by that route— and also to the very great oppressions the dealers are liable to in travelling through the Country subject to the Nabob of Arcot, a recent instance of which required to be particularly noticed:—

From Lieutenant Montgomery— returned from his tour to the Tripetty fair— cause of its being unsuccessful— intends going to Cochin and eventually to the Cutch and Cambay Countries, if permitted— proposes in consequence— suggestions respecting his allowances.

Several

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Several dealers with a list of upwards
of sixty horses, fifty of them I am informed fit for
the service, found their way down Coddapanattam
pass, but were not permitted to proceed, altho'
they produced a Cowle from me in the Company's
name, unless they paid a most exorbitant duty
the people represented the circumstance to
Captain Macpherson Commanding Amboor,
the nearest Company's Station; to whom the
renter returned an insolent message, to a very
civil one he sent, informing him that the
people were employed by me on the Company's
Account. It was not until the expiration of
fifteen days that an order could be procured
from the Phoudar at Arcot to permit these
horses to pass, which so completely tired
the people, that only one man, with four
horses, had patience to wait and avail
himself of it — The remainder returned
with their Cattle to their own Country.

It is likewise necessary for me
to represent to the Right Honble Governor
that

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that at the late fair at Tripetty, the Nabobs people gave out orders that no person should be allowed to buy or look at any horses until his Agent determined whether or not he would purchase them; or in other words declared his intentions of taking such as he wished for at his own price — This sort of conduct some years ago caused the failure of this source of supply, formerly capable of furnishing five hundred horses yearly, and will if not put a stop to, be the means of preventing the possibility of its ever being reestablished. —

The time being now approaching, when I have reason to expect the arrival of the Horses I commissioned from the Dutch and Cambay Countries, and my presence being necessary at Cochin, I beg you will inform the Honble Board that I wish to be permitted to proceed there as soon as possible, and that orders may

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may be given to the Paymaster General to
accept my Bills for the amount of my
purchases; and also that I may have a
credit on the Government of Bombay, in
case I should find the course of exchange
in favor of drawing on that Presidency.

It is also my wish to
have the Right Honorable Governor's per=
=mission, should I not succeed in the pre=
=sent instance to the extent of my expecta=
=tions, to proceed to the Countries from
whence the horses are brought, where I have
no doubt of arranging matters so as to ensure
a regular supply, on very easy terms, and
without any risk whatever to the Company

It would be presumptuous
in me not to allow that the services
I have hitherto rendered in the execution
of the office of "Agent for purchasing horses
"at Arcot" has not been very fully recom=
=pensed - but I trust the Right Hon^ble
President

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President will take into consideration how much the original plan has widened since my first appointment, and that he will in consequence of the very great distance I have occasionally to travel and the additional expence it subjects me to, be pleased to put me, in point of allowances, on a footing with the Hyderabad Agent so soon as it shall appear that my exertions are capable of performing equal services, in this line, to my Employers.

I have the Honor to be
Sir: &c.
&c.
(Signed) W.C. Montgomery
Agent for purchasing Horses

Madras
4th October 1794.

Minute thereon

Resolved that His Highness the Nabob be requested to remove as the impediments which his Servants throw in the way of procuring horses for the Company's Cavalry at the fair held annually at Tripetty.

Agreed

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Agreed that permission be given to Lieutenant Montgomery to proceed to Cochin, for the purpose of settling with the dealers for the lot of horses expected at that place; and if necessary, to the Countries from whence the horses are brought in order to make arrangements for a regular supply of horses at Cochin, on reasonable terms, and without risk to the Company

Ordered that letters be written to the Goverment of Bombay, and to the Rajahs of Travancore and Cochin, desiring that such assistance as Lieutenant Montgomery may stand in need of, be afforded - The Credit he has applied for on Bombay, cannot, at present, be given - but it is agreed to authorize him to draw on the Military Paymaster General for the amount of his purchases -

The

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The Board will hereafter favorably consider that part of Lieutenant Montgomery's letter respecting allowances, should he succeed in establishing a regular supply of horses, through the Travancore Country, on the terms he proposes.—

Death of Ensigns John Gardiner and John Paterson of the 1st Infantry.—

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Ensigns John Gardiner and John Paterson of the Infantry under this Establishment.—

Mr. Owen appointed Chaplain to the 2d Regiment of European Infantry.—

The President proposes that the Reverend Mr. Owen, who came to India as Chaplain to Commodore Rainier, be appointed Chaplain to the 2d Battalion of European Infantry

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Infantry stationed at Pondicherry.

Approved and ordered accordingly.

Hobart

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Wm. George Parry
Wm. Agst.

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Diary

8th Received and sent the undermentioned letters Entered in MSS. Nos 45. 46.

From Resident at Nagore submitting Captain Brohier's request that his Company of Dutch Troops, may be dispatched from thence on Donies to Jaffanapatam instead of the Ship Anna.

From W. Irriano.

To Ditto acquiescing in the request of Captain Brohier.

To Ditto

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in C. C.

9th Nos 193. 194.

From Tippoo Sultaun in reply to the late Presidents' letter on occasion of the approaching nuptials of his Sons.

Substance of letter from Tippoo Sultaun

From Ranee of Ramnad complaining of the Enormities committed by the present Rajah and setting forth her own Rights to the Government of that Province.

Ditto from Ranee of Ramnad.

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in MSS. Nos 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59.

From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions proposes that a three months Stock of Rice be laid up in the different Garrisons in the Guntoor Circar Copy of a letter from A. Lennox on the subject Enclosed.

From A. Skardon

From the French Officers to the Town major complaining of their removal to Poonamallee as being contrary to the Capitulation of Pondicherry.

From French Officers at Poonamallee

From Mrs. Revire and Migraud soliciting permission to return to Madras.

From Mrs. Revire and Migraud at Poonamallee

From Head Surgeon reporting fit objects for reception into the Lunatic Hospital.

From M. Paine

From Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Copy of the Order sent to the Aumil of Kurpah in consequence of the Complaints of

From Captain Kirkpatrick

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of the Complaints of the Rajah of Vencatagherry against him. -

From Major Roberts

From Commandants of the Nizams Detachment enclosing his Correspondence with the Resident and a letter from Captain J. Bell -

From Ensign Boardman Infantry. -

From Ensign Edward Boardman requests leave to go to Europe on the Lord Camden. -

From Captain Lieutenant Lieutenant Torin Cavalry. -

From Captain Lieutenant Torin on the subject of procuring supplies of Horses from the Countries North of Senat. -

From Captain Johnston Engineer

From Captain Johnston in reply to the Complaints preferred against him by Mr. Topping. -

From Mr. Torriano -

From Resident at Nagore no report prevails there of the Arrival of any Convoy at the Mauritius shall proceed to Tranquebar according to Orders. -

Petition of Ragonaud Roy. -

Petition of Ragonaud Roy on the subject of his Claim to the Jagheridary of Arnee. -

From Major Brodie -

From Commandant Secundirmalley representing the damages which the Officers' Quarters and Soldiers' Barracks &c^a have sustained, from the unfinished State of the Quarter built by Lieutenant Colonel Baird. -

— Do. —

From Ditto requests orders may be given to Mr. Vaughan, for sending a supply of Rice thither from Madura for the use of the Europeans. -

Substance of Letter to Tippoo Sultaun

Sent Letter to Tippoo Sultaun Entered in C.C. No. 195. - acknowledging the receipt of his letter dated 5th ultimo. -

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in - W.B. No. 60. 61. -

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Commander of the Army opinion on the case of the Dooley Maistry at Trichinopoly; Colonel Sterling may occasionally visit Madras Colonel Fraser's application for the Emoluments enjoyed by his Predecessor not admitted being already under reference to England nor that for Table Money; Adjutants Allowances granted to - Lieutenant Leith. -

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9th To Lieutenant Macleod permitting him to proceed
Lieutenant Macleod to the Cape and Eventually to Europe.—

11th Received the following Letters.

W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary at Fort St. George—

Sir,

I had the honor to acquaint you, in my Letter of
the 5th Instant, with the Resolutions that had been passed by the Governor
General in Council, relative to the Freight to be put on board the Ship
Success which is now returning to Fort St. George. a Copy of the Commanders
Sailing Orders is enclosed.—

It was thought improper to withhold the immediate Issue
of these Orders for the Receipt of the Bills of Lading, which have not yet
been sent up to Town from the Ship at Diamond Harbour, as a—
Detention at this Season of the year might prevent her arrival at
Madras before the Change of the Monsoon. The Bills of Lading will,
therefore, be transmitted to you by another opportunity.—

The Calculation made for the Freight to be carried
by the Success was as follows, Considering the number of Tons to be
filled up as 500, after Allowing the other 1/2 Tons, upon Captain—
Smiths Estimate, to be occupied by the Provisions and Water—
necessary for the Crew during the Passage.—

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Guns about Tons	
Gunners	100.
Mr. Abbotts Leaguers of Rum	
100 Casks of Provisions purchased by Mr. Abbott for Captain Newcombe's Squadron	25.

Military

Mr. Secretary Hay
Guns of the Gun
Gunners, Military
Rum, and Salt
Provisions, Shipped on
Success

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Bill Hooks 2000
mamulies 1920
mamulies
Halves 1920

Military Stores Viz.

Bill Hooks and mamulies 21 1/2

which would leave unoccupied Tons 164 1/2
335 1/2

By the Terms of the Charter Party shewn to me by Captain Smith, the Government had unquestionably a Right to fill up this Vacant Tonnage with Gunpowder, of which 3000 Barrells were to be sent to Madras, or any other Articles they pleased, but as it was certainly not in the Contemplation of the Commander to freight his Ship for so hazardous a Cargo, and as the Exercise of this Right, in any Extent, would throw the Risque of a Valuable Property on his hands, since none of the Insurance Offices would cover it upon any Terms, it was thought proper to propose to him as a reasonable Compensation for the Risk to which he must stand, of the Fleet that he should take only 800 Barrells of the Gunpowder occupying about 135 Tons on board the Success, and left at Liberty to fill up the remaining 200 Tons on his own Account, and for his own Benefit. To this Proposal he acceded, with a full sense of the Liberal Consideration of Government towards him, and the Number of Barrells of Gunpowder to go in the Success was ordered accordingly.

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c.
Signed E. Hay
Secy. to the Govt.

Fort William
19th of September 1794

P. S. The Governor General in Council has desired me to signify his Request that a settlement may be made at Madras of the Proportion of the Freights payable for the Casks of Provisions sent round in the Success by Mr. Abbott for his Majestys Ships

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11. under the Command of Captain Newcombe.-

J. Sydney E. Hay Secy

To Captain A. R. Smith

Commander of the Chartered Ship

Success

Sir, your Bills of Lading signed, and your several
Consignments on board, you are hereby directed, Winds and weather
permitting, to weigh your Anchor, and proceed to Fort St. George,
on the Coast of Coromandel, where you will receive the Orders of
the Governor in Council at that Presidency for your future Guidance,
during the period for which the Ship under your Command continues
chartered to the Honorable Company.

I wish you a safe and Speedy Passage, and am,

&c.a &c.a

Fort William
19th of September 1794

J. Sydney E. Hay Secy to the Government

A true Copy

J. Sydney E. Hay Secy to the Govt.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord, Our Acting President has laid before us a letter,
herewith enclosed, addressed to him by Mr. Snow Collector in the
Southern Division of the Vizeanagrum Zemindary, which being
of a nature that appeared to him of essential consequence to be kept
from the knowledge of the Parties, and as he apprehended this
could not be done if sent through the usual channel he
was induced to deviate from it, a Precaution, under the
circumstance

From Board of Revenue
submitting a letter
from Mr. Snow and
recommending his
proposed plan for
suppressing and reducing
the party formed at
Madigul, and
punishing the Conduct
of the Polegars

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11th Stated which we make no doubt your Lordship will approve. —

As we have the fullest confidence in the zeal and good management of Mr. Snow we concur entirely with him in in the propriety of taking the most decided Steps to establish the Authority of Government in the Event of the Negotiation / which in the Postscript he informs us is about to be opened with the Vakeel of Juggannaut Boopetty, / proving a deception to gain time, and recommend that, Instructions be given to the Commanding Officer of one of the additional Battalions, which it appears, by your letter of the 17th Ultimo, were to be ordered into those Districts to be all at Simpipilly, and, if necessary, to concert with Mr. Snow the measures proper to be pursued to effect the reduction of the party formed at Madigul, which must gather strength from delay, and the which when reduced, will secure the tranquillity of that part of the Country, and most probably have the further good effect of breaking a Combination in the other two Divisions, destructive of every Principal of Order and good Government. —

We have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

Fort St. George
11th October 1794

David Haliburton
/ Signed Chas. N. White
Thos. Cockburn
/ Secret /
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

David Haliburton Esqre
Acting President &c. &c. &c. of the
Sir,

Having judged the following Subject to demand secrecy, I have presumed to deviate in this case from the usual Channel

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11th Channel through which my correspondence has been directed to you, I have also addressed myself seperately to you, as President to the Board of Revenue, that you may lay the matter in question before the other members in case of its meeting your Concurrence; or do me the Honor to advise in what I hope you would with me — to publickely to resume it. —

It is now for a period Commencing in the latter part of the month of July last, that the nature of my negotiations with Jugganaut Boopetty and his Party may be said to have obtained a serious cast, the object I held in view by a strict Correspondence with him, during the heights of the disturbances in the Centre of the District, being merely founded on the important Consideration of detaching him from the general Confederacy then in arms against the Company's Government; and chiefly, by leading him to consider it his own Interest to improve the Cultivation and attend to the welfare of the Inhabitants in that part of the Country which he had unavoidably got possession of, to divert his mind at the same time from engaging in any plans of oppression, or other means of annoyance which he had it equally in his power to exert in the other parts of my division. —

I am happy to say, that thus far my endeavors have not been fruitless, and these essential purposes fully accomplished, but, in the various and unremitted means adopted for producing more, and in the flattering expectations I had, at one time, formed, of turning the weak and turbulent spirit of this misguided Polygar to beneficial uses in the Country, the obstacles opposed to me have been too many and too powerful to be attended with the same Success. — The Combination of the Hill Polygars in the other —

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divisions of the Zemindary, and the general and connected System which seems to have pervaded the measures concerted by them for the Common interest, have been the sources of so many flattering and irresistable invitations for inducing the Parties at Madigul to unite in the same propositions, and Concur in the same extravagant language, that I cannot wonder the expectations of Jugganaut Boopetty should have encreased of late into demands altogether preposterous and wholly inadmissible. — But, being once fully and assuredly made sensible that such is actually the temper of his mind, having no longer any doubt, from every communication with him, from every persuasive and conciliating means in vain used to induce a reasonable and advantageous Arrangement, that nothing Consistent now can be produced by fair means, it becomes my duty in the next place to propose the only remedy which such a case must then necessarily require and pressingly demand. —

But, before I state this, it may be proper to inform you to what extravagant excess the demands of Jugganaut Boopetty have now been carried, in order to prove the necessity of entirely breaking with him at last, and of cutting time off from all further Claim to the Company's favor or future protection. —

For the Madigul Country, the Summa of which has stood in the late Cowle at the Sum of Seventy Thousand Rupees, which is avowedly much less than the actual value of its lands, and for the additional rent of fourteen of the best and most productive villages of the Noddady Pungunnah and yielding a revenue of at least forty Thousand Rupees of yearly Summa (which he claims as an attachment to Madigul, from having been formerly possessed and ultimately mortgaged by his ancestors) for the joint revenues of the above named lands, amounting

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11th amounting to One Lack and ten thousand Rupees reputed Jumma, Jugganaut Boopelly presumes to offer the yearly Sum of thirty six thousand Rupees, in addition to which he, however, is willing to admit the payment of allowances to Dezestaloos and others of that description attached to the Country, amounting, perhaps, to the yearly Sum of fifteen thousand Rupees more.

Under such circumstances, where there is evidently no longer any expectation of successful negociation, and when the revenues of a rich and productive part of the Division are in danger of being sacrificed by any longer delay, the only remedy to be suggested is military force, and the manner of rendering it most Conducive to effectual operation, in the present instance, is what has inclined me to address myself thus, under secrecy, to you, as President and this will lead me to state one point more immediately connected with this purpose before I finally close the subject now submitted to your Consideration.

Mullaboopelly of Golconda, a refractory Renter of whose wild and inconsistent deportment under this character, I have already given a very full description has continued resolute to the present moment in his refusal of payment to the Circar, nor will any means avail of reaping any advantage from the Revenues of that Country, short of expelling him from the fertile and more Commodious part of the Lands held in rent by him. These lay contiguous to, though sufficiently detached from, the Hills, to the inaccessible parts of which he might be driven, and afterwards

prevented

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11th prevented from returning again.

The necessity therefore which will oblige a force to act against the party formed at Madigul, offers conveniently, at the same time, for punishing the conduct of the Renter of Golgonda, but, as the former is of the greater consequence in the District, and an important blow struck at him, may be likely to produce more general and useful effect, I have to recommend that the Troops engaged for the Division on this service be directed to Concert measures with me, in order to prevent the smallest suspicion, on the part of Juggannaut Boopetty, of any intended attack against him, till the moment is ripe for execution, and the risk of any intermediate bad consequences to the Country thereby secured Against.

Were this reasoning Admitted, and the causes assigned deemed sufficient, it would be necessary that a Battalion of Sepoys be immediately ordered into the District, and directions given to the Officer Commanding it, to repair to this Place, and to receive his instructions from me for his further operations. In this case it might be ostensibly given out, that a force was required to be immediately marched against the Renter of Golgonda, but, by advising a sudden diversion into Madigul, afford a very strong presumption a Succes either in surprizing Juggannaut Boopetty and securing his person, and that of his principal adherents, or of striking so severe a blow against his whole party as might at once reduce him to his former insignificance. — To effect this service a whole Battalion, as I have said, will be necessary in order to provide for the protection of the other parts of the Country

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11. Country, independent of the force required for the Attack of Madigul the dispositions to be made in this respect to be previously arranged by the Officer in Command, after his Communications with me on the above Subjects.—

I have now had the honor to submit to you my sentiments at large, and the mode in which I would recommend the service on this occasion to be Conducted, from which you will please to draw my reasons for this seperate address. I have only further to leave it to your own judgement to form such conclusions and adopt such resolutions, as may appear most advisable to yourself, and shall Conclude by hoping to be honored with your speedy instructions, and advice in consequence.—

I have the honor to be,

with, respect

Sir &c &c

Seriapilly
2. October 1794

J. Legrand John Snow

P. S. Since doing myself the honor to write the above letter, information is given me that Tanka Veeranah (who was formerly employed as Agent on the part of Juggannaut Boopetty, or rather of — Togue Rauze) is once more preparing to attend on me, in order to come to a final settlement of all points of Arrangement between us.— As I have so many proofs already, that these negociations are merely contrived to afford Leisure to their proceedings in the Country, and that nothing serious is aimed at being produced on a public score — that should favor the Company's Interests, I only feel the stronger inducement to adhere to the purport of my representations above stated, being attentive, at the same time, not to lose sight of the superior advantage (if any —

moderation

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Moderation should now be found to have obtained in the nature of their language and expectations of securing them useful friends, rather than forcing them to become desperate Enemies. In which case the projected military Aid, may be rendered of use in other services.-

It is perhaps needless to apprize you, that Joguy Rauze is the mover of all the late restless proceedings of Jugganaut Boopetty, and his only adviser, he has always been very formidable in the Hell troubles of the District, and may now be supposed to rule the whole party of which Jugganaut Boopetty is but the nominal and insignificant Head.-

I have &c

Sigd J. Snow

Received also the undermentioned letters Entered in W.B. Nos 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68.

From Mr Brodie

From Mr James Brodie with an account of the Half mounting furnished by him to the Revenue Corps for the years 1791 and 1792 and requesting payment of the Balance due to him.-

From Subsecretary at Bengal.-

From Subsecretary at Bengal referring a Representation from the late Commander of the Hampshire, for the Board's report thereon.-

From Mons.r Rournais

From Mons.r Rournais requesting permission to embark for the Islands, upon the Cartel Ship.-

From Lieutenant Colonel Wynch.-

From Commandant in the Guntoor Circar stating the necessity of repairs to the Military Buildings there.-

From Mrs.r Pooker Masliad &c.

From attornies to the Executors to Captain Rutledge Estate requesting their claim for Arrears due thereto, may be referred.

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11th Referred to the Court of Directors.—

From Commander of the Army submitting Lieutenant

From Colonel Brath. Hughes's request to be restored to the Effective List.—

= waite From Resident at Nagore requesting a supply of

From Mr. Torriano water Butts for the use of the Dutch Troops Letter from Captain Lardy submitted.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in

W.B. Nos 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83.

84. 85. 86. 87. 88.—

To Agents for Spirituous Liquors directing him to

To Mr. Cochrane land the Rum arrived on the Success and to procure payment of the freight for the salt provisions for His Majestys Squadron.—

To Secretary at Bengal with Copy of Mysore—

To Mr. Secretary Hay Intelligence.—

To Ditto advising of the Compensation granted to

To Ditto the owners of the Ship Gloucester.—

To Garrison Storekeeper with orders to make over

To Garrison Storekeeper to the Apothecary a Bombproof Godown, if one can be spared.—

To Colonel Stuart transmitting Copy of the Resolutions

To Colonel Stuart of the Bengal Government, explaining their reasons for recalling the—

Bengal Artillery and directing that of the Dutch Troops.—

To Military Auditor General approving the pay office

To Auditor General Establishments submitted by him, and his opinion on Colonel Geils letter respecting the exchange in the payment of Batta to Lascars.—

To Ditto with orders to allow Lieutenant Frith—

To Ditto Adjutants allowances.—

To Military Board referring Colonel Floyds objections

To Military Board to the Spot fixed upon at Patoor for the Cavalry Cantonment, Observations and Directions on the Subject Barracks at Poonamallee to be repaired.—

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To Military Board — To Military Board with directions for the immediate Landing of the Consignments of Stores &c.a from the Success.

To Lieut Col.o Geils — To Lieutenant Colonel Geils approving of the Exchange at which Mr. Cochrane offered to pay the Batta of the Lascars.

To Captain Forin — To Captain Forin informing him that Lieutenant Montgomery is already employed in making arrangements for bringing Supplies of Horses for the Countries North of Surat, into the Carnatic at the Risk of the Dealers.

To Chief Engineer — To Chief Engineer with Extract of a Report from the Hospital Board and directing him to ascertain the right of property to the Godown adjoining the Dispensary.

To Ditto — To Ditto transmitting a map of the marches of the Ellore Detachment since the beginning of 1793, with directions to make a Copy of it.

To Lieutenant Vaughan. — To Lieutenant Vaughan permitting him to proceed to Europe.

To Captain Knox — To Commandant at Angolo with Copy of a Letter from the Nabob on the Subject of the Exchange at that place

To Lt. Light Engr. — To Governor at Prince of Wales Island with Invoice and Bill of Lading of military Stores shipped on the Dublin for that Settlement.

To Captains Smith & Jackson — To Commanders of the Dublin and Carnatic with orders to receive on board Charter Party Passengers.

To Captain Crrock — To Ditto of the Phenix permitting him to receive on board as passengers to England Lieutenant J. Hall of the 36th Lieutenant James Veitch of the 72d and Lieutenant D. Hill of the 75th Regiments.

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11th To Commander of the Camden - directing him not to permit the French Cartel Ship to put to sea, unless leave be given to her Commander for that purpose. -

To Captain Dance

To Ditto - permitting him to receive Lieutenant H. Fraser 74th Regiment on board as passenger for England.

To Ditto -

12th Received letter from the Nabob - Entered in C. C. No 196. enclosing Copies of Letters from Tippoo Sultaun to His Highness and the Amdut ul Amrah - also of the proposed replies thereto. -

Substance of a letter from the Nabob. -

Sent, by Express, the following letters. -

Secret Department

To Mr. John Snow

Collector in the Southern Division of the Vizianagrum Zemindary.

Sir, In consequence of your Secret letter of the 2d instant to the acting Presidents of the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has resolved to adopt the measures recommended by you for establishing the authority of Government, in the event of the negotiation about to be opened with the Vackeel of Jugganaut Boopatty, proving a deception to gain time. - I enclose a letter to Captain M.Neil, or Officer Commanding the 11th Native Battalion, directing him, on receipt of it, to proceed with that Corps to Simpripilly, and on his arrival, to be guided by such instructions as he may receive from you, for his further operations. - unless he have professional reasons of objection, for which however, he will be held responsible. -

To Mr. Snow approving the measures above proposed by him - and enclosing the necessary orders to Colonel Pendergast and Captain M.Neil for Carrying them into effect. -

Herewith you will receive letters from Colonel Brathwaite addressed to the Officer Commanding in the Vizagapatam District, and to Captain M.Neil, they are left open for

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12th for your perusal, and as there are also letters to these Officers immediately from Government, the Right Honorable the President in Council leaves it to your discretion, whether the letters from Colonel Brathwaite be immediately forwarded, or detained by you, until the service for which the 11th Battalion is required, be performed. -

You will report your proceedings to the Governor in Council, in the Secret Department. -

I am,
Sir
Your most
Obedt Hble
Servt
Signed W. C. Jackson Secy
Secret Department

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To Captain McNeil
or Officer Commanding the 11th Battalion of Native Infantry on the
march to Vizianagrum.

To Captain McNeil with orders to Comply with the Instructions he may receive from Mr Snow. -

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to desire that, on the receipt of this Letter, wherever you may then be, you will immediately proceed with your Corps to Simpripilly, and follow all such instructions as you may receive from Mr John Snow, the Collector in the Southern Division of the Vizianagrum Zemindary, unless you have professional reasons of objection, for which, however, you will be held responsible. -

It is indispensably necessary that you observe the strictest Secrecy in regard to the destination of your Battalion, and that it be not communicated to any person, European or native, with the exception of Mr. Snow, who is in possession of the orders of Government, and with the exception also of Lieutenant Colonel Pendergast, to whom you will transmit

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12th a Copy of this Letter by express, with a particular recommendation to him, that the contents be kept a profound secret.—

If you stand in need of any farther equipment, Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast will furnish it to you with Secrecy, to the extent you may desire.—

I am,
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Jr.
Secrt. Department

To Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast

Or Officer Commanding the Troops in the District of Vizagapatam

Sir,

To Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast informing him of the 11th Battalion having been ordered to Sumpsilly Orders on the occasion.—

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you that, for particular reasons, an order has been sent to the Officer Commanding the 11th Battalion of Native Infantry, to proceed without the smallest delay, on the receipt of the order, to Sumpsilly, and there to follow all such instructions as he may be furnished with by Mr. John Snow, unless he shall have professional reasons of objection, for which, however, he will be held responsible.—

you are particularly enjoined to keep this letter a profound Secret, and that the utmost care be taken that the subject of it be not communicated to any Person, European or native, with the exception of Mr. Snow and Captain Mcneil. The latter has been directed, in case he stand in need of further equipment, to apply to you for it, and you are desired to furnish it, with Secrecy, to the extent he may require.—

So soon as the object be accomplished, for which the

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12th the 1st Battalion is ordered to Simpripilly, you will report your proceedings to the Officer Commanding the Army, through the Officer in Command of the Division, but not before. -

Sam,

Yrs Yrs

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

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Sent the undermentioned, letters Entered in C. C Nos.

197. 198. 199. 200. -

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.

To the Nabob acknowledging the receipt of the List due the 5th Instant. -

Ditto - Ditto

To Ditto - stating to him the Substance of Sir Paul Jodrells memorial and submitting to His Highness the Justice of complying with the Prayer of it. -

Ditto - Ditto

To Ditto - reiterating the request that he will order the removal of the Impediments thrown in the way of the Contractors at Trichinopoly - Copy of their last Complaint enclosed. -

Ditto to the Rajahs of Travancore and Cochin

To the Rajahs of Travancore and Cochin - advising them of the appointment of Lieutenant Montgomery to make purchases of horses at Cochin - and desiring they will afford him every requisite Assistance. -

Sent the following letter -

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

To Bombay advising them of Lieutenant Montgomery's appointment, as before mentioned. -

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to acquaint you that we have given permission to Lieutenant Montgomery, the Agent for

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12th for purchasing the Horses for the Company's Cavalry on this Coast, to proceed to the Cutch and Cambay Countries, if he find it necessary, in order to make arrangements with the Horse Dealers in those Countries for an annual supply of Horses to be brought to some Port on the Malabar Coast without risk to the Company.

In case Lieutenant Montgomery should stand in need of any assistance from your Government, we request you will be pleased, upon his application, to afford it to him.

We have the Honor to be,

Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servants.

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Signed Hobart
&c. Council

Dispatched also the undermentioned Letters

Entered in MS. No. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98.

To Commandant at Arnee with orders to

To Major Murray deliver over the house occupied by him to the Nabobs Amuldar at Arcot to state his Expences for Repairs which will be submitted to His Highness.

To Lieutenant Orr acknowledging his

To Lieutenant Orr merit and assiduity in constructing the map of the marches of the Ellore Detachment, sent to the Board by Captain

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12th Captain Kirkpatrick.-

To Sir Paul Jodard

To Sir Paul Jodard enclosing Copy of the Presidents' letter to the Nabob, in consequence of his Memorial.-

To Mr. Boyd

To the Master Attendant with a List of the Provisions to be furnished by him for the use of the Cartel Ship Phoenix

To Auditor General

To Auditor General with directions for paying the passage money for Captain Douglas and Lieutenants Cockburn and Coglan.-

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Commander of the Army acquainting him that the Board will support the Endeavours of Captain Dallas and Lieutenant Montgomery in their respective Agencies for the purchase of horses.-

To Lieutenant Montgomery

To Lieutenant Montgomery the nabob will be requested to remove the Impediments Complained of by him to the purchase of horses at Tripetty Fair may proceed to Cochin- and, if necessary, to the Countries North of Surat- letters for the Rajahs of Travancore and Cochin enclosed- and permitting him to draw Bills for the amount of his purchases- his Application respecting allowances, will be considered hereafter.-

To Col. Stirling

To Commandant at Ponamallee directing him to permit Mons. Marmyneau to proceed to Madras.

To Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue forwarding petitions

from

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12th from Vencat row and Ragonaud row claimants for the Jaghiredary of Arnee. -

To Commanders of the Dutton; Camden and Captains Phanix with orders to receive on board their respective Ships Captain Douglas and Lieutenants Cockburn and Coghlan, who are to have charge of the Invalids and discharged men of the King's Regiments. -

Dutton; Camden and Captains Phanix, Dance Douglas and Lieutenants Cockburn and Coghlan, Hampton, Dance and Brook. -

14 Received the following letters -

To William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary in the Military and Political Departments

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you, that, a few days after the dispatch from hence of the Letters addressed to Tippoo Sultaun with which I was entrusted, I received information that the whole of my Letter Carriers were detained at Ouricadroog, a fort belonging to Tippoo Sultaun about 8 or 10 Miles distant from hence, until the Sultauns' orders could be obtained for their further progress.

From Captain reporting that his letter Carriers had been stopped at Ouricadroog for a short time.

Upon receipt of this information I wrote to the Killedar of Ouricadroog, expressing surprize at his detention

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detention of my Hircarahs, - at the same time intimating to him that I was well apprized, from the perusal of his Masters' Letters to the Governor of the English Sirkar, that there existed no impediment to the free transmission of all Letters to his (the Sultauns') Address, and that I was therefore convinced he would shortly receive his Masters orders to discontinue such interruption of letters for the future. -

In answer the Killedar informed me, that he had given notice to the Presence (Tippoo Sultaun) of the arrival of my Hircarahs, and that he daily expected to receive orders concerning them. -

On the 9th Instant, I had a letter from the Killedar saying, that the Camel Hircarahs, in consequence of orders from the Sultaun, had set forward to Seringapatam - And this morning I received another Letter from the Killedar, acquainting me that all my other Letter Carriers had proceeded on towards Seringapatam, and that he had the strict injunctions of his Master to be careful, for the future, never to stop, for a moment, any Camel Hircarahs or others the bearers of Letters from hence to his (the Sultauns') Address. -

I have the honor to be,

Sir &c

(Signed) Gabriel Doveton

Rycottah
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14th. Received also the undermentioned letters

Entered in Mil. Nos. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104.

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

Ditto — From Ditto with a Copy of a paper of Intelligence respecting the Mauritius.—

Mr. Skardon. — From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions proposes the Shifting of the Paddy, and the Sale of some Rice in Store at Vellore.—

m Garrison Storekeeper — From Garrison Storekeeper stating that all the Bomb Proofs are occupied.—

Lieutenant Redman — From Lieutenant John Redman requesting permission to return to Europe.—

Mr. Irriano — From Resident at Nagore the Report respecting the French Convoy appears to be without foundation.—

Dispatched the undermentioned letters Entered in Mil. Nos. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111.—

Mr. Skardon — To Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions may adjust the difference in the Ballance of the accounts, submitted by him on the 6th. Instant, in the manner proposed.—

Garrison Storekeeper — To Garrison Storekeeper—directing him to send to Nagore forty Water Butts for the use of

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of the Dutch Troops. -

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General - Captain
may visit the Presidency. -

To Military Board

To Military Board - directing the Key
of the Quarters and Barracks at Vanniore. -

To Captain Dance

To Commander of the Camden - permitting
him to receive Colonel Hartley and Lieutenant Boardm
on board as passengers to England. -

To Captain Crook

To Ditto of the Phanix - directing him to
proceed on board the Cartel Ship, and Examine if there
be any Guns secreted in her hold, or ammunition
and military Stores on board. -

To Captains Dance Lampson
and Crook

To Ditto of the Camden, Phanix and
Dutton - with Lists of Charter party Passengers. -

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor - President

Edward Saunders

and

Ernst William Falkfield Esquires

Tuesday

14th October 1794

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

The President acquaints the Board

that he has reason to suspect, from information given

to him, that there are several Sums secreted on

board the French Cartel now in the Roads; and

proposes that Captain Pitman of the private Ship

Neptune, from whom the information was received

be called before the Board.

Ordered Accordingly

Captain Pitman being in consequence

called in, and the circumstance communicated to him,

the President desires to know if he have any objec-

tion to give the information upon Oath. Captain

Pitman replies that he has not; and makes the

following

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The following declaration, by which he is sworn by the President. —

Deposition of Captain Pitman on the occasion —

John Pitman, Commanding the Ship Neptune of Bengal, maketh Oath, deposeth, and saith, that on or about the Sixteenth day of September last past, being then off the Harbour of Point de Gaule, he saw a Square rigged Vessel at the distance of about 1½ Mile standing towards the Roads of the aforementioned Port — that deeming her an Enemy he stood from her, and shortly afterwards returning to Point de Gaule, he learnt that she was a French Cartel Ship from the Isle of France bound to Madras that she had landed at Point de Gaul a Native of Ceylon, who, on being interrogated by the Government, declared that there were on the hold of the said Cartel Ship twenty eight Guns. —

Sworn to before me, this
14th day of October 1794

Signed John Pitman. —

(Signed) Hobart.

Captain Pitman withdrawn.

Resolved, at the suggestion of the Presid

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President, that Captain Orrok, commanding the Honorable Company's Ship Phenix, be ordered to proceed on board the Cartel, and ascertain, by a strict examination, whether there are any Guns or Military Stores on board — Ordered also, that a Captain and thirty Sergeants from the Regiment stationed at the Presidency, do accompany Captain Orrok, for the purpose of enforcing the orders of Government, in case it should be necessary —

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board —

Hospital Board
13th October 1794

In consequence of the orders communicated in the observations of Government upon our last Proceedings, we recommend that Mr. James Richardson, Surgeon, be promoted to the Rank of Head-Surgeon and appointed to the Charge of the General Hospitals —

Hospital Board
Mr. Richardson
Head Surgeon
at Vizagapatam
standing for an
and Mr. Duncan
Vizagapatam
account — also
promotion of Mr.
lie, and that
be transferred
at the Presidency
al Hospital —
Hospital at Jan-
Dilatory
in want of
Assistants —

Approved —

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Hospital at Trichinopaly

That Mr. Charles Fleming
Surgeon, be appointed to do
duty at the Garrison of Ganjam
vice Richardson, and that
Mr. John Duncan Surgeon,
be appointed to take charge
of the Detachments of Ar-
tillery and Infantry at Pa-
ravaram vice Fleming.

We recommend that Mr.
Whitelaw Ainslie, the Assis-
tant, be promoted
to the Rank of Surgeon, to
fill up the vacancy occa-
sioned by the death of Mr.
Addenton, and continue to
do duty at Chingleput as
that Garrison has always
been the Station of a full
Surgeon. —

We Recommend that
Francis Vandergut, Subst Assis-
tant Surgeon; be appoin
to do duty at the Presid
General Hospital, Vice
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Approved. —

Ditto —

Ditto —

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Orders will be given.—

Smaller removed.

The Surgeon at Ganjam has represented to us that the Hospital at that Station is very much in want of Repair; and that the Medical Store Room, in particular, is in such a ruinous state as to be totally useless. We recommend that Government will be pleased to issue the necessary Orders on this head.—

Signed/ Jas Anderson
Physician General
" Colley S. Lucas
Chief Surgeon
" W. Raine
Head Surgeon.—

Read the following letter from Colonel Stuart.—

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c. &c.

In Council

My Lord,

From Colonel Stuart has received the Resolutions of the Bengal Government thereon in answer=ing.—

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter dated the 9th of October, enclosing for my information, a Copy of the Resolu=tions of the Supreme Government, Containing a detailed Statement of the Reasons which induced the Governor General in Council to direct the Re=call of the detachments of Bengal Artillery and the Return of the Dutch Troops offered for the Expedition against the French Islands.—

Should the Expected intelligence from the Islands &c. a fortunately prove so favorable as to justify an Attempt against them with a Reduced Force— Or should Considerations of any nature seem to render it Expedient to under=take the Expedition, with an inferior Force, to that Ori=ginally proposed for the Service— my best Efforts will be ever ready to Attempt the Enterprize, with such a Force as the Governor General in Council, influenc=ed by such Circumstances, and the then state of Politicks and the Public Resources, may think proper

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proper to allot for the purpose.

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

Madras
12th October 1794

Signed/ I Stuart
Coll. 72d Regt &c

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing letter be sent to Bengal.

Read the following letter from the Officer commanding at Pondicherry.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

President in Council.

My Lord,

I beg leave to submit to your Lordships consideration, the enclosed application from Captain French, for the same Allowances as was enjoyed by his Predecessor, at the Station of Sriancopang; and, as the indulgence of Full Batta is allowed, to the Officer Commanding the 36th Regiment, within one Mile of Trichinopoly, I request your indulgence may be extended to Captain French also.—

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

Signed/ E. Nixon.—

From Colonel Nixon—Captain French (at Sriancopang) requests full Batta.—

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To Colonel Nixon

commanding Pondicherry

Sir,

Permit me to represent, that Major Childs My Predecessor in the Cantonment of Sriancopang, was indulged with the Permission to draw Batta, during the time the 19th Dragoons cantoned there, to which Indulgence I hope you will think, I have an equal claim, and regarding which, If you are of opinion any difficulty can arise, I request the favor of you to represent this Matter in such a light as to obtain the Sanction of the Honble Board, to extend the same indulgence to me as was enjoyed by my Predecessor in this Cantonment.—

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

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Signed/ John Frenche
Capt: Commanding 72d Regt

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Granted.—

Resolved that the Senior Officer of the Cantonment at Arianoopang be permitted to draw full Batta in like manner as it was drawn by Major Child during the time he was in the Command of that Station

Read the following letters from the Military Board.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Robert Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Military Board—Opinion regarding the Indent of Stores for the Nizam—Measures taken for repairing the Mount Road—other orders complied with.—

In reply to your Lordships commands under date the 24th of September relative to His Highness the Nizams application for sundry articles from the public Stores, We have the honor to inform you that, from the present state of the Stores at the Presidency, and the deficiency of new Muskets at many of the outstations, We are of opinion new Muskets cannot be spared, and we ground this opinion on the following Statement.—

Stated proportion for Fort St. George.—36,000

Present remains including those received from England this Season } 15,169.

Wanting to complete..... 20,831.—

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We beg leave, however, to observe, that should His Highness's Agent, as heretofore, be satisfied with taking reparable Muskets, the number required can be delivered from the following places.

From the Arsenal 1400

at Vellore 800

2,200

With regard to the Field Pieces, We are of opinion that the Agent may be supplied with six Brass Field Pieces, either six or three Pounders mounted upon Pole Carriages a construction recommended by Sir Archibald Campbell when Commander in Chief upon the Coast, as eligible for Field Service - but We think that the Present state of the light Field Train does not admit of our supplying six small Field Pieces mounted on the common Carriages except such as have been repaired after having been employed during the late Mysore War, nor can Wheels be conveniently spared from the Stores, as none have been received this season from England and we now want 96,743 to complete the stated proportion for this Presidency.

We have likewise the honor to acknowledge your Lordships letter of the 30th of September

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September and beg leave to inform you that our President having communicated to us that the Officer Commanding that part of the Pioneer Corps now here, had been ordered to employ the Pioneers in the repair of the Roads, as directed by Your Honorable Board, in conjunction with twenty five Sepoys at present engaged in the Service under the orders of the Chief Engineer; and finding only six Carts employed, that he had, by an Instant on the Agent for supplying Draft and Carriage, augmented the numbers to 18, We humbly conceive the intention of your Honble Board has been so far complied with, and We have given directions to Lieutenant Colonel Geils to employ as many Sepoy Sircars as can be spared for that purpose, agreeably to your command and have likewise authorized him to Indent for Baskets and Tools in proportion. We moreover beg leave to state to your Honble Board that as Lieutenant Colonel Geils has expressed a wish that the situation of a new Road along the back of the Tank should be marked out, We recommend that the proper Officers in whose department it is to be directed to confer with Lieutenant Colonel Geils, and that you will be pleased to authorize the same as it does not appear practicable to preserve the Road which at present runs close to

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to the Back of the Tank, in any way of repair against the wet weather.

We have the honor, in reply to your Lordship's commands of the 28th Ultimo, to inform your Lordship we have directed the Committee of Works at Trichinopoly to execute the repairs required to the Garrison and Field Carriages with Timbers, Dumbuils &c. and have also ordered the Military Storekeeper at the Residency to supply the requisites Timber, agreeably to the Estimate transmitted from Trichinopoly.

We have also authorized the Committee of Works at Vellore to build the Barrack Shed required for the 34th Battalion of Native Infantry under the direction of Captain Mac Donald.—

We have forwarded to the Contractors copies of the Estimates of repairs necessary to the Officers Quarters and Soldiers Barracks at Nellore, Tanjore, and Vellum, and have directed the Contractors to execute the repairs without delay, and not to exceed the Estimates.

We have intimated to the Officer Commanding the ceded Districts North to the Cavary with your decision on Lieutenant Shadwell's Claim, in the manner we had the honor to recommend to Your Lordship in our Report of the

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The 19th Instant.

We have likewise returned to Lieutenant Colonel Baird his disbursements for building temporary Barracks for the 77th Regiment at Sowandermallie, and We have noticed to him the omission, and desired he would rectify its

We have also directed an Engineer to proceed from Fort St George to Sowandermallie for the purpose of examining the Buildings, and to report to us what will be further required to make them complete and so soon as We receive that information, We shall have the honor to submit it to your Lordship in Council.—

We have the honor to be

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Your Lordships

Signed John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" B.J. Close
" George Hall.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Port St George

My Lord

Agreeably to your Lordships

commands

From Military Board enclosing the Report required

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required by the Secret Committee of the Hon.ble Court regarding the demolition of the Works of Pondicherry — Also Bill for Ordnance Work — suggest an Application to Bengal for an Ex=ecuvette with Bed, Balls &c.a for proving Powder. — quantity of Salt Petre required for 1795 — Certificate of Stores landed from the Ships of the Season — some Flannel (stolen) wrote off the Books — recommend that their Secretary be esta=blished in his Office and receive Salaries of Pay. —

commands, under date 20th. of September, We appointed a Committee to proceed to Pondicherry, in order to examine the progress made in the demolition of the Works of that Garrison, The Committee consisting of the Senior Officer of Artillery the Quarter Master General and the Chief Engineer; but the Senior Officer of Artillery having been prevented by in=disposition from attending the two Officers men=tioned with him were ordered to form the Com=mittee. —

Herewith We have the honor to for=ward you Copy of their Report. —

We likewise have the honor to en=close a Bill from the Agent to the Contractors for Gun-Carriages, for Gun Carriages supplied for the Garrison of Tiagar; which being agree=able to the Contract Rates we recommend the payment of the same

In consequence of a recommendation from the Senior Officer of Artillery, We beg leave to request that your Honorable Board will apply to the Supreme Council at Calcutta requesting that they will give directions for the sending round to this Coast an Eprouvette with Box, Balls &c.a of the same dimension as is in use there, for proving Powder — as we are of Opinion that the

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the Bengal mode of proof, as recommended in Articles 5, 6, 87. of Section 6. under Article of Powder Manufactory, infinitely preferable to that made use of on this Establishment.

We have the honor to acquaint you in reply to your orders of the 26th. September that the quantity of Salt Petre required for Military Purposes at this Presidency for the ensuing Year amounts to nine hundred /900/ Candies. We shall pay attention to your further directions, and lay before your Honorable Board annually in the Month of August, a Statement of the probable quantity which will be required for Military purposes at the Presidency each ensuing Year.

Agreeably to the orders of Government under date the 15th. of August 1793 We have now the honor to lay before you in duplicate Certificates of the Stores landed from the Ships of the Season drawn out from the reports of the Military and Garrison Storekeepers.-

We herewith enclose also, Copy of a report given in by the Commissary General of Stores of a quantity of Flannel stolen from the Stores on the Night of the 6th. Instant and beg leave to acquaint you that we have authorized, in Pursuance

consequence

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consequence, the Writing off six pieces of Flannel from the Books should they not be recovered, and have given directions to the Commissary General of Stores to remove the Flannel from its present situation; and We are of opinion this may be done by placing some other Stores in the Armoury which may not prove prejudicial to the Arms and which may afford Room for the Flannel elsewhere.

We take the present opportunity of Soliciting your Lordships attention to an application made to us by our Secretary, and to recommend that on Account of his Adherence to his duty, and being now qualified from his length of Service to an Establishment in his Office, that he may be established therein; and We hope your Right Honble Board will consider him as Entitled to receive the Arrears of pay for the time he has acted in the Capacity of Secretary, as we understand it was so resolved in regard to Mr Read Deputy Secretary to the Revenue Board who stood in a similar predicament. We have the honor to be

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Rt Hon.ble &c.
&c.

signed John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Jn.o Richardson
" B.y Close
" W. Gent
" George Hall.

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Proceedings of a Committee of Survey appointed by the Military Board in Meeting the 26th September 1794 to examine and report upon the demolition of the Works and Public Buildings of Pondicherry.

Committee consisting of:

Members. { Lieut.t Col.l Richardson D.y M.r Gen.l President
Lieut.t Col.l Gent Chief Engineer

The Committee proceeded on the 2nd and 3d Instant to survey the demolition of the Fortifications and public Buildings of Pondicherry and Commencing at the N.E. Angle made a circuit of the N.t West South and East faces. The Bastions Curtains, Ravalins and all the detached Works, appear to them to be completely demolished and the Ditch filled up on a level with the Berm, with the Earth taken from the Ramparts and Glacis.

The Masonary round the Works have also been effectually destroyed Viz.t the Gates Bridges Grand Magazine and Guard Rooms, and the whole is in such a defenceless state that any Number of Men or Horse may march directly into any part of the Town.

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The Committee think it necessary to observe that as a Fortification of such magnitude as Pondicherry, some traces of the Ditch will still remain, as well as many rising Grounds, upon the site of the Old Works; but this We conceive cannot be of any material conse-quence considering the defenceless state of the place, and the great expence that would attend the bringing the whole to a level with the Country. And the Com-mittee are further of opinion, that the Rains at this Season, will, in some measure, effect this, as the soil is very loose and Sandy.

The following are the Buildings &c which have been destroyed Viz.t

St. Louis Gate, and Guard rooms. Madras Gate, with the Bridges, and Gate of the Ravelin, and Guard Rooms.

Pettenoir Gate and Bridges, and Gate of the Ravelin and Bombproofs

Sally port on the South side.

Grand Magazine, West face, Hospital with the ex-ception of one Ward, and surrounding Wall to Accommodate the Sick of the 3.d Regiments.

Arsenal, the Interior destroyed, and the other part nearly so.

Two Guard Rooms on the North face.

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The following Buildings are still remaining viz.t

Military Buildings

Small Magazine on the Parade containing powder
for the use of the Troops cantoned at Pondicherry

European Barracks Grand Parade

A Range of Barracks West face.

A Range of Barracks occupied by the 87th Battalion
Native Infantry

Two Guard Rooms West face

Sea Gate Guard Room

A small Range Barracks Sea face

The Marine Store Rooms

Civil Buildings

Government House

Hotel de Ordonnateur, Occupied by Mr. Skardon
Paymaster.

Palais de Justice, occupied by Lieutenant Colonel
Grant.

Mint.

Signed Jno Richardson
President

N.B. Lieutenant Davis commanding the Pioneers
is proceeding to destroy the other buildings ordered
as fast as they are evacuated.—

A true Copy
Signed William Lindsay
Deputy

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The Commissary General of Stores informs the Board that on the Night of the 8th of October some Person broke into a Casemate under the South Curtain of the Fortifications where for want of Room in the Arsenal a quantity of large Flannel was kept; and stole from thence, 9 Pieces amounting to 576 Yards. Three Pieces of which were found, by the Captain of the day, there on duty, as he was going the Grand Rounds, which have since been returned to the Arsenal; On the 8th some Remnants of Flannel supposed to be a part of that was stolen, was found in the possession of two Pensioners, which being sent with Persons with whom it was found, to the Town Major he sent them to the Main Guard. The Flannel has been removed from the Casemate, but as the Store Rooms in Arsenal, are much crouded with Hammocks Cotts &c. lately made up for the intended Expedition, it has, from necessity, been placed in the Armoury, where the Musketry is deposited, tho' the Camphor that is put amongst the Flannel to preserve it from Moths, tarnishes the Arms, and makes them very unsightly.

/Signed/ George Ball
Commy

October 9th 1794

(A true Copy)

Signed/ W. Lindley
Dep. Secy

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Minutes and Resolutions on the two preceding letters from the Military Board.—

Ordered that the Nizam's Agent be acquainted with the opinion of the Military Board respecting the Military Stores applied for by his Highness

The Board approve the measures taken for the execution of their orders relative to the repair of the Mount Road. Resolved, that the Chief Engineer do confer with Lieutenant Colonel Wells in regard to the marking out a new Road along the back of the long Tank.

Ordered that application be made to Bengal for an Ordnance with Ball, Balls &c. of the same dimension as is in use there for proving Powder, and that the Stamp Master from the Stores be written off the Books.

Ordered that the Bills of the Contractors for Gun Carriages be paid.

Resolved that Mr. James Brodie be established in the Office of Secretary to the Military Board. The reason given by the Honble Court of Directors for his removal viz. that the Salary annexed to the Station was incompatible with his standing in the Service, makes it impossible for Government to comply with the request of the Military Board, without rendering themselves liable to censure, for adopting a line of conduct

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of conduct, calculated improperly to evade the Act of Parliament— They have the less difficulty upon this subject, because Mr Brodie was permitted to act as Secretary to the Military Board, under the express condition of receiving no allowance for it, until he had served the time regulated by Law.—

Read the letter from Mr Secretary Hay dated the 5th September, and entered in Consultation the 26th September.

Ordered that an answer be given to the above mentioned letter stating that the quantity of Salt Petre (Mr Report of the Military Board) required for Military purposes at this Presidency for the ensuing Year, will amount to Nine hundred (900) Candies— that independent of this supply, a very considerable quantity (if it could be spared) would be requisite for the Convenience of the Settlement, it having been hitherto the custom to supply the wants of Individuals from the Company's Stores at a fair price— that, it might, also, in the opinion of this Government, be an object of consideration, to have always in readiness at this place, a Stock of Salt Petre, to be put on Board such of the Company's Ships as may be dispatched from hence— that, orders

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Letter from Mr Secry dated 5th Sept= tember, again read.

Substance of the reply to be given thereto— regarding the quan= tity of Salt Petre desired for.

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will be given to the Board of Trade, to state specifically the quantity required from Bengal for the consumption of this Presidency; and that, an annual Statement will in future be forwarded to Calcutta in the Month of August, of the probable quantity wanted in each Year.

Read the following letter from his Highness the Nabob (entered also in C.C. No. 24)

Translation of a Letter
From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c. &c. &c.
To the Right Honble Robert Lord Hobart Governor &c.
Fort St. George &c. &c. &c.

Dated and Received 7th. October 1794.

From the Nabob detailing the Enormities committed by the Vizeroad Rajah entreats an early and serious Attention to the subject also that Mootoo & Irlah pillay may be sent to Madras that he may place him in the Management of that County and concert measures for securing the Rajah.

Your Lordships' Arrival in this Country is an Event which has contributed to my Extreme Satisfaction; because you are endowed with Liberality and Honor and Justice, Virtues which are necessary to dissipate the Evils with which I am environed: I request therefore you will be pleased to pay an attention and a just Regard to the following Representation, and to extricate me, in my old Age from these Embarrassments. — Mootoo

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Mootu-Ram Ling, Seit Putty, Renter of Ramnad, having rented that Talookah of me, I appointed in consideration of his Youth, Mootiulah Pillah, to act as his Manager, taking from Seit Putty the usual rent Engagements, to the Conditions of which he for some time adhered. Afterwards however, when my Country was sequestered, for a time, by my Friends the Company, he, availing himself of the support of some of their Servants, evinced the Depravity of his Disposition, by bringing into action all the Evil Propensities of his Nature. —

My Friend, the Spirit and Meaning of the Treaty, concluded between me and the Marquis Cornwallis, respecting the Poligars whose Names are therein inserted, is, that the Company shall only collect the Peishcush, assigned over to them by me, but that, regarding every thing else, my hereditary Rights of Sovereignty and Government, shall, to all Intents and Purposes, be exercised over them as formerly. —

The Company's Representatives, however, have not acted up to this Import, and no sooner had Lord Cornwallis Embarked, than the Polligars had nearly acted towards me, in a manner repugnant to that Treaty! — But, I render

Praise

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Praise and Acknowledgements to the most high, Sir John Shore, a Gentleman distinguished for Goodness, Honor, Integrity and Wisdom, determined that Justice should be done me on this respect, as you have no doubt observed, from a Perusal of the Bengal Letters: With those Letters I am unac=quainted; yet, confiding as I do in Sir John Shore's Justice, I am persuaded that, such orders as he may give, in any Business submitted to his Decision, will be the pure Result of Equity and Justice: I request your attention therefore to a perusal of those Papers.

From the reputed friendly and disinterested Conduct of Sir John Shore with respect to myself, and from his just Administration of the Affairs both of Bengal and this Place, (which is acknowledged by all,) I indulged the pleasing sensation of Security nor was this Sensation inter=rupted, except by Apprehensions as to what might befall me, after Sir John Shores' Departure and who might be appointed his Successor: Praise therefore be to the Almighty, that these Appre=hensions are dispelled - that your Lordship, ornam=ted with the Virtues above described, hath been nominated to this Government, and to succeed

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to that of Bengal: this has administered comfort to my Heart, and notwithstanding my Silver Hairs, has infused into my Frame the Spirits of Youth!

The aforesaid Seit Putty's Depra=vity extends to such lengths, that he sports with the Lives of Men, the most sacred and precious Works of the Creator: having totally refused to obey my orders and regardless also of the Admoni=tions of the Governor and Council here, he directed his Oppression, unjustly and wickedly, to the Shevagunga Country, against which, having continued his Hostilities for many Months, twelve hundred Men, in consequence have lost their Lives.—I would not myself, to be Sultaun of the Universe, quit away a Single Life, unjustly with what painful Sensations then, must I have passed my Time, during the perpetration of such Enormities?!

Desisting at length from Murdering my Subjects by fighting, he set about other means of Destruction, by preventing the Sale of every Kind of Provisions, whether to Ryotts, Travellers or Artificers, in those Talooks— and while thousands of Men, Women and Chil=dren have, in consequence perished, others have

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fled to the neighbouring Places to save their Lives.

No Enemy ever behaved to any Country, in the Manner this petty Renter of mine hath done, who in violation of my Orders, and instigated by certain evil Advisers, has thus manifested his Wickedness.

I therefore request, in the most earnest manner, that you will be pleased to send strong Injunctions to Colonel Maitinz and Mr. Powney the Collector, for sending Pla Pillah to me, under the greatest care - and after his Arrival, I shall take Measures to secure Seit Putty, within the Fort of Rammad, without the Loss of a single Life - I shall appoint Mooterla Pillah to the Management of the Rammad Country, upon the Conditions specified in the former Muckilk and I shall place Edabar Khan Bahadur to superintend the District, so that, under the Blessing of Providence, no Failure may accrue, in the Payment of the Company's Peishcush Thus, the People may be Liberated from the Injuries and Oppressions of a Tyrant, and enjoy Repose - I may be relieved from the degrading Predicament of not being able

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to exercise the Right of my Government, over
an inconsiderable Subject, which exposes me
to the ridicule of my Equals - and Your Lord=
=ship's Justice shall accordingly be celebrated
Consider me as waiting with
the most anxious Expectation for the Settle=
=ment of this Business.-

What shall I add more?

A true Translation
(Signed) A. Falconar
Persian Translator

Minute thereon.

Ordered that the consideration of
the foregoing Letter be deferred until an
answer be received to the Letter written to the
Rajah of Ramnad by the Right Honorable
the President.-

Bill for Musical Instruments for the use of the Garrison Band ordered to be laid.-

The Secretary lays before the
Board a Bill presented to him by the Town
Major

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Major for instruments purchased for the use of the Band belonging to the Garrison amounting to Pagodas one hundred and ten (110)

Ordered that the Bill be discharged.

" Hobart

" Edwd Saunders

" Chas Floyer

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Exd Geo. Parry
Actg Sy

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Diary

15th

Sent letter to the Nabob entered in C. C. No. 202

Substance of a letter to Nabob.

requesting that all Horses coming for Sale into the Carnatic may be exempted from Duties, and that there may be no impediments on the part of the Circar Servants to purchases for the Company at the annual Fair at Tripetty.

Sent also the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 112 113.

Captain Du Teroy

To Commander of the Cartel Ship requiring his Parole of honor that he will not touch at any Port on India in his Voyage to the Mauritius unless thro' Stress of Weather.

Mons.r Tournair

To Mons.r Tournair permitting him to embark on the Cartel Ship.

Received the following letter

William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Secretary to the Right Honble the Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the

of the Right Honble the Governor in Council,

From President at Hyderabad to the Deficiencies the Artillery Company and Serjeant of Subalterns for three Battalions with Copy of Public Letter from him Enclosed

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15th a letter under date the 14th September which I have received from Major Roberts, stating the deficiencies of the Artillery Company, and the want of Subaltern Officers for the Duties of the 28th and 29th Battalions.—

On this subject it can only be necessary for me to mention that it appears to be particularly desireable just now that the Detachment should be completed in every respect as soon as possible: since incase of a War between this State and the Mahrattahs it may reasonably be expected that our Troops will have ample employment in maintaining the internal tranquility of the Country which, as usual on such occasions, will, most probably, be a good deal disturbed by the attempts of refractory Zemindars and Banditte to take advantage of the event.—

I have the honor to enclose for the notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council Extract of my letter of this date to the Governor General, and to be

Bider
11th October 1794

&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick

Captain

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No 15

Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court

Sir,

As the Detachment I have the honor to command, is, I apprehend, considered to be ready for any — Service whenever called on, I think it a duty incumbent on me to point out to you Sir any defects in the Corps, or Departments of it, for which purpose I beg leave to — transmit you a letter, with a present state of the Artillery Company, addressed to me by Captain Bell, the Commanding Officer of it, and to observe the mode alluded to in his letter of supplying the deficiencies in his Company, is — instead of drafting, regular trained Artillery Men from either of the Artillery Corps, what we have lately received have been picked up, indiscriminately, at Madras and — sent up with a Passport from the Adjutant General many of whom never had a sponge staff in their hands. The Carriages of the Guns and Tumbrils are, also, from long, and constant use, rendered unfit for field Service, but I have just received a letter from the Secretary of the Military Board informing me that new ones are ordered from the Presidency, which I hope will arrive before

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15th we shall have occasion for them. —

Since March 1793, until our arrival at this — place the 30th. May last. the Detachment has been — constantly marching about in various parts of his Highness's Dominions, exposed, in Tents, to a variety of Seasons and Climates — This, Sir, with the whole of the Detachment — Staff standing appointed to these two Sepoy Corps frequent- -ly, and indeed, generally, has rendered them very defective in European Officers, as may be seen by referring to the Returns I have had the honor to transmit you but — cannot be better exemplified than by the present state of the 29th. Battalion Captain Dalrymple being ordered to Madras there only remains with the Corps one — Lieutenant and Adjutant, and three Lieutenants the former, and one of the latter, sick, so that, should we be ordered on Service a Corps of near 800 Men would be in — charge of two Lieutenants neither of whom have been must above three Years in the Service — In the Carnatic and most parts of the Honorable Company's Districts if a Corps or Detachment is ordered on service it may be easily completed with Officers from other Corps which is not the case with a Detachment serving with his Highness the Nizam. — I have the honor to be &c.

Signed George Roberts

To

Rungapore
1st September 1794

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To. Major George Roberts

Commanding the Detachment Serving with his Highness the Nizam

Sir,

I think it indispensibly necessary, at this period, to lay before you a particular state of the Company of Artillery under my Command, and to inform you, Sir, at the same time that the mode taken to supply the deficiency that must undoubtedly occur in the course of Service, will render it in a certain period without a regular trained, or finished Artillery Man in it.—

Were the Detachment, so situated, and the means afforded, it would give me much satisfaction in the performance of a Duty which every Artillery Man should be made perfectly acquainted with.—

I have the honor to be

&c

/Signed/ John Bell

Captain Artillery

Present

Camp Rungapoor

September 12th 1794

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Present State of Captain Bell's Company of Artillery

Camp near Rungapoor
12th September 1794

	Commissioned Officers				N.C. Drums Rank & file			
	Captain	Lieutenant	Fireworker	Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Fifers	Matrosses	Total
Present for Duty	1	"	2	2	5	7	1	1	23	39
Sick Present	—	"	2	"	3	"	3	"	"	9	15
Sick Absent											1
Total Strength	1	2	2	5	5	10	1	1	33	55
Wanting to complete present Establishment											29

N.B. Regularly trained 8 Non Commissioned 12 Rank and file - Dismissed Drill and Fired Powder - 2 Non Commissioned and 21 Rank and file - the Remaining, 8 Men joined the Company lately from the Infantry, and consequently know very little of Artillery Duty. —

In arrest one Lieutenant
Fireworker included in present for duty. —

/Signed/ John Bell
Captain Artillery

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M. 25. October 94

True Copies
/Signed/ Willm Stewart
Assistant

Extract

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Extract of a letter from the Resident at Hyderabad to the Honorable the Governor General dated 5. October 1794

"2. A few days ago Mustakeem ud Dowlah communicated to me a letter that had just been received from Meer Ali Russain, an Extract from which is enclosed and marked No. 1."

"3 It seems so extraordinary that the Officers of Tippoo Sultaun should hesitate in the manner they are said to do with respect to receiving charge of Hinchenbal that there is some difficulty in believing the representations of Meer Ali Hussain on this subject. It is however, but fair to own that I cannot discover any better grounds for this distrust than what are afforded by the improbability of the fact. The Durbar declares itself willing to approve its sincerity in the affair in whatever way I please: and has taken this occasion of renewing its proposition for the deputation of some person on the part of our Government, in order both to witness its readiness to deliver up Hinchenbal and to assist generally in the adjustment of the boundary disputes. To this demand I have replied that, as it does not appear how such an appointment could promote even the former of these purposes, without the concurrence of Tippoo Sultaun, and an intercourse with his Officers

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15.. "Officers, and as this Prince had not yet manifested any
"desire for our good Offices on the occasion, such a measure
"necessarily continued to be impracticable." —

Above Extract

(Signed) Willm. Stewart

Assistant.

Translate of Extract of a Letter from Meer Ali Hussain
Khan the Aumil of Kanneegherry to Mustakeem ud Dowlah
dated the 12th. September 1794. —

For the purpose of delivering the Post of
Hinchinhal to the Talookdars of Tippoo Sultaun, I sent a
Vackeel Eight Months ago to Babbee Jung, but as yet
they have not accepted the Post, or released the Vakeel,
they keep the latter with them, and the Hircarrahs who go
to the said Talookdars never return: they are stopped at the
Gates - Bubbee Jung is gone to Seringapatam, his Deputy
resides at Huply, God knows what he writes to his Master,
and what answers are returned to him. —

Above Translation

(Signed) Wm. Stewart

Assistant

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18. Received the following Letter.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of Madras &c. &c.

From Commander of the Cartel
Ship in reply to the Letter above
noted.

My Lord,

I yesterday received the Letter your Lordship did

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18th did me the honor to send me — in which you inform me — that I will not be allowed to leave Madras without having preciously given my word of honor, that I will go direct to the Isle of France, and that I will not put into any port excepting from stress of weather — I was in expectation My Lord, that Governor Malartics Despatches, and the — honorable manner in which he has conducted himself in regard to this Cartel, would have sufficed to have gained the confidence of the English Government — and I was far from thinking that I would have been — forced to take steps so little correspondent with those hopes and expectations — There is, My Lord, another thing that has equally astonished me, on perusing your Lordships letter — You neither take any notice of the time of my departure, nor does your Lordship mention the number of Prisoners to be given to me in exchange for those I brought — Those are my main objects — and your Lordship will find me ready to satisfy you in any point of ceremony, provided it tends towards expediting my departure, however injurious it be to my own feelings. —

I am. My Lord, with Respect
&c &c &c
/Signed/ Dufourq
Commander of the Cartel

Madras
17th October 1794

A true Translation
/Signed/ G. Buchan
French Translr.
Received

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Received also the undermentioned Letters entered in M.P.B. Nos. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. —

From Mr. Webb.

From Mr. N. Webb returning the Security Bonds for Mr. Paymaster Hughes, duly executed. —

From Lt. Chas. Mallet

From Resident at Poonah advising of his having furnished one Soobgun at the request of Dowlut Row Scindia with a letter to the President.

From Major Young

From Major Younge requesting leave to visit Madras. —

From Captain Torin

From Captain Lieutenant Torin. Ditto to go to Bombay. —

From Lieutenant Mr. Dowall.

From Lieutenant Andrew Mr. Dowall requesting payment of certain Arrears. —

Petition of Hog Hill Inhabitants

Petition from the Hog Hill Inhabitants requesting payment of their Claims. —

From Colonel Nixon

From Commandant at Pondicherry advising of his having discovered certain Military Stores secreted in a Godown belonging to one Poonapah Chitty. —

From Ditto

From Ditto Mons.r De Rabines requests permission to go to the Mauritius, on the Cartel Ships.

From Colonel Floyd

From Ditto at Trichinopoly proposing certain Repairs which were omitted in the Estimate prepared in April last. —

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.P.B. Nos. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. —

To

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To Secretary at Bengal — enclosing Copy of a

To Mr. Secretary Hay

letter from Colonel Stuart. —

To Acting Commissary General of Grain and

To Mr. Shaw

provisions — the Store of Grain proposed for the Garrisons

in the Guntoor Circar to be provided — and the Paddy at

Vellore to be shifted. —

To Mons.r Haubert — permitting him to reside

To Mons.r Haubert

six Months at Madras — after which the Lease will be —

renewed, if he appear to merit such Indulgence. —

To Collector in the Guntoor Circar — directing

To Mr. Rous

him to assist Mr. Lennox in procuring a supply of —

Grain for the different Garrisons. —

To Mr. Conolly — directing him receive certain

To Mr. Conolly

fit objects into the Lunatic Hospital. —

To Auditor General — the Senior Officer Commanding

To Auditor General

at Arrancoupang to be allowed full Batta. —

To Military Board — their different recommenda-

To Military Board

-tions of the 3.d and 9.th instant will be complied with —

Mr. Brodie established as their Secretary — but no —

Allowances for the period he has acted can be granted

being contrary to the act of Parliament — the Hospital

at Ganjam and it's Store Room to be repaired. —

To Commander of the Army — Lieutenant

To Colonel Braithwaite

Hughes's application inadmissible being under reference

to the Court of Directors. —

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To Ditto — To Ditto desiring his opinion whether the removal of the French Officers to Poonamallee militate against the Capitulation of Pondicherry. —

To Captain Torin — To Captain Torin permitting him to proceed to Bombay. —

To Lieutenant Redman — To Lieutenant Redman Ditto to Europe.

To Colonel Sterling — To Commandant at Poonamallee Mons.r Reviere to be permitted to come to Madras to embark on the Cartel. —

To Ditto — To Ditto Mons.r Megrand permitted to return to Pondicherry. —

To Board of Revenue — To Board of Revenue referring for investigation the Claim of the Ranee of Ramnad to the Government of that Province her memorial enclosed. —

To Captain Orrok — To Commander of the Phenix committing to his charge a Box of Cinnamon for the Court of Directors

To Ditto — To Ditto permitting him to receive Lieutenant Vaughan on board, as passenger for Europe.

To Colonel Collins — To Commandant at Vellore directing him to appoint a Committee to inspect the Bengal Rice in Store there. —

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Sent the following letters

To Lieutenant General Malartie

Governor General of the French Islands of Mauritius and Bourbon

To General Malartie in reply to his letter proposing an exchange of Prisoners. the reinstatement of British prisoners on board Ship at the Islands noticed.

Sir,

I have been honored with your Excellency's

several

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several letters of the 18th 21st and 23d of August last by the hands of Captain Du Fourg, Commander of the French Cartel the Phenix, and should have had great pleasure in paying attention to your request regarding an exchange of prisoners, if I had not been informed that the number actually delivered on the part of the British Government far exceeded that transmitted hither in the three Cartels including the Prisoners liberated and sent to America as mentioned in List. No 5. I am not authorized to accede to any demand for the general release of Prisoners of War, but if it can be shewn that more have been delivered by you, than what have been sent to the Islands, I shall be well disposed to equalise the number your Excellency has made no mention of the number of French Officers and Men captured by Commodore Michell, and sent to the Mauritius on a Dutch Cartel; and I have had no opportunity of procuring the account from that Officer but I learn, from General Report, that the number does not fall short of four hundred; and, if to this be added, the men belonging to the Duguay Trouen landed on one of the Sechelle Islands, by Captain Newcome, and the Officers permitted to proceed to Europe and the Islands, on their Parole, by the British Governments in India, there can remain no doubt of the balance being greatly on the side of

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No. 20 England.

To any request of your Excellency in favor of particular Individuals, I shall be at all times ready to pay attention, and on this principle I have given permission to Captain Trehouart and Mons.r Riviere, to return to the Mauritius on the Cartel; — this permission would also have been extended to Mess.rs Mollet and Marchand but the former is a Prisoner to the Dutch Government and the latter is absent from the Coast. — Mons.r Mamyneau has likewise received my sanction for his return to the Isle of France on the Cartel. —

I observe your Excellency's recommendation in favor of Mons.r Renaud permit me to assure you that my protection shall not be with held from him, so long as he conducts himself with propriety. —

I trust your Excellency will be satisfied with the reasons I have urged against the delivery of the French Officers and other Prisoners in the possession of this Government the duties of my public station influenced the measure, and I had no choice for determination. —

From causes which I cannot explain to your Excellency at this time, I have been under the necessity of detaining the Cartel Ship a few days longer than I would have wished, considering the season of the Year.

It has been with great concern that I have understood that the British Prisoners at the Isle of

France

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20th Prisoners are, by order of the convention, not suffered to go on shore — such treatment greatly aggravates the misfortune of Captivity, and if I do not hear of its discontinuance it may compel me, tho with the most sincere reluctance, to adopt a system of retaliation. —

I have the honor to be with distinguished consideration

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&c &c
(Signed) Hobart

P.S. I have also granted permission to Mons.r Roumain to embark on the Cartel Ship agreeably to his request.
(Signed) Hobart

To Edward Hay Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
at
Fort William.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 5th ultimo, and to acquaint you that by a Report from the Military Board, it appears that the quantity of Salt Petre required for Military purposes at this Presidency for the ensuing year will amount to nine hundred (900) Candies - Independent of

To Secretary at Bengal relative to the quantity of Salt Petre lately applied for and regarding one of Spunnetta, with Red &c. for proving powder, may be sent to the Cond.

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No. 20. of this supply, a very considerable quantity, if it could be spared, would be requisite for the convenience of the Settlement, for it has hitherto been the custom to supply the wants of Individuals in the article from the Company's Stores at a fair price - and it might also, in the opinion of this Government, be an object of consideration, to have always in readiness at this place a Stock of Salt Petre to be put on board such of the Company's Ships as may be dispatched from hence to Europe.

I am further directed to acquaint you that orders have been given to the Board of Trade to state specifically the quantity of Salt Petre required from Bengal for the consumption at this Presidency, and that an annual Statement will in future, be forwarded to Bengal in the Month of August, of the probable quantity wanted in each Year.

I have the honor to inclose, extract of a letter from the Military Board, and to request, for the reasons stated therein, that the Governor General in Council will be pleased to give directions for sending to the Coast on Procurette with Bed, Balls, &c. of the same dimension as is in use at Bengal for proving powder.

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

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To Captain Du Tourq

Commanding the Cartel Ship

Phenix

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant, and to acquaint you that his motives for withholding the French Officers and other Prisoners in the possession of this Government are particularly explained in his Lordship's reply to the dispatches from General Malartic, of which a Copy is herewith transmitted, for your information — With respect to the detention of your Ship, particular Circumstances have, hitherto, rendered it unavoidable; but, as every objection to your return will be shortly removed, permission for your departure will not be delayed longer than may be necessary.

The accompanying List of Prisoners, brought on the Cartel from the Islands, was delivered by the Commissary, to the Town Major, to which the Right Honorable the Governor has affixed his Signature agreeably to the request of General Malartic.

I am &c &c

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Secy. to Govt.

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To Commander of the Cartel inclosing for his information Copy of the letter to General Malartic also a Receipt for the prisoners brought by him.

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To Captain Dance

Sent letter to Commander of the Camden
Entered in MBS No. 140 enclosing a letter received by express
from Bengal, for Europe.

Received the following Letter

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Masulipatam stating that the Nizam's Durbar Agent there has declined receiving the sum ordered in Gold at the Bazar Exchange.

We are duly honored with the Receipt of the Orders communicated to us in your Lordships letter of the 17th Ultimo, and in the course of a few days afterwards, we also received a letter from the Resident at Hyderabad, a Copy of which we herewith enclose, and your Lordship will thereby observe, that Captain Kirkpatrick was of opinion that the Money, to be paid to the Nizam in Gold, should only be tendered at the Bazar Exchange. His Highness's Agent, named Runchore Doss, was accordingly informed, that the Money in question was ready to be paid him, at the Bazar Exchange, but to this he replied, that the authority he had received, only enabled to receive payment in Silver, and finding that the Money could not be paid by us in Rupees he had written to the Minister at Hyderabad, for further orders, and was in daily expectation, of an answer. Having waited thus long, and as the answer expected by Runchore Doss is not yet received, we think it our Duty to acquaint your Lordship with the circumstances that have prevented the payment of the Money ordered, lest it might appear that we

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20th we had neglected it.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Robert Gardiner
" Andrew Scott

Masulipatam
12th October 1794

Robert Gardiner Esqre
Chief and Council
Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant.

The Governor General in Council having signified to me that the Nizams Peishcush was, in future, to be paid in Gold, at the Bazar exchange of the day, whenever there should happen to be a difficulty in discharging it in Silver, I communicated the same to his Highness's Minister, who most probably would be disappointed should any hesitation occur on this score in the payment, to the Durbar Agent / Runchore Dos / at Masulipatam of the Kist due on the 31st March 95.

Such having been the determination of the Supreme Government I need scarcely add that I conceive it to be absolutely necessary that whatever portion of the above Kist you may be obliged to pay in Madras Pagodas should be tendered to Runchore Dos at the Bazar exchange

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20. exchange of the day, at Masulipatam. —

Bedar
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I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Wm. Kirkpatrick

A true Copy
(Signed)
R. Malcolm Secretary

Received the undermentioned letters —
entered in MB. Nos 1141 1142 1143 1144. —

From Major Murray — From Commandant at Arnee — requests to decline charging the Nabob for the repairs made to his house, since he has occupied it Rent free. —

From Mr. Sharden — From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — enclosing his Estimates for November.

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell — From Commandant at Palamcotah requesting advances of Cash, for executing the Repairs of — Quarters there. —

From Captain Dance — From Commander of the Camden — acknowledging receipt of the letter from Bengal.

21st Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos 1145 1146 1147 1148 1149 150 151 152. —

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To Mr. Secretary Hay — To Secretary at Bengal — enclosing Copy of the only documents on record, concerning the case of Captain Reid, late of the Hampshire. —

To Ditto — To Ditto — enclosing Copy of the letter written to Captain Smith, of the Success. —

To Ditto — To Ditto — with Copies of the General — letters to England per Camden — and of Intelligence — from Mysore. —

To Ditto — To Ditto forwarding a letter from the Nabob to the Governor General. —

To Mr. G. P. Cooke — To Mr. G. P. Cooke — permitting him to — embark on the Cartel Ship for the Mauritius, for the benefit of his Health. —

To Auditor General — To Military Auditor General — forwarding the Estimates of the Paymaster General, Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, and Principal — Agent for Bullocks for November.

To Mr. Hawkins — To Paymaster at Trichinopoly — transmit- -ting for Execution his Security Bond. —

To Captain Smith — To Commander of the Success — with instruc- -ons for his proceeding to Bengal to bring down such quantity

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21st quantity of Spirituous Liquors as may be tendered to him by Mr. Cochrane's Agent.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Falloseild Esqr.

Tuesday
25th October 1794

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following letters from Colonel Nixon.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council Fort St George

My Lord

From Colonel Nixon sends two papers one regarding the Disposal of the fine of 1200 Pagodas the other shewing the exclusive right of the right hand Cast to carry the white Flag.

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 4th Instant and am much concerned to find, the left hand Cast have given me so indifferent an introduction to your Lordships' acquaintance, it was not till after a long investigation, and the examination of many respectable ancient People here, that they were amerced in the Sum of Pagodas 1,200, which themselves had agreed to pay, in the event of their being in the wrong, or the cause of the Riots, that happened on the 31st day of July last, and which I conceived to be a part of my Duty, to punish the Ringleaders of — it is plain and evident, that upon that day, they arrogated to themselves the honors of carrying the White Flag, which appertains exclusively to the Right hand Cast and which the Chitties well Know, notwithstanding they set up for an equality which has always produced Disturbances

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Disturbances, but was never permitted in any part of India, indeed in many parts of it, a man of the left hand Cast travelling, durst not pass through the Villages, but go by a circuitous Route, for fear of the Punishment, incident to such a Breach of their Laws and Customs, nor is a man of the left hand Cast at this day, permitted to set down in presence of one of the right hand, who certainly have the superiority, of Distinction, at all their Festivals, in all Places — But that I may not trespass on your time, I take the liberty to enclose two Papers, the first N° 1, regards the disposal of the Pagodas 1,200, which will evince I had no view to my own Interest in the Fine, the Distribution of which, has been delayed on account of some Reports that prevailed, of the Chitties having raised a Sum of Money, to Prosecute this cast business, which they seem to be obstinately bent on carrying their own way — The other Paper N°2 precludes them from carrying the white Flag, which after consideration and being advised of it's legality, I directed to be put up in the Pagoda here, with a view to prevent all future Dissensions, in the conducting of their Ceremonies, if they shall chuse to make any here — in regard to my Dubash Sam fully of Opinion, that he is no way criminal if his acting as Interpreter, does not render him so, I request the favor of you, My Lord in Council to excuse my saying any thing in answer to that part of the Petition, which mentions Captain Everend, until his return from Trichinopoly, which is expected in a few days, when you shall obtain every satisfaction and information, regarding the Petition which has been submitted to your Consideration, and which, had it been conveyed thro' me, might have gone accompanied, with it's explanations. — I have the honor to be

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Yr &c
Hyndy E Nixon
Colonel

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Colonel Nixon being anxious that the twelve hundred Pagodas which the left hand Cast have been sentenced to pay, should be applied to charitable purposes. and having done me the honor to consult me as to the distribution of them, I take the liberty to state my opinion, as follows. —

There are in this place a number of European families and children of European families, or even Topasses, who are in the greatest want — I would give to that class 450 Pagodas which Sum should be sub divided according to the number of individuals in each family — I would lay before Colonel Nixon a plan of this method of distribution - and would deliver according to his orders, the money to each person - I would only include in my division such as are in the most absolute want, which class is not very numerous —

with regard to the 750 remaining Pagodas, I would give every month 50 Pagodas to be distributed at the rate of 4 7/12 fanams p day at the Missionary's church door, among the poor Natives - and I would give this money in charge to the priests that belong to the church — I would further give every month a like Sum to two natives chosen by the head men of the Right hand Cast in order to it's being in like manner distributed at the door of the Pagodas among the natives who may be in want — and finally I would give 50 Pagodas p month to two Natives chosen by the head men of the Left Hand Caste in order to their being distributed at the door of the Pagodas of the Left Hand Caste —

A distribution of this sort would alleviate the sufferances of the unfortunate and distressed people in this city, during at least the rainy season - and all the inhabitants would greatefully feel the happy influence of Colonel Nixon's Goodness —

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Goodness. If Colonel Nixon should approve of the proposed arrangement; he might give Orders for depositing the Money in the Police Office - I would certainly make it my duty to see that his benevolent plans were put in execution - and that there was no abuse of the Trust - I think, even, that in so doing I would only discharge a duty altogether incumbent on the head of the Police. — /Signed/ Dumeron, chief of the Police

Pondicherry 12th Sept. 1794

A true Translation
/Signd/ G Buchan
French Translator

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Extract from the Registers of the Superior Council of Pondicherry
27th September 1794

The Court have this day read Colonel Nixon's letter dated 23d of this Month, addressed to the President — In it Colonel Nixon requires that the Court should register the decision he passed the 10th Instant, relative to the Contest between the Right Hand Cast and left hand Cast about the different honors appertaining to each, and about the previlege of using the white flag - a Translation of it has been made out by M Fairay —

All Considered - the Court have first of all required the said M Fairay to declare that his Translation, is true - which he has done Immediately — and the Court have further decreed that the said decision shall be registered in order to its being put in execution according to its form and tenor: —

The Tenor of the said decision is, as follows —

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There having been for this long time past violent disputes between the Right Hand Cast and Left hand Cast, about the honors appertaining to each Cast in their religious

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procession, and about the white flag, the privelege of using which seems to us after strict examination to belong exclusively to the Right Hand Cast, tho' the left Hand Cast have without any valid Claim endeavoured to assume it, to the great danger, on 31st July last, of the lives of many peaceable Inhabitants,- There having been we say violent disputes - we inorder that the justness of all those claims may be henceforth well ascer=tained, and inorder that the public peace be no longer interup=ted by any such serious quarrels respecting the white flag do hereby declare that the privilege of using the white flag does exclusively belong to the Right Hand Cast - and that the left Hand Cast has a right to carry the following Colours in their processions viz.t Red, Blue, Green and Yellow, which colours may be ornamented with white - But the Left hand Cast is positively prohibited from using a flag altogether white, under pain of punishment. —

I beg that the President and the other Members of the Council will have the goodness to register the above Ordinance. — /Signed/ E Nixon

Made out and approved of in the Superior Council of Pondicherry - 27th September 1794

By the Superior Council

/Signd/ Collondont Chief Register

a True Translation

/Signd/ G Buchan French Translator

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

From Colonel Nixon - forwarding a Petition from the right hand Cast - & observations on the occasion -

My Lord,

I had the honor of addressing a Letter lately to your Lordship, on the subject of the Left hand Cast Petition

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Petition, to invalidate many Assertions therein contained, I now take the liberty of enclosing a Petition from the Right Hand Cast, it is notorious, that whatever the left hand Cast assert, or whatever they may exhibit in their own favor, they never have been held or esteemed, to be upon any footing or equality with the Right hand Cast, but have been heretofore Fined Confined and Punished in this place, for assuming Honors and Distinctions, not appertaining unto them; of many instances which might be adduced, I shall trouble you, with but three - In the time of the Government of Mr. Dupleix in Pondicherry, a Chetty fellow, in violation of the Rules and Customs of the Cast, rode a White Horse thro' the Town, for which he was imprisoned, punished and fined Six Thousand Rupees In the Government of Mr Law, the Chitties feed two Gentlemen belonging to the Choultry Court with the Sum of three Thousand Pagodas, to intercede with the Governor, to obtain for them some immunities and Distinctions, in the performance of their Ceremonies, in which they so far succeeded, as to obtain an order from the Governor, to equalize them with the Right hand Cast, and to abolish in this Town, the Distinctions they had complained of in consequence of this Order, one of the left hand Cast, made a Marriage, erected a great Pandal at an immense Expense, and was proceeding in his Ceremony, when the Right Hand Cast People rose, set fire to his Pandal, broke his Palanquins, plundered the Houses of the Chitties, and excited such Tumults and Mutiny in the Town, that the Governor, seeing the Error he had been led into immediately repealed the Order - In the Month of July last, the leading men of both Parties, came to the Government House to me, representing, that they had united in Friendship to perform a Ceremony in that Month, and had signed mutual Articles of agreement, which was lodged in the Police, I accordingly consented to their Request, and cautioned them against disturbing the Public tranquility of the Town, and granted them a Party of Sepoys to do honor to their

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Procession, no sooner however had their Images come out of the Pagodas, than Tumult, Riot and Noise and Fighting ensued, and which, but for the timely interposition of the Police, might have ended in Murder and Bloodshed. their Ceremonies were stopt, before they were half performed, and returned to their Pagodas, and so well convinced were the Chittis of their having been the authors of this Disturbance, and so apprehensive of being plundered as heretofore, that their women and Children stript themselves of their Joys, and buried them, together with their money, and other valuables, within their houses, some of the Ringleaders, as I mentioned before, were confined and Punished, and the Head men of both sides entered into Penalty Bonds to forfeit Pagodas ₹200 and into which Agreement, they introduced my Name, without my knowledge or Consent, probably with some view, however that may be, I adjudged the Chittis, to be in the wrong, of course they were bound to pay the Penalty, which, from the beginning, I had consigned to Charitable uses, and for the Relief of the distressed Poor here, but as matters stand it shall wait your Orders for it's distribution.

I have the honor to be
&c &c,
Signed Eccles Nixon

Pondicherry
9th October 1794

To Colonel Nixon
Commandant at Pondicherry

The humble Petition of the Right Hand Cast, represented by the undersigned.

Whereas the Pagodas of Vedapouris parer and Vada=
=rasaperoumal have been in this city from time immemorial
In them the Right Hand Cast have continually celebrated their
festivals

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festivals, with all the Ceremonies thereto apperlaining; as prac=
=ticed throughout India, but more especially on the Coromandel
Coast - nor had the Right Hand Cast ever been interrupted by any
intrusion on the part of the Left hand Cast - who on the contrary, when
in 1690 they came from the extremity of the Country to settle at
Pondicherry, so far recognised the previdleges of the former / the Right
Hand Cast /, that they requested their consent to their forming to
themselves / the Left Hand Cast / a Settlement - and Accordingly
the Right Hand Cast allotted them Three separate Streets - Ever
since the year 1690 - when at any time the Left Hand Cast have been
about to pay homage to their Gods; they have been always under
the necessity of previously begging the permission of the Right Hand
Cast, so to do - and when at any time, they have been about to go out of
the city in procession, they have been always forced to fulfill every condition
imposed on them - The Ordinances of 1721 and 1730 prove clearly the
above Truth - There is too an Ordinance of 22d June 1742, which distinctly
specifies the insignia they must use in their processions — Till the
year 1768, the Left Hand Cast never in the least deviated from the
prescribed Regulations - nor ever ventured to assume undue pre=
=veleges; such as the white Flag, the white parasol, or the white horse -
previleges, that belong solely to the Right Hand Cast - But at that
period, they begun to carry their views higher; and even insisted on the
full enjoyment of all the prerogatives of the Right Hand Cast - Every
one knows that they endeavoured to accomplish their schemes by
profusely squandering away money - But this, they did without
success - It is true, the Council on 15th July 1768 passed a decree regard=
=ing the arms, the tambours the fifes, and the lances of the Casts; -
which estatlished a sort of equality between the Right Hand Cast
and the left hand Cast — But at the same time, the Council was
well aware of interfering with the exclusive privilege of the Right
Hand Cast, to use the white flag - the Left Hand Cast, however,
in consequence of that decree thought themselves authorised to hoist

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the white flag in the marriage of Sasavane Patien — when they assumed different insigna, to which they had not the smallest claim — But there ensued such an universal clamour and confusion, that Mr Law, who was then Governor, was obliged to declare that the old customs in regard to marriages honorary ceremonies &c^a, should be thenceforth re-established — By which declaration the Left hand Cast was expressly prohibited from making any kind of innovation — From that period the Left hand Cast and the Right Hand Cast did not carry their Gods in procession, more than two or three times, till the month of June last, when they again wished to perform the ceremony — It was first of all necessary, to obtain the consent of the chief of the Police, who granted it them, on condition that they should maintain, without alteration, the customs observed till 1768. and a writ was accordingly made out the 29^th of July, expressive of his desire, and assented to — On the 30^th of the same month, the procession took place — the Left Hand Cast, who preceded the Right Hand Cast in direct opposition to the writ, made use of the white parasol and white flag — The Right Hand-cast immediately gave information of it to your Dubash, who gave orders to the Naynar to ask them if they were permitted to assume marks of distinction to which they were not originally entitled Upon that, the parasol and flag were removed — But, shortly after, they were again displayed — the Right Hand Cast then found themselves under the necessity of wresting those insignia from their hands — and of delivering them, the insignia, over to the Police — In this manner did the contest now submitted to your decision take its rise — The Left hand Cast laid their complaints before M^r Dufumeron — and, in their Request to him of 11^th of august, they pray him to take the opinion of well informed people, on this matter — making it totally indifferent whether or not they be of the same religion with themselves — after the different proofs that they have been brought before you, Sir — how unjust must you find the Claims of the Left Hand Cast! — In fact, all the time they were in possession of those priveleges they now so ardently wish to obtain, there was nothing but perpetual confusion — Those are privileges that have ever appertained exclusively to the Right

Hand

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Hand Cast — and in regard to previleges, or honors, where title dues are wanting, use is the only Rule by which you can abide ——

The left hand Cast further requires that the Cast of the Vannicers should be joined with them, nor shall we here endeavour to find out what object they can possibly have in this Requisition — It will suffice, Sir, to observe that the most unpleasant circumstances would ensue from this junction — and such as would be totally destructive of the public tranquility — and besides would not the union of the two Casts be now impracticable, in consequence of the Regulations that were made by the Administrateurs of Pondicherry the 28^th September 1776, respecting the Cast of the Vannicers or Pallies. ——

We therefore, Sir, considering the number of just Claims and of favorable Dispositions that we have been enabled to lay before you, and considering the long possession that we have had of our privileges; humbly pray you that we may be still allowed to retain the exclusive Right of using in all ceremonies the parasol and white flag (or a flag of any colour that we may fix on) — and also our different musical instruments (even the Kettle drum a Nagapatow); as customary before the year 1768 — and we further humbly pray you Sir, that the Left hand Cast may be prohibited from using the said parasol or white flag, under whatever pain you may be pleased to determine — with permission at the same time to use the coloured flag, as formerly. ——

(Signed)

Annapella —
Tamotheram
Ayathe appoo
Nellathumbe
Mallaian
Thasamilthapa chitty
Thasum Balvo Chitty
Sunkoo Sashachelum
Golla Ravanapah Chitty
Veneatachellum
Govenda Chitty
Cothenatha Mapol
appoo

appo Sellapareumal
Sethumbara Mootoo Sawmy
Sethumbara Arnachellum
Sevasingaroum

A true Translation

J. Buchan,

French Translator

John,

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John Law de Lauriston - Equerry - Knight of the Royal and Military Order of St Louis - Brigadier in his Majesty's Army - Governor of Pondicherry - and Governor General of the French Settlements in India and

John Chas Fotire - Knight Marquis de Lowrey - one of his Majesty's Counsellors - Commissary General - Chief Justice - Regulator of the Police, Finances, and of the land and sea forces throughout the French Settlements in India - President of the Superior Council of Pondicherry, and of the inferior Councils thereto attached:—

We have taken into consideration a complaint made to us by the Chiefs of the Cast, Pally in this City, that the head men of the Left Hand Cast, had in association with Parasouram one of the head men of the said Cast, Pally taken steps which might, by exciting a spirit of party, prove extremely dangerous - The head men of the Cast, Pally have complained to us, that those associates have been using their endeavors to engage different Members of that Cast in the quarrel of the Left Hand Cast with the Right Hand Cast, by prevailing on them to affix their signatures to different papers - a thing contrary to the good order now established in this city - Hitherto the Cast Pally have, since their establishment in Pondicherry, preserved an entire neutrality - residing and performing their marriage Ceremonies &c in the Streets of the Right Hand Cast and the Left Hand Cast, without distinction - But those innovations that have been lately made by the said Parasouramen and his adherents for the purpose of effecting a junction between the Pally Cast and the Left Hand Cast, would not only trouble the publick peace but would bring destruction on all the Pally Cast.

We have summoned the provost or Maynard of this City, who is of the Pally Cast, as also several others of the head men of the said Cast, before us They have declared in our presence, in writing, that this Cast ought to observe an entire neutrality - neither favoring the Right Hand Cast nor the Left Hand Cast, in like manner as they have been hitherto accustomed to do - and they have further declared, that

whoever

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whoever wishes to disturb their tranquility, deserves the severest punishment. —

All which considered, we in virtue of the powers vested invested by the King do hereby pass the following Decree. —

1^st The said Parassouramen, whose Father was, in the time of M^r Duplex, named by the Company one of the head men of the Pally Cast, being fully convicted by the Declarations made to us by the Members of his own Cast, and by his own confession, of having taken Steps which might involve his Cast in the greatest calamities - and which might consequently disturb the peace of the Colony; we do now declare him to be no longer a head man in the Pally Cast - and at the same time we reserve to ourselves the power of punishing him, still further, or of pardoning him - as shall to us seem good. —

2^d We appoint to be one of the head men of the Pally Cast, Mayniapen, from whose family head men of the said Cast have been long chosen — We further appoint Chelambron younger brother of the said Parassouramen to supply the place of his Brother as head man - Those two abovementioned persons, we do hereby appoint - in order that, as usual, they may keep a careful watch over every thing that regards the Cast, and that above all they may prevent any innovation being made, which might tend to disturb the peace of the public - and in case any dispute should arise in the Cast, they are bound to give us immediate advice of the same, under pain of a severe fine or other punishment if necessary. —

3^d We enjoin and strictly charge all the Pally Cast in Pondichery, to acknowledge the said Mayniapen and the said Chelambron as their chiefs - and to do nothing that may, in any respect affect the Pally Cast, without previously informing them, under the pain of a fine, or corporal punishment - We desire, that the Lieutenant Civil and the Judge of the Choultry Court may make known to those two head men the decisions of the processes relating to their Cast and now pending - as also the decisions of any that may hereafter take place; in order that they can form themselves to them.

We

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We desire, that the Police Officer may see that the present Regulation is put in execution - and that it be published in the French and Malabar languages. —

Signed and sealed by us and Countersigned by our Secretaries, at Pondicherry the 23d September 1776. —

Signed Law de Lauriston.

Courcy

Countersigned Hurart

Des De Courtainmont

a true Translation

Signed G Buchan French Translator

Extract from the Registers of the Police Ordinances, deposited in the Police Office — 16th July 1768

The different opinions on the subject in question having been examined - and the Majority of votes being for the establishment of a perfect equality between the Right Hand Cast and the Left Hand Cast, after full deliberation, it has been determined to pass the following Ordinance of Police. —

By the Superior Council

On the disputes that have arisen between the Right Hand Cast and the Left Hand Cast, the Council, ever resolved to ingain no one whatever, but to maintain on the contrary with vigor the preveleges and marks of distinction belonging to each Cast, such as the white horse, the Palankeens &c; has judged it necessary, to oppose itself to an abuse that has been introduced and that has appeared to be prejudicial to the authority of the Company Viz. the bearing of Arms in the different ceremonies, a custom by no means essentially necessary to the Casts, but which was only tolerated as a favor by the chief of the country now represented by the Company. — The Council has therefore determined, that, henceforth, the Right Hand Cast shall have no title to claim a preference to the Left Hand Cast, as to the bearing of arms in their ceremonies - there being in that, a perfect equality between them — all Natives whatever are absolutely prohibited from using any kind of Arms

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in their ceremonies, such as Lances, or Tambours or Fifes or large tomtoms — or from having any Sepoys, on pain of a fine or some heavy punishment if necessary — and the Council further declares, that when at any time the Right Hand Cast or the Left Hand Cast are particularly anxious to use the above mentioned arms or instruments, they must first of all obtain the permission of the Council, which will be granted if judged fit - and in order that none may plead ignorance; the present Regulation shall be published. —

approved and passed &c.

It has been further determined that the head men of the two Casts shall be summoned before the Council - in order that the above Ordinance may be read in their presence; and in order that they may be expressly prohibited from holding any conversation on the subject, that might tend to excite disturbances - on the smallest appearance of which, the Council will have immediate recourse on the head men of the Right Hand Cast, from whom alone those disturbances could have originated - and they / of all which they will be forewarned / will be imprisoned and condemned to pay a fine to the Company. —

approved and passed in the Superior Council

(Signed) Law
Dupland de Laval
Le Febore
Le Comte
Germeuer -

Extract, collated with the Original by our Clerks of the Registers

(Signed) Collandant

Examined by the Commissary of the French Settlements in India

(Signed) Leger

I request that the Municipal Officers may see the above Regulations are again published and strictly observed

Pondichery 16th July 1795

(Signed) Defresne

Extract from the Register of the Decrees of the Superior Council of Pondichery

By the Superior Council

All Natives to whatever the Cast they may belong whether to the Right

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Right Hand or to the Left hand Cast, and even all white people are expressly prohibited from having any publick ceremonies in their marriages, till such time as the Council having acquired a clearer insight into the busines, may be enabled thenceforth to obviate all disputes between the Right Hand Cast and the Left hand Cast.—

Approved and passed in the Superior Council 24th August 1768

Signed Law
Lenvis
Duplaud de laval
Le Comte
Le Febore

Extract, compared with the Original by our Clerks of the Register

Signed Collondont

Examined by the Commissary of the French Settlements in India

Signed Leger

After the infringements that have been committed, I request that the Municipal Officers may see the above Regulations again published and strictly observed.

Pondicherry 16th July 1793

Signed Defresne

In virtue of the Order we have received from M. Le Chevalier Defresne, we the Municipal Officers, have ordered that the above Ordinances be published in the french and Malabar Languages in order that none of the natives either of the Right Hand Cast or the Left Hand Cast, nor no white person may have ignorance to plead as an excuse and in order that they may be all bound faithfully to observe those Ordinances, on pain of being fined or more severely punished, if needful.

Passed at the Hotel de Ville the 16th day of January 1793

by the Municipality Signed P. Corelon Mayor
Fauray Secretary

Extracted from the Register of the Ordinances, deposited in the Police Office Signed Fumeron Chief of the Police

A true Translation
Signed J Buchan French Translator

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The Maynard is hereby ordered to beat the Tomtom for the purpose of announcing to the Right Hand Cast, as also to the Left Hand Cast, that every thing in regard to marriages honorary ceremonies &c. is to remain on it's old footing ——

Pondicherry, this 11th day of August 1768

Signed / Law

Collated by the public notary of the Superior Council of Pondicherry with the Original — Pondicherry Public Notary's Office — this 29th day September 1794

Signed / Bouchez

A true Translation

Signed / J Buchan French Translator

Read the following Petitions from the Inhabitants of Pondicherry —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor of Fort St George

The Humble Petition of Chinnee Chitty &c.
of Pondicherry

Humbly Sheweth

Petition of the left hand Cast at Pondicherry relative to the late Disputes there —

That your Petitioners having addressed a Petition to your Lordship under date the 14th Instant, which herewith subjoined — since which they have received from the Members of their Cast now at Cuddalore a Memorial to your Lordship in the Malabar language dated the 21st Instant with directions to wait upon and to deliver it to your Lordship, The Original itself your Petitioners humbly beg your Lordships permission to subjoin herewith and your Petitioners as in duty bound

Shall Ever Pray

Signed / in the Malabar Language

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To the Right Honble the Governor
for all the Territories in India
subjected to his Majesty the King of England

The humble Representation of all the Left-hand
Cast People in general of Pondicherry

As the Cries of the People in India respecting the Misery,
Straitness, affliction and Difficulty under which they have for
ages laboured, have reached the feet of the Almighty, who moved
at heart for the sufferings of this Country People, has out of his
gracious Compassion sent your Lordship into this part of the world as
Chief, by alleviating our Sufferings, in order to save and preserve us from
those Evils, in proportion to the Sun, arises to enlighten the Darkness
of this world, and as a wonderful Sample for the support of Orphans,
also as a nector to the relief of those who were threatened to perish
by hunger, as well as if all manner of Prosperities were bestowed
upon a Person when he does not deserve it and the fall of Rains at
such a time when the Productions of the Earth and the Millions of
Living Creatures felt for want of it; we humbly concluded that the
effect of the Charitable act performed by this Country People was
the means of having sent your Lordship as an approbation of the
Omnipotent to the Capital Town of Madras for the Protection of the
Inhabitants of Pondicherry and other Provinces. —

Upon your Lordship's ready acquiescence with our request
relative to the Representation we made concerning the Differences
arose in the affairs of the Pagoda at Pondicherry, from which place
we were forced to repair to Cuddalore for an Asylum in consequence
of the oppressions experienced there, and of the Indulgence of having
written to Mr Kenyon thy Resident at Cuddalore to offer an encourage-
ment, proved great satisfactory to us, It is not in the power of
humanity to make due acknowledgement of the good resulting from
such a Paternal Regard towards the Inhabitants. —

Colonel Nixon who had already on the 31st August last
disgraced

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disgraced us in an unbecoming manner and extorted a Sum of 1,800 Pagodas / Hearing your Lordship's attention to our Complaint and did on the 16^th September last draw a Decree, send it to the Police on the 23 and prevailed upon to enter the same in it's Records on the 27^th of the same Month.

The Day in which he inflicted punishment and penalties on us was the 31^st August last for the crime said to have been committed by us and the Decision took place on the 1^st September, so the Decree was put into execution before the Decision took place.

As the Decree was entered in the Records of the Police Council, we admit it should be complied with, But it is to be observed that such Compliance cannot be expected before he proves the truth of his having received sufficient proofs from the Right Hands in support of the assertions made use of in the Decree alledging that the Right of using white Flag, was claimed equally both by the Right and Left hand Casts from a length of time and in the second place, to prove sufficiently that the Right hand Casts having ever made use of white Flag, since it is stated in the said Decree that the same has been clearly proved to have been their preveledge and in the third place to prove as is stated in the Decree, that the great Danger occurred to the People when they have been quite, was by the means of Left hand Casts having made use of white Flag when they have no Right to it, we have delivered a Petition to Mons.^r Fumeron President of the Police, informing that it has not occasioned by the white Flag, but by the two Dubashes and other Right hands having made use of Bundy taree or wheeled Chariot and Navabet or Kettle Drum when it was set a side in the agreement entered into under date the 29^th July, also savalacady or Bamboos, Rauchoovaunum or Rackets, Sepoys, Drums and Fifes and other Banners in the feast day of Pilliarchavoty when they has been dismissed by order of the Police Council, and also by their having made use of Flags called Anumuntalody and Garoodaddy in the feast of worready by

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by way of an Infringement of the Rights of the Left hand Casts
and for other irregularities Committed by them, but Colonel Nixon
without examining the merits of the Complaint of that Petition
made use of an assertion in the Decree that the Danger has been
occasioned by having made use of white Flag.—

Since such proofs have not been received nor mentioned in the
Decree, the several Documents and Regulations accompanied our
Petition, and because the Right hands having through inability of
proving the validity of their claim returned our Penalty Bond to the
Police to be delivered to us without making an answer to it, and because
he has refused to admit the opinion of Mons.r Fumeron the President
of the Police, signifying that no decision could be formed before an
answer is given by the Right hands to the Petition of the Left hands,
how far the Decision which he made on the Complaint of the Repre-
sentation of two Dubashes sanctioned by the Secretary after refusing
the opinion of Mons.r Fumeron and without giving notice could
be admitted and complied with.—

This Decision shews evidently its partiality, for when he
inserted in the Decree the punishment and penalties for the Left
hand Casts if ever they make use of white Flags from that day, since
it is proved to be the standard of the Right Hands, why he has
not at the same time mentioned in it punishment and penalties
to the Right hands if ever they make use of the Flag of the various
Colour painted with white, yellow, Green Red and Blue since he
said that it is the Standard of the Left hand Cast, there was no
distinction of Flags from a length of time made use of at Pondi-
cherry between the Right and Left hands in the feast of the Pagodas
but since he has now formed a Distinction contrary to usual
Custom, a line should be drawn, in all cases, between the Right
and Left hands distinguishing the Ensigns and Standards of
the respective Parties, after reference being made to the ancient
Documents or to confirm the conditions inserted in an written
Instrument Dated in the year 1690 which have been hitherto
observed and practiced, but he instead of adopting one or the other,

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formed a Decree without mentioning therein the extortion of 1,800 Pagodas and our imprisonment as Choultry for the Crime — and of the punishment of the Lashes inflicted on the Company's Respectable Merchants, how far such a Decree can be admitted. —

Such an illegal and partial Decree is not accustomed to be admitted in presence of the Justice, stile it is entered in the Book of the Police by the request of the Commanding Officer. —

All which we humbly submit to your Lordship's — Consideration, entreating you will be graciously pleased in consequence of the above Reasons to reverse the Decree and grant orders for entering in the Records of the Police at Pondicherry the Resolution which may be passed for reversing the Decree, we entreat that our Request in our former Petition may be complied with. —

Dated Cuddalore the 11th October 1794

A true Translation as near as can be from the Malabars

Signed Anna Sawmy Interpreter

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of Fort St George

Petition from the same stating that one of their number has been prevented from coming to Madras. —

The humble Petition of Mootoo Chitty Chinna Chitty Narrain Chitty Canacasaby Chitty Chinnadeve Maistry and Pachiapah Maistry of Pondicherry for themselves and on behalf of the Natives Denominated the Left hand Cast. —

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners in their Petition to your Lordship dated the 31st ultimo did submit to your Lordship the grievances which the members of your Petitioners Cast labored under from the Conduct of Colonel Dixon and Captain Cuerens instigated by their Dubashes and particularly the insults and severities that have been inflicted on the principal people belonging to your

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Petitioners Cast and did state that they had in consequence sought an asylum at Cuddalore until your Lordships pleasure might be known. — Your Petitioners further humbly beg leave to add that immediately after the transactions in allusion the persons who had been so insulted and treated that is to say Sonnapah Chitty Govendara=ma Chitty Terevembala Chitty and others had conceived it advisable and proper to repair to the Presidency in order that they might throw them=selves under the immediate protection of your Lordship and implore the exercise of that Justice for which your Lordship is celebrated, but they learned that their Intentions were known and that measures were taken to defeat their purpose and secure their persons and that their information was just they could not intertain a doubt as Nattamy Mootw Chitty who was actually on his road to the Presidency was pursued by one Soobiah a Braminy Vircarrah on horse back and taken about ten miles from Pondichery, to which place he was conveyed in an ignominious manner, and they also well knew that Peons were placed to prevent every person belonging to their Cast from going to Madras and thus circumstanced, and dreading a renewal of insults and severity, they escaped to Cuddalore with much difficulty. —

Your Petitioners therefore humbly beseech your Lordship to grant that those persons who have thus been obliged to fly from the place of their long established residence may proceed without molesta=tion to the Presidency, and that your Petitioners and the other Members of their Cast may receive from your Lordship's benevolence such relief in the premises as in your Lordship's wisdom they may appear entitled to and your Petitioners as in duty bound

Shall Ever Pray

(Signed) in the Malabar Language

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Read again the Petition from the Inhabitants of the Left hand Cast, dated the 30th Ultimo and entered in the Diary to Consultation the 7th Instant. —

Resolved, on mature consideration of all the circumstances

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A Committee appointed to enquire into the late Disputes between the Cutcherry at Pondicherry.

circumstances, that a Committee be appointed to investigate into the truth of the complaints preferred in the abovementioned petition; and that Colonel James Stuart, Lieutenant Colonel Barry Close, and Mr Josiah Webbe be nominated for this Service. —

Ordered that the Secretary do prepare the necessary instructions for the Committee. —

Read the following Extract of a letter from Colonel Brathwaite

Extract of a Letter from the Commander of the Army, Dated 13th October 1794

From Colonel Brathwaite with a letter from Colonel Geils, relative to the suspension of Lieutenant Foxwarren Hadden by the rank lately given to Mr. T. Grant recommends Captain Carlisle as Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly, and Mr. Gilson as a Deputy Commissary.

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, the Copies of Letters I have received from Lieutenant Colonel Geils, the subject of which I submit to your Lordship's consideration, without venturing to offer any Opinion. —

It was not, my Lord, my intention to lay before your Lordship any Recommendation for appointments in the Military Store Department till the whole arrangements for that department, now under consideration of the Military Board, were completed and approved by Government, and, under that idea, the Commissaryship of Stores at Trichinopoly which became vacant by the Death of Lieutenant O'Burne has continued no longer than I expected, and as the Service now requires that such an Officer should be Stationed at Trichinopoly, and as the appointment will no way affect the future arrangement, I beg leave to recommend that Captain Carlisle of the 1st Battalion of Artillery, an Officer eminently qualified for the situation, and who has long stood recommended for it by Lieutenant Colonel Geils, may be appointed Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly, and as Mr. Gilson, Conductor stands first on the list of Conductors and has been much distinguished for his Services in the last war, he is the first I should recommend to be appointed a Deputy Commissary of Stores when the new Arrangement takes Place, which will require an additional number of Deputy Commissaries, I shall be obliged to your Lordship to appoint him now a Deputy Commissary of Stores, as I mean to send him to the Mount as such when Lieut.o Colonel Geils would be glad of his Services, nor will this have any Effect on the future Arrangement. A true Extract

[Signed] J. Webbe Depy Secy

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To Colonel Brathwaite
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Letter from Lieutenant Fire-worker Haddon on the subject of his being superceded by Lieutenant Fire-worker Grant, which I request you will do me the favor to lay before His Lordship in Council, with such remarks and observations as you may deem the subject deserving of.

The act of Parliament alluded to by Lieutenant Fireworker Haddon, and which, as far as I know, never has been repealed, for regulating the Promotion of Officers &c, in the Honorable Company's Service had its commencement in Great Britain and was declared a Public act from its receiving His Majesty's Royal assent, and in India from the 1st of January 1785 - This act appears to me clearly in favor of Lieutenant Fireworker Haddon, without it can be explained as providing only against the supercession of one Commissioned Officer by another Commissioned Officer; but that the Letter of it does not preclude the Honorable Court of Directors naming Cadets to Rank with other Cadets of any particular year and afterwards Commissioning them as in the case of Mr Grant - This explanation were it ever admitted of, would vest a power in the Directors, and so far subvert the present System of the Service, that, if they wished to send out an Officer at the head of the Cavalry, Artillery, Infantry, or Engineers they needed only, in such case, nominate him a Cadet of Cavalry, Artillery &c, to Rank at the head of the List of Cadets of the season, the Person they meant to Supercede stood appointed in - This however appears so strained an application of the act as not to be admitted of, yet I must think, if Mr Grant is confirmed as an Officer bearing date of Commission seven Months prior to the date of his appointment as Cadet, at the India House the Honorable Court might with equal propriety have named him to Rank with the Cadets of 1790 or 1789 he would been commissioned agreeable to this nomination, and to the injury of Officers who have held Commissions in both His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Service for the last four or five years. —

I am extremely sorry in being obliged from situate

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to come forward with circumstances that may appear unfavorable to any particular Officer of the Corps Command, and more especially Lieutenant Fireworker Grant, who, from his great attention and assiduity in every part of his duty, appears highly deserving of his present Commission. — I have the honor to be &c &c.

(Signed) Thomas Geils

St Thomas's Mount 10th October 1794

True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson Secy

To Lieutenant Colonel Geils

Sir, Mr Peter Grant, Cadet of this year, has been Nominated by Government to Rank before me, and as Lieutenant Fireworker, from the 22d of September 1793, I beg leave to State to you, Sir, this grievance of supercession, which I consider at all times inadmissible, and more especially since the date of an act of the Legislature regulating the Promotion of Officers in the Honorable Company's Service, I am a Cadet of last year and have had the honor of being actually Commissioned many months before Mr Grant was even appointed a Cadet at the India House, you will do me the favor to lay this Letter before the Right Honorable Lord Hobart, with such further circumstances as you may deem expedient, or that may assure to me a situation I have hitherto been taught to believe was my right in the Service. — I have the honor to be &c &c.

(Signed) Peter Haddon
Lieut. Fireworker

Mount 10th October 1794

True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson Secy

Minutes thereon

Agreed to inform Colonel Brathwaite that the Rank given to Mr Peter Grant was occasioned by an order from the Honorable Court of Directors, who have unquestionably the exclusive privilege of determining the rank of persons of their own nomination,

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and that altho' it be true, that Mr Haddon was a Commissioned Officer previous to the arrival of Mr Grant, yet it cannot be considered as a supercession, while the latter was the Senior Cadet by appointment from home.

Agreed also to inform Colonel Brathwaite that the Board think it advisable to postpone making any appointments in the Stor Department until the whole of the arrangement now under consideration of the Military Board shall be laid before Government; and that it is the intention of the Right Honorable the President, at that time, to recommend to the Board the appointment of such persons, as his Lordship may think qualified for the trust.

Read the following letter from the Military Board

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord

Hors. Military Board think a new Hospital should be built at the Mount inferior quality of the Muskets received from England, noticed &c.

In obedience to the orders of Government under date the 28th of August we have now the honor to lay before your Lordship copy of a Minute given in by the Chief Engineer on the subject mentioned therein, and beg leave to submit it as our opinion that adverting to what Colonel Pent has said, together with the several representations of the Senior Officers of the Artillery and Surgeons at the Mount, it would be eligible to build a new Hospital at that Cantonment.

We have, moreover, the honor to lay before your Lordship copy of the Proceedings of a Committee of our Board ordered to examine and report upon 43 Muskets received by the Ships of the year 1794 and which were represented by the Commissary General of Stores, in a report to us, as unfit for Service.

We recommend, in consequence, that, as only one Musket out of the 43 appears fit for Service, the remaining forty two may be packed up and forwarded to Europe, agreeably to the orders of the Honorable Company, by whatever opportunity your Lordship shall think proper.

We beg leave to call your Lordship's particular attention to the last Paragraph in the Proceedings Viz.: The Committee cannot avoid remarking that the Muskets sent out this season appear to

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"be of a very inferior quality, particularly in the workmanship, which
"is rough and ill finished, and that they are by no means equal to
"Arms now in the Arsenal that were sent out more than twenty years
"ago."—

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

Fort St George
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Report of the Chief Engineer on the State of the Cantonment Hospital at St Thomas's Mount - 16 October 1794

The Building appears to me in a ruinous state, built of bad Materials, and has suffered much from the white Ants. The walls of the upper Story are rent in many places, and the scantling of the Beams, are too small for the Building, which occasions it to be annually in want of Repairs. It is inadequate for the purposes of an Hospital in many respects, the Building is altogether too small, as little or no use can be made of the Ground floor, which is too low, and damp, in the wet and Cold season, and in the Hot weather, there is not circulation of air sufficient for the Sick.

The upper Story is so divided into small apartments as to be very detrimental to the Patients, and will not accommodate above half the Sick of the two Battalions of artillery, and for the inconveniencies they labour under, the Surgeons have fully stated in their Letter to the Commanding Officer of the Cantonment.

Should it be thought expedient to remove the Hospital many of the Materials of the present building will answer in the Construction of a new Hospital.

(Signed) W Gent

A true Copy
(Signed) William Linley
Dep. Secy
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Proceedings of a Committee of the Military Board ordered in Meeting the 9^th October to examine and report upon forty three Muskets received by the Ships of the year 1794 which were represented by the Commissary General of Stores, in a Report to the Board of that Date, to be unfit for Service

Present

Lieutenant Colonel Richardson Quarter Master General
Lieutenant Colonel Close ——— Adjutant General
Major Hall ——— Commissary Gen^l. Stores

The Commissary General of Stores lays before the Committee the following List. —

List of Muskets lately received from England by the Ships that have arrived at Madras in the year 1794 reported by the Commissary General of Stores to be unfit for Service. —

Muskets N^r.	Remarks of the Committee of the Defects of those Muskets that are found to be unserviceable	State Serviceable	State Unserviceable
1	Barrels too thin	"	1
2	Ditto	"	1
3	Ditto	"	1
4	Ditto	"	1
5	Ditto	"	1
6	Ditto	"	1
7	Ditto	"	1
8	Ditto	1	"
9	Ditto		1
10	Ditto		1
11	Ditto		1
12	Ditto		1
13	Ditto		1
14	Ditto		1
15	Ditto		1
16	Ditto		1
17	Ditto		1
18	Ditto		1
19	Ditto		1

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Muskets — Remarks of the Committee of the Depots of State

~~No.~~ ~~Those Muskets found to be unserviceable~~ — Service able — Unser viceable

20	Barrels too thin and Vent too large		1
21	Ditto		1
22	Ditto		1
23	Ditto		1
24	Ditto		1
25	Ditto		1
26	Ditto		1
27	Vent too large		1
28	Ditto		1
29	Ditto		1
30	Ditto		1
31	Ditto		1
32	Ditto		1
33	Ditto		1
34	Ditto		1
35	Ditto		1
36	Ditto		1
37	Ditto		1
38	Ditto		1
39	Ditto		1
40	Ditto		1
41	Ditto		1
42	Ditto		1
43	Ditto		1

The Muskets Numbered 8 in the List of the Commissary General of Stores, the Committee consider as Serviceable.—

The Committee cannot avoid remarking that the Muskets sent out this Season appear to be of a very inferior quality, particularly in the workmanship, which is rough and ill finished, and that they are by no means equal to Arms now in the Arsenal that were sent out more than Twenty years ago.— Abstract

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	Serviceable	Unserviceable	Total
Muskets	—	1 — 42	43

A True Copy
Signed William Linley Dep.y Secy

Signed John Richardson, President

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that an estimate be made of the expence that will attend a thorough repair of the present Hospital at the Mount; and another of the expense of building a new one at that cantonment, including such of the materials of the present Hospital, as would answer in the construction of the new one. —

Ordered that the forty two muskets received from England, and deemed unfit for service, be packed up and sent home by the first opportunity; and that the attention of the Court of Directors be drawn to the circumstance mentioned by the Military Board, respecting the inferior quality of the Muskets sent to India this season. —

Read the following letter from the Town Major. —

To W. C. Jackson Esq.

Military Secretary

From Town Major proposing to furnish the French prisoners with Slops the Prison walls in want of Repair.

Sir, I requiest you will be pleased to lay the accompanying letter from Lieutenant Bagshaw, the Officer in the immediate charge of the French Prisoners, before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. As the Prisoners are subsisted upon the same principle & at the same rate as Recruits arriving from England; if the Right Honorable the Governor should be pleased to resolve, that they be furnished with the requisite slops, I beg leave to offer to supply them from those I have in store, upon the same terms as I am directed to supply Recruits. — I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Madras
20th October 1794

Signed A. Allan Town Major

To Captain Allan
Town Major Fort St George

Sir, I conceive it my duty from my Official capacity, as Officer in charge of the French Prisoners of War to intrude on your time by a statement of the wants of the Prisoners, and necessary repairs that should be immediately made to their Barracks, and to

request

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request you will be pleased to lay the same before the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor in Council &c. &c. &c. for his Considerations—

The first point to which I have to request your attention is relative to the Cloathing of the Prisoners, an indulgence granted by the former Government about a year ago, and consisting of Two Banyan Shirts, Two Pair of Trowsers, and two Pair of Shoes, a Supply of such importance, that I attribute the present Healthy situation of the Men to be the Consequence— this great Consideration is my Chief motive for writing in this behalf and sincerely hope the application will not be considered as improper, or unnecessary, as the Rains are hastily approaching, and the men in a naked state.—

The wells of the Prison must next be considered— they in number are only three, one of which was last night by the heavy Rains rendered entirely useless by falling in, and tho other two which at this Season are very bad, yield not sufficient good water, and have every appearance of going the same way with the former. Thus in a Probability of momentarily being deprived of water I have to request an allowance of Puckalies or may be granted in proportion as allowed to European Regiments, at it will be the means of ensuring Contentment, and do away all dread of want whatever.

The Original Barracks wants repair, and particularly the two temporary sheds which are built in the square, they being so much out of Order, that even if not for the Cotts they are indulged with no man could Remain or possibly inhabit them.

Having thus much intruded on your time by an exact detail of Circumstances, as at present here, I conclude in assuring you that my utmost exertions shall be given to guard in Security the charge committed to my Care, and doubt not, but my future Conduct will give that satisfaction to the present, as the past has ever done to my former Honorable Superiors.— I have the Honor to Remain

&c &c.

French Prison
Madras
October 28th 1794

Signed E. Bagshaw
Lieutenant Commanding at the
French Prison

Minutes thereon.

Resolved that the Town Major be permitted to supply the French Prisoners with Slops upon the same terms as they are furnishing by him for the use of the Recruits.—

Ordered

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Ordered that the Chief Engineer be directed to examine the wells belonging to the French Prison, and to make the necessary repairs.

Read the following letter from Mr Secretary Hay

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St George

Sir, In a Letter which was written from hence to the Governor in Council at Fort St George, on the 29th of August, in answer to one from Madras, dated the 12th of that month, it was requested that the Cadets and Recruits for this Presidency might not be detained on the Coast without express authority from the Governor General in Council, and an Intention was signified of referring the Question to the Commander in Chief, a Copy of whose answer, conveyed in a Letter from his Secretary, dated the 16th ultimo, I have now the Honor to enclose, requesting that you will be pleased to acquaint the Governor in Council that the Resolution ultimately passed by this Government on the subject, is conformable to the General's opinion and desire.

I am &c &c
Signed E Hay Secy to the Government

From Mr Secretary Hay forwarding the opinion of General Abercromby relative to the proposed detention on the Coast of the Cadets and recruits for Bengal.

Fort William the 3 October 1794

Edward Hay Esqr.
Secretary &c &c &c

Sir, I am directed by the Commander in Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to him of the 29th of August, enclosing copies of two letters from the Government of Fort St George, a Copy of a letter addressed to that Government by Colonel Brathwaite, and a Copy of the Board's letter of the 29th ultimo.

The Commander in Chief requests, you will be pleased to inform the Honorable the Governor General in Council, that he entirely concurs in the instructions the Board have given the Madras Government, on the several points they have judged it necessary immediately to notice, and he thinks it his duty to observe that the remark made by the Madras Government in the 6th Paragraph of their letter of the 12th of August, that Fort St George ought

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ought not "in any circumstances, to be without a Battalion of Europeans for its protection" is strictly just, and a principle that ought never to be deviated from. —

The Board having been pleased to require the Commander in Chief's opinion, upon the subject of the 5th Paragraph of their letter, he directs me to say, that he has the greatest objections to the detention of the Cadets and Recruits of the season at Fort St George, and earnestly solicits, that positive orders may be sent to prevent it, under any circumstances that may arise, except immediate danger to that Fortress. —

Independent of the inconvenience and even hardship that the Bengal Cadets, if detained, must experience, the Army under this Presidency is equally in want of Officers with the Madras establishment, and will require more Cadets, than may reasonably be expected to complete the Corps, and should circumstances arise, to render this want more immediately and severely felt in the Carnatic than in these provinces, the Commander in Chief would rather recommend, that Officers of some knowledge in their profession, should when necessary, be sent round for a temporary purpose, than that Corps in the field should be officered by unexperienced young men, who have their profession to learn, before they can instruct those under them. —

The Commander in Chief would have no hesitation if the relative situation of the European Corps at Madras and in Bengal, pointed out the propriety of the measure, to recommend, that the Recruits of the Season should be detained and, incorporated into the Madras Battalions, but at present every argument obviously tends to the Reverse; The Madras Battalions are more than complete in men, and their Numbers are already as great as can be properly officered from their present Establishment. The Bengal Battalions on the contrary, are greatly deficient in Numbers, and a large Supply of recruits is absolutely necessary to make them respectable in strength. —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed J Auchmuty
Secy

A true Copy
Signed E Hay
Secy to Govt.

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The Board observe that none of the Cadets or Recruits for Bengal have been detained at this Presidency —

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

To William Collins Jackson Esq^r.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you for the information of Government Copy of a Letter from Mr. Lennox, advising me of the total loss of the Streevencatachelloo one of the Boats I dispatched from hence with Rice for the Garrison of angole — on the 27^th Ultimo; the Cargo lost, is Para M^ds 14:23:4/2 which I request permission to write off to Profit and Loss. —

Para M^ds 14-67 33/4

The Boat which arrived safe has landed the Troops at Angole upwards of Rice, a supply sufficient to serve the Troops at Angole upwards of 5 months. — I am &^c &^c

Signed P. H. Skardon
Act^g Com^y Gen^l G & P.

From Mr. Skardon requesting leave to write off the Rice, lost on the Boat Streevencatachelle, and destined for Angole —

Madras
27^th October 1794

To P. H. Skardon Esq^r.

acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Fort S^t George

Sir

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Duplicate Letter of the 27^th Ultimo, and of the Original covering two Bills of Lading for Rice shipt on Board the Donies Streevencatasseverloo and Meerah Saib. —

The Meerah Saib arrived safe at Cottapatnam, and has landed her Cargo, the weighing of which will Commence to Morrow Morning.

But I am sorry, to acquaint you that I have just received accounts of the total Loss of the Streevencatasseverloo and her Cargo and Eight of the Lascars, the Tindal and two Lascars are saved. She foundered at her anchors yesterday morning two or three Leagues of the Southwards of Cottapatam. — I have the honor to be

&^c &^c

John Lennox
Com^y G & Provisions

Angole
8^th October 1794

P. S. The Tendal Bareau is arrived at Angole & confirms the above account of the Streevencatasseverloo &^c — / Signed / J. L.

True Copy / Signed / W. S. —

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Minute thereon

Resolved that Mr Skardon be permitted to write off to Profit and Loss, the amount value of the Rice lost on the Boat Struvencia taseverloo.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Brathwaite

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Colonel Brathwaite opinion relative to the removal of the French Officers to Pondamalee.

I have the honor to acknowledge to your Lordship the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 17th instant, enclosing the Copy of a letter, addressed by some French Officers to the Town Major, & desiring that I will state my opinion, whether any part of the Capitulation for the surrender of Pondicherry militates against the order lately issued for the removal of the French Officers to Pondamale.

The 4th Article of the terms granted to the Garrison of Pondicherry, is verbation as follows.—

"with regard to the Officers, they shall wear their "Swords and be Prisoners on their Paroles of honor, reserving their Private "Property."—

It is not said where they are to be Prisoners, consequently it may be at Pondamalee or elsewhere, but it is usual to allow Officers who are on their Parole of honor to have the liberty of a mile round the Town in which they are lodged, and it is not usual to confine Officers under such circumstances more strictly; so that if the conduct of these Officers does not render it necessary to confine them to such narrow limits as the Fort of Pondamalee, I think it does militate with the spirit of the terms granted to them, to order them into so close a confinement, but if any of them have broken the Peace and conducted themselves so as to render it necessary, to lay them under a closer restriction, I can have no doubt on my Part that the measure of sending them to Pondamalee is not only strictly Justifiable, but the mildest that could have been Pursued, as in such case I am of opinion they were liable to Prosecution, and close imprisonment if they could not find securities for their good behaviour. of the culpable, I can have no doubt, but I should be sorry that such as have conducted themselves well, should not have the

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indulgence usually allowed to officers on their
Parole of honor

Military Head Quarters
Chouetny Plain
October 20th 1794

I have the honor to
&c. &c.
(Signed) J Brathwaite

Minute thereon

Ordered that a copy of the
foregoing letter be sent to Lieutenant
Colonel Fearling, and that he be directed
to inform the French Officers that they
have the liberty of going one Mile
beyond the Fort of Pondamallee, on the
condition that they return to it every
night.

Major FB Vigors dismissed the service and death of Captain Knox.—

The Secretary reports to the
Board that Major Bartholomew Vigors
has been dismissed the service by the
Sentence of a General Court Martial;
and that Captain Thomas Knox died at

Ongole

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Onyole on the 15th Instant

" Hobart

" Edw.d Saunders

" E.H. Faulconer

Capt.n Geo.s Parry
A.D.C. to Gen.l