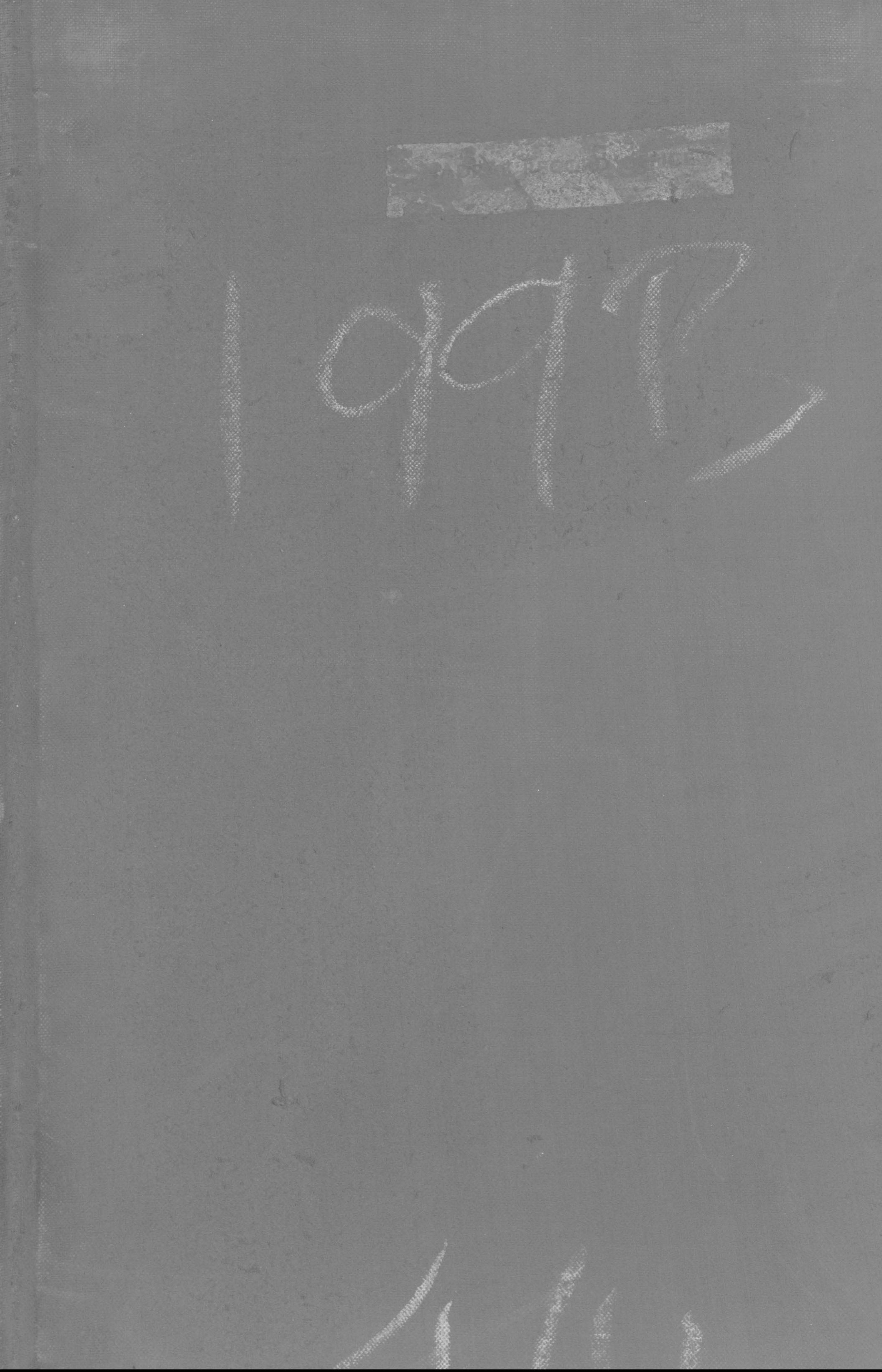


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G.O.

Malacca 20th August 1795.

All the european Troops off Duty to be under Arms in front of the Government House at 9 o'Clock tomorrow Morning when the Proclamation of the British Government will be read — They are to draw up in line with their rear to the Government House —

The Main Guard to fall in upon the Right of the line, a small party of Dutch Troops will fall in upon the Left, and should the confined space of ground not admit of the whole drawing up in Square line one equal Number of files on the Right and Left as the ground may require — to be drawn up in a partial wheel inwards — —

Having got into this order, Ranks wide be opened and the Men put at ease until the Honble Mr. Coupiens the Civil Governor is seen to come out of his House when the Parade will shoulder Arms, and upon his coming in front the Parade will be ordered to Present their Arms, Officers will Salute, and Drums and Fifes beat a March — The Parade will then shoulder their Arms and — remain in that Position during the reading of His Majesty's Proclamation, at the conclusion of which

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which a Royal Salute will be fired upon the Signal being given and the English Colours Hoisted on the — highest of the two Flag Staffs—

The Proclamation of Government will then be read at the conclusion of which the — Parade will be ordered to present their arms. Officers Saluting and Drums beating a March — a second Royal Salute will then be fired on Signal: on Firing the first Gun the Dutch Colours will be hoisted and on the conclusion of the Salute the Parade will be ordered to Shoulder. close Rank. Files double to the Right and March to their Barracks. —

D.O.

Malacca Tuesday 25th August 179[illegible]

In order no loss may be incurred by the British Government or their Troops, the Government of Malacca has thought proper to regulate the — Exchange of every Coin current in this Part of the Country, and to fix by a Standard giving the full value to the Pagoda which is now Published for the information of all concerned —

One Star Pagoda is equal to one and a half Spanish Dollar

One Spanish Dollar	to 27 Doubleges and 2 Cails	
One Star Pagoda	to 40 Do	and 8 Do
One Doublege	to 12 Doubleges	10 Do
One Rupie	to 3 Do	
One Dutch Schelling	to 2 Rupies	24 Doubleges
One Keeser Daalder	to 32 Doubleges.	
one Ducatoon		

(Government

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Government by Proclamation Four days ago having
requires all the Europeans Dutch and Natives +
depending on this Settlement to conform to the above
rate of Exchange which now must be generally known
& to be expected that no deviation from it will
be allowed

G.M.O.

Malacca 28th August 1795.

By the Garrison orders published in
the orderly Book by Major Brown upon his coming
into Command, requiring the Garrison to continue to
pay all the Military Compliments to the Honorable
Abrahamus Couperus Governor, To Captain Steeker
Commandant of the Dutch Troops and to the Gentlemen
of Council they had formerly been accustomed to
receive, and Major Brown having desired Captain +
Steeker on the day the British Troops came into the
Fort to continue his Regimental Charge of the +
Dutch Troops who by order of Captain Steeker +
moved from their former to another Barrack for
the accommodation of the British Troops, and the
only respecting the Dutch Troops given by Major
Brown having related to Port Liberty, and been issued
them through Captain Steeker, are circumstances +

which

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which placed and have kept hitherto Captain — Stecker in the unparticipated Command of the Dutch Troops. And whereas it appears that the Dutch — Troops have not been given to understand clearly their Situation since the British Troops took possession of the Fort. This is to give Notice to them that the Dutch Military are now under the Regimental — Command of Captain Stecker, and that those who go to Madras with Captain Stecker will continue to be under his Regimental Command there. —

— All Officers and Soldiers therefore of the Dutch Troops are required and hereby Commanded to obey all orders from Captain Stecker as their Regimental Commanding Officer —

D.O.

Malacca 23th August 1795 —

A Court of Enquiry Consisting of the Commissary of Provisions Mr Mears and Mr Grave. Gentlemen Volunteers to assemble at 8 o'clock tomorrow Morning to ascertain the Amount of any Loss that may have happened in the Provision Department to enquire into the cause and to report thereon —

P.O.

Malacca 24th August 1795

The British Commissary of Ordnance & Stores will take an Account of the Ordnance + and

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and Military Stores of every description as well those in the Fort as any that may be in the Town or Posts in the neighbourhood and after seeing that they correspond — with the Lists he will receive from the Dutch Officers of these Departments he will receive the Keys of the Magazines and Storerooms and consider himself in — immediate Charge —

D. M. O.

Malacca 26th August 1795.

Mr. Grace, Mr. Mears and Mr. Durand Gentlemen Volunteers are appointed to assist Mr. Gilson Commissary of Ordnance during the pressure of Business in these Departments —

D. A. C.

Malacca 27th August 1795.

Lieutenant Taylor Quarter Master to the Detachment having offered himself upon the Service of bringing off the Garison of Rio. is — appointed to command the Detail embarked for that Service, and to carry into Effect all Instructions he may receive from Captain Newcome —

D. O.

Malacca 1st September 1795.

Mr. Michael Grace, Mr. Robert — Mears, and Mr. Horace Durand. Gentlemen Volunteers are appointed to do Duty as Ensigns, without any — addition to their present Allowances until the — pleasure

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pleasure of the Right Honorable the President in —
Council of Fort St. George is known —

A true copy
(Signed) J. McKerras Sec.to

To Major A Brown

Commander of the Honble Company's Military Forces
at Malacca &c &c

Sir

I this day submitted to your perusal the orders I received on His Majesty's Service from Captain Newcome under whose immediate Command I am placed by the Governor of Penang, and as they are positive, and leaves me not a judge of the propriety or necessity of deviating from them, but on the contrary, directs and commands me to sail this Evening at farthest — I deem it my duty to acquaint you that I must in compliance and obedience to them sail accordingly or subject myself to a Court Martial —

But the high opinion I intertain of your Military Talents / and its not necessary to say more / will not permit me to suppose for a moment you could wish under the above circumstances to subject me to so severe a Trial.

I Signed) Ashmead Green
(Capt.

Malacca
31st August 1795 — 1 P.M.

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Captain Ashmead Bruen

Commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer Intrepid

Sir

In answer to your Letter this Moment received stating that your Orders from Captain Newcome + before he Sailed from hence requiring you to Sail this Evening: I have to acquaint you that the + Governor of Malacca having intimated to me + Circumstances that have hitherto prevented him from furnishing me with Official Papers &c + indispensably necessary to be conveyed by the Intrepid for the information of the Right Honorable the + Governor in Council of Fort St George, upon important matters materially connected with the Public Service in this Quarter — I am therefore under the &c + necessity of requiring you to defer your sailing + with the Intrepid until I have been furnished with those Papers which I have been given to expect in the Course of tomorrow: and I have no doubt that the urgency of the cause above set forth will hold you wholly exculpated —

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(Signed) A Brown
Major

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Major A. Brown

Commander of the Honble Company's Military Forces
at Malacca

Sir.

I have been honored with your Letter in answer to mine of this date stating the Governor of Malacca's delay in furnishing you with official Papers for the information of the Government of Madras, and your expectation of receiving them in the course of tomorrow — I shall therefore in compliance with your request and the importance of the Business to be communicated conceive myself in some degree exculpated in waiting till to-morrow Evening, but longer from the peremptory orders I have received, you will I doubt not see it is impossible —

Malacca 31st August 1795 — 7 P.M.

I Signed A. Pruen

Captain Pruen

commanding the Honble Companys Armed Cruizer

Intrepid

Sir.

It beeing indespensably necessary for the
public

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publick Service, you are hereby required not to
sail with the Intrepid from this Port until you
have received the Despatches of this Government for
the Right Honorable the President in Council of
Fort St George

[Signed] A Brown
Major Comng

Malacca 1st
September 1795 - 6 A.M

Major A Brown

Commander of the Honble Companys Military Forces
at Malacca &c &c

Sir

Your requisition of this date I have just
received, stating the Publick Service renders it indispensibly
necessary for me not to sail from hence until I
receive your Dispatches for the Right Honble the
President in Council of Fort St George —

I
The situation I am in is truly —
imbarrasing and without any great Impropriety may
be said to be placed between two Fires — yet when
I reflect on your strong requisition, made as forcible
as words in our Language can well express, and
that your Dispatches are for the same Government
the one I am in charge of from Captain Newcome
I am led to believe my departure from his positive
orders

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orders, in obedience to your request will not from the pressing emergency that requires it be imputed as an infraction of them—

I have therefore to inform you I shall wait till regularly dispatches by you. but at the same time you will permit me to observe, I cannot but hold and consider you as responsible for acting in direct disobedience of the Orders I have received from Captain Newcome on His Majestys Service—

H. C. Ship Intrepid
5th September 1795— 11 A.M.

I Signed A Shrnead Bruen

To Major A. Brown
Commander of the Honble Company's Military Forces
at Malacca

Sir

Yesterday in compliance with your urgent requisitions I informed you I should wait for your Dispatches. but the time must be limited Two Days are now elapsed since my orders — required me to sail. and if I mean not to defeat the Intentions of the Dispatches already onboard, I must quit this Port tomorrow for reasons I am

best

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best competent to judge of you will therefore Sir, please to send off yours and the Prisoners mentioned in Captain Newcomes Orders in the Forenoon of tomorrow, and I will be ready on board to receive them and avail myself of the first wind that offers to make the utmost — expedition to the Ports I am commanded to proceed to — wishing to avoid giving you — trouble on the contrary I would willingly make every effort to prevent it, permit me to say, I cannot longer attend to your requisitions for a further delay that the time above mentioned

H. C. Ship Intrepid
2d September 1795.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Ashmead Preeen

Lieut Collier
Commanding His Majestys Ship Suffolks Tender

Sir,

From the unanimous and dispassionate — opinions of all whom I have consulted on our proposed Voyage to Batavia in consequence of the objections first stated some days past by your Pilot M.r Kingsmill, I have often a — conference with Major Brown, at which you desired

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...pointed, resolved to relinquish it — A medium having been proposed by the Governor Mr Couperus Thos Major Brown, which I conceive will equally benefit the Service —

I have the more easily been drawn to this Determination from a persuation that the public Service may be infinitely more promoted by my going to Bengal and laying before the Governor General the information I have been able to collect on a Subject of much importance

I have therefore to request that you will take into your Consideration the propriety of waving your Orders to Batavia which I conceive to be conditional —

I trust you will hesitate in this proposal the less that it will still be in your power to join the Commodore, or the Squadron under Captain Newcome as the Service may render expedient from Bengal within the time which would necessarily have been employed in your primacy, and as circumstances now — and less important determination —

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Forbes Rofs MacDonald
Captn

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Captain Pruen

Commanding the Honble Company's Armed Brigger

Intrepid

Sir.

The Governor of Malacca having given me to expect that I shall receive the official Papers of this Government for the information of the Right Honble the President the Council of Fort St. George this Night or tomorrow Morning at furthest — I have to refer you to my letter of the 1st Current which I considered as taking every responsibility upon myself, and I do hope that it would have rendered any further Correspondence unnecessary. —

Malacca 3d September 1795.

[Signed] A. Brown

Major A. Brown

Commander of the Honble Company's Military Forces

at Malacca &c &c

Sir.

I represented to you Yesterday in the Forenoon personally, and in writing the necessity of sailing this day for reasons I deemed myself best competent to judge of from a Knowledge of the

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the Qualities of the Ship under my Command, and the near Approach of the foul Weather Season

And as you say your Dispatches will be ready tomorrow they can be forwarded to me at Penang in a Prow, or any other conveyance you may choose to adopt

the heavy Sailing of the Intrepid will give a degree of certainty of their Arrival at Penang before we can reach that Port, where I shall be compelled to wait at least 24 Hours for Stores and Water &c - time sufficient to forward me your Dispatches from hence and on my receipt of them you may rely on my Zeal for the Execution of the orders I have received and making the utmost Dispatch to Madras -

H. C. Ship Intrepid
3d September 1795.

[Signed] Ashmead Pruen

Captain Pruen

Commanding the Honble Company's Armed Ship Intrepid

Sir

I have this Moment received your Letter - I cannot trust Dispatches to Government of so much importance to the Hazardous and uncertain conveyance of a Prow as you suggest to Penang, which is 90 Leagues from hence - I have no other opportunity than the Company's Ship Intrepid to forward

this

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this Dispatches to Madras. I now again require you not to sail until you have received three Dispatches, and further acquaint you that I will hold you responsible to Government should you act contrary to this requisition.

(Signed) A. Brown
Major Comdg

Malacca
3d September 1795

Major Brown

Commanding the H. C. Military Forces at Malacca &c &c.

Sir

I am extremely concerned to act contrary to your wish, but indispensible necessity requires me or plunge myself in evils that I know not where will end by obeying the Orders I have received, tho' I have departed from them three whole days at your request to get ready your dispatches. I conceive I shall be exculpated from the motives that actuated me to do very good for the public Service, had I waited longer the end and intention of the Dispatches I have on Board and yours also, would in my Judgement have been defeated.

Lieutenant Collier in H. M. Sinder sails tomorrow, that cannot fail of furnishing you an opportunity of sending me the Public Papers you mentioned, and as she sails much

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much superior to the Intrepid it is reasonable to suppose she will be at Penang before we arrive or at least in readiness to sail from that Port.

I have inclosed a copy of a Letter just received from him for your information with my answer to it.

H. C. Ship Intrepid
3d September 1795

(Signed) Ashmead Bruen

P.S. Since writing the above I have been compelled from the Scantiness of the Wind and strength of the Tide to drop the Anchor, but shall again weigh when the Wind and Tide will permit.

(Signed) A.B.

To Captain Bruen

Commander of the H. C. Ship Intrepid Malacca Road

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that I mean to sail with tomorrow's Ldo for Bengal. I understand you have received Dispatches for Commodore Rainier from Captain Newcome with a Duplicate inclosed to Mr Mainington, I submit it to your Judgement whether it will not essentially promote the Service, and fulfill the Intention of Captain Newcome should I carry

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I carry either the original or Duplicate Dispatch—
should you prefer giving me the latter I shall
touch at Penang to deliver it to Mr Mannington
— If other business makes your putting into
that Port necessary I conceive you will deliver
to me the Dispatch addressed to Lord Hobart
in the event I shall make some part of the Coast.

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(Signed) George Collier

Lieutenant George Collier
in Command of H. M. Sloop the Suffolk
Malacca Roads

Sir.

I conceive myself not authorized to change
the Destination of the Intrepid as ordered by my
immediate Commander Captain Newcome on
His Majestys Service, or deviate in so materiab
a point from the Orders I have received by
delivering to you the publick Dispatches in my
possession — On your Arrival at Penang, if Mr
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smallest objection:

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(Signed) Ashmead Price

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To Major Brown

&c &c &c

Sir.

Presuming you may have Dispatches for Bengal I am to inform you that I sail for that Presidency with tomorrows Ebb at farthest. I am sorry the State of my lower masts and Standing Rigging will not authorize my making a longer stay - as should we be caught in the Bay, or on the Coast by any of those Gales of Wind so common on or about the breaking up of the Monsoon, in the present State of the Under, it might be attended with very serious consequences to all on Board - Nevertheless I should you have any Dispatches or Duplicate Dispatches you might wish to send, and which may not be ready ere my sailing as I shall touch at Penang, in the hope of carrying the Dispatch inclosed to Mr Mannington / and now under charge of Captain Power / from Captain Nourse to the Commodore, you may still have the opportunity, as I shall be necessitated to wait at Penang the arrival of the Intrepid unless Captain Power would deliver me his Dispatches

Sir

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for Mr. Mannington, and proceed himself direct for the Coast, or deliver me the Coast and Naval Dispatches and Proceed himself to Pinang, while I am making my Course direct, for any part of the Coast I may most Conveniently fetch.

I am to acquaint you will be pleased to order the enclosed Account of Provisions issued to the Gun Lascars serving with the Detachments of European Artillery that the Quantity and Quality may be sent on board the Tender this forenoon if possible, with the two short three pounders.

The Carpenters you had the goodness to send have finished and the Caulkers are nearly so, if you think fit I will have them returned by the Gun Boat

I am Sir Your most obedient Humble Servant

/Signed/ Geo. A. Collier

3d September 1795.

Lieut G. R. Collier

Commanding His Majestys Ship Suffolk Tender

Sir

I am just now favord with your Letter of this date informing me that you sail for Bengal with to-morrow's Tide at farthest.

When in communication with you and Major McDonald to consider how his Majestys Ship the Suffolk Tender could be best employd for the

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the publick Service, under the Charge of her — original Destination to Batavia, after deliberate Consideration of all circumstances, for reasons previously adverted to, amongst which the Inexpediency of your Sailing with the Tender for Rio, to take the chance of falling in with Captain Newcome, and my advice having been asked, I without hesitation said, it to me appeared most eligible for the Tender to be Employed in carrying publick Dispatches, which are of great importance, from hence to Bengal, she probably would arrive in as short a Space of time as would be required for Captain Newcome to reach this Port on his return from Rio, and this opinion embracing a great publick Accommodation I the more readily gave, upon an Idea — previously suggested to me, that it would be more advisable for the Tender to wait Captain Newcome's return here, than to proceed to Rio in the chance of falling in with the Orpheus —

Major McDonald and you have coincided in that opinion I considered the Destination of the Tender to Bengal as fixed chiefly for the purpose of carrying these Dispatches, and additionally — desirable by the opportunity these by afforded to Major McDonald to have personal — communication with the Governor General upon points

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point of public Importance.—

Although my utmost possible exertion and address have been employed to obtain the official Papers from this Government which are indispensably necessary for the information of the Governor General in Council, yet owing to the serious Indisposition of the Governor of Malacca till Yesterday confined to his bed for these twelve days past, I have not been able to proceed. But am promised them, if not this Night tomorrow Morning which requiring some additional time on my part to make up the necessary Statement from them, as they come to me written in Dutch; will enable me to close my Dispatch for Bengal in the afternoon of the day following, until when I request you to defer sailing with the Tender

(Signed) A. Brown Major
comm.g

Malacca 3d September
1795.

P.S. The two short 3 pounders with the Military Stores & Provisions are ready to be delivered to whomsoever you may think proper to send to receive them—

Major Brown
&c &c &c

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours

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yours of this days date, and must observe I do not recollect in the conversation you allude to, any thing that can bear the construction you seem to put on it. I perfectly recollect Major McDonald mentioning to you the advantage which might accrue to the Service by your sending a Dispatch to the Governor General, or a Duplicate of that to Lord Hobart; but at the same time considered that proposition to arise from a Zeal to the public Service, rather than as the primary cause of our Voyage to Bengal — Major MacDonald's letter to me, a copy of which I inclose will explain the ground upon which I act.—

I hope I need not again assure you how truly happy I should be to render every assistance in my power to the public Service, but I must again beg leave to remark to you that the Suffolks under from the situation of her lower Masts and standing rigging, is not competent to a passage across the Bay, and at a Season but little advanced beyond the present period. the Company's Cruizer now in the Roads and in every respect better calculated for a late Passage renders my stay less necessary

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I have already offered to Captain Prueen to take charge of the original or Duplicates of Captain Newcom's Dispatches for Commodore Rainier —

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(Signed) G. N. Collier

Lieutenant Collier

commanding his Majestys Ship Suffolk Tender

Sir,

Being informed that your Topsails are loose I am apprehensive you may have intention to sail in the course of this Night and have to acquaint you that my Despatches to the — Supreme Government in Bengal, and to the Right Honble the President in Council of — Fort St. George, are of great importance to the — public Service, that by Captain Prueen's sailing last night with the Company's Armed Cruizer Intrepid contrary to my requisition the Suffolk's Tender is the only conveyance upon which I can now depend for these Dispatches, and that it is my anxious wish to send both upon her; that for Fort St. George to be made over to the — Intrepid at Pinang where you will certainly fall in with her; I have therefore to repeat the request I made of you Yesterday not to sail until

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until I can send you these Dispatches, assuring you, that I shall not sleep until they are closed, and sent off to you, though that may not be before tomorrow at Noon, but certainly shall not be latter—

Malacca 4th September 1795
5 P.M

(Signed) A. Brown Major
Commanding

The above Letter was sent off with a European Orderly on a small Boat but was brought again at half past Seven in the Evening in consequence of the Suffolks Tender having previously sailed—

To Major Brown

&c &c &c

Sir.

Having already waited some hours and Major MacDonald as well as my self being anxious to be off on account of the Season of the Season, I am therefore on the Point of triping my Anchor—

Had it not been that the Medway Sails in a few Days my Stay might have become necessary—

I am sorry relative to the Non — supply of Provisions sent to the Troops, but certainly

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certainly convinced they could have been sent without my sending a Boat for them, particularly as it was from motives of humanity I sent them to Captain Isaacks, thereby destroying my own Crew

I Signed, Geo. A. Collier

Suffolks Tender
Mallacca Roads Sept 4 - 1795
½ past 4 P.M

This Letter received at 4 o'clock on the Morning of the 5th having been brought ashore by Nonpience Markaar and Tumby Vepaar — owners of a Small Malay Prow who declare was not delivered to them until after light o'clock last Night, when the Tender had been under way some time, and carrying them to Leward they were forced to land at a Distance from Malacca and could not deliver the Letter sooner —

The foregoing are true Copies of the Originals. —

I Signed I. M. Kerras M. of Bs

Captain Pruen

Commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer Intrepid

Sir.

The Number of French Prisoners arrived on the Honble Company's Ship the Surat Castle since

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Since you received orders from Captain Newcome to receive on Board your Ship an Officer and 26 men of the Dutch Garrison, and for victualling whom on this passage to Madras you have been supplied with Provisions for 30 Days rendering it necessary to alter that Arrangement, and in compliance with my Instructions from the Right Honorable the President in Council to send these French Prisoners to Madras by the first conveyance you are therefore hereby required to receive on Board the Intrepid 2 French Officers and 20 French Sailors to be conveyed to Madras, and on the Voyage subsist from the Provisions put on Board for the above detail of Dutch - any part of which that may remain unexpended you will account for with the Storekeeper of the Garrison of Fort St. Geo.

Malacca
2d September 1795.

I am
Sir &c
(Signed) A. Brown
Major
Comg

N.B This Letter was accidently misplaced as to date.

This Letter addressed to the Sultan Machmoet Racha Chiai King of Johor and Pahan comes from Abraham Couperus. Governor &c of the Netherlands East India Company of Malacca.

and

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and from Captain Henry Newcome and Major Archibald Brown, who have come in the Name of his Britannic Majesty, and are now joined with the Governor & Conferees as Protectors and Friends of the Netherlands East India Company and are at present — Commanders of the Naval and Military Forces of his Britannic Majesty —

We do hereby give Notice to your Highness that we now being happily allied and united together, our Mutual Intention is to wish for Prosperity, for which reason we consider ourselves friendly connected on both sides, and principally to your Highness to whom we wish to give proofs that this tie strongly subsists, having seen that his excellency the Governor and Councellors of India, wishes to restore you in the Possession of the Countries as formerly gloriously enjoyed by your Highness's Ancestors — It is therefore that we jointly consider ourselves obliged to contribute all we can to hasten this happy Event, and in order to comply with the Intention of his Excellency the Governor General and the Councellors of Batavia we acquaint your Highness that two of his Britannic Majestys Ships are now proceeding to Rio[illegible] for the purpose of receiving the Garrison, and to deliver up the Place to your Highness on Terms

by

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by your Highness already stipulated— We request your Highness will proceed with all speed thither, and take Possession of the Place— should any further dispositions or regulation afterwards be required we wish to meet your Highness to assure you that we have at heart the welfare of your Highness Realm and Subjects— we assure ourselves that your Highness will be convinced of our partaking your Concern, referring ourselves to what Mr Pigou who proceeds to Rion in one of the Ships, may further communicate to your Highness upon his Arrival—

Tamat

Done in the Fort of Malacca 23d of August 1795 or the 10th of the Month Sapphar in the Year 1210.—

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Newcome

Schedule of Papers in Major Brown's Dispatch to the Right Honble Lord Hobart President in Council &c &c &c

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Containing as follows

1 Letter to the Governor of Malacca relative to his receiving Mr. McDonald
2 The Governors Answer to the above
3 Letter from Capt. Newcome and Major Brown to Mr McDonald enclosing an extract of Major Brown orders from Lt. Col. Braithwaite
4 Extract alluded to in No 3
5 Letter from Mr Couperus requesting two Hours more time
6 Answer to the above
7 Letter from the Governor determining to stand on his defence

Order

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8th Order for Debarkation of the British Troops.
9th – the Garrisons offer to surrender on better Terms considering themselves Prisoners of War, received at ½ past 9 at Night Monday by the Captain of Engineers of the Fort
10th Answer to the above
11th Signals established by Captain Newcome for a mutual meeting –
12th No 1 referred to in Major MacDonald's Letter to Captain Newcome and Major Brown –
13th No 2 referred to as above –
14th Letter from Mr MacDonald to Captain Newcome and Major Brown reporting his Negociations on Shore with the Governor and Council of Malacca
15th Mr McDonald's letter declining to attend further Conferences
16 Letter to Sultan Mahomed

2 Preliminary Articles 18th August 1795.
3 Narrative of circumstances relative to the Landing of the British Troops and to their taking possession – –
4th Letter from the Prince Stadtholder to the Governor of Malacca and Extract from the Orders to Major Brown on the – Expedition to Malacca –
5th Proclamation of His Britannic Majesty and of the Dutch Government of Malacca –
6th Letter from Malacca Government to the Commander of His
7th Return of the Forces in the Garrison of Malacca 17th August 95.
8th Do of the Corps of Artillery Guns &c &c Do. Do
9th List of Ordnance and Military Stores found in the – Garrison of Malacca –
10th Letter & Report from Lieut Farquhar of Engineers
11 Abstract Account of Profit and Loss as stated in the Books of Government of Malacca from 1783 to 1793 –
12 Statement in Abstract shewing the Balance of Cash in the Treasury of Malacca; Amount of Merchandize in the Store Houses with the Duties collectable, and the Monthly Expences of the Civil, Military and Marine Establishment. –

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No. 13th Detailed Report of the Civil, Military and Marine Establishment under the Government of Malacca, with Account of the Grain and Provisions remaining in Store 1st September 1795.
14th Statement in Abstract of the British and Dutch Funds at Malacca
15th Detachment Orders by Major Brown
16th Correspondence between Captain Rowen of the Company's Armed Cruizer, Major MacDonald, Lieut. Collier of His Majesty's Ship Suffolk's Tender, and Major Brown
17th Copy of a joint Letter from the Naval and Military Commanders to Sultan Mahomed

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
President in Council
Fort St. George

From Major Brown requests to be relieved

My Lord,

To make me to return to Europe by the early Ships of 1796 in order to recruit a Constitution much impaired by unremitted Service in India for a period exceeding Six and twenty Years I request permission of your Lordship in Council to make over my present Charge to Captain Parr the Officer next in Seniority to me or to such other Officer as it may please Government to appoint.

I have the honor to be,
with perfect respect
&c &c
(Signed) A Brown

Malacca
5th September 1795.

Read the following letter from the Governor of Malacca.

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart &c &c &c

Governor &c Fort St. George Madras

My Lord

From Governor of — Malacca giving a Statement of all occurrences from the arrival of the British forces in Malacca until its final Surrender.

By the arrival of His Britannic — Majesty's Ships under the Command of Captain — Henry Newcome, I had the honor to receive a Letter from His Serene Highness the Prince of Orange as Chief Governor General and Universal Chief — Commander of the Netherlands East India Company containing an order to admit such of his Brittannic Majestys Troops into this Fort, as might be sent — hither and likewise to receive His Majesty's Ships and other armed Vessels, and to consider them as Ships and Troops of a Power being in Friendship and Alliance with their High &c — Mightiness the States General —

I immediately acquainted the Bearer of this Letter, Major Forbes Ross Mac Donald, that I should pay respect to it, as coming from my Lawfull Chief Commander His Highness &c and that in consequence thereof, I was inclined to admit without delay, and with full obedience to His Highness's Command, the Troops and Ships and should consider them as our Friends and Protectors —

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At the same time I received a Letter from your Lordship, but as the contents of it did not appear to correspond with His Highnesses orders, I felt myself in a very serious and embarassed situation, and in order to explain the peculiarities thereof, I shall state the following particulars—

I considered myself as one whose conduct and behaviour must have subjected him to the severest censure had he not paid the most implicite obedience to the orders of His chief Commander: such was my situation, and I could not deviate from my limited Commands—

By an order dated March 1789 received from their High Mightinesses the admission of Troops and Ships of War in these Roads was forbidden, and in a Letter from the Commissioners General dated 9th of August 94 it was explained how far the admission of such Ships of War was to be understood, but no mention made in respect to troops, therefore this point remains still interdicted—

By a Letter from the Associates of the Company Mr Guipin, dated Hague, 18th October 94. I again was recommended to be careful and on my guard against any European Power or Enemy—

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in the present case that every former order was done away, and the intention of the arrival of the British Forces, was to afford us Protection I acquainted Major MacDonald that I would literally obey the Princes commands, but absolutely wished to be unfettered, as otherwise I could not be answerable for; nor — could I possibly think of making any terms or Conditions which might appear to militate against them, much less could I comply with the delivery of the Fort into the hands of our Allys the — English as it was particularly entrusted to my charge; I further observed, that I did not pretend to exercise any Authority over His Majesty's troops, but at the same time could not renounce that of my own: — that I would consider these Troops as coming from an ally and Friend of their High Mightinesses, with an intention to protect us, but as I thought that to — Protect one's Property, widely differs from the taking an absolute possession of it, such a demand I could not in consequence of His Serene Highness orders comply with, without the violation of my Oath —

Major MacDonald said he was — charged with express orders to demand the Fort, and told me, in the Name of the Commanding Officer of

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of the troops. that twenty four hours only was allowd for our negociation. The terms on which Major Macdonald demanded the delivery of the Fort by no means appeard unreasonable. had I not thought them contrary to the orders of His Highness. for I do not think that true glory consists in the Exercise of Power and Command but in promoting the welfare of my Inhabitants: and that our Several naval and Military forces should coalesce, in order to defend the Place, should the Enemy indeavor to attack it

The Conditions which Major Mac Donald offerd were - That the Civil Government should entirely remain as it was before, except that the Commander of the British troops should have a Seat at the Council board, as Second —

That the Commander of the British troops after the Fort had been delivered up to him, he — acknowledged as Commandant of the Fort and — Garrison. - I could not accede to this requisition, being Commander in Chief of the Dutch forces, who were placed under my charge, by my Lords and Masters, and in the Exercise of which Power, not only the Commandant of our forces, but every Subaltern and Private, was bound by the Sacred obligation of

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of an oath to obey—

2 . . . . The Parole to be given by the British Commander—

3 . . . . The Keys of the Gates to be lodged with the Officer Commanding the Guards. or the Officer of the Main Guard—

4 . . . . The Military Stores. to be inspected by the British Commissary. in company with the Dutch Officers of that Department—and an exact Return of their Quantity and Quality to be made out. and after being signed by the Governor. the Keys of the Stores. and the charge of their contents made over to him or to such Officer as he may think proper to appoint to receive them—

The Magazines. Cannon &c

Mortars &c to be included

5th . . . . A State of the present effective & strength of the Dutch Garrison both European and Natives to be made out. and when signed by the Dutch Commandant. to be delivered to him—

6 . . . . The interior Economy of the Dutch troops to continue with the Dutch Commandant he giving weekly and Monthly returns of the State of his command. to the English Commandant—

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7 ... The Dutch Commandant to be considered responsible for the discipline and exact payment of his Men:— in case any complaints shall be made on that subject to the English Commandant he will lay the same before the Governor and Council that the same may be adjusted—

In Obedience to the orders of the British Commander in Chief of the Naval Force on the Indian Seas—

The Commodore of His Majesty's Ships in the Roads of Malacca informs Governor Cooper that he will take under his protection, and give every assistance to the private trade of the Dutch Settlements, but expects that all Vessels sailing with a Cargo for Europe, shall give Security that they shall, in the first instance, carry the same into a British Port— on no other condition can he consent to such Ships leaving the Roads—

He is desired to cooperate with all Dutch Men of War in the preservation of the trade and Settlements of the Dutch — the more effectually to answer this purpose he expects that all the Captains of the Dutch Navy on these Seas, the Date of whose Commissions are posterior to his will

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put themselves under his orders—

He likewise expects that all — armed Ships and Guarda Costas under the orders of the Governor of Malacca, he desired to consider him as their immediate Commanding Officer.—

Willing as I was to obey His Highnesses order I could not accept the Articles proposed, under their present form, as they were contrary both to my duty, and my Oath—

The promises made to me of protection both for the Inhabitants and their trade together with the Idea of the defenceless state of the Place, not having above Forty European Soldiers, and little or no dependence on the Javanese troops, being lately arrived, and quite undisciplined.— all these circumstances made me wish to enter into an agreement, but considering on the other hand, that my orders were limited, and that I was not absolved from a faithfull adherence to them, I was obliged in this case, to take measures, which not only related to myself, but to my Commandant also.

— This Gentlemen was appointed to that Station, and bound to fulfil the duties of it by Oath, as

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his People were also engaged to him by a similar obligation and acknowledged him as their Commandant— The order of the Prince of Orange was of such a nature as could not absolve either myself, my Commandant or our forces, from this Tie.— the order was to admit His Britannic Majesty's troops, and to consider them as our Allies. this order I had declared myself ready to obey—

Your Lordship will perceive — what measures I was obliged to adopt, being reduced to an alternative, either to violate my oath of fidelity to the States General, or to act on the defensive against those, whom I was willing to receive, as Friends and Allies. My duty — required the latter, and consequently superseded an expectation that the menaces held forth in case of my non compliance with the terms, would, by a force so superior to my own be — carried into immediate execution—

I wrote a Letter to the Commodore and Major Brown, stating the circumstances under which I was requesting only a short time for the purpose of sending the Aged, the Females, &c

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Children of the Inhabitants out of the Town: The time requested being expired. Hostelitys began on the side of the English by taking a Dutch Indiaman lying in the roads. I ordered every one to their quarters, and was determined not to deliver up the Place.

The Inhabitants and above all the Chinese were obliged to forsake their property and to take refuge in such confusion, that only a few of them remained behind and even these also followed them with precipitation. The Place was now left to without People, the Houses full of Goods were left exposed to plunder, and before the Sun was down many Houses were broke open. I was obliged to send Patroles through every part of the Town, in order to prevent these disorders - but as soon as the night came on, my own People began to commit depredations in the Fort. every moment brought intelligence of their desertion, and before 8 o'Clock 54 Men deserted from the Fort and 47 from a Battery at the Northern part of the Town: amongst these deserters were 3 Drummers and 5 Centrys. some of the reports which I continued to receive, proved false, and it evidently appears they were designed to divert my attention from

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from those places where my utmost care and
vigilance was necessary, so that at last I could place
no confidence in my own Soldiers—

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had landed at that place:— although this account
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that a strong party was marching against him.—

In the mean time I received authentic
intelligence that the Troops were all landed on the
Southern Beach our People endeavored to keep them
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had made good their landing—

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we would consider ourselves as Prisoners of War—

After His Majesty's troops had taken
posession of the Place the Commander declined —
considering myself the Councellors, and other Civil
Servants as Prisoners of War, and it was agreed, that
the Civil Government should remain as it was —
before, a measure I could not but acquiesce in at
the solicitation of several of my People—

As the Commander of His Britannic
Majestys Forces has received your Lordships orders
to send the Officers and troops of this Garrison to
Madras I beg leave to recommend to your —
Lordships notice and protection the Commandant
of the Dutch Forces, whose conduct and behavior
has secured to him my friendship, and which
has remained towards him inviolate, during a
period of Seventeen Years—

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c &c
(signed) A. Couperus

Fort Malacca
28th of August 1795.

Resolved, after the most mature
consideration of the above dispatches, that the
following letter be written to Commodore Rainier.

To

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To His Excellency Commodore Rainier —

Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships & Vessels in India

To Commodore Rainier congratulating him on the surrender of Malacca & inclosing copies of the Dispatches from Major Brown — Sentiments on the Preliminary Articles and suggestions for an Arrangement of them on the Arrival at Malacca — Recommendations on other Subjects relating that Settlement —

Sir

We are to make our acknowledgements to your Excellency for your communication of the papers transmitted by Captain Newcome — and to offer our Sincere Congratulations on the Success of the expedition against Malacca —

We have also to acquaint your Excellency that we have received a dispatch from Major Brown, inclosing papers not transmitted by Captain Newcome of which we have the honor herewith to furnish you with Copies.

Having every reason highly to approve of the conduct of the Naval and Military Officers entrusted with the Command of the — expedition against Malacca it is with much reluctance that we are under the necessity of expressing our regret, that the Preliminary — Articles Agreed upon by those Officers and the Governor of Malacca, do not entirely meet with an approbation. — They appear to us by means consistent with the orders from the Secretary of

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of State, or the instructions of this Government — founded upon those orders: the Spirit and Letter of which we conceive to have been, either that the Dutch Settlement of Malacca, in obedience to the directions of the Prince Stadtholder, should accept of the protection of his Britannic — Majesty, or [in the event of our being reduced by a rejection of our offers of protection to resort to force] that the settlement should be exclusively considered under the authority of the King of Great Britain.

As, however by the last Article of the Conditions, either the whole or part are rendered subject to the future regulation of the British Government in India, we must explicitly convey to your own opinion, that the Settlements of Malacca [the Garrison having surrendered Prisoners of War] should be placed under the strict authority of the King of Great Britain, and that no controul — whatsoever, should rest with the Persons heretofore in the practice of exercising the power of our Administration, under the Dutch Government. — We must at the same time desire that allowance may be made for the maintenance of the Dutch

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Civil Servants and such of them as it may be found convenient to employ in their several offices, may be continued in their respective situations but looked upon as derving their authority solely from the British Government - the Administration of Justice to proceed in every respect as if no change of Government had taken place - and we particularly recommend that every attention be shewn to the comfort and honor of the Dutch Governor.

The first of the Preliminary Articles having completely specified the grounds upon which the Settlement was surrendered, we are not apprehensive that the opinion we have now the honor to communicate, can in any degree be considered as inconsistent with the principle of the Capitulation; and as it is in strict conformity with the orders from home, we deem it our duty to recommend it for your adoption - and in the event of your doing so, desire to be understood as acting in co-operation with you in any measure you may pursue for that purpose -

Could we have entertained a doubt upon this subject after having fully considered the

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the several communication which took place — previous to the reduction of the Settlement by force. the letter from Governor Cowperus to our President which is a very candid and honorable Statement of all the circumstances which arose from the time of the arrival of our Ships and Troops at Malacca until its final surrender, would have completely removed it — and we must request you would intimate to Captain Newcome and Major Brown, that the construction which they — originally put upon their orders was certainly the true one, and that to which they ought to have adhered —

The difficulty of keeping the Dutch Troops under proper restraint, and — particularly if their Services were required to — repel any attack from the Enemy, renders it — questionable whether they should be suffered to remain at Malacca; and we rely upon your either sending them to this Presidency or — resorting to such other means of disposing of them as you may think most conducive to the public Service. —

The expedition against Malacca

having

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having proceeded entirely from this Presidency — the Officer Commanding the Troops having received no orders [that we are apprized of] except those with which he left Madras — and as we are consequently — responsible for the issue of the expedition unless the Supreme Government shall judge it advisable to take the direction of Affairs at Malacca out of our hands, we conceive the British Government referred to in the last Article, must mean the Government of Fort St George, and we have accordingly addressed your Excellency upon the subject — wishing at the same time to have it clearly understood that if any orders, different from ours, have been received from the Supreme Government upon the same subject we do not assume to ourselves any right of interference whatsoever —

Major Brown having applied to us for leave to return to the Presidency we have no objection to your Excellency's permitting him to do so, as soon as the interest of the Public Service will admit of it — but we are — inclined to think that his continuation at Malacca

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Malacca for some time longer might be beneficial.

We have the honor to inclose a Copy of our instructions to Major Brown dated the 19th of July, and of our Presidents letter to the Governor of Malacca, for your information

Upon the Subject of the Preliminary Articles referred to in the former part of this letter, it may be proper for us to observe, that it is our opinion that no Dutch Government can exist at Malacca, until the receipt of his Britannic Majesty's Commands upon that point, and consequently that the Dutch Council is dissolved — that the resources of the Settlement are applicable to the payment of the Troops, and the expences of the Civil departments, and that no Flag can be permitted to be displayed, whilst the Settlement shall remain in our possession except that of Great Britain —

The funds at Malacca appearing to us adequate to the payment of our Troops stationed there, we request that no part of the Money sent on board the Suffolk, may be

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landed at that Place unless you consider it absolutely necessary - And in the event of your being of opinion that the whole or any part of the Native Troops may be usefully employed under our Government, we authorize your Excellency to continue them upon the same terms for which they served under the Dutch -

We desire that none but temporary repairs absolutely requisite for the defence of the place may be undertaken and that you would impress the necessity of the strictest economy in their execution. -

We must request your Excellency would convey our thanks to the Officers Commanding the Naval and Land Forces at Malacca - and the Officers and men under their Command for the Zeal with which they have executed their several duties and assure them that we shall make such representation of their Conduct as they justly merit from so laudable an attention to promote the interests of their Country. -

We have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Hobart
& Council

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Resolved also that the following letter be written to Bengal

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

To Bengal, advising of the Surrender of Manar and Malacca and inclosing Copies of Major Brown's dispatches — opinion on the Preliminary Articles for the Surrender of Malacca — and Copy of the address to Commodore Rainier for an Amendment of them endorsed — also — Letters from Coll Stuart relating to Jaffnapatam.

Honble Sir

We have the greatest satisfaction in acquainting you that the Dutch Fort at Manar was Surrendered to a Detachment of our Troops under the Command of Captain Barbett of his Majesty's 73d Regiment on the Morning of the 8 Instant; and that by dispatches received Yesterday from Malacca, we are advised that Major Brown took possession of that place on the 17th of August — Copies of the dispatches are inclosed for your information.

The Preliminary Articles for the Surrender of Malacca not appearing to us to be in conformity with the instructions that had been furnished to the Naval and Military Officers in command of the expedition we judged it expedient to address Commodore Rainier on the Subject and as he was at the time, on the eve of his departure for Malacca we

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we Recommend to his Excellency's consideration the propriety of his amending the Articles, so as to make them consistent with the Spirit of the orders received from his Majesty's Secretary of State — We had the less difficulty in offering this opinion to the Commodore, from the circumstance that the Preliminary Articles were subjected to the approbation of the British Government, and that the letter from Governor — Couperus to our President removed every shadow of doubt, with respect to the manner in which the Surrender was made — His Majesty's offer of protection upon the stipulated conditions had been expressly rejected — Hostilities had actually taken place, and after every means of defence had been resorted to by the Governor. The Garrison — surrendered Prisoners of War — Under these — circumstances, the Settlement of Malacca, according to our interpretation of the orders from Europe, should have been taken possession of in the Name of the King of Great Britain, and held — exclusively at his Majestys disposal, without any future recognitions of the Government that had existed previous to its surrender. We enclose a

Copy

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Copy of our letter to Commodore Rainier, which explains our sentiments fully on the subject.

We also enclose, copies of — letters received from Colonel Stuart since our — address to you of the 29th ultimo — The original accounts referred to in the Colonels letter of the 9th have not yet been translated, owing to the absence of Mr Gericke — The translations shall be forwarded hereafter —

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We have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Hobart
W. Council

Read the following letter from
Mr Maningtom —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council
of Fort St George

From Governor of Prince of Wales's Island — complains of the inattention shown to him by not being apprized of any of the proceedings at Malacca

My Lord

Captain Newcome Commanding His Majesty's Ships on the Expedition against Malacca, has ordered the Honble Company's Ship Intrepid, under the Command of Captain Brown stationed for the protection of this Settlement; to convey his Dispatches

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Dispatches to your Lordship; but as neither him or
Major Brown has thought proper to transmit me
any official or private information of what has
occurred of their proceedings at Malacca, they have
put it out of my power to give your Lordship that
Intelligence I wished to have done both by duty
and inclination; I am sorry to find the Intrigues
was dispatched even without Major Brown's Packets.

I am truly concern'd to learn from
report there does not exist that unanimity, —
between the Gentlemen who conducts the —
Expedition there ought to have been — but this
is a point with which I have no concern —
whatever; Yet I cannot avoid mentioning the
total inattention that has been shown to me.
in the Public and Confidential Situation I am
placed in, by the Governor General in Council
as Superintendant of this Colony: — Centrically
situated as I am, for Communicating information
to every Government in India is what ought to have
been considered particularly so, on the present —
Critical Situation of Affairs — On the departure
of these Gentlemen from hence, I earnestly —
requested

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requested they would keep up a constant Correspondence with me, which on my part has been strictly adhered to; was it only to say we were all well in the defenceless State they left us in, from the Detachment and Supplies I offered them here.—

I am to request your Lordship will be pleased to order the Intrepid to return to her Station at Bombay, as soon as possible and her Services can be dispensed with.—

Prince of Wales Island
the 13th September 1795

I remain with all due respect.— &c &c.
(Signed) Philip Manington

Resolved that the following answer be returned

To Philip Maningtion Esqr
&c &c &c at Prince of Wales Island

To Mr Maningtion in reply to the foregoing

Sir

I have has the honor to reinue your dispatches giving advice of the French Cruizers in the Straits of Malacca and your Letter of the 13th Ultimo complaining / and I think with — great Justice / of the inattention shewn to your official situation by not having been apprized of any of the transactions of the — expedition

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expedition against Malacca

Commodore Rainier who now
proceeds to the Eastward, with a view of making
an attempt upon some of the Molucca —
Islands, will. I can have no doubt prevent
any omission of the kind in future; and
I must refer you to his Excellency for any
information you may be desirous of —
obtaining with respect to the situation of
affairs in this part of India —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Hobart

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Read the following Letter from
Colonel Stuart.

Right Honble Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

From Colonel Stuart forwarding Captain Barbuto's letter with the capitulation of Malacca —

My Lord,

I was yesterday honored with
your Lordships letter dated the 6th Instant
and do not lose a moment in sending off
my Aid de Camp to Madras with my
dispatches for Mr Dundas who will have
the

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the honor to deliver your Lordship this Letter—

I have great pleasure in —
congratulating your Lordship on our being —
in possession of the Fort and Island of Manar
a Copy of Captain Barbuts Letter to me
dated the 6th and of the Terms of Capitulation
which he granted to the Garrison I have the
honor to Enclose for your Lordships information
in case any Accident may have happened to
Captain Barbuts dispatches which he
forwarded to you to Madras

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c &c
(Signed) J Stuart

Trincomalle
12th October 1795

Colonel Stuart

&c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that
I arrived with the Detachment under my
Command at Montal, immediately opposite
to this place, at 6 Oclock Yesterday Morning
as soon as the Troops were refreshed I —
prepared to cross the river, and sent the
Summons, of which you gave me a copy to the
Dutch

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Dutch Governor: who immediately surrendered on the Terms. I have the honor to enclose you a Copy of — you will think them ridiculously Minute, when you hear that the whole Garrison amounted only to twenty five men commanded by a Lieutenant. — But I thought from your instructions, that it was my duty to grant the Garrison, and Inhabitants every indulgence that they could, with any reason require —

Towards Noon several large — canoes were reported to me to be in sight, and by 7 o'Clock in Evening Lieut Strachan joined me from a Detachment under the Command of — Colonel Campbell who arrived here this — Morning, and I believe writes to you by this conveyance —

I have ordered a Committee to take an account of all public property captured, — which I will send as soon as their proceedings — shall be closed —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

(Signed) B. G. Barbut
Capt. 73d. Regt
Jermes

Mannar
6th October 1795

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Terms of Capitulation on which Nicholas Reynders Esqr. offers to Surrender the Fort and Island of Mannar to the Troops of His Britannic Majesty under the Command of Burton Gage Barbut Captain 73d Regiment

Art: 1st The Fort shall be taken possession of by the Troops of His Britannic Majesty at 4 o'Clock this afternoon - The Garrison will be permitted to march out with the honors of War and laydown their arms upon the Glacis, and to be considered and treated in every respect as Prisoners of War.— — Granted

2d. The Officers to be permitted to go to Columbo — 2d. Not Granted

3d The Civil Servants employed by the Company to be allowed a reasonable Subsistence — 3d Granted, but subject to the controul and future decision of the Madras Government

4th The Civilians to be permitted to go to Columbo. — 4th Not Granted

5th. All private property to be preserved whether it belong to Civil or Military. — 5th Granted

6th The English Government to furnish means of conveyance at their own expence to such Prisoners as wish to leave Mannar — 6th Permission to be granted to leave Mannar at the discretion of the English Government but travelling expences will never be allowed

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12th The Church to be preserved for its present purposes, and not devoted to any other use—

12th The English will never wantonly disturb publick Worship— But should necessity require it, it must be given up to the publick Service—

13th All the publick papers, documents &c to remain in the hands of Nicholas Reynders Esqr., and to be taken away by him on his leaving Manar.

13th Not granted—all papers of this description must be faithfully and carefully delivered up to such person as the English shall appoint to receive them—

14th All private papers of whatsoever kind, to be respected.

All such as are necessary to prove private property will be permitted to be made use of for that purpose—

15th—all persons sick in the publick Hospital to be treated at the English expence.

14th Granted

16th The Governor to receive the usual honors as well as the officers in the Dutch service—

15th Granted

16th Granted, according to the discretion of the English Commandant—

17th The Civilians, commissioned officers Citizens and Inhabitants have permission to go to any part of the Island of Manar, but to be treated as Deserters if they abuse this permission—

17th Granted

Signed at Manar this 5th day of October in the Year of our one thousand, seven hundred and ninety five.

Attest Copy (Signed) B. G. Barbut Capt. 3 Regt Comg the Detachment

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Copies of the Dispatches from the Eastward to be sent to England.

Ordered that Copies of all the Dispatches from the Eastward be sent to the Court of Directors by the Mary Packet.

Minute concerning Conduct of Major Macdonald at Malacca.

The Board deem it necessary to observe, that Major Macdonald had no authority whatsoever from them, to take upon himself the privilege of discussing any public matter with the Naval and Military Commanders employed on the expedition against Malacca; much less to offer opinions calculated to embarass the negotiations then pending. His special instructions from the President were confined to Batavia, whether he was ordered to proceed with Lord Hobart's letter to the Governor General of the Dutch Settlements in India. The reasons that appear for his proceeding to Bengal are not satisfactory. For if the Suffolk's Tender were incapable of making the Voyage from Malacca to Batavia with safety, some other Vessel might have been procured.

Major Brown's conduct and arrangements at Malacca approved.

Ordered that a Letter be written to Major Brown, expressive of the Board's approbation of his conduct in the arrangements made for compelling the Surrender of Malacca, when it was

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was found that Mr Couperus had rejected the offer of taking the Settlement under the protection of Great Britain. —

Major U. Vigors appointed on the Malacca Expedition.

Ordered that Major Urban Vigors be appointed to serve with the Troops employed to the Eastward under the Order of Commodore Rainier — that Lieutenant MacKenras be appointed Town Major and Barrack Master at Malacca — and Lieutenant John Taylor Major of Brigade to the Eastward Expedition. —

other appointments at Malacca —

" Hobart

" Cor Saunders

" C. H. Faucopiere

Exam?

F. McRobron

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Diary.

Substance of Letters to Tippoo Sultaun and the Rajah of Tanjore. 1st

Wrote letters to Tippoo Sultaun and the Rajah of Tanjore, entered in C.C. Nos 93-94 - advising of the death of the Nabob.

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in M.B. Nos 115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123.-

From Commandant at Guntoor - advising

From Lieutenant Colonel Wynch.

of the march of the 3d Battalion for Madras - hopes the force in that Circar may be augmented.

From Resident at Hydrabad - Captain

From Captain Kirkpatrick

Mackenzie is about to leave that place for Madras - States why he cannot apply to the Nizam to satisfy the Claims of the Officers of the 28th Battalion

From Commandant of the Nizam's -

From Major Roberts

Detachment - Enclosing his Correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad.

From Assistant to the Resident at

From Mr. Ruthven.

Poonah - hopes the Board will continue to send him the Intelligence from Mysore.

From Military Paymaster General -

From Mr. Roebuck.

with an additional Estimate for October

From Ditto - advising of a demand

From Ditto.

made for the freight of Treasure sent to Tuticorin on the Sloop Hobart

From Commandant at Palamcotah

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.

requests that orders may be given for the Bombay — Cruizers

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16 Cruizers in the Gulph of Manar acting hostility against the Dutch — Encloses his Correspondence with the Senior officer.

From Dillo — Sends Proceedings of a Committee appointed to Examine the Cargoes of some Dutch Boats captured by the Cruizers.

From Captain Prater — From Commander of the Intrepid — Cruizer — advising of his arrival at Masulapatam with despatches from the Eastward — shall proceed to Bombay to refit.

" Despatches the undermentioned letters Entered in M B — Nos 124 — 125 — 126 — 127 — 128 — 129

To Captain Packenham — To Commander of the Resistance — expressing entire satisfaction at his exertions for preserving his Convoy, on the appearance of the Enemy's Ships in the Straits of Malacca

To Mr Greenhill — To Garrison Storekeeper — directing him to supply the Bombay Frigate with Salt provisions, Rice &c debiting Bombay Presidency for the Amount

To Commodore Pickot — To Commander of the Bombay Frigate — advising him thereof

To Military Board — To Military Board — directing them to furnish all the Estimates for Repairs or Buildings executed by Captain Bong — Specifying any deviation therefrom on the part of that Officer

To Mr Soriano — To Resident at Mayore — directing

to

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To send to Negapatam the Baggage left at Negapatam belonging to the 52d Regiment. as well as the recovered Men of that Corps.

To — Major Muat

To Major Muat — directing him to release Monsr de Lt Hesillié from his restraint.

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Received the undermentioned Letters —

Entered in MB Nos 130 — 131 — 132 — 133 — 134 — 135 — 136 —

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From Secretary at Bengal — forwarding

From Secretary Hay

Despatches from the Secret Committee per Francis — which her commander omitted to deliver while at Madras. —

From Acting Commissary General of

From Mr Shardore

Grain and Provisions — enclosing Indents received from the Commissary at Trincomale — requests orders. —

From Lieutenant Forbes — advising of

From Lieutenant — Forbes at Hydrabad

his having despatched from Hydrabad, to Arcot a Lot of twenty horses.

From Military Auditor General —

From Military auditor General.

submitting Copy of a letter from the Paymaster at Madura relative to the late General order fixing the Exchange at which Troops are to be paid at Stations, where the Star Pagoda is not current.

From Commander of the Army — —

From Colonel Brathwaite

requests some provision may be made for Officers in charge of Ordnance &c. for Writers and Stationary.

From —

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From Captain Deacon 17 v.

From Commandant at Riacotah — with Copy of a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun to him.

From Mr. Torriano

From Resident at Mayore — submitting a Letter addressed to him by the Commander of the — Brig Union

From Lieutenant Visey

From Lieutenant Visey — requests an allowance for a Writer as acting Fort Adjutant at Palamcotah.

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Sent the following Letters.

To Major Archibald Brown

Commanding the British Troops

at

Malacca

Sir,

To Major Brown — approving his measures for enforcing the Surrender of Malacca — sentiments on the Conduct of Major Macdonald.

We have received your Letters dated the 6th of August and 5th ultimo. with their several enclosures.

We are extremely well pleased that you were enabled to get possession of Malacca without any loss, and are highly satisfied with your Conduct in the arrangements made for compelling a Surrender, whom it was found that Mr. Couperous had rejected the offer of taking the Settlement under the protection of Great Britain

We are to observe that Major Macdonald

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Macdonald had no authority whatsoever from us to take upon himself the privilege of discussing any public matter with the naval and Military Commanders employed in the expedition against Malacca, much less to offer opinions calculated to embarrass the negotiations then pending — The preliminary articles drawn up by him, and ultimately agreed to, were not in conformity with the instructions from the Secretary of State, under the circumstances at the time existing — But upon this subject, we have stated our sentiments at large to Commodore Rainier, who sailed from hence on the 15th Instant for Malacca.

We have acquainted the Commodore with your request for permission to return to the Coast, and have left it to his Excellency to determine upon it, as he may see fit, after his arrival at Malacca.

We are
Sir
Your
Most
Obedient
Humble
Servants

Fort St George
17th October 1795

(Signed) Hobart
& Council

To the Count de Meuron

Colonel Proprietaire of the Regiment of Meuron

Sir,

To Count de Meuron — Stating the Pay to be drawn by him and his Aid de Camp.

I have the honor to acquaint you that this Government have come to the resolution of making an allowance to you of ten Pagodas pr day, from the time of your arrival at Madras — and an allowance equal to Captain's

Pay

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18 Pay and Batta to your aid de Camp — Whenever it shall happen that the Regiment of Meuron, is taken into the pay and service of Great Britain, your situation will be a matter for the further consideration of Government.

Fort St George
16th October 1795

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Hobart

To Mr. Thomas Snodgrass
Collector at Pettapore

Sir,

To Collector at Pettapore leave of absence to Dutch subjects left to his discretion orders for suspending the allowances to the Council at Jaggernaickporam and an Embargo on all exports by sea.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 27th and 29th instant, and to acquaint you, that you are to use your own discretion, in granting leave of absence to such Dutch subjects within the limits of your authority as may make application to you for the purpose.

Until the late Chief and Council of — Jaggernaickporam shall have explained themselves to your entire satisfaction respecting the Public Money "sent away by order of the Government of Pulicat", and the sum, "issued by the Chief for wages and Commission" his Lordship directs that you discontinue the payment of all allowances on account of subsistence to the late Chief and Council

The President in Council also directs that an Embargo be laid on all exports by sea, from — Jaggernaickporam

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18th Jaggernaichporam, until further orders.

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Sam. &c. &c.
(signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

" Despatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in M B Nos 138–139–140–141–142–143–144–145

146–147.

To Colonel Stuart, directing the abolition of
Colonel Stuart the Agency for Transports — Mr. Marshall appointed Master
attendant at Trincomale.

To Military auditor General — notifying
Colonel Malcolm the allowance to be drawn by the Count de Meuron and his
Aid de Camp.

To Ditto — referring Mr. Roebuck's —
Ditto additional Estimate for October

To Ditto — his opinion of the allowances
Do. Ditto to be drawn by Colonel Braithwaite correct

To Board of Revenue — transmitting
Board of Revenue Copies of Two letters from Mr. Collector Snodgrass and of the
reply thereto

To Commander of the Bombay Frigate —
Commodore Pickell directing him to receive on board Naval and Ordnance
Stores for the use of the Sloop Robart at Trincomale.

To Ditto — directing him to proceed
Do. Ditto thither and receive the orders of Colonel Stuart for his future
proceeding.

To Ditto of the Fleetsar — directing him
Captain Leighburn to.

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" 18 to receive on board Lieutenant Burdett and four Privates of the 52d Regiment — also some Military Baggage for — " "

T. Dillo Fincommde.

To Dillo — to receive some Chests of — "

Medicines for Dillo

To Dillo of the John Packet — directing

T. Captain Hieroglas him to proceed to Negapatam and await there for further — "

orders.

" 19 Received the undermentioned Letters —

Entered in MB. Nos 148 — 149 — 150 — 151 — 152 — 153 — 154 —

From Secy Bengal From Secretary at Bengal — advising of

the appointment of Lieutenant J. Kirkpatrick as assistant to the Resident and Postmaster at Hyderabad, with the consent of this Government.

From Mr Sheardon From acting Commissary General of

Grain and Provisions — proposes that the Commandants quarter on the Hill fort of Dindigul be appropriated for a — "

Granary and that Colonel Cuppage be allowed House Rent.

From Colonel Malcolm From Military Auditor General — reporting upon sundry additional Estimates referred to him.

From Military Board. From Military Board — enclosing

Certificates of the Stores landed from Thurlow, Hillsborough

From Mr Roebuck Minerva and Francis

From Military Paymaster General —

enclosing his Estimate for November.

From

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From Resident at Nagore — submits a letter addressed to him by the Commander of the Brig Union — on the subject of the Freight ordered to be paid to him.

From Mr. Torriano

From Commandant at Onyole — has released the French Serjeant and Sepoys detained by him.

From Captain Battler.

Sent the following Letter

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

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to transmit for your consideration, copy of a letter from the Military Auditor — General at this Presidency, respecting his allowances, with copy of his address of the 20th April last, and an extract of our letter to the Honorable Court of Directors, dated the 23d of that month, on the same subject.

To Bengal submitting an application from Colonel Malcolm for arrears of the salary lately fixed for him — sentiments thereon —

We do not conceive that we should be warranted; in discharging the arrears applied for by Colonel Malcolm, or in adding to his present salary of six hundred Pagodas \$ month, without the sanction of the Court of Directors, to whom the subject of the arrears had been particularly referred — But, as the matter may be viewed in a different light by the Supreme Government, we have to observe, that, if a recommendation from us were necessary to induce your acquiescence in the claims

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Claims preferred by Colonel Malcolm, after the arguments he has used in his Letter of the 10th Instant, we should — cheerfully come forward with the declaration, that he had uniformly discharged the important and laborious duties of his Office with Zeal, Ability, and Integrity, — and we should add, that, we know not of any employment under this Government, where it would be more necessary upon prudential grounds, to grant a liberal allowance, than to the Person holding the Office of Military — " Auditor General —

Fort St. George
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We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Hobart
&c Council

"

Despatched the undermentioned Letters
Entered in M B. Nos 155-156-157-158-159 —

To Colonel Stuart.

To Colonel Stuart — the Barrack — Master on Ceylon to be ordered to provide Cots — and the Hussar to proceed to Bengal after discharging her Cargo for Trincomale —

To Commodore Rainier

To Commodore Rainier — enclosing Copies of the Despatches from the Secret Committee dated 25th March and 8th April last

To Colonel Braithwaite.

To Commander of the Army — — " — expressing disapprobation of Major Wahab's Conduct, in his late dispute with the Collector at Masulipatam

To Mr Porriano

To Resident at Nagore — directing him

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19th — him to procure some Masoola Boats that will be ready by the Hussar to Trincomale.

To Captain Lightburne — To Commander of the Hussar — directing him to proceed to Trincomale and receive Colonel Stuart's orders for his future proceeding.—

At a Consultation

Present.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President.

Edward Saunders Esqr

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation read

Tuesday 20th October 1795 — and approved

Read the following letters from — viz

Bengal.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at

Fort St George

From Bengal — advising of Mr Duncan being empowered to negotiate a Treaty with the Rajah of Travancore — the object thereof —

My Lord,

We think it proper to acquaint your Lordship that Mr Duncan, who this Day embarked to

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to take Possession of the Government of Bombay. has — "
received a Commission from us to enter into Negotiations
with the Raja of Travancore, with a view to a future
permanent Treaty with him; and, provisionally, to — "
form Engagements for the more immediate Purposes
of the Raja's Security, and obtaining the Co-operation
and Assistance of his Troops during the War; and
we request your Lordship will attend to any — "
applications which Mr Duncan may find it
necessary to make to you for Information or Official
Documents on the Occasion.

Fort William
25 of September 1795

We have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) J. Shore
Robt Abercromby
P. Speke
Wm Cowper

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

From Bengal — desiring that a reinforcement — may be sent to Malacca from the Coast — opinion may go and to the Discretionary authority applied for to ratify the Candian Treaty.

My Lord,

We have the honor to reply to your
Letter of the 7th Instant.

From

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From all the Intelligence which has reached us of the Situation of the Dutch at Malacca, we have every reason to conclude that they are not in a Situation to make any considerable resistance, and that the Force already sent against that Place will prove sufficient. At the same time we think it will be advisable on every ground, to augment the Troops at Malacca, with a view to its future Security, and having already advised your Lordship of our Disappointment, with respect to the Battalion of Native Troops, which we proposed to detach there, it will rest with you to send the reinforcement in such mode as you may judge most expedient.

On your proposition for investing you with a discretionary authority to ratify any Treaty that may be agreed upon between the King of Candia, and your Embassador, we have only to observe that, in our opinion it would be a violation of the Statute, and that it is not in our power, whilst we hold our present Stations, to relinquish, or transfer the responsibility attached to them.

As the Relief of Major Roberts's Detachment, by the Troops of this Presidency, cannot take place until the arrival of the four Battalions which

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which we have resolved to send to the Coast, we shall give you timely notice of our determination on the point.

The Negociations which Mr. Duncan is instructed to enter into with the Rajah of Travancore, we hope will facilitate the proposed measure of assisting you with Troops from the Malabar Coast, after the reduction of Cochin, and in the event of its execution, we shall attend to your Suggestions for directing the Troops to proceed to Tutocorin.

We have the honorable
Sir &c &c

Fort William
the 26th September 1795.

Signed J Shore
Rob[t] Abercromby
P. Speke
W. Cowper

Minute thereon

The Board will readily attend to any application which Mr Duncan may make to them for Information as official Documents relating to the objects of his negotiation with the Rajah of Travancore

Read the following letter from the Resident at Hydrabad.

From Resident at Hydrabad relative to a new Charge in the Accounts of the Detachments for dep[y] Allowances to the Staff Officers — Notices the want of Officers for the Native Corps. The Nizams demands one Lack of Rupees on account of Perishcush.

William Collins Jackson Esq[r]
Secretary to Government

Sir,

Hyderabad

I have the honor to transmit to you for the notice of the Right Honorable the President in

Council

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Council, Copies of three Letters which have lately passed between me and the Pay master of the Ellore Detachment, relative to a new charge introduced for the first time in his account Disbursements for last month.

I shall be obliged to you to let me know whether or not the accounts of this Detachment pass the Office of the Military Auditor General in the same manner with those of the rest of the Army.

The deficiency of Subaltern Officers with the Detachment though only casually mentioned by Lieutenant Goldsworthy will no doubt attract the attention of Government. The number of those present with the Two native Battalions of Infantry, including the whole of the Staff amounted on the 1st Instant to no more than thirteen; and are now reduced to Eleven; two having since then been obliged to quit the Detachment on account of sickness.

Having been officially applied to by the Durbar for payment at Masulipatam of a Lack of Rupees in part liquidation of the arrears of Peishcush due to his Highness; I am hopeful that Government will transmit with all convenient speed the necessary orders on this occasion to Mr. Gregory

I was duly honored with the Board's Letter of the 17th Ultimo to the subject of which

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which I have been as attentive as the present untoward state of circumstances would admit; and upon which I purpose addressing his Lordship in Council with as little delay as possible.

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

Hydrabad
8th October 1795

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Goldsworthy Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam to the Resident at Hydrabad dated October 5th 1795.

I beg leave to remark to you that the increase of Expence in the abstracts of the artillery under the head of Civil Establishment, is occasioned in consequence of two officers and one Conductor of Stores not having accepted the Tent allowance. Likewise in the abstract of fixed allowances to each of the Sepoy Corps the Commanding officers of them has drawn Sepoy allowance for the four Lieutenants attached to them, but employed upon the Staff; it being understood that officers in a similar situation have been accustomed to draw it elsewhere.

To Lieutenant Goldsworthy
Paymaster to the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 1st Instant.

The Sepoy allowance for officers employed in Staff situations, having never been drawn for before, I find it necessary to request that you will explain to me

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me as fully as may be in your power the particular grounds upon which that charge is now for the first time introduced.

Camp near Puttunchuroo
October 1st 1795.

I am &c
(Signed) Wm Kirkpatrick

William Kirkpatrick Esqr
Resident at the Court of his Highness the Nizam

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receiving yours of the 3d — In answer to your request that I should — explain the grounds on which Depoy allowance appears — now in my accounts drawn for officers employed in Staff situations — I felt an earnest desire to furnish you with the fullest explanation in my power therefore thought it necessary to communicate the Contents of your letter to the Commanding officer, who desires me to inform you that he was induced to sanction the insertion of this allowance in the abstracts of the different Corps, in consequence of the Staff officers of this Detachment representing to him, that it was always drawn by officers on the Staff upon this — Establishment; and that he was further induced to authorize this allowance to the officers on the Staff with this Detachment, having occasionally (from the scarcity of officers with the Corps) found it necessary, and might again require — their performance of Regimental duty —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Camp near Chilmery
October 6th 1795.

(True Copies)
(Signed) W. Kirkpatrick (Signed) Jno Goldsworthy
Paymaster

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Resolved that the Collector at Manulipatam
Resolution thereon be directed to hold in readiness the sum of One Lac of —
Rupees to be paid to whomsoever the Nizam shall authorize
to receive the same. In case Mr. Gregory should not
possess the means of discharging the Demand in Silver,
and difficulty occur in fixing the exchange at which its
equivalent is to be paid in Madras Pagodas, he must
immediately address Captain Kirkpatrick upon the
subject, requesting he would regulate the rate with the
Nizam's Minister at Hydrabad.

Read the following letter from
Major Agnew.

To the Right Honorable Lord Robart
President in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Major Agnew- the Government of Columbo reject the proposals made to them — The Regiment De Meuron have received their dismission.

I have the Honor to report to your Lordship
my return from Columbo.— I should have felt particular
pleasure could I have added that my Mission had been
attended with success, but the Proposals I was deputed
to make have been rejected by the Majority of the Council,
who have declared their determination to defend the
Establishments committed to their charge, to the utmost
of their power.

The Regiment de Meuron has in
consequence of the orders of the Colonel Proprietor, received
it's

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its dismission from the Dutch Service; and may be
expected to arrive at this Port early in the Months of
November in Vessels supplied by the Dutch Government
for their conveyance.

I have intimated to Colonel Campbell
and to Mr Powney the probable arrival of this Regiment,
suggesting to the latter the necessity of collecting Provisions
here for their subsistence without delay the immediate orders
of Government on this subject will tend much to obviate
any Difficulty which might otherwise occur.

I propose to proceed to the Presidency
as soon as the means of conveyance can be stationed on
the Road, and hope to have the Honor of delivering the
Despatches of the Government of Ceylon, with a full report,
very soon after this Letter reaches Madras.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

(signed) P. A. Agnew

Read the following Report from the
Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

In reply to the commands of Government
conveyed in Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 10th September,
enclosing to us an Extract of a General letter from the
Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department dated
6th May 1795 — we have the honor to observe that as this
Board

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Board never had any charge of the Naval Stores in question, we conceived that the subject must have been misstated or " misunderstood, and our President determined to wait on his Excellency Commodore Rainier in order to obtain some " explanation. The result was that the matter had been misunderstood as we conceived — for the Commodore informed our President that the Stores in question never were in charge of any Department in the service of the Honorable Company — but a separate charge held by Mr. Sewell as Navy Agent — That he had stated in his letter to England, that as the Store Houses which could be hired were usually such buildings as were not well suited to the purpose he suggested an idea that probably the Company might be induced to build proper Store-rooms applicable to this use in time of war, and in peace to any other uses the Company might think proper.

Having called upon the Military Auditor General to give us such information as he had in his power on the subject of the paragraph of a General letter from " England dated the 6th of May last relative to surplus " clothing, he acquaints us that he has it not in his power to give any concerning it from the accounts of the Agents, further, than is already known, Viz.t: that the quantity indented for; and delivered to the Native Corps was according to their Establishment, and which was the usage of the service at the time and long before;

whatever

whatever the actual strength might be unless a special order was given to the contrary, — with the view he believes that there might be the means of every native Soldier as soon as recruited appearing in a scarlet Jacket from the influence which it is well known such appearance has always had in all the duties on which the Troops fall to be employed — The issue of Clothing in question was made immediately before the last War or during its continuation and a considerable portion of what may have been accounted surplus by comparing the actual strength of these Corps with their Establishment, may have been lost in the Field, during the marches of the Army, besides the loss of Clothing during the same period which may have happened by desertions.

The Military Auditor General likewise states that it was not the rule of the Service at the time "that any Clothing delivered to those Corps was looked upon as surplus, and to be accounted for by the Corps unless furnished in a larger proportion than the Establishment, — That under such circumstances he does not conceive it "possible that the Clothing accounted surplus in the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors would have been returned into Store or accounted for otherwise at this period, or any other in regard to the application of it, than falls to be stated as above in answer to the explanation required by your Lordship's commands through Mr Secretary — " Jackson dated also the 10th Ultimo.

We

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We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Lordships orders under date the 6th 7. 9 and 10th Instant; and have given directions that the Commanding Officer at St Thomas's Mount be supplied with the several articles he applies for in conformity with the resolutions of Government which are annexed to the copy of his letter.

The Chief Engineer is directed to prepare an Estimate of the expence that will attend the repairs wanting to the Head Surgeon's Quarter at Vellore, and the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs ordered to execute those wanting to the Native Infantry Barracks Black Town, as also to the Appartments No 6th Fort Seven.

We lost no time in forwarding to the Military Storekeeper the Invoice and bill of Lading of the 1675 bags of Salt Petre embarked in Bengal on the Ship Glasgow for Military purposes on the Coast — nor in dispatching orders to the Commanding Officer at Nameul to execute as speedily as possible such repairs to the new Messrooms at that Station as may prevent them from sustaining injury during the monsoon.

We have the honor to acquaint Your Lordship that a Committee of His Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons having sat for inspecting the Granaries the Stores of that Regiment, transmitted to us their — proceedings thereon. — It appears that they found damaged

by

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by the dampness of the Godown five hundred and seventy Seers which quantity they have struck out of their — — monthly Return for September last. — We deemed it necessary to direct that the damaged Grain be returned to the Deputy Grain Agent attached to that Corps, — who will no doubt apply to his principal for instruction about it, and to inform Your Lordship of this proceeding.

We have the Honor to be,
Sir &c &c

Fort St George
14th October 1795.

(Signed) John Braithwaite
Henry Malcolm
Jn. Richardson
B.J Close
George Hall

Resolved that an Extract from the foregoing report relating to the charge of the Naval Stores and to the surplus Clothing be sent to England per Mary for the information of the Honorable Court

Read the following letters from the Accountant General and Mr. J. Jervis.

William Collins Jackson Esq
Military Secretary

Sir,

On a Comparison of the proposals for Cloathing the Army it was evident that Mr. Jervis's were considerably the lowest but as he mentions the price of the

minute thereon.

om Accountant General. mitting a Comparation tement of the proposals Clothing the Army — o a letter from r. J. Jervis on the me Subject.

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the Cloth at the Company's warehouse to be the same as last year which appears to be contrary to the Tenor of your adver=
=tisement and as I am not able to judge of the difference
between the price of Cloth this year and the last or of the quantity that may be required at this M^r Jervis asserts in a letter addressed to me, of which I have the honor to enclose a Copy, that his terms are the lowest, notwithstanding the difference in the price of the Cloth. — I judged it proper to make a calculation according to the present strength of the Army as stated by the Adjutant General on the prices of two other of the proposals which ran nearly equal to each other, of these M^r Doring is the lowest as may be seen by the enclosed Statement which you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

Of the two others M^r Fraser's is — "considerably higher than the preceding and M^r Capon, besides being considerably higher, has also deviated from the tenor of your advertisement in stating the price of the Cloth to be the same as last year; it was therefore unnecessary to calculate on the rates of the two last mentioned.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c^a
(Signed) Robert Woolf
Acc^t Gen^l

Fort St. George
Accountant General's
Office 19th October 1795

Robert Woolf Esq^r
Accountant General

Sir,

Having learnt at the Accountant General's Office this morning that my Proposals for Cloathing the Army

are

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are to be thrown out on account of my having stipulated in my letter to the Right Honorable the President in Council that the Cloth to be received by me from the Warehouse should not exceed the Invoice prices of the Cloth issued to me as late Contractor for Cloathing; I beg leave to remark that the above mentioned Clause was inserted in my letter to the late Governor with my former Proposals, — and was not then Considered a bar to a Comparative View of my Proposals being taken with the others received — I therefore trust that on the present Occasion also you will deem it but just on further Consideration to lay a Comparative View of my Proposals with the others that have been received before His Lordship in Council — as I have reason to think they will be found by far the most favourable to Government even admitting that I shall receive the Cloth on the Terms on which it was furnished me last year.

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

(Signed) John Jervis

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(a true Copy)

(Signed) Cecil Smith
Dep.y Sec.y

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council

From M.r J. Jervis on the Subject of his Proposals for Cloathing the army.

Fort S.t George

My Lord,

Having stipulated in my letter to

Your

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your Lordship which enclosed my Proposals for Cloathing to receive, provided they were accepted Cloth from the Company's Warehouse at the Prices at which it had been issued to me as late Contractor, It occurs to me to be necessary to lay before your — Lordship in Council the enclosed comparative — Statement of the actual Invoice Prices of the Cloth and those at which I agree to receive it from the Warehouse making only a difference of Eighteen hundred and eighty six Pagodas thirty one fanams and seventy Cash on the Total Quantity of Cloth — required this Year for the Cloathing of the army.

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I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships most obedient
humble Servant

(Signed) John Jervis

Bates

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Bales	Pieces			Yards	The Honorable Company's Invoice Prices for the year 1795 Rates	Amount of Pagodas	The Honorable Company's Invoice Prices for the year 1793 as allowed to the late Contractor Rates	Amount of Pagodas	The Difference
					Cotts requested for the year 1795				
1	"	Superfine	Scarlet thick	200	@ 2 35 " ₱ yard	533 25 "	@ 2 31 70 ₱ yard	541 30 "	
4	"	Ditto	Di thin	408	1 43 10 ₱ D.	799 " "	2 " " ₱ Di	816 " "	
1	3	Ditto	Blue thin	153	1 41 " ₱ D.	292 18 "	1 36 15 ₱ D	277 11 5	
"	1	Ditto	White	17	1 39 " ₱ D.	31 33 "	1 29 10 ₱ D	28 6 10	
1	3	Ditto	Green	153	1 38 " ₱ D	282 9 "	1 36 25 ₱ D	276 20 65	
1	4	Ditto	Yellow	170	1 37 " ₱ D.	309 35 "	1 37 10 ₱ D.	311 30 "	
7	"	Fine	Scarlet	714	1 15 " ₱ D	952 " "	1 7 20 ₱ D	829 1 40	
1	"	Ditto	Yellow	102	1 5 " ₱ D	113 15 "	1 " 30 ₱ D	102 38 20	
1	3	Ditto	Green	153	1 3 " ₱ D.	163 9 "	" 14 20 ₱ D	150 20 20	
2	"	Ditto	Blue	204	1 5 50 ₱ D	229 22 40	" 42 60 ₱ D	193 36 "	
1	"	Ditto	White	102	1 1 " ₱ D.	104 12 "	" 40 10 ₱ D	90 42 60	
25	"	Broad Cloth	Aurora	Piece 150	22 23 " ₱ piece	3376 30 "	21 28 10 ₱ D	3243 33 60	
130	"	Ordinary	Red	780	19 2 " ₱ D.	14854 30 "	18 " " ₱ D	14040 " "	
35	"	Ditto	Yellow	210	20 15 " ₱ D.	4270 " "	18 10 60 ₱ D	3970 7 40	
25	"	Ditto	Blue	150	19 16 70 ₱ D	2906 11 "	18 15 30 ₱ D	2751 11 20	
20	"	Ditto	Green	120	20 24 " ₱ D	2464 " "	18 16 20 ₱ D	2203 15 "	
1	"	Perpetuances	Fine Scarlet	24	8 " " ₱ D.	192 " "	7 33 60 ₱ D	186 " "	
	12	Ordinary	Red	12	6 " " ₱ D.	72 " "	5 33 60 ₱ D	69 " "	
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	5	Ditto	Green	5	6 " " ₱ D.	30 " "	6 " " ₱ D	30 " "	
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Resolution on the letter from the accountant General

It appearing that Mr Woolf has not ascertained from the Import Warehouse keeper the actual price and quantity of the Cloths of the Assortments wanted the Board consider the Comparative Statement he has formed, as defective and can therefore come to no — decision upon the proposals made for Clothing the Army — agreed his in consequence that the Statement be returned, and that the accountant General be directed to procure the necessary information from the Import Warehouse, and submit to the Board a more complete report upon the proposals referred to his Examination.

Read the following Extract of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore. — Entered also in C.C. N°95.

Extract of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjour to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart President and Governor &c &c &c Dated 7th October 1795

From Rajah of Tanjore — transmitting a letter for the Court of Directors.

I have been informed that a Ship is about to depart for Europe and as it is a long time since I addressed a Letter to the Honorable Court of Directors I have now resolved to make even a — short Statement of my situation in order that it may be known to the Honorable Court I inclose it under a flying Seal with this letter, and request that

you

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Your Excellency will do me the favor of having it translated into English and forwarded by the present dispatch. I also rely upon your Excellency for such a representation to the Honorable Court as from a favorable consideration of my case you may judge conducive to my relief.

A true Extract

(signed) J. Webbe Jery

To the Honorable the Court of
Directors of exalted rank
and high station, to whom all
situations are known, — the
bestowers of prosperity, the
upholders of the humble
May their favor continue.

From the humble Amerdunth. Gee
Rajah, Rajah of Tanjour — after presenting at their feet
the service of humility and dependence, may it be
represented to their authority the bestower of opulence —
Having become acquainted by their favor and kindness
with my health, may they give continued orders for
making known to me their own happiness — &

and

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and pleasure.

On the 29th april 1793 I addressed a letter to your Honorable Court, and represented my whole situation.— Having made known to you the reasons, upon which I withheld my consent to the sort of treaty which Sir Charles Oakeley had fashioned to his own mind, I have been expecting for two years and a half that your Honorable Court would favor me by sending an answer; but, as my stars have not been propitious, the hopes, which I cherished, have been frustrated. The sorrow, which I have in consequence felt, it is impossible for me to describe.

Lord Cornwallis, whose justice is known, having taken into consideration the state of the Nabobs country and having adverted to his— ability, concluded an equitable treaty: as his Lordship had not sufficient leisure, he departed without— having arranged a treaty with me upon similar— principles I was sanguine however that Sir Charles— Oakeley would take example from his Lordship's— conduct towards the Nabob, and favor me by forming a treaty according to my ability and the situation of my country; but being disappointed in these hopes I withheld my consent to the treaty proposed by Sir

Charles

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Charles during a whole year. At length finding myself without protection and being desirous of regaining possession of my country upon any terms, I consented to that treaty as a case of extreme necessity; but I had no idea of being able to perform my engagements from the resources of the country. I considered that this treaty provided some small relief for three years and that by assenting at that time and by making your Honorable Court — acquainted with the circumstances of my case, you could before the expiration of the three years take it into consideration; and I relied with the firmest confidence that you would make an equitable arrangement. The lapse of so much time without the receipt of any answer to my letter has been a cause of very great grief to me. It is as if I had passed from [illegible] As my affair has been delayed, the third year will have elapsed before the arrangements, which your Honorable Court will form according to justice, can arrive. The burthen, which will after that period be brought — upon me by the treaty concluded with Sir Charles Oakeley, it will be impossible for me to sustain; I therefore entreat that your Honorable Court will be pleased to take into consideration the letter, which I addressed to you for the purpose of explaining my means and the situation of my country, and

that

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that you will grant me relief in order that I may enjoy tranquility under the shade of your protection. When there is no difference between us why should I write more.

(Signed) Sree Ram Pretâp

Dispatched from Tanjour the 23d Rubbiullawall, or the 7th October 1795.

A true translation.

(Signed) J Webbe
Marratta Translator

order thereon.

Ordered that the letter addressed by the Rajah to the Honorable Court, be forwarded in the Packet per Mary.

Read the following letter from Fort Marlbro.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council &c.

Fort St George

My Lord,

From Fort Marlbro. transmitting Copy of a letter to them from the Dutch Government at Batavia requesting a supply of Medicines.

We have this morning received a Letter from the Dutch Government of Batavia per Express, of which the inclosed is a Copy of the Translation accompanying the Original — the intelligence which it conveys we think of such consequence to the Commercial Interests of the Honorable Company and Individuals that in order to give you, and the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships of War, the earliest information we have been induced

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induced to take up the Country Ship Perseverance Commanded
by Captain Howden to carry our Dispatches to Madras on
the terms of the accompanying Engagement

In consequence of the large Detachment
of European and Native Troops from Bengal and your
Government, and having experienced an uncommon sickly
Season - we are much distressed for Medicines - we therefore
particularly request Your Lordships will direct the -
accompanying Indent to be spared from the Honorable
Companys Stores at your Presidency and forwarded here
by the very first Conveyance -

We have the honor to be
&c &c

Fort Marlbro
30th July 1795

(Signed) Robert Broff
Henry Douglas
Philip Braham
Edward Cole

To Mr Robert Broff
and the Members of Council
Bencoolen

Gentlemen,

We send this Letter by an Express in order to
inform you of the arrival of Two french Ships and a Brig
in the Straights of Sunda who at their arrival off Anjer
Point

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Point took the Ship Armenian Merchant commanded by Captain Alexander Young laying at Anchor at that place which (according to the Relation of the Moors who were on that Ship, and were set at Liberty by the French) was immediately sent to the Isle of France

They have since taken their Course — according to the received Intelligence North Eastward and it is thus probable that their Intention is to course off Java, in order to take good Cargoes of Rice

And as there might be a possibility — that at the Receipt of this Letter one or two English Frigates of War were at Bencoolen, or perhaps the Ship of War Diomede commanded by Captain Mathew Smith, — who has been some time since on the Straights of — Sunda, and who has informed us of his orders to cruize in the Straights of Banca and Sunda in Company with another King's Ship. We therefore request you most — earnestly to send us in that Case the necessary assistance instantly in order to go out conjunctly with the forces which We have here against the Enemy.

We request you likewise will inform these particulars to our Servants at Padang and at a proper opportunity offers to Malacca or Puloh Penang in order that every body at those places might be on

their

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their Guard and likewise if Opportunity offers to
receive some succour and assistance from Malacca
and Palimbang.

We will if possible observe the said
French Ships strictly and We will inform you in
time how far We have succeeded.

We have the Honor to be
Yr & Yr

Batavia
5th July 1795.

(Signed) W. A. Alting
J. Seberg
A. D. Bock
J. H. Wuyerman
P. Vainde Weert
Ale. Mom
G. A. Num
W & H. Van Rumsdyk
G. C. Tilmenjer
A. H. Wiese

A true Copy of the Translation of
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W. H. Grant
Jur.

Captain

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W. H. Grant
Lieut.

Captain

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Captain John Howden does hereby agree to proceed to Madras direct with a Packett for that Government for which the Company pay him the Sum of Three Thousand Dollars the receipt of which he hereby acknowledges — The Company also agree to indemnify the Owners against the War Risk of the Block which is valued at forty Thousand Rupees until the Packett is delivered which he engages to do immediately on his arrival at Madras.

Fort Marlbro
30th July 1795.

(Signed) Jno Howden

order thereon.

Ordered that the Indent for Medicines be supplied by the first opportunity that may offer.

Read the following letter from the Governor General at the Isle of France.

To His Excellency Lord Hobart
Governor of Madras

From General Malartic — sends a List of English Officers and Seamen permitted to Embark for England.

My Lord

I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship that a few days since I granted permission to four Officers and twelve Seamen, lately captured by one of our Corvettes,

which

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which arrived at the Isle of France on the 16th June
(old Style) to embark on an American Ship for
their own Country — the Names and Rank of the Officers
and Seamen are annexed

In regard to what your Lordship
has written me respecting the English Prisoners who,
you say, were, in pursuance of a Decree of the —"
Convention, confined on board Ships, I assure
Your Lordship that I felt much Pleasure in —" "
shewing them every attention in my Power,
and in permitting them to come on shore as
often as they wished — This I assure you is the
Line of Conduct I adopted, and, could I
have rendered their Situations more satisfactory
I should have done it, in grateful return for
the Civilities I experienced in Canada from
Generals Abercromby Amherst Murray and
many others - The thanks which I received
from Bombay from eight of your Officers whom

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I sent to that Place clearly shew that they were satisfied with my Conduct.

I think I have now sent you — more Prisoners than we have received. —

I have the Honor to be with distinguished Consideration

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) Malartic

Above Translation

(Signed) George Parry
Acty Fr. & Fr. Transl.r

Return

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Return of English Prisoners transhipped from the Republic Corvette Le Moineau to the Ville de Bourdeaux, and sent to their own Country on an American Ship

Moon Chaplin	Captain	Taken on the Brig Triton
John Ris	2d Captain	
John Chaplin	Seaman	
Peter Perterson	D.	
Edward Escott	D.	
Andrew Hoog	D.	
Jos.h Nall	D.	
George Nicholson	Captain	Taken on the Brig.t Union
Arthur Grey	2nd D.	
Mathew Vonoldstron	Seamen	
John Neall	D.	
Dan.l Ruaid	D.	
John Faciesthent	D.	
Owen Nioux	D.	
Ressgermie alli	D.	
Mauchek Davis	D.	

Certified

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Certified to be a true Return by the Governor General of the Isles of France and Reunion at the Isle of France 25 Mysidor 3d Year of the Republic or 9th July 1795 (old Style)

(Signed) Malartic

A true Translation

(Signed) George Parry
Acty French Transl.

Examined
Edwd Robt Hargrave

" Hobart
Wm Saunders
" E Wallscourt

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Diary

28th Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in P. C. Nos 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168.—

From Mr. Secretary Hay. From Secretary at Bengal — forwarding some despatches for this Presidency received by the Suffolk Tender from the Eastward.—

F From Mr. Secretary Morris. From Ditto at Bombay — advising of a Bill drawn on that Government by Mr. Cleghorn.

F From Mr. Sheldon From Acting Commissary General — Grain and provisions enclosing his Estimates for November.

F From Mr. Gilbracht From late Chief of Pulicat requesting that the Dutch despatches from Batavia detained by Government may be delivered up to him.—

From Major Roberts. From Major Roberts — transmitting his Correspondence with the Resident at Hyderabad.

From Mr. Ochterlony From Assistant to the Resident at Poona — enclosing Copy of a Letter addressed to him by Lieutenant Montgomery.

F From Military Board From Military Board — enclosing a Comparative Statement by the Military Storekeeper of the prices of Military Stores, charged by him and his predecessors.

F From Colonel Brathwaite. From Commander of the Army — noticing the very great deficiency of Subaltern Officers — recommend that Messrs. Grace Meares and Durand appointed by Major Brown to act as

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25th as Ensigns be confirmed as such - Want of Sheep for Pondicherry. -

From Major Innat - advising of the inundation of the Town of Chicacole. -

From Major Innat -

22d Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B. Nos 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176 177. -

To Mr Woolf. To Accountant General. his Comparative Statement of the proposals for Clothing the Army being defective, a more correct one to be prepared. -

To Captain Kirkpatrick To Resident at Hydrabad, notifying the appointment of Lieutenant J. Kirkpatrick as his Assistant. -

To Mr Marshall To Mr Marshall - appointing him Master Attendant at Trincomale. -

To Colonel Malcolm. To Military Auditor General - referring Mr Roebuck's Estimate for November. -

To Ditto. To Ditto - The Agency for Transports at Trincomale abolished and Mr Marshall appointed Master Attendant - his opinion desired upon a Charge for Sepoy Allowance to Officers employed in Staff situations with Major Roberts's detachment. -

To Military Board To Military Board - the Bill for account of the Temporary Sheds at Dindigul for Ordnance Carriages passed - the Repairs at Conatoe to be executed

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22d executed the Consideration of the Estimates for Annex deferred.—

To Mr. Roebuck. To Military Paymaster General—transmitting the Report of the Auditor General upon his several Additional Estimates for September and October.—

To Clerk of the Treasury. To Clerk of the Treasury ordering advances on the above account.

To Captain Bond. B To Senior Officer of the Company's Cruizers in the Gulph of Manar, enjoining him to prevent Supplies being conveyed to any of the Dutch Settlements, and to obey all Instructions from Captain Gardner of the Heroine.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Falkofield } Esquires

F Friday 23rd October 1795.

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Minutes of last Consultation read.

The President acquaints the Board that on having understood that the Days immediately after the late Nabob's Death, when the Omdut-ul Omrah was supposed to be inaccessible, were employed in preparing His Highness to resist any proposition

The President lays before the Board Copies of his Correspondence with the Amdut-ul Omrah relative to a Modification of Lord Cornwallis's Treaty.

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proposition that might be made to him, His Lord=
=ship was desirous of availing himself of the ea
earliest opportunity of entering into a discussion of
a new Arrangement more favorable to the interests
of the Company and the Nabob, as well as, indis=
=pensably necessary to the Welfare of the Country
and he now submits for the information of the
Board Copies of his Correspondence with His
Highness, with the propositions therein referred
to, relative to a Modification of Lord Cornwallis
Treaty (entered also in C. C. Nos 96-97&98.-)

Translation of a Letter

From His Highness the Nawab Omdat ul Omrah Bahadur
To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St George

Dated 16th October 1795.
Received Do Do Do

From the Omdat ul Omrah ad=
=vising of his having ascended the Musnud.

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that
by the divine Favor and through the auspices and
support of my friends the Company and the English
Nation, I have this day been seated in the Musnud
of my Ancestors.-

I acknowledge with the most lively
sensibility your Lordships benevolent attention
to the situation of my revered Father, during
his last illness and I reflect with the most
indelible

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indelible Gratitude on the humane anxiety which you manifested on that melancholy occasion — The friendship you have been pleased to shew me since his decease and the solicitude you have expressed for my well-fare, whilst they form a source of the most pleasing reflections, excite sentiments of Gratitude so lively and lasting, that they can only cease with my existence.

Knowing as your Lordship does, my long Friendship for the Company, my attachment to your person, and my earnest desire to cement the alliance which had so long subsisted between the Company and my ever honored Father, I trust it is unnecessary I should make any assurances to your Lordship of the Sincerity of my friendship and affection and of my wishes to render the Carnatic as flourishing and happy as formerly.

What can I say more?

A true Translation

(Signed) A. Falconar
Pm Fr

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic
&c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Highness

To the Nabob submitting propositions

I have had the honor of your

Highness's

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propositions for the modification of the Treaty of 1792 whereby the abuses and depredations existing throughout his Country may be remedied.

Highness's letter of the 16th Instant and I understand its contents.

Any anxiety I may have felt and manifested for your Revered Father during his indisposition was the result of a high respect for an old Ally of the Company, and a tribute to the most amiable and gracious manners that ever ornamented distinguished Rank.—

If however I could have felt any consolation under the impression of such a loss it was in the reflection that the ruin with which his country was so imminently threatened by the operation of the Treaty of 1792 might be averted by your adoption of a Modification of it, since the distresses of the Carnatic evidently proceed from the perversion of the system which has rendered the provisions of that treaty wisely intended for the benefit of the Country extremely injurious, and nothing would have prevented my urging this point soon after my arrival in India but the great age of your Father which made his speedy dissolution a matter of rational expectation within a short time and from the apprehension of the inflexibility and blind obstinacy naturally attendant on an advanced period of life, I would not risk the embittering his latter days

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days by involving them in a Contest with the E.I. Company's Government.

It has therefore afforded me the most cordial satisfaction that I learn from your letter of the 16th instant that you have not forgot the unexampled friendship and support you have received from the East India Company and that you have been pleased to say you have an attachment to my person, an attachment which I should conceive totally unmerited on my part, if I could make a proposition to you either injurious to your Honor, or detrimental to your Country. But as there is no feature by which high rank is more unquestionably stamped upon the humane race than by the feelings of honor and sincerity in their dealings, I cannot look to any other conduct in a Man of your birth and in your situation.—

It would on that account appear to me that I had undertaken a difficult task in availing myself of your Professions, expecting you should act up to them. And if you wish to prove that you have any attachment to me personally I will acquaint you that the only means by which you can evince it is by permitting me to have an influence over your mind in a case wherein your credit and comfort, the interests of your Country and the welfare of the East India Company are

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are equally concerned.

The Principle of the treaty of 1792 you will find uniformly maintained in the inclosed agreement which I now propose to you to enter into. And the only Modifications desired are that the Company should collect that Revenue which is already appropriated for your contribution towards the establishment. That your Country should cease to be in the hands of Usurers and Extortioners who abusing the power with which they are necessarily invested will render it incapable in a very few years of producing half its present Revenue, and in the event of a War when the Government must receive it from such hands a total deficiency of funds is likely to involve the Company as well as yourself in the greatest calamities.

To have been silent on a subject so important and not to have endeavored by the strongest arguments to awaken Your Highness to the inevitable ruin which a perseverance in the present destructive system must occasion would have been equally inconsistent with the friendship and which it is my earnest desire should subsist between us as it would have been a dereliction of my duty to my Country and a criminal disregard of the interests of your Highness

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and the East India Company. and I must here entreat you to consider well before you admit the Council of your Enemies or rather your pretended friends to prevail. —

The arrangement proposed to your Highness has for its object the remedy of the abuses and depre=dations in the Southern Countries which have so reiterated a subject of Complaint on the part of your Highness and your late Father. —

And your Highness must perceive that I have taken care in the 1st Article that any surplus from those Countries after providing for the discharge of the Sum of 6,35000 Pagodas shall revert to your Highness, so that your payments to the Company for the defence of the Carnatic will not be encreased one Anna — on the Contrary there is every reason to hope that by the introduction of order in the administra=tion of the Revenue of those Provinces, and Economy in the charges of Collection considerable advantages will in time result to your Highness. —

The second object of the proposed ar=rangement is a point of Form, I mean in regard to publishing the Supremacy of the Company's Authority over the Polygars for the purpose of preser=ving order and the lives and property of the Inhabitants; as your Highness will observe

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your right of Sovereignty stands therein fully ac-
=knowledged.—

No alteration whatever is made, or proposed to be made, in regard to the payment from your Highness for the guaranteed debts of the Con-
=solidated Creditors, who stand in the proposed arrangement precisely on the same footing as provided for in the treaty of 1792.

The Provision of that treaty for War — which secures to your Highness during its continu-
=ance 1/5.th of the net produce and the Sayers remains the same—

The Article providing for the pay-
=ment of the advance made by the Company for the New Cavalry debt on account of your Highness after the Consolidated Debt shall be fully liqui-
=dated is I hope a proof of my anxiety to accom-
=modate your Highness as in the event of this Agreement not taking place I shall be under the necessity of demanding the immedi-
=ate discharge of that debt, it having ac-
=crued from an actual advance of Cash from the Company's Treasury; and the last clause will prove to your Highness, how much I have your future peace and Comfort in view in proposing to cancel those claims which,

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have been so long a subject of in some discussion and which you must be sensible from the strong grounds on which most of them stand will prove a source of future embarrassments and distress to your Highness. —

If the Measures I am suggesting were inconsistent with the treaty of 1792 or new in the Customs of India and that you was under no obligation to the Company I should not wonder at your hesitation or ultimate refusal — It is however not embarrassed by such circumstances —

With regard to the Customs of India, I could quote Scindia having assigned a large proportion of his territory to Mr. De Boigne for the purpose of supporting an Army for the defence of his dominions. And a more recent instance of the same kind in the Soubahdar of the Decan having made a similar assignment to Monsieur Raymond, on the very confines of your territory. The various Jaghiers throughout Indostan would furnish innumerable Precedents. I mention these circumstances lest interested persons should attempt to persuade your Highness that my proposition would lower you in the Eyes of the Powers of India. —

It would however be idle to suppose that

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Your Highness's situation with the English Nation is not perfectly unaerstood, or that it was not a matter of positive notoriety what that situation would be unsupported by the British Government.

Your personal Obligations to the East India Company are equally public, and if you have any views beyond the present moment you should not hold yourself out as an Example to convince the British Government how little they have to expect from a friendship, the Disinterestedness of which is demonstrated in your succeeding to the Musnud without any engagement to them, notwithstanding your former Distresses and their inexpiable Protection and support. As I am satisfied it is impossible to advert to any authority that will have equal weight with your Highness to that of the King of Great Britain and lest the sentiments expressed in his Majesty's letter of the 13th of May 1790 to your respected Father should have escaped your Highness's recollection I shall recite them, in the hope that they will not fail to make that impression to which they are entitled.

"When we reflect upon your Highness's wis-
"dom and experience in the affairs of Mankind,
"we cannot but entertain a firm persuasion
"that the endeavors which at any time have
"been made by the British Administration

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"in India to inculcate moderation and influence
"you even in some instances to recede from claims
"of territory or jurisdiction will be considered by
"you not as attempts to lessen your Dignity or
"infringe your power, but as intended to promote
"an entire union of interests and a system of
"co operation such as might render our respective
"countries prosperous, our subjects happy, our
"revenues according to the rules and proportions
"of justice, applicable to the common safety,
"and enable us by the blessing of God to baffle the
"designs of our enemies."

"These being the principles that we enjoin
"to our Ministers for their conduct we trust your
"Highness will rather confide in such assurances
"than yeild your superior discernment to the
"artfull suggestions or Machinations of any
"interested individuals who may presume to
"excite discontent either through ignorance of
"your Highness's real interests, or merely to
"advance their own injurious schemes by em-
-barrassing your Highness's government and
"disturbing that amity which ever has been
"and under the favor of Heaven may long
"be productive of the most important

"benefits

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benefits even to the latest Posterity"

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

Propositions

Whereas, by a Treaty entered into on the 12.th day of July 1792 between the Right Honorable Charles Earl Cornwallis K. G. Governor General &c. &c. &c. on the part of the Honorable English East India Company, their Heirs and Successors And the Nabob Walajah &c. &c. &c. &c. &c. in his own Name and for himself and Successor, his Eldest Son the Nawaub Omaut ul Omrah &c. &c. and his Heirs and Successors on the other part, it was stipulated and Agreed by the 4.th Article of the said Treaty between the said Contracting parties, that during the time of public Tranquility in the Carnatic and Countries appertaining to either party and dependent upon the Carnatic, or contiguous & thereto, the Nabob Walajah should pay to the said Company for the purpose of mutual defence the sum of Nine Lacs of Star Pagodas annually, as his Share of the expence of a Military Force, and also in consequence of certain agreements entered into by him with the said Company and guaranteed by the Parliaments of Great Britain for the purpose of liquidating

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liquidating certain debts due by the said Nawaub a further Sum of Six Lac, twenty one thousand, one hundred and five Star Pagodas (6,21,105) annually, which further Sum of 6,21,105 Star Pagodas shall cease on the full liquidation of the Debts above = =mentioned, and the Sum of Nine Lacs of Star Pagodas, only shall continue to be paid by the said Nawaub to the said Company.—

And Whereas, by the 5th Article of the said Treaty it is declared that "The said "Nawaub having agreed to pay the aggregate "Sum of Star Pagodas 15,21,105, as mentioned in "the 4th Article, determines that the Tributes or "Peshcush payable by the Polygars, as more "particularly mentioned in the Schedule No 1 here= "=unto annexed, shall be collected by the said "Company, who agree to make the Collections "thereof at their own Expense and Risk, and "that they will not encrease the Demand on "the said Polygars, beyond the Sum mentioned "in the said Schedule except in the Case hereafter= "=mentioned nor charge to the said Nawaub "either the expence attending the Collection, or "any deficiencies that may arise thereon, but "will give credit to the said Nawaub annually

"for

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Fort St George
20.th October 1795

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

Propositions

Whereas, by a Treaty entered into on the 22.d day of July 1792 between the Right Honorable Charles Earl Cornwallis K. G. Governor General &c. &c. &c. on the part of the Honorable English East India Company, their Heirs and Successors And the Nabob Walajah &c. &c. &c. &c. in his own Name and for himself and Successor, his Eldest Son the Nawaub Omdut ul Omrah &c. &c. and his Heirs and Successors on the other part, it was stipulated and Agreed by the 4.th Article of the said Treaty between the said Contracting parties, that during the time of public Tranquility in the Carnatic and Countries appertaining to either party and dependent upon the Carnatic, or contiguous & thereto, the Nabob Walajah should pay to the said Company for the purpose of mutual defence the sum of Nine Lacs of Star Pagodas annually as his Share of the expence of a Military Force, and also in consequence of certain agreements entered into by him with the said Company and guaranteed by the Parliaments of Great Britain for the purpose of liquidating

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cease on the full liquidation of the Debts above =
=mentioned, and the Sum of Nine Lacs of Star
Pagodas, only shall continue to be paid by the
said Nawaub to the said Company. —

And Whereas, by the 5th Article of
the said Treaty it is declared that "The said
"Nawaub having agreed to pay the aggregate
"Sum of Star Pagodas 15,21,105, as mentioned in
"the 4th Article, determines that the Tributes or
"Peshcush payable by the Polygars, as more
"particularly mentioned in the Schedule No. 1 here=
"=unto annexed, shall be collected by the said
"Company, who agree to make the Collections
"thereof at their own Expense and Risk, and
"that they will not encrease the Demand on
"the said Polygars, beyond the Sum mentioned
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"=mentioned nor charge to the said Nawaub
"either the expence attending the Collection, or
"any deficiencies that may arise thereon, but
"will give credit to the said Nawaub annually

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"for the aforesaid Tributes or Peshcush, in part payment
"of the Sum of Nine Lacs of Star Pagodas abovemention-
"-ed, without any deduction whatever, altho' the
"Contracting Parties have, in the present Instru-
"-ment agreed that the Sum of Star Pagodas
"2,64,704: 20: 26 be deducted from the Sum of Nine
"Lacs of Pagodas, as the Amount of the Tributes or
"Peshcush from the Polygars yet, should it, on future en-
"-quiry appear that the said Polygars ought, by virtue
"of any existing and lawful engagements, to pay a
"larger Sum it shall be demanded of them and any
"addition that shall thus be made to the Sums
"mentioned in the said Schedule shall be deducted
"from the Sum of Nine Lacs, in like manner with
"the Sum of 2,64,704: 20: 26 Star Pagodas, and a simi-
"-lar deduction shall in consequence be made in
"the Kist bundy hereinafter mentioned; it is however
"mutually agreed that the diminution of this ag-
"-gregate Sum, which shall take place on the
"full liquidation of the Debts, as is specified in the
"4.th Article shall make no change in this
"Article, which shall, notwithstanding such
"diminution remain in full force" - And whereas
great inconveniences have been found to arise
from the mode in which the said Nawaub

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Walajah has executed the Conditions of the said Treaty, with regard to the Nine Lacs, which he has bound himself, and his Heirs to pay towards the mutual defence of his possessions and those of the said Company both inasmuch as it related to the Sum of Star Pagodas 2,64,704: 20:26. made payable by the Polygars mentioned in the Schedule N.o 1 which is annexed and made a part of the said Treaty of July 1792, as well as of the Sum of Star Pagodas 6,35,295:15:34 being the remainder of the Nine lacs after the Tributes or Peshcush from the said Polygars shall have been deducted.-

And Whereas, it hath pleased the Almighty to deprive the People of the Carnatic of that great and good Man the late Nawaub, Wallajah, and that his eldest Son the Nabob Omdut ul Omrah Bd. Bd. Bd. having ori=ginally been a party to the abovementioned Treaty has succeeded to the Musnud of his Father, and being anxious thus early to mani=fest his Regard for his people and his desire to concur in any Measures that may demonstrate his affection, Gratitude and attachment to the Honble East India Company, and believ=ing that both these important Objects may

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be accomplished without deviation from the Spirit of the Treaty of 1792 - Therefore, the said Nawaub Omdut ul Omrah Vz. Vs. Vc. doth hereby for himself, his Heirs and Successors consent and agree with the Right Honble Lord Hobart, Governor of Fort St. George Vz. Vz. Vc. on the part of the Honble the East India Company, their Heirs and Successors to the follow=ing mutual arrangements for the better execution of such parts of the said Treaty of 1792, as are here=inafter mentioned. -

Art. 1st That in lieu of the said Sum of Star Pagodas 6,35,295: 15: 54 being payable by monthly Installments as provided for in the said Treaty of 1792 a proportion of the possessions of the said Nawaub, as contained in the annexed Schedule No 2. the net Revenue of which is estimated to produce Star Pagodas shall be placed under the exclusive management and controul of the Honble the East India Com=pany and they are hereby made over accordingly That if after a period of Three Years the Average Net Revenue of the Countries so estimated shall exceed the Sum of Star Pagodas 6,35,295: 15: 54 such excess shall be carried to the account of the said Nawaub and be applied in part discharge of the Sum which will remain to be

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be paid by His Highness on account of the guaranteed Debts, hereinafter more particularly mentioned and a proportionate deduction out of the Kists payable for that year shall be made accordingly— And if on the other hand the Net Revenue at which the Coventies so placed under the management of the said Company be found to produce less than the said Sum of Star Pagodas 635,295:15:54 the deficiency shall be made good by the said Nawaub in such manner as may be hereafter agreed upon between the said Contracting Parties; and for the satisfaction of His Highness the Nawaub it is mutually agreed;—

First— That an Officer on the part of the said Nawaub shall be Stationed at the Sudder Cutcherry in each District which Officer shall be furnished annually by the Officer of the said Company with Copies of the Sudder Cutcherry Accounts of the Gross Collections and of the Net Receipts under the attestation of the Officer of the said Company and of the Sudder Amlah of the district.

Secondly— That at close of every third Year an adjustment of Account shall take place, to ascertain the Balance due to the said Nawaub— If the

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Net Revenue shall have exceeded the said Amount of Star Pagodas 6,35,295: 15: 54 - or in the event of the Net Revenue falling short of that Sum, the Balance due by His Highness to the said Company — And for this purpose a Committee consisting of four respectable and capable persons, of which, two shall be nominated by the said Company, and two by the said Nawaub shall assemble on the first day of August in the Year 1798 and every third year hereafter —

Art: 2nd — In consequence of the above Agreement the 3d Article of the Treaty of 1792 is hereby declared to continue in full force, except that clause which provides for the restoration of the Carnatic entire, at the conclusion of a War it being understood between the contracting parties to this arrangement that such restoration is not to extend to those Districts named in the annexed Schedule No 2 thereby made over to and placed under the exclusive Management, Controul and Orders of the said Company for the purposes already mentioned. —

Art: 3rd — From the present divided state of the authority of Government in the Countries belonging to the Polygars, mentioned in the Schedule No 1 annexed to the Treaty of 1792

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also No 5 annexed hereto, the greatest disorders prevail to the extreme oppression of the people to the discredit and disgrace of the Governing Power and to the great prejudice of the Revenue, it is therefore stipulated and mutually agreed between the Right Honble Lord Hobart on the part of the Honble the East India Company and the Nawaub Omdutul Omrah Vt. Vc. Vr. that the Polygars specifically named in the said Schedule, shall be placed under the entire controul and orders of the said Company. that a declaration shall be issued by the said Nabob to this effect and that the said Nawaub shall suspend, during the continuance of this Treaty, the exercise of the Sovereign Rights, which are acknowledged by the 6th Article of the Treaty of 1792 Viz. the allegiance and submission of the Polygars to him the said Nawaub, in all customary Ceremonies, as well as for the Peons which they are bound to furnish, and that in consequence all acts of authority over the Polygars shall be exercised in the name of the said Company, and that the Revenue Accounts and all engagements executed by the said Polygars shall be made also in the name of the said Company. And it is further agreed that after the expences of Management in the said Polygar Districts shall have

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have been defrayed any encrease of Revenue which may arise from the conditions herein agreed upon, beyond the Sum of Star Pagodas 2,64,704:20:26. shall as provided for in the 5th Article of the said Treaty of 1792 be carried to the account of his Highness and deductions made accordingly in his other stipulated Payments, it being mutually understood that this Article is not to affect the separate Agreement entered into between the right Honble Lord Hobart and his late Highness the Nawaub Wallajau in regard to the Ramnadpooram Districts until after the period of three years therein specified.

Art. 4th. After deducting from the aggregate Sum of Star Pagodas 15,21,105, herein before mentioned Star Pagodas 2,64,704:20:26 the Amount of the Tributes or Peshcush from the Polygars, as specified in the Schedule No 1, and the Sum of Star Pagodas 6,35,295:15:54 for the payment of which the Countries specified in Schedule No 2 are placed under the entire Controul, Management and orders of the said Company, making together Star Pagodas 9,00,000 the said Nawaub agrees to pay a further Sum of 6,21,105 Star Pagodas annually as provided for in Article 4th of the said Treaty

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of 1792 for the purpose of liquidating certain Debts due by the said Nawaub, guaranteed by the Parliament of great Britain at the following Periods—

On the 1st September	50000
1st October	50000
1st November	50000
1st December	50000
1st January	50000
1st February	50000
1st March	75,000
1st April	75,000
1st May	100,000
1st June	71105.
Star Pagodas	625,105.

and it is hereby mutually agreed that on the full liquidation of the Debts before mentioned the payment of the said Sum of 625105 Star Pagodas on that account shall cease on the part of His Highness.

Art. 5th The said Nawaub engages to make good to the said Company the payment of the sums according to the Instalments, or Kistbundy, contained in the preceding Article- and if contrary to his Sincere intentions and exertions any of the said Sums shall not be fully paid at the expiration of fifteen days from the time limited,

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in that case the said Nawaub agrees that the said Company shall assume the Management of and make the Collections of the Revenues from the districts mentioned in the Schedule No. 3 hereunto annexed according to the following Conditions - and for this the present engagement shall be considered sufficient authority - the said Company, thro' their President and Council for the time being at Fort St George giving immediate and explicit Information, according to the Tenor thereof, to the said Nawaub, who shall, on the arrival of the Company's Officers in the said Districts, recall all his Officers, except one in each district, which Officer shall remain at the Sudder Cutcherry and shall be furnished annually by the Officer of the said Company, with Copies of the Sudder Cutcherry Accounts of the gross collections and of the Net Receipts under the attestation of the Officer of the said Company and of the Sudder Omlah of the district. -

First The said Company shall assume the Management of such districts or Districts the Revenue of which after deducting the Charges of Collection shall equal the Amount

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of the Kist which shall have fallen in arrear.

Second. The said Company agree that a deduction shall take place proportionably from the Amount of each of the Ten Kists above-mentioned, equal to the Amount of the Net Revenue of the District or Districts which shall have been assumed as above, such deduction commencing from the day that the assumption shall take place. It is also mutually agreed that an Account called Balance Account shall be immediately opened for this and other purposes hereinafter mentioned bearing an Interest of 8 per Cent per Annum, between the said Nabob and the said Company in which the said Nawaub shall be debited for the Balance accrued in his above stipulated payments and also for the Amount deducted as above from the Ten Kists and shall be credited for the Net Revenue collected from the said District or Districts, the said Company continuing to exercise authority in, and to make the Collections from the same, until, in consequence of the full liquidation of the guaranteed Debts specified in the 4th Article, the said Balance Account shall be equal on the Debit and Credit side, and

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nothing shall remain due to the said Company, then the said District or Districts shall revert to the Management of the said Nawaub.—

Third— In consequence of this measure, & whereby the Districts mentioned in the Schedule N.o 3 become responsible for any arrears that may accrue in the payment of the above stipula=ted Rists the said Nawaub agrees that he will not grant Tunkaws or Assignments on any ac=count on the Revenue thereof and if contrary to this Condition any Tunkaws or Assignments should exist, when the said districts or any of them shall be assumed by the said Company, such Tunkaws or Assignments shall be declared by the said Nawaub, and the said Company to be of no value nor shall they remain in effect.

Fourth— It is agreed between the contracting Parties that the above described Balance Ac=count shall be annually adjusted and a Com=mittee consisting of four respectable and capable persons, of which two shall be nomi=nated by the said Company and two by the said Nawaub, shall assemble on the first day of August of every Year commencing

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with 1796 for the purpose of adjusting, and of drawing out a fair and Equitable Statement thereof.

Art. 6th Whereas the said Nawaub stands justly indebted to the said Company for an advance made by them for the discharge of the said Nawaubs Debt, denominated the New Cavalry Debt, amounting to the principal Sum of Pagodas 7,20,598 with Interest running from the respective Dates of advance at 8 per Cent, as specified in Schedule N.o 4. and notwithstanding it is provided in Article 7.th of the Treaty of 1792 and by the 11.th Article of this Agreement that on the full liquidation of the Debts therein mentioned the payment of the Sum of 6,25,105 Pagodas, shall immediately cease on the part of His Highness the Nabob. It is hereby agreed by and between the contracting Parties, that the said payment of 6,25,105 Pagodas shall continue to be made by the said Nawaub after the final liquidation of the said guaranteed Debts, until the above-mentioned principal Sum advanced by the said Company for the payment of the said New Cavalry Debt together with Interest thereon at 8 per Cent per Annum, from the dates of the respective advances shall be fully liquidated. when, the said payment of 6,25,105 Pagodas

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Art. 7.th In consequence of this Arrangement it is hereby agreed by and between the Contracting parties, that all other claims for unadjusted debts on either side whether on the part of the Company on the said Nawaub or on the part of the said Nawaub on the said Company shall be mutually given up and cancelled.

Art. 8.th It is further mutually agreed and declared that all the Articles of the Treaty of 1792 not specially referred to, or modified in this Arrangement for its better execution shall be considered in full force and

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binding on the Contracting Parties, their Heirs and Successors.

This Agreement consisting of eight Articles and having four Schedules annexed thereto, marked No. 1-2-3 and 4 shall be in force and shall have effect when ratified by the Supreme Government and Receipt in India of the approbation of the Honble the Court of Directors.—

From the Nabob rejects the Propositions of the President as being contrary to his Reputation, Dignity and Interests.—

His Highness the Nabob Vc. Vc.a Vc.a

presents his Compliments to the Right Honble Lord Hobart.— the usual custom in the Mahomaden Religion, is, not to see any one and not to go out for fourty days, which is observed as a Mourning for that period of time, but for the great respect the Nabob has for his Lordship, he prevailed upon himself to see him, although against the Rites of Religion; His Highness must further remark to his Lordship that, every two, five and every ten days, and so forth, for fourty days he has some Ceremonies or other Rites to perform, which is according the Moorish custom; His Highness must therefore, most earnestly request his Lordship will until these fourty days are expired, be pleased to postpone all interviews, after which period, the Nabob will be happy

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to meet again his Lordship with pleasure; but in the interim his Lordship can correspond either by public or private Letters to which he will answer.—

His Highness begs leave to inform his Lordship that, he has perused the Treaty he has been pleased to honor his Highness with, and he has delivered the same to his Council in the Darbar, which consists most of them of his Family— after consideration, every one of them, said "your Highness have two roads to follow, "one is your Highness's Father's Will and Lord "Cornwallis's Treaty, the other, the English "Nation's faith pledged to your Highness and "your family's honor; if your Highness were to "move one inch from one or the other, this "proposal of his Lordship's is like a Handker- "=chief tied with a String, when the string breaks "or the Handkerchief tore, the Pearl will be "scattered, and will be difficult to gather, "which your Illustrious Father had with so "much trouble collected and must feel dis- "=graced, and what is life without honor"

Besides His Highness found a letter written by himself to Lord Cornwallis, which was wrote by his Lordship's own

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desire, promising upon Oath will not allow His Highness's father to break the Treaty in his life time, nor after his Demise by his Highness; He for these very reasons requests of his Lordship, will excuse him agreeing to his Lordships Treaty for His Highness do not wish to go one hairs breadth from the Spirit of that Treaty of Lord Cornwallis's, He therefore begs his Lordships permission to return the New Treaty and the letter. The Nabob trusts in God, the King of England, the British Nation, Lord Cornwallis and in Sir John Shore, and he also hopes, his Lordship will not do what his honor, Dignity and reputation must spurn at and condemn. His H. Highness begs and prays that, his Lordship will not be Angry if they differ in opinion.—

Respecting the Cavalry Loan, let His Highness be settled a little in his mind, then his Lordship will be pleased to write him fully on that subject, for he has Accounts also against it, Notwithstanding His Highness's good Father were against the payment of it, as his Lordship will observe by the Correspondence on the Company's record and to give his Lordship some outlines of the business, he has the honor to enclose some papers regarding

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it; after the Accounts are adjusted, and should a balance appear against the Circar, in such case, His Highness will endeavour to put it in a train of payment with great pleasure.

Sorry to acquaint his Lordship, that what from not sleeping one Night and a day and what from vexation, it has brought on His Highness a fever and Head-Ach, of which he is not well at present.

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Translation of a Persian Letter from Lord Cornwallis To His Highness the Nabob. Received the 26th Zelcaud 1206 Hegery answering to 17th July 1792.

After the usual Compliments.

During the negotiation of the late Treaty between your Highness and the English Company the Nabob Omdat ul Omrah Bahadur communicated to me certain points, on the part of your Highness, which being of a trivial nature, were not mentioned in the Treaty. But as your Highness wishes to have my sentiments upon these subjects, I shall communicate them without reserve. It is stipulated in the Treaty recently concluded that the Company's Troops shall be Stationed in the several

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several Forts of the Carnatic - Although this stipu=
=lation was made with the view to the opposing
of an Enemy and the security and defence of the
Dominions of the Carnatic in order to obviate
any doubts that may be entertained by the Com=
=pany (who are ever desirous of complying with
your wishes) I have directed the Government
of Madras not to place garrisons of the Com=
=pany's Troops in the forts of Arcot Hylasgud
and Chundergherry but to deliver them up
to your Highness for the residence of your De=
=pendants - I hope from your Highness's great
wisdom and prudence that you will keep
in mind the stipulation in the Treaty relative
to the several Forts being garrisoned with
the Company's Troops and in the event of a
War or the invasion of the Country by an
Enemy should it be deemed advisable
and expedient that the forts aforesaid should
be garrisoned by the Troops of the Company
for the protection of the Country, your
Highness will be pleased to allow it. The
stipulations of the Treaty in the event
of a War, have not in any respect any
reference to the Disturbances of the
Polygars

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Polligars or any other subjects depending upon your Highness's Government or that of the Company and I have written to the Gentlemen of the Madras Government, that in case a war should happen in any part, the Gardens belonging to your Highness in the Carnatic which do not form a part of the Jamahbundee of the Revenues are not included nor to be included in the Articles of the Treaty - My friend it is my real desire in all affairs between your Highness and the Company to comply with your Highness's wishes as far as may be in my power and with this sincere intention I have not neglected or passed over one single circumstance - From the first commencement of the negotiation of the late Treaty the steps which led to the establishment of a permanent system and a right understanding between your Highness and the Company will strengthen and confirm the bonds of friendship and union with each other - The security of both parties and the obviating your Highness's difficulties by the punctual payment of your Debts was the first object of my wishes accordingly by the blessing of God and the good Fortune of friends I have reason to hope that every thing which

might

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might be the cause of uneasiness to your Highness's mind, and of doubt in the company with respect to your Highness's confidence in and reliance upon them, is removed, and that the present Treaty will form the basis of a strong sincere and lasting Friendship - Between sincere friends several trivial occurrences may happen which cannot be provided for by Treaties and which the wisdom of mankind cannot foresee - but by the blessing of God as they may easily happen so they may as easily be remedied - it entirely depends upon friendship and cordiality - your Highness may rest assured that the English Company and their Managers in this Country will be equally attentive with your Highness in fulfilling the duties of friendship - I will not trouble your Highness further on this subject as your Highness's well wisher I offer my advise, that in conducting the affairs of your Country you will employ Aumils of experience and Integrity in the collection of your Revenues; cause justice to be done to your Ryotts, properly to regulate the Affairs of your Family and retrench all superfluous expences - By such prudence and foresight the several Stipulations of the present Treaty may be fulfilled with honor and

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and satisfaction to the respective parties.—

I hope your Highness will consider me as your Sincere friend and Well wisher and make me happy by constant accounts of your good health.

What shall I say more?

Extract of a letter from Governor Oakeley To His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder Dated 16th September 1792.—

I am to inform your Highness that no Money appears to have been received from you or carried to your Credit in the General Books, since the date of the late Account the 9th September 1791. It may be proper however to observe that the Sum of Pagodas 4,27,884:9:12 paid to the Creditors of the New Cavalry Loan in part principal and Interest out of the Company's share of the 12 Lacs P Annum remains to be written off at the close of the next years Books to the debit of your Highness's account as well as the further sums which may hereafter be paid to this description of the Creditors.—

Translation of a letter from his Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder to Governor Oakeley dated 19th Saphar 1207 Hegery or 6th October 1792

In your letter of 16th September last you inform me that the Sum of Pagodas 4,27,884:9:12.

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paid to the Creditors of the new Cavalry Loan in part
principal and Interest out of the Company's Share
of the 12 Lacs P Annum, remains to be written off
at the close of the next years Books to the debit
of my Account as well as the further Sums which
may hereafter be paid to this description of the
Creditors - This I understand and in answer
thereto have to inform you that as that Loan
was never declared by me, nor received my sanc-
tion to its being paid by the Company in my
Account - I cannot admit of the above Sum, which
you say has be paid to the Creditors of the New
Cavalry Loan or any other Sums that may be
paid to them hereafter being carried to the debit
of my Account -

What can I say more?

Extract of a letter from Governor Oakeley, To His Highness
the Nabob Wallaujah Bahauder dated 10th October 1792.

With respect to the New Cavalry Loans
which your Highness informs me had never
received your Sanction and consequently that the
Sums paid by the Company in part discharge
thereof cannot stand to the Debit of your Highness's
Account, I beg leave to observe that the orders
of the Company strictly enjoin that the
Amounts

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Amount of this Loan principal and interest shall be placed to the debit of your Highness in your Accounts with the Company, It would be unreasonable to expect that the Company should bear the burthen of a Debt contracted by your Highness and proposed to be liquidated by them purely for your accommodation.

I do not presume to offer any opinion on points discussed in the Correspondence between your Highness and the Governor General, but shall refer to his Lordship's consideration the Letter from your Highness on the subject of the Revenue received from your Country during the War.

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Highness!

I have the Honor to lay before your Highness a Statement shewing the Sums paid by the Honble Company in discharge of your Highness's new Cavalry Debt amounting to Seven Lacs twenty thousand, five hundred

and

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and Ninety eight Pagodas twenty six fanams
and seventy six Cash (720598:26:76.) and
I request your Highness will be pleased to
inform me of the means you propose to
adopt for repaying to the Company the
Sums they are in advance to your Highness
on this account.

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

Fort St George
5th June 1794.

Statement

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1791					
January 1	D° 152 days Interest to 31st August 1788	20065.12.55			
1792 "	D° on account of Principal		93228 19 66	113293	32.41
November 10	D° 190 days Interest to 8th March 1789	22011 " 61		22011	" .61
1793					
January 15	D° 227 days d° to 28th October d°	21,951.35.30		21951	33.30
March 15	D° 196 days d° to 1st March 1793	27569.18.66		27569	18.66
May 1	D° 670 days d° to 31st December 1792	34425.15.17			
"	D° on account of Principal		1522.20.13	35947	35.30
July 10	D° on account of Principal		38797.22.18	38797	22.18
September 10	D° on account of Principal		30174.3.51	30174	3.51
November 10	D° on account of Principal		23875.16.36	23875	16.36
1794					
January 10	D° Interest for the Year 1793	15200.4.27			
"	D° on account of Principal		7396.29.29	22596	33.56
March 10th	D° on account of Principal		29844.11.45	29844	11.45
May 10th	D° in full discharge of balance of 129 days Interest to this day	2526.15.19			
	D° in full discharge of balance of Principal		37319.6.52	39945	21.71
	Pagodas	280971.8.11	439627.18.65	720598	26.76

Fort St. George 28th May 1794
Errors Excepted
(Signed) Robt Woolf
Accountant General

True Copy
(Signed) Dan.l Ince
Dep.y Mily Secty

(Signed) George Parry
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Statement of the Sums paid by the Honble Company on discharge of the New 4th Cavalry Debt of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic.—

		Paid on account of Interest	Paid on account of Principal	Total Amount paid on account of Interest and Principal
		P° ₹ 6	P° ₹ C	P° ₹ 6.
1786				
December 12	Paid 1 Year Interest to 31st December 1785	26878 22 72		26878. 22.72.
1787				
June 5	D° 6 M°s D° to 30th June 1786	13439 12 10		13439. 12. 10.
October 25	D° 3 M°s D° to 30th September D°	6719 24 5		6719. 24. 5.
1788				
March 28	D° 3 M°s D° to 31st December D°	6719 24 5		6719. 24. 5.
June 15	D° 6 M°s D° to 30 June 1787	13439 12 10		
"	D° on account of Principal		4409 7 16	17848. 19. 26.
December 15	D° 6 M°s Interest to 31st December 1787	13439 12 10		
1789 "	D° on account of Principal		57109 9 30	70548. 21. 40.
December 1st	D° 3 M°s Interest to 31st March 1788	6627 22 25		
"	D° on account of Principal		2864 25 5	35274. 11. 38.
"	D° the 2d Classing Creditors admitted to the above from the dividends already made as above 6 dividends being 3 Years Int. to 31st Dec. 1787.	44986:1972.		
	3 M°s Interest to 31st March 1788	537:10:11	50357 30 3	
	D° on account of Principal	42446:29:51		
	D° D° D°	5498:7:60		
	D° D° D°	27578:25:65		86803 27 12
				137161. 25. 15.

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Extracts of Letters from Lord Cornwallis to His Highness
the Nabob.

Letter dated
4th August
1792

I have repeatedly assured your Highness and your Son Omdatul Omrah, that so long as your Highness shall adhere rigidly to the Treaty, no deviation from it shall occur on the part of the Company; and I trust that your Highness will at all times consider the Govern=ment of Fort St George equally well disposed to adhere to the conditions of the Treaty between your Highness and the Company concluded thro' the Government General of Bengal.

Having now replied to the several Points contained in your Highness's Letters I shall conclude with assuring you of my Friendship and firm reliance on your Highness that the Treaty recently concluded will be ad=hered to on your part, as I can venture to pronounce it will be performed by the Company. I hope to have the pleasure of hearing fre=quently from your Highness.

Letter dated
6th March 1793.

Your Highness may rest perfectly assured that in fulfilling the Terms of the Treaty, the Managers for the Company will

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will not allow any step to be taken that may tend to lessen your Highness's reputation or to injure your Rights of Sovereignty.—

I have only to add my hopes that your Highness will rest assured it is my first wish that the strong Engagements and the principles of Friendship and unanimity between the two Circars should be strictly adhered to, and that candour sincerity and uprightness be conspicuous in every transaction.—

The President delivers in the following Minute.

The President in Council proposes to make a Demand upon the Nabob for the immediate discharge of the New Cavalry Loan for the following reasons—

Because the expences of the War require every exertion to enable the Government of Fort St George to carry into execution the Orders received from the Court of Directors and because the various means hitherto tried for the purpose of procuring supplies have proved inadequate and are likely to become much more so from our encreasing Expenses in consequence of the

President's Minute proposes making a demand upon the Nabob for the immediate discharge of the New Cavalry Loan and stating his reasons for the same

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the Necesity of fitting out an Armament of considerable extent with a view to the Protection of Dutch Settlements on Ceylon, the Government of that Island having intimated their Determination to persevere in the defence of the Establishments committed to their charge to the utmost of their power. The supposed ability of the Nabob to pay off the Debt from the Treasure left by his Father, affords an additional reason for demanding it at present.

The common Interest which the Nabob indisputably must have with us in the result of the measures pursuing against Ceylon, the object of them being to prevent the French in alliance with the Dutch, from establishing themselves on that Island and thereby obtaining an easy entrance into the Nabob's Countries, where in conjunction with any of the Native powers they might completely overrun the whole of the Southern Provinces of the Carnatic, and it is presumed, in this view of the subject unquestionably warranted in expecting a Contribution from him, towards the expences to be incurred on his, as well as our own account.-

From

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From these circumstances it would indeed appear justifiable to call into operation the provisions of the Treaty of 1792 in the event of an interruption of the public Tranquility, but, as the actual situation of Affairs does not positively, seem to have been in the contemplation of the Treaty, it perhaps under existing circumstances, is not adviseable, to give it, what might be deemed, a forced construction.

It can scarcely however be questioned that it is the Duty of those entrusted with the administration of the Company's Affairs, on the Coast to avail themselves of every resource, that may be made applicable to the present Emergency.

The new Cavalry Loan due from the Nabob must therefore claim the particular attention of the Board, and it may be adviseable to observe that it is a debt incurred by His Highness on account of actual advances from the Company's Treasury which relieved him from an Interest upon the greatest part of it, of 12 per Cent and for which no more than 8 per Cent has been charged by the Company.—

That the Company expected an Arrangement for the liquidation of this debt

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debt appears by the 10th Para of the General Letter from England of the 25th June 1793 subsequent to the receipt of the Treaty of Lord Cornwallis and that it was demanded accordingly by Sir Charles Oakeley on the 5th June 1794 for it could never be consi-dered that the Treaty of 1792 had precluded this demand, until the consolidated Debts of the Com-pany were paid off, since the period to which it must, in that case be postponed, would even in the event of no interruption in the stipulated payments for 19 years be protracted beyond the time limited for the expiration of the Com-pany's Charter and would then at simple Interest have accumulated to the Enormous Sum of 25 Lacs of Pagodas.

If then there is any period at which this demand upon the Nabob can be urged, with more propriety, than another, it is the present when the Government is involved in the expences of War without being absolutely in possession of the ordinary resources for that event and after they have been driven to such a variety of expedients to procure supplies. —

If the demand be just and

Seasonable

seasonable, the expediency of enforcing it will not be questioned- provided, the means of doing so, shall not be inconsistent with the principles of Justice, or contrary to the nature of the connection formed between the Company and the Nabob. -

The Treaty of 1792 has especially provided for the situation of the Nabob during a period of hostility- considering that one fifth of the Revenues of the Carnatic exclusive of the Jaghiers therein provided for, furnishes adequate means for the support of his Dignity, that sum has been es-
=tablished as the Amount of Revenue to be left in his hands whenever the management of his Country shall be assumed by the Company, and, in calling upon him on the present occasion when the preservation of his Southern Provinces has become the principal object of the War in India, to contribute in no other manner than by the discharge of an acknowledged Debt to the Company who have the Nabob's Bonds for it in their possession, must be looked upon by every dispassionate man, as an instance of that moderation which has wisely been introduced into the system of British Govern-
=ment in India. -

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Under this impression, it is proposed to demand from his Highness an immediate arrangement for the discharge of the Revo Cavalry Loan, and if he should refuse payment to consider of the propriety of enforcing by an assumption of the Southern Division of the Arcot Province, that Division not being included in the security for the paymants stipulated in the Year 1792.

In estimating the Revenues of the Carnatic at 23 Lacs and a half, the Sum at which it was rented in a period of War, one fifth of the Revenues exclusive of the Jaghires would, upon that principle remain with his Highness. —

It is not to be expected that this measure will meet with the concurrence of His Highness, but the unaccommodating disposition which he has shewn on succeeding to the Musnud, and his total forgetfulness of all those obligations he personally owes to the British Government would leave him little pretension to their favor and hold out to him little Inducement to forego their claims for his accommodation - the rejection of

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the proposition made to him for a Modification of the Treaty of 1792 having incontrovertibly proved that the English Government have not sufficient weight with His Highness to prevail against the destruc= =tive advice of interested individuals even in a case, wherein the real welfare of his Country, his own personal ease and the essential interests of the East India Company are combined in the same object. -

The terms in which the answer of His Highness to the proposition of the President has been conveyed leave no hope of the Rajah's relinquishing any part the Conditions of the Treaty, therefore it would appear that the only way in which he can be brought to concur in any plan to save his country from inevitable Ruin, must be in the Company's persisting to enforce such claims upon him as they have a just Right to demand - and the President in Council considers it his indispensible Duty to the Court of Directors to maintain that neither the Treaty of 1792 nor Lord Cornwallis's correspondence in explanation thereof, can be construed to affect either the new Cavalry debts or to extinguish

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extinguish any of those pecuniary claims of the Com-
=pany upon the Nabob which after the depending
investigation shall have been found to be well
founded.-

" Hobart

The Board entirely concur with the Presi-
=dent in the Sentiments expressed in the foregoing
Minute, upon the question of requiring from the
Nabob a discharge of the Debt for the new or
Cavalry Loan. - Agreed that the following
letter be immediately translated, and forwarded
to His Highness.-

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Highness!

To the Nabob calling upon him for a discharge of the new Cavalry Loan.

The rejection of the proposition I had the honor
to make to your Highness, for a modification of the
Treaty of 1792, without assigning any other reason
except your Father's Will, leaves me no room to
hope that arguments can be of any avail, whether
addressed to your feelings, on the ground of that
Gratitude you owe to the British Government,
or to your understanding on the principle of
promoting your permanent Interests and the
Welfare of your Country. -

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If you are not to modify the Treaty, merely because the faith of the English Nation is pledged to it, as it stands, permit me to ask your Highness, whether it would be less pledged to it after the modification? -

That treaties, intended to be perma-nent, made between friends, can ever be annulled, much more modified, when found inconvenient or injurious to either of the parties, is proved by the very treaty itself which is now the subject of Discussion, it having been substituted for that of 1787, because the conditions of it bore hard upon your Father. But as your Highness is unassailable by Argument or persuasion, I shall leave the subject and state to you, that consequences incurred by this Government in con-sequence of the Rupture with the Dutch, make it necessary to call upon you for the discharge of the New Cavalry Loan. A Debt for which the Company are in possession of your Father's Bonds, the Amount of them having been paid from the Company's Treasury and which ought to have been discharged when demand-ed by Sir Charles Oakeley in June 1794 but which I presume was not then insisted upon, because the situation of the Company's

Treasury

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Treasury aid not render it a matter at that time of much importance - It is not however the case at present, our Expenses are daily encreasing and the Object of them is to prevent the French in alliance with the Dutch, from establishing themselves on the Island of Ceylon, and thereby obtaining the means of an easy entrance into your Highness's Southern Provinces - a circumstance in which your Interests are perhaps more seriously concerned than those of the Company - so much so, that I am inclined to think I should - be justified in calling the provisions of the Treaty of 1792 for the event of War into operation, and your Highness ought to consider it an instance of moderation in this Government when they require no further pecuniary contribution on your part at present except the discharge of an unquestionable demand. I perceive that your Highness has been advised to set up other demands against this Cavalry Debt and therefore I feel it my duty to apprize you that the Company consider it distinct from every other question of pecuniary claims between your Highness and them nor did it make any part of those accounts between your Highness and the Company referred to mutual investigation. - That the Expences of the Service, arising from a communication, within these two days,

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of the Determination of the Government of Colombo to defend their Settlement to the utmost against the English, require immediate resources, and that our acquiescence in any procrastination would be a total dereliction of the fair and indisputable claims of the Company, and the interests of the British Government in India.

That the proposition I had the honor to make to your Highness may appear officially: and, as your answer is referred to in this letter, I am under the necessity of Returning it with a view to its being recorded

I have the honor to be
Wa: Wa:
/Signed/ Hobart

Fort St George
24th October 1795

Read the following letter from the Nabob entered also in C.C. Fo. 100.—

Translation of a Letter

From His Highness the Nabob Amdat ul Omra Bahadur &c &c &c
To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St George

Dated 23rd October 1795
Received do ... do

From the Nabob sends two letters addressed to his Majesty and the Court of Directors and requests they may be sent to England per Mary.

I have addressed a letter to His most Illustrious Majesty The King of Great Britain and one to the East India Company, which I send herewith, with Copies for your Lordships Information, and I request your Lordship will do me the favor to forward

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forward them by the Mary Packet.

What can I say more?

A true translation

(Signed) A Falconar
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Translation of a Letter to His Majesty from the Nabob

It is with the most poignant grief and Affliction that I presume to trouble your Majesty with this address. It hath pleased the Almighty to take unto himself, the old and faithfull Ally of your Majesty and of your loyal Grand father, the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder my ever honored and venerable father who departed this life on the 13th. of the present Month, and I have succeeded him in the Government of the Carnatic agreeably to my right as Heir and Successor, to the Treaty with Lord Cornwallis and to my Father's own wishes. It was my Father's constant advice, and on his death bed he recommended it to me in the strongest terms first to look up to God and his Prophets and next to your Majesty to the Company and the British Nation. and I beg leave to assure your Majesty that I shall always follow the footsteps of my Venerable Father in the most Zealous attachment to your

Majesty's

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Majesty's person and Government and ein
the firmest friendship and alliance with the
Company and the British Nation and Hope
and trust in the Almighty that your Majesty
will be graciously pleased to continue to me
that protection and support with which your
Majesty honored the late Nabob My Father's
last wishes with respect to his Family and
Subjects, I have not only strictly fulfilled, but
have given them further proofs of my com=
=passionate heart.

May the Almighty long preserve your
Majesty and your Illustrious Family in
Prosperity and Happiness.

What can I say more?

Chepauk House
5th [illegible]saury 12 10 Regery
answering to the 19th October
1795.

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob
To the Honble East India Company

It is with the deepest and most
heart felt

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heart-felt affliction that I have to inform you
of the melancholy event that happened on the
13th Instant. Your old and faithfull friend
and Ally the Nabob Wallaujah Bahauder
my honored Father is no more. On that day
it pleased the Almighty to take him from
this frail World into that of eternal duration
in consequence of which I have succeeded to
the Government of the Carnatic agreeably to
my Birth Right, to the Treaty with Lord Corn-
-wallis and to my Fathers own, with his
My Fathers constant and last advice
to me was, first to put my trust in God and
his Prophets and next to look up to his
most gracious Majesty the King of Great
Britain, to the East India Company
and to the British Nation. I request
to assure you Gentlemen that I shall
uniformly

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uniformly follow this advice and shall studiously endeavor to cement the strongest friendship and alliance between me and the East India Company And Hope and trust that you Gentlemen will on your parts continue to me that friendship & support and Regard which you have heretofore shewn towards the late Nabob.

All my Father's wishes relative to his Family and Subjects I have duely fulfilled and have even given them further proofs of my compassionate disposition. —

May your Prosperity encrease

What can I say more?

Chepauck House
8 Rubbeyaury 1210 Hegery
answering to 22nd October
1795.

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Ordered accordingly

Ordered that the Letters addressed to His Majesty and the Court of Directors be forwarded to England by the Mary Packet agreeably to the Nabob's request.-

Hobart

Con. Saunders

E. Fraser

Court?

J. H. Harvey -

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At a Consultation

Present.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Falloſield } Esquires

Saturday
24th October
1795.

Minutes of last Consultation Read.-

The President delivers in the follow=
=ing Minute.-

The President's Minute in Council the 24th October 1795.-

The proposed arrangements which have

President's Minute on the subject of usurious loans and exposing the pernicious System on which the Carnatic Revenues has been conducted. -

been brought into discussion since the death of his H
Highness the Nabob Walajah makes it necessary for
me to advert with more Minuteness than has been
usual upon the public records to the System
on which the Administration of his Revenues has
been conducted; because it manifestly shews the
necessity of that change which it is my object
to accomplish - both in respect to the Country
itself, which, tho' under the immediate controul
of his Highness it is the duty of this H
Government in a general point of view to cherish
and protect and in respect to the security which

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has been pledged to the Company for the support of their Military establishments and for the discharge of the Consolidated debts guaranteed by Parliament to the Private Creditors to His Highness the Nabob. I shall therefore on this Minute lay before the Board the information which I have collected and the consequent observations which have occurred to me upon the usurious loans, which it has long been the practise principally among the European Gentlemen of the Presidency to make to the durbar for mortgages upon the different provinces of the Carnatic; and here I may be allowed to express my belief that though the Honble Court of Directors have been extremely pointed in their orders and observations against this practise the continuance of it has been owing in some measure to the want of that candid exposition of the fact, which it is my intention to make. —

— The Southern Districts of the Nabob's country and Tinnevelly in particular as being the most distant from the Presidency have been the theatre in which these scenes have been chiefly exhibited; but it is notorious that similar

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practises have been introduced and are now actually in use in Nellore, Arcot and Trichinopoly.-

The transaction commences at Madras, where the Kists of his Highness are payable, and is opened by an agreement between the Rabob and some of the principal houses of business or even some of the Company's Servants for the payment of a certain sum into the treasury on account of his Highness's public engagements.- The advancers of this money knowing from experience that a simple mortgage would be insufficient security unless the means of reimbursing themselves should be placed in their own hands, find it necessary not only that a person of their own nomination should be appointed to the management of the mortgaged province but that there should be vigilant superintendance and a powerful support of the concern upon the spot: hence the expediency of a connexion between them and the Military commanding Officer in the district: he also finds it advantageous to embark in the speculation, because he thereby adds considerable weight, and because it facilitates the means of raising money to carry on his part of the concern. From this connexion both parties derive ample security for their money by the absolute power of the

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the one in command upon the spot and by the weighty influence of the other in command of monied interest at Madras. This outline is filled up by a farther connexion with the person who appears to receive the appointment of aumildar or manager from the Nabob: hence it is either stipulated that a person chosen by the money lenders at Madras shall be nominated to manage the district, or where men of rank may have already been appointed as foujdars by his Highness the same effect is produced by a communication between him the commanding Officer and the money lenders previous to the agreement for a loan at the durbar. The combination is in this latter case completed by the appointment of a tasildar on the part of the money lenders, and thenceforward produces a uniform consistent, and connected operation.

His Highness having by this arrangement obtained his principal object - provision for the payment of his Kist without any immediate disbursement from himself delivers his people and his province up to the controul and power of the manager evidently without regard to their situation; because, as his terms with the money lenders necessarily provide for the removal of all restraint from the

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governing power, so he must expect that the manager who can have no interest in the future prosperity of the country will have recourse to every means by which he may hope to bear himself and his connexions harmless and that within the shortest time possible.—

The interest allowed by the Circar varies in different places and depends not a little upon the influence which the lender may happen to have at the durbar. at a medium however it may be stated at 4 per cent per month Besides the pay of all the Servants employed by the junto in receiving the Revenue.— This last charge is always a fixed sum at the expence of the Ryot considerably above the actual expence incurred by the tasildar the difference is considered amongst the customary advantages of the concern.—

The Manager arrived within his district immediately assembles his under managers, Aumildars and Renters; and then ensues the second part of this oppressive system; the tasildar is importunate and the manager must find means of satisfying his demands. Subordinate Soucars native as well as European are called upon for assistance.

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The Soucar makes his advance; and in the first instance the Aumildars or Renters of the districts assigned over as security for such advance grants his bond until other securities shall be forthcoming: these are either the bonds of the inhabitants or grain. In time about 3/4ths of the Sum are secured to the Soucar by grain made over to him and placed under charge of his Servants; and for the other 1/4. the bonds of the Inhabitants are made over for that part of the revenue payable by them to the Circar in ready money upon the cultivation of dry grain &c. These are frequently forced from them at the commencement of the Season, which conse= quently compels them to anticipate the crops and to pay interest upon money before it is due from them.

At this period of the transaction the Soucar sends his Servants and his peons into the country with an Order from the Nabob's Ma= nager to the guards placed therein to afford every assistance (as it is generally called) but in fact to obey them implicitly in collecting the amount of the bonds from the inhabitants. Anxiety to secure so precarious a property naturally leads

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the Soucar to adopt such measures as power enables him and the custom of the Country authorizes. — Then follows this process if the ryot is dilatory in the discharge of his bond: He is confined without victuals beaten with rods, and compelled to pay batta to those very peons and guards who are the means of his confinement and punishment. In this manner I am credibly informed that an inhabitant, who grants his bond for 100 Chuckrams is compelled before he is released from the consequences to pay from 110 to 115 Chuckrams according to circumstances: if his credit or his other means are exhausted, which is too often the case, he must necessarily dispose of some part of his Stock which consists of cattle and seed grain.—

The first part of the system which I have stated describes the original cause at the fountain head: the second comprizes the detail which springs out of it. In both the consideration of the means which is immediately employed and of the effect which it may produce upon the future revenue is abandoned; and while the grand mover of these effects is at a distance from the scene and the subordinate instrument so hardened by practice conscience is lulled

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to rest by the delusive opeate of "interest upon interest"

Thus far I have traced the progress of a loan secured upon the bonds of the inhabitants; it will not be less painfull for me to pursue it to the disposal of the paddy.

The first endeavour of those, who are engaged in a concern of this nature, is to enhance the price of grain by artificial means, lest the ordinary price of that article, the sole subsistence of the Natives should fail to answer the large advance of money and the exorbitant advantage expected upon it by the Sowcar. The means of effecting this purpose is easy, for the necessitous condition of the Ryotts compels them to dispose of their grain, as soon as it comes into their possession, in order to satisfy the urgent demands upon them of which I have already described. The purchasers of this grain Monopolize it, until the demand which encreases with the Consumption advances the price. If towards the expiration of the season any part of the grain should yet remain on hand, the expedient is to divide the whole quantity in whatever condition it may be among the inhabitants and to force it upon them by Guddyams. This guddyam, it appears, compels the people (in

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general the manufacturers) to receive grain at a valuation considerably above the market price; and it would seem to be of antient establish= =ment and current practise; for in the agree= =ment which I was successful in negotia= =ting with his late Highness the Nabob of Walajah for placing a portion of the Jinne= =velly Weavers under the immediate superinten= =dence of the Company's Resident, His Highness has expressly reserved, nor could he prevailed upon to relinquish, the right of his Circar, to exercise this Guddyam.-

The inferior Servants of the Circar, whose duty should be to watch over the public interests, are placed under the arbitrary controul of the Money lenders, without whose permission not an anna can be expended, nor a measure of grain issued except by stealth. Indeed I understand that upon the arrival of a Soucar or his representative in a mortgaged district the usual custom is to notify his authority through= =out the Villages and to prohibit the expendi= =ture of grain or money but by his order. This prohibition extends to the ordinary charges of Pagodas, Maniams, and Sibbundy; and

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when an order is granted from the Sudder Cutcherry for any of these purposes, the persons receiving the Summud must wait at the cutcherry of the Sowcar or money lender for a confirmation of his right.

Instead of receiving relief by tucavy (or advances for cultivation) at the proper season, by which to replace their cattle and to provide seed for extending their cultivation the inhabitants are often obliged to sacrifice both to their own immediate wants and the rapacity of the Sowcar: of course no system of regulation can prevail, and every hope of improvement must be relinquished. Some of the means for enhancing the price of grain I have already related; but the subject is exhaustless. The polygars have been prevented by the Manager of Tinnevelly from selling within the Circar lands the grain which is allowed them for cashcavelly (or watching fees) and I should hesitate to advance, if I was not supported by the authority of public record, that during a late Scarcity of grain in the Southern provinces, Etabar Khan the Nabob's manager had the hardiness to write a public complaint to the Company's Collector against the Polygars

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for selling grain to the Inhabitants. Nor was the evil removed without the interposition of this Government who by sending Vessels loaded with grain induced the monopolizers from regard to their own interest to restore their usual supplies to the market; yet did the Company not escape the effects of this monopoly; for they were reduced to the necessity of purcha= =sing grain at the price, to which the monopoli= =zers had raised it, for the subsistence of those troops who were stationed there for the protec= =tion of his Highness's territories. —

After this exposition, no comment can be required to shew that this Species of Government, if it deserves the name of Govern= =ment, contains the most grievous oppression of the people, the certain impoverishment of the country, and consequently the inevitable decay of Revenue; but it will be requisite to shew the particular manner in which it affects the resources of his Highness the Nabob. —

It is estimated and I believe not with exaggeration that the province of Tinnevelly alone is annually mortgaged upon the terms

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I have described to the amount of 300,000 Pagodas, and calculating the period for which interest is paid upon the whole Sum, at Six Months the amount of interest at 4 per cent P Month is — 72,000

The charges paid by the Circar for the Sibbundy of the Money Lenders during that period cannot amount to less than .. } 3000

The annual loss therefore to the Circar on this transaction is ..... } P. 75,000

That an individual gentleman should in less than three years amass a fortune of more than £ 50,000 would be a matter of wonder if this Statement did not at the same time afford a solution of the difficulty and a proof of its own correctness.-

But the scene is not closed here.— Besides the dealings of the principal Soucars with the head Manager there are subordinate transactions of a similar nature among the inferior Officers and those who possess but smaller means for usurious practises — amounting in all perhaps from Fifty thousand to a Lack of pagodas. This brings an additional expence upon the Circar, because interest is allowed on all advances made by the Renters on pressing occasions

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before the Lists are due: and on the other hand the inhabi=
tants are not exempt from a part of this espence, which
is imposed upon them by fine, forfeiture or Gudsyam, in
order that the renter may be enabled to make the ad=
vance upon which he receives interest.

As the Manager is under engagements to
pay the fullest computed value of the District, he is
justified according to the custom of the Country in
availing himself of every possible resource. A proport=
=tion of the Church Allowances is withheld; the pay
of all descriptions of Servants is kept in long
arrear, and in particular the Sibbundy Sepoys.
a small advance indeed is some times made for
subsistence; but their principal resource (and it
is not unproductive) is in the Batta which they
receive by acknowledged practise while doing the
duty of Sezawuls, and in the deceitful manage=
=ment of the power, which that source gives them,
to extort presents for their forbearance. The Manager
knows from experience that in the event of a mu=
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induced either from motives of humanity to attend
to the calls of these unhappy people, or from
motives of policy to satisfy the clamours of a
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at the very time, when the exigencies of government become most pressing, a part of their resources, which ought to be immediately appropriated to the liquida-
=tion of arrears.

If this is a true history of the present management, it may be asked why an immediate and large defalcation of the revenue does not follow; for the operation of such a system as I have described tends directly to the point of ruin. Nothing less than the hand of arbitrary power could avert it even for a time. In proportion as the means of cultiva-
=tion decreased, the price of grain is enhanced; and it is a notorious but inhumane maxim of eastern finance that a year of scarcity is more productive than a year of plenty to the Circar; because as a given number of Months can only consume a proportionate quantity of grain, the immediate advantage or disadvantage of Government arises from the price at which that given quantity is sold. In years of plenty the superfluous grain is in a great measure useless owing to the partial and difficult means of exportation: in years of scarcity the same given quantity is required for the subsistence of the people and as the Demand is greater than the supply an encreased

encrease of the price is produced by the usual effects of a competition in the markets.

Though the dealings of Soucars in the collection of revenue are not of recent establishment yet the terms of loans have never been carried to so usurious an extent, as since the practice has been introduced among europeans. And though the meritable effects of it may be protracted by the harsh expedients of an arbitrary government, yet no man who reflects upon such a system, can doubt that the resources of the Country have been undermined; that the wealth of the people is exhausted and that a principle of decline has been established which is now precipitating the Carnatic with accumulated weight and rapidity to destruction.— Impressed as I am with a serious conviction of this truth I cannot but look with extreme anxiety to the nature of the security provided by the Treaty of 1792, for those resources on which the British Interests on the Coast of Coromandel materially depend; I cannot but see that the present system of collecting the revenues of the Carnatic manifestly invalidates that security and that whenever a failure may happen in the payment of his Highness's Peishcush

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hists, we shall in vain have recourse to it for the recovery of the defalcation. as those payments, though avowedly moderate in their extent, are now kept up by the extraordinary means which I have described, so it is reasonable to suppose that a failure whatever it may happen will arise from the total impoverishment of the people. In taking possession of a district under such circumstances for the amount of a Rent which will then have fallen in arrear, we shall instead of finding the immediate means of reimbursement, become charged with an exhausted country requiring all the liberal assistance and fostering attention of a lenient and indulgent government. It is not only that our pecuniary resources will be curtailed at our greatest need but that humanity and policy will call upon us for advances of money at a time when our expenses will be most burthensome. This is an embarrassment from which the known resources of this government are unequal to extricate us; and it is a dilemma unprovided for by the treaty of 1792; for the objects of that treaty are the payment of a debt guaranteed by Parliament which we are not at liberty to postpone, and the discharge of Military pay which cannot be interrupted without danger to

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to the State.

To avert the consequences of an evil big with such imminent danger, is an Ojeet that merits the most serious as well as the most unwearied attention of this government; and it is a matter of very great Mortification to me that seeing the progress of this calamity and anticipating as I do its pestiferous effects, I am compelled to acknowledge that the means of arresting its course is extremely difficult. The prohibitory orders hitherto published, have all failed of their object, because the evasion of them is easy to Europeans through the Agency of their Native Servants, and because the enormous profits, which arise from these usurious loans, hold out an irresistible temptation to adventurers. To prohibit the intercourse of europeans at the dunbar is ineffectual. other channels of communication are open; and the Superintendant of an usurious loan at Palamcotah conveys his demands to the ears of the Rabob with no less certainty than he who lives in the precincts of Chepauk. As long therefore as His Highness shall be regardless of his true interest as to deliver up his provinces and his people to public depradation, so long

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will there be found Men who in the pursuit of extravagant advantages will overleap the bounds of discretion and of moral obligation.—

So desperate a Malady requires a remedy that shall reach its source and I have no hesita= =tion in stating my opinion that there is no mode of eradicating the disease but by removing the original cause and placing those districts which are pledged for the security of his Debts, beyond the reach of his Highness's management. The disposition which his Highness has already evinced to oppose such an arrangement leaves me in no doubt of the real cause.— It is not possible to cal= =culate the extent and variety of interests which are involved in this one pursuit; and though they are subdivided in every direction of the Carnatic, yet at the call of danger they all rally round a common center. The great houses of business who are the principal Money lenders at the durbar borrow from individuals, who though not absolutely enga= =ged in the loan itself are partakers of the Specula= =tion in a remote degree; and feel with no less sensibility than their principals the approach of danger; similarity of interest makes it a com= =mon cause and the great body of influence of

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which is condensed upon this principle is uniformly exerted to support his Highness the Nabob in an inflexible resistance against a melioration of system, and to oppose a reformation, which I consider essential to the National welfare— In the proposition which I have made to his Highness the Nabob, I am aware that I offered great sacrifices on the part of the Company but with the impression of those evils I have stated strongly upon my mind, I need not but consider the object I had in view, above every idea of a pecuniary nature, even if the system of the Nabob's Government was not in itself calculated completely to annihilate every source of Revenue.

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Mr Tallofield expresses his entire concurrence in the Sentiments and Opinions of the President.—

Mr Tallofield concurs with the President, and

Mr Saunders expresses his acquiescence in the Minute of the President under a reservation in respect to some of the facts stated in it, which are not within his Knowledge.

Mr Saunders under one reservation.

Resolved that a Copy of the President's Minute be transmitted to the Honble the Court

The President's Minute to be sent to England.

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

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To Bengal transmitting Copies of the late Correspondence with the Nabob relative to a Modification of the Treaty of 1792 and of the President's Minutes proposing a Demand of the New Cavalry Debt and on the subject of various Loans and requesting Instructions on the occasion.

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We also enclose Copies of a proposition made to the Nabob and our Presidents address

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Our President has so fully discussed the Combination of Durbar influence in his Minute upon the subject of Loans and has so clearly proved the Injuries arising from the pernicious System on which the administration of the Carnatic Revenues has been conducted, that we are induced to refer you to that Minute, Copy of which is enclosed for an explanation of those insuperable difficulties which have opposed themselves to the Moderate and Salutary propositions that have been made to the Nabob.

We have the honor to be with respect

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(Signed) Hobart.

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President in Council - Fort St. George

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reporting the result of his second Mission to Columbo — encloses a letter from that Government.

from Cuddalore I informed your Lordship that I had concerted with the Comte de Meuron the mode of communicating to his Regiment the arrangement regarding its transfer to the British Service; and on the 5th Instant I had the honor to Report my arrival at Tuticorin.—

On the 6th Instant I embarked from that Port on the Honorable Company's Cruiser the Drake, and on the 8th anchored off Columbo; an Officer with a Flag of Truce was immediately sent to notify my Mission and request permission for my landing; which being granted, I delivered to Mr Van Angelbeek the Despatches of Government and conveyed through him to Colonel de Meuron the letter of his brother with an intimation of the intended transfer of the Corps under his Command.—

Several days were employed by the Council in discussing your Lordship's Proposals. The impression made by the unexpected diminution of their Force was considerable, and for some days I had strong ground to hope the result of their deliberations would have been favorable to your demands: but one of the leading Members of Council is much in the Interest of France and

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and had sufficient influence to obtain a Majority to support his opinion; the consequence was that on the 12th Instant it was resolved to reject all offers of accommodation on the terms proposed, and to permit the Regiment de Meuron to withdraw.—

On the 13th Instant I was requested to be present when the Officers of that Regiment received the thanks of the Governor for their Services and intimation of their approaching departure. The Colonel in the name of the Corps replied, assuring Mr Van Angelbeek "that their "sense of Honor and obligation would not allow "them to act during the present War against the "Dutch Settlements on Ceylon"; a Declaration which I was desired to remark— The long residence of the Corps in the Dutch Establish-ments and the intimate connections formed there by its Officers, certainly justified a determination which I thought Honorable to them as Men, but I deemed it my Duty to state to Colonel Meuron "that the Capitulation for the Service "of the Corps contained no such limitation, and "that whatever might be the intention of the "British Government regarding the future

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"destination of the Regiment when transferred
"I could not pledge myself for the performance of
"the Articles entered into on our part, when con-
"nected with such a reservation on theirs."-

Mr Van Angelbeck then proposed that Dutch Vessels should be supplied for the conveyance of the Troops to Tuticorin, the Expence to be defrayed by the Government of Madras. As it appeared to me extremely improper to admit the idea of the transfer of the Regiments to the British Service until landed in the Provinces under your Government, I declined all Public interference except in granting Passes for the safe return of the Vessels employed in transporting them: but I privately desired the Colonel de Meuron to take this Expence upon himself as a Regimental concern, with an assurance that he would be reimbursed by Government on his arrival at Madras. I

I have the honor to enclose the Reply of the Government of Ceylon to the letter of your Lordship and Council. Their decision is extremely opposite to the wishes of the Mass of the People and to the opinions of the most respectable part of the Council, who

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who see the ruin of their hopes in the Prospect of our obtaining the Island by Conquest. From a source of Information on which I rely, I learn that the resolution of the Anti-Stadtholderian Party proceeds partly from an Idea that we cannot spare Force sufficient for the attack of Columbo, and partly from the hope that a French Force which the Emissaries of that power have led them to expect in India, may occupy our Troops in other Quarters. When a British Army invests the place there is a strong probability of its <u>immediate</u> Surrender; should it become necessary to make a Breach, it is the determination of the Governor to prevent by Capitulation if possible the consequences of an Assault.

Several Works have been erected since I was last at Columbo, and workmen are busily employed in constructing others. By withdrawing the Garrisons of their distant Fortresses and embodying a Militia of European and Topass Inhabitants, they have added much to the number, but little to the strength of the Garrison — and the loss of the Regiment de Meuron

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not only deprives them of the most efficient part of their European Force, but leaves them nearly destitute of Officers of Experience.

I have the honor to be with great Respect &c &c

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/signed/ P. A. Agnew

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor and Council
at
Fort St George

My Lord and Sirs,

We have had the honor to receive from Major Agnew your letter of the 22nd September last, and reply to it as follows.

From Columbo explaining the Cause of their Orders to the Commandant of Fort Ostenburgh being only signed by Mr Van Angelbeek - opinion on the Capitulation with the Count de Meuron - reject the propositions last made to them. -

Our answer to Lord Hobart's letter of the 7th July which agreeably to his Lordships desire was dispatched to the Commanding Officers of the British Naval and Land Forces before Trinconomallee contained all that his Serene Highness the Hereditary Stadtholder demanded from us, and the strongest reasons why we could not agree to the remaining demands of his Lordship which went much further. -

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Our Governor alone signed that letter because Major Agnew insisted so much on having his despatch immediately on account of the Danger to which the Frigate was exposed in the bad Monsoon and as part of the Members of Council lived without the Fort some hours would have been spent in getting it signed by them. Our Governor signed it without hesitation, as the draught had been approved by every one of us, and as the Governors of Ceilon, have always in matters of the greatest importance given orders to the Subordinate Officers by letters signed alone by them. - Major Pombauer should then without hesitation have complied with its Contents and we have therefore left the consequences of his refusal to his account.

We nevertheless expected with much reason that the Commanding Officers, would have contented themselves with the aforesaid Majors offer, to ask additional orders and then to comply, in which case this unfortunate Misunderstanding could so have been adjusted within a few days.

But as they commenced public Hostilities by invading our territory, and summoning both our Forts, we were obliged by our letter of the 15th of August to repeal our peaceable

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offer.

We will suppose for an instant that the Misdemeanour of Major Tombaer had given the Commanding Officers a right to commence Hostilities but with what reason can the Conquest of Batticaloa, Jafnapatnam and Tuticoryn be justified, the Chiefs of those places having made liberal offers for the admittance of your troops and what right or Argument can you allege My Lord and Sirs except your superior force, to summon us to deliver our Establishments in the Manner you have done by your letter of the 22nd. September last.

Respecting the Capitulation which the Count de Meuron has entered into with your Govern=ment for the Swiss Regiment, we declare he had no power to do it because he had consigned his Regi=ment permanently to us as long as the Company might want it, as appears by the 25th. Article of the Capitulation, of which a Copy is annexed, He says in his letter to his Brother the Colonel Commandant that the Government with whom he Capitulated is dissolved and that therefore he had resolved to withdraw his Regiment from the Dutch Army, but the Government is not yet dissolved as will appear at the Conclusion

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of a General Peace in the Netherlands, In the mean time we are here the Representatives of the same, and as such you acknowledge us by your Letter of the 22d September last.

But although we are deprived of that part of the Regiment which is here, and which consists only in 500 Men, we are however not destitute of Resources to defend what has been confided to us, and if we are at last crushed by a superior Force, we will find sufficient Consolation in the Reflection that we have done all that could be expected from loyal Officers who prefer their Honour and their Duty to every other Consideration.—

We have the honor to be, with the distinguished Consideration &c. &c.

/Signed/ J. G. van Angelbeek
" C. van Angelbeek
" D. C. von Driberg
" J. Reintows
" B. S. van Trotter
" A. Samlant
" J. A. Vollenhove
" D. D. van Ranzow
" A Ijsendorp
" J. G. Hofland.

Columbo
the 13th October 1795.

A True Translation
/Signed/ A. Giesler
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Extract from the Agreement made with De Meuron's Regiment.

Article 25th

The Capitulation shall be permanent so long as the Company shall have occasion to entertain the said Regiment. But if it should be thought necessary to disband or dismiss it, the Company shall be bound to allow the Officers Half-pay for life, provided they should not take Service with any other Power, and they shall also in such case pay to the Proprietary Colonel all such Sums as may be due to him, on account, by the Serjeants, Corporals Drummers or Soldiers.—

Corresponds

(Signed) J. H. Schröter— Sworn Clerk.

A true Translation

(Signed) George Parry

Act. Fr. Translr.

Order thereon.

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letters be transmitted to the Court of Directors by the Ship now under despatch.—

" Hobart

" Con. Saunders

" Ellis absent

Compd.

C. R. Hargrave—

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Diary.

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 178. 179. 180. 181.

From acting principal agent for Cavalry Supplies - proposing that 560 Seers of Rotten Grain be written off -

From Mr. Wardon

From acting Commissary General of Grain Provisions - submits a proposition made to him for Supplying Masulipatam with Paddy from the Store at Mootapille -

From Ditto

From Military Board - recommend that some 6 Pounder Carriages and ammunition Tumbrils be made up and enclose Bills for works done at Tichinopoly. Wanore and Dindigul -

From Military Board -

From offices commanding at ——

From Captain Campbell -

Palamcotah advising of his having permitted Lieut. Thoring. of the Dutch Service to reside at Tutecoryn upon his parole -

Dispatched the undermentioned letters

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Entered in M.B. Nos. 182. 183 -

To Secretary at Bengal transmitting

Go. Mr Secy Hay

Extract of a letter from the Military Board dated 9th Instant and Enclosing an Indent for Military Stores —

To Military Auditor General referring

To Colonel Malcolm

Mr Wardon's Estimates for November -

Received

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Received and Sent the undermentioned
letters Entered in M^rs B. N^os 184: 185: 186: 187

From Secretary at Bengal Enclosing
a letter to be forwarded to M^r Duncan on the
Malabar Coast —

From M^r Secy Hay.

To J Stevens Esq^r

To Supravisor in the Malabar
Province — forwarding the same —

To Captain Henry Las at Nagore.

To commander of the John Packet
ordering him to proceed to Trincomale and there
hold himself in readiness to sail for England —

To M^r Torriano

To resident at Nagore enclosing
the above letter —

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Edward Saunders Esq^r

and

Ernst William Tallofield Esq^r

Tuesday
27th October
1795

Minutes of last consultation
read and approved —

The President lays before the
Board the following letter written by his Lordship
to the Governor General, on the 25th Instant —

To

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

Sir,

In consequence of several communications with Mr. Dundas and Lord Cornwallis previous to my leaving Europe, and the evident advantages that must arise from a modification of the treaty of 1792. I took the earliest opportunity after the decease of the late Nabob Wallajah to prevail upon the ondutul Omrah to accede to the agreement which the accompanying papers will shew you I proposed to him—

From Lord Hobart to the Governor General stating His Lordship's motives for urging the Nabob to a new arrangement, without waiting for the Instructions from Bengal.

It was my intention to have waited until I could hear from the Supreme Government upon the subject: but I found that from the hour of his Father's death infinite pains had been taken to prevent the Nabob from acceding to any change whatsoever; and as I conceived the exertions that were then making would be likely to gain strength every day and as I knew that the Principal actors were indefatigable, I was aware that no time was to be lost. and more particularly as it was of importance that the Court of Directors should have an early intimation

of

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of his Highness's disposition.

I have much concern however to be under the necessity of acquainting you that my efforts have been unsuccessful but I trust the representations I have made to England will have their effect and that Instructions will be sent out to put an end to a system so destructive to the resources of the Carnatic and which in some degree reflects disgrace on the British Government.

I do not enter into further particulars, as they will be fully explained by the official documents.

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

Fort St. George
25th October 1795.

Read the following letter from Mr. Robert Hughes and Captain John Bannerman.

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

From Committee for investigating the Charges against Mr. Vaughan transmitting their proceedings and the Defence of Mr. Vaughan with their own opinion on the Subject

My Lord,

We have the honor to transmit you a Copy of our Proceedings as a Committee to investigate by further Examinations, a Charge preferred against Mr. Vaughan, for having as Store-keeper at Madura, been concerned in a clandestine

Removal

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removal of two Brass Guns from the Stores through a hole made in a wall for the occasion and of having had them conveyed out of the Fort. and being present when they were carried to Pippovannums

From all the evidence that has been taken. and from the avowals which Mr. Vaughan himself has made. in a letter of Justification addressed to us. it is substantiated in the most certain. clear and positive manner. that the two brass Guns were removed by the express orders of Mr. Vaughan from the Stores to the work yard. and through a hole in an old Doorway. opened by his directions for the purposes of removing them and other Guns. that they were afterwards sent to Pippovannum on a Cart by his desire. and then delivered by Mr. Vaughan to the vakeel of the Sherokar of Shevagunga. but at the same time my Lord. and we have much satisfaction in declaring it every part of the same Evidence acquits him as forcibly and decidedly. of having conducted the transactions in a manner the least secret, private. or clandestine.

Mr. Vaughan has furnished us with authenticated returns of Ordnance in the Garrison as follows - one for 1772 with the Initials of the then Storekeeper Mr. Cumming

affixed

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affixed one for 1782. Signed by Mr. Johnson the then Storekeeper and one for 1791 authenticated by the Signature of the Secretary to the Military Board and signed by Major Hall commissary General of Stores. he has also furnished us with a Copy of the present state of ordnance and Stores delivered to Lieutenant Col. Gowdie on his taking the command of Madura. on examining these papers. we do not find the Guns in question returned thereon.

Should your Lordships. after a perusal of our Proceedings. consider Mr. Vaughan's conduct any way creminal. we take the liberty to say that we are duply impressed with a conviction that if he did err it has proceeded altogether from a want of Knowledge and not from a want of Integrity. and that he has been led astray from the Circumstance of the two Guns not being on the returns by the intention for which they seem to have been made. and their utter unfitness for Military Purposes. together with such other extenuating and mollifying circumstances as may be found in his Defence in the account he has given of his own Conduct.

We should consider it as altogether an act of Supererogation to say more

or

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or pass any further opinion on the Subject-

We have the honor to be

Madura
15th October-

Sir &c &c
(Signed) Robert Hughes
" T. Bannerman

Proceedings of a Committee held at Madura

Agreeable to the Orders of Government under date
the 11th June 1795

Mr. Robert Hughes Storekeeper
and
Madura
Friday 11th Sept.
1795. Capt. John Bannerman Comg. } Members
9th Batt. N. I.

The committee having met read the following
letter constituting them-

To Mr. Robert Hughes Storekeeper
and
Captain John Bannerman Comg.
9th Batt. N. I.
at Madura.

Gentlemen.

A court of Enquiry having
been assembled at Madura by order of Lieutenant
Colonel Fowdie for the purpose of investigating
the means by which some Brass Guns were
clandestinely taken from the Stores and conveyed
out of the Fort. and it appearing from the ——
Proceedings that this transaction was conducted
under

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under the immediate orders of Mr Vaughan the Storekeeper. the Right Honorable the President in Council has thought fit to appoint you to be a Committee. in order to ascertain by a further Examination of the persons said to have been employed by Mr Vaughan whether he was actually privy to the circumstance stated by Chappell the Sub Conductor and absented to by Patnam Chinnadoo a Lascar. that the Stores were conveyed thro a hole made in the wall for the occasion and whether he (Mr Vaughan was present at Tripovanum and gave directions to Josse Mahomed respecting the two Brass Guns as explained on the Deposition of that man—

The Charge against Mr Vaughan being of a very serious nature you will see the necessity of prosecuting the Enquiry with the strictest attention. You will call before you all such persons as are enabled to elucidate the subject giving due notice to Mr Vaughan that he may be present at your Proceedings with a view to the cross Examination of the Witnesses and to his own acquittal if the charge be not substantiated by positive proof—

The President in Council—

Feels assured that you will conduct this Enquiry with every regard to impartial Justice. and that you will spare no pains in getting at the Truth,

do

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so that his Lordship may be enabled upon your report to come to a final determination upon the case-

I enclose a Copy of the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held at Madura-

I am
Gentlemen
your most obedient Servant
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Lieut.

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Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held by order of Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie Commanding Madura June 1st 1795 to investigate the means by which two brass Guns were conveyed out of the Stores and out of the Fort without his Knowledge some time in August last -

Lieutenant Welsh 9th Bn President
Lieut. Wright 9th Bn } Members } Ensign Gordon 9th Bn

Mr Bass Conductor of Stores being called on informs the Court that the Guns had been condemned and Kept in the place where the artificers works that they were taken away by Mr Vaughan the Store Keepers orders and carried out of the Fort but cannot now recollect the exact period and adds that they were Quarter Pounders-

Question by the Court Where were they carried to?
Answer I dont Know but they were put in to Bandy and carried out of the Fort -

William Chappell Sub conductor being called on informs the Court that with respect

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to some Guns being taken out of the Stores. he remembers some damage brass Guns / the number of which he cannot specify as they were not under his charge / having been carrie away from the Stores to the place where the artificers work. but for what purpose is perfectly ignorant he Knows nothing of the two Guns being taken out of the Fort.

Question by the Court. Do you Know by what meau the Guns in question were conveyd out of the Store

answer. — there was a high wall that seperates the Stores from the place of the artificers. Some persons made a hole in this wall through — which they must have carrie the Guns and the wall was mended up immediately after.

Question by the Court: was that hole made — purposely for conveying the Guns away from the Store?

answer: yes as far as I Know it was.

Murah Hussain the late Syrang being called informs the court that about 10 Months gone he being Sick was confined to his House that a few days after going to the Stores he — misse some brass Guns / about 5 or 6 / that on looking for them. he found them in the artificers place. he likewise observed a hole in the wall thro which they appeared to have been carried. That Six days after Mr Bass ordered him to take 2 Brass Guns out of the Godown in the artificers

place

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place and put them on a Cart which he did with the assistance of several Lascars and covered them with a Tarpaulin then the Cart with the Guns in it was conducted out of the Fort by a — Lascar who had orders to go to Trisparavanum he Knows no more of the Business-

Patnam Chinnedoo a Lascar informs the Court that 10 Months ago the Syrang ordered him to take a Cart to the place where the artificers work: and shewed him two brass Guns which he ordered him to put on the Cart which he did and covered it with a Tarpaulin That after which he went to his Dinner- further he says that he was among the people who broke a hole in the wall and conveyed the Guns from the the Store to the Godown in the place where the artificers work: - he adds it was on account of Mr. Fennell's coming that they lift them they were very heavy a single man could just lift one-

Gosse mahomed Lascar being called upon informs the court that he found the Bandy ready with the two Guns and was ordered by the Syrang to go with them towards Tippo Colon Tank:- that when he arrived about half way another Lascar who had received previous orders overtook him and — proceeded

proceed with them on which he returned—

Pujally Yerlapah Lascar being called into the Court. says he was ordered to get ready and go with a Cart containing two Guns to Trippravannum the Syrang told him the Bandy was out of the Fort. to overtake it and proceed. he went to Trippravannum and on his arrival there which was in the Evening he saw a Tent ready pitched to which he carried the Bandy and Guns. he staid there till next Morning when Mr Vaughan the Storekeepers arrived who told him to take the Guns down and put them in his Tent. which he did. that a few which the Lascars (one of which is now at Dindigul and the other at Milapour) come and took them out of the Tent. and put them on another Cart that Mr Vaughan ordered him to pack up the Tent. and take it back on the cart which he did and brought it back to the Stores—

Question by the Court What was the weight of the Guns?—

Answer It took two men to lift one of the Guns into the Tent.

Questions by the Court to William Chappell the Sub conductor—Do you know the Calibre of the two Brass Guns that are missing—

Answer

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answer. I suppose them to be the two smallest Guns which were among the number of those taken out as before mentioned which (if the case) are about one and a half or two Pounders. The evidence is here closed - after closing the evidence the Court proceeded to the Stores where on Examination they found the hole in the wall which had been closed up. as well as some 18 Guns in the artificers Godown. the Sub Conductor attended - and said that he now was sure it must have been the two small Guns already specified as they were not among the rest. -

(Signed) I. Welsh
Lieut. 9th Battalion
and President

A true Copy
(Signed) Dan. Ince
Depy. Mr. Secy.

The committee having attentively perused and considered the orders and Instructions of Government and having now met to commence carrying them into effect. consider it proper to give Government notice thereof and to address them as follows -

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart,
President in Council

My Lord,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your commands through Mr. Secretary Jackson under date the 11th June 1795. appointing

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appointing us a Committee to investigate certain charges preferred against Mr. Vaughan as Store Keeper at Madura - We shall immediately proceed on the Enquiry ordered which has been delayed until now in consequence of Mr. Hughes not having arrived here until a few days past -

We shall inform the several evidences that their Declarations committed to writing will at the close of the Proceedings be attested on Oath at the same time that we inform them of this we are unacquainted if we are authorized to administer it to them therefore beg to be instructed as to this point -

We have the Honor to be
My Lord
your most Obed.t and very hum.ble Ser.ts
(Signed) Robert Hughes
John Bannerman

Madura
11th Sept.r 1795

Read the following letter from Lieut.t Colonel Gowdie Commanding Madura -

To Robert Hughes Esq.r Military Paymaster and Storekeeper of Madura
and
Captain John Bannerman Commanding 9th Battalion of native Infantry

Gentlemen

I have the pleasure to enclose for your Perusal. a letter to me from Mr. Jackson the Military Secretary. under date the 11th June last

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last Irequest to Know. when and where you intend to sit the committee and what Evidencies you wish me to give warning to attend. be so kind as to return Mr Secy. Jackson's letter with your answer to this—

I am
Gentlemen with respect
your most obedt. humble Servt.
(Signe) Tho. Gowdie
Lieut. Col. comm.g. Madura

Madura
Sept. 9th 1795.

To Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie
Commanding at
Madura

Sir,

In consequence of the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held by your order at Madura on the 1st Instant. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has come to the resolution of appointing Mr. Robert Hughes and captain Bennerman Committee for the purpose of ascertaining whether Mr. Hugh Vaughan had any. and what concern in the transaction to which the attention of Court of Enquiry was called. It is his Lordships desire that all such persons as the Committee may require be ordered to attend them and that you will lay before them. all matters that have come to your knowledge touching the case in Question—

I am
Sir
your most obedient Servt.
(Signed) W.C. Jackson Jr.
resident

Fort St George
11th June 1795.

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Resolved to acquaint Lieutenant-Colonel Gowdie that the Committee mean to commence their investigation at the Store house tomorrow, and to request the attendance of himself and other Evidences in the following letter -

To Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie
Commanding at
Madura

Sir.

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your favor of the 9th Instant and to inform you that we assembled this Day as a committee to investigate certain charges preferred against Mr Vaughan - we shall again meet tomorrow at the Store Room where we beg your attendance as also that you will order the persons named in the accompanying list to be in waiting we shall return you with this Mr Lay Jackson's letter and we remain -

your most obed.t Servant
(Signed) Robert Hughes
John Bannerman

Madura
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List of Evidences required by the Committee

Lieutenant Colonel Goodie
Mr. Bass Conductor of Stores
Wm. Chappell Sub Conductor
Meer Hussain late Syrang
Patrain Chinnadoo - Lascar
Peyrilly Yerlapah - Do.
Grose Mahomed - Do.

The Committee address the following Letter to Mr. Vaughan

Mr. H. Vaughan

Sir

In consequence of Instructions receiv=ed from Government appointing us a Committee to investigate certain charges preferred against you=We shall assemble tomorrow at 9 Clock at the Store House and commence on the business in question - We give you this information with a view that you may be present at our Proceedings to cross examine any of the Witnesses - -

We have the Honor to be
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Robert Hughes
John Bannerman

Madura
9th. Septem. 1795

Read the following Letter from Mr. Vaughan -

Mess.rs

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Messrs K. Hughs and I Bannerman

Gentlemen,

I have been honored with the Receipt of your letter of this date and shall attend at the Committee in consequence of the Intimation you have given me and trust on the Examination to be made and reported to Government that my conduct will not appear so reprehensible to them as at present, in full reliance on your impartiality and Justice—

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) H Vaughan

Madura
11th Sept. 1795

Saturday
12th Sept. 1795

Copy of a Paper delivered to the committee by Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie—

"The morning of the 29th of May I went
"to the Stores with Lieutenant Harris the
"acting Fort adjutant. I found that many of
"the Platforms had been moved out of the
"Stores, through a hole that had been made in
the

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"the Compound Wall. I immediately ordered a Naigue
"and four Sepoys to take charge of the Timber and
"as the hole in the Wall had been built up the
"preceeding night. I ordered the Lascars to open it
"again and remove the wood back again into the
"Stores. Next morning the 30th May the Naigue
"of the Guard who I had posted over the Wood. come
"and informed me, that whilst the Lascars
"were employed in moving the Timber back
"again into the Stores he heard them disputing
"amongst themselves about two Guns that had
"been moved out of the Fort some Months before
"and saying that they had better acquaint the
"Colonel as it would be found out and they would
"get into Trouble. I immediately sent for all the
"Lascars to my house and on Examination found
"there was too much Ground for the Report. I
"thought it a matter of too much consequence
"for me singly to investigate I therefore ordered
"a Court of Enquiry of European Officers to sit on
"it there Gentlemen is a Copy of the Proceedings
"the original I forwarded to the commanding
"Officer of the Southern Division of the army.
"I heard no more of the two Guns till the 20th

of

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"of June when information was brought me from
"Tripporannum that the two Guns had been —
"brought back to the Chunam house at that place
"where they then were. on receipt of this Information
"I immediately ordered a Naigue and Six Sepoys
"to go to Tripporannum with a letter from me
"to the Amildar of the Village desiring him to —
"deliver up the Guns to the Guard which he
"did they are now under the charge of the Guard
"at my Gate. they are 2 and 7lb Pounders —

(Signd) T. Gowdie.

The Committee find on reading the copy of the Court of Inquiry delivered by Lieut Colonel Gowdie that it contains the two following Evidencies - more than that sent by Mr Secretary Jackson -

After Deposition June 3d 1795.

Shaik Meerah Lascar who — was absent at the time the Court sat says he went with Mr Vaughans Dent to Tripporannum and afterwards saw the 2 Brass Guns put into the Tent. which Mr Vaughan ordered them to take out and carry to a large Chunam House that he and another Lascar (Vellydrum) put them

in

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in a cart and dragge them to the House where they found Choury Mootapilly a Servant of the Chiney Moordoo to whom they delivered them and returned with the Bandy to Madura -

After Evidence June 4th 1795

Velly Dum Lascar who had also been absent when the Court out says that he went also with Mr. Vaughan's Dent and was present when the cart arrived which Mr Vaughan ordered him to unpack and when he uncovered a Tarpaulin he found an Old Cask with 2 brass Guns in it - which he took down and put in the Tent - that some time after Mr. Vaughan ordered him to take them up and having put them on a cart to carry them to a large Chunam house - which he did with another Lascar (Sheik Meerah) and delivered them to Choury Moota Pilly Servant to the Chiney Murdoo and them returned -

The committee proceed to examine

Mr Bass Conductor of Stores -

Question by the committee to Mr Bass are you the conductor of Stores at Madura and how long have you been.

Answer. I am the Conductor of Stores and have been so for Eight years --

Questions

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Question Where were you on the 29th May 1795 when the Stores were visited by Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie?

Answer I was at my own house. Lieut. Col. Gowdie sent for me to attend at the Stores which immediately complied with.

Question Relate to the Committee what passed on that day. relative to the moving two Guns from the Stores and making a hole in the Wall?

Answer Colonel Gowdie questioned me respecting the hole in the wall. but did not speak to me regarding the two Guns.

Question By whose order was the hole made in the Wall. and when was it made.

Answer It was made by the desire of Mr Vaughan the Storekeeper and in the Month of August 1794. this is to the best of my recollection.

Question was the hole made in the Wall solely with an intention to remove two brass Guns from the Stores.

Answer It was made for the convenience of removing several Guns. and other heavy Stores.

Question when you received Mr Vaughans orders to make the hole. Did he deliver them as if with a wish it should be done privately?

Answer It bore no such appearance to me.

Question

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Question By whose orders were two brass Guns removed from the Stores to the artificers yard and when were they removed?—

Answer. They were removed by desire of Mr. — Vaughan and in August 1794

Question. How long was it inform the time the Guns were lodged in the Work Yard till they — were placed on a cart and sent to Trippovannum

Answer. To the best of my recollection there was a Lapse of nearly two Months, but I know not where they were sent to —

Question Was it under your direction they were put on the cart and from whom did you receive your Instructions —

Answer they were lashed on the cart under my Inspection, in conformity to the orders Mr. Vaughan gave to get them ready. as he was going to send them away. —

Question Did Mr. Vaughan deliver his orders to you for getting the Guns ready. as if desirous it should be a Secret Transaction —

Answer I had no such appearance tome as many of the Lascars artificers and others were present at the time and they remained on the —

Carpt

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cart for horses in the broad day on the public
Road. while the Lascars were getting ready to go
with them -

Question. Was the Cart moved out of the Fort
in the day time and did it pass any of the
Guards or Sentries -

Answer. It was moved often the Day time - but
I Know not where it went or which Road. -

The committee proceed to examine William
Chappell Sub Conductor of Stores -

Questions by the Committee to William Chappell
are you the Sub Conductor of Stores at Madras and
how long have you been so -

Answer. I am Sub conductor at Madras and
have been so upwards of Six years.

Question. Relate what you know respecting
the moving of two brass Guns from the Stores
to the Work yard? -

Answer. I saw the two Guns in question
remove from the Stores to the work yard. it was
done under the direction of Mr. Bass the conductor -

Question. When the Guns removed thro a hole
in the Wall and was that hole made on
purpose to remove those Guns -

answer

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Answer. The Guns were removed thro a hole in the wall. but I cannot say whether it was made expressly for that purpose or not.

Question By whose order was the hole made and when was it made?

Answer. I cannot say by whose order it was made. nor can I say exactly when but to the best of my Recollection about ten months ago.

Question was the hole filled up immediately after the Guns were removed?

Answer To the best of my Recollection the hole remained open four or five days.

Question. Do you Know of any other Stores having been removed thro that hole?

Answer. While it was open there were other Guns removed throught it.

Question How long was it from the Brass Guns being removed to the Work yard till they were sent out of the Fort?

Answer. I am ignorant of their having been sent out of the Fort. nor do I Know what became of them after their removal from the Stores.

Thursday 24th Sept. 95 The committee has been adjourned till this Day in consequence of Captain Bannermans

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bad health having now met moved to swear in Mootoo Naigue Subidar and native adjutant of the 9th Battalion N. I. as Interpreter.

The committee proceed to examine

Meerah Hussain late Syrang -

Question by the committee to Meera Hussain relate what you know regarding the removal of two Brass Guns from the Stores to the artificers work yard about thirteen months ago.

Answer at that time I was Sick and unable to attend to my duty as Syrang: on my recovery and return to my duty I found that the two small brass Guns had been removed from the Stores to the Work Yard —

Question Did you understand from the people employed in the Stores that the Guns were removed by the common road from the Stores to the work yard. or through a hole in the Wall? —

Answer. I understood they were passed from the Stores through a hole in the Wall —

Question Was the hole made on purpose to send out the two Guns. or were other Stores passed through it?

Answer. I heard that other Guns were passed throught it -

Question

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Question how long did the Hole remain open?

Answer. It was opend during my absence and shut up before my return.

Question. after you returned to your duty how long dis the Guns remain in the Work yard?

Answer. They were removed from the Work yard about Sixteen days after my return —

Question By whose orders were they removed?

Answer. I was ordered by Mr. Bass the conductor to place them on a Cart and cover them over with an Ol Tarpaulin they were then sent out of the Fort in charge of Gofsee Mahomed who was to return so soon as another Lascar named Puyally yerl apah had eat his Victuals and could overtake him —

Question Where many people present when the Guns were put on the Cart and sent off or was it done privately —

Answer There were several Lascars and — others attaches to the Stores and it bore no — appearance of Secrecy —

Question Were not the Guns put in a Cask.

Answer. They were not put in a Cask but the Bandy was such as arrack Casks are

carried

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carried on

Friday 25th Sept. 95. The committee having met proceed to examine Gosse Mahomed Lascar.

Question to Gosse Mahomed what directions did you receive from Meerah Hussain late Syrang respecting carrying two brass Guns out of the Fort about thirteen Months ago?

Answer. I was sent for by the Syrang and told to take charge of a Cart and proceed on the Tripa Colon Road untill I should be overtaken by Pujally Yerlapah who was then at the Victuals and who had received particular orders as to the disposal of the Cart. I found the Cart standing by the road side and went with it as directed and delivered it to Pujally Yerlapah about half way to Tripa Colon and then returned to the Fort.

Question. Was it an empty Cart?

Answer. There was some thing on the cart, but it was covered with a Tarpaulin and I know not what it was.

Question Was there a Cask on the Cart?

Answer. There was not.

Question In going out of the Fort with the

cart

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cart was you stopped or noticed by any of the Guards?

answer I was not stopped or noticed by any Guard

The Committee next call upon

Piyally Yerlapah Lascar Question to

Piyally Yerlapah what directions did you receive respecting the carrying of two Guns to Tripsprovannum about Thirteen months ago

Answer I was sent for by the Syrang & told to proceed with a Cart and two Guns to Tripsprovannum - I told him I had not eat my victuals he gave me leave to go to my house for that purpose but to make haste back. which I did when the Syrang informed me that Gosse mahomed was gone with the Cart and for me to hasten after him on the Tripa Colon Road - I overtook him about half way and proceeded to Tripsprovannum with the Guns where M. Vaughan arrived the next day to whom they were delivered and I was ordered to return that Evening with the carts and a Tent on it -

The Committee next call upon

Patnam

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Patnam Chinnedo Lascar.

Question to Patnam Chinnedoo. Was you employed about thirteen Months ago in making a hole in the wall which seperates the artificers yard from the Stores?—

Answer. I was employed with many other Lascars in opening a large doorway which had formerly been shut up.—

Question was you afterwards employed in moving two brass Guns from the Stores through that Doorway into the Work. yard?

Answer I was employed in removing them—

Question. where any other Stores removed through that Doorway into the work. yard?

Answer The Lascar were employed for Six day's in removing Guns through that Doorway into the Sheds where the Artificers work.—

Question Did the Dooreway remain open longer than the Six days?

Answers. a few Six daays it was again built up.

The committee call upon Shaik Meerah Lascar.

Question to Shaik Meerah. Did you assist in dragging two brass Guns on a cart from

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from a Tent at Trisplavannum to a Chunam house there and to whom did you deliver them?

Answer. I was a Lascar with Mr Vaughans Tent at Trisplavannum and with another Lascar dragged the Bandy with the Guns from the Tent to the Chunam house and delivered them to Choury Mootu Pilly the Vakeel of Chinna Murdoo Cherokar.

The Committee call upon Vellydum Lascar.

Question to Vellydum - Did you assist in dragging two Brass on a Cart from Trisplavanny to a Chunam house there and to whom did you deliver the Guns?

Answer. I did assist in dragging the cart with the Guns and they were delivered to Choury Mootoo Vakeel to Chinna Murdoo Chirokar.

Question where the Guns in a Cask or exposed on a Cart?

Answer they were not in a Cask they were exposed on a Cart.

Monday 28th Sept. 95. The committee having met proceed to the Stores to examine the calibre of the Guns and the hole made in the wall for removing them from the Stores to the work Yard

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yard-

On Examination the Guns are found to be upwards of half (½) Pounders but near that Calibre than three quarters (¾) Pounders and one of them so honeycombed as not to admit of being fired out of-

The hole through which the Guns were removed to the Work yard is found on its being shewn by Mr Bass conductor. Wm Chappell Sub conductor and Patnam Chinnedoo Lascar to be an old doorway and by their declaration was only open a few days in August 1795 nor to the best of their Knowledge has it been opened since.

The committee received the following Letter from Lieut Colonel Gowdie

Gentlemen,

Some days after the two brass Guns were brought in from Trippovannum I desired Sub conductor Chappell to bring the Calabre compasses and measure them. which he did and reported them to me as 2 3/4 Pounders and as I saw him measure them I concluded he was right-

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I am
Gt. Gt.
(Signed) T. Gowdie

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Tuesday 29th Sept. 95 The committee having met &
requested Lieut Col. Gowdies attendance and after
reading to him his written declaration delivered
in on the 12th Instant call on him to make
Oath to the same to which he agrees with
the Exception that the Calibre of the Guns are
not 2 & ¼ Pounders for the reasons stated in his
letter of yesterday -

The committee administers the
following Oath to Lieut Colonel Gowdie -

you do swear that the wholeof
your written declaration delivered to the ——
Committee on the 12th Instant with the exception
of the calibre of the Guns being 2 & ¼ Pounders
is the Truth the whole Truth and nothing but
the Truth - So help you God — Sworn before
us -

(Signed) Robert Hughes
John Bannerman.

Mr. Bass Conductor being called —
before the committee and his Evidence delivered
on the 12th Instant being read over to him —
makes Oath to the same -

William Chappell Sub conductor
being

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being called on and the Evidence he delivered on the 12th Instant being read over to him he declines making Oath to the same - the committee having put him on Oath proceed to the examination.

Question to William Chappell are you Sub conductor of Stores at Madura. and how long have you been such?

Answer. I have been Store Serjeant and Sub conductor together in this Garrison upwards of Six years -

Question Relate what you know respecting the removal of two brass Guns from the Stores to the Work yard?

Answer. Some time past. I do not remember how long. I saw some brass Guns removing from the Stores to the Artificers Place under the direction of Mr. Bass and I supposed the two small Guns in question to have been amongst them as I saw them afterwards in the Artificers place with the others that were removed -

Question were the Guns removed through a hole in the Wall and was that hole made on purpose to remove those Guns?

Answer. The Guns were removed through a hole

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a hole in the wall but whether in the wall was made for the expres purpose of removing the Guns through and no other is impossible for me to say— I saw the hole put to no other use than putting Guns through—

Question By whose order was the hole made and when was it made?

Answer I do not Know by whose order the hole was made nor can I tell when—

Question was the hole filled up immediately after the Guns removed?

Answer I saw the Lascars filling it up two or three days after. this is to the best of my recollection—

Question Do you Know of any other Stores being removed through that hole?

Answer I was saw any thing removed through that hole excepting Guns and such things as was necessary for their being removed—

Question How long was it from the Guns being removed to the Works yard until they were sent out of the Fort?

Answer I do not know of their having been removed out of the Fort at all—

Question

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Question was the hole shewn to you yesterday by the committee the one the Guns were passed through?—

Answer. It was.

Meerah Hussain Syrang Gosse—

Mahomed. Peyally Yerlapah Patnam Chinnadoo

Shaiks Meerah and Vellydum Lascars having been called before the committee and their several declarations being read and carefully explained to them individually they have duly sworn to them agreeably to the usual form of their Cast—

Thursday 1st October 1795. The committee having duly examined the several Evidencies agree to call on Mr Vaughan and request to be informed if he now wishes to—cross examine any of the Evidencies who has expressed a desire to be first furnished with a Copy of the Several Depositions to which the committee agree—

Friday 2d October 95. To Mr Vaughan

Sir.

We have the Honor to furnish you with Extracts from our Proceedings agreeably to your Request—

Yours

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yours &c. &c.

(Signed) Robert Hughes
John Bannerman

Madura.

3d October 1795

Friday 8th October 95 The committee having met read the following letter from Mr. Vaughan

To Robert Hughes Esqr. & Capt.n John Bannerman

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d. enclosing Extracts from your Proceedings and Examinations respecting the serious Charges of which I stand accused of having in my office of Storekeeper been privy to a clandestine removal of two Brass Guns from the Stores, and of having them conveyed out of the Fort.

Duelling Gentlemen, the whole body of Evidence which has been produced as unnecessary for me to enter into any Cross Examination. I shall only beg leave to make my own Disclosure of the Facts which have been positively proved; and by giving my own history of the transaction I feel confident of being enabled to remove all that Enormity which has been fixed upon my conduct by the first enquiry, while the Second

Truth

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I trust may assist and even fully tend to corroborate every Circumstance I have to relate —

The two small brass Guns or Swivels conveyed. as it is set forth. to Trippavanum were unserviceable. and not being on the Returns. could not be considered as publick Property. and in proof of which I send for your inspection an authenticated Return for the year 1792 for the year 1792 another for 1791 attested by the commissary General of Stores and Secretary to the Military Board. as well as a Copy of one delivered to Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie on his taking the Command of Madura. From the best information I can obtain. I find that they were originally cast here by Colonel Bonjour as a Scientific experiment to try the Skill and Ingenuity of an European Artificer while the Guns themselves by these words marked upon them "Madura 1770 first" verify the truth of it. Four of them I learn were made and two presented to some of his Highness the Nabobs Family on a visit of ceremony here many years ago and so far from having ever been considered by any one I believe as a Military Stores of it

for

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for any warlike purpose. they had ever been looked upon in the light I have just described and of no other use than to be displayed in the shewy and pompous Processions of native Feasts and Ceremonies. being of a Calibre no more than half pounder. of a weight barely one hundred pound. and the two not of the value of Thirty Pagodas according to the company's estimation of Ordnance -

I stand criminally charged of having taken some brass Guns from the Stores. and conveying them out of the Fort. in sort of conducting the whole affair in a manner the most Secret and clandestine. The evidence before you is sufficient I believe for my Exculpation. — but it becomes me to confess that while the hole in the Wall. and the conveying of the Guns were both done by my express directions. neither of them however were done with the least covert and underhand appearance. or were any injunctions of secresy ever imposed on any person — whatever. and the act itself so alledged was done in the face of open day. many of the public Servants of the Department employed on it and

all

all had the opportunity to observe and impeach it, whenever they pleased. The Hole in the wall too was in former times nothing more than a door seperating a Compartment of the large Structure of the Store and which door was obviously shut up to a wide the fire in the worlds op from the Rooms in the same building where the Stores were preserved.

Considering those useless Guns as more the property of the Storekeeper than any one else I had no hesitation whatever in making any use of them that I believed to be innocent. Therefore sent them to the Allbrokas of Shenaguinga under the direction of their being just the play things I have described in which I believe I am not deceived. and had some satisfaction I thought in offering this small taken of attention for many and repeated civilities received from him as a private person passing through his Country. and some small tribute for public assistance formerly shewn me in directing the utmost assistance to convey of the Stores. and supplies of Cattle. Sheep &c. &c. for Detachments of the Army on many pressing occasions

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occasions — The circumstance and Manner in —
which the Guns were carried away need not here
be enlarged upon as that has been already
from the Concealment imputed to it — I must observe
however that deeming the Guns my own, and not
appertaining to the public. I could as little —
advert and think of making the matter known
to the Commanding Officer as in removing any
other little articles I might accidentally have
of my own in the Store. or in the Fort. I —
priceed the Cart to Trippanamum. where I
expected not only to have seen the Cherokee —
himself. but had some Idea of going to ramnad-
not finding him there I left the Guns with
his vakeel. and delivered them in the presence
of many attendant in short in the sight of
a Crowd of curious and idle spectators. and returned
myself to Madura where Gentlemen therefore is
to be traced that supecious. dark. designing or
mysterious behaviour. which would have —
inevitably betrayd any consciousness of Guilt —

Where the Evidence speakes
so much as to the facts I am diffident of —
detaining you by dwelling upon them: and —

such

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such was the insignificant and frivolous light in which I viewed the matter that the Guns never once occurred to me from the moment they were disposed of as above related — but having at Tamnad in an imperfect and indistinct way — that I was (it was believed) creminally charged with embezzling Ordnance and bestowing them on a Polygar. I recollected with much surprize the affair and wrote off to the Cherokar for the Guns which I had sent him in order to refute the accusations that were probably making against me. The Cherokar sent the Guns back and when he proposed sending them to me — was infinitely surprized that they should have been seized by Colonel Gowdies orders and Colonel Gowdie I have a conviction beyond all doubt dis Know that these little Swivels were — bringing back to me —

After having run over the little detail which I have to give allow me respectfully Gentlemen to ask in what — consists that heinousness of Offence with which I have been accused and Stigmatized, as my character must have been by the rumours

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Rumours which have been propagated to my prejudice
how very long must it be before such sentiments
can be totally effaced? Where does it appear that
forgetting my fidelity to my Employers. I have
listened to the sordid suggestions of self Interest
or how is it to be reconciled, or compatible with
any motives of private Emolument. that I
should have parted with the very smallest and
least valuable Guns. when there were others
so much properer for the occasion. Tortured and
mignified as this Accusation has been against
me there was a time. that even my Prosecutor
might not have conceived it so expedient to
exert his vigilance. so different do objects
appear thro the medium of Prejudice or favour.

When Lieutenant Colo Gowdie
yielded to the impulse (I trust of Duty) of
arraigning my Character. I should hope for the
sake of human Nature. that Malevolence
had no share in his feelings. prudence
should however have dictated to him. that
he ought to have been carefull that he did
not furnish weapons for wounding his own
But as it is far from my intention to follow
his

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his example and allow a vindictive principle to actuate my Conduct I forbear to recriminate, yet I cannot help feeling (tho I may be mistaken) that this prosecution has all the characteristic appearance of a Systematic personal attack -

The narrative I have given supported by the whole Evidence brought forward by my Accuser will I trust be found a complete refutation of the charge exhibited against me, of having clandestinely made way with the Company's Stores. and with a mind conscious of its Innocence and sensible to the feelings of wounded honor. permit me to add with confidence anticipate my acquittal of Criminality -

I have now Gentlemen said all that appears to me necessary and shall not waste your time longer, but having the whole circumstances of the Translation to make their own impression. not doubting they will produce in your impartial minds as well as those of our Superiors. a conviction that the Charge against me is positively -

refuted

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refuted even by the Evidences which my Answer has brought forward to establish it —

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

(Signed) H Vaughan
(Signed) Robert Hughes
" J. Bannerman

Madura
6th October 1795

Resolved that the following —
answers be returned —

To Mr Robert Hughes Storekeeper
Captain John Bannerman Commanding the 9th Batn N.I.
at Madura.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 15th Instant with your proceedings on the charge brought against Mr Hugh Vaughan. of being concerned in the Clandestine Removal of two Brass Guns from the Public Stores.

For Mr Hughes &c Captain Bannerman conveying the Boards Sentiments on Mr Vaughans Conduct

Mr Vaughan admits in his defence that the Brass Guns were removed from the Stores by his Authority. and sent as a Present to the Cheroker of Shevigunga —

But

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But in estimation of the charge brought him, he proves to your satisfaction, that "every part "of the evidence brought forward, forcibly and "decidedly acquits him of having conducted the "Transaction in a Manner the least Secret "private - or clandestine! He also proves, that from the year 1772 to the present time, the Guns in question never appeared upon any of the public returns, and from thence, he infers that they were not public property - and therefore liable to his disposal - but how they could be liable to his disposal, because they were not public property, is a point that would require explanation, if further explanation were necessary to enable Govern.t to decide upon his conduct. If the Guns had remained in the public Stores from the year 1772, it was fair to conclude that they belonged to the Company, and to remove them from thence without authority was certainly a proceeding in itself exceptionable independent of the suspicious appearance which it wore of an illicit transaction, and which has been so strongly exemplified by the accusation

of

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of Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie - But altho the President in Council is willing to believe that Mr. Vaughan acted under the impression that the Guns were not the property of the Company, and that, being wholly unserviceable, and never having appeared on any of the Returns, he could give them as a present to the Cherokaw of Sheringanga, without any implication of a breach of trust, or reflection injurious to his moral character, yet he cannot be justified under any pretext in appropriating the Guns to so improper a purpose he was indeed highly to blame in removing them from the Stores - and nothing could be more absurd than the supposition he formed that they were placed there for his use - or that, because they were not inserted in the Return, they could under any fair construction appertain to him - It is indeed a fortunate circumstance for Mr. Vaughan that you have given it as your decided opinion, that "if he did err it proceeded altogether from a want of knowledge, "and not from a want of Integrity - This

consideration

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consideration alone has induced the President in Council to wave the resolution which his Lordships would otherwise have deemd it his duty to come to, in consequence of a Transaction, which in whatever way it be viewd marks a conduct glaringly improper. —

I am directed to acquaint you that the manner in which your proceedings were conducted, is approved, and that the committee is now dissolved. —

I am
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) WC. Jackson Secy

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Agreed that the following letter be written to Mr Vaughan.

To Mr. Hugh Vaughan.

&c

Madura

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you copy of a letter from Mr Robert Hughes and Captain Bannerman with copy of their Proceedings on the charge brought against

To Mr Vaughan — transmitting to him Copys of the Proceedings of the Committee, and of the Board thereon

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against you of being concerned in the clandestine
removal of two Brass Guns from the Publick
Stores together with a copy of his Lordship's reply.

The Sentiments of Government —
upon your conduct having been fully stated
in the letter to the Committee it is only —
necessary to observe further that the —
opportunity is still open for a removal of
those impressions which have been awakened
by the late investigation. and that a marked
attention to the proper discharge of your duty
in future. will obliterate the past Transaction
and effectually secure to you the approbation
of your Superiors —

I am also to acquaint you
that the President in Council expects you
will proceed to your station in the Baramahal
with as little Delay as possible —

I am
J.c. & &c.
(Signed) W.C. Jackson Sy.

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Read the following Proceedings of
the Hospital Board —

Hospital Board

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Hospital Board.
19th October 1795

From Hospital Board Submits a letter from Mr. Chalmers relative to the affairs of the late Mr Booth is ready to pay the Balance in his hands. Mr Harris wishes to return to the coast and Mr. O Gahagan to visit Madras. Mr. Abernethies claim for Medical Servants -

The Balance to be paid into the company's Treasury. Mr. Chalmers to be desired by the Hospital Board to pay the Amount to Mr. Secretary Webbe.

We have the honor to lay before Government a letter from Mr. George Chalmers Attorney at Law relative to the affairs of the late Mr. Booth. and stating that he is ready to pay the Ballance remaining in his hands to Mr. Secretary Jackson or any other person Government may appoint to receive it.

We have received a letter from Mr. Harris Surgeon to the Malacca Expedition, intimating that his health declines so fast under a series of complaints attended with Dysentry that he is under the necessity of requesting to be relieved and ordered to rejoin his Regiment at Poonamallee as soon as Circumstances may permit.

As

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as soon as an opportunity offers — Leave will be given to Mr Harris.

as we find from Mr. Harris's return of Sick, that there are but forty eight Men in Hospital, and that only one Casualty has occurred since their Departure from Madras, we hope no inconvenience will arise from granting his request, the assistant Surgeon with the Expedition being fully competent to carry on the Duty.

Mr. Gahagan head Surgeon States that his health is much impaired and his indisposition aggravated by the late heavy rains which his house is not proof against, — and requests the permission of Government to proceed to the Sea Coast for the re establishment of his health.—

The Hospital Board to state whether Mr Gahagan can quit his Station at Vellore, without injury to the public Service.

We have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from Mr. Abernethie assistant Surgeon and recommend that directions may

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an order will be given

may be given to the Paymaster of Innicondah to pay his Bills for Medical Servants as he has performed the duty of the Garrison during the period for which he has claimed the allowance.

(Signed) Ja.s Anderson.
Physician General

Colley L. Lucas
Surgeon

W. Raine
Head Surgeon.

To Valentine Connolly Esquire
Secretary to the
Hospital Board,

Sir,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th Ultimo. respecting the affairs of the late Mr. Charles Booth and in answer thereto have to say that at the request of Dr. Berry I took charge of his little effects which were disposed of at Public Outcry.

It was my intention at first to have taken out letters of administration to his Estate. but the balance realized from the Outcry Sales

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Sales were so very trifling that forseeing the greatest part would be Swallowed up by legal charges I waived the idea in order that Mr Booths relations might receive the full benefit of the small residue —

A Considerable time ago I authorized a Gentlemen in England to make inquiries after his relations and to pay the Money to those who were by law entitles to receive it. and in consequence thereof he wrote to Wales, but received no answer to his Letters.

I herewith enclose a list of the Effects belonging to Mr Booth which were sold at Public Outcry out of which I paid his — Funeral Charges and some small Bills — I can only now say that I will readily pay the Balance in my hands to Mr Jackson or any other person Government may Appoint to receive it —

I remain

Sir.

your most obed.t H.ble St.

(Signed) G. Chalmers

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An Account of Sundries sold belonging to the Estate of Charles Booth by the Sea Gate Register

1 Box of Doctors Tools	3	9	-
1 Case Instrument and 1 Teeth Picker	2	9	-
1 Pair Pistols with Silver Mounts	12	18	-
1 Pocket Book	1	4	40
1 Spying Glass	3	18	-
10 Razors and 2 Sope Boxes &c.	"	35	-
1 Silver Watch	5	22	40
1 Watch	14	18	-
1 Snuff Box	"	35	-
1 Tooth Case	4	-	-
1 Pair Knee Buckles	1	31	40
1 Dressing Box	1	9	-
71 Books	25	40	-
2 Bundle Bills	"	27	-
a lott of Maps	"	10	-
1 Saddle and Bridle	24	-	-
6 Coats	7	-	-
a lott of Waistcoats	4	-	-
a Ditto of Shirts and Breeches	3	18	-
11 Pair of Stockings	3	-	-
a lott of -- Ditto	2	-	-
a lott of Neckcloths	1	9	-
1 Bridle	3	27	-
1 Sword	5	-	-
a lott of Boots Shoes & Watt	2	4	40
1 Musquett	4	-	-
1 Lanthorn	"	22	40
1 Couch &c. &c.	5	9	-

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5 Hatts	5.	31 40
8 Ladys hatts and Feathers	6	— —
1 Pair Spurs and Buttons &c.	2	— —
1 Paid of Sleave Buttons	2	29 —
1 Ditto Shoe Buckles	5.	— —
1 Trunk with Sundrie	7	— —
2 Empty Punks	5.	18 —
	158.	637 —
Exchange at 46 p.ct.	13.	39 —
	171.	39. —
commission at 5 p.Cent	8.	27. 20
Criers Fees	—	18 — —
	8	45. 20

Pagodas 162: 39 20.

To James Anderson Esqre.

Physician General &c. Members of the Hospital Board.

Gentlemen

I was a few days ago informed by Mr. Conolly that in consequence of my letter of the 18th. of June last to you, that you had been so good as to make a representation to Government, and that from your recommendation, Orders were sent to the Paymaster of Ongole to discharge my Bill for Medical Servants for this Garrison, agreeable to the General orders of the 7th. of May

last

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Last on the receipt of Mr. Conolly's letter, I wrote to the Paymaster and informed him of the above circumstance, but I am sorry to acquaint you that he still objects to pay my Bills. I therefore take the liberty to state my case to you, and trust that another representation will be made to Government.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) J. Abernithie
Assistant Surgeon
30th Batt. N. I.

Innicundah
Sept. 22d 1795

A true Copy
(Signed) V. Conolly
Sup. W. Board.

Read the following letters -

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council,

My Lord

From Mr Doringtuels that his proposals for clothing the army will not be comprised with those differing from the advertisement -

On the 10th Instant I had the Honor to transmit to Mr Secretary Jackson, proposals for Cloathing the Army for the present year in every respect conformable to the Government advertisement -

As I understand that others have been delivered in differing most essentially from

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from the tenor of that advertisement. I trust that they will not be compared with mine, but be at once rejected by your Lordships. as wholly inadmissible.—

My proposals were formed from information obtained from the Import warehouse Keeper, to whom all were directed to apply. and if any avoided an endeavour to again this Information, surely your Lordship will not deem those who have paid due regard to your directions the first sufferers

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

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(Signed) Wm Dring

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

The proposals delivered in by Mr Dring for cloathing the army being upon our joint account. I trust you will not consider this address to you on my part unbecoming — understanding from the accountant General's office that our proposals (sic) every respect

From Mr Sherrington on the same subject

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respect conformable to the advertisement —
published by order of your Lordship I owe the
lowest; we flatter ourselves that the contract
will be adjudged accordingly. having however
learnt that Mr Servis has addressed your —
Lordship requesting that his proposals differing
most essentially from the advertisement may
be compared with ours. Mr Dring has presumed
to address your Lordship publickly on this —
subject. I beg leave also to state certain —
circumstances on order to guard against a —
measure no less injurious in its consequences
to me as an Individual. than productive of
future trouble to Government —

could we have supposed that it
was not the intention of Government to reject
all offers. not in strict conformity to the
conditions prescribed. we should not have —
hesitated to tack some condition of our own to
our proposals in the hope that it might escape
public notice, as was the case last year when
Mr Servis obtained the contract — But every
principle of fairness. every precedent of your —

Lordship's

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Lordship's Government and especially the condi-
-tions so explicitly prescribed in the advertise-
-ment discouraged such a proceeding —

The Accountant General in comparing the proposals delivered in last year, overlooked the saving Clause inserted in those of Mr. Lewis (similar to that he has made in the present year) and there is reason to believe that it was upon that account alone that he then obtained the contract - the same mistake would probably have been made this year had not I pointed it out to Mr. Woolf: and indeed it is an error that every few might not make: for who could suspect a person of delivering on proposals upon conditions of his own making, when the Government have prescribed the only terms upon which they will receive any —

under these circumstances I trust our proposals will meet with your Lordships favourable consideration. They were formed upon information obtained from the Public Office to which all were directed to

apply

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Lordship's Government and especially the condi-
tions so explicitly prescribed in the advertise-
ment. discouraged such a proceeding —

The Accountant General in
comparing the proposals delivered in last year,
overlooked the saving Clause inserted in those
of Mr. Lewis (similar to that he has made
in the present year) and there is reason to
believe that it was upon that account alone
that he then obtained the contract - the same
mistake would probably have been made this
year had not I pointed it out to Mr. Woolf:
and indeed it is an error that every few —
might not make: for who could suspect a
person of delivering on proposals upon —
conditions of his own making, when the —
Government have prescribed the only terms
upon which they will receive any —

under these Circumstances I
trust our proposals will meet with your
Lordship's favourable consideration. They were
formed upon information obtained from the
Public Office to which all were directed to

apply

apply. and if any for reasons best known to themselves studiously avoided such application, and thereby disobeyed your Lordships orders, surely those who paid a due regard to them are not the just sufferers —

Mr Jervis's deviation from the advertisement last year having escaped observation can be no excuse for his persevering in it — For if one fault be made a plea for another. when is the remedy to be applied for inducing correctness? Indeed the very object for which conditions are prescribed in a public advertisement must be defeated. for your Lordships time must be taken up in considering numerous proposals from numerous persons on conditions best calculated for their own purposes. for perplexing Government, and for eluding observation —

I have the honor to be

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&c: &c

(Signed) J. K. Lushington

Ordered to lie on the Table. until the report called for from the Accountant General be received —

ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved

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Resolved that the following letter be written to Bengal —

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

Honorable Sir,

Para 1. We have the honor to transmit copy of a letter from Major Agnew. detailing his proceedings at Columbo. and enclosing the answer of that Government to our proposals founded upon the Capitulation with the Count de Meuron.

2 As it is now certain that we shall be under the necessity of resorting to force in order to get possession of Columbo. we are of opinion not a Moment should be lost in making preparations for acting offensively against it. on the opening of the Season: but as we shall be without the means of obtaining any Tonnage on the Coast. we beg leave to — suggest that a quantity. not less than one — thousand five hundred (1500) Tons be engaged in Bengal. and that the Vessels freighted. —

be

To Bengal. with
Major Agnews —
Report of his Second
Deputation to Columbo
&c. &c. Request that they
will Engage Tonnage
for that Expedition.
Remarks relative
to an application
to the Travancore
Rajah for Garrison
for Madura and
Palamcotah —
Commissions for the
Count de Meuron
and his Brother
applies for and
Statement of Duffa
Revenues enclosed
Jaffna

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be ordered to proceed so as to arrive at Madras on or before the 15th of December. the above — Tonnage will be required, independent of the Ships Hussar which is already on the Service — The terms on which we have hitherto — stipulated. have been four Star Pagodas ℔ Ton ℔ Month. and we recommend that such Vessels as may be taken up be engaged for two Months certain at that rate. to commence from their arrival at this Port. provided — better cannot be obtained — we have reason to believe that the private Ships Royal Charlotte. which lately sailed from hence for Bengal, may be engaged on those Terms —

3. We take the liberty of urging in the strongest manner our earnest desire that no delay may take place in furnishing us with the necessary Shipping for the attack of the Settlements on the Island of Ceylon. remaining in the hands of the Dutch. as we conceive — that on the present disposition of the Inhabitants of the People at Columbo. and indeed of the Governor. and of many of the Council. the inadequate means of defence which those

who

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who are disposed to resistance, have within their power, the conquest, if attacked with a respectable force, would be extremely easy. but if time is allowed for information from Europe, or a reinforcement of Troops, we might have to encounter difficulties which, under existing circumstances are not likely to occur.—

4. We presume you have been informed of the surrender of Cochin on the 20th Instant, and that you will therefore be able to inform us of the extent of Cooperation we may expect from the Malabar Coast.—

5. when we desired your authority to ratify the Treaty which we are in daily expectation of hearing has been entered into between Mr. Andrews and the King of Candia, but subject to your approbation, we believed we only proposed to you to delegate a power which has been delegated in various instances, where the public Service might require it; and it was therefore a Mortification to us to find, that you could not favour us with such marks of your confidence — and we lament it the more because it has prevented our acting upon a suggestion

made

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made to us to apply to the King of Travancore for a Garrison for Palamcotah and Manra during the time our Troops are actively employed on the Island of Ceylon —

6 We are aware that our Government cannot regularly correspond with the King of Travancore, and we did not know how far our application to him upon a point of so much importance might subject us to your animadversion. we therefore submit the matter to your consideration satisfied that you will take such steps as appear to your best calculated, to promote the public Service —

7 We have received your letter of the 25th ultimo and shall readily attend to any applications which Mr. Duncan may make to us for Information or official Documents relating to the objects of his negociations with the Rajah of Travancore —

8 The Transfer of the Swiss Regiment of Meuron from the Dutch to the British Service having taken place we request that the Brevet commissions mentioned in the letter from his Majesty's Secretary of State to Sir Robert Abercromby

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Abercromby under date the 11th of April last. may be forwarded to us with a view to their being delivered to the Count de Meuron. and to his Brother —

We have now the Honor to transmit translations of the Dutch Papers referred to in the concluding Paragraph of our letter to you under date the 15th Instant. —

We have the honor to be with respect —

Fort St George
27th October 1795.

&c. &c.
(Signd) Hobart
&c. Council

Read the following letter from the resident at Hydrabad —

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart.
Governor and President in Council
Fort St George

My Lord.

From Captain Kirkpatrick stating the measures taken by the Nizam for the Seizure of Boopiah. observations —

I was honoured with your Lordships letter in Council of the 17th Septembr. on the 26th following since which I assure myself your Lordship will believe that I have not been unmindful of the means of affording you. every possible

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possible Satisfaction upon the subject of it.- My endeavours for this purpose, however, have been considerably obstructed by the particular circumstances of the present period, which not only oppose real difficulties to the accomplishment of your Lordships object (as far as depends on the cooperation of this Court), but by almost exclusively occupying the attention of the principal people here, have the effect of rendering them, though at all times sufficiently slow, much more tardy than usual in the execution of such limited measures as are still within their reach.-

Of the sincerity of the Nizams desire to meet the wishes of your Lordship regarding Poopaih in their utmost extent, I own myself to be entirely persuaded: but I am also equally convinced that his power in this respect is extremely inconsiderable. Perhaps it would not be easy even for our own Government, notwithstanding its very superior energy, totally to prevent the defaulters or refractory Zemindars of this State, either from occasionally finding an asylum among

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among the borderers of the Company's and. Nabob's
Dominions. or from committing. by help of such
support. similar depredations on the Territories
of his Highness with those of which the fugitive
Dewan. Bopeah. has been guilty.— Be this. —
however. as it may. the impracticableness of
obtaining from a Government so feebly and —
wretchedly administerd as this in general is.
(and probably no where more so than in the
very quarter in question) effectual security —
against the evil in contemplation. would appear
to be but too certain nor is this the only —
case in which the nature of things may be
said to make it impossible that the advantages
of the connection subsisting between the Company
and the Nizam should be perfectly equal or reci =
=procal. His Highness's Measure of these —
advantages is. and must always be. necessarily
greater than ours —

It is nevertheless no more than
justice to this Durbar to declare. that in the
instance of Bopeah. it manifests. as stated
in my letter of the 7th August to Mr Collector

Gregory

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Gregory (Copy of which was transmitted under the same date to Mr. Secretary Webb) every possible disposition to promote the object of my first application to it relative to that Zemindar.-

The orders issued on this occasion proving fruitless in consequence of the sudden revolt of the person who was to have executed them, they were repeated as soon as a new Manager was appointed to Khummum Moitan if they have hitherto been equally unavailing. I really am strongly inclined to believe that the failure has proceeded from nothing else but the utter inability of Zuffer ul Doulah (the new amildar) to give them effect. His force in the District is extremely small, nor is the season favourable for any additions being made to it by the Nizam.

Your Lordship is already acquainted with the injunctions transmitted on this score by Zuffer ul Doulah to his Naibat Khummummait. I have now the honor to enclose copy and translate of the latters answer to his principal who communicated it to me a few days ago —

I am

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In consequence of this letter, as well as of other information which I had previously received purporting that Bopeah had actually withdrawn from Khummum-mait prior to the arrival of Tuffer ud Dowlah's deputy in that District, and retired into the Country of the Paloonchah Zemindar. I applied myself to ascertain the present state of the Nizams authority in that Quarter.—

The result of my enquiries was by no means encouraging: for it appeared that although Paloonchah (Cottursumabad Sunkergeri) had formerly constitued part of the Sircar of Khummummait and been completely subjugated by the late Tuffer ud Dowlah (Dowlah) yet it had soon after his death reverted to the possession of its antient Zemindars from whom the Nizam had never since received any other Tribute besides occasional presents consisting of some of the natural productions of the Country—

Thinking it possible, however, that an authoritative admonition from the Nizam to this Zemindar on the subject of Bopeah

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Bopiah might produce some effect. and, at any rate, not perceiving how his Highness could in any other manner, especially in the present — conjencture, contribute to the Seizure or chastisement of that Insurgent. I determined to apply to him for this purpose. he has in consequence most readily furnished me in duplicate with a letter to Ashwa Rao. Copy and Translate of which I have the honour to inclose for your Lordships information: — I shall forward the originals to the Collector of Mugletaw.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
13th October 1795

Translate of a letter addressed to Ashwa Rao Zemindar of Palooncha. from the Nizam dated 11th October 1795.

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Khunmuinmait, had commenced depredations from thence on the Company's Talooks. In consequence hereof orders were sent from the Presence to the aumil of that Talook directing them to be apprehended. It is now however understood that the aforementioned (offenders) with your knowledge and concurrence are wandering in the Hills and Woods on the Frontiers, and committing disturbances in the Talooks of the aforesaid Governors This is a circumstance highly affecting your deputation, and the consequences of which cannot but be injurious to you. Hence it is proper & incumbent upon you immediately on the receipt of these peremtory orders to apprehend both the Offenders and either send them to the Presence or deliver them over to the people of the English. In future also, abstaining from such misconduct you must never allow any thieves of the Company's Sirkar to remain in your Talooks, otherwise in consideration of the friendship subsisting between this and the Company's Sirkar, the officers of the latter will be permitted by the Presence to send Troops into your Talooks in order that they may apprehend the offenders wherever they shall find

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and their short sighted protectors and abettors be
brought to due punishment — In short the end
of the busines will be that your Talook will
be confiscated by the Sircar. and yourself as the
just reward of your crooked conduct. be obliged
to fly your Country.— This is a consequence —
that may be depended upon —

(Signd) W Kirkpatrick

Read the following letters from

Mr Powney —

Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Councils

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Mr Powney recommending that Mr Baggot may be appointed Beach Master at Tutecoryn.

I have the honor to acknowledge
Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 17th Instant
enclosing a copy of a letter to Lt Col Campbell for
my information and desiring I will afford that
Officer every assistance in my power towards
the accomplishment of the object entrusted
to his charge —

I shall most heartily co-operate —
with Col Campbell and afford him every —
possible

possible assistance. The Colonel has deemed it expedient to order the 7th Battalion upon the Service which marched this morning to the Point of Land opposite to Pamenuram where that Corps will embark on Boats which I have sent orders to be in readiness to receive and transport either direct to Manaar or otherwise as Circumstances may occur —

From every Information I have been enabled to obtain from Manaar the Force sent against it is more than adequate to the accomplishment of the object even should the Chief not surrender on the Summons, but I should imagine, there will be no Resistance whatever —

I shall return tomorrow to Tamnad. having adjusted all matters which relates to the Dutch Possessions in this Quarter, and obtained Materials respecting their Situation and Revenues upon which I shall report to the Revenue Board in pursuance to your Lordships directions —

I have in conformity to the Instructions conveyed to me in Mr Secretary Jacksons letter under date the 26th of last Month. — appointed Mr Joseph Baggot to take charge —

of

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of all the publick Property at this place - He
was formerly Quarter Master Serjeant to a
Regiment of native Cavalry. and has been strongly
recommended to me by Lt. Col. Campbell as a
very honest and fit person to be entrusted with
such a charge - he has been an Inhabitant and
Merchant at this place Several years. and has
been very useful at this Juncture in procuring
Boats for the transportation of Stores and Baggage
to Tamesuriem. and as probably this place may
be hereafter deemed a Convenient Port from
whence a Communication may be kept up with
the Island of Ceylon. I take the liberty to suggest
and recommend that Mr. Baggot may be
appointed Beach Master with the Salary of 30 Pag.
a Month for the execution of his Duty in that
Capacity as well as in charge of the Public Property

I have the honor to be with every
Sentiments of Respect.

My Lords
&c. &c.

(Signed) George Powney
Coll.

William

Futtekoryn
27th Sept. 1795

From Lt M. Powney
req/ authority
for certain Ex-
pences on account
of the public Ser-
vice has stated
& Pappy Boat
between the coast
& Ceylon.

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William C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir.

I request you will be pleased to inform the Right Honorable the President in Council that in consequence of an application from Lieutenant Hall Commander of the Queen's company's Cruizer, for the Sum of 200 P. Nos Pags to furnish his Vessel with Stores and Provision, I have supplied him with that amount and obtained his Receipt for the same, and have to hope my having made this advance will meet his Lordships approval. The enclosed is a copy of Lieut. Hall's letter to me on the Subject.

As a charge of this nature will not be admitted by the Board of audit in my Revenue accounts. I have to request the authority of Government for introducing the same. I have likewise defrayed the charges attending the Transportation of Captain Bowser's Battalion to Madras, as Colonel Campbell brought no funds with him for that purpose, as soon as these Disbursements

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Disbursements are ascertained. I shall do myself the honor to transmit them to Government, in the interim. I have to beg Instructions may be sent me, in what manner, or whether they are to be introduced in my accounts. I should apprehend, that the most regular mode would be, to transmit the Paymaster at Palamcotah the Vouchers of my Disbursements: and that he should give me Credit for their amount in my next advance to him as I presume. Government would consider it an object of importance to keep up communication between this Coast and Ceylon by the way of Ramaseram. I have established Tappy Boats, which will be sufficient to maintain a constant intercourse with Manar and have likewise posted Tappal Peons between Ramnad and Ramaseram - if this should be approved of by the Right Honorable President in Council. I request his Lordships Authority for continuing the same -

I have the honor to be

Sir.

your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) George Powney

Collr.

Ramnad

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To

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To: George Powney Esqr.
Collector

Sir.

Having occasion for a supply of money to furnish the Queen with Sundry Stores and Provision. I have to request you will be kind enough to supply me with Two hundred Porto Nova Pagodas on account of the Honorable Company. for which Sum I shall be answerable to the Bombay Government -

I am
Gr. Sr.
(Signed) George Hall
commander of the Queen

October 17th 1795.
Queen
Pomban Road.

True Copy
(Signed) Geo Powney Collr

M Minutes in Consequence

Resolved that Mr. John Baggot be appointed to the office of Commissary & Beach Master at Tutucoryn with a Salary of thirty (30) Pagodas P Mensem.

Agreed that Mr. Powney be directed to acquaint the commanders of the Bombay Cruisers in the Gulf of Manar. that althô it will be

their

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their duty to detain all Dutch Vessels and Boats
yet, that the Public Property taken on them
must be safely lodged at Tuticorin, and remain
for disposal as may hereafter directed. in confo
=mity with his Majesty's orders conveyed —
through the Ministers for the War Department

Agreed that the mode suggested
by Mr. Powney for bringing to account the
different Sums advanced by him be adopted. and
that he be instructed to desire Mr. Martin
open a head in his Books of "Expedition against
"the Dutch Settlements." under which these and
"other charges of a similar nature are to be
"brought to account.—

Agreed that the establishment
of four Pappy Boats be continued until further
orders

Resolved that the following
letter be written to Col. Stuart —

To

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To Colonel Stuart

Commanding the British Forces

on the Island of Ceylon.

Sir.

To Colonel Stuart the Board hopes all unnecessary expenses will have ceased. Captain Barbut to inform Mr Andrews or his Assistant, on the subject of the Jaffana Revenues Orders respecting the Military Chest &c of the Nassau Regiment

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to draw your attention to the following paragraph of his Lordships letter to you under date the 19th of April last. and to express his hope that you have given orders for the discontinuance of every allowance not indispensably necessary in the present situation of affairs on the Island of Ceylon.

"you are already authorized "by the G: O: of the 14th Instant (July) to continue "the allowance of Rice. Dholl. &c. to the native "Troops during the time you may be of opinion "it will be necessary - but we expect that this "allowance should cease. so soon as the Troops "are established at their intended Stations. - "when the allowance of a half of Seer of Rice "a day. as granted to the Native Troops ---

during

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during the last Mysore War it to commence"

I am further directed to request you will be pleased to give directions to Captain Barbutt, the Officer Commanding at Jaffnapatam to furnish Mr. Andrews, upon his arrival at that place, with every information in his power so that the report to Government with regard to the Revenue may be as complete as possible —

The President in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr John Jervis to be an assistant under Mr Andrews at Jaffnapatam. If therefore Mr Jervis should reach that place before Mr. Andrews, Capt. Barbutt will of course communicate with him on all matters relating to the Revenue.

Colonel de Meuron has requested that you may be desired to place the Military Chest, and effects belonging to his Regiment in safe Custody, and permit the Capts. Meuron de Rochat & Pierchand to embark any Articles belonging to them or their Brother officers.

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) W C. Jackson Sy
P.S.

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P.S. The Commander of the John Packet has been directed to proceed to Trincomale, and wait there for the further orders of Government.

The President proposes that a Battalion of native Infantry to raised in the Black Town for the Service of the Presidency, during the absence of the Troops on Foreign Service, and that Col. Brathwaite be desired to submit the draft of an order necessary to be issued on the occasion—

The president proposes the raising of a Madras Battalion

Approved and ordered accordingly.

The President lays before the Board the following Extract of a letter from the right Honble Henry Dundas to Mr. Cleghorn

approved - orders in consequence

resolutions for making for advances of Cash to Mr. Cleghorn.

Extract of a letter from the Right Honble Mr. Secretary Dundas to Mr. Cleghorn. dated Horse Guards 11th. April 1795

"Whatever pecuniary advances you may
"stand in need of while you remain in India
"for the purposes of your Mission will of
"course be supplied to you by the respective
"Presidences in India to whom you may
"have occasion to resort.

(Signed) Henry Dundas.

Agreed. that upon the application of Mr. Cleghorn such Sums be advanced to him as he may stand in need of.

Resolved

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The Meuron Regiment ordered to proceed to Negapatam

Resolved that Colonel Floyd be directed to order the Regiment of Meuron on its arrival at Tutucoryn to proceed to Negapatam. where it will be quartered. until an opportunity shall offer for its March to the Presidency.

" J Cobbe

Examined
E. B. Hargrave

" Lon Saunders

" E B Falconfield