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not deliver up Shwarow, that I was
the person to inflict punishment,
but that if after this Mr Macleod
should proceed to violence, my
efforts would be of no avail. Mr
Macleod said that in consequence
of orders from the Governor in
Council for preventing Europeans
from going to the Durbar, means
had been taken for publishing the
prohibition by affixing notices to
the gates of the palace yard, that in
direct contradiction to the orders
of Government Shwarow had bid
the European creditors come to the
Durbar, that this was one offence,
that he had received a letter from
the Governor in Council upon
that subject, that he would make
me acquainted with the contents
by furnishing me with a
copy of it, and that he had some

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other matters to communicate, which he would do hereafter. I answered that if the Governor in Council should use force against me & my stations would have no effect, that I confided in the Governor and Council, and that independent of them I had no protection or support. — after this Mr. Macleod took leave of me and went to his own place of residence. — He then sent me an English Copy of the letter which your Excellency had written to him upon the subject of seizing and confining Shewarow, and having got a translation of it I took it into consideration — This is all that passed on that day — on the next day the 22d Mr. Macleod sent his dubash to me with a Marratta translation of your Excellency's letter

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to him regarding the seizure of
Shewarow, of which he had sent
me an English Copy the preceding
Day, – with an english copy of
a new agreement said to have
been received from Bengal, with
a copy of the treaty and Mahratta
translation written by Mr Macleod)
here, – and with a statement of
reasons for seizing Shewarow and
a Mharatta translation: Mr
Macleod instructed his dubash
to communicate all those
papers to me, and to return
to him after procuring my
seal and signature to the
agreement. The dubash accordingly
waited upon me, and having
communicated all those papers,
informed me that the Resident
had ordered him to return after
procuring my seal and signature

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to the agreement received from Bengal.
I replied to this that there was no
reason for setting aside the treaty
formerly concluded with Sir Charles
Oakley in the year 1792 or for making
a new treaty. I added in what was
just I had said, that an agreement
should be sent from Bengal for
making a new treaty I said that,
if I should fail of making any
payment to the Company at the
fixed period, my country might
be assumed by the Company
according to the terms of the treaty,
that if there was now an intention
of forming a new treaty and of
taking my country from me by
force my endeavours would be
fruitless, that I was entirely helpless
that, if the agrument for making
a new treaty should be suddenly
proposed to me without allowing me
any leisure, and my seal and

Signature

+ This English word is used in the original Gujarati letter

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signature should be demanded & without allowing me time to & consider it, what could I say? that, if a little leisure should be allowed me, I would give a full & consideration to the proposal terms and deliver an answer, that as the agreement received from Bengal had been sent to me in English I was totally unacquainted with the contents of it, that if Mr. Macleod would bring it translated into the Mharatta language I would & consider the terms of it and give an answer; — that the Governor in Council had written one & no letter upon the subject of changing Sir Charles Oakley's treaty or of making a new treaty, that if it should be requisite to & make a new treaty, it would be necessary that I should be acquainted with the conditions

of

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of it, that in case of my not assenting the matter might be discussed on both sides, that the conditions, to which I assented might be shown and a new treaty thus drawn out; but that if instead of this the agreement upon which to form a new treaty should be unexpectedly presented to me in English and my signature demanded what can I say to it. I desired the Dubash to go and inform the Resident that I had expressed myself in this manner and to bring me a Mharatta translation of the agreement which I would take into consideration. To this the Dubash replied that Mr. Macleod had said if I would affix my seal and signature to the treaty it would be well, and had ordered him to

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return with it, but that, if I should make any objections he was to remain and send to inform Mr. Macleod, who would in that case come himself, - that for this he could not depart without his object and that he would write to inform the resident of all I had said. The Cuttack accordingly went down stairs and wrote a note to inform Mr. Macleod of what I had said. The moment that the resident received it he set out from his own garden, and at eight o'clock in the evening of the same day visited me at my durbar. He immediately enquired whether I had sent the agreement which he had sent for the new treaty. I answered that as it was in English, I was of

totally

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totally ignorant of it and that,
if he would send me a
Mharatta translation of it, I
would take it into consideration
and give him an answer. To this
Mr. Macleod replied in a positive
and without telling down that
I should soon be made acquainted
with what I was to know.

I shall now relate what
afterwards happened on the
23d. January. at four o'clock in
the evening Mr. Macleod sent
his Cubaush with a Mharatta
translation of the agreement
(which from Bengal. The
Cubaush said that as I had desired
to have a Mharatta
translation in order to be
acquainted with the terms
of the agreement for the
treaty he had brought one. That
I might take it into consideration

and

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and affix my seal and
Signature, but that if I did
not assent to any &c. - after it
was the Cutwah delivered the
Translation to me. Having
considered it fully I said that
there appeared to be a desire of
taking my country from me
by some means or other, that
he was at liberty to do whatever
he pleased, that it was provided
by the agreement that three lacs
of Pagodas should be taken for the
Company's money, that I could
suggest a better counsel than
this, that I would address a
letter to Mr Macleod in order
to procure the consent of the
Governor in Council, that he
might carry it to the president
and acquaint with the contents
and that afterwards he might
consider the circumstances of

the

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the case. To this the Cutwah re-
plied that, if I should write a letter,
he would not deliver it, that the
Resident had desired him to ascertain
whether or not I would sign the
treaty, to send a note for his
information, and to remain
at the Durbar, that he could not
therefore receive a letter and
carry it away. — The Cutwah then
took leave and retired. — Imme-
diately I wrote a letter to
make Mr. Macleod fully acquainted
with my sentiments and
determination, and sent it to him
at seven oclock in the evening by
my Hurcarrah. The Hurcarrah, who
conveyed the letter, civilly informed
Mr. Macleod of my having written
to him, and requested the favor of
him to take it into consideration. —
Upon the Hurcarrah's delivering the
letter into Mr. Macleod's hand, he

Where

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threw it away and said in a passion
that he would not see it. He P
then in presence of my hircarah
called the havildar of the guard. alarmed
at the idea of being confined the H
hircarah began to vociferate; upon
this Mr. Mallod desired him in an
angry tone to go away, which he H
accordingly did. - after this then
passed the most curious and P
astonishing scene. At seven oClock
in the evening the Resident wrote a
note to Colonel Baird the Commandant
what the contents of it were I am P
ignorant. In consequence however
the Commandant got ready the
regiment of soldiers with Sepoys
viz and having distributed eleven
rounds of ball cartridge to each H
man, Colonel Baird with the H
other Sardars set out from the Shevi-
-ganga fort at nine oClock in H
the evening. Having arrived in the

Rajahs

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Rajah's street in the great fort to the northward, he formed the line, and having placed guards all round my palace as well as having shut the three gates of the great fort he gave positive orders that if Shivarow or his brother came out he should be seized and confined. I received information that Mr. Butler the Town adjutant and Captain Innes were standing in the palace yard. — Having heard these extraordinary circumstances I was absorbed in melancholy and sorrowfull reflections. at this time all the women and children in the palace were alarmed, and all my people were lost in astonishment. I thought that though I had committed no hostility against the company, yet they were preparing to send troops

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troops against me, that I was residing with my family under the cool shade of the Company's protection, that if they, in whom I confided, had without establishing any crime against me exercised injustice by marching troops & against me, and should devise means to rob me of my honour and life and to divest me of my country, my exertions would be of no avail: that if the Company had any enmities I was ready to fight against them, that if those, under whose protection I resided and in whom I confided, should use compulsion in order to impair my dignity and reputation, to whom could I carry my complaint? That it was vain to contend against the will of Heaven, that whatever might happen I should place my reliance

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reliance on god, and that it would
be proper for me to submit in a
silence. — In consequence of
those reflections I exhorted my
people to have confidence, and
having sent for my servants
who were stationed as guards
in different places informed
them that the Company's a
army was arrived, that they
were about to enter my palace,
that if they should chance to
do so they might do it freely,
that no body was to prevent a
them, that if they should a
strike any of my people they
must be borne with, that my
people were not to lift their
hand, that they had been main a
tained by me for many a
generations, that the only a
return I required for it was, a
attention to those directions a

Thats

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that nobody was to oppose the Com=
pany's troops, and that if they did,
it would only be incurring an
useless imputation. — Having
given these positive order to my
servants, I remained in silence with
my mind fixed on God. At this
time a single soldier with his musquet
intered my palace, and having advanced
as far as the door of the room in
which I was sitting, went out again. The
my people patiently looked upon what
was passing. All the inhabitants of
the city young and old being astonished
and yielding to my general belief — shut
up their houses in the deepest sorrow
and affliction. Some of my subjects
entered the palace yard to see what
was doing — one or two cloth — shops
were plundered, after which all
the shops were shut up. The
confusion which then reigned it is
impossible

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impossible to describe. since the "
Company's troops marched against
me as suddenly as if they had
dropped from heaven, your H
Excellency will readily conceive
the state of alarm and H
apprehension in which the women
and children of my family were
thrown. In the midst of this "
tumult Mr Macleod the Resident
came to visit me at my durbar,
and being introduced enquired
what was the news. I replied
by asking whether he had taken
into consideration the letter I had
written to him. He answered
in a passion that he had read
the letter, but that it never would
meet the consent of the Governor
in Council. He then demanded
a categorical answer whether I
or not I would sign the treaty "
which he had sent to me by
his

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his assault, because, if said
not, he would sign and H
confirm every one. during
that the Company's troops were
arrived, and not knowing
what they might perpetrate,
during also that any family
was overcome with astonishment
and sorrow, I lost any presume
of mind. I considered however
that I was protected and H
supported by the Honble H
Company as their friend, that
I had conducted myself without
the smallest deviation from
the treaty concluded with Sir
Charles Oakeley, that having
been compelled to take upon
myself an insufferable burthen
in consequence of my agreement
I had completed the payment
of three Kists from November
to January without the H
smallest

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smallest aberration from the
treaty, that if notwithstanding
this, the practice of injustice
should be indulged and the
Cause of suzing my country
encouraged and if troops
should be marched against
me as if against an enemy
with loaded arms, I could
not but be doubtfull of
the consequences of my
persisting in a refusal to
comply with the wishes
that had been exprest. I
looked for resource in God
alone. I requested that by
making the Honble Company
acquainted with every thing
that had passed here they
would shew me favor, that
the country was not of equal
consideration with my
life and honor, that if it
was to be taken from me

it

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it might, and that the
company would soon be in
favorable and discriminating
between justice and injustice
would restore the country
to my profession. Having
fixed my resolution upon
these grounds I informed
the resident that I was willing
to Sign the agreement from
Bengal and desired him to
give it me for that purpose
upon this Mr Macleod
if professed very great pleasure,
and taking out the agreement
delivered it into my hands.
Having received it I affixed
my seal and signature in
full reliance upon the
justice and equity of the
Company. upon my
returning it to the Resident
he said that since I had affixed
my

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my seal and signature to the agreement, he would cease to pursue Shwarow or any other, and swore upon his honour that he would not seize or confine them, that his wish was accomplished that he would not hereafter pursue Shwarow or his family, or any of my public or private servants and that he would not listen to any enemies. To this purport Mr. Macleod gave me a promise written in English and having delivered it into my hands, said that since I had affixed my seal and signature to the agreement Lord Hobart would be extremely pleased with me, that I ought not to regret what had done, that the Governor

Bahadur

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Bahadur would shew me favor upon all occasions, & that he would forward & the agreement which had signed to Madras and that perhaps the Governor would return it. I replied that I had no suspect but from the Company that, relying upon their justice and equity in every respect I lived under the protection of their flag, that, if they should shew me favor, the credit of it would be with them, but that whatever might be their conduct the honor or dishonor of it would be their own. that he had given orders for seizing my people wherever they might be found and for preventing them from leaving the port, and that I was desirous of

Knowing

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Knowing whether this order was
to be of no force in future. - Mr
Macleod replied that it was not,
that he would give directions, &
and that he had then matters
to communicate which he would
do at leisure. I then said that
three Soubahs had been taken from
me, that therefore there was no
obligation upon me to pay the
February Kist, and that he was
free to follow his own pleasure.
Mr Macleod replied that it was
not necessary for me to pay
any thing to the Company
after the period of February.
after giving him this answer
Mr Macleod went out of my
palace, and having sent to
inform Colonel Baird the
commandant that he might
return with his troops to the
Shuigunga fort, as well as to

having

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having given orders for the
opening the Gates of the
great fort went home to his
own garden. ——

On the 24th January
Mr Madod sent to inform
me that he was desirous
of visiting me. I returned
for answer that I was then
fatigued and unwell, and that
that therefore I would send
for him on the next morning.
In consequence of this the
Resident sent his Cubaoth
to desire that I would furnish
him with summuds to the
amuldars of the three ceded
soubahs for making them
over to his charge, that I would
send to him the money
which had been collected in
those soubahs since the
agreement

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agreement, and that I would give orders for furnishing him with a wasel bakky ½ account of the current year.— I immediately gave positive orders for paying to Mr Macleod the money collected from the three Soubahs since the 24th Instant for sending the ryots accountants and Vakeels of those soubahs to him, and for furnishing him with a wasel bakky account of the current year.— all the ryots Vakeels have attended at Mr. Macleods yesterday. I also wrote summons to my assistant for putting the Districts under charge of the Company's servants dated 24 Instant and sent them to Mr. Macleod on that day.—

On the 25th Instant Mr. Macleod came to visit me, after

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after the mutual compliments
were passed, he desired that
all the accounts might be
prepared and sent to him,
with expedition. Having in
consequence sent for my
officers and gave positive
orders for finding the accounts
and whatever money might
have been collected to Mr. Macleod.
I had some other little business
to settle, which being communica-
ted to the resident, he took leave
and went home. after Gun
set on that evening I sent the
accounts and collections to Mr.
Macleod, who said that He
would come and receive them
in the morning.

On the 28th December I was
involved in one difficulty: I have
since on the 23d January been
involved in a difficulty a hundred

times

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times more distressing, but I was rescued
by the interference of providence. I
was threatened with disgrace without
having provoked it. What cause could
there be for employing so great a force
to accomplish whatever might be
wished against those, who are in
the power of the Company. If one
person had been sent to desire any
compliance it would have been
sufficient; but instead of this I have
been exposed to the ridicule of all
respectable people as well as of my
own servants. on this account all
my authority is fled.

While I was observing the
periods of payment stipulated in
Sir Charles Oakeley's treaty by completing
three Kists according to the terms of it,
and while I was ready to perform all
duriation by adhering to those
stipulations, your Excellency was

pleased

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pleased to appoint Mr. Macleod
resident at my durbar to excite
fear and alarm in my mind you
have been pleased to send orders
for seizing and confining my Ver-
kalle and for setting aside the treaty
concluded by Sir Charles Oakley;
you were pleased to write a mes-
agreement upon which to form
a new treaty; and in order to obtain
my seal and signature to it an
army was sent for the purpose of
alarming me. As I have been
thus forced to sign and seal the
treaty and as three doubtahs have
been thus taken from me, it is
impossible to describe the surprize
and concern which I felt upon a
what principle of justice your a
Excellency was prevailed in this a
matter must be known to your
own mind. The embarra-sment
into which I have been thrown will
be

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be known to the Government of
Bengal, and to the Company; they
will inquire into justice and
injustice. as your Excellency
is a just man, I had the fullest
confidence that you would
continue to favor me without
deviating from the characteristic
justice of the English nation; but
as you have been pleased to act
in this manner, my mind is
completely divested of all that
confidence. If men of justice
like your Excellency practice
such violences as these, what
can I do? Expect from the Honble
Company, and in these parts
from your Excellency, I have
no support. my reliance is
placed on the English; if they
continue to shew me favor
according to justice, their fame
and celebrity will be conspicuous
throughout

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throughout the world. -

If it be the intention of your Excellency to pay attention to justice, you will adhere to the former treaty, you will abrogate that agreement to which my Seal and signature have now been affixed, you will restore my three Sonbahs to my possession, and receive my Nizabs according to the stipulated periods of payment, and you will prevent any diminution of my honor and dignity; if not, your Excellency will be pleased to act in that manner which your own mind approves. - Believe me always your Excellency's sincere Friend. To a friend why should I write more. 3

a true Translation

(Signed) J Webbe

Mar: "Trans."

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To Mr Alexander Macleod

Resident at

Tanjour

Sir

To Mr. Macleod — transmitting Copy of the preceding Letter of Complaint and requiring his Explanations thereon

His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour having addressed to me a representation of the circumstances which attended the execution of the Treaty lately transmitted to me by you, I feel anxious to place this Transaction in the clearest point of view to the Honble Court of Directors by the Ships now under dispatch as well as to satisfy myself upon the merits of the case, I therefore Transmit to you the inclosed copy of his Excellency's letter, and desire you will furnish me with such explanations and remarks as

you

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you may think requisite for
my information

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31st January 1796.

I am &c &c
(Signed) Hobart

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
Fort St George

My Lord,

from Mr Maltby
in reply to the
Rajah's Complaints
against him -
and detailing
the proceedings
relating to the
Execution of the
new Treaty. 1

I am honored with your
Lordships letter of the 31st ultimo enclosing
a Translation of Representation of
the Rajah concerning the Treaty lately
executed, and directing me to give
in my reply, time enough to go Home
by the Ships now under dispatch

In your private letter dated
the 28th ultimo your Lordship informed
me that the Ships were to sail in
little more than a week from that
period - This is the 3d February, &
and even tho' my reply should go
by the Horse Despatch it would arrive

in

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in Madras but just in time for the
Dispatch – From these Considerations
therefore I think it my Duty to
Send off this Letter containing a
a brief Statement of the Truth, &
pledging myself to forward to you
in the course of a very few Days
sufficient Proof of what I shall assert.

For the Situation of affairs
in Tanjore the miserable dependance
to which the Rajah was reduced by
Shivarow his Sirkel and the A
glaring Insults offered by the latter
to the Company's authority I much
content myself with referring to my
address dated the 12th instant I shall
bring forward a more detailed
account of the State of Management
and Oppression which has disgraced
the Government of this Country
founded on the Information of
every class of Inhabitants, of
respectable Merchants, of many
European

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European Gentlemen and of the "
Reverend Mr Swartz. it is unnecessary
for me to enlarge on the importance
of Intelligence from a quarter so "
respectable from one who by his "
continual Intercourse and conversation
with the body of the Inhabitants in
their own language, and his length
of Residence here, must be perfectly
acquainted with the Truth.

With regard to the Signature
of the Treaty and to the Rajahs late "
Letter to you; I am clearly of opinion "
that the former was a voluntary act
on his part, and his Signature of the "
Letter of Complaint a Measure into
which he was forced by Shuerow and
others. of the Truth of this opinion I do
not despair of obtaining Satisfactory
proof in the Course of this Day and
Tomorrow.

I will first state to your Lordship
what actually passed regarding the Question

of

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of the Treaty. and their reply to — A particular parts of his Excellency's letter. which I consider entirely as his miniatures and declare, that with the exception of a few Passages it contains a string of falsehoods.

The Rajah having admitted. the guilt of Shewrow and pretended to dismiss him from his office of Sirkel, I made my representation upon the subject to your Lordship - I received from your Government the letter, in which I was permitted under certain Circumstances to seize the Person of Shewrow). - some time previously to this your Lordship had transmitted to me a Draft for a Modification of the Treaty of 1792 with your directions to take any favorable opportunity of prevailing on the Rajah to acquiesce in it. The Hon'ble Court of Directors, finding from the Informations of Mr. White of the Runnee

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Revenue Board that little Hope could be
entertained of the Rajah and his Managers
consenting to establish adawlets or the
regulations for the benefit of his subjects,
point out the Establishment of the
adawlets as the grand object to be effected
by the Medium of a Resident. Having
communicated freely with Mr Swartz
he joined with me in opinion that
carrying into execution the objects of
the Treaty including the Establishment
of adawlets was the only mode except the
actual seizure of Tanjore, by which this
pernicious and oppressive Influence
could be destroyed and consequently
the only mode of giving comfort and
happiness to Tanjore.—

I had drawn out and left with
the Rajah for his Perusal an
abstract of the new Treaty with a Transla-
tion by Mr Swartz — The Rajah
having some days afterwards asked

me

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me if that was the Draft of the new
Treaty that I had received from Maratta, I told
him it was an abstract of it — He then
desired to be furnished with the Draft
at length and a translation and I
requested I would send it to him by
my Dubash who from his knowledge
of the Maratta language and of
Business, might be able to explain
to his Fullemey certain points if
which might require Illustration.
to this I consented, and the Dubash
went to him accordingly. The abstract
had been in his Fullemeys hands
some days, the Draft and its translation
were in his Possession several Hours &
the 23d ultimo and my dubash
continued with him at his request
for the purpose already mentioned.
Having fully deliberated on the subject
of the Treaty, (which contained no
specific stipulation that threatened
me or his brothers should not be

assigned)

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seized or otherwise molested,) His Excellency
at 5 P.M. sent me a Public letter under
his Hand and Seal endowing a Modifica-
tion of the Treaty which he now proposed
and which contained a pointed Ap
Stipulation, that, in the Event of its
being executed, the vessels, his brothers and
other Servants should neither be
seized nor molested. That he would
make over his <u>whole</u> Country without
reserve for five years, the Company to
allow him one half and one fifth of the
Revenue (as in War Time) and allow the
rest to be paid to his private Creditors,
mentioning also a Claim he had
against the Company on account of
their detaining his Country for one
year after the war and hoping they
would consider the Claim properly.

All this passed before He could
have had any Knowledge of our
Intention to call out Troops. because
I had no fixed Intention of the Kind,

and

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and because the moment I had that Intention, which was at seven o'clock the same Evening and not before, I sent the Letter to the Commandant requiring them. The Rajah himself seems, by his Letter, to be well informed of the time when my Requisition was sent to the Commandant for his Evidence states it to have been at that very Hour.

I never had an idea of proposing, nor did I ever propose to the Rajah that he should sign the Treaty on the Evening of the 23d ultimo — my view in drawing out troops, and in furnishing the Rajah with the Government orders above Sheveroy, which he acknowledges to have received with a Translation, was to prove to his Followers in the most convincing manner that the Power of that Minister was at an End.

The Troops according to my Requisition took their Station before the Resident's House in the Fort, about a

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a quarter of a mile from the Palace.
I shall, in the sequel, remark upon
the idea held out of the Garrison being
employed; of the Battalion, Sir Sepoys
only were paraded.)

The prevalent idea in Tanjore was,
that Shivarow was to be seized — and
I certainly should have seized him if
I could have done so without carrying
an armed force within the Palace walls.
Colonel Baird the Commandant &
I entertained the same Persuasion and
told me, that if such was my Intention
He would be answerable to execute it,
without the employment of the Troops.
I had informed him that after the Troops
were stationed according to my requisition
I would communicate to him the
Intentions of Government and rely
upon him for their Execution without
Troops — This was stated in a Public
Letter; and alluded to my Intention
of seizing Shivarow; for, if I had had
any

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any idea of executing the Treaty that Night, I should not have relied on a Colonel Baird for procuring it to be executed. -

When it was known that the Troops were at their Station I told a Colonel Baird that I wished to get Sheerow into my Possession. The A Colonel replied that if He should A accompany me to the Palace he had no doubt of inducing his Excellency to deliver up Sheerow without employing the Troops against him; to this Proposition I said that I meant not to employ the Troops within the Palace, but to endeavour to persuade the Rajah to give up Sheerow - That I should be much obliged to the A Colonel to join his Influence if possible should fail; and at my request He agreed to remain at my House A in the Fort, ready to come to the A

Palace

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Pollaw, whenever I should send him word, that I wished for the aid of his Influence with his Excellency.

I then went to the Palaw. The Rajah asked me if I had considered the letter he had sent me that afternoon, and whether, his new Proposition could not be substituted for the Draft I had sent him – my reply was – that I could not think myself authorized to make the change, altho both Propositions were for the mutual Interest of the Company & and the Rajah – His Excellency then declared himself, as he stated, "willing to sign the agreement" and desired me to give it him for that purpose. (He is wrong in saying there was any mention of "Bengal") The new agreement or Treaty was then produced by one of his people, & I think, for it had been with his

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His Excellency many Hours and he
He signed it before his whole
Durbar. He then affixed his seal.
having done this He requested that,
as I might now be convinced of
Shivarow's power being done away,
I would promise that neither
that Minister, his brothers, or others
of his Household, should be molested
and He desired me to take hold of
his hand and make the Promise
in token of Friendship I took his
hand and made the promise;
for his further satisfaction also
I offered to make the same
Declaration in a Public written
Paper. The Rajah consented and
while I was writing the Paper
dictated the Terms. having signed
this in my public Capacity as
Resident. I delivered it to his
Excellency soon after, he had given
me the Treaty. His Excellency's

a portion

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assertions of my Threat to "wage
and confine war, one" or of any
Expressions of the Kind directly
or indirectly is totally groundless.
For the willingness and chearfulness
which the Rajah evinced both
in his manner and Conversation
on this occasion I would appeal
to all who were present, even to
his own Servants, but particularly
to old Bava whose Word I believe
no man will doubt. Such an
appeal may easily be made. —

The following Day, the 24th ultimo
His Excellency put me in Possession
of the Districts and accounts — &
and the money collected since
the preceding Evening. on the
morning of the 25th ultimo I
had a long Conference with him
at which O Bava only was
present. He had drawn up a
long

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long list of Subordinate points to be adjusted: These were read to me from a Paper by old Bava in the Rajahs presence and each point discussed and settled: the principal of these was a request that I would not take cognizance of the Grounds he had granted on the marriage of his Daughter which were situated in the Soubah of Trivady (or Paulpanapuem) and which he valued at 10,000 Pagodas p.r Annum — it was therefore agreed that I should not take those Grounds, upon condition of his furnishing me with an equivalent in the neighbouring Division of some other Soubah — There were many other points relative to the orders he had given on the Coopo for the pay of his Servants &c. &c. &c.: for the readiness and Chearfulness with which all these matters were conducted on the part of the

Rajah

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Rajah Illi Kunde appeal to
Bava – all these proceedings
during the course of three
Days amounted to a proof
that Sheveroes influence as a
far as related to public matters
was at an End or at least nearly
so; my first Suspicion that it
was evidently shaken, proceeded
from a note which I received on
the 23d ultimo from a Gentleman
at this place, to whom the Rajah
sent a Message, which was
contained in the Gentleman's note
in the following Terms, "what is
"proposed, is the immediate
"confinement of Sheveroe and
"his Brother, making the old
"Bava Sirkel in your Presence,
"with power over the above men
"and Satisfaction in the fullest
"manner, but the Time and
Method

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"Method of carrying the above
"into effect and one or two
"consequent points to be discussed
"that will not take 5 Minutes."

Now tho' I was fully persuaded
that the proposed Confinement
of Shurrooe would be nothing
more than a declaration "that he
was confined within the Palace" where he
has actually been ever since the
26.th ultimo/a declaration the
truth of which could not be
disproved because nobody but the
Rajahs friends has access to the
Interior of the Palace) yet the effect
of inviting Bava with the
Sirkulship, which His excellency
had never before made, proved
the Decline of Shurrooe's Power.

For the Expedition and facility
with which the Districts &c were
delivered over, and as to what passed

at

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At the Conference on the 25th ult[imo] to
Appeal to the Rajah's Letter, where in
he says "Had some other little
"Business to Settle" He alludes to the
points read from the Paper by
Bava as above Stated.

The Rajah also Says that on
the Evening of the 25th "I sent the
"accounts and Collections to Mr.
"Macleod who Said that He would
"come and recieve them in the
morning."

The Truth is this. From the
Evening of the 25th ult[imo] the date
of his Excellencies Letter of complaint
I date the renewal of some
Influence on the part of Shereef.-
The marks of it were evident. The
particular accounts which He Sent
the Evening of the 25th I returned
because they were incomplete, —
what he had before Sent were
Satisfactory

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Satisfactory; He refused to deliver
over the Guncuns of Paulpanaseurry;
His Personal Behaviour became
embarrassed and wavering; — Another
Change then took place; He
renewed his claim upon the
Company for about 300,000 Pagodas
on account of the Detention of
his Country after the Peace, earnestly
requested I would forward a Clause
stipulating for a fair Investigation
of the Claim, to be added to the Treaty
he had signed — The Clause to be
annexed to it under his hand
and Seal; offering me one lac of
Rupees as a present if I could
procure the Investigation of the
Claim and a decision in his
favor. By his Dubash I drew up a
Clause to the above effect and —
tomorrow am to attend him with it
for his signature —

I

802.

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I can I think satisfactorily discover a
from a series of circumstances which
have taken place since my arrival
here, that the Rajahs real situation is
this. He wishes to get rid of all the
embarrassments and disgraces
heaped upon him by Shivarows conduct,
by affording the Company a reason
for extinguishing Shivarow's Influence
by their own proceedings — yet at the
same time to impress Shivarow with
an idea that he defends him against
their authority. His Guilt may is
driven to this partly from his personal
regard for Shivarow, but principally
from his fear that the latter would
disclose the secret Transactions which
took place at his Elevation to the
Musnud; Transactions which if
once brought to light might deprive
him of it. — His Excellency gave
me some time ago under his
Hand

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Hand

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Hand and Seal a Declaration that
his whole Country was Mortgaged
as already transmitted; likewise
an agreement under his Hand and
Seal to the Establishment of Adawlets
in open Places and the Proceedings
free to the Inspection of every one
in this agreement tho' there was no
appeal to the Company yet from
the Publicity of the Situation and
Proceedings I would have rendered
the Establishment of real benefit
to the Inhabitants. The former of
those Documents proving the
incontrovertibly an Infraction,
(and that of the worst sort) of the
Treaty of 1792, would in my opinion
warrant an assumption of the
Districts mentioned in the Treaty.
This, as well as the agreement
relative to the Adawlets, were given
to me by his Excellency without
force — He (pressed me in the
most

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most earnest Manner while I was
writing the Paper, (already mentioned)
which I gave him on signing the Treaty,
that I would insist my Promise of his
being freed from the Continual
Importunities of all his European &
Creditors. I instanted what he desired and
further informed him that if those
Creditors dared to importune him
they would on his Just complaint
be punished according to law for their
illegal Debts — with this he appeared
highly gratified — the Rajah must have
seen by the Copy which he acknowledges to
have had from one of the Government
order regarding Shivroy, that there
was no Permission to employ Troops
for seizing him consiquently that
I could not siege him so as to carry
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there was no reason for alarm nor did he appear alarmed — He knew that troops had never been carried into the Palace while a Rajah was in it.

I am fully convinced that he executed the Treaty not only with willingness but Pleasure; because by the Execution of it, He extricated himself from a most galling and Disgraceful Tyranny. He had before as stated in my letter of the 12th ultimo complained privately to me of his having been reduced to stay in His Palace because his Servants for want of pay refused to attend him abroad. The Tyranny from which he must have felt himself relieved was carried on without allowing him even the forms of Dignity or Splendor of Government — The Collections were carried to the Sirkels private House without even

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the Shew of having them first brought to the Palace. I believe his acquiescence in the Treaty was quite voluntary; at the Same time it is probable that on seeing Shivroe in private His Excellency may have called it for the Sake of Keeping in favor with him, an act of Compulsion. At any rate I ascribe the Letter of Complaint entirely to Shivroe as his last effort to thwart an arrangement by which his own powers of Peculation and that of his two Brothers was overthrown. Here it may be proper to remark that I ascribe all the worst part of Shivraos proceedings to his two brothers Viembe and Shankeraw and I believe they have studiously & industriously to prevent, and have prevented, communications from me to Shivroe which would have been of Service. for Since the 26th of last month no Person from me has been able

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able to see, or receive a message from Shivarow. either Timbee or Shamrow have stood forward to be the sole Channel of Communication with him.

Beg leave to observe my Lord, that every part of the Rajahs Letter & stating Circumstances that tended to create an Alarm, Such as the Soldier coming to his room Door; the Palace being Surrounded with Sentries &c is totally void of Truth. No Sentiments I believe prevailed among the Inhabitants of Tanjore on the evening of the 23d otherwise but that of Joy at the idea & removal from Power — Declarations to this effect broke forth among them and I think I can furnish some Instances of it, which were brought to Mr Swartz.

I most Solemnly declare I had no Idea of asking the Rajah to execute the Treaty on the 23d I foreseen

any

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my Instructions by determining to
to remove Shivarow if I could. but I mentioned
my Intention to Nobody but Mr Swartz
and Colonel Baird and that, not till
a few minutes before I went to the Palace.
The Rajah Knew from the Copy of the
Public Letter that I could not let the
Troops act even within the walls of
the Palace Yard, much less in the
Interior. He proposed to me to execute
the Treaty dont from madness, when he found
I could not authorize the new Proposition
He made to me in the afternoon.

But granting for the sake of
argument that the Rajah signed the
Treaty merely from the fear of having
Shivarow removed, I certainly should not
only think it a justifiable measure, but
glory in the opportunity of effecting the
most beneficial arrangement that
ever put an End to Tyranny and
procured happiness to a whole People. Since

the

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The Establishment of our Nation in the East.

The Insult offered by the Rajah's Minister to the Company's authority was of the most glaring and depraved Kind — The Rajah acknowledged his Minister's Guilt and made a show of inflicting such Punishment as the Thraldom in which that Minister has held him ever since his Succession, allowed him to shew — Full time was given to prove the sincerity of the Rajahs Intentions of Inflicting that Punishment — His refusal made him, strictly speaking, a party in his Ministers Guilt — The Government of Fort St George had a right to insist on his dismission as a reparation for the grass Insult and I was directed to carry that dismission into effect; if Therefore the Rajah proposed to satisfy the Company by circumscribing his Ministers Power without incurring

his

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his Resentment? He acted according to his own choice under Circumstances which he might have avoided.?

I still adhere to my opinion that the Rajah was compelled to send his letter of Complaint and I think it almost certain that I shall have it to your Lordship in the course of a Day or two a full Proof that it was the dictates of his own Will.—

From the haste in which you have required this Letter, I may have omitted some thing which would have been satisfactory to your Lordship in the way of Explanation, but in the beginning of it I stand pledged and am ready to Enter more into Detail bringing forward Proofs of all that I have advanced.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Bt.

Tanjore
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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord

From Mr. Macleod stating the Substance of a Late Conference with the Rajah and his Declaration in regard to the Complaints lately preferred against him.

Since my last address to your Lordship I have had an Interview with his Excellency the Rajah. After a short Conversation before his own people, He desired to speak with me quite alone, and without the Medium of an Interpreter; to this I assented and he took me by the hand led me into a retired and Separate quarter of the apartment and told me, in Moors, "that He looked "upon me as his best and only friend that "the Complaint he had lately written to "Madras I must Consider as nothing that he "had heard the principal Native whom "I meant to employ in managing the "Soubahship was shortly expected here from "Madras and upon his arrival His Excellency would open his mind fully and freely

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"fully to me upon all matters" I then
shewed him and explained the clause
I had drawn up relative to his claim of
three Lacs. He said it was not sufficiently
strong upon the point of "getting the
"President in Council to have the Claim
"investigated, in the first Instance, by
"me and his own men at Tanjore when
"very elucidation of the subject could
"be more readily and speedily had, as
"than at Madras." upon this I told his
Excellency I would make the alteration he desired and that I could say the Government would grant him such Investigation as would be most satisfactory to all parties. —

It is proper for me to explain that the Native alluded to by his Excellency is that very respectable man at Madras Arnachillum the son of the late Chokkapah Chitty. He is coming up to this Place but not as the Rajah imagines, to be employed as

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as the principal manager of the
Soubahs. it is plain I could have
made no arrangement of that kind,
as I have never had any reason given
me to suppose that I should be
employed as Collector of them. -

The Rajah was unwilling to have
more than a short conversation with
me. I am fully convinced that all the
ostensible opposition contained in his
letter was forced upon him by Shunnoo
and his two brothers Trimbuc and
Shankeraw; who, remaining in
the Interior of the Palaw perfectly
Secure, (as they know by the
Government oran sent to me,)
make the poor Rajah execute what
Papers they please; - They are particularly
Trimbuc, in close league with, and
involved in the illegal Loans of,
Chinniah and the European Contractors
This body of men feel that their
prohibited money-dealings are
ruined

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ruined by the Treaty; may that they have no
Hope of recovering any considerable part
of their Principal, kept at Such a v
distant Period as would almost make
the recovery a matter of Indifference —
Those I Know take their Sentiments
from the most indubitable authority —
which, whenever I may find it ap
propriate for the good of the Service,
I am able to produce. — Every thing is
conducted thro' the Channel of this Junto —
a few days since, Shamroos Kon was
dispatched to Madras as an agent. —
Poonia, Chinniah Moodeliar's Brother,
is now on his way hither, with the
Draft of a Letter composed at Madras
for the Rajah's Signature: I dare say
I shall be able to point out to your v
Lordship, the Day on which you will
receive it. — In Short a Conspiracy v
formed of a numerous body of
considerable Gentlemen having ap
staked their own and their Constituents
or Friends Whole Property on a Chance
more

Hazardly &c

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now became desperate; with black
Coddiers, among whom is Chinniah the
ablest native in the Country. The two
brothers of Shivarow the Rajah's minister,
and Shivarow himself who by disclosing
the Secrets of the accession could drag
the Rajah from the Musnud. This
powerful Host are dictating to the
Rajah and forcing him to adopt
whatever measure they think may
tend to invalidate the Treaty and
thereby restore the Tanjore Country
to the Coddiers, and the Splendor of
Power to the Minister. -

Against this formidable Combina-
tion I have to act, alone; yet I feel myself
so strong upon the Ground of Public Justice
that I am confident of satisfying your
Lordship of the Rajah's situation being
what I have described. At the same time
you will naturally conclude that the
Efforts of that Combination, will retard,
for a short while, the full proof of the

true

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true State of Affairs. There are, at any rate, strong reasons for differing in my decided opinion that the Rajah in his Complaint has acted according to his own Inclinations. My time has been much occupied in receiving the Body of Inhabitants who flock to me from all quarters of the Soubah, and in explaining to them my Intentions regarding their account of Grievances suffered by them. The whole of the principal Inhabitants of the Soubah have demanded justice on Shivarow and Shankerow. The late Change has diffused Comfort and Joy throughout the Country, and I must repeat my — assurance of convincing your Lordship that the Change is really agreeable to the Sentiments of his Excellency. —

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

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Rec.t

Tanjore
5th February 1796.

To

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To Alexandr Macleod Esqr

Resident at

Tanjore

Sir,

To Mr Macleod requiring his explanations upon the Rajahs letter of Complaint of third January

I endose to you the Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore dated the 20th ultimo, relating circumstances which his Highness states to have occurred during your conferences with him on the 28th and 29th of December; and I must desire that you will furnish me with such explanations and remarks as may be necessary for my information.

You will take an opportunity of acquainting the Rajah that I have withheld a reply to his communications because, as they tended to many charges of complaint against the Public Officer of Government at His Durbar it would have been an act of Injustice, if an opportunity had not

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not been afforded to that officer to reply to such charges, before any official answer were given by me to his Embassy. —

Surjoge commenced his Journey towards Tanjore yesterday Morning. —

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Sam
& E & E

(Signed) Hobart

P.S. You will return the Translation of the Rajahs Letter with your reply.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

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My Lord,

From Mr. Madison in reply — with Copy of his Letter to Captain Innes relative to a report circulated by Shivarao

I have been honored with your Lordship's letter of the 7th Instant enclosing translation of a letter of Complaint against me by the Rajah of Tanjore dated the 20th ultimo.

For

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Sir

For the sake of perspicuity I have written my replies on the Margin of the Translation which is now enclosed to

My principal reason for being anxious to see Shivrow on the Evening of the 28th December last was to question him relative to an assertion he was said to have made, and alluded to, in the accompanying letter marked A

Tanjore
12th February 1796

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
Your Most
(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
Resr

P.S. In Government letter of the 17th Instant it is said all letters from the Rajah are to be sent thro' the Resident: I informed the Rajah of this, I could wish that in future this mode should be pursued.

Sir see letter from the Rajah
Dated the 20th of February 1796

To

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A

To Captain Innes

My dear Sir,

As you said a report had been spread that I allowed or encouraged the late Business in Pauposaporon, that Shiveroo was said to be the author of the report and that it had been committed to writing, I will thank you to send me the Writing, or Cadjan, alluded to, that I may have Shiveroo no means of Evasion when I speak to him on the subject. -

Yours truly

(Signed) A. Maitland

Rect

27th December 1796.

A true Copy

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod

Rest

+ Vide that I had almost of the act he had just done which was delivering Pauposaporon to Chinniahs agent.

(Signed) A M

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Letters from Mr Macleod of 19 December and 12 February with the President's reply to the latter ordered read. —

The President desires that the letters from Mr Macleod, dated the 19th of December and 12th of January with his Lordship's reply to the latter, and entered on the records of Council, the 5th and 19th ultimo may be now read — Read accordingly. —

The President lays before the Board the following papers, containing the Rajah's acknowledgment of Mortgages —

Translation of an Acknowledgement by the Rajah of Tanjore relative to Mortgages on his Country. —

The Rajah's acknowledgment relative to Mortgages on his Country and the appointment of Colonel Macaulay —

After Compliments

Answering gives his Salaam to Mr Macleod Resident of Tanjore.

Before this, We mortgaged some parts of our Country which Mortgage We have taken off two months ago. The

Country

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Country of Pauparaseum alone remained
with a Mortgage upon it But, now
We have taken off the Mortgage even
from Pauparaseum: all the Revenues of
the four Soubahs, and even of Patuel-cotta,
comes, now, directly into the Treasury of
the Circar. of all this there is no Doubt.
you will therefore Know it, and take it
for certain. what I should I write more
to a friend.?

(Signed) Sree Rasa Pritaud (Rajah's Seal)

dated 18.th December 1795
of the Christian Era

Translated by Mr. Swartz in my
Presence. and delivered to me by him
as a True Translation

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Rev.d

Translation of a letter sent by the Rajah concerning
the administration of Justice to A. Macleod Esq.r
Salem.

When you paid me a visit the 28.th of
December you said that in the 4 Soubahs
a

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a Court of Justice should be Established,
or at least in two Places, namely, in A
Combaconum and Chialley - in order
to administer Justice. all this you
wrote down on a Paper - signed it and
delivered it to me. - desiring to give you
an answer in two Days. -

To this I give you my full
and free resolution viz t

When Sir Archibald Campbell
came to Tanjore, Mr. Swartz took
great pains to establish a public Court
of Justice - to be inspected by him, But
I declared that I would not consent that
any one should manage that business -
but that I myself would establish such
a Court, in an open place, out of
the Palace - Accordingly I appointed
4 or 5 persons and placed them out
of the Palace - that they might hear
law-suits of all poor people and do
them justice - from that time

to

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to this day they divide according to a
Justice all law-suits—

That such Courts should be — it
established in the Country (in the
4 Subahs) was not at that time —
mentioned — However I considered this
business and established, last year, a
such courts of adaulet in the 4 Subahs—
and for a whole year, law-suits a
were decided in these Courts — —
afterwards some of the Inhabitants
did not come to the Fort but assembled
for two months near Mayaveram,
During that time no law suit of the
country people was heard or decided,
neither in the Fort nor in the country
but I declared that I myself would hear
and decide them — this I promised to
the Inhabitants when I recalled them
by giving them a Cowle — and they
insisted upon it and I agreed to it. —
Therefore the courts in the country were

taken

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taken away - and I ordered the judges of the courts in the Fort, not to meddle with the law Suits of the Country people Whatever law Suits of the People of the Fort come before them - they are to decide them acording to Justice. - but the law Suits of the country People are to be decided by the Principal people of the country. -

As I agreed to this request of the country people I myself have removed the courts of Justice established by me in the country. -

Therefore the country People would by no means agree to the re-establishment of these courts in the country - of course no courts of Justice can be established in the country.

But the law Suits of the people

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people in the Fort are decided by the Court established in the Fort= but if the country people should wish to have such courts established they may be established so that they are only under my management. But I know that the country People will not agree to it. —

Therefore I write and declare to you the thoughts of my mind viz. —

Whether these are courts of Justice established in the country or in the Fort, they must be solely under my inspection — and I will by no means agree that such courts should be managed by any other Person — But if the judges commit any Injustice I will inquire into it and do Justice. —

you will therefore be so kind as not to speak to me of this

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this Business again and again —

When the good people come to the Bank or Bench with a Complaint I will send them to the Court of Justice. —

What have I more to write to a friend? —

(December 31st 1795) Rajah's Signature)

Translation of a letter of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to Mr. Macleod Resident

from the Rajah to Mr. Macleod stating when and to whom the mortgages were made

You have sent me a letter dated the January 14th — We have read and considered the contents of it. —

You wish to have the Date when We mortgaged the other Soubahs; for the Date when the Soubah of Pattipanapeem was mortgaged you know.

You write that if We did not know the Date when the other Soubahs were

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were mortgaged, We might at least mention the year; whether they were mortgaged last year or this year. As Concerning the Sabbath of Pacpanapeum you know all. The other Sabbaths We mortgaged last year to Nagapatn Chitty in order to pay the Rists to the Company. —

But this year We have 4 rotation the Sabbaths which were last year Mortgaged to Nagapatn & Chitty and the Revenue of the whole Country is brought to our Treasury to pay the Company at the appointed Time

What can I say more?

January 15th 1796.

Translated by Mr Swartz and delivered to me by him

(Signed) Alexr Macleod
Resr

The President laid before the Board the draft of the proposed Treaty to be forwarded to Mr Macleod

Mr Macleod having in his letter of the 3d instant referred to the draft of a Modification of the Treaty of 1792, transmitted

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to him by Lord Hobart — The President thinks it proper to lay before the Board the draft in question — observing, that, at the time he transmitted it, Mr. Macleod was authorized by his Lordship to introduce, if possible, the subject of boards of adawlut, in the way that might appear to him (the President) most advisable. —

Proposed Treaty

Whereas, by a Treaty between Sir Charles Oakley Baronet, President and Governor in Council of Fort St George, on the part of the Honble English East India Company, their Heirs and Successors — and his Highness ameer Sing, Rajah of Tanjore, in his own name, and for himself, his Heirs and Successors on the other part, dated the 12th day of July in the year 1792 it was stipulated and agreed by the 4th and 5th articles of the said Treaty, between the said contracting Parties, that, during the time of public tranquility, in the Carnatic and its dependencies and

after

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after the expiration of three years from
the date of the said Treaty, that is to say,
from, and after the 12th of July 1795, his
Excellency ameer sing should pay to
the said Company for the purpose of
mutual defence the sum of three
Lacks and fifty thousand (3,50,000) Star
Pagodas annually, as his share of the
expence of a Military Force, and
also, in consequence of an agreement
between the said Company, and his
Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, entered
into by him with the said Company,
for the purpose of transferring, in
absolute right to the said Company,
a further sum of one Lack, fourteen
thousand two hundred and eighty five
(1,14,285) Star Pagodas annually,
on account of the Peishcush
payable from Tanjore to the said
Nabob, and also, in consequence
of certain agreements entered into
by his Excellency ameer sing with

the

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the said Company, and guaranteed by the
Parliament of Great Britain for the purpose
of liquidating certain debts due by the said
Rajah of Tanjore a further sum of sixty —
thousand /60,000/ Star Pagodas annually,
which further sum of sixty thousand /60,000/
Pagodas shall cease on the full
liquidation of the said debts; and
whereas great inconveniences have
been found to arise from the mode
in which the said amer sing, Rajah
of Tanjore, has executed the conditions
of the said Treaty, with regard to the
three lacks and fifty thousand Star
Pagodas, which he has bound himself
and his Successors to pay towards the
mutual defence of the Carnatic, and
the possessions of the said Company
and to the one Lack, fourteen thousand
two hundred and eighty five Star Pagodas
on account of the Pishcush before —
mentioned, as well as to the sixty
thousand Star Pagodas towards the —

liquidation

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liquidation of the guaranteed debts, and
whereas, it has been admitted by his Ex-
cellency answering that the misery and
extortion which have prevailed in the
Tanjore Country, owing to the pernicious
influence of his Sirkeel or minister
Shewarow, have defeated one of the principal
objects of the Treaty of 1792 in as much as the
condition expressed in the 5th article of the
said Treaty has been forfeited by the said
Rajah's own acknowledgment, that
the Districts mentioned in the Schedule
No 1 annexed to, and forming a part
of the said Treaty of July 1792, had been
mortgaged, and Tunkaus of assignments
granted on the Revenues thereof - and
whereas it has been found and
acknowledged by the said Rajah that
a continuance of the present System
of management of the Revenues of
the

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the Tanjore Country is pregnant with
ruin, and the said Rajah being anxious
to preserve his People from the
calamities with which they are threatened,
and to restore his Country to its
former prosperity — and believing
that those great objects may be
accomplished without deviation from
the Spirit of the Treaty of 1792. — Therefore
the said Amer Sing doth hereby
for himself, and his Successors, consent
and agree with the Right Honorable
Lord Hobart President and Governor
in Council of Fort St George, on the
part of the Honorable English East
India Company, their Heirs and
Successors to the following mutual
arrangements for the better execution
of such parts of the said Treaty of 1792, as
are hereinafter mentioned. —

That

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Art. 1st That in lieu of the said sum of five Lacks, fourteen thousand, two hundred and eighty five (5,14,285) Star Pagodas, being payable by monthly + Instalments, as provided for in the + said Treaty of 1792, a proportion of the + profpections of the said amer Sing, + Rajah of Tanjore, as contained in the annexed Schedule No1 the net Revenue of which is estimated to produce five Lacks, fifty nine thousand, four hundred and seventy five (5,59,475) Star Pagodas shall be placed under the exclusive + management and controul of the Honble English East India Company - 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 yield the sum of five Lacks fourteen thousand two + hundred and eighty five (5,14,285) Star Pagodas such excess shall be carried to

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to the account of the said Rajah &
and be applied in part discharge
of the sum which will remain to
be paid by his Fullerey on account
of the guaranteed debts hereinafter
more particularly mentioned. and
if, on the other hand, the net Revenue
at which the Countries so placed &
under the management of the &
said Company be found to &
produce less than the said sum
of five Lacks fourteen thousand
two hundred and eighty five / 5,14,285 /
Star Pagodas, the deficiency shall be
made good by the said Rajah, in &
such manner as may be hereafter
agreed upon between the said Contracting
parties - and for the satisfaction of
the Rajah, it is mutually agreed.
First - That an officer on the part
of the said Rajah shall be Stationed
at the Sadder Cutchery / in each &
District, which officer shall be furnished
annually /

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annually by the Offices 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 Offices of
the said Company, and of the Sudder
Amlah of the District.

Secondly – That at the close of every
third year an adjustment of accounts
shall take place, to ascertain the balance
due to the said Rajah. – If the net Revenue
shall have exceeded the said amount
of five Lacks fourteen thousand two
hundred and eighty five (5,14,285) Star
Pagodas – or in the event of the net
Revenue falling short of that sum, the
balance due by his Exellency 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 Rajah,
shall

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shall assemble on the first day of august
in year 1798, and every third year
thereafter.

Art. 2. In consequence of the above
arrangement 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
Tanjore Country entire, at the
conclusion of a war, it being understood
between the contracting parties to this
agreement that such restoration is
not to extend to those Districts named
in the annexed Schedule No 1 thereby
made over to, and placed under the
exclusive management, controul and
orders of the said Company, for the
purposes already mentioned. —

Art. 3. The said Rajah agrees to pay
a further sum of sixty thousand (60,000)
star Pagodas annually as provided
for in article 4th of the said Treaty of 1792,

for

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for the purpose of liquidating certain
debts due by the said Rajah and guaranteed
by the Parliament of Great Britain a list
whereof will be found mentioned in a Schedule
hereunto annexed and marked No 3. —
and it is hereby mutually agreed that on
the full liquidation of the Debts beforementioned
the payment of the said sum of sixty thousand
(60,000) Star Pagodas on that account, shall be
cease on the part of his Excellency. —
Art: 4th That the preceding article as may
be fully executed the said Rajah agrees and
engages to make good to the said Company
the payment at Madras of the sum of
fourteen thousand eight hundred and
ten Star Pagodas (14,810) on the first day
of October of every year which with the
surplus Revenue of the Districts made
over to the said Company, as mentioned
in the Schedule No 1 — amounting to forty
five thousand one hundred and ninety
(45,190) Star Pagodas, make together the
said Sum of sixty thousand (60,000) Pagodas
stipulated

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stipulated and agreed to be paid annually by the said Rajah, on account of the beforementioned guaranteed debts. — But, if it shall so happen, that the said Surplus Revenue do not amount in any one year, to the aforesaid Sum of forty five thousand one hundred and ninety /45,190/ Star Pagodas then and in that case, the said Rajah engages that the payment to be made on the first day of October of such year shall be proportionably encreased, so that the said Sum of sixty thousand /60,000/ Star Pagodas stipulated to be paid annually shall be duly made good by the said Rajah to the said Company, for and on account of the beforementioned guaranteed debts. — and if contrary to his sincere intentions and expectations the said sum so falling due on the first day of October shall not be fully paid, at the expiration of fifteen days from the time limited, in that

case

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case the said Rajah 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 2 hereunto annexed, according to
the following conditions and for this
the present engagement shall be
considered sufficient authority — The said
Company, through their President
in Council for the time being, at
Fort St George, giving immediate and
explicit information, according to the
tenor thereof, to the said Rajah, who shall
on the arrival of the Company's Officers
in the said Districts, recall all his
Officers, except one, which Officer shall
remain at the Sudder Cutcherry, and
shall be furnished annually by the
Officers of the said Company, with copies
of the Sudder Cutcherry accounts of the
Gross Collections and of the nett Receipts,
under the attestation of the Officer of

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stipulated and agreed to be paid annually by the said Rajah, on account of the beforementioned guaranteed debts. — But, if it shall so happen, that the said Surplus Revenues do not amount in any one year, to the aforesaid Sum of forty five thousand one hundred and ninety /45,190/ Star Pagodas then and in that case, the said Rajah engages that the payment to be made on the first day of October of such year shall be proportionably encreased, so that the said Sum of sixty thousand /60,000/ Star Pagodas stipulated to be paid annually shall be duly made good by the said Rajah to the said Company, for and on account of the beforementioned guaranteed debts. — and if contrary to his sincere intentions and the said terms so falling due on the first day of October shall not be fully paid, at the expiration of fifteen days from the time limited, in that

case

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case the said Rajah agrees that the
said Company shall assume the ma-
management of and make the Col-
Collections of the Revenues from the
District mentioned in the Schedule
No 2 hereunto annexed, according to
the following conditions— and for this
the present engagement shall be con-
considered sufficient authority— The said
Company, through their President
in Council for the time being, at
Fort St George, giving immediate and
explicit information, according to the
tenor thereof, to the said Rajah, who shall
on the arrival of the Company's Officers
in the said District, recall all his
Officers, except one, 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

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the said Company, and of the Judges and Collectors of the Districts —

First — The said Company shall assume the management of the Districts mentioned in the Schedule No 2 — and apply to the aforesaid use so much of the Revenue, as shall, after deducting the charges of Collection, equal the amount of the Kist which shall have fallen in arrear. —

Secondly — The said Company agree that a deduction shall take place proportionably from the amount of the Kist abovementioned, equal to the amount of the net Revenue of the district so 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 of account," shall be immediately opened for this purpose, bearing an interest of 8 per cent per annum, A

between

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between the said Rajah and the A
said Company, in which the said
Rajah shall be debited for the balance it
accrued in his above stipulated payment,
and also for the amount deducted as above,
from the first falling due on the first day
of october and shall be credited for the net
Revenue collected from the said district,
the said Company continuing to e
xercise authority in, and to make
the Collections from the same, until, in
Consequence of the full liquidation of the
guaranteed debts specified in the 3d article,
the said balance account shall be equal
on the debit and Credit side, and nothing
shall remain due to the said A
Company, when the said District shall
revert to the management of the said
Rajah. -

Third - In consequence of this measure
whereby the district mentioned in the
Schedule No 2 becomes responsible for
any

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any arrears that may accrue in the
payment of the above stipulated Hist,
the said Rajah agrees that he will not
grant Tunkaws or assignments on
any account on the Revenues thereof,
and if contrary to this condition, any
Tunkaws or assignments should exist,
when the said district shall be assumed
by the said Company, such Tunkaws
or assignments shall be declared by
the said Rajah 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 account shall be
annually adjusted, and a Committee
consisting of four respectable and
capable persons, of which two shall be
nominated by the said Company, and
two by the said Rajah, shall assemble on
the first day of august of every year,
commencing

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Commencing with 1796, for the purpose of adjusting, and of drawing out a fair and equitable statement thereof.

Art. 6 – The said Rajah agrees that the allowances specified in the 10th article of the Treaty of 1792, to be made to Serfogee, the adopted Son of the late Rajah Tuljajee, and to the Widows of the said Tuljajee – shall continue to be paid as regulated by the aforesaid 10th article –

Art. 7th It is further mutually agreed and declared that all the articles of the Treaty of 1792, not specially referred to, or modified in this agreement, for its better execution, shall be considered in full force, and binding on the Contracting parties, & their Heirs and Successors.

This agreement consisting of six articles, and having three Schedules annexed thereto, marked Nos 1. 2 and 3 – shall be carried into immediate execution – but it shall notwithstanding be subject

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to the Ratification of the Supreme Government of Bengal and to the Approbation of the Honorable Court of Directors. —

Schedule No 1

List of Districts with the amount of the net Revenues from each, at which they shall be estimated and assigned over to the Honble English East India Company by his Highness Ameer Sing Rajah of Tanjore according to the first article of the accompanying agreement

Mannargoody net Revenue		2,45,198
Triwady	Do	1,49,609
Mayaveram	Do	1,64,668
Star Pags		5,59,475

It is stipulated in the said agreement that the Districts above mentioned shall be placed under the exclusive management and controul of the East India Company, and that if they shall yield the sum of five Lacks

fourteen

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fourteen Thousand two hundred and
eighty five (14,285) Star Pagodas, which
sum, shall be carried to the account
of the said Rajah, and be applied in part
discharge of the sums which will remain
to be paid by his Excellency on account
of his guaranteed Debts. There will in a
consequence be a surplus in the revenues
to be collected by the said Company to the
amount of forty five thousand one hundred
and ninety (45,190) Star Pagodas and the
sum of fourteen Thousand eight hundred
and ten (14,810) Star Pagodas, wanting to
complete the sum agreed to be paid
annually by the said Rajah, Viz! fifty
Thousand (50,000) Star Pagodas on account
of his aforesaid Debts. —

Schedule N.o 2

The District of Pulliacotah, the
net Revenues of which shall be estimated at
twenty seven Thousand six hundred —

and

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and thirty eight /27,638/ Star Pagodas
and assumed according to the 4th article
of the accompanying agreement, provided
the Rist stipulated by his Excellency the
Rajah of Tanjore to be paid on the 1st day
of October of every year on account of the
guaranteed debts, shall fall in arrear
fifteen days after the period when it
becomes due. —

Schedule No 3

of private Debts referred to in the
3 Article of the accompanying agreement.

Mr Alexander Brodie Star Pagodas	99,264
Mr. Duncan Baine Do	30,000
Sir George Ramsay Do	20,000
Colonel Maitland — Do	72,000
Major for Captain Burrows Do —	26,100
Mr Whyte 5,706	
received — 1000	4,706
Mr Swartz for money subscribed by Gentlemen for the benefit of orphans	1,000
Star Pags.	253,060

The above Debts bear Interest
at the rate of twelve /12 P.C. per A. annum —

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The President delivers in the following Minute

President's Minute

In Council 16th February 1796.

The President's minute on the late proceedings at Tanjore relative to the modification of the Treaty of 1792 and the Complaint of the Rajah against the Resident — submits a Treaty for the Execution of the Council.

The President, in his Minutes of the 24th October, and 24th December last, having developed the existing System of Management in the Possessions of the Nabob of Arcot and Rajah of Tanjore, and having thereby disclosed that inevitable ruin to which they were rapidly approaching, considers it an act of indispensable duty in him, to hasten upon every circumstance which may enable him to become an instrument of relief to the wretched Inhabitants, and of security to those resources on which the Interests of Great Britain upon this Coast so much depend. — The attempt to stop or intercept the progress of usurious Loans he is aware is an undertaking

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undertaking of the most arduous
nature — It indirectly combats the
interests of a great proportion of the
European Inhabitants and it directly
affects a considerable number — It is therefore
to be expected that every Engine which
Malice, Resentment, Intrigue, Cunning,
and Disappointment can set on foot,
to overturn any measure that has such an
object in view, will be aimed not only
at the measure itself, but probably at the
person who has been the instrument of
its accomplishment — and under
that impression it is reasonable to
conclude, that the President must have
felt a strong sense of his responsibility,
before he would voluntarily encounter
the consequences that may possibly
flow from it — The Board are
already acquainted, and have concurred
in the propriety of the efforts that
were made to prevail upon the

Nabob

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Nabob of the Carnatic, to acquiesce in
the modification of the Treaty of 1792, and
they have, with the President, to express
regret that those efforts have proved
ineffectual. — They are aware that the
terms of the proposed agreement if re-
ceived the approbation of the Supreme
Government — and they acquiesced
in the necessity of endeavouring to
prevail upon the Rajah of Tanjore, to
give his concurrence to a similar
arrangement.

By a letter recently received
from the Court of Directors it would
appear, that the representation made
to them, of the flourishing state of the
Tanjore Country, encouraged the most
sanguine Ideas of its prosperity, — tho' the
Knowledge of the Character of the Rajah
had induced them to think, that the
appointment of a Company's Servant
to live constantly resident at his Durbar,

might

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might be attended with the best effects,
and more particularly, because they also
hoped it might be the means of
establishing Courts of adawlut upon
the plan suggested by Mr. Swartz. —

The lamentable statement we
have been compelled to make of the
actual situation of his Excellency's
possessions, delivered over as they have
been to the rapacity and corruption of
Sheeroor and his family, and
impoverished by the cravings and ruinous
extorted impatience of usury and
extortion, whilst it was calculated to
produce the most serious disappoint-
ment in the minds of the Court of
Directors, must at the same time
have excited an expectation that our
most strenuous endeavours would
be exerted, to mitigate the sufferings
of the people, and if possible to save
the Country from impending destruction
For that purpose Mr. Macleod was
appointed

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appointed Resident at Sunjore, in the
hope that he might interpose some
check to the desperate and pernicious
proceedings at the Palace, and at least
throw some difficulties in the way
of the negotiation of those usurious Loans,
which, in violation of the Treaty of 1792,
and the orders of the Court of Directors,
were daily transacted. —

In the prosecution of that object,
it was unquestionably incumbent on
the Resident to remonstrate with the
Rajah against the enormities openly
committed by his Ministers, and he was
ordered to prevent all intercourse &
between Europeans and the Durbar
that was not sanctioned by him; since
it was evident by the interruption of
that intercourse, the pecuniary &
arrangements would be considerably
impeded; and as the Government had
recently published the prohibitory
orders of the Company against those
Loans,

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Loans, with a declaration purporting
a fixed intention to carry them into
execution, every obstacle that was opposed
to their negociation manifestly tended
to facilitate the means of attaction. It
became therefore an experiment on
the part of Shweraw, worth some risk
to try, whether backed by the Com-
manding influence he had over
the Rajah, and supported by the weight
of those Europeans, who had an interest
in the existing system, he might
not venture with impunity, to set the
authority of the Company's Government
at naught; and, in defiance of
their orders recently promulgated
at Tanjore, to encourage and excite
disobedience in the Europeans at that
place, aggravated by the circumstance
of the object being a continuance
of the violation of a solemn treaty
between the Company and the
Rajah.

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Rajah. The exposition and proof of this fact, as stated by Mr. Macleod & induced the President to direct that Gentleman, to insist on Shivarao's removal from any concern in A public affair; and if the Rajah should not acquiesce in his requisition to that effect, to authorize the seizing his Person for that purpose, provided it could be done without making use of the military within the Palace — and the President had the A satisfaction to obtain the concurrence of the Board to that measure —

The Dilemma, in which the Rajah, or rather the Ministers, were then involved, suggested a favorable opportunity for the accomplishment of an object, therwise unattainable, The Perseverance and steadiness with which Mr. Macleod continued to remonstrate, against the abominations of

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of the Rajah's Ministers - the determina-
tion which he shewed in spite of various
attempts to shake either his resolution
or his integrity, to carry his orders into
execution, plainly discovered to us
Sheeroor that a compromise was
his only resource, and the Rajah was
prevailed upon to prefer the modifica-
tion of the Treaty of 1792, to the removal
of his minister. - Thus, that influence
over the Rajah, which had so long
contributed to the ruin of the whole,
has at length conduced to the preservation
of the most considerable part of the
Tanjore Country - and by the establish-
ment of Adawlets, and the vigilance
and firmness of Mr. Macleod, the
President has the satisfaction to
believe, that the Rajah, the Company,
and the Inhabitants, will look to
the arrangement now submitted,
as an object of the utmost importance
to their welfare and happiness. -

That

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That the satisfaction so strongly felt, would have been extremely enhanced could the removal of Shivaroy have been accomplished at the same time, cannot be questioned - but for very obvious reasons, the Conclusion of the Treaty absolutely hinged on a forbearance with regard to him; and it would have been unwarrantable to have left the whole Country under the management of his Brother, who are, to the full, as corrupt and rapacious as himself, for the reparation of an insult to the Company's Government, which merged in the acquisition of so essential a point, as has been effected, by which the operation not only of Shivaroy's influence but of his whole Family, was reduced to a condition Comparatively insignificant.

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That it was the bounden duty of the Company to stop the progress of Ruin in the Tanjore Country is unquestionable from various considerations — Their Connection with it by Treaty gives them both an interest and a right to do so, that cannot be disputed — but when we reflect that this Government was the instrument by which the present Rajah ascended the Musnud, and that the last dispatches from the Company, instruct us to obtain the long disputed decision of the authority in India most competent to determine upon his Equitable right of succession, it is but justice to the mutual pretensions of Sertojee, that the Company should be able to put him in possession of an Inheritance, in some degree proportionate to its value when

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when it ought to have devolved upon
him. –

To enumerate the instances
of misconduct, imbecility, and fatal
weakness of the Tanjore administration,
since the present Rajah came to
the Government must be unnecessary
in this Minute, because the records
of the Company exhibit them in a
abundance – It may be proper however to observe that his Excellency
has constantly been a Tool entirely
in the hands of Shevarow and his a
Family, whose oppression over the a
People of his Country, can only be
equalled by the tyranny they have a
exercised over the Rajah himself – occasionally administering to his pleasures with a profuse and
unbounded hand, whilst they denied
him even the comforts and conveniences
of Life – Depressing his mind by a
vice and Debauchery on the one day,
and

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and degrading him on the next, by
personal insult and public mortifi-
cation.

The influence obtained by
Shivarow over his Excellency is evidently
attributable in the first instance to
the indolence and incapacity of the
Rajah — Unaccustomed to business,
from the hour of his accession, he
has committed the management
of affairs entirely to him — but a
exclusive of that authority which the
Minister has habitually acquired
over him, he is said to have the
means of elucidating matters with
regard to the Rajah's succession, the
disclosure of which might speedily
reduce his Excellency to the level of
his subjects — The letter of Mr. Sherriff
is so truly explanatory of the situation
of the Rajah, that I shall here enter
it at length. —

"Alexander Macleod Esqr.

"This morning I received your Letter
which

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"which I will answer as succinctly as
"possible, Knowing your anxiety wish
"to write to his Lordship as soon as
possible."

"You Know the unhappy cause
"of the Rajah's attachment to Sheeroor and
"his whole Family. - It is not any regard
"he has for them - No - He is actuated only
"by fear - He is Conscious of his having
"no legal claim to the Crown - and that
"insidious Family Know it likewise, and
"they have been so imprudent as to declare,
"that as he owed his elevated Condition to
"their assistance, so they had it in their
"power to bring him down whenever
"they pleased - This fear of losing his Glory,
"or exploded misery, makes him bear any
"insult - To preserve himself in the possession
"of his Throne, he has delivered the manage-
"ment of his whole Country to that Family,
"not daring to Controul them - accordingly
"they took the accounts out of the Cutcha,
"and the Treasure likewise - whenever

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" The Rajah needed a sum he was obliged
" to send to Shivroie - often they
" refused to send him the desired sum -
" His servants got no pay - his Horses
" many days neither Grain nor Grass -
" may they have treated him so shame-
" fully as to deprive him of all the
" I blush to go on with the Enumeration
" of their Wickedness - But whatever
" the Rajah has suffered from them
" his deep rooted fear will not allow him
" to consent to their removal - But
" I think that he will be happy to
" see them removed without his
" concurrence - he has in that case nothing
" to fear from their resentment."

" You wish to know what evil
" they have done to the Country - I
" answer - they have sold all Creatures,
" so that there was hardly left a shadow
" of it. I have heard that the Inhabitants
" thought it easier to be quiet than to
" lay any complaint before such people,

who

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"who would do nothing without a
"considerable bribe — The offices were
"sold to the best bidder — The new officer,
"who had dearly bought his office,
"desired the Inhabitants to reimburse
"him. — Besides, such an officer or
"Servant was not afraid of any
"punishment for his crimes — his
"master, whom he had bought by
"a large Bribe screened him. —

"Shewroe, and his wicked
"Brother, monopolized all — cloths,
"Spices, oil, melted-Butter &c all must
"be bought from his agent — The
"Merchants were ruined by this
"monopolizing iniquity"

"The Revenue was in a
"great measure embezzled — Shewroe's
"Brother made a Contract with many
"Inhabitants, so that they were allowed
"to pay but half — and the rest of the
"Tributes was divided between Shewroe's
"Brother and the Inhabitants —

when

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"When the Inhabitants some
"months ago retired, the Rajah sent
"them a Cowle to return — they returned —
"but laid before the Rajah all grievances,
"and how they had been plundered
"by Shiveroos Family, to the amount
"of seven Lacks of Pagodas — they begged
"leave to read the whole account before
"the Rajah — but the Rajah did not
"wish to hear it."

"Your second question has
"in fact been answered by the preceding
"observations — you ask — what good would
"the removal of Shiveroos and his
"Brothers do? — answer — By removing
"that family, you remove the cause
"of all those evils, of which they were
"the authors — of course — you
"emancipate the Rajah who has been
"hitherto their slave — you promote
"a free commerce, which will rejoice
"the hearts of Merchants — you procure

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"the Revenue, and by this, you enable
"the Rajah to pay his Visits – you will
"be able to establish a Court of Judicature
"which will be an unspeakable
"Blessing to the Country – as long as
"this Family remain here, you will
"not be able to accomplish the above
"mentioned points – They will
"thwart you by their Emissaries, and
"the Connivance of the Rajah – This is
"not a mere conjecture – The old man
"Baba, whom they have recalled experiences
"that interfering Business, and loudly
"complaines of it –

"If you should think
"proper to communicate these lines
"to Lord Hobart, may I beg of you to
"present my humble respects to his
"Lordship"

I have the honor to be,
"Sir" &c.
(Signed) "C. F. Swartz"

"Tanjore
"December 19th 1795"

Under all the circumstances
that have been stated, the President will
make

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make but few observations on the correspon-
dence of the Rajah's Ministers, and his
European advisers, considering Mr Macleod's
explanations upon that subject as sufficiently
satisfactory – He shall readily admit
that in the execution of the great and
salutary object for which the reappoint-
ment of a Resident at Tanjore was made,
Mr Macleod was repeatedly urgent
on the subject of the corruption and
rapacity of the Rajah's Ministers – and
having the orders of this Government
to that effect, he demonstrated the most
determined resolution consistently
with those orders, to obtain the removal
of Sheerow from the administration
of the Rajah's affairs, or his Excellency's
consent to relinquish those Dis-
tricts which were pledged for the
security of the payments to the
Company – It was made evident
to the Rajah that this alternative
was necessary – because as Sheerow

had

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had determined to devote those Pr
provinces to the pernicious effects
of usurious loans, notwithstanding
the orders and warning of this Govern=
ment, his continuance directly or
indirectly in administration was
incompatible with the security of
abovementioned. —

The Rajah has chosen to
relinquish the Soubah, that he may
retain his Minister — and though
his Excellency has been persuaded
to attribute this choice to the effect
of intimidation, it is unquestionably
not the case, since the Rajah fully
acknowledges in his Letter of the 8
25th ultimo, that he had a copy of the
instructions to Mr Macleod on the
subject of Shevaroy, wherein that
Gentleman was expressly ordered
not to make use of force within
the Palace. — It is therefore evident
that he knew he had nothing to
apprehend

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apprehend but the removal of Shiveroy, and that his personal alarm is a mere pretence that he has artfully been induced to bring forward. — From various circumstances, and more especially from his verbal declaration to the Resident, as stated in Mr. Madd's letter of the 5th instant — "that he "looked upon him as his best and "only Friend — that the Complaint "he had lately written to Madras, "he must consider as nothing — that "he had heard the principal Servant "whom he meant to employ — & "in managing the Doubahs was "shortly departed from Madras — and "upon his arrival he would open "his mind fully and freely upon all "matters." The President is decidedly of opinion that his Pusillany has been forced by the Threats of Shiveroy and his Family to compliance of the conduct

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of the President; and that if he had been
left to the Bias of his own Judgement,
he would have considered himself as
in fact he does, tho' they will not
allow him to avow it) extricated from
a load of unremitting embarrassment
and personal indignities, from which
he had no other expectation of escaping;
— and that his several Communications
conveying the Board upon the H
Mortgaged Districts, and his concurrence
to the Paper annexed by way of
Preamble to the modifications of
the Treaty of 1792, have all uniformly
tended to one point — Vizt. — To satisfy
the Company's Government of the
necessity of their interference — and
that he has gladly embraced the oppor-
tunity to pledge himself in a manner
that made his retracting absolutely
impossible. —

upon the representations
that have been made under the
signatures

signatures of the Rajah, the President
is not disposed to make further
comment - They may be well
calculated perhaps to afford to "
the Gang of Usurers and Extor-
tioners who have so long preyed
upon the Tanjore Country - and
whose rapacious schemes are
effectually crushed by the measure
they are intended to annul, an
opportunity of exercising their
Tongues and Pens, with a view
to prejudice the minds of those,
who must be unacquainted
with circumstances, but through
the medium of interested Reporters -
- To such men, the President can "
neither expect that an honest discharge
of his duty will be acceptable; nor that
an arrangement so destructive of
their views will be spoken of, but in
terms of pointed animadversion. To
the Court of Directors he looks for an
approval

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approval of his conduct, conscious that he could have had no motive, except the advancement of their Interests, and animated in the pursuit of them, by the Dictates of sound Policy, Humanity, and Justice. —

The President therefore considers it his duty to propose that the A modification of the Treaty of 1792, now laid upon the Table, be executed by the Board, which, without increasing the Payments of the Rajah are annah, secures to his Excellency an improvement of Revenue in future — rescues his Country from impending ruin — restores ease and happiness to the Inhabitants — promotes the substantial Interests of the East India Company, and can only be felt as a Grievance by those who may lose the profits of their usury and Extortion

(Signed) Hobart

Whereas

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Treaty executed by the Rajah of Tanjore

Whereas it was stipulated by the Treaty of 1792 between the Government of Madras and his Excellency answering Rajah of Tanjore that if certain conditions therein mentioned, were not performed the Honble Company should enter upon the Management of four Soubahs of the Tanjore Country, and Whereas, it has been admitted by his Excellency that the Usury arising from many Loans in which he is engaged, owing to the Influence of his Minister or minister, have defeated a principal object of the said Treaty in as much as the said Rajah has signed, Sealed, and delivered to the Resident a Paper acknowledging that his Whole Country had been lately mortgaged for Loans at an usurious Interest which Loans at the same rate still exist; and as the actual Mortgage on the whole District of Trivady for a large Loan at a high Interest, under the Hand and Seal of the said Rajah

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was produced before him by the
Resident in presence of the Revrend
Mr Swartz and others at the Palace,
and Acknowledged by the said Rajah
as his own act and Deed, That further
the said Rajah Acknowledged that
the above ruinous and Usurious
Loans were made to him by European
Gentlemen (with the Exception of
a small Sum) and his Excellency
well knowing the Penalties
annexed to such Proceedings of an
illegal nature hath Encouraged and
confirmd the said Gentlemen in such
Proceedings by giving them an
usurious Interest, and his Country
itself as Security, and by such his
Encouragement, Aided, aided and
abetted the said Gentlemen to despise
and set at nought the Horible
Companys positive orders and the
authority of the Parliament of
Great Britain.

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Further those Illigal Proceedings have been carried still to a greater length and Insult added to Injury, against the Honble Company by the Contumacious and daring Conduct of this Expellinent Sirkal, Shiverow, who in defiance of the Government order, particularly explained to him by the Resident and made public in Tanjore, forbidding any European whatever to com = municate with the Rajah, did invite and desire certain Europeans deeply concerned in the said nefarious Plans and Proceedings, to come to the Palace privately at night and settle their illigal concerns in the Presence of the Rajah - The said Rajah being perfidious to punish the said Sirkal for the above glaring instance of despising the Honble Companys authority hath refused to punish him for the same, altho strongly required so to do by the Resident, which

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which repeated tends strongly to
implicate the said Rajah and to
warrant a suspicion, that in the
above Invitation of Europeans to the
Palace, his Excellency had authorized his
Servant to send it. He knowing at
the same time the Prohibitory order
which had been published and which
was explained to his Excellency by the
President. —

The before mentioned circum-
stances therefore make it probable
that his Excellency is by no means - P
sensible, of the Honble Company's
favorable inclinations towards him
for the good of his Country and the
happiness of his Inhabitants - those
Inclinations have been lately Demon-
strated in the most decided manner by
the orders which have been issued for
placing the Four Maghans of Karical
for a time, under his Government,
and for committing and transferring

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to his Excellency the sacred charge of the happiness of many thousand of Inhabitants. This favor was surely granted upon the conviction, which the Honble Company had, of the flourishing and improving state of the Tanjore Country, transmitted to them from India, but how will the Honble Company regret this beneficent act when they come to hear how greatly their Hopes have been disappointed. They will surely conclude that the four Pagodas also have been delivered, as Security into the Hands of rapacious Usurers.

another mark of the Honble Companys favorable disposition toward the Rajah and his Country was their agreement to a temporary suspension of certain payments by the article of the Treaty of 1792, "in the "confidence that his Excellency would "turn it to the Improvement of his

Country

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"Country and the Comfort of his
People"

As therefore from all the
above Circumstances, the Spirit
and Intention of the Treaty of 1792
have been defeated, the Maha Rajah
Amer Sing is willing to give the
Honble Company full Proof of
his upright Meaning and Resolution,
that the Responsibility and disgrace
which have accrued from his good
Intentions having been frustrated,
may fall where they are due,
upon the Head of People who have
conspired to mislead him. His H
Excellency accordingly has agreed
to the annexed Arrangement.

For the Reasons stated in
the annexed Paper, I Answering H
Rajah of Tanjore doth hereby H
for himself and his Successors H
Consent and agree with the H
Right Honorable Lord Hobart H
President

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President and Governor in Council
of Fort St George on the part of the Honorable
English East India Company, their
Heir and Successors to the following
mutual arrangements for the better
execution of the Treaty of 1792 between
the said Rajah and the said Company
which are hereinafter mentioned

Article 1st That in lieu of the said sum of
five Lacs fourteen thousand two hundred
and eighty five (5,14,285) Star Pagodas,
being payable by monthly Instalments
as provided for in the said Treaty of 1792, a
proportion of the Possessions of the said
Honerable Rajah of Tanjore, as contained
in the annexed Schedule No. 1. the nett
Revenue of which is estimated to produce
five Lacs fifty nine thousand four
hundred and seventy five (5,59,475)
Star Pagodas shall be placed under
the exclusive Management and
Control of the Honorable English East

India

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India Company their Heirs and
Successors in Perpetuity, and they are
hereby made over accordingly. That
if after a Period of three years, the average
nett Revenues of the Countries so estimated
shall not amount to the Sum of five
Lacs fourteen thousand two hundred
and eighty five (5,14,285) Star Pagodas &
the deficiency shall be made good by
the said Rajah, in such manner as
may be hereafter agreed upon, between
the said Contracting parties - and for
the satisfaction of the Rajah - it is
agreed -

First - That an Officer on the part of
the said Rajah 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 nett Receipts
under the attestations of the Officers

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of the said Company, and of the Sudder
Adalat of the District.
Secondly – That at the close of every 3
third year an adjustment of account
shall take place to ascertain the A
balance due to the said Rajah – if the
net Revenue shall have exceeded the
said amount of five Lacks fourteen
thousand two hundred and eighty five
/5,14,285/ Star Pagodas – or in the event
of the net Revenue falling short of
that Sum, the balance due by his A
Excellency to the said Company and H
for this purpose a Committee of A
Consisting of four respectable and
capable Persons of which two shall
be nominated by the said Company
and two by the said Rajah, shall
assemble on the first day of August
in the year 1798, and every third A
year after.
Art. 2d In consequence of the above
arrangement the 3d article of the Treaty

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of 1792 is hereby declared to continue in
full force except that clause of which
provides for the Restoration of the "
Tanjore Country entire at the End of a
War. it being understood between the
Contracting Parties to this agreement
that such restoration is not to Extend
to those Districts named in the "
annexed schedule No 1 hereby made
over to and placed under the Exclusive
Management, Control, and orders of
the said Company for the purposes
already mentioned. —

Article 3d The said Rajah agrees to "
pay a further Sum of fifty "
thousand Star Pagodas / Star Pagodas
50000) annually as provided for in
article 4th of the said Treaty of 1792 for
the purpose of liquidating certain
Debts due by the said Rajah and "
guaranteed by the Parliament of
Great Britain, a list whereof will
be found in a Schedule hereunto
annexed

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annexed and marked No 3 - and
it is hereby mutually agreed that
on the full liquidation of the
Debts before mentioned the payment
of the said sum of sixty thousand
Star Pagodas / Star Pagodas 60,000) on
that account shall cease on the
part of his Excellency the said Rajah
Art. 4th The said Rajah will pay
no more than what is stipulated by
the Treaty of 1792. but as the pending
articles will alter the mode of
fulfilling the objects of that Treaty,
He hereby agrees to pay on the first
day of October of every year Star Pagodas
fourteen thousand eight hundred and
ten Star Pagodas / Star Pagodas 14810)
in part discharge of the guaranteed
Debt due to private creditors, into
the Companys Treasury at
Madras, so that the surplus Revenue
of the three Soubahs / hereby placed
in

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in the Companys Possession)
and the above 14,810 Star Pagodas
may together make the sum =
of 60,000 Star Pagodas which is to
be paid annually on the first
day of October very year for the
guaranteed Debt beforementioned.

Art. 5.th If the Payments and collections
fall short so that the said Rajah
fails in the Stipulations, that the
said Company shall have the =
said 60,000 Star Pagodas on the 1.st of
every October and if that sum =
shall not be in the Companys =
Hands by the 15.th of the month of
October of any one year. Then the
Company shall enter upon the =
temporary Management and =
Control of the Pattacotta Soubah, =
and collect the Revenues thereof
till the said guaranteed Debt shall
be discharged, when the Pattacotta
Soubah

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Soubah shall again be restored to
the said Rajah and his man
shall be at the Sudder Cutcherry
and receive copies of accounts as
stipulated in the former part of
this Treaty with regard to the other
Soubahs.

Art. 6th The said Rajah agrees that the
above articles and all proceedings to be
had in consequence of them shall
be in full force immediately and
this agreement is hereby a sufficient
warrant to the Resident for putting
them, or any of them, into execution
till this Treaty can arrive from Madras
signed by the Right Honble Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council
Art. 7th The said Rajah agrees that
all parts of the Treaty of 1792 not
altered by this agreement directly
or indirectly shall be considered as
in full force and Virtue.

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Art. 8th The said Rajah agrees to establish immediately in Pattelotta and Combercanum two adawlets with 5 Judges in each from whom a final appeal shall lye to the 4 Company's Resident.

This Treaty shall be subject to the Ratification of the Supreme Government of Bengal and to the approbation of the Honble the Court of Directors.

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23. January 1796.

Schedule No. 1.

			Star Pags
Mannargoody nett Revenue		2,45,198	
Trivady	Do.	1,49,609	
Mayaveram	Do.	1,64,668	
	Star Pags	5,59,475	

Schedule No. 2.

The District of Pattiwatah, a

the nett Revenue of which shall be a

ascertained

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estimated at twenty seven thousand six hundred and thirty five /27,635/ Star Pagodas, and assumed according to the 5th article of the accompanying agreement, provided the Rent stipulated by his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to be paid on the 1st day of October of every Year, on account of the guaranteed debts, shall fall in arrear fifteen days after the period when it becomes due

Schedule No 3.

Of Private Debts referred to in the 3d article of the accompanying Agreement.

Mr. Alexander Brodie Star Ps		99,254.
Mr. Duncan Baine	Do	30,000
Sir George Ramsay	Do	20,000
Colonel Macleod	Do	72,000
Major or Captn Burrows	Do	26,100
Mr. White 5706		
Received 1000		
	Do	4,706
Mr. Swartz for money subscribed by Gentlemen for the benefit of orphans	Do	1000
	Star Pagodas	253,060

The above Debts bear Interest at the rate of twelve /12/ Per Cent Per annum.

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The question being put, whether the Treaty received from Mr Macleod, shall be now executed by the Hon — Board —

Mr Falconer delivers his opinion in the affirmative

Mr Saunders delivers in the following minute.

Mr Falconer's opinion relative to the Question of the Treaty

Having considered the Letters from the Rajah of Tanjore, the replies of Mr Macleod, and the Treaty — I cannot be of opinion that the said Treaty has been obtained under the orders of the Government General dated the 30th November last wherein the Propositions made to the Nabob by our right Honble the President are considered — I am therefore of opinion that the whole of the proceedings should be transmitted to the Governor in Council and that the execution

Mr Saunders opinion

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execution of the Treaty be delayed
until their orders are obtained

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(Signed) Edw.d Saunders

The Commander in Chief's opinion

The Commander in Chief is
of opinion that the Treaty should
be executed.

President —

President — as the Treaty
is made subject to the ratification
of the Supreme Government, the
Suggestion of Mr. Saunders does
not appear necessary.

The Treaty executed

Resolved That the Treaty
be executed —

The President laye before
the Board the draft of a letter which
he proposes should be written
to the Rajah of Tanjore, in reply
to those from his Ruleney dated
the 20th and 25th ultimo (entered
also in 66: No. 25.)

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To His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore

Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore forwarding a Counterpart of the Treaty executed by his Excellency observations thereon, and upon his Complaints against the Resident

I have received your Excellencys Letters of the 20th and 25th Ultimo — and having Considered it Indispensably necessary, previous to affixing my Signature to the Modification of the Treaty of 1792 executed by you, and which having also executed in Council. I have now the Honor to transmit a Counterpart to transmit Copies of those Letters to Mr Macleod for his Remarks upon the several complaints you have exhibited against him, I have seen with the utmost Concern, tho not surprize, considering the Character and Conduct of those Letters, that they were replete with misrepresentations, and in many respects the most unfounded Assertions. —

I am

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I am thoroughly aware of your Excellency's situation — of the habits of subjection, your mind had long endured from the artifices and Intrigues of Shiverow, and his family, and of the miseries in which you have been involved upon to involve your Country, as well as the personal indignities and inconveniences to which you have been forced to submit — but I cannot forgo the communication of my regret that you should, under any circumstances, have been induced to countenance the letters you have recently transmitted to me — and which, from the misrepresentations they contain, are evidently unworthy of the high rank in which you have been placed by the Company's Government.

Instead of commenting at length upon those letters, I shall take

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take the liberty of making some observations upon the modification of the Treaty, and upon your & Gallaway's situation, which may perhaps be found deserving of your particular attention. —

By the Treaty of 1792 you positively stipulated to grant no Surveys or assignments upon a the District mortgaged to the Company; I am in possession of your own acknowledgment that you have done so, and consequently, that you have committed a direct violation of the Treaty in question — I have the most unquestionable proofs of the Ruin to which your & Country was hourly approaching and the sufferings of the miserable Inhabitants, arising from the System of Usury,

& Extortion

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extortion and Tyranny, which
was exercised by persons acting
under your authority, and I
have testimony, to which I give
the most implicit credit, of the
indignities and personal M
mortifications to which your,
the Rajahs of Tanjore, by the
Treachery and Malversations
of your own Ministers have
been obliged to bear without
venturing to inflict that
punishment so loudly demand-
under this impression, the
interests of the Company and
the Dictates of humanity called
upon me, in a manner I could
not resist, to endeavour to
remove the instrument of
such abominations from
the means of continuing to
influence your Counsels, or
at least to rescue that part of
your

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your Country which is respectfully
mortgaged for the security of the
Companys payments from the
baneful and pernicious effect
of his destructive administration.

With such a determination
upon my mind, I could hardly
have expected that so immediate
an occasion would have arisen
to require the decided interpo-
sition of the Company's Govern-
ment as was provoked by the
Insult to its authority offered by
Shivarow, upon the arrival of
Mr. Macleod at Tanjore – but
as the Resident furnished you
with a Copy of my Letter upon
that Subject, I shall not trouble
you with a repetition.

Had your Excellency been
at liberty to have communicated
your genuine sentiments to me
I am convinced I should have had

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the satisfaction of perusing a
correspondence of a very different
description from that, with which
you have lately honored me — because
I am persuaded that a little serious
reflection must have shewn you,
the solid advantages you will
derive from the modification
of the Treaty of 1792. —

You have Entered into a
certain engagement to the Company
by which you are bound
to discharge by Monthly instalments
a stipulated sum and you
have mortgaged several Soubahs
of the Tanjore Country, as a
security for the performance
of those Engagements — In
defiance of an Express article
of the Treaty you have granted
Sunnads on the abovementioned
Soubahs, assigning the collection
of their revenues to men who

having

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having only a temporary
concern in your Country,
and who, Knowing the
various circumstances that
might suddenly transfer the
Districts into other hands, have
been compelled, for their own
Security, to anticipate the
resources and to fetch under the
Inhabitants out of every annah
which their Industry may
enable them to produce. Thus
a system of Ruin has been
introduced into a Country which
Nature had almost placed out
of the reach of human
devastation and your Excellency,
who ought to have cherished
every advantage it possessed,
by the ill advice, and
machinations of the most
wicked and corrupt Ministers,
is made the ostensible Instrument

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of an attempt to set aside the only means that could have been devised for its salvation;

It must be evident to your Excellency that the Company derive no increase of Revenue by the operation of the new agreement, in time of Peace, since the Surplus above the stipulated Rists, is to be paid to you - and that in the Period of Hostility, as a fifth of the Revenues is yours, you have with them a proportionate benefit in their improvement, so that the welfare of your Country is interwoven with the permanent interests of the Company, and consequently you have the best pledge for their exertions in promoting its prosperity - on the other hand, when I represent to you the actual situation of the Individuals

to

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to whom you apply for Loans for
the purpose of discharging the A
Company's Debts, it is impossible u
that those Loans can be made without
ruin to your Country, The Security
you have to offer is so precarious a
and liable to so many contingencies,
that unless the money Lender can
ascertain a speedy repayment, let
the Interest be ever so high, he cannot
venture upon the Loan - He therefore,
independant of that relentless rapa-
city for Gain, which is the ordinary
companion of usury, is obliged to A
make use of the power he is invested
with, in the anticipation of the A
Revenues, and the extortion of every
Tanam he can tear from the A
wretched Inhabitants, in order to u
relieve himself from the perpetual
apprehension he is under, of losing
both principal and Interest, by u
seeing his Security transferred to other

hands

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hands, an Event which he can
never deem improbable, or indeed
otherwise distant, since it depends
upon the continuance of peace in
the Carnatic, on the failure of
your stipulated payments, on
your Excellency's Life, and
possibly, on the decision of the
Pundits respecting your Right
of Succession to the Musnud, which,
it is known, has been long under
consideration, and which I have
recently been ordered by the Court
of Directors to obtain —

Under all these circumstances
you will, I trust, be thoroughly
convinced that the modification
of the Treaty is calculated to
advance the real interests of
your Country, whilst it
must contribute to the support
of your Dignity, comfort and
happiness. — It rescues you
from

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from the hands of Usurers and
oppressors and saves you from
the disgrace of delivering over
your people to become the victims
of their rapacity — Its operation
cannot fail of increasing your
resources and rendering you
independent of those men, who
uphold their consequence by de-
basing your character

I have stated to your
Excellency that the Company's
payments receive no addition
from the modification of the
Treaty in question, and that they
in fact derive no benefit except
that of annihilating in a great
degree a system which was
rapidly destroying your Excellency's
possessions — but if that argument
should not make the impression
to which it is entitled, permit

me

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me to suggest the expediency of your paying some attention to the wishes of this Government — It has claims upon your Excellency, which neither prudence nor gratitude should suffer you to forget, and you ought to look upon those persons as your bitterest Enemies, who are thus urging you by representations the most unwarrantable to recall a measure of considerable importance to the East India Company, connected with the most substantial interests of the Tanjore Country

The Four Magaznes of Karical have been ordered to be delivered up to you, and no part of your Excellency's Country will be kept in the Managment of the Company, except such as may have been included in the late agreement.

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To a friend what can I say more.

/signed/ Hobart

approved

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Approved and ordered P
accordingly

Copy of the above proceedings to be sent to Bengal

Ordered that a copy of the
foregoing proceedings be sent to
Bengal, and to the Honble Court
of Directors by the Ships now under
dispatch

Mr. Andrews's Expences on account of his Embassy to Candia ordered to be paid

The President laid before the
Board an abstract account of the
Expences incurred by Mr. Andrews
on account of his Embassy to Candia
amounting to Pagodas 2393.16.40
which his Lordship proposes be P
repaid to Mr. Andrews.

His Salary as Embassador fixed

The President further
proposes that Mr. Andrews be
allowed a Salary of 500 Pagodas P Month
from the date of his appointment
as ambassador to Candia to the P
13th. instant, amounting to Pags.
and that in consideration of the
allowances which have been granted
him in the Revenue Department
as

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as Superintendant of the Island of Ceylon, his Salary as ambassador to reduced to 400 Pagodas P. Month which will place him upon a footing similar to that of the Resident at Tanjore. —

approved and ordered it accordingly

Read the following Letter from the Company's Attorney General

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

My Lord

From attorney General of opinion that Government may suspend the claim of the Balance in the hands of Major Hartt allowance until the Company's pleasure be known. —

I have had the honor to receive your Secretary's letter of the 17th ultimo covering an Extract of the General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors under date the 10th of June last with copies of two letters to Captain Brough and Lieutenant Grant / the Gentlemen in charge of Major Hartt's effects / and

Copy

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Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Grant,
to your Lordships in Council assigning &
reasons for waiving an immediate &
compliance with your commands &
relative to the payment to the Company
of the Sole balance of public money in
the hands of his Majesty's Deputy Paymaster
General on the 24th December 1792.

With those papers your Secretary
has communicated to me your Lordships
desire that I should state my opinion whether
Lieutenant Grant's construction of the late
act of Parliament, and the arguments he
has used with respect to Major Hart &
securities in England would justify your
Lordships in Council in suspending the
orders received from the Court of Directors
until their further pleasure be had on
the subject

In addition to the papers sent
me by Mr Jackson, I thought it necessary
to call on him for Copy of the letter to
major Hart of 6th February 1794 his answer

of

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of the 24th of that month, the second
letter to him on the 5th of March. A
following, and an Extract of that
part of the general letter to the Honble
Court of Directors of 25th July 1794. to "
which the 8th paragraphs of their general
letter of 10th June is an answer. —

On an attentive perusal "
of those several papers it appears my
Lords to me that by the letter of 6th February
nothing further was claimed by the
late Government from Major Host
than the balance on account of the
new Regiments, and by the general
letter of 25th July paragraph 16 that
nothing further was in reference to
the Honble Court of Directors. Therefore
the answer from the Honble Court may
be supposed to bear an exact proportion
to the question referred to their decision,
and to imbrace no other object than
what that question contained, it would
seem

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seem to follow, that this answer
could have no relation to any balance
except that of the new Regiments
and though it has some
general expressions which seem to
indicate a right to call on his Majesty's
Deputy Paymaster General for any balance
in his hands on account of the old Regiments
as well as of the new, yet if according to
the common rule of construction, the whole
paragraph be considered together, these
general expressions will I conceive bear
no extention beyond the balance on
account of the new Regiments — respecting
which the Court observes the late act of
Parliament made no alteration; for this
observation seems to imply an
acknowledgment that some alteration
was made by the act in regard to the
old Regiments which precluded them
from any demand on that account,
whether or not it does
preclude them is some what doubtful
for

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for as the act directs that his majestys
claims on account of the Regiments
furnished to the Company at the
rate of two lacks of Rupees for every
thousand men, computed to the 24.th of
December 1792 shall be set against
the Company's claims of £443632.
it may be questioned whether if more
was paid by the Company than the
Kings claims amounted to on that day,
the surplus ought not in fair construction
of the statute to revert to the Company.
and as it invests that date accounts between
the Paymaster General of his majestys
forces and the Company shall be
held to have been closed on the
24 December 1792 it may be
questioned on the other side whether
this final closure of accounts does
not preclude all claims on either
side.

If the act shall be deemed
to bear this latter construction, A

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Grant's apprehensions of subjecting Major Hart's sureties in England to be called on by the Paymaster General of his Majesty's forces to make good a sum of money paid into the Company's Treasury without authority for so doing, would I conceive be well founded and I therefore submit it to your Lordship as my opinion that your Lordship in Council would be justified in suspending this claim of the ballance on account of the 2d Regiment until the further pleasure of the Court of Directors can be had upon the subject

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

(Signed) Benj. Sullivan

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Minute thereon ordered, for the reasons assigned by the Attorney General that the subject be again referred to the consideration

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Consideration of the Honble Court of Directors

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Poona

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St George

My Lord,

From Sir Charles Malet advising of the State of Affairs at Poonah

My last Respects were dated the 25th Ultimo since which nothing material has occurred here.

Troops are assembling, though slowly, in the Environs of this City, but the Maratta Chieftains appear, with very little reserve their disinclination to act in hostility to the rights of the Sons of Bagoba their hereditary Master

Doulet Row Scindia was to make another March on the 31st Ultimo, and has Signified to me his

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his Intention of proceeding to the Banks
of the Gunga Godavery. In the mean Time,
his Vakeel is employed in negociating
with Nanna Furnavees, in Favor, it is
said, of the sons of Rugoba or, at least,
so far in Favor of them as he may find
conducive to his own Interests.

I have the honor to be very respectfully,

Poona
1st February 1796.

&c &c &c

(Signed) C Malet

Read the following Letter
from his Highness the Nabob (entered
also in C. C. No 26)

Translation of a Letter

From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic
&c &c &c &c &c

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Gov.r of Fort St George &c &c &c

Dated 13th February 1796

Recieved - Do Do.

from the Nabob has paid his February Rist - also part of General Smiths arrears of Salary and Lady Campbells pension for 1796.

I have paid to the Company
by the blessing of God, the sum of

one

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one Lack Star Pagodas, in full of the "
Hist of February 1796, and Mr. Secretary
Webbe has given me receipts for the "
same

I have also paid into the Co
Companys Treasury, the sum of one "
Thousand Star Pagodas, in part of the
arrears of Salary to General Smith,
and three Thousand seven hundred
and fifty Star Pagodas, in advance of
Lady Campbell's Salary for the present
year, agreeably to my late promise -
your Lordship will be pleased to send a
receipt for these two sums, and to "
intimate the payments to my Friends
the Court of Directors. -

What can I write more
A true Translation
(Signed) A Falconar
P. Sr.

minute thereon

Ordered that the payments "
made by his Highness be acknowledged,
and that report thereof be given to the
Honorable

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Honorable Court of Directors. —

Read the following letter
from Lieutenant John Malcolm

William Collins Jackson Esquire
military Secretary

Sir,

From Lieutenant J. Malcolm requesting to receive the pay of his Rank while he acted as aid du camp to General Clarke

I received a letter from Colonel Malcolm auditor General, inclosing a me the Resolution of the Right Honble Governor in Council, to grant me the Pay and allowances of a. D. C. on service from the time of my arrival at the Cape till that of my landing here, I concluded that I would be permitted to draw the Pay of Lieutenant / my rank in the Service / for the same period, but was informed by that Gentleman, that from the order He had received He did not think himself warranted in authorizing me to do so: I feel myself under the necessity of R referring this matter to the R

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Consideration of the Right Honble the
Governor in Council — who I trust will
be pleased to order me the allowances
always granted to an officer acting
in the station, I did on Service in India.

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I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) John Malcolm
Lieut in Establishment

order thereon

ordered that Lieutenant John
Malcolm be permitted to draw the
pay of his rank for the period he
acted as aide de camp to General
Clarke — Viz. from the 4th of September
1794 to the 15th of January 1795.

Military appointments

The Commander in Chief
recommends that Lieutenant A
Marshall be appointed adjutant
to the 15th Battalion of native
Infantry, vice Nash, who has requested
permission to resign; and that
Lieutenant Grove of the Pioneers be
permitted to entertain artificers and

Pioneers

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Pay Rolls for the Supernumeraries
of his Detachment in the proportion
allowed for the Pioneer corps.
approved and ordered "
accordingly

The Commander in Chief
lays before the Board, the following
letter from Lieutenant Colonel Baird,
inclosing the proceedings of a Committee
of Officers assembled by his orders to
ascertain the exact Loss of the non
Commissioned and Privates of the
Flank Companies of the 71st Regiment,
in the wreck of his majesty's ship
Diomede —

Major General Clarke
Commander in Chief
&c &c &c

from Lieutenant Colonel Baird requesting that the Men of the 71st Regiment who sustained Loss by the wreck of the Diomede may receive some compensation

Sir

I was honored with your
orders of the 2d communicated to me
through Mr Secretary Malcolm
and

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and in consequence I directed a
Committee to assemble and ascertain
as nearly as possible the exact losses
sustained by the Non Commissioned and Privates
of the Tank Companies of H.M. 71st Regiment to enable the Right
Honble the Governor in Council
to judge with precision — I have
now the honor to enclose the
proceedings of the Committee — you
desire me to give you my opinion
on the result of their enquiries —
I am clearly of opinion that the
claim are well founded and
perfectly just — I will therefore
not take up more of your time.
being well convinced the claims
being now established beyond a
doubt that they will meet with
your support and of that of the Right
Honble Lord Hobart in Council
I have the honor to be with
great respect &c &c
(Signed) D Baird
L. Col. 71st Regt

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77th Regiment

Proceedings of a Committee ordered by
Lieutenant Colonel Baird for the purpose of
inquiring into the losses sustained
by the Non Commissioned officers
and Soldiers of the Flank Companies
in the Wreck of the Diomede

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President

Captain Borthwicke

Lieutenant Hugh Mackenzie } Members { Lieut. Gibbons
Lieutenant Forbes } { Lieut. Jones

Captain Gorry commanding the
Grenadier Company informs the Committee
that the Flank Companies embarked
on board the Diomede with their &
numbers complete to the Regimental
Establishment, Viz.t – Six Shirts, six
pairs Nankeen Trowsers, two pairs &
European shoes, two pair Nankeen &
Gaiters, six false collars, Braides, shoe
Brushes, blacking ball, and other &
small articles one man only excepted,
who

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who wanted a pair of Trousers — That
in consequence of the Ship striking on
a Rock, it was necessary to keep all
hands at the Pumps to prevent her
sinking, in which business they were
employed to the moment when they
were ordered to quit — the Ship —
That the Europeans were
stowed below in a situation
where they could not be got at
when they were ordered into
the Boats — so that every thing
was lost except what the men
had on their backs — Viz! five
Suits, besides the small articles

Captain Gorry further
lays before the Committee,
the prices he paid for completing
one Man in necessaries, by
which the whole will be

ascertained

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ascertained from the Effective - Return

	Star pagodas	Madras Fanams. Cash
5 Shirts	2 —	22 — 10
5 Nankeen pantaloons 2 Rupees each	2 —	30 —
1 Pair European Shoes		25 — 25
1 Pair Gaiters		12 —
6 False Collars (50 each each)		3 " 10
Bottle blacking ball Wax &c supposed		12 —
Total to each man	Star pagodas 6 —	14 " 75

Effectives

	Sergeants	Drummers	Rank & file	Total
Grenadiers	4	4	75	83
Infantry	4	2	78	84
				167

which amounts for Effectives of the two Companies to Star Pagodas one Thousand Sixty seven, nineteen Fanams, forty five Cash (1067-19-45)

Captain Gorry observes to the Committee that the above Statement is as accurate as he can possibly ascertain —

That

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That he knows many of the men lost more, and some might have saved a very few articles — the men besides their above Regimental Necessaries, were provided with three suits each of Fatigue Trowsers, and shirts-most of which were lost.—

Lieutenant Maclaren commanding the Light Company, agrees in every respect to the accuracy of the forgoing Statement

Captain Gorry and Lieutenant Maclaren mention to the Committee that the Companies were provided in Ceylon, as far as could be done, besides which, they were supplied with Shoes from the Regiment to the amount of one Hundred & Star Pagodas /100/ and were also furnished from Madras, with articles to the amount of Six Hundred

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Hundred eleven Star Pagodas /611.)

Captain Gorry further wishes to observe that his pay Serjeant, lost fifteen Star Pagodas of the Company's money, which was in his Knapsack and could not be possibly got at.

(Signed) J Borthwick
Capt.n 71.st & President

(Signed) D Baird
Lieut.t Coll.e
71.st Reg.t

Resolved, that the amount of the Loses ascertained by the Committee to have been sustained by the non-Commissioned and Private of the flank Companies of the 71.st Regiments in the wreck of the Diomede Viz.t one thousand and fifty seven Pagodas nineteen fanams and forty five Cash /1057.19.45/ be paid to the non-Commissioned and Privates of the flank Companies of the above Regiment; and that the Amount be accordingly included in the

Resolution thereon

Extract to the Military auditor General

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The Military Paymaster General's next
Indent of Cash for payment of Company's
allowances to the King's Troops, and "
carried to the Head of Charges Extraordinary

" Hobart

Alured Clarke.

Con Saunders

E H Fallofield

W. Taswell Com Jd

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Diary

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore.

Received Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, Entered in C. C. No. 26, observing that his Letters of the 2d and 20th January and one of a subsequent date remain unanswered complaining of the Resident having deprived him of the Sheally and other Talooks the Indigo Farm and the Arrack Farm.—

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129 130.

From Mr. Harrington

From Sub Secretary at Bengal advising of a Detachment of Sepoys and Lascar Recruits being embarked on the Princess Royal for Madras and of a Consignment of Gunpowder shipped on the Laurel & Sundry Papers concerning the former enclosed.

From Mr. Secretary Abbott

From Secretary at Bombay requesting to know the Circumstances that induced this Government to order the release of the Vessel detained by the Drake Cruizer at Tutocorin.—

From Mr. Harden

From the Acting Commissary General of Stores and Provisions proposing that the Stock of Paddy remaining at Moolapilly may be distributed amongst the Garrison of Cuddalore Tirucondah and Pallamcotah

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From Mr. C. Smith — From the Agent for Gun Carriage & Contractor - is willing to attest on Oath, that he is a loser by the purchase of the Iron issued to him from the Stores at 50 ℔ Cent. -

From Captain Ferguson — From Commanding Officer at Jaffnapatam - submitting Copies of his Correspondence with the Acting Superintendant of Revenue. -

From Lieut Col. Campbell — From Commandant at Tachinore reports the Arrival of Rustumjees Vessels - has purchased the Quarters of two Subalterns for his accommodation which he requests the Company may pay for.

From Ditto — From Ditto transmitting Report of a Committee of Inspection on Rustumjee's Vessels lately arrived there - and a letter from Lieutenant Pogson respecting them. -

From Military Board — From Military Board - requesting that a Tent, the property of the Company, at Masulipatam, may be delivered over to the Committee of Stores there for the Public Service -

From Mr. Roebuck — From Military Paymaster General transmitting his Estimate of Cash for March

From Messrs. Tulloh Jervis and Brodie — From Messrs. Tulloh, Jervis and Brodie the Charter Party of the Bombay, being expired & requests Government will renew it for two Months longer

Sent

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4/9 Sent Letter to the Nabob, Entered in C. C. N.o 27

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

informing him of the predatory incursions made by the Poligars of this district on the Western & Frontier into the Mysore Country and that Col.o Authority given in consequence to Captain Read to Seize the Plunderers wherever they are to be found and deliver them over to the Sultaun's people

Sent the following Letter

"

To Captain Alexander Read

Commanding the Troops in the

Baramahal

Sir

To Commandant in the Baramahal authorizing him to Seize and deliver to Tippoo's Offrs any Plunderers who infest his District and take refuge in the Carnatic Payen

In consequence of your several & representations regarding the conduct of the Polygars on the Western Frontier, and the umbrage that such proceedings are likely to give to the Mysore Government, the Right Honorable the President in Council authorizes you to take such measures as may appear to you most effectual for securing and delivering up to Tippoo's Officers such Persons as may be found to have committed devastations in

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in this Country - And you are permitted to employ Troops in the pursuit of those Plunderers into any of the Pollams of the Carnatic where they may have taken refuge; and if any of their Booty shall be found upon them; this Lordship desires you will cause it to be delivered to such of the Sultaun's People as may be ordered to receive it.

The President in Council is of opinion that a Communication of these orders to the Officer Commanding the Mysore Detachment in the District of Molwaggle may be of service and if you shall judge it expedient, you have his Lordship's sanction for such communication

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Sam Sr. &c.
/Signed/ W.C. Jackson Secy

Dispatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in M.B. Nos. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138.

To Mr. Secretary Hay. To Secretary at Bengal transmitting Copy of a letter from Colonel Stuart.

To Mr. Kenworthy To Commercial Resident at Cuddalore annulling his Military Authority as Resident & and directing him to discontinue giving out the Parole or issuing any orders with respect to the Garrison.

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To Military Auditor General directing

To Colonel Malcolm ✓ that the Portuguese Medical Assistant at

Nellore be allowed Ten Pagodas pr Mensem &

the Arrears of Allowances claimed by Lieut

Colonel Geils to be discharged.—

To — Ditto referring the Estimate of the

To Ditto ✓ Military Paymaster General for March.—

To Military Paymaster General directing

To Mr Roebuck ✓ him to pay to Captains Smith and Hull the &

usual Passage Money for Captain H. Cuthbert

and Lieutenant F. H. Thomas in charge of Kings

Invalids going to England on the Minerva and

Hillsbro.—

To Lieutenant John Baillie — permitting

To Lieut Baillie ✓ him to go to the Cape and Eventually to Europe

an advance of Six Months pay will be made to

him.—

To Commanders of the Hillsbro and

To Captains Hull and Smith.— ✓ Minerva — directing them to receive on &

board as passengers to Europe Lieutenant &

Thomas 73d. Regiment and Captain H. Cuthbert

71st. Regiment.—

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To Mr. Macleod — To Resident at Tanjore — forwarding the Agreement for a Modification of the Treaty of 1792 with a letter for the Rajah. —

" " Revues the undermentioned letters in M. B. Nos. 139.. 140.. 141.. 142.. 143.. 144.. 145.. 146.. 147. 148. —

From Captain Read — From Commandant in the Baramhaul Transmitting a Report of further particulars relating to the Poligars on the Western Frontier — suggestions for preventing their predatory habits. —

From Mr. Harington — From Sub Secretary at Bengal forwarding an Invoice of the Gun powder shipped on the Lanfel for Madras. —

From Maj. Brodie — From Commandant at Chinglepet — stating that he has repeatedly offered to the Collector of the Jaghire, payment for the sheep received by him — but which he refused to receive.

From Mr. Skandon — From Acting Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies — requests two Destucks for passing them to the 19th Regiment of Dragoons — and 1st and 4th Regiments of Cavalry. —

From

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From Ditto - enclosing his Estimates for March. -

From Ditto

From W. Jervis

From the Acting Superintendant of Revenue at Jaffanapatam - complaining of the Interference of the Commanding Officer in his Department - Submits Copy of a General Order lately issued by him. -

From Captain Smith

From Commander of the Minerva to Captain H. Cuthbert - refusing to accommodate him at his Table, unless he pay 125 £ Sterling for his passage

From M. Roebuck

From Military Paymaster General stating the Substance of his Correspondence with the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, explanatory of the Cause of Delay of his payment to the Native Troops at that Garrison. -

From M. Powney

From Collector at Ramnad stating the expence of Carriage for 200 Garce of Grain from Tutocoryn to Tachinore. -

From Colonel Floyd

From Commandant at Trichinopoly & advising of the March of the 36 Regiment for Negapatam. -

do 21. Sent Letter to the Nabob, Entered in C. C. № 28.

Substance of Letter to the Nabob. - acknowledging Receipt of the February Kist - one thousand Pagodas, in part of Arrears of Salary due to the late

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late General Smith and three thousand seven hundred and fifty Pagodas in advance of Lady Campbell's pension for the present year. —

Ordered that the letter written and dispatched to Colonel Stuart on the 6th Instant, be now entered upon the Records. —

To Colonel Stuart

Commanding the British Forces on the Island of Ceylon

Sir,

To Colonel Stuart with orders to be held the 52nd Regiment in readiness for embark on a foreign service The Bengal artillery to continue at Ceylon for the present —

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you that it is in contemplation to employ his Majesty's 52d Regiment on a foreign Service of the greatest importance, and that his Lordship would have you be prepared to send this Corps to Trincomalé at the shortest Notice. You will take the necessary precautions to have the Bombay Transport ready to receive a proportion of this Corps & a conveyance for the remainder will be found by the Admiral. —

It is particularly wished that you should keep the purport of this communication

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as Secret as possible— and I am to inform you, that you will hear further from me on the subject in the course of a few days.—

As this arrangement may possibly render it expedient, to change the determination of Government respecting the employment of the Company of Bengal Artillery, you will consider the late order relative to its being sent to the Coast, as countermanded for the present.

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Sam Sr. W.r
(Signed) W.m C. Jackson
Secy

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters &

Entered in M. B. Nos. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154
155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163.—

To Captain Read — To Commandant in the Baramhaul returning Lieutenant Browne's Bill &c. countersigned for payment.

To Cornet Maclaine — To Barrack Master at the Presidency permitting &c. Lieutenant Hill to draw Eight Pagodas per Mensem on account of a Store Room for the Madras Battalion.—

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To Mr Secy Hay — To Secretary at Bengal — transmitting Copy of Mysore Intelligence —

To Mr Mardon — To Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — permitting him to pass in his Accounts Mr John Wynch's Two Bills for Repairs to Granaries — The Grain under his Charge may also be sifted

To Colonel Balcliffe — To Commandant at Masulipatam directing that the Rent abovementioned may be delivered over to the Committee of Stores —

To Colonel Macaulay — To Military Auditor General Mr Surgeon Wilson to be permitted to draw his Arrears of pay at Madras, upon a Bill &c. drawn by the Paymaster at Dindigul on the Paymaster General —

To Ditto — To Ditto — referring Mr Mardon's Estimates for March —

To Ditto — To Ditto — directing him to pass Two Contingent Bills presented by Captain H.

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To Maclean and Captain Smart

To Ditto — To Ditto — notifying the Allowance of Eight Pagodas per Mensem to Lieutenant Hill for account for a Store Room, as above mentioned. —

To Military Board — To Military Board — the proposed Regulations for the Carriage of Sick Sepoys on March approved — the Garrison Carriages at Dindigul to be repaired — five Estimates of Repairs wanting at Vellore, Chinglepuet, and Tiagar reserved for their Opinion. —

To Mr Roebuck. — To Military Paymaster General transmitting Copy of the Auditor Generals report on his additional Estimate for February. —

To Clerk of the Treasury — To Clerk of the Treasury — ordering an Advance on the above account. —

To Captain Smith — To Commander of the Minerva — ordering him to provide Captain Cuthbert with suitable accommodations, and a Seat at his Table for the Sum of 100 £ being the Company's Allowance. —

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To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.—

To Commandant of the 3d Regiment directing him to deliver over to Mr. Paymaster Martin the 36 Horses lately cast from his Corps.—

To Mr. Martin

To Paymaster at Palamcotah & directing him to dispose of the same by Public Outcry.—

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Received the undermentioned Letters & Entered in M: B: N: 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169 &c

From Mr. Sharden

From Commissary General of Grain & Provisions submits a Statement of & Provisions required for a 12 Months Store &c & Sincerely also an Indent for Stationary and Small Stores.—

From Mr. W. Bayfield

From Collector at Ganjam—with & Intelligence of a Strange Vessel that appeared off that port—recommends that a party of Sepoys be stationed at the Sea ports of that District for the protection of the Trade against French privateers.—

From Captain Dalrymple

From Commandant of the Nizam's & Detachment—enclosing Copy of his Correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad.—

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From Military Board — From the Military Board recommend the purchase of the Two Tumbrils belonging to Messrs. Colt, Baker and Co.—

From Ditto — From Ditto transmitting a General Return of Fire Arms &c. in use and in Store on the Coast.—

From Ditto — From Ditto recommend that Two new Presses be supplied for the Powder Mills.—

From Mr. Powney — From Collector at Rammad reporting the Supplies of Rice Ghee Bullocks &c. dispatched to Negombo.—

Dd 23. Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 171. 172. 173.—

From Mr. Hardon — From Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies requests a New Dustuck may be obtained for passing Grain to the 5th Regiment.—

From Lieutenant Sheridan — From Lieutenant Charles Sheridan requests leave to go to Europe on account of Ill health.—

From Mr. Troiano — From Resident at Nagore stating that no offers have been made for supplying Grain.—

Sent the following Letter To

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To the 23d Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council,

at Fort William

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal and Bombay advising of the Surrender of Columbo.—

We have the honor and satisfaction of requainting you that the Garrison of Columbo surrendered to the British Arms on the 16th Instant upon Articles of Capitulation, a copy of which, we beg leave to enclose for your information; and to offer our warmest congratulations on an event of so much importance to the British Interest in India.—

We have the honor to be with respect,

Hon. Sir Hon.

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23d. February 1796.—

/Signed/ Hobart
Hon. Council

The same to Bombay

Dispatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in M.B. No. 174. 175. 176.—

To Sir Charles Malet and Captain Kirkpatrick

To Residents at Poona and Hydrabad advising of the Surrender of Columbo

To Lieutenant Sheridan

To Lieutenant C. Sheridan - permitting him to proceed to Europe.—

To Commanders Indiamen

To Commanders of the Lord Thurlow Rodney Hillsborough Minerva - and Inanier with instructions to be on their Guard, in consequence of the probability of the French being in possession of the private Signals established for the Kings and Company's Ships.—

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor & President

Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief

Tuesday
23d Febry 1796

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Falkofield Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read

and Approved.—

Read the following letter from

Colonel Stuart—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Colonel Stuart the Troops cross the Malwanne River and have a Skirmish with the Enemy—has received the Order respecting the 52d Regiment Capt. Gardner ordered to join the Admiral—

The Enemy having abandoned the bank of the Malwanne on the Night of the 10th I was enabled to get the Army across that River on the following day without Molestation, which was effected before 2 o'Clock. The Troops took up a position about a Mile distant from the River during the night of the 11th

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On the following Morning, the Enemy, chiefly Malays, appeared in some force on our right flank, where Captain Barbut with the Flank Corps was posted a Skirmish ensued, in which they were Driven back, and our troops pursued them until they took shelter under the Guns of the Fort.—

I have now the pleasure of informing your Lordship, that the Army have taken upon very nearly their final position, from 1600 to 1800 Yards from Columbo, with the Pettah between it and the Fort—our right Flank close to the Sea, and the left to the Nullah running from the River Malwani near the great Pass to the Lake, on the South West, in obtaining this important position, it affords me particular satisfaction to add, that our loss is not trifling, when Compared to the object obtained—Three Privates Killed and 7 or 8 Wounded—Two Officers, Captain French of the Grenadiers of the 73.rd Regiment and Ensign Grant of the 77.th Regiment were also Wounded, The former but slightly, the latter, I am afraid, dangerously The loss of the Enemy must be considerable, Accounts from the Fort state it to be about 200 Missing, the number found dead amount to between 30 and 40 Colonel Raymond, who Commanded, was severely Wounded.

The

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The Fleet anchored in the course of yesterday off the Mouth of the Malwane, and preparations are making by Captain Gardner and myself for unlading the Ships with as little delay as possible, the Road will be a tolerably good one from the landing place to our Camp, and but little more than a Mile in extent.

I have been honored with the letter of Government of the 6th instant, and shall not fail to comply with the requisition contained in it, although your Lordship must permit me to express the extreme reluctance with which I shall part with so considerable a proportion of the European Force under my Command, however, my best exertions shall be used to supply the deficiency, which the withdrawing the 52d Regiment will occasion in our present line, if, unfortunately, it should become absolutely necessary to take that Regiment from me, before the great object in view should be accomplished.—

Captain Gardiner has shewn me his instructions from the Admiral wherein he is directed to join him at Madras with all the King's Ships and

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"and Bombay Frigate as soon as they can be spared
"from the present Service, leaving the other Bombay
"Cruizers for the protection of the trade &c. at this
"place." I think it necessary to observe to your
Lordship, that these it is not intended Capt.n
Gardner should leave us, before the present
Service is completed as it will be next to
impossible to carry it on, without the assistance
of the Ships of War now here under Captain Gardner's
command If they should be withdrawn too Soon,
the result will be tedious and uncertain. —

I have the honor to be, with the
greatest Respect & Esteem &c.&c.&c.

Head Quarters, Mr Sydenhall
Camp before Columbo Saturday 13. Feby 1796. —

/Signed/ J. Stuart. —

P. S.

The King of Candia's General joined me at Negombo
and is now at Hospital, Tomorrow he Crosses the
River, and takes up a position with his Right, to
my Left, and his Left is to Extend to the Governor's
House at the Grand Pass which is to be his
Head Quarters. —

/Signed/ J. S.

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Colonel Stuart advising of the Surrender of Columbo the Capitulation Enclosed

It is with peculiar satisfaction I inform your Lordship, that this Fort, and the remaining possessions under the Dutch Authority in the Island of Ceylon, surrendered by Capitulation to His Majesty's Arms yesterday afternoon; but the Troops were not put into possession of the Fort until this morning at 10 o'Clock, Captain Gardner and I summoned the Fort on the 14th, and the Articles were finally agreed upon and exchanged on the Evening of the following day. Your Lordship will excuse me for not entering more at large at present upon the Subject of this important acquisition Copies of the Articles, signed by Captain Gardner and myself, accompany this Letter.

I have received every assistance from Captain Gardner, and His Majesty's Ships of War under his Command. His exertions in the very laborious and important business of landing Stores have anticipated every wish of mine; and his obliging acquiescence in my

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my request of sending bodies of Seamen to manage our boats, convinces me, that I should have experienced the same Zeal and cooperation, which I have hitherto met with from His Majesty's Squadron, since I had I have the honor to be employed on the present Service.—

I have the honor to be, My Lord
with great respect and Esteem.—

&c &c &c

/Signed/ J. Stuart

Head Quarters,
Columbo. Tuesday
16. February 1796.—

The hurry of the Copying having occasioned some inaccuracy in the Articles correct one shall be sent in a few days.—

Capitulation of Columbo

Preliminary Article.

John Gerard Van Angelbeek Counsellor of India, Governor and Director of the Dutch possessions in the Island of Ceylon, offers to deliver up to Colonel & Stuart and Captain Gardner, Commanding the English Troops, the fortress of Columbo upon the following Conditions, at the expiration of three days.—

Answer

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Answer ..... Major Patrick Alexander Agnew Adjutant General of the British Troops in the Island of Ceylon, by virtue of the Powers, delegated to him by Colonel James Stuart, commanding the British Army, and Allan Hyde Gardner, Esq.r Captain of His Majesty's Ship Heroine, and Senior of the Naval Officers of the Naval forces before Columbo consents to Admit of the Surrender of the Fort of Columbo, on the undermentioned Terms; provided the Capitulation is signed this Evening, and the Fort delivered to the British Troops Tomorrow Morning at ten o'Clock in the manner specified in the following Articles.-

Article 1st ..... In this Capitulation shall be included the Town of Galé, and the Fort of Caliture, with all their Dependencies, Lands, Dominions, &c.a of the Honorable Dutch East India Company; and the Governor shall issue Orders to the Commanders and Council of Galé, and the Commandant of Caliture, for the effectual Surrender according to the contents of this Capitulation.-

Answer ..... Granted.-

Article 2d ..... The Fort with all its Dependencies & Artillery

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Artillery, Ammunition, Stores, provisions,
and all other effects belonging to the Company
with the plans and papers relative to the
fortifications, shall bonâ fide be delivered
up, without concealing or keeping back
any thing.—

Answer.— Granted. The Surveys of the Districts of
the Island of Ceylon, and its' Coasts with
all other public plans to be included.—

Article 3.— And, as the books at Columbo as well
as Galé are two years in Arrear, the
delivery shall take place according to the
balances, now actually existing, and a
reasonable time to be allotted to the Head
Administrator Van Angelbeek, and the
Administrator Van der Spaar, at Galé, with
their Assistants, to furnish the Books;
and they shall during the time receive
the pay and Emoluments fixed for their
Service — As the Head Smith, Cooper, House
Carpenter, the Overseer of the Arsenal, and the
Brick Maker; receive every thing by indent,
that their accounts shall be examined by

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our accountants, and paid by the English.
On the other hand the abovementioned Artificers and Overseers are responsible for the Articles issued to them. —

Answer ..... One year or eighteen Months, if absolutely necessary, shall be allowed for the purpose of Arranging the books, during which time a reasonable Salary shall be paid to the Servants of the Dutch Company, necessarily employed in this Department. The Accounts of the Artizans shall be examined and liquidated. —

Article 4 ..... All public Papers shall also be faithfully delivered over, but attested Copies of all the public and Secret Consultations held during this Short Government, and which he has not had an opportunity of forwarding to Holland or Batavia shall be given to Governor Van Angelbeek, to enable him to Answer for his conduct according to the Nature of the circumstances. —

Answer ..... Granted. —

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Article 5th ..... The returns and Merchandize of the Company which are partly laden on board the Ships Berkeley and Lincolnshire, now laying in the roads, and partly stored in private houses as well as those at Galle, shall also be faithfully delivered by the Commissaries, who shall be appointed by the Governor, to Major Agnew, who is Authorized by the Government of Madras to Receive them.—

Answer ..... All Merchandize, Stores and public property, of every discription, either laden on board the Ships now Anchored under the Guns of the Fort, deposited in public Stores or distributed in the houses of Individuals, as well as all public property, placed in a similar manner at Galle, Caliture, or any other part of the Island of Ceylon, & depending on this Government, shall be delivered up by the Commissaries, who shall be named by the Governor Van Angelbeek, to Major Agnew, the Agent Appointed by the Government of

of Madras to revive them, in three week
from this date.—

Article 6. ..... But as the Company has of late "
years borrowed money upon Interest of &
their Servants and Inhabitants, and when
in Want of ready Money have issued &
(Kredict briefen) promissory notes to the
Amount of about five lacks of rice Dollars
of which however, at least an half is in the
Treasury with a promise to realise the &
same, and as several Servants have their
pay and emoluments in the hands of
the Company, for which they have no other
Security but their property, the above
mentioned debt shall be paid out of
them, and the notes discharged which can
occasion the less consideration, as the
returns alone, taking the fine Cinnamon
at only three Rupees per pound, the Pepper
at 100 Rupees per Candy; the Cardamom
at one Rupee per pound, and the piece goods
and other Merchandize at the Invoice price,
will Amount to about twenty five lacs of
Rupees

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Rupees, and all the Debts, pray and notes in circulation not above six Lacks - The Copper doodies shall continue current for 1 Stiver. -

Answer ..... As Mr Van Angelbeek has assured the Officers Commanding his Majesty's Naval and Land forces before Colombo, that a request to comply with the demand contained in the 6th Article, will be attended with the total Ruine of the Colony, they consent to the following Arrangement, regarding the Paper Currency of this Island. provided the public property of the Dutch Company is found to be conformable to the Statement contained in this Article

The English Government of Ceylon will take up the Promissory Notes of the Dutch Government which are still in circulation / provided they do not exceed the sum of fifty thousand pounds sterling / and issue Certificates for the Amount, of bearing an interest of three per Cent, per Annum, payable half yearly; which Certificates shall be in force so long as the

Districts

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Districts of Ceylon, extending from Matura to Chilaw, shall be in possession of the English, and no longer - should these districts be restored to the Dutch, the responsibility of payment will necessarily revert to them, in which event, the original notes of the Dutch Government shall be restored to the Proprietors in exchange for the certificates granted by the British Government -

The Officers commanding the British Forces are not authorized to provide for the payment of the Arrears due to the Servants of the Company - This must be left to the future determination of his Britannic Majesty -

The Copper coin of the Island must finds its own value in the course of exchange.

Article 7th ..... All private property, without exception, shall be secured to the proprietors -

Answer ..... Granted, with exception of all Military and Naval Stores, which, in every instance must be deemed public property -

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Article 8th ..... In which is expressly included the funds of the Orphan house, or the college for the administration of the effects of Infants & Children, and of the Committee for managing the poor funds, as also the two Ships now in the Roads / Berbicum and Cinqueimbre (Cinqueimbre) which belong to individuals in Holland, and are not Chartered by the Company; as shall be proved.—

Answer ..... Granted, with exception of the Ships, which must be deemed public property.—

Article 9th ..... The Garrison shall march out with the honors of War, pile their Arms by the Command of their own Officers on the Esplanade; and again return to their Barracks, The Officers to keep their side Arms,— The Serjeants and Corporals of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Private Malays to be locked up in Chests and on their departure or being set on shore to be returned to them.—

Answer ..... Granted.—

Article 10th ..... The European Officers, non-commissioned and Privates of the Battalion of Dutch Troops, and the Detachment of the Prince of Wirtemberg Regiment doing duty with it, as

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as well the Artillery and Seamen, shall be transported in English Ships from hence to Europe or Batavia according to their Choice, with permission to carry along with them their Women, Children Necessary Servants and Baggage.—

None of the Officers however shall be Removed from hence against their Will; as many of them as are married, and have their property here and in case of any of them wishing to depart, time shall be allowed them to arrange their affairs, to go where they please, upon their parole of honor, not to serve in this War against England, until they shall be exchanged.

Answer.....The European Officers, non commissioned Officers, and Privates, as well of the Dutch Battalion as of the Regement of Wertemberg the Artillery, Engineers, and Marine, must be considered as Prisoners of War; and as such they will be treated with that attention which the British Government has ever shewn

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shewn to those whom the fortune of War has placed in its power the whole shall be sent to Madras, & such of the Officers as desire to return to Ceylon for the reasons mentioned in this Article, will have permission to do so, on giving their parole of honor not to serve during the present War against the English. Those who may desire to return to Europe, shall be permitted to do so, on the same Conditions, but without any Claim on the British Government, for pay or allowance of any description. -

Article 11 ..... If there are some native born French in Garrison, they shall be transported to the French Islands, if they choose it. -

Answer ..... The French of the Garrison will be considered as prisoners of War, and sent to Madras. -

Article 12 ..... The Malays that do not choose to remain here, shall be transported in English Ships, with their Women and Children to the Island of Java. -

Answer

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Answer ..... The Malay Troops shall be sent from
Ceylon with their Wives and Children to
Tuticorin, and from thence, by easy marches
to Madras, they shall be subsisted while
they remain prisoners, and if not taken
into the British Service, shall at a convenient
time be sent to the Island of Java, at the
expence of the British Government.

Article 13 ..... These transportations shall take
place at the expence of the English, and
until that time the Military Europeans
as well as Malays, shall continue to
enjoy their pay and emoluments as was
customary in the Company's Service, &
none of the Military shall be forced,
or even persuaded to enter into the
Service of his Majesty, or the Honble
English Company.-

Answer ..... The Military Officers, Europeans
and Natives, shall receive the pay allowed
to them in the Dutch service, The non
Commissioned and Privates will be
subsisted according to the regulation of
the British Government, for Prisoners
of War, none shall be forced to enter the
Service

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service of Great Britain against their consent

Article 14th ..... The Sepoys and Mooremen in the Service, shall have liberty to return to their birth places.-

Answer ..... Granted.-

Article 15th ..... The Cingalese Lascars, being Soldiers according to the Nature of the Service, and the Burghers and Civil Servants by the laws of the Colony, being obliged to take up Arms for it's defence, it shall not tend to prejudice those people.-

Answer ..... Granted.

Article 16th ..... Governor Van Angelbeek, the Commander of the Gale, Brez, and all other political or commercial Servants, not required on their official Capacities, for the purpose mentioned in Article 3rd shall have permission to remain as private individuals of Columbo Gale or other place on the Island, or to take themselves elsewhere, in the first case a reasonable means of subsistance shall be allowed to each according to his Rank, in the last they shall be permitted to carry their effects along with them, without payment of any tax or duty whatever, but then all allowances to cease.-

Answer

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Answer..... Granted with this exception, that as the Commanders of the British Forces before Columbo are not authorized to grant the subsistance required, this subject must be referred to the decision of the Government of Fort St. George.—

Article 17th..... The respective vendue Masters here and at Gale, shall be maintained during the collection of the outstanding Balances in right of the preference, granted those people by the Company

Answer..... Granted, for all Balances & now outstanding.—

Article 18th..... The Clergy and other Ecclesiastical Servants shall continue in their functions and receive the same pay and emoluments as they had from the Company.—

Answer..... Granted, under the same & exception annexed to the 16th Article.—

Article 19th..... The Citizens and inhabitants shall be allowed to follow their employments, and enjoy all liberties and privileges as the subjects of his Majesty

Answer..... Granted.

Article 20th..... The native Servants in the & department shall be continued in & their

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their employs, during their good behaviour

Answer ..... Granted, subject to such regulations,
as the British Government may hereafter
judge necessary.—

Article 21st ..... The Eastern Princes, Tammogaree
and other Men of Rank here as State prisoners,
and who receive a Monthly Subsistance, shall
continue to receive it according to the list
which shall be delivered.—

Answer ..... Granted while they remain in in
Ceylon.—

Article 22nd ..... All national papers, such as
Wills bills of purchase and Sale, obligat[illegible] Deeds
Security bonds, &c. shall Continue in
force and the Registers of them be
preserved by Commissaries appointed
on both sides for that purpose.—

Answer ..... Granted.

Article 23rd ..... All Civil Suits depending in
the Council of Justice shall be decided by
the same Council according to our laws.—

Answer ..... Granted, but they must be
decided in twelve Months from this date.—

Article 24th ..... The deserters who are here
shall be pardoned.—

Answer

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Answer. ——— All Deserters from the English service must be unconditionally given up.—

Article 25th ..... The above Articles of Capitulation shall be faithfully fulfilled and confirmed by the Signature of the Officers Commanding his Majesty's Sea and Land forces, Colonel James Stewart and Captain Allan Hyde Gardner, and in case of any thing appearing obscure, it shall be faithfully cleared up, and if any doubts should arise it shall be construed for the benefit of the besieged—

Answer ..... Granted.—

Article 26th ..... By Major Agnew

The Garison shall march out & Agreable to the 9th Article at 10 o'Clock tomorrow Morning, when the Gate of Delft shall be delivered to a Detachment of the British Troops— The Governor Van Angelbeek will order an Officer to point out the Powder Magazine, Posts and Public Stores that guards may be placed for their Security and the preservation of Order in the Garison.—

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that communication be made of the Surrender of Columbo, to the Governments of Bengal and Bombay - the Residents at Poona and Hydrabad - to the Nabob of the Carnatic - and to Tippoo Sultaun.

The President proposes that the following Letter be written to Colonel Stuart.

To Colonel Stuart
Commanding the British Forces
on the Island of Ceylon. -

To Colonel Stuart on occasion of the Surrender of Columbo - the 52d Regiment to proceed immediately to Trincomale - and sundry detachments, to the Coast - order for subsisting the Germans, Prisoners of War and respecting the Caledonia - the Dutch officers to be permitted to remain at Columbo

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you that he has received your Letter of the 16th Instant, apprizing him of the Surrender of the Fort of Columbo to his Majesty upon the terms & specified in certain Articles transmitted by you - and I am to inform you of the entire approbation of his Lordship in Council of the abovementioned Articles, and of the whole of your conduct upon the important Service in which you have been engaged, and to express his particular satisfaction

at

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at the acquisition of possessions of such extensive
value without that loss which might have been
expected but for the judicious Arrangements &
made by you, and the cordial co-operation and &
Assistance you received from Captain Gardener and
the Officers and Seamen belonging to his &
Majesty's Navy.—

His Lordship desires you would &
communicate the warmest acknowledgments of
this Government to Captain Gardiner and the
Naval Forces employed under him for that Co-operation
and Assistance, and that you would signify to
the Officers and Soldiers of the Army serving under
your Command the strong sense he feels of the Zeal
activity and Spirit by which they have uniformly
been distinguished.—

On the Receipt of this Letter, it is &
the President in Council's Command that you give
directions for the embarkation of the 52d Regiment—
to proceed to Trincomalee, there to wait until &
further orders,—you were some time ago desired
to have the Bombay transport in readiness for
that purpose, and you were also informed that &

Captain

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Captain Lucas had been directed by the Admiral to accommodate some part of the Corps in the manner he might judge most advisable. —

I Under all the circumstances of our present situation the face to be left on the Island of Ceylon will require a serious consideration, & his Lordship will come to no ultimate decision upon that point until he is furnished with your sentiments upon the subject but as a considerable number of Detachments composed of Pioners, Artificers &c. &c. were sent to Columbo for the express purpose of the Siege, there can be no doubt of the expediency of their returning forthwith to the Coast, and as, whatever may be the final arrangement respecting the future permanent Establishment in the newly acquired possessions, one Company of Coast Artillery with its proportion of Lascars would certainly be ordered to Madras, — you will take the necessary Measures by the earliest conveyance for that purpose. —

I am to acquaint you that this Government have received instructions from Bengal to obtain for that Presidency as many of the Germans, as may be disposed to enlist, into the King's and

Company's

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Company's Service; and as a bounty of five Guineas
p Man has been paid for several who have recently
been sent from hence, The President in Council &
Authorizes you to engage upon these Terms such of
them from amongst the Prisoners of War as you
may find on proper inspection fit for the Service -

The Heavy expence at which the Caledonia
has been taken up renders it necessary that she
should be detained as short a time as possible in
the employment of Government - The President in
Council is therefore assured that you will dispatch
her with all possible expedition - The Stores which
were put on board of that Ship for the seige will
of course be returned to Madras, and you will
avail yourself of her tonnage for any other
Purposes to which it may be applied - but as
she is ultimately to go to Bengal, the President
in Council is of opinion that the Recruits intended
for that Presidency should be embarked in
her - the freights in the event of her being discharged
at Madras, to be settled by this Government.

As by the 10th Article of the Capitulation
"such of the Officers as desire to return to Ceylon
"for

for the reasons mentioned in the said Article will have permission to do so on giving their Parole of honor not to serve during the War against the English unless duly exchanged" — the President in Council has directed me to desire you would permit Officers so described to remain at their being brought to Madras, and sent back to Columbo must, in that case, be attended with an expence that would appear unnecessary. —

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I am &c. &c.
(signed) Wm. C. Jackson
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Approved and ordered accordingly. —

Read the following letter from Bengal. —

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

My Lords,

From Bengal Consulting in the Board's Letter to the Secret Committee per Charlestown and Instruction to Colonel Stuart &c. 5th January —

Your Secretary has transmitted to us Copies of your Letter to the Secret Committee of

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of the Honorable Court of Directors by the Chichester and of your Instructions to Colonel Stuart under date the 1st. ultimo, in which we have the pleasure to express our full concurrence.—

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Fort William
1st. February 1796

(Signed) J. Shore
P. Speke
Wm. Cowper

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bengal. Intelligence of the French being in the possession of the private signals by the Captain of the Triton

The unfortunate Capture of the Triton having in all probability put the French in possession of the Private Signals Established for his Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Ships, We have thought it necessary to Notice the circumstance to the Commanders of the Ships now Sailing from this Port to

put

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put them on their Guard against any attempts from the Enemy under their presumed Knowledge of the Signals in question.—

2 We beg leave to recommend the same Notice be given to the Commanders of any Ships dispatched from your Presidency with Directions to communicate it to any Ships in his Majesty's or the Company's Service which they may fall in with in the course of their Voyage.—

3 It may further be proper to mention the circumstance to Admiral Sir G. K. Elphinstone

We have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Shore
" T. Speke
" Wm. Cowper

Fort William
the 8th February 1796

Order thereon

Ordered that the Commanders of the Homeward bound Ships be directed to be on their Guard against any attempts from the Enemy, under their presumed Knowledge of the private Signals & established for his Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Ships.—

Read

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Read the following letter from
Mr. Francis Lautour.—

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

My Lord,

From Mr. Lautour
withdrawing himself
as Security for the Gun
Carriage Contract.—

I take the liberty of representing to your Lordship that having become Security for the due performance of a Contract for Gun Carriages entered into with Government by Messrs. Michael Topping and Thomas Parry for a term of five years commencing the 7th of December 1792 and finding since that Mr. Parry disposed of his Interest in the said Contract to Mr. Civil Smith and Mr. Topping being more easeed I am induced from such Circumstance to represent to your Lordship that I consider myself exonerated from any further responsibility for the discharge of their engagements for which I conceive it proper to give your Lordships Notice.—

I have the honor to be with due respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Fras. Lautour

Fort St. George
27th February 1796.

Agnew

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Minute thereon —

Agreed, for the reasons assigned by Mr Lautour, that he be relieved from further responsibility on account of the Gun Carriage & Contract — and that Mr. Smith be called upon for other Security for the remainder of the period — in default of which the Contract will be considered at an end. —

Read the following Letter from Cornet Averend. —

To the Right Honorable the President in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Cornet Averend stating his claim to participate in the Mysore Donation —

Moved by the reflection of the [illegible] important duties of your high station; I have [illegible] hitherto declined troubling your Lordship with the singular circumstances of my case at the conclusion of the late War, and soliciting your favor and [illegible] Attention thereto, hoping that my prospects in the Service would render it of less consideration to me, and plead in favor of my wish not to intrude the matter upon your time; but I now find a necessity arising from the principal cause of this address

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address that compels me to retire for a while, if
perhaps forever, to my Native Country in the
same condition respecting pecuniary concerns, as
I entered the Army, after a period of seven years Service.

In the Month of October 91 it fell to
my lot to be detached with a Party of dismounted
Troops intended as a Garrison to the Fort of
Tripatore bordering upon the Ghauts and at that
time in the Enemys Country, where I experienced
the Same anxiety and distress with the rest of the
Army, however from the particular boundaries
described by the Marquis Cornwallis to the Troops
serving with the Army, in which only he
directed payment to be made of the Donation, I
became excluded from the indulgence of both
the first and following reward made by the Company

And I beg leave to inform your
Lordship, until I was ordered on this tour of
Detachment, I had been serving in the field
from the commencement of the war, and that
the Officers stationed in the Garrison of Ryacottah,
not included in the provinces drawn by the
Marquis

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Marquis Cornwallis, did participate in the division of Gratuity tho' under the same sort of prohibition with myself.

I am now My Lord unhappily & forced to quit the Country with but little prospect of Recovery, by a disorder which originated from unfavorableness of the climate at Tripatore, and from which I have never been free since the time I quitted that Station. Had it been my good fortune to have recovered, I should never have troubled your Lordship with this address, but my present bad state of health and feeble demand it of me as a piece of Justice I owe myself, and I trust the foundation of my claim will appear to you just upon further enquiry, which I have to hope your Lordship will either favor the tenor of my application in this Country, or recommend my case to the Court of Directors, as circumstances may best suit. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Overend
Cornet 6th Reg.t Cavalry.

Cavalry Cantonments
Arcot 27th February 1796

Ordered

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Order thereon.—

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing
letter be sent to England a Number in the Packet
Read the following Letter from
Captain Dallas principal Agent for the purchase
of Horses.—

To
W. C. Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary
Fort St. George

Sir,

From Captain Dallas requesting that Lieutenant Nuthall may be permitted to purchase from a Detachment at Hydrabad, such as may appear suitable from him Entitled.—

I have the honor to enclose you a Letter received from Lieutenant Nuthall at Hydrabad, the Contents of which you will be so good as communicate without delay to the Right Honorable the President in Council, who I hope will permit the purchase of such horses as have been absolutely commissioned for the Service; it being otherwise, certain ruin must attend the Dealers who have hitherto confided in our engagements, which may be prejudicial on a future occasion.—
I shall therefore beg leave to recommend that Government authorize the purchase of such horses only as are very superior, and in every respect

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respect fit for immediate Duty, in this case, I am confident that not one half of the number specified by Lieutenant Nuthall will come under that Description, and that such as do, if may be bought at a very reasonable rate, I shall Government approve and send their Instructions through me I shall endeavour, from knowing the Dealers, and their Customs, to point out a mode of conduct for Lieutenant Nuthall that may prevent any idea of a breach of Agreement and, at the same time, take as few of their horses as possible —

I have the honor to be

Arcot
18th February 1796

&c. &c.
(Signed) Tho.s Dallas
Agent for the Purchase of Horses

To Captain Thomas Dallas
Agent for the Purchase of horses

Sir.

I have to acquaint you of my arrival at Hydrabad on the 1st Instant; and that I have taken Charge of the Agency in every Department accordingly, as Lieutenant Forbes has

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has proceeded to the Presidency - I deem it proper
to give you the earliest information, of Captain
William Kirkpatrick, Resident at this Court,
having communicated to me, that he has
received Notice from the Madras Government,
of their having directed a Stop to be put to the
Purchasing of Horses at this Station, which
I certainly shall pay due attention to, but at
the same time, I consider it just to specify, for
your laying before the consideration of the Board,
that a lot of 175 horses, will arrive here, about
the 10th Instant, which were procured by the
Dealers, for the Service in consequence of Cowls
being issued to them - for that purpose; and as these
horses are proceeding hither, upon a Perwannah
granted by his Highness the Nizam, for the
remission of Sundary Duties on the above account,
I feel myself peculiarly embarrassed how to act,
respecting them and have to request, you will
make application for the decision of Government
thereon, in order to obviate any mistake arising
on my part, and that you will transmit
Instructions

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Instructions with the utmost dispatch From my perfect knowledge of the effect, a Refusal to purchase this lot of horses, might eventually & have on the Credit of the Company's Agency & I consider it expedient to state, that in my opinion their being purchased, would prove Recommendable, and prevent the dealers from experiencing a disappointment, which & ultimately would be extremely prejudicial, in the event of other supplies being required and I am further induced to communicate this circumstance to you as Agent, from the perfect acquaintance you have in these Matters, and the difficulties met with on the institution of this Agency in procuring horses, which were effectually removed, by an adherence to the Cools issued throughout.-

As this Lot is expressly coming for the Service, and as I cannot with propriety either refuse to, or actually purchase on the account of Government, it will be my Conduct, to prolong & the necessary negociation that the Dealers &

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may offer, until I can receive an Answer on the subject, which I request to be favored with as early, as the exigency will admit.—

I have the honor to remain

&c. &c.

(Signed) Thomas Nuthall

Lieutenant, and acting Agent for the purchase of Horses.—

Camp at Hydrabad 2nd February 1796

Resolved, that of the Lot of Horses to be expected at Hydrabad, such only be purchased, as may be very superior, and in all respects fit for immediate duty— and that Captain Dallas be directed to take especial care, that as many as possible be rejected, without giving them just room to Complain of a Breach of engagement.

Minute thereon.—

Read the following Report from the Hospital Board.—

Observations of Govt 23rd February 1796.—

Hospital Board 22nd February 1796

Mr. John Stephenson having arrived with Mr's Indentures from the Honble Court of Directors, we recommend that

From Hospital Board Mr. J. Stephenson & ourselves propose that he do duty with the 1st European Battalion.—

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That he be admitted an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment, and appointed to the 4th Battalion of European Infantry at Masulipatam.

Approved

We recommend that Mr Stephenson be also directed to do the duty of the 26th Battalion of Native Infantry, in order that Mr White may be enabled to join the Station to which he stands appointed by Government.

Approved

/Signed/ James Anderson
Physician General
" Colley L Lucas
Chief Surgeon
" Wm Raine
Head Surgeon.

Twenty Recruits to be added to each Troop & Company in the Center Division

Resolved that Twenty men p Company be added to each Native Battalion stationed in the Center Division - and that the P. Bengal

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Order respecting the Bengal Recruits—

Bengal Recruits arrived on the Princess Royal, &c, at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, distributed amongst the abovementioned Corps.—

The Commander in Chief Recommends that Lieutenant Broughton Dodd be appointed Adjutant to the 13th Battalion of Native Infantry, vice Smith, who has requested permission to resign, and Lieutenant James Macdonald Adjutant to the 29th Battalion Native Infantry vice Lieutenant Bachelor on leave to Europe.—

Lieutenant Dodd appointed adjutant to the 13th Battalion and Lieutenant Macdonald to the 29th Battalion—

Approved and ordered accordingly

General Letters to England per Lord Thurlow read and approved—

The General Letters to the Military, Political, and Secret Departments dated by the Lord Thurlow, having been read and Approved— Ordered that they be copied

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Copied fair, and the Packet closed on
Thursday the 25th. Instant.

" Robt. Ross

" Alured Clarke

" Edm. Saunders

" W. Farquhar

Examined
William Brereton

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Diary

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in Mrs. Nos. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186.

From Persian Translator at Bengal forwarding a letter from the Governor General to the Nabob enclosing one of Condolence from the Nabob Vazier addressed to His Highness

From Mr. Edmonstone.

From Ditto forwarding two more letters for His Highness the Nabob.

From Ditto.

From Commercial Resident at Cuddalore. Shall pay due attention to the Boards orders of the 17th instant.

From Mr. Kenworthey

From Ditto. submitting the only offer made for the supply of 200 Garce of Gram for the 3rd. regiment of Cavalry.

From Ditto.

From Ditto. transmitting for the Boards Notice a letter addressed to him by the Commanding officer - with his reply thereto.

From Ditto.

From late chief of Pulicat requests that the Dutch Servants to the Northward may have a subsistence.

From Mr. Silbrachtt

From Lieutenant E. Bachelor requesting to draw his pay in England from the 31st. August next.

From Lieut. E. Bachelor

From Major A. Langley to the same Effect.

From Major Langley

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From Lieut Kelly

From Lieut G. H. Kelly stating that he has empowered Mr Casin to receive his pay at Madras during his absence in England.

From Col Brathwaite

From Commandant at Pondicherry the officers of the Du Guay Trouin solicit an addition to their subsistence —

The admiral having intimated to Lord Hobart that he had urged the Court of Directors to order their homeward bound Ships to touch at the Cape, and that the Convoy should be sent there to meet them — His Lordships proposes, and it is accordingly ordered that the following letter be written to the Senior officer of the Indiamen now under despatch for Europe —

To Captain Thompson

Senior officer of the Honorable Company's Ships

Homeward bound

Sir,

To Capt. Thompson with instructions for touching at the Cape of Good Hope —

It is the order of the Right Honorable the President in Council that you proceed with the Company's Ships that will be under your authority to the cape of Good Hope. and come to anchor in False Bay. and if you should find any orders there from the Court of Directors. with regard to the Homeward Bound Ships you will of course comply with them but should none have been received. you will proceed without an hours, delay agreeably to the instructions already sent to you to St Helena

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If on the Voyage you should
receive any information that might lead to a
supposition of an enemy's Fleet being at or near
the cape of Good Hope, you will consider these
orders no longer in force, but make the best of
your way to St. Helena-

Dated in Fort St. George
24th February 1796.

By order of the Right Honorable the
President in Council.-

" Sent the following letters,

To Major General Craig
Commanding the British Forces,
at the Cape of Good Hope

Sir,

We have great satisfaction
in acquainting you that Columbo, with its
dependencies, surrendered to the British army
under the command of Colonel Stuart, on the
16th instant, and that we are now in complete
possession of all the dutch Settlements on the
Island of Ceylon-

To majr Genl Craig-
advising of the surren-
-der of Columbo, and
requesting he will
forward to the coast
such Recruits as may
arrive there from
St Helena.

Having requested of the —
Governor of St Helena to send to the Cape
of Good Hope such Recruits as he may have
enlisted for the different Settlements in India,
we take the libery to recommend that they
be

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#25 be forwarded to this Country by the earliest — opportunity.

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

To the Honorable Robert Brooke Esqr.
Governor of
St Helena

Sir,

To St. Helena with the same advice & desiring he will send to the Cape such recruits as he may have procured for India.

We have great satisfaction in acquainting you that Columbo, with its dependencies, surrendered to the British army, under the command of Colonel Stuart on the 16th Instant: and that we are now in complete possession of all the Dutch Settlements on the Island of Ceylon.

We beg leave to request that such Recruits as may have been enlisted by you for the different Settlements in India, may be sent to the Cape of Good Hope. General Craig having been desired by us to forward them to this Country by the earliest opportunity.

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We have the honor to be
with great esteem and regard
&c. &c.
(Signed) Hobart
&c. Council,

#28 Received the following letter.

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor

In Council,

My Lord,

I have had the honor to receive your Secretary's letter of the 2nd Instant — covering several papers relative to two Houses &c. formerly situate on Hog Hill, and desiring my opinion whether your Lordship can for the reasons set forth in Mr. Kindersley's letter of 29th ultimo legally suspend the payment of Interest upon the certificates of the sums due to the proprietors of these Houses &c. after public notification that the Interest would be paid on the 1st of February.

From Attorney Genl. of opinion Interest should not yet be paid on the Hog Hill Certificates claimed by Mr. Kindersley.

On a careful perusal of these papers I have the honor to submit it to your Lordship as my opinion that the reasons assigned by Mr. Kindersley are sufficient to justify a suspension of the payment of interest on these certificates until it shall be ascertained on a review of the decree passed by the Mayor, to whom they really belong.

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

" Received the undermentioned letters Entered in Mr. B. Nos. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194.

From

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No 28.

From Mr. Bowie - advising of his having empowered Mr. H Burnaby to receive payment for the Tents delivered by him at Madras -

From Mr. Bowie

From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - recommends that the 30 paddy in Store at Palamcotah be sold off and new Grain laid in the Granary in want of repair -

From Mr. Sharden

From Ditto - submits Two proposals for delivering Paddy at Vellore and Amboor -

From Ditto

From Commandant of the Nizams Detachment - enclosing Copy of his Correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad and the Detachment Postmaster -

From Captain Dalrymple

From Ditto of the 33rd Battalion - enclosing a Bill for the Rent of some Quarters for the Serjeants of that Corps -

From Capt. Tolfrey

From Resident at Nagore - shewing that the mortality amongst the sheep he collected, arose not from any neglect in the care of them, but from epidemic Disease -

From Mr. Torriano

From Commandant at Pondicherry - Mons. Lameth wishes to proceed to Europe - and Lieut. La Ferr. to the Islands - sends Copy of the Passport granted by him to the Captain of the Susannah Amelia - requests that Mr. Griffiths may be allowed some House rent -

From Colonel Brathwaite

From Majr. Muat - suggests the removal of certain Foreigners from Bimlipatam to Madras - papers of correspondence on -

From Major Muat

various

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the 28. various subjects enclosed.

" Sent the undermentioned letters Entered in
C. C. Nos. 29. 30. 31.

Substance of a letter to the nabob

To the Nabob advising him of the surrender of Columbo and the conclusion of a Treaty with the King of Candia.

Ditto — Ditto

To Ditto requesting him to furnish new Perwanahs for the passport of Grain to the agents at the different Cavalry Stations.

Ditto to Tippoo Sultaun

To Tippoo Sultaun advising him of the Surrender of Columbo.

" 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 lay before you an extract of our proceedings in this department under date the 16th instant relative to affairs at Tanjore, with an extract of our Political letter to the Honorable Court of Directors on the same subject —

To Bengal transmitting extract of the proceedings relative to the affairs at Tanjore and extract of the Report thereon to the Court of Directors —

As the abovementioned documents contain every matter that can be requisite for your information, we have only to express our hope that the Salutary object effected

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28 effected by our Resident at Tanjore will meet your perfect approbation —

we have the honor to be with respect — &c. &c.

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(Signed) Hobart
&c. Council

Despatched the undermentioned letters
Entered in Mss. Nos 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207.

To Messrs. Chase Sewell and Chase

To Messrs. Chase Sewell & Chase

informing them that as the Bills they have presented are not authenticated by Wm. Stratton the Board cannot discharge them —

To Commissary General of Grain

To W. Skardon

and Provisions. the grain at Mootapilly and Collapatam may be disposed of in the manner he proposes. a Six Months stock of provisions to be provided for Trincomale and Fort Ostenburgh. the smaller articles will be sent from Nagore — the Indents for Stationary &c. for the commissary at Trincomale — approved —

To Agent for the Gun Carriage

To Mr. C. Smith

Contractor. Mr. Frances Lautour. one of the Securities to the contract having withdrawn himself — another surety must be provided

by

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28th by him before the 15th. March —

To Commanding Officer at Tuffna-
To Captn. Ferguson — patam — highly disapproving his interference —
with the authority of the acting Superintendant
of Revenue — his requisition for the appointment
of a Court of Adaulet and his Garrison order of
the 12th. Instant and apprizing him that his
power can in no instance extend beyond matters
strictly Military —

To Mr. F. Lautour releasing him
To Mr. Lautour — from all further responsibility on account of the
Gun Carriage Contract. in consequence of the
circumstances stated by him —

To Military Board — referring —
To Military Board — copy of a letter from Captain Read and desiring
their opinion on the points therein submitted —

To Military Paymaster General
To Mr. Roebuck — directing him to state the amount of arrears —
claimed by Lieut. J. Hawkins. and what —
objections to the discharge of them.

To principal agent for Horses —
To Capt. Dallas — authorizing him to purchase from the lot —
expected at Hydrabad. such only as are very
superior. in order to obviate any Idea of a
breach of Engagement with the Dealers — and
prohibiting any further Engagements with them —

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To Commandant at Pachimore St. Leger may be permitted to select a horse from among st those purchased by Lieut. Montgomery in lieu of his disabled charger. a receipt to be granted only for such of Rostrumjee's horses as are fit for the Service.

To Captain Kirkpatrick — To President at Hydrabad. transmitting for his information Copy of the letter above written to Captain Dallas.

To Capt. Doveton — To Captain Doveton directing him to forward the letter for Tippoo Sultaun.

To Mr. Torriano — To resident at Nagore directing him to provide and send to Trincomale certain small articles of provision.

To Col. Floyd — To Commandant at Trichinopoly the 36th regiment to be ordered to return to Warriore and on its arrival the Meuron Detachment to proceed to Vellore.

29th — Received the following letters.

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

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My Lord,

From Sir Geo. Shuckburgh requesting a return of the Naval Prisoners at Madras.

I have the Honor to request your Lordship will be pleased to inform me of the naval Prisoners of war now in the Prison

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Prison - at your Lordship's Presidency, specifying their names. Countries. times and mode of capture —

I have the honor to be with great regard —

H.M. Ship Monarch Madras Roads the 29th Febmary 1796.

&c. &c.

(Signed) G. H. Elphinstone

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of

Fort St. George

My Lord,

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the month of March 1796. I have the honor to report that the sum of Two Lacks Thirty Nine Thousand Four hundred and sixty three Pags. thirty four Fanams and five Cash (Pags. 2.39.463 34: 5.) is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing month —

Auditor Generals Report on the Estimate of the Milys Paymr Genl for March

	Pags.	Fs	Cs
From the General Treasury	170416	26	45
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	69047	7	40
	Pags. 2,39.463	34	5

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Two Thousand Two hundred and
fifty Pagodas (Paf. 2,250) stated in the Estimate
of the Military Paymaster at Madura, on account
of Pay &c. for the 2nd Battalion of native
Infantry, has been deducted, as that Corps being
stationed at Trichinopoly, the pay &c. for it, for
the ensuing month, has been included and
passed in the Trichinopoly Estimate.

In examining the Estimate,
of Mr. Paymaster Wynch, there appears an
Error of Five hundred and Forty Paf. (Paf. 540)
in extending Pay and allowances, on account
of the 2d Regiment native Cavalry: which I
have deducted from the Total amount of
that Estimate.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
29th February 1796.

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

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

My Lord,

Auditor Genl. report
on the Estimate of
Grain & Provisions
for March.

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the
20th Instant with the Estimate of the Expected
Disbursements

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29 Disbursements. in the Department. of the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. for the Month of March 1796. and to report thereon, as follows —

	P.	f.	c.
Expected Disbursements at Madras	150	41	40
Chengleput Da.	263	"	"
Vellore Da.	71	12	—
Tritchinopoly and Tanjore	1000	"	—
Tanjore	12	24	—
Madura	114	"	—
Palamcottah	3383	"	—
Baramahl	125	"	—
Masulipatam	130	36	24
Chicacole	100	"	—
Ongole	355	31	80
Pagodas	6082	19	24

From the Total amount. of expected Disbursements. as above stated, the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, deducts the following Sums as not payable from the Treasury. at the Presidency but from the Subordinate Treasuries. for which Bills will be drawn upon him, and transferred through the General Treasury.

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	P	F	C
Velore	71	12	—
Tanjore	12	24	—
Baramahl	128	—	—
Masulipatam	130	36	24
Chicacole	100	—	—
Ongole	355	31	40
Pagodas	791	19	64

Consequently the amount payable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in March 1796 as per Estimate of the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, is Five thousand Two hundred and ninety Pags Forty one Fanams and forty cash Pags 5290.41.40.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
29th February 1796.

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

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart.
President & Governor in Council,
of Fort St George

My Lord,

Auditor Generals report on the Estimate for the Bullock Agency for march

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the acting Principal Agent, for Draught and Carriage Bullocks.

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No. 29 Bullocks. for the Month of March 1796. accompanying W. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 20th Instant —

	P.	F.	C.
Madras	839	27	—
Chengleputt	400	"	"
Vellore	123	"	—
Trichinopoly	850	"	—
Palamcotah	728	7	20
Baramahl	190	"	—
Masulipatam	165	"	—
Chicacole	200	"	—
Ichapoor District	15	"	—
Major Roberts Detachment	886	39	—
Pagodas	4397	31	20

From the Total amount, of Expected Disbursements as above stated. the acting Principal agent. for Draught and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following sums. as not issuable from the General Treasury. at the Presidency. but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries. for which Bills will be drawn upon him. and transferd through the General Treasury —

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	P. F. C
Baramahl	190 — —
Chicacole	200 — —
Itchapoor District	15 — —
Major Robert's Detachment	886 39 —
Masulipatam	165 — —
Pagodas	1456 - 39 —

Consequently the Amount if payable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in March 1796 as per Estimate of the acting Principal Agent for Draught and carriage Bullocks is Two Thousand nine hundred and Forty Pagodas Thirty Four Fanams and Twenty Cash. (Pags. 2940 - 34 - 20.) —

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

Military Auditor
General's Office
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" Dispatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M.L.B. Nos. 208. 209.—

To Wt. Lyf. Hay. To Secretary at Bengal transmitting Copies of the General letters to the Court of Directors and Secret Committee per Lord Thurlow.—

To Lt. Col. Bilcliffe To Commandant at Masulipatam notifying the appointment of Lieut. Caldwell to

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29th to superintend the execution of the works. begun by the late Mr. Topping. and enjoining him to afford that officer every possible assistance.

March — 8th Received and sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mr. B. Nos. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. —

From commandant at Arnee — forwarding an application from the officers at that station for some compensation for the Losses they sustained during the late storm.

From Col. Nixon.

From Ditto at Innecondah. transmitting a letter addressed to him by Mons.r Baptiste. with copy of his reply.

From Capt.n Halcott

From Board of Revenue. requesting an Extract from the late Tanjore Treaty. in as far as relates to Courts of Adawlut.

From Board of Revenue.

From Major Mcat. referring a correspondence between him and Mr. Collector Brown.

From Major Mcat.

To commanding officer of the 71st Regiment. his application thro the Commander in chief. for staff allowances to the commissioned and non commissioned officers of that corps while acting as Staff to the

To Major Campbell.

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To the Sive Company's at Madras inadmissible -

To Commandant at Tutocorin. -

To Lieut. Davison permitting him to visit the Presidency -

To Ditto at Tripassore - with the

To Capt. W. Godfrey same permission -

To W. Skardon - transmitting

To W. Skardon Copies of the Auditor Generals reports on his -

Estimates for March -

To Military Paymaster Genl. -

To Mr. Roebuck with Ditto - Ditto -

To Clerk of the Treasury To Clerk of the Treasury - -

ordering advances to Messrs Skardon & Roebuck

for their Disbursements in March -

To Resident at Ingeram -

To Mr. Lee directing to pay Monthly to Mons. Pithois

at Yanam Sixty Rupees to commence -

from 1st. December last -

At

Tuesday

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor & President

Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief

Edward Saunders Esqr.

&

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Tuesday 1st March 1796.

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordships Commands of the 15th Ultimo, we have the honor to lay before you the Estimates passed our Board since the time Captain Bong was first appointed to the Baramhaul and Salem Countries accompanied with a Statement of the Buildings and repairs for which they were passed — shewing how far they have been executed — as also the difference in the amount excess and decrease by which it appears that there is an excess in the whole of Pagodas 2.5.35, a sum which your Lordship will perceive is of so trifling a nature that it is impossible to account for the cause of the difference. — The decrease on the whole amounts to Pagodas 19.10.18. Consequently leaves a Sum in favor of the Company of Pagodas 17.4.63. —

We —

From Military Board submitting all the Estimates of Repairs and Buildings executed by Captain Bong in the Baramhaul — shewing the Excess or decrease upon the whole

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We have the honor to be,

Fort S.t George
the 5.th November 1795

&c.a &c.a

John Brathwaite
Henry Malcolm
George Hall

Read the following Remarks of the Chief Engineer.

Opinions of the Chief Engineer upon the Remarks of the Committee of Inspection upon the works executed by Captain Bong

Remarks of the Committee of Inspection on the Buildings executed by Captain Bong in the Baramahal and Salem Country

Remarks of the Chief Engineer

Kistnagherry

Hill Fort

Store Rooms

The Committee of Inspection remark that the roof is so bad that it cannot last a year or two, being inadequate to the support of the Tyling

On referring to the Estimates I find the roof Estimated at Pagodas 7 1/4 pr. Square to be made of Country materials the roof therefore ought to have been substantial.

Granary 4 New Doors — which being made of unseasoned Mango Wood is unfit for the purpose.

Rr. Doors being Estimated at 8 fanams pr. Sup.t foot, ought to have been made of good Seasoned Country Wood

Lower Fort

Sepoy Barracks

The Committee remark that there are neither Doors or

I must observe that no Doors or Windows were intended and all

plans

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or Window Shutters, no flooring and the Roof so slight as not to afford shelter from the weather

New Guard Room

The Roof like the others — described objectionable

The Committee remarks that in respect to the Doors and Windows that the Wall above them not being arched, but supported by Green Wood, which cannot last they may be expected to give way in a short time. —

Ryacottah Hill Fort

1st Line of Defence

The Terrace over the Gate and the Guard room — adjoining made of Green — Mango Wood which is unfit, and of consequence the Terrace

plans of Sepoy Barracks are — made without them. —

The floor ought to have been laid with Jelly and 17 Pagodas was allowed for that purpose. —

The Roof was estimated at 6 3/4 Pagodas ℔ Square and — ought to have been Substantial

The Roof was Estimated at 7 Pagodas ℔ Square, and therefore ought to have been good and Substantial

Arched Work over the Doors and Windows was provided for in the Estimate. —

all the Beams and Joist are charged at 21 fanams ℔ Cubic foot and the Terrace at 7 Pagodas, ℔ Square the Roof therefore ought to have been

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Terrace is Cracked and Leaks

The retaining Wall of the Rampart which flanks the Gateway badly built.

been of the best materials.—

The Repair of the Stone Work for the retaining Wall is charged at 21 fanams Pr. 36 Sup.t feet the Materials being on the spot and only Labour required was sufficient for a substantial Repair.—

Two Magazines in rear of the Gate way of the 3d Line of Defence the Committee are of opinion they are badly situated, from their being outside of the most tenable parts of the Fort, and being Caverns in the Rock which last circumstance makes one of them in particular extremely damp and unfit for Powder

No new Magazines have been erected, the old Magazine have been repaired, at no very great expence

Lower Fort

Officers Quarters

A Quarter erected by Captain Bong for two Subalterns the Committee describe as of inadequate dimensions and bad materials and indifferently executed, without Window Shutters, Gloomy and as fit only for Store Rooms.

The dimensions of the Quarters were, Hall 14 by 18 and the Rooms 14 feet Square with Veranda, the Estimate amounted to Pagodas 654 and included besides Rattand Windows Battened Shutters Captain Bong has deviated from the plan by making the Hall 12 feet broad instead of 14 and the Rooms

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A Barrack for 4 Company Sepoys – The Situation low and damp the floor wants raising and the Roof is slight. –

12 feet Square, but he has added Closets which was not laid down on the Plan – The Estimate was made as usual. –

The Estimate for the — Barrack for 4 Companys of Native Infantry was made in every respect in proportion as those made for a Battalion at — Kistnagherry, and the work and materials ought to have been the best of the kind. –

Chinaroyadroog

Gateway – The foundation totally insufficient for the Superstructure – the materials excepting the Brick work very indifferent, and the whole badly put together – in consequence it has once been destroyed by a heavy fall of Rain and in the opinion of the Committee, that may, from the defects it has pointed out, happen again. It further observed that its security in respect to an accessible pathway that leads to the rear of it has been wholly neglected which renders it in a great degree — useless. —

The Gateway was Estimated by Captain Bong at 176 Pagodas and considering that most of the materials were on the Spot the price was sufficient for Substantial Work. –

Magazine

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Magazine. Its situation badly chosen, being much exposed all the materials and Workmanship objectionable and the Walls not strong enough to support the Arch.—

The Estimate being for brick in Chunam the materials ought to have been of the best. the Committee only speak in general terms of the badness of the materials and Workmanship but do not remark that any part of the Work has given way.—

Store Rooms

The Walls good, but the doors and Windows of Green Wood the Roof indifferently put together, and scarcely Weather proof.—

The Estimate is the same as for the Store Rooms at Kistna-gherry the Work ought to have been substantially executed.—

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New Gun Shed

Not large enough to contain the Ordnance of the Garrison, the Walls Substantial, but the Roof neither strong or thick enough.—

The Roof was Estimated at 6¾ Pagodas ℔ Square and ought to have been substantial

Sepoy Barrack

The dimensions sufficient, the floor too low, the doors without Leaves and the Windows without Shutters.— The roof too slight and the Tyling bad.—

The Plan and Estimate is the same in every respect as for Kistnagherry, the Work therefore ought to have been good and Substantial.—

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It appears to me from the report of the Committee of Inspection, that the Buildings in general executed under the Superintendance of Captain Bong in the Baramahal and Salem Countries, have been negligently performed. That he has not attended, either to the goodness of the materials, or workmanship, I have confined my Remarks only to those Buildings were I perceive he has deviated from the Estimates sent to the Contractors, these were, for Burnt Bricks either in Clay, or Chunam, both of which, are reckoned permanent and the Roofs were charged at 6 - 6¾ to 7½ Pagodas ℔ Square of 10 feet, the materials therefore ought to have been good, and well Seasoned, and the Work substantially executed.

As many of the Estimates were made by me and others approved of, I think it necessary to observe that the Tyled roofing was not charged at the Contractors rates, which I think are too high, at 13½ Pagodas ℔ Square of 10 feet, this price is for a Roof with Pegue Palmira, Rafters and Palmira Neepers, and which in all former Contracts never exceeded Pagodas 9½ ℔ Square of 10 feet, as I was informed that Country Materials were to be procured in the Baramahal without much difficulty, I did not think it necessary to go into such a great expence for roofing as the present Contract rates when I knew that a good Roof might be made at half the expence, and equally durable, if the materials and Workmanship had been properly attended to.

On Looking over some Estimates sent to me by Lieutenant Wood from Arnee I find Tyled roofing for Barracks charged at 4½ Pagodas ℔ Square, of 10 feet, which is considerably below the prices Estimated for the Baramahal, and where I believe Country materials are not so readily procured.

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Lt. Wm. W. Gent
Chief Engineer

Read

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Read the report of Captain Read and of the Committee of Officers on the buildings and repairs executed in the ceded Districts under the Superintendence of Captain Bong as entered in the Minutes of Council the 13th of October 1795

Captain Bong convicted guilty of Breach of Trust and gross neglect of Duty.

The Board are decidedly of opinion that Captain Bong has been guilty of a Breach of Trust and of gross neglect of Duty, in permitting the Contractors in almost every instance to apply improper Materials in the execution of Building and repairs, and in sanctioning the charge for those materials, as if they had been in all respects adapted to the Work, by which the Company have not only been defrauded, but the public service very considerably injured - and as the facts upon which the Boards opinion is founded, have been clearly established, by the Reports of the Committee - the Representation of the Commanding Officer of the ceded Districts and the remarks of the Chief Engineer, it is

Suspended till further.

Resolved that Captain Bong be suspended the Service until the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors be known -

Agreed that the following General Order be published to the Army -

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F. O. By Government

General Order in Consequence -

The Right Honorable the President in Council having taken into consideration the report of the Committee of Officers assembled for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the public works executed in the Baramahal and Salem Countries, under the Superintendence of Captain Bong of the Corps of Engineers, with the opinions offered

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offered by the Chief Engineer thereupon - and being perfectly convinced that Captain Bong has been guilty of a Breach of Trust, and of Gross neglect of duty, by authorizing, upon almost every occasion, the application of improper Materials in Buildings and repairs, and by false Reports sanctioning the charge for those Materials, as if they had been in all respects adapted to the Work, his Lordship in Council has in consequence been pleased to resolve that Captain Bong shall be suspended the Company's Service, until the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors be known, and he is hereby Suspended accordingly -

By Order &c &c

J Lynch W. C. Jackson Secy

Further Resolution in respect to the Conduct of the Contractors for Buildings and repairs -

Resolved that a copy of the chief Engineers remarks be sent to Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott, Contractors for Buildings and repairs, and that they be informed it will be a subject of future consideration to what extent they will be held responsible for the heavy losses which the Company have sustained, by the application of improper Materials in almost every work undertaken by them in the Baramahal and Salem Districts. -

Read the following letter from Colonel Stuart. -

From Colonel Stuart has embarked the Dutch prisoners on the Expedition - das, and Fortune for Madras - The Candian General takes possession of Malura - requests copy of the Candian Treaty - Capt. Drummond and Lieutenant Davis proceed to Sea with Dispatches for Mr. Dundas -

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c &c &c -

My Lord,

I have not been able to embark the Dutch prisoners of War, taken in this fort, until this day, and as the Transports from the Malabar Coast have been taken

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taken up for four months. I have ordered them to be put on board two of those Ships the Epaminondas and Fortune, and they will sail this Evening for Madras under Convoy of the Bombay Frigate with the exception of those Prisoners whom it has been thought advisable to allow to remain here. —

Returns of the ordnance, Stores and provisions found here are not yet completed and I must trust to your Lordship for excusing this unavoidable delay they shall be forwarded the moment they come in. —

I have detached Troops to take possession of Point de Gale, and Caliture, ceded by the Capitulation, but a Matura, a fort and District depending on Gale, was taken by the King of Candia's people prior to the signing of the Articles I wish very much to have a copy of the Articles agreed upon between Mr. Andrews and the King of Candia, and any other agreement that may have been entered into between Government and the Candian Ambassadors for my guidance on the present occasion I am much at a loss whether I should demand Matura as a right, ceded as a dependency on Gale by the Capitulation of Columbo, or to make it rather a request, as it was taken by the Candian General before the Articles were signed, your Lordship will see the necessity of my acting with caution and Circumspection upon this point, and I am to request that I may be honored with the instructions of Government upon it with as little delay as possible I shall not fail to avail myself in the mean time, of any favorable circumstance that may occur for getting possession of Matura, without giving offence to our new allies. —

Captain Gardner and I having judged it necessary, previous to his sailing for Madras on the night of the 18th to despatch one of the Company's Cruizers

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to Suez with Dispatches for Mr. Dundas, Captain Drummond my Aid de Camp, and Mr. Davis first Leutenant of the Heroine, will sail this Evening in the Swift Sloop of War for that port. Mr. Cleghorn and Lord Camelford having expressed their wishes to accompany those Gentlemen, I have given them my consent to do so, but with directions to Captain Drummond not to permit himself to be detained on their account.

I hope your Lordship will not disapprove of this measure, which Captain Gardner and I thought it advisable to take. It occurred to us that it might be of material importance to the Ministry to be early apprized of the important acquisition of the whole of this Island, and as Captain Billemore tells me that he thinks he shall not be more than two months absent, I should hope the Company's interests in those Seas will not suffer by the Swift's absence for that period.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Stuart

Columbo
Sunday 21st February 1796.

P.S. The malay Troops will be sent off agreeably to the Articles of Capitulation (in a few days for Tuticorin.

(Signed) J. S.

Resolved that the following answer be returned.

To Colonel Stuart
Commanding the British Forces on the Island of Ceylon
at Columbo.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President

To Colonel Stuart in reply and desiring him to enquire into the Subject of the Copper Currency on the Island - The General Orders of 10 December 1794 ordered similar ones to be published at Columbo - The Revenue and Commercial Residents placed under his Controul

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President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 21st Ultimo and to transmit, agreeably to your request a Copy of the Treaty with the King of Candia. —

As the Fort and District of Matura are dependent on Point de Galle, and were included in the Articles of Capitulation for the Surrender of Columbo, they must be taken possession of on the part of the King of Great Britain as a right — The Capitulation for the Surrender of Columbo would secure this right, if there were no Treaty with the King of Candia — but by one of the Articles of the Treaty with his Candian Majesty, he expressly relinquishes it. —

You will be pleased to make particular enquiry into the subject of Copper money in circulation at Columbo and its dependencies and suggest such arrangement as you may judge most advisable — but no measures on this point must have effect, until they have been sanctioned by his Lordship in Council — The great object in view respecting the Copper Money is to prevent, as much as possible, a drain of Specie from the Coast. —

I enclose by his Lordship's Command, Copy of a General Order published at the Presidency on the 10th of December 1795, defining the separate powers and duties of the Civil and Military Servants holding appointments in the — Northern Circars, and am directed to desire you will establish and give effect to such parts thereof as may in your Judgement be applicable to our present situation on the Island of Ceylon. —

As it has been judged expedient to vest in You the exercise of a discretionary authority, as well Civil as military on the Island of Ceylon, the Revenue and Commercial Servants are to be considered subject to

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your orders, and to address themselves to you upon all points on which a reference may be requisite.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

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Lieut. W. C. Jackson Secy

Read the following letter from Major Agnew—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Major Agnew sends an abstract of the public property Captured—suggestions respecting its removal—requests instructions—

In consequence of the surrender of this place and the other Possessions of the Dutch on the Island of Ceylon, I have the honor to request your Lordships Instructions for my guidance in the arrangement of the large Amount of Public Property which has fallen into our hands.—

It is yet out of my Power to transmit a particular account of the nature of this Property, or an accurate Estimate of its value, but the bulk of it consists in the Investment of Cloths, Spices, and other articles destined by the Dutch Government for the European market the remainder in Provisions and Military Stores.—

Great part of the Investment for Europe is now laden on two large Ships and two brigs moored in the road of Columbo the following is an abstract of their Cargoes.—

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289 Bales of Tinnevelly Cloth
18,800 lb of Cardamums
60,040 lb of fine Cinnamon in 7,613 Bales
22854 lbs of Pepper
900 lbs of Succotrine aloes
1200 lbs of Gum Myrrh
1200 lbs of Catjoe
80157 lbs of Japan Wood
184999½ lbs of Bengal Saltpetre
7250 lbs of Sacatra Coffee.

The above with the remaining investment of Cinnamon and other goods now at Point de Galle, will be nearly a sufficient Cargo for four of the Honorable Company's Ships of 800 Tons Burthen, and I submit to your Lordships consideration the propriety of immediately ordering that number to proceed to Ceylon to receive these very valuable Cargoes.

It is necessary for the preservation of Cinnamon that it should be stowed with Pepper, and the quantity of the latter article here, is very inadequate to supply what the Amount of the former will require for its Security - it is also necessary that the Ships should be ballasted with heavy goods before the Cinnamon is put on board - Should your Lordship approve what I have presumed to suggest it may be advisable that two of the Ships should be sent from Bengal ballasted with Salt petre, and one from the Malabar Coast with as much Peppers, as it is necessary to mix with the Bales of Cinnamon - not less than 300,000 Pounds.

The advanced period of the Season will soon render the road of Columbo a very unsafe Anchorage, and it will be expedient to send the Vessels

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now here, as well as those which may be directed to receive their Cargoes to Point de Galle, where they will be sheltered on the change of the Monsoon and from whence they can sail with the first favorable Wind. On this point I request your Lordship's speedy Instructions, and that a Convoy may be obtained to see these Vessells safe to Galle.—

The unwieldy construction of the Ships now here renders them very unfit to make a Voyage in time of War with Cargoes of such Importance. They are not Coppered must Sail heavily, and are almost defenceless. The Brigs are small Vessells merely Calculated for the Coasting trade of the Island.—

The Provisions consist of Arrack, Rice, Salt meat, Butter, Oil, Sugar and other articles, most of which, the Arrack excepted, are in a State of decay— I should recommend that the whole should be sold without delay, and the Sale of the Rice, which is not good, would Sell in the present circumstances of the Island, be materially beneficial to its Inhabitants.—

A Committee of Inspection is now employed in the examination of the Military Stores, which will be carefully lodged in the Magazines and Storehouses appropriated for their reception.—

As soon as the complicated forms of the Dutch Administrations, and the Confusion incident to the recent change of authority here, will admit of my taking a correct Inventory of the whole Property captured I shall transmit it to your Lordship without delay, with such proposals

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proposals for the future disposal of this Property as seem to me best calculated to prevent embarrassment. —

I have thought it my duty at the present moment, to request your Instructions, which I hope soon to receive, and shall implicitly obey. —

I have the honor to be,

Columbo
20th February 1796

with great respect. —

K^s K^s

Signed P. A. Agnew

Agent for Captured Property on Ceylon

Mr. Secretary Dundas's Letter to Major General Abercromby, dated 19th February 1795 Read

Read the letter from the Right Honorable Henry Dundas to Sir Robert Abercromby dated Horse Guards 19th February 1795, respecting the disposal of public property in Captured Towns and Fortresses belonging to the States General of the United Provinces. —

Resolved upon Mature Consideration, that the following Letter be written to Major Agnew. —

To Major Agnew
at Columbo

Sir,

Letter to Major Agnew, with Instructions respecting the Dutch Captured Property at Columbo K^s

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 12th ultimo, and to enclose for your information and guidance, Copy of a Letter from His Majesty's Secretary of State to Sir Robert Abercromby dated the 19th February 1795, by which you will observe, that specific

directions

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directions are given that all Captured public property should be deposited in the Public Stores or other places of safety at the settlement which shall have been taken, until his Majesty's pleasure shall have been known and consequently that this Government are precluded from authorizing its removal - You are therefore to cause the whole of the property to be landed, and to take the most effectual means for its preservation. -

The Provisions (arrack excepted) consisting of Rice Salt Meat, Butter, Oil, Sugar, and other articles which may be deemed bonâfide perishable are to be sold and a regular account of their produce kept. -

Vice Admiral Sir George Elphinstone being of opinion, that, from various considerations it is incumbent on him to nominate some person to act jointly with you in the — custody of the several Articles disposable hereafter according to his Majesty's pleasure, in which opinion the President in Council perfectly concurs, his Excellency will take an early opportunity of making such Communication, but in the mean time, you will adopt such measures as you may think conducive to the Interests of those to whom the property may ultimately be determined to belong -

I am,
Sir &c &c
Signed H. C. Jackson Secy

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Read the following letter from the — Military Board. -

To -

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Young Princes here; yet, from the Nature of the Deputation and the Apparatus ordered to proceed for their Reception and Accommodation, I am disposed to think it is with the Intention of placing one of them on the Musnud: and though the Minister's Inclinations point to the younger, whose Interests, it is said, She has endeavoured to Strengthen, by Selecting for Him a Wife from the Rasta Family, yet Some Circumstances of Doubt, as to the Practicability of this Design, hitherto prevents its Avowal.—

Pursaram Bhow encamps this Night about twelve Miles hence, and it is Supposed will be at Juneer the Day after Tomorrow.—

True Extract
Signed J Uhthoff
Assistant

Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona to the Governor General dated 15th February 1796.

I had the Honor to communicate to you, by an Express last Night, the Intimation that had been conveyed to me by this Administration, but I am still unable to explain the Suddenness and apparent Precipitation, with which the Deputation (or rather Armament for Troops have been, and still are, following Purseram Bhow in his march) has been dispatched to Juneer, nor can I take upon me to decide more clearly on the Ministers real Intentions, with regard to the young Princes in the event of his getting them here,

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his attempting which so very suddenly, may possibly have arisen from some movement or Intelligence of some intended Movement in their favor by Dowlut Row Scindiah and the Succes of Nana Furnavese or Dowlut Row Scindiah in the Acquisition of the persons of the Young Princes will probably constitute the measure of future embarrassment to either, as either will by that important Event, be enabled to dictate to the other, as all Events the contest seems to be now at issue and this Day or Tomorrow will probably decide in whose hands the mastery of the State is to be deposited—

Couriers have been dispatched to hasten the return of aba Selokar and all the Draft Bullocks that could be procured have been prest, without respect to Persons for the use of the Artillery—

True Extract

Signed J Uhlhoff assistant—

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster on the Island of Ceylon—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Paymaster at Columbo enclosing Mr Cleghorns receipt for an Advance made to him and requisite to receive the sums allowances of the Paymaster to the Bombay Detachment

Inclosed I have the honor to transmit to Your Lordship Mr. Hugh Cleghorns Letter of the 17th Instant covering receipt of 5,000 Star Pagodas and shall wait your permission to draw in favor of the Pay-master General for the same sum to Balance this Disbursement

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord

From Military Board with Bills for Repairs

The Contractors for Buildings and Repairs having transmitted to Us fifteen bills for buildings and repairs made in the Military, and twelve bills for those made in the Civil Departments amounting together to Pagodas 6182. 22. 4, which having been duly certified by the Chief Engineer and the rates charged agreeably to their Contract prices, We beg leave to recommend may be passed for payment.—

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
16. February 1796.

K.r K.r

Hured Clarke
Henry Malcolm
Thomas Geils
Signed Jn.o Richardson
B.J. Close
Wm. Gent
George Hall

Order thereon

Ordered that the Bills of the Contractors for buildings and repairs be paid.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Poona.—

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Sir Charles Malet enclosing Extracts of two Letters to the Governor General

I have the honor to enclose for your information, Extracts of my Addresses of yesterday and this day to the Governor General.—

And to be very respectfully,

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Poona 15th February 1796.

Signed C. W. Malet

Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona to the Governor General Dated 14th February 1796.

This day about 12 Oclock, I was informed of Pursaram Bhows having marched in a very Sudden and hasty manner, with Scarce a thousand followers, in the Direction of Juneer, and Soon after, Behroo Pundit desired to See me Munshy by whom He sent the following Message "That it having been deemed advisable to "invite the Sons of Ragonaut Row from Juneer to Poona, "Pursaram Bhow, one of the Rasta Family, Behroo "Pundit, Govin Row Pinglay, Ramjee Patell (Sindea's Vakeel) "and a Person on the Part of Tukojee Holkar, were deputed "to proceed immediately for that Purpose and that I should "be informed of what was further resolved."

Though you will observe, that the Official Intimation only mentions Sending for the young

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Disbursement.

At the same time I beg leave to represent to your Lordship the inequality of my situation here with the Civil Servants attached to the Detachments of Bombay Troops, neither of whom are of superior Rank to me in the Company's Service. Though with a smaller Detachment the Paymaster receive Majors Pay and Allowances and considering I have been so much longer employed on this Service I hope your Lordship will make my allowances proportionate to his from the time I was in orders for the Expedition against Columbo. Paymasters have hitherto had the Rank of Lieutenant Colonels in the Army, and as I am responsible for every Extra Charge incurred on this Service, your Lordship will I trust make a distinction between us equal to the responsibility.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect. &c. &c.

Signed John McDonall

Columbo
February 12th 1796.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council.

My Lord,

I have this day received from John Macdowal Esq. the Sum of five thousand Star Pagodas in consequence of the Right Honorable Mr. Secretary Dundas's private Letter to me dated Horse Guards 11th April

From Mr. Clephane acknowledging receipt of 5000 Pagodas from the Deputy Paymaster at Columbo

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which Sum of five thousand Pagodas, I request may be paid to John Macdonal Esq.r or his order. I have the honor to be with the most perfect respect.

Columbo
17th February 1796

K.a &c.a
Signed Hugh Cleghorn

Minutes on the Two preceding Letters.—

Agreed that Mr. Mc Donall be permitted to draw on the Military Paymaster General, for the Sum of 5000 Pagodas, being the Amount advanced to Mr. Cleghorn.—

In reply to the Paymasters application to be put upon an equal footing with the Paymaster of the Bombay Detachment in respect to allowances, it is agreed to acquaint him that no arrangement of the Governor in Council of Bombay can be an authority to this Government for establishing allowances, which an act of Parliament expressly forbids.—

Read the following letter from Mr. Adam Blackader.—

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

Memorial of Mr. A. Blackader soliciting to be restored to the Service.—

The humble Memorial of Adam Blackader late a Surgeon in the Service of the Honorable Company under their Presidency of Fort St. George.—

Humbly Sheweth,

That in the year 1788 your Memorialist did enter into the Service of the Company as an Assistant Surgeon

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Surgeon and always conducted himself so as to acquire the approbation of his Superiors.—

That during the last War with Tippoo Sultan your Memorialist was appointed to the Station of Head Surgeon with the Army under the Command of the Marquis Cornwallis, that when in charge of the Hospital established at Ultradroog Complaints were made against him and upon those Complaints he was brought before a Court Martial and tried on a charge of neglect of duty—and in support of that charge several private Soldiers were produced as Witnesses who deposed that your Memorialist did not himself dress their Wounds as they conceived he ought to have done but left them to be dressed by others which your Memorialist believes having no papers on the subject to refer to was the substance of the prosecution.—

Your Memorialist begs leave to shew to your Lordship that it was not in his power to have acted otherwise because there were many wards in the Hospital at a considerable distance from each other in which there were sometimes two three and four hundred patients and at the time the Complaints were made they amounted to upwards of two hundred and no Surgeon or Assistant to aid your Memorialist a Circumstance Your Memorialist represented to the Commander in Chief through the Surgeon General C. L. Lucas, a copy of your Memorialist Letter is enclosed together with a copy of the Answer given by the Surgeon General, and although your Memorialist did on his defence produce the testimony of several Medical Men to shew the utter impossibility of one Surgeon attending properly such a number of Patients although many of those Gentlemen did depose that they

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had frequently seen your memorialist engaged in the execution
of his duty, and although it was represented to the Court martial that
the wounds and other Complaints of the patients were of such a Nature
as to require much greater attention than was in the power of your
memorialist to afford them, yet the Court martial were pleased to
sentence your memorialist to be suspended for eight months and your
Memorialist humbly sheweth that painful as this severe and unexpected blow was to his feelings conscious as he was in his own
mind of the rectitude of his conduct and that he had done all that
was within his power and ability to perform it became trifling when
Compared with the steps taken by the Marquis Cornwallis in conse-
quence of that sentence his Lordship having as your Memorialist
firmly believes from the erroneous statement of interested persons
recommended to Government to continue the suspension and your
memorialist humbly sheweth that distracted by such accumulated
afflictions and every prospect of resuming his situation destroyed,
he prayed leave to resign the Service and his prayer was granted
your memorialist then intending to proceed to Europe confident in
hope that upon a candid representation of his case he would
receive every indulgence and justice at the hands of his Honble
employers but his little affairs in India were in an embarrassed
situation and subsequent misfortunes prevented him from a
prosecuting his intentions, and he is now so much embarrassed
by a train of losses and misfortunes as to be obliged to relinquish
every Idea of soliciting in person the favourable consideration
of his Honorable masters, and he has therefore presumed to
address your Lordship in whose generous feelings and
liberal sentiments he is emboldened to hope he may receive
indulgence and protection and your memorialist submits
to your Lordship that until the fatal moment in which
he was deprived of the source of happiness he had long
enjoyed he had ever been esteemed as humane and kind
towards the unhappy sufferers under disease and capable
and indefatigable in the duties of his profession and your

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Memorialist begs permission to suggest to your Lordship that he is such however to the Physician and Surgeon General the latter of whom was on the spot when your memorialists misfortunes commenced and bore the strongest testimony in favor of your memorialist, and he doubts not but they will at this time speak of the professional and moral character of your memorialist in those terms that will amply support the several suggestions your memorialist has submitted to your Lordships consideration — your Memorialist lost the greatest part of his papers shortly after the Court Martial were dessolved and has no Copy of the proceedings but imagining they may be amongst your Lordships records humbly begs leave to refer your Lordship to them —

Your memorialist having thus faintly traced the outlines of his sufferings craves leave to observe that his knowledge in his profession will bear the strictest investigation, that his attention to the sick never was impeached until the period refered to and which he can establish when ever required that he has served the Honorable Company for many years with Zeal and fedelity and that the unkindness of interested individuals combining with the circumstances of the moment alone occasioned his ruin He humbly pray that your Lordship will in your benevolence once more afford him the opportunity of serving the Honorable Company and impressed with the liveliest sentiments of gratitude for your Lordships humanity it will be forever his study to shew himself deserving your Lordships patronage —

And your memorialist humbly hopes that if it should not be in the power of your Lordship to restore him to the service that your Lordship may be pleased to allow your memorialists memorial to go a number in the Packet to the Court of Directors and your memorialist as in duty shall

Ever pray

Signy A. Blackader

Madras
24th February 1796

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Copy of a Letter to Mr. Fitzgerald Esqr.

Secretary to the Surgeon General Camp

Sir,

You will please acquaint the Surgeon General I was this day under the necessity of giving Mr. Todd Assistant Surgeon a Certificate to remove from this for the benefit of his health and as there is no other here I request one may be appointed in his room that the duty may be carried on with Effect. There are now in the Hospital 125 Sick and wounded Europeans besides 66 Natives.

I am, &c. &c.

Signed A. Blackader
Head Surgeon

Ultradroog
March 26th 1792

Copy of a Letter from W. Bengam Esqr.

acting Secretary to C. L. Lucas Surgeon General

To Adam Blackader Esqr.

Head Surgeon Ultradroog

Sir, In the absence of Mr. Fitzgerald I am directed by the Surgeon General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter intimating the want of assistants to perform the duties under your charge In answer to which the Surgeon General desires me to acquaint you that from the Regimental Surgeons having been ordered to proceed to Bangalore in charge of their respective Sick I be is concerned he cannot from the above circumstance and from the few Assistants that are with the Army at this junction order one to your aid

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aid he likewise desires me to acquaint you of the probability there is upon the approach of the Army of the removing the Hospital to Bangalore and the Hospital intended to be establish-ed at Oscotta.

I have the Honorable
K. K.

Sydney Fy. Be
ngam
ting Secretary

Order thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the
England a number in the next dispatch
The Commander in C

Lieutenant P Roe
appointed Adjutant
to the 52 Battalion

Lieutenant Paul Roe to be appointed
Battalion of Native Infantry vice
Approved and ordered accor

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Brif recommends that
Adjutant to the 52d
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