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I do not understand that any people belonging to the Tanjaverry Polligar are with him. but as his brother lives under the protection of that Poligar - tis to be supposed his assistance if necessary to the gooty will not be wanting. —

The Veerapatchee Polligar has given Toorooba gooty a Village in Enaam. and there is not a doubt of his having been privy to the Gooty predatory excursions in the Coimbatoor Country. —

This Poligar as well under the former Government as under the Company has ever been a most refractory and disobedient subject - Tooba gooty was for the second time proclaimed the 23d Sept.r last. and the Veerapatchey with all the other Poligars gave assurance to the Sirdar that he should not find an asylum in his Pollam - the matter before related will shew what dependence may be placed on him —

Some

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Some reports within the boundary of Tippoo Sultan are now sending a the your ghur rice and other supplies for the support of his party and to avert his intentions. —

Your Lordship has been apprized of the apprehension of twenty two Villages by the Vurupatchy Polligar from West Sirkar Lands he appears determined to dispute the right of the Sirkar to those Villages — and I have very reason to think he has called Tombaguer to his assistance for this purpose only. —

The Peons of this Polligar are a daring fellows — the number about fifteen hundred they are not ill disciplined as usual — but very much from the wanton cruelty they very where practice on the Ryots in their predatory mode of warfare. —

To attack the Polligar — destroy the Gour, and disperse his followers is a certainly a very material object for the peace and good order not only of those districts — but for the security of good a understanding

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understanding Cutcum over Sirkar and that
of the Sultaucen —

I have understood the orders of
Government to Major General Floyd — were
to pursue and take the Gaur — why those orders
were not followed up has possibly been
explained to the satisfaction of your Lordship
but it is much to be regretted they were not
carried into execution. —

I trust your Lordship will think
it necessary — not only to dispense the Gaurs
partly but to afford the most expressive —
punishment to the Vurupatchy Poligar for
the upholding a man proscribed by the
Government. —

As he is most to be feared among
the Poligars both from the number of men
and natural Strength of country — the
apprehending his person and seizing his
person for this breach of faith — may appear
expedient to your Lordship. —

Should your Lordship be pleased
to

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to order a party in pursuit of Tamba Gour
I beg to observe the strictest secrecy would
be necessary with respect to the order for
the force because in Dindigul the Gour
has many friends Dubashes who would
not fail giving him very information
conducive to his safety. —

Those friends are those who were
and are yet leagued with Vasa Dewapillah
they Know him in Coimbatore during the
war they have seen him in those districts
before and during his proscription and I am
almost certain it is on their information he
rests his safety —

I have this moment received letter
from the Peraotah Poligar — the accompanying
paper is transcript and translation for
your Lordships information — the force he
mentions is doubtless Exaggerated and I have
strong suspicions this information is merely
a cover for his own designs in conjunction
with the Gour —

Dindigul
5th November 1796

I have the honor to be with great respect
Dear Sir
Your
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Act. Collector

after

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After Compliments

From Yeravotah Poligar Comara Chinnapah Naigue

Tombo Goer having gone to the Gollors country to the Southward & assembled about 2,000 Peons 200 Sepoys and 50 horses passed thro' the Coolapanaig-nor district Ellungapoory and Costatoo & pass and went to the westward thro the boundary of Tyjoors Country - I don't Know whether he will go from thence as I am a war of the Sirkar I have written what I understood.

/ Translate /

(Signd) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
acting Collector at
Dindigal

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 5th instant and

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and to acquaint you that for the
reasons you have assigned, his Lordship
conceives it would be of great public
utility to secure the Person of Tomba
Goor - He therefore authorizes you
to require from Colonel Cuppage
a Military aid for this purpose, but
as Secrecy seems indispensable to the
success of the measure I enclose an
order to that officer, which you will
use, when the occasion may offer,
or destroy, in case Tomba Goor should
be too far removed to afford a
prospect of apprehending his person.

I am
&c &c
&c

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

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To Colonel Cuppage
Commanding at
Dindigul

Sir

It is the Commands of the Right
Honorable the President in Council
that

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That on your receipt of this letter, two
Companies of Sepoys with their
proper proportion of officers, be ordered
to attend Mr Hurdis the acting
Collector at Dindigul, with written
instructions from yourself for the Senior
Officer, to pay an explicit attention to
the requisitions of the Collector, with
regard to the employment of this force

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12th November 1796

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

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Presidency in Council
Yeas
Nays
Yeas

My Lord,

I had the honor of receiving
your Lordships commands from Mr
Secretary Jackson the 18th instant

I have to lament as yet
my Inability to carry them into effect
as Tomba Gauer had quitted our bounds

and

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and untried those of the Sultaun &
previous to my receiving the order.

The intelligence of his motions
altho it has been regular has been &
generaley so vague as to render it
impossible for me to know exactly
where he is or to form a correct Idea of the
force with him -

This however is very much on =
demand the latest and I think the best inform=
tion I have received stating - to be from six
to eight Hundred fighting men.

He has spread great terror in the
Sultaens country - which has induced a
many of the North - and head inhabitants
to come into our districts for refuge -

In consequence a force marched
from Coimbatore I cannot learn the number
but report speaks of it as large / to protect
the Daraporam &c districts - and the &
Commandant Adams leave Lahaine
sent a letter addressed to Mr Macleod as =
Collector transcript and translation of

which

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which No 1 together with my answer
No 2 I have the honor of inclosing for
your Lordships information. —

your Lordship was
informed under date the 8.th instant
of my requisition for a Company to
march to Pulney to protect that country —

I beg leave to suggest that if
three Companies in addition were
ordered out against the Goer - and if
a communication could be kept up
with the Commandant of Tipperoor forces
the Goer party might easily be broke
and very probably himself be taken —

Of this force seventy Sirdars
should remain at Ayecottah for two
reasons - 1.st to check the Poligar whose
I have great reason to suspect is under
handedly assisting the Goer - the remainder
of the party should act as the main
body. —

Ayecottah is distant from
Dindigul about 25 Miles English S.E from
Coimbatore

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Codrungamally and 9 miles from Nungamally —

Gurdungcottah is under a Codrungamally — within the bounds of the Sultaun — from thence to Nungamally — thro the Jungles in consequence of the crookedness of the Roads, is near 22 miles English —

To Nungamally — if his party be beaten by Tippoos troops within their boundary, the gour with attempt most likely to make his retreat — If therefore communication be kept up with Tippoos Commandant on his moving to fight the Gour — the Forty dayers Cottah might move towards Nungamally and perhaps be enabled to cut him off the main body would prevent his getting into Verapatchur —

Your Lordship will observe the whole of this plan depends on good

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good intelligence and vigorous operations.
I beg to assure your Lordships so far as
regards the part I may bear in it - +
nothing in my power shall be +
wanting to render it efficient.

I have not yet destroyed the order
to Colonel Cuthbert's two companies -
for if Tippoos force drive the gover
from Gerdumcotta - before I receive your
Lordships further orders - and the Kirrarahs
I have out be active - I may not be able
to give a good account of him

I have further enclosed for your
Lordships information No 3 Copy and +
translation of the intelligence received +
yesterday - of the Vencupatchaw Poligars
conduct. —

In addition to this I have infor-
mation which however - I do not entirely
credit as tho I have strong reasons to +
suppose is true. —

It states that in conjunction +
with the Tyagoody polygar (who was
put in by Mr Harington a short time
since)

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view he is determined to dispute with arms his right to the twenty two Villages now possessed by him - against any party from the Sirkar - and that if the Sirkar peons should come into their boundaries they should fire on them. —

The man on the part of Virupaksha who concluded this agreement is said to be his Vakil Condamy Monigar the man on the part of Jyagoody is named Shotka the name of my informer is Narain Sawmy Naigue. —

This report rather confirming the preceding Intelligence induces me to suppose it may be true —

I have made many enquiries into the state of the Villages in question and I find that are given to his Peons in lieu of Pay so that their object in fighting for them will be to protect their own property. —

Amongst

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amongst them Boodipooram and Poliaarmattaan - are fortified and in these two - are constantly Kept a large number of peons in the event of war - Boodipooram is the place he makes his strong hold

Yercattah is 16 miles from Boodipooram and 7 1/2 miles from Poliaarmattaan - the 2d. reason for wishing to Keep a county jail at least in Yercattah - is to possess those Villages -

Considering the intentions of the Despatches Poligar - the three companies I have mentioned as sufficiently strong against the Gour will be too weak a force to contend also with this Poligar in their rear -

He is very strong himself and is will be joined by other Poligars besides Iyagoody - he has made a stand against a considerable Military force ere this - and If I may be allowed to give an opinion of the force necessary against him I should your Lordships choose to dispossess him - I think at least a Battalion should be employed

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employed with two Guns - and thus prov
should proceed to Veerapatchee - and
the Company at Pylony to Iyagoody - at
the same time the three Companies
march against the Gour - and thus by
making a powerful diversion - effectually
do the business at a stroke.

Your Lordship has probably
been apprized of the character of the P
Veerapatchee Poligar having been constantly
deceived himself - he has from a wealthy
account Always constantly robbed by /
Sowcars and Debashes he in his turn
is attempting to rob the Sirkar - he is
too old to change his habit - and as
he thinks the various Murders he has
made to different people - a sort of
purchase money for all he now holds
under Government - he burns the P
Command of these Villages unjust - and
upon this principle justifies his own
disobedience -

I refused the first Kist because

he

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he had not given his Muchilga or
received the Summed for his Pollams - he
has since written me a letter of "
submission - but I cannot trust
him, I have answered it with the "
view to temporize that "if he be obedient "
to the Sirkar he will either bring or "
send by his freedmen and Vakeel the "
Muchilga sent him by Mr Harington "
and receive his Summed for the "
current year"

I beg leave to remark - that
so long as a Poligar Government exists
and they are able to maintain armed
men - the orders of Government "
never will have the efficacy necessa =
ry to the peace of the Districts.

I beg to intrude a wish to be
favored with your Lordships com =
mands respecting the answer
to be communicated to Adam "
Cavan Lothaine - so soon as it "

may

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may be convenient

I have the honor to be with the
greatest respect, Sir
Your
Dindigul Most obedient
22 November 1796. Humble Servant
/ Signed / J. B. Hurdis
acting Collector

Translation of a letter from Adam Cawn Sobaine of Tippoo Sooltan

To Mr. Macleod

After Compliments

You are sensible of the friendship existing between our Sirkar and yours during this friendship - The disobedient Tomba Gouer and Sur Gouer &c. soldiers of our country now residing on the border of your boundary come into our Sirkar and plunder the estate effects and cattle &c. of the ryots and returned for shelter into the border of your boundaries - It is not a great matter to dispute and punish them whenever they may be but I think it

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It is convenient that I should come into your boundary with the Sirkar force to assist them without your permission therefore I have written to you. The Poligars under your Management are engaged to assist the offenders which perhaps is known to you - It does not seem proper to give protection to such disobedient thieves - It will be very obliging if you would dispel Tondre Gour Dur Gour &c and send them here, if not permit me to prosecute them wherever they may be, during these 8 days he has been close to Gurdumcotta between the boundary of our Sirkar and yours, every two or three days they plunder the villages Cattle &c of the Ryots of our Villages and return, if I should beat them he takes protection in your boundary and is speedy assisted by the Poligars - an account of the Ryots being much troubled by them and making great complaints - I came from Coimbatore with a force to punish

Them

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Sir I write you to have your advice upon what our business I may do - It will be better if you would sign them and send them here as above mentioned, or permit me to take them wherever they are in your boundary, your immediate answer will much oblige

17th January 1797
or 18th of November 1796

Let your favor be more and more true Translate

(Signed) T. B. H.

I have received your letter - and am sorry your people have been injured by Tooba Goun and the people with him -

He has been invited by disobedient people in your country to do these things - It is my wish he and the other offenders should be punished - and that he may be punished I will do my endeavours to apprehend him in my boundary. -

I have sent copy of your letter to the Governor of Madras - whom his orders

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orders come I will write you concerning them.

These orders will come to me within 12 days If you keep a strong Guard at a small distance from the Gaur he will not dare to move. —

If the business be done in the silence the whole of the Gaurs party may be taken — But if we act without care many lives may be lost and the Gaur escape. —

If you wait until the orders arrive from Madras — I will then keep him out of my boundary — and you will pursue him in 4 years and easily take him. —

I should have written you before and informed you what I had done to take him — but the Amildar of Durapuram would not suffer two of my persons with a letter sent to him last Month — to enter

the

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the bound so they brought the letter back. –

I will give every assistance in my power to catch this man. but from the expectation of hearing soon from Madras I beg you will be watchful and delay the business – may the friendship of our Sirkar and your prosperity encrease

Dindigul
November 22. 1796

/ True Translate /
(Signed) J. B. H.

Translation of Letter from Vendut Rau Pantel dated 20th Nov. 1796.

Yesterday morning one Hircarah arrived from Gurdumcottah with Intelligence that Tamba Gour and his brothers are at Gurdumcottah – The Cattle and other things he plundered from the Dasapoorum Talaimadoo Bungayum and Words Pollam Districts are preparing to Pursue Tamaindoo Pollam – Yesterday Morning Ista's brother

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Brother Coaty Your marched with a
three or four hundred men to the
northward but I dont Know the
place he went to so soon as I hear
I will write you there are about
100 more plundering in the Dandporam
and Bongapore Districts who were
lately assembled besides the number
of men he brought from the Cottermaut
We have placed guards about half mile
distance on the north South, east and
west of Codmunga Mally 40 or 50 men
in every Pass and Jungle he is there
careful because he heard a Detachment
from Dandpooreum was coming to
attack him -

an Hirkarrah from Tirupatchee
came and reported me that on the 18th
night on a sudden Moatee Veera Sarwagar
with 25 men and 4 Horse came
to the Village Carcanpatty situated on
the border of the boundary of that Pollam
staged there that night and returned to

Tirupatchee

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Veerapatchee at our view on the 19th on
the Cherkarrao enquiring the people
said that he went on Journey to
give Cowle to the Pyoh that had disturbed
which I dont Thing true - There
are about 40 or 50 men ready with
arms in every Village in the Veerapatchee
Country watching day and night - he
also Keeps guard in the night time
about 100 or 50 men to the distance of
one or two miles from the great road -
from Sudkanatta West of almundatta
to Nullatum gaveda in the roads /
from Dindigul to Pyloney. -

Some Horse and Sepoys from
Daraporum arrived yesterday coming
at the Mulumboor called Pagoda on the
bank of the river Thandy They intend
to go to Gerdamcottah - What I have heard
I have written to you. -

/ true translate /

(Signed) T.B.B.

The

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

Yea " Yea " Yea "

My Lord,

Since I had the honor of addressing your Lordship under date the 22d instant, I have received letter from Adam Gowan & Lobaine in reply to the one sent them the 22d Ult. Copy and translation of which with my answer No. 2 I inclose for your Lordships information

The intelligence I have since received has been clear and I think respecting the force of the Sultaun & detachment connected

It states, the force from the westward consists of 150 horse 400 sepoys and 300 Carnatick Peons with one Gun - that the Dewan from Coimgapore & the place formerly belonging to the Gowes family had joined this force with 50 horse one Gun and 100

Cundachar

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Condachar Pass and that Villa Gour of
Arravacurchy was bringing 300 men the
whole when joined will make a force of

200 Horse

400 Regulars

300 Curnadies Pions

100 Condachar Pions

300 Pions of Arravacurchy

2 Guns

The detachment under the Cawn is at
encamped a short distance from Coottempoondy
a Village of the Oglony district between which
line may be seen. —

They are perfectly quiet and do not
commit the least irregularity on our bounds —
The Curnadies Polygars Pions are
not actually with the Gour — but about
three hundred under the conduct of
Chadapatty Chervagar are in the Cadrunga
Malley Pass — who will either enable
the Gour to escape or give him assistance
in the Jungle as he may need it.

This Pass is south of the Hill — and
a part of the Sultaums detachment keeps

the

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The Goor in chuck to the north on the
west is the Daraporum boundary which
is also defended by the Sultaun people
on the east is a Pass into the Tyracattee
poddaee — thro which he might escape —
to his friend the Nanjahury Poligar — There
is also a pass to the North East leading
into the Maumbarra Pollam

I am informed the Tyracattee and
Maumbarra Poligars have both sent
him assistance — under conduct of a man
named Custoory Iyen — if this be true — the
Goor must have quitted it by force —
as the Tyracattee Poligar is a boy and
the Maumbarra Pollam is too small
to admit the Poligar sending any
other assistance than food —

The whole of the Poligars to the
sea side are at present friends to
this man — particularly those of the
Madura Country —

I am very apprehensive this
may become a serious business — if
although

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although at present the Sultaunee people conduct themselves with the greatest propriety I have a suspicion that if the Gooroo escape they will be inclined to retaliate - and should this be the case we have no force to oppose them. —

If the passes into the Veraputchur Maumbarra and Yercaudu countries could be possessed by our troops I think little doubt could be entertained of success —

The Jungle is extremely thick and the passes are narrow - Sepoys would act very badly in such situations against Buck fighters - but to surround the Gooroo is our object worth attempting. —

Inquiries to understand what force could be detached in the event of practicable surprize should the Gooroo have moved towards Yercaudu or Maumbarra I requested Colonel Kuppage

to

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to inform me what force he could spare - his answer was on the present state of the Garrison he could detach one Company only. -

Your Lordship will perceive this force is incompetent to the task either of protecting the Country or giving assistance to the Sultaunee & Commandant to whom I am rather more afraid of exposing our weakness than of the disturbance the Gauer may make in this Country -

Should he put the Wu spirit of revenge begin to plunder our country - the Gauer knowing we are not well affected to him would most likely begin plundering on the Sirkar & lands and the Polygars would give him every assistance openly. -

With the wish to keep the country quiet I shall do soon as I am honored with your Lordships Com= mands in answer to my letter

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I have the honor to acquaint you that I arrived at this Place on the 22d instant. make application to Major General Floyd for such assistance as he may deem requisite for the secure communicating with the army from the correspondence I have had the honor of addressing to your Lordship.

Since writing the above I have received information of the armaccords Purno having joined the Caurna Establishment.

I have the honor to be with great respect — &c &c &c

Dindigul
30th November 1796

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
acting Collector.

Translation of a letter from adum Caurna Labanes —

To M.r Tho.s Bowyer Hurdis —

I have received your kind letter and understand the contents — your obliging letter mentions that you wish to punish the disobedient

Tombat

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Tombar Gour and his people sumrely,
and that you will endeavor to purge
him if he should come into the
Companies bounds. and that the
copy of my letter was sent to the
Governor at Madras to which you
expect an answer in 10 or 12 days
until then you desire me to
take care and watch with my force
in Silvas without giving him
room to move in course of this
time you write by Gods favor
receive an order and then you
will with your force keep him
out of your boundary - and he
will be taken - your writing
all this is proper - I trust it is your
intention is to punish the
disobedient people and agreable
to your desire I will delay for a
few days more. -

I have by Gods favor shut
all the passes by which he might
escape

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escape in our Sirkar, carefully, with
my force so that not a man of the
disobedient can escape, he is between
our Sirkar boundary and yours
every night he goes to your H
boundary and in the morning
he returns to his people on the
side of the mountain in our
boundary, which is a very H
proper place to seize him in, if
you come with your force, I am
now upon a proper spot, if
you and I with our forces attack
him on both sides and surround
him according as you have H
written he will be taken, we
first punish those disobedient
people and then we can easily
punish his superiors, It is
better to conclude this business
as quick as possible if not the
Poligars will try to let him escape
with life. ——

This

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This disobedient proud house family and estate is in the manner or Tondamans Country - with his assistance - perhaps he may runaway there - we cannot get such an opportunity in future, I write this for your information. —

The disobedient people in both Sirkars will be easily punished, if such friendship exist between both Sirkars

you will often write me respecting your design to set out with your force - if you give me intimation beforehand of the day you intend to punish him I will attack him the same day - and he will be severely punished by our two attacks. —

You will please me by writing your welfare now and then - let your favrs increase -

Dated

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Dated 27th of Dumy of the year Nikeel or
1224 Mohorred - or 25th Jamadeulawul of
1211 hijyry -

True Translate
(signed) F. B. Hundies

I have received your obliging
letter - and very much approve of
what you have written -

The moment I receive an order
from Madras - I will write you
concerning it.

I will also inform you of
what I intend doing - and I hope this
disobedient man will be punished
I am making enquiries about
his family -

If any thing should happen
write me of it -

There has been much rain
which prevents the Tapaul going quick
this is the reason of the delay -

Mr Hay

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May the friendship of your
Sirkar and your prosperity increase. —

30th November / true Translate /
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
acting Collector at
Dindigul

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable
the President in Council to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter dated the 22d instant,
and to acquaint you that orders have
been sent to Major General Lloyd, to
furnish such force as to him may
seem necessary, as well for the seizure
of the Person of Tomba Gour, as for
dispossessing the Vempatchee Polygar
of his Possessions, in case it shall be
found that he has been in League
with the Gour in the disturbances
committed by him, on account of
which Tippoo has so much cause of
Complaint.

Your

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You will acquaint the Sultaun's Officer, that the President in Council has come to the Resolution of taking the most effectual means for putting an End to those Disturbances — That in order to accomplish this object, it will be proper he should keep up a constant correspondence with you relative to the Govr's Motions, so that he may not be able to escape falling into the hands of one or other of the Detachments — but that it does not appear advisable that either party should pass the Boundary of the other since that might lead to consequences, which it would be wise to avoid.

If you shall have certain information that the Vurpatchee Polygar is in concert with Tombe Gour, the President in Council would have you, in communication with the Commanding Officer, take Measures for securing his

person

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person likewise - and that Effected, you
will declare the Collam to be forfeited to
the Company -

The President in Council
directs that you Correspond with Major
General Floyd, and communicate to him
every matter necessary for his information.

I am
Sir
Your most
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

Fort St George
30th November 1796

To Major General Floyd
Commanding the Southern Division
of the army
at
Trichinopoly.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable
the President in Council to transmit to you
Copy of a letter with its enclosures from
the acting Collector at Dindigul, and
to acquaint you that his Lordship has
come to the resolution of taking the most
Effectual measures for apprehending

the

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The Poison of Tomba Gour, whose repeated depredations in Tippoos Country, make it absolutely necessary, on the score of Policy, to convince the Sultaun that we are equally anxious with him to put an end to the disturbances that have been occasioned by the assistance which the Gour appears to have received from certain of our Tributaries

His Lordship therefore desires you would be pleased, in communication with Mr Hurdis, to furnish such Force as may appear to you necessary to Effect this object - as well as for dispossessing the Usurpation Poligar of his possessions, if it shall be found that he has been in League with Tomba Gour, of which, from Mr Hurdis's representations, there can be little doubt.

The President in Council considers that if Tippoos Officer in the Coimbatore District be active in opposing

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of pulling the Gour from the Country
under his authority, the force ayou will
furnish will easily secure the
seizure of his Person, if he should
venture to take refuge within our
Boundary.

I have the honor to inclose
copy of a letter to Mr Hardie, directing him
to observe Tippoo's officer of the strictest
disposition of this Government to
remove the will complained of.

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

(Signed) W.C Jackson
Secretary

Fort St George
30th November 1796

Right Honble the Governor in Council
My Lord

On the 29th ultimo Two Rockies
Boys of Tippoos brought me a Letter from
Darapooram, which I have the honour to
enclose for your Information, together
with such translation as I am able to
obtain: also my answer, which goes in
English

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English, with a Mahratta translation

I hope what is done is in
conformable to your Intentions in general,
and that you will be pleased to
favour me with Instructions.

The Messengers have been
under such Restraint as is usual
on similar occasions, but Kindly
treated. —

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I have the Honour to be
&c &c &c

(Signed) J. Floyd Brig.

Translation of a Mahratta letter, from
Malabar and Gentoo Versions, from
Adam Cawn Lowe, a Phousdar of
Tippoo's, Dated Damapuram the 25th of
Jummadilawul and 1211 of the Higira,
answering to the 26th November 1796
Colonel Floyd — Commanding Trichinopoly

Reputed Sir

Adam Cawn Lowe, presents
his salam and hopes to hear of your
good health. —

our

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Our Linear and the Company

Linear you Know are now very good
friends — From our Country come v
Theives who long eat our Salt, Named —
Tambo Gounden, Shira Gounden, and others,
now stay in, your Country, but came
into ours and plunder'd it, of Cattle &c &c
and then Return. — was I allowed to
I could soon catch those Theives, but
I cannot carry Troops into your District
to take them, therefore, I write you. Lanny
Naig, Morrawah, and Tondiman, give v
protection to my Theives, and their —
families, and Veerapatchee, Yeriacotah,
and Madura Country assist them v
with Arms and protection, all of which
I suppose you Know. — When we are
such friends, It is not proper that you
should countenance such Theives as v
they, and I should be very much obliged
to you, to apprehend, and send them
to me — If not, and you will give me
leave, we will take them wherever they
stay. —

Theives

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There is a place called Gardan-
kotah, near to the Boarders of the Circars
Country, where these people lodged
for eight or ten days, - Two or three
days they came into the Circars
Country and plundered it, of
different things - but I cannot
punish them as they are in your
Country and certainly assisted by
your Poligars.

The Inhabitants of this Circar,
are greatly troubled by these people, &
and in consequence of their
Complaints, I was sent from the Presidency
with my Party, to punish these Thieves,
but first I must let you know, therefore
I write. -

According to what I said before,
If you will apprehend and send these
people I shall be very glad - If not, and
you will give me leave, I will take
them wherever they stay in your
District - Favor me soon with an

answer

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answer to this letter and you will very
much oblige me.

I hope to hear of your good healths

Adam Cawn Lonee - Phoudar

General Lloyd presents his salam,
with many thanks for the enquiries of
his Health, and wishes all manner
of good to Adam Cawn Lonee, Phoudar.

The General proceeds with pliasure
to answer the letter, which is both sensible
and obliging.

The General is well acquainted
with the Behaviour of Tomboo Gounden,
and the private support of Certain
Polygars, under the protection of
this Government.

Government highly disapproves
of Tomboo Goundens Conduct, and
of all persons who enter the
Sultans Boundary to plunder. This
has been published thro' all the

Pollams

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Pollams and notice has been given
that all offenders who are taken shall
be delivered to the Sultan

General Floyd has, several weeks
ago, received the orders of Government
to seize the Robber complained of —,
some movements were made in
consequence but Tamboo Govendeu
hearing of them, decamped in time,
retiring privately with so few #
followers that his Route was #
unKnown, until the General very
lately heard, with grief, that he had #
entered the Sultans Boundary.

It is not in General Floyds power
to consent that any of the Sultans Troops
should enter the Boundary of the English.
The Shawdar must be sensible that the
Troops of the English can do whatever
may be performed by soldiers — and
he may be assured that every means
will be taken to seize this Robber and
any other who offends in like manner,

also

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also to prevent the Polygars from giving any manner of protection and assistance.

To perform this business good intelligence and perfect secrecy are necessary, and perhaps some time in order to chuse a fit opportunity.

Proper orders have already been given to the nearest Troops, and nothing shall be wanting.

May you enjoy health and happiness.

(Signed) I. Floyd
Major General

Trichinopoly
December 2. 1796.

True Copy

(Signed) I. Floyd
M.G.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
President in Council
&c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor of transmitting for your Lordships information copy of a letter from Lieutenant Henry Smith at Pulney

The

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The information contained therein is in part correct - but I conceive the plan said to be proposed by the Jiunts of Poligars in favor of Myil Tomba without foundation - Myil Tomba is bastard brother to the deposed Poligar Vellaida Naigue - he caused some alarm in the Pulney district in October last - which I was fortunate enough to do away he lately sent to me for bowle which I gave him & the party which were with him - attached themselves to Tomba Goer - who has as yet committed no outrage in our bound -

The Iyagoody Poligar is attached to the Veerapatchee man - his rent to the Sirkar is very easy -

The Cummivandy Poligar is not much attached to any - his rent is large but very easy -

Their Pollams are highly cultivated they have both paid their first Kist - and the Cummivandy Poligar has not a hoon

any

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any mark of dissatisfaction -

I cannot suppose they will
hazard an attempt so mad as this and
for which they are certain of loosing their
Pollams whether it succeed or fail -

I am of opinion the Veerapatchee man
will fight any party going against him -
whether to dispossess him entirely or to
assume the disputed Villages -

The force at Dendigul is, if all
drawn out insufficient for the business
of dispossessing him - It is also nearly
impossible to take him - Veerapatchee is so
close to the hills as to render it impossible
for a party to cut off his retreat by getting
betwixt them and the Village.

The whole of the intended resistance
has its origin with Tomba Gauer and
the Veerapatchee Poligars Sherwagar &
Mootoo Veerah. -

I do not think the Poligar of
ayerrydoo was at Veerapatchee - the last
tidings I had of him were that he was in

the

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The Vanghery Pollam.

Gollapa Naig the dispossessed Poligar of Nellacotta I think was not there - on the 21st November he went to Vodapak & Nargues Pollam in the Madura country and on the 23d he was at Cachacatty - had he passed thro' the Sirkar lands I should have heard of it.

I think the information respecting Tomba Gours intention of opposing a force from Dendigul is highly colored - but that it has its origin in reality - and the nature of it is such as to demand very vigorous exertion and an apparent inactivity against all - except the Gour - that by putting the Poligar off his Guard he may be seized without alarming the district -

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Dear Sir &c

Dindigul
3 December 1796

(Signed) J B Hurdis
acting Collector

J.

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T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
&c. &c. &c.
Dindigul

Sir

You doubtless were made acquainted with the death of a person nearly related to the Veerapatchee Polligar, in the Village of Veerapatchee some days ago - on such occasion it is customary for the Polligars to visit the one in whose pollam such decease has occured to condole with the family of the deceased - In the late event the Sagoody man, the Kummaudy man, the late Polligar of Yeriadoo, Golup Naig and others went to Veerapatchee - and I am just informed by the Tasildar that they have embraced this opportunity to consult and devise a plan of fixing Myil Tomba in the Pollam of Pydiney - that Tomba Gowindah is engaged in

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the designs, who is to oppose any Party that may march from Dindigul towards Vurepatchee - That they purpose ultimately should a force be sent against them after engaging the country, to retire to the Hills - I am informed also from several people that the Vurepatchee man is laying a hedge of thorns on each side of the road from Vurepatchee to Amarattacottah, the stone fort East of the point of the Hills about two Miles, and is fixing tatis / barriers / at certain distances from each other on the road, which can only be intended to oppose the march of troops. -

The Faujdar intends setting out directly for Dindigul he will on his arrival be able to make upon fully acquainted with circumstances, from his own observation on the road

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road together with what he will learn from travellers. – Should I hear any thing further I shall make you acquainted with it,

I am &c &c
"

Sydney
2. December 1796

(Signed) W.y. Smith

P.S. The Verupatchie man has several parties posted every night on the high road to Dundigul – which are with drawn at Day break –

/ True Copy /
(Signed) T.B.H.

Right Honble the Governor in Council

My Lord,

I had the Honour of your Commands dated the 30th ultimo, marked secret Department, regarding Tombo Gaindun, the Marauder – and the Verapatchie Polygar. The Heavy Rains have

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have occasioned the delay of several
Days in corresponding. But all
diligence has been used in
carrying your Commands into
effect.

Major Halliburton and
the Battalion to which He belongs
were employed on this Duty, as the
Major is an Officer of Experience
and Discretion, His Battalion most
at liberty, and is moreover the
Corps to which Lieutenant Colonel
Brown, Commandant at Dindigul,
stands appointed. It appears to
me advisable to make Major
Halliburton's Detachment independ-
ent of the essential Commandant
at Dindigul. It also appeared to me
advisable to form the Detachment of
respectable Strength, tho' it exceeds
considerably the Force suggested by Mr Hurdis

I immediately opened an
unreserved and confidential correspondence
with

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with Mr Hurdis, the acting Collector, but
do not think it necessary to trouble
you with the all that has been written, u
unless you think proper to require it:
only beg leave to enclose three Papers,
which will explain the state of the u
Business.

No 1. is a Copy of my Letter to the
Officer Commanding at Dindigul.

No 2. is a Copy of my Instructions
to major Halliburton, Commanding
the Detachment.

No 3. is a Copy of my Letter to u
Mr Hurdis, acting Collector.

Mr Hurdis proposed to me to
transferring with the Veerapachy Polygar,
who is in his guard, for the present,
because the Country is in a very u
high state of Cultivation which it
would wholly be destroyed - not only
that of his own Pollams, but that of
the Circar Lands also - and because u
He was doubtful of our Force sufficient for

the

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The attack of the Gaut, and of the Polygars at the same time notwithstanding Mr Hurdis remains of opinion that, He should be dispossessed, and that we should seek an opportunity of doing it quietly, and without alarming the Districts - This reasoning appearing to me good, Major Halliburton was instructed accordingly.

Mr Hurdis is in correspondence with Tippoos officer employed against the Gaut, on their side.

Mr Hurdis discriminates the service of this Detachment, as acting under a Government order, and ought to receive their Batta from the Military Department, rather than that of the Revenue. This your Lordships will be pleased to decide in case the Paymasters should have doubts.

Major Halibuston marched from hence yesterday - and would probably make five marches to Dindigul.

The following is the Statement of the Detachment under his orders. -

Major

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Major Halibertons Detachment

men

1st Batt.n 2d Regiment N.I. from Trichenopoly 800

4 Companys 2d Batt.n 3d Reg.t from Dendigul about 300

2 Companys 1st Batt.n 3d Reg.t from Madura about 180

Royal artillery, from Trichenopoly . . 14

Gun Lascars from Do 30

one Brigade of Guns from Dendigul.

About 1324

Tritchinopoly
December 12th 1796

I have the Honour to be
&c &c &c

(Signed) J. Floyd
M.G.

Colonel Cuppage
or officer Commanding at Dindigul

Sir

Having received the orders of Government to perform certain operations in your neighbourhood and along the Boundarys towards Tippoo's Countrys with such force as appears to me necessary — I have the honor to state, for your information, that I have appointed

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appointed Major Haliburton to Command
the Detachment Composed as follows,
which is to assemble and Encamp near
Dindigul, Capt one Company at present
stationed at Palamy under Lieutenant
Smith which is to be considered under
the orders of Major Haliburton making
part of his Detachment

Detachment under Major Haliburton
1st Batt.n 2d Regiment N. Jy
2 Companies 1st Batt.n 3d Reg.t N. Jy
4 Do. . . . 2d Do. 3 Do
one Brigade of Field Dft pounders

The two Companies from
Madura will arrive without Camp
Equipage, but Major Haliburton will
be provided for them.

You will please to give the
necessary orders for your Companies -
of the present Establishment of Cavalry
of the 2d Batt.n 3d Regiment under your
Command to join Major Haliburton -
provided with Camp - equipage - The

Company

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Company at Pulney is considered as one of
the four Companies.

You will please to have in readiness
the Two Field Six Pounders with all appurtenances
Bullocks, and Drivers, to join Major H
Halliburton on his application - The artillery
men and Lascars march with the Major -
from hence.

You will please to observe it is my
intention that no Officer of Senior Rank to
Captain Robertson is to be employed on
this Detachment.

From your well known Zeal and
experience it is only for form sake necessary
to add, that you will be pleased to use every
means in your power to forward the Service
on which Major Halliburton is employed
who has instructions to apply to you
for such articles as he may want, and
your stores may afford.

Major Halliburton is instructed to
keep up the fullest communication with
Mr. Hurdis, the acting Collector, who will

Joseph

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point out to him the particulars of the service required, and will afford the Major the necessary information

As the new Establishment of Companies has been mentioned, it may be proper to explain that the Companies of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment are not to be under twenty Serjeants each, and as much stronger as the state of the Corps will admit

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

(Signed) J. Floyd

True Copy

(Signed) J. Floyd

Trichinopoly
December 10th 1796

Major Haliburton
Commanding a Detachment

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for your information the copy of a letter I have received from Government - and which you will consider as the general guide for your conduct.

your

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you will therefore be pleased to
march tomorrow and proceed without
unnecessary delay to Dindigul where
you will take on you the command
of the Detachment intended to carry into
effect the orders and instructions of Govern=
ment. your Detachment will be
composed as follows.

one Brigade of Field Six pounders

1st Batn 2d Regiment N. Jy

2 Comps 1st Batn 3d Reg N. Jy

4 Do 2d Do 3d Do

The artillery Men and the Battalion
march with yourself The two Guns are at
Dindigul – The two Companies of the 1st Battalion
3d Regiment are ordered from Madura to
join you at Dindigul – Three of the
Companies of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment
are at Dindigul and the fourth is stationed
at Palney under Lieutenant Smith – and
will remain there or move, as your judge
the Service may require. –

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A Copy of my letter to the commanding officer at Dindigul is enclosed for your information. - You will be so good as to apply to him for the Troops and Guns as above stated and which are under his command - and you will be pleased to communicate occasionally with him and particularly any extraordinary occurrence.

You are charged with the execution of the Military operations. Mr. Hurdis, the acting Collector, is fully informed of the intentions and orders of Government and with the whole details of the Service required - and is prepared for all the information that can be had, which he will freely communicate to you - It is therefore essential that you should place entire confidence in Mr. Hurdis and observe the fullest and most communication with him. It belongs to Mr. Hurdis to point out the particulars of

the

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the Service to be performed - He has made minute enquiries of the Passes and Bay of the Country, and will suggest his Ideas of taking advantage of them for the purpose of intercepting, or of attacking Tomboo Goindem. But the execution rests with you, the Military Commander.

Mr Hurdis is in communication with Adam Baun Lachmee a Commander of Tippoo's employed on his side to take or assassinate Tomboo Goindem and his party - and it is from Concerted movements between your Detachment and his that success seems most probable. Care must be taken not to trespass on Tippoo's Country and in the event of meeting any of his Troops in the Course of this Transaction, to treat them with any attention and to avoid all cause of dispute or Quarrel. - Great care must be taken to avoid Mistaking any of Tippoo's Peons, or Armed

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armed men for those of the Gow.

Mr Hurdis, on very great grounds, proposes to temporize with the Veraspachy Poligar and to delay the attack on him. In this, and in all matters of similar nature, you will be guided by his opinion. His Poligar conduct is so irregular that in your operations against the Gow you will recollect the possibility of the Poligar acting as an open Enemy, and be guarded accordingly.

You are at liberty to acquire information by any means in your power and to correspond with Adam Cawn Loahnie for the purpose of concerting measures for completing the Service against the Gow.

With entire reliance on your Zeal and experience, I have the honor to be &c.

Trichinopoly
December 10th 1796.

(signed) J. Floyd

You will be pleased to report to me on all occasions, and directly to the

Right

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Right Honble the President in Council, &
on any event of Consequence.

Mr Hurdis is furnished with
a Copy of this Letter for his information,
and I enclose a Copy of my Letter to him
for your

(Signed) I. F.

True Copy
(Signed) I. Floyd

I. B. Hurdis Esqr.

acting Collector

Sir

I have the honor of your
Letter of the 9th Instant with two enclosures
and their originals, or Translates in Mahratta
and Persian

The Gow will certainly
acquire strength daily, and I think he is
in great need of help

Major Halliburton marched
off this day with Eight hundred men of his
Battalion

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Battalion, and the proportion of artillery men and Gun Lascars for one Brigade of Guns.

Inclosed for your information is a Copy of my Instructions No 1 to the Major - should any thing further occur to you, please to favor me with it

No 2 is a Copy of my Letter to the Commanding Officer at Dindigul for your information

No 3 is a Statement of the Battalion that marched with the Major Haliburton

The Force under the Major will be as follows - and which nearly doubles what you suggested to Government.

Detachment under Major Haliburton

	men
1st Battalion 2d Regiment N. I. about	800
4 Companies of the 2d Bn 3d Regiment about	300
2 do - 1st do 3d do about	180
Royal artillery	14
Gun Lascars	30
About	1324

Major

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Major Halliburton, to whom I have entrusted the Charge of this Detachment, is an officer of great experience, and in entirely deserving of the fullest confidence and I direct you will communicate with him in the freest manner

The next Senior officer to the Major is Captain Robertson, an intelligent and excellent officer and every proper respect & Second to the Major. -

If upon Major Halliburtons arrival at Dendigul, the two Companies from Madura should not be come in - the Major might proceed without them, & and they might follow, or take up & any position he thought advisable. - This might save time. -

The Collaries that infested the Roads about Mallore, are probably engaged & with the Gow and other Polygars - as no depredations have been committed about Mallore for a good while

I have the honor to be &c &c

(signed) J. Lloyd

Major

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Major Halibuston is furnished with a Sketch of the Country you sent me - and I have received a Copy - He has also a Copy of this Letter. -

(Signed) J. F.

True Copy

(Signed) J. Floyd.

Minutes of the Board in approbation of Major General Floyd's Conduct relative to Tondaman

Ordered that a Letter be written to Major General Floyd, expressive of the Board's entire approbation of the measures taken by him towards the execution of their orders of the 30th ultimo -

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General -

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

My Lord

I have the honor to inclose Copy of a Letter addressed to the Paymaster of a Company's allowances to the King's Troops

by

From the Military Auditor General - respecting a Claim advanced by the Commanding Officer of the Majority of 25 Dragoons for Horse allowance to the whole of the Officers of his Corps and

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and for the monthly allowance for keeping in repair the whole of the Saddles belonging to the Regiment

by Lieutenant Colonel Cotton Commanding His Majesty's 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons respecting the Horse allowance to the Officers of that Corps, as well as the allowance for keeping the Saddles and Horse Accoutrements in Repair upon both which he has desired a Reference to your Lordship in Council. —

It appears that the Paymaster, Mr. Roebuck, has taken his line of conduct on this occasion from your Lordship's Letter to the late Military auditor General under date the 16th May 1795 of which an official Copy was furnished to him from this Office, and which has the following Paragraph. —

"The President in Council does not "consider the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons "to be similarly situated with the native "Cavalry in respect to Accoutrements and so long therefore as the practice may prevail of sending accoutrements from England, at the public Expence, —

Colonel

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"Colonel Floyd can only draw an allowance
"for the repairs of such Saddles as are
"in actual use, that is for the number
"of Horses with the Regiment."

In consequence of this Determina-
tion, Major General Floyd has only
drawn for the repairs of the Saddles
and Horse accoutrements in use, as
is shewn by the Pay abstracts of the 4th
Regiment, and with regard to Horse
allowance to the officers, it would appear
that it was not meant to be extended
beyond the number actually provided
as I observed Major General Floyd makes
a deduction in the abstracts when any
officer is deficient of the established
complement. How far the situation
of the officers of the 25th Regiment, and a
consideration of the reasons offered by
Lieutenant Colonel Cotton, may warrant
a protraction in their favor your
Lordship alone can determine.

I have

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The General orders of the 20th June 1792, contain specific Regulations with respect to the Provision of the officers Horses, but do not positively restrict their drawing the established Horse allowance in full, when tho they should not be compleat, altho' it seems to be implied in the 13th and 14th Article of the above Regulations and it is consequently the Duty of the officer Commanding Regiments to see that the officers are constantly provided with the established number -

I have the honor to remain with the greatest respect &c &c

(signed) W Sydenham
Mily Auditor General

Military Auditor
General's office
Fort St George
3 December 1796.

Major General William Sydenham
Military auditor General

Sir

I have the honor to inclose you a Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Stapleton Cotton on the subject of Corrections made on the

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The monthly Abstract of His majestys 25 Regiment of L. D. which agreeably to his desire I request may be referred to Government for their decision. —

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2d December 1796

I am &c &c
(Signed) B. Balbeck
Majy Dep. Genl

A True Copy

(Signed) J Brunton
Depy m.a.g.

Sir

In consequence of your having thought fit to reject the charges of Horse and accoutrement allowances I have the honor to submit thro' you, the following considerations — Previous to its embarkation for India the Regiment was for some time without Horses, during which period, His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief was pleased to grant us the same allowances as when mounted, — since our arrival

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arrived here several officers have provided themselves with Horses and others have only delayed for want of ability to purchase them, these circumstances added to the very exorbitant price of Forage per charges, will I trust, induce Government to grant the allowance usually given to Regiments of Cavalry. —

In regard to the Horse accoutrement allowance I have only to say, that the Expence of putting the Saddles &c. into proper repair and order / having been much damaged when on Board the Transhipt / will be greater than when they are in use.

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

(Signed) Stapleton Cotton
Lieut. Col. Com. H.M. 25. L.D.

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December 2. 1796

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Brereton
Dep. Q. M. Genl.

Ordered

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To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following letter from the adjutant General. –

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Sir

I have the Honor to intimate to you that by a communication received from the Off. Military Committee now sitting, it appears that in the Military Pay Masters Register of payments made by him to Europeans on account of Clothing and Half Mounting money for the year 1796, a Charge is also made against the artillery Clothing Fund for Cash paid in lieu of Clothing for 1795 to two Matrosses of the 1st Battalion of artillery. – and as this charge properly falls on the Hospitals of the above Battalion for the year 1794, and unappropriated portion of which amounting to Pagodas 796.2 – remain in the Company's Treasury, as shewn by the General orders of Government

from the adjutant General proposing that the amount paid in Cash in 1795 to men of the artillery Corps in lieu of Stoppages which should have been accounted for in 1794 may be carried to the Debit of the unappropriated Fund remaining on Deposit. –

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Government of the 28th April 1796, containing the distribution of Off reckonings for 1794. —

The Committee recommend that the said Charge should be accordingly carried to the Debit of the above Sum, which they conceive should agreeably to the existing regulations of the Service, be discharged with the payment of all the just claims preferred by men of the 1st Battalion of artillery to Clothing for that Year. —

The Commander in Chief being of opinion that the charge in question may be properly adjusted in the manner proposed by the Committee, has desired me to intimate the same, in order that if Government approve, the Committee may be acquainted that their recommendation on the subject has the Sanction of Government. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Ry Close
adjt Genl of the army

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Received

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Resolved that the adjutant
General be directed to notify to the
Committee of Fortifications, that
the Charges stated in the foregoing Letter,
is to be carried to the Debit of the
unappropriated Fund, remaining in
the Company's Treasury

order thereon —

Read the following Letter
from the Chief Engineer. —

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

from the Chief Engineer
— relative to the Deviations
made from the original
Plans in the works
erected at Vizagapatam
under the Superin-
tendance of Captain
Lieutenant Wood

I am favored with the receipt
Letter of the 7th instant, with a copy of a
Letter and its Enclosures from Lieutenant
Colonel Prescott, and desiring that I will
state for the information of the
Right Honble the President in Council
whether all or any of the deviations
noticed by Lieutenant Colonel Prescott
were

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were reported to me by Captain & Lieutenant Wood, and upon what Documents I certified the Contractors Bills, That the Works were executed according to Measurement

In reply to the first Quotation, I beg you will be pleased to inform the Right Honble the President in Council, that the deviations in the plan of the Buildings at arrac, were not reported to me by Captain Lieutenant Wood.

In reply to the second part of your Letter I beg to inform you that I certified the Contractors Bills on Captain Lieutenant Woods Measurements & Estimates, partly corresponding with the original

I have the Honor to be &c &c &c

(Signed) W Gent Lt Colo & Chief Engineer

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Resolved

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Resolved That the Chief Engineer
minute thereon be directed to call upon Captain Lieutenant
Wood for his reasons for deviating from the
plan of the Buildings at arnee - and for
reporting that the measurements exactly correspon-
ded with the original estimates, when the fact
was otherwise -

Read the following letter from the
Resident at Nagore

To William Collins Jackson Esq.
Secretary to the military Department

Sir,

From the Resident at Nagore relative to the arrears due from the Inhabitants of the four Moghanums of Karical

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the
13th ultimo requiring to Know why I did not solicit further
orders if I deemed it necessary fully to authorize the
delivery of the 4 Maganums of Karical to the Rajah
of Tanjore and that I should report what Engagements
were intered into by me with the Inhabitants at
the Commencement of the present Fusly year
and what Impediments are now in the way to
prevent the delivery to the Rajah.

As soon as a final Settlement should
be made with the Rajah for the delivery of the four
Maganums, I conceived it would be the proper time
to state the same to Government, and receive fresh orders
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on the subject - But this Idea has not been communicated
nor have been any hinderance to the Progress of the
Business - the occasion of the arrears due from the
Inhabitants has been fully stated to the Board of Revenue
in a letter I addressed them under date the 24th October
and the motive of forbearance has been admitted
by them as reasonable - the Balance now due from the
Rajah is O.P. Pagodas 5575 including an advance of Warrecauns
for which they will be answerable to the Company so long as the
Mogaserns remain under their Jurisdiction - and for the Balance
which may be due on this account when they are restored to the
Rajah they will be responsible to him for one third from the
last Crop and 2/3ds from the Sumbah & Cobanum together with
the Rents which have fallen due on the present Fusly which
may be easily collected by the Rajah by Engagements with the
Inhabitants were for the rent of the whole district of
Karical for three years from the 12th July 1792 and
and the 12th July next at 25000 O.P. Pagodas Pannums

I could wish the Rajah would either wait until
the present Cadle is at an End or would receive the Maga-
serns immediately accounting to the Company for the
Balance which may be due to them. -

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) W.H. Torriano
Resident

Nagore
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Minute thereon

The Resident at Nagore has not been sufficiently explicit to enable the Board to address the Rajah of Tanjore on the subject of the arrears due from the Renters of the four Mogamums - He observes, that "the balance now due from the Inhabitants is P.P. 5575. including an advance of Warieum; for which they will be answerable to the Company so long as the Mogamums remain under their Jurisdiction - and for the balance which may be due on this account, when they are restored to the Rajah, they will be responsible" But he has not stated whether these arrears accrued prior to the period when the orders were first transmitted for the restoration of the Mogamums to the authority of the Rajah, or subsequent thereto - It would seem, however, that as the rent of the whole District of Karical, was settled at 25,000 O.N.P. Pr annum, the balance now due must have arisen during the present year, and in that case, the Inhabitants ought to be responsible to the Rajah, and not to the Company, for the amount. -

The Resident has expressed a wish that "the Rajah would either wait until the present Cowle is at an end (viz. the 12th of July 1797)

or

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"or would receive the Maganeens immedia-
"tely, accounting to the Company for
"the balance which may be due to them"-
But as the Inhabitants have themselves
agreed, according to Mr Torriano's account, to
"be responsible to the Rajah for the balance
"which may be due on account of
"Warious, when the Maganeens are
"restored to his Country, together with
"the Rists which have fallen due on
"the present Tuaky, the balance in question,
if it really belong to the Company, must
have accrued prior to the receipt of the
Courts orders for the delivery of the
Maganeens - This is the point on
which further explanation is required,
and it is agreed to direct the Resident
to lose no time in furnishing it, for the
Board's information, and making
every preparation in the mean time
for the restoration of the Country to
His Guilty -

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Death of Lieutenant A. S. Bancroft and Assistant Surgeon Hawkes

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant A. S. Bancroft of the 1st Battalion 7th Regiment of Native Infantry at Columbo on the 19th of October - and of Mr. Henry Hawkes Assistant Surgeon at Jaffnapatam on the 28th ultimo -

" Hobart

" Alured Clarke

" Con Saunders

" Ed Wallop Ild

Tho" Wyllett
Ex"

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Substance of a letter to the Nabob —

Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C.C. N.° 1777. Acknowledging Receipt of his Subsidy for the Current Month and his Instalment on Account of General Smith's Arrears.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. N.° 99.. 100.. 111.—

To the Military Auditor General. — To Major General Sydenham — referring for Examination the Accounts of the Deputy Kings Paymaster General in continuation of those from the 25th October to the 24th December 1796

To the Clerk of the Treasury. — To the Clerk of the Treasury authorizing the Issue of Cash required for the Department of the Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Current Month.—

To the Acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks. — To M.r Skardon — advising him of the above Order having been issued.—

22nd Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.° 102.. 103.. 104.. 105.. 106.— 107.. 108.. 109.. 110.—

From Colonel Trent — From Colonel Trent — desiring the Board's Decision

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Decision relative to the line of Duty to be drawn between the two Assistant Surgeons attached to the 1st Native Regiment under his Command.—

From Military Paymaster General.—

From Mr. Roebuck—advising of the Paymaster of Malacca having Received from Bengal a Supply of Cash (23,000 Dollars) for the Troops doing Duty at Malacca.—

From Ditto

From Do. enclosing a General Estimate of Cash required in his Department for the ensuing Month.—

From Ditto

From Do. enclosing an Additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster of Fort St. George for the Current Month.—

From the Quarter Master of Brigade to the Nizam's Detachment.—

From Captain Orr—requesting to be allowed the same Monthly Sum on Account of Coolies (6 Pagodas) as is drawn by the Brigade Major of the Detachment.—

From acting Commissary of General of Grain and Provision and Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies and Carriage Bullocks.—

From Mr. Mardon enclosing his Estimates of Cash for the ensuing Month.—

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From the Sub Secretary at Bengal.—

From Mr Thornhill stating that there is little Prospect of being able to send any Rice to Madras on the homeward bound Indiamen that will be ordered to touch here in the ensuing Season.—

From Dr approving the mode suggested by this Government for sending home the Officers of the 73d Regiment and drafting the Privates of that Corps into the 74th Regiment.—

From the Acting Master Attendant.—

From Mr Hall enclosing a Bill for Freight and Charges attending the Dispatch of the Candia Schooner to the Northern Sea Ports with Intelligence of the French Frigates being in the Bay.—

Sent the following Letters.—

To Major General Brathwaite Commanding at Pondicherry

To the Commandant at Pondicherry a Copy of the Attorney Generals Letter proposing the Institution of a Commission of Nisi prius with a View to rectify the Abuses at present complained of the Formation of the Tribunals there, inclosed an Order to have his Opinion thereon — the Wooden Bridges to be repaired.—

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you Copy of a letter from the Company's Attorney General, and to desire you will be pleased to state your Opinion of the means most expedient

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expedient to be adopted for carrying into execution the plan submitted by Mr. Sullivan for reforming the Superior Council at Pondicherry, and the extra expence that would be incurred thereby.—

The President in Council desires that the Superintendance of the Police may be with the Town Major—and satisfied with the reasoning of the Attorney General as to the necessity of continuing to the People of Pondicherry their Ancient Laws and Tribunals, until the Kings pleasure shall be known his Lordship can only endeavour to rectify the abuses complained of by the institution of a Commission of Revision to judge of the Complaints already made and which may be hereafter made.—

The Repairs required to the two wooden Bridges at Pondicherry may be executed agreeably to the estimates forwarded with your letter of the 8th Instant, and which are now returned under the Superintendance of such person as you may think proper to appoint.—

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I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
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To Mr. W. Harcourt Torriano

Resident at Nagore

Sir,

To the Resident at Nagore further Explanation required relative to the Arrears due from the Renters of the four Maganums of Karical. —

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 4th instant, and to acquaint you that you have not been sufficiently explicit to enable his Lordship to address the Rajah of Tanjore on the Subject of the Arrears due from the Renters of the four Maganums — You observe that "the balance now due from the Inhabitants is "P.N.P. 5575, including an Advance of Warcum, "for which they will be Answerable to the Company so long as the Maganums remain "under their Jurisdiction — and for the balance "which may be due on this account, when they "are restored to the Rajah, they will be responsible" — But you have not stated whether these Arrears accrued prior to the period when the orders

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were first transmitted for the restoration of the Maganums to the Authority of the Rajah or subsequent thereto - It would seem, however, that as the rent of the whole District of Kerivat was settled at 25,000 P. N. P. ℔ Annum the balance now due must have arisen & during the present year, and in that case the Inhabitants ought to be responsible to the Rajah and not to the Company for the Amount. -

You have expressed a wish & "that" the Rajah would either wait until "the present Cowle is at an end (Viz.t the "12 of July 1797) or would receive the Maganums immediately, accounting to the Company for "the balance which may be due to them" - But as the Inhabitants have themselves agreed & according to your Account "to be responsible "to the Rajah for the balance which may be "due on Account of Warcum, when the Maganum "are restored to his Excellency, together with &

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"the Rists which have fallen due on the present "Fusly", the balance in question, if it really do belong to the Company must have accrued prior to the Receipt of the Court's Orders for the delivery of the Magazines — This is the point on which further explanation is required, and you will lose no time in furnishing it for his Lordship's information, and making every preparation in the mean time for the restoration of the Country to his Excellency —

I am &c. &c.

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/Signed/ W.C. Jackson Secy

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General — the refund demanded from Lieutenant Colonel Smith on Account of Picket Money dispensed with as also in part of the Extra allowances & Batta for the Cavalry & doing duty over the Governor his opinion desired respecting the Orders now for any to be given to Mr. Mc Donald for making the Current Payments to the Bombay Troops serving on Ceylon Table allowance granted to Lieutenant Col. Bonnivaux Officer sent to the Tanjore Viceroy Hircarras to the Commandant at Chandernaghur half

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated the 15th and 16th Instant and to acquaint you, that his Lordship has not thought proper to dispense with the refund demanded

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the usual Allowance for two Hircarrahs half Batta to Captain Strange for the Month of June last - and five Pagodas p.r Month for the Cavalry Officer Commanding at Tachenore for the Hire of Gram Godown - These Allowances you will notify to the Military Paymaster General for the information of the parties concerned -

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

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. -

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly. -

To Major General Floyd - approving the Measures adopted by him towards the Execution of the Boards Orders for securing the Person of Tomba Gounden. -

To the Chief Engineer

To Colonel Gent - desiring him to call upon Captain Lieutenant Wood for the reasons for deviating from the Plans & Originally laid down for the Buildings at

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at Anne and for exporting contrary to fact that the Measurements exactly corresponded with the Original Estimates.—

To the Secretary at Bengal.— To Mr. Secretary Barlow enclosing a Letter from the Nabob addressed to the Governor General.—

To the Attorneys to Mr. Jourdan— To Messrs. Kindersley Watts & Co. acquainting them that the Hog Hill Certificates claimed by them, on Account of Major Jourdan's Estate, will be retained by Government, until the Deeds, which alone will Authorize their Delivery to them, shall be Produced.—

To the Military Board— To the Military Board—orders have been issued for allowing the Storekeeper at Vizagapatam to draw 10 Pagodas pr Month for a Writer—Authorizing the Provision of Dungaree Sand Bags required for the Garison Store of Fort St. George—their Opinion required on Major General Floyd's Suggestion of building a Plat form for the Gun powder at Saichinopoly

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and on the Application of Lieutenant Hall for an Allowance of 20 Pagodas ℔ Month for officiating as Clerk to the Committee of Works at Masulipatam.—

To the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Baramahal and Salem Countries

To Major Read—declining the purchase of the Quarter built by Lieutenant Marriott at Nameul—and to Lieutenant Preston and Captain Powis—

To Lieutenant Preston and Captain Powis—declining also the purchase of Quarters built by them at Amboor and Chintapilly.—

To the Adjutant Genl.

To Lieutenant Colonel Close

desiring that the Charges on the Off-reckoning Accounts referred to in his Letter of the 20th Instant may be carried to the Debit of the unappropriated Fund lodged on Deposit in the Company's Treasury.—

To the Resident at Hydrabad.—

To Major Kirkpatrick—desiring that the adjustment of the Purkeurk Account may be made, as suggested by the Accountant General, by inserting at the Foot of the Statement that

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The Sum of Rupees 53,713. remaining due from the Nizam on Account of Subsidy to the Troops at the Conclusion of the Period stated in his Account accompanying Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter to him of the 15th Ultimo

To the Collector at Masulipatam

To Mr. Wroughton with directions similar to those above stated.—

23 Received the following Letters.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General referring a Claim made by Lieutenant Colonel G. Hart Trustee for a proportion of the 4 Gratuity Fund on the advanced Rank from the day of his Brevet Promotion of first Colonel

Having received an Application from Captain Boroughs one of the Trustees for the Affairs of Lieutenant Colonel George Hart, to pass the difference of Gratuity or Revenue Money between Major and Lieutenant & Colonel to that Officer, from the 1st March 1794 (the date of his Brevet promotion) to the

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the 20th February 1795, the period of his
embarkation for Europe, I have not considered
myself warranted in complying with this
request, altho it has been stated, that
the difference of Gratuity between the rank
of Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel was
paid to Colonel Harris, from 18th November 1790
to the 1st of August 1792 - because no general
regulation has been established, whereby
that allowance is to be admitted to Officers
according to Brevet Rank, and because
the same principle might apply to other
Officers holding brevet Commissions both
in His Majesty's and the Company's Service
- On this subject, I take the liberty of
referring your Lordship to a letter from
the late Military Auditor General respecting
Gratuity or Revenue Money to the Kings
Officers, which seems to applicable to
the present question in connection with
the Correspondence therein enclosed, and I
are &c.

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a reference to the General Orders of Government dated 4th November 1789 and 11th November 1791, that it is only necessary for me, to request Your Lordship's Decision thereon as soon as it may be convenient.—

I have the Honor to remain with the greatest respect.—

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. and Dr. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
23rd December 1796

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the late Quarter Master General on Ceylon enclosing Major Bowser's Bills of Charge for Boats employed in transporting Troops &c. from Manar to Negambo. &c

Having Received from Major Bowser, in consequence of a letter to him from Mr. Paymaster Mc. Dowall at Columbo written by order of Major General Stuart, & the Accompanying Accounts for Boats & employed by him, in transporting Troops &c. from

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from Manar to Negumbo; I request you will be pleased to submit them together with the Vouchers to the Right Honorable the President in Council, in order that they may be passed if found correct or referred to Major General Stuart for his decision.

I beg leave to observe, that not having acted in the capacity of Quarter & Master General on the Island of Ceylon, during the whole of the time when the Charges were encurred, I cannot with propriety give any other Certificate & than that which I have affixed to the several Bills: I have no hesitation however in saying, that from all the enquiries I have been able to make, the Boats were actually employed in the Manaar Major Bowser states; and by comparison with the rates of Boat hire

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Settled by Mr. Downey and myself, for the
Boats taken up on the coast, for the
Service against Columbo; as well as those
paid by Major Barbutt and allowed by
Major General Stuart; the Charges appear
to be moderate - The General however - in being
desired to examine them, and having the
means of judging better than any other
person whether the Service, on which the
Boats are said to be hired, was effectually
and bona fide performed; will be enabled to
give such an opinion - as will no doubt be
satisfactory to the Honorable Board and
produce the final adjustment of Major
Bowser's claims on this Account. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) A. Allan

Madras
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Received

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Substance of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun

Received a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun as entered in C. C. No. 178 requesting that Measures may be adopted for apprehending three Plunderers / Timma Gour Sang Gour and Sounda Gour / who infest the Ballaghaut & Countries and retire for Shelter into the Carnatick and promising to make Enquiry into the Merit of the Petition presented by Sultaun Rowlah and Ismael Rowlah. —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. No. 120. 121. 122.

To Lieutenant R. J. Colgrave of the Engineers

To Lieutenant Colgrave permitting him to proceed to Bombay on three Months leave of Absence. —

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham referring for examination the Military & Paymaster Generals Estimate of Cash for the current Month. — as also the Estimates of the Commissary General of Grain and of Provisions, and principal Agent for Draught and

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and Carriage Bullocks.—

Do Ditto

To Do. referring an additional Estimate of Cash required by Mr. Paymaster Cochrane for the Current Month.—

1/2 25 Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: Nos. 123. 124. 125.—

From the Commanding Officer of the Nizams Detachment.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Enclosing Copies of Intelligence (of little Import) with the Resident at Hydrabad.—

From the Commanding Officer at Pondicherry.—

From Major General Braithwaite recommending to the favorable Consideration of Government Applications made by Messrs. Cazenove, Sauvayere, Beaufett and D'Estache to be allowed a Monthly Subsistence by the English Company.—

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly.—

From Major General Floyd—advising of his having Authorized the Execution of some temporary repairs indespensably requisite to the new Cavalry Barrack—and of his having a Body Guard for the Nabob Hussein ul Mulk on his requisitions.—

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Received the following Letters.—

Observation of Govern.t Medical Board
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From the Medical Board respecting Medicines & intended for this Presidency which have been carried on to Bengal,—Mr. Fallofield applies for pay whilst doing duty on board the Kent Indiaman and during his Detention at China—Mr. Davis & arrives with Assistant Surgeon's Indentures—proposes removals and appointments affecting Messrs. Short, Fallofield, Mr. Morris, Castrade and Babington—the very bad Condition of the Hospital at Cuddalore represented.—

We have received & from the Apothecary the accompanying List of Packages containing European & Medecines for this Presidency, brought, out on the Lord & Camden and Manship; but which were not landed in consequence of the sudden departure of these Ships for Bengal.—

We recommend that the circumstance may be communicated to the Supreme Government, that the Medecines may be sent here by the first Opportunity.—

Communication will be made to Bengal, agreeably to the Recommendation of the Medical Board.—

We

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We have the honor

W. Fallofield must to enclose Copy of a letter
look to the Owners of the from Mr. William Fallofield,
Kent for compensation
for his trouble during Assistant Surgeon, and
the time he acted as Surgeon hope he will be allowed
of that Ship - The Orders to draw Subsistance from
of the Court of Directors the date of his Arrival
are positive against #
& at Chinna. —
making any Allowances
to their Servants, until Mr. Thomas Hart
their Actual Arrival at Davis having arrived #
the Presidency to which with an appointment #
they belong. —
from the Honorable the
Court of Directors of #
Assistant Surgeon on this
Establishment we recom-
Approved. — mend that he be admitted
Accordingly. —
We recommend that
Mr. Joseph Street, Assistant
Surgeon, be appointed to do
duty

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duly with the Detachment of Artillery at Trichinopoly; and that Mr. William Tallofield be appointed to the 1st Regement of Native Cavalry / in his room /

We also recommend

Approved

that Mr. Samuel Mc. Morris Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to the Garisons of Salem and Namcul; and Mr John Castrade Assistant Surgeon to the Garison of Cuddalore. —

We recommend that Mr. Anthony Babington Assistant Surgeon, be

Approved

Ordered

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ordered to take Charge
of the Temporary Corps
of Cavalry under Major
Dallas, until further
Orders.—

The Military Auditor &
General will be instructed
to admit the Charge of ten
Pagodas \$ Month for the
Rent of the House occupied
as an Hospital at Cuddalore
to commence from the
period when it was &
first hired—and to
Continue until further
Orders.—

We have the honor
to forward Copy of a letter
from the Surgeon at Cuddalore
stating the Situation of \$
the Hospital Board at
that Garrison, which we
recommend to the &
consideration of Government

/signed/ Ja. Anderson
Physician General
Colly. S. Lucas
Chief Surgeon—

To

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To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General, and Members of the

Medical Board

Gentlemen

After I had the honor of
receiving an appointment on the Madras
Establishment I took a passage on board
the Honorable Company's Ship Kent. When
we were on the point of sailing from
England, I was requested by Captain
Saltwell of that Ship to take upon me
the duty of Surgeon on the passage to
India, his own Surgeon not having
joined the Ship. With this request I
complied, and Captain Saltwell informed
the Honorable Court of Directors of this

Circumstance

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Circumstance by letter — After our Arrival at the Cape of Good Hope, where the Ship was Ordered to China I meant to take a passage on a Madras Ship but at the particular request of Captain Sartwell I was induced to go to China where we arrived on the 1st of March 1796. As my detention at China Since that time has been attended with considerable expence, I beg leave to lay these Circumstance before you hoping you will have the goodness to represent them to the Honorable President and Council, if you think proper, that my pay may be granted since my Arrival at China. The reasons of my having gone to China and also the impossibility of obtaining an earlier passage to Madras, are mentioned in the letter from the Secret Committee at China,

to

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to the Presidency here.—

Madras
23d. December 1796

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) William Tallowfield

A true Copy
/signed/ Monolly
Secy M.B.d.

To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General &c. and Members
of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to represent to
your Board that the House at present
occupied as the Hospital of Cuddalore,
is the property of a Chetty a Native of this
place; and who has this day given me
notice to remove the sick on the 1st. of
January; the Lease for which it had
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been taken by my predecessor Mr. Harris expiring on that day, and no Rent having been paid him for these eighteen Months past as the House formerly allowed for the & Garison Hospital has been several Years in Ruins and uninhabited, Mr. Harris was under the necessity of fitting up at a & considerable expence, and Renting the & present Hospital, and as it is a large airy commodious House well calculated for & that purpose, and for the reception of & Europeans sent to the Sea Coast for the & Benefit of their health; I and of which description there is at present Twelve, I beg You will be pleased to Recommend it & to the Particular attention of Government, who I hope will either give orders for its being purchased, or grant an & allowance of Ten Pagodas per Month. +

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as Rent for an Hospital.—

Cuddalore

20th December 1796

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Duncan

Surgeon

A true Copy

(Signed) V. Conolly

Secy Md. Bd.

Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the enclosed Letter from the Regimental Pay Master 71st Regiment to which I beg leave to call your attention, and hope that you will take such steps as you may judge proper to ensure that all Payments to the Regiment be made through the regular Channel the Regimental Paymaster. I imagine a

From the Commandant of the 71st Regiment — respecting a Letter to which the Regimental Paymaster is eventually exposed in consequence of a payment made by Mr Roebuck of Arrears due to Major Gorry, deceased, to the Executor of his Estate — instead of making the same thro' the regular Channel of the Regimental Paymaster. —

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a Pay Master General cannot of his own
Authority alter the course of Payments due
to a Regiment. —

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

(Signed) D'Baird
Lt. Col: 71st. Regt. —

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To Colonel Baird
Commanding 71st. Regiment. —

Sir,

I have to inform you that
the Honorable the Paymaster General of
Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops
has made a partial payment from 71st.
Regiment Abstract of Arrears to the 4
Field Officers, to Mr. Henderson of Madras
Executor to the Estate of Major Gowdy to
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the full Amount of his Arrears, before he had Notice of his Regimental Accounts being Settled, and without my Consent — The Articles of War say that Regimental Accounts &c. are to be first cleared, and the balance if any to be paid the Executor — My readiness to Comply with the above is well known to Mr. Roebuck, and the Executor. —

Considering the power of making partial divisions of Regimental Cash Assumed in the present instance by the Paymaster General to be illegal and Contrary to the act of Parliament, I have to request that you will be pleased to refer the Subject to the Commander in Chief

I am, &c. &c.

(Signed) H. Mackenzie
Capt. & Paym. 91. Regt

Wallajabaad
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William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Chief & Engineer - recommends payment of sundry Bills for Work executed on Estimate by Lieut Caldwell, also of Captain Caldwell's Commission. —

I beg to send Accompanying Thirteen Small Bills for Repairs & done in the Military Department & at the Presidency Since the Contract for Buildings and Repairs expired, the whole Amounting to Pagodas 884. 29. 60 which Inquest you will be so good as lay before the Right Honorable the President in Council, that an Order may be obtained for the payment. —

The Bills are accompanied by Indents as Vouchers, and the Work has been executed Under the Superintendance of

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of Captain Lieutenant Caldwell who has Certified the Bills, and I hope the Right Honorable the President in Council will be pleased to grant him the Allowance of 5 ℘ Cent for his trouble. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Gent Chief Engineer. —

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Recvd and dispatched the
abovementioned Letter entered in M.B. Nº
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From the Executor to the Estate of Major Butler. —

From W. Thomas Chase &
requesting to know the particular Ground
on which his Claim to the difference of
Batta due to his Testator between the
Ranks of Captain and Major is rejected. —

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provision. —

From W. Skardon — enclosing
Statements of the Cash required for the
Provision

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Provision of Articles ordered to be laid in Store at Trichinopoly Tanjore and Tiagar — and requesting that Application may be made to the Nabobs to furnish the Godowns required at the former Station

From Messrs. Lautour & Co. requesting Payment of a Months Freight due to the Ship Yarmouth. —

From Messrs. Lautour and Co.

From M. Roebuck — with a similar request on Account of the Ewer. —

From the Owner of the Ewer. —

To M. Secretary Barlow & forwarding Intelligence received from the Mysore Country. —

To the Secretary at Bengal. —

To Sir Charles Warre Malet and Major Kirkpatrick — to the purpose & above noted. —

To the Residents at Poonah and Hyderabad. —

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To the Secretary at Bengal

To M.r Secretary Barlow - forwarding a Letter for the Governor General received & from the Nabob. —

To Military Auditor General. —

To Major General Sydenham, with Instructions relative to the transmission to Bombay of all Accounts of Expences & defrayed by this Government for Troops & belonging to that Presidency with his remarks thereon - advising him of the Advances of Cash Authorized to be made by Lieutenant Colonel Wahab to secure the Reinlistment of Men of the 2.nd European Regiment whose time is about to expire - his opinion requires on a point in Dispute & between the two Assistant Surgeons attached to the 10.th Regiment of Native Infantry & Lieutenant Colonel Hart's Claim on the & Gratuity Fund rejected. —

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At a Consultation
Present
The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor — President

Tuesday
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Major General Alured Clarke
Commander in Chief
Edward Saunders Esquire
and
Ernst William Fallofield Esquire

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read the following letters from the Resident at Tanjore. —

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

From the Resident at Tanjore replying fully to the various matters of Complaint alledged & against them by the Rajah in his Letter of the 9th June shewing also, the different Terms under which Officers are employed in the Subdivisions of the Tanjore Country and how the Administration and Government of the Country is transferred from the Rajah into the hands of the Company's Servants. —

My Lord,

I have now the honor of replying to such parts of the Rajahs letter dated the 9th June last as relate to my Public Conduct. —

If

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If the Rajah by his mention of my being present at the Assembly of the Pundits means to insinuate that I bore any part in the approbation of the Proceedings of that assembly His Excellency is totally wrong. The subsequent declarations of some of the surviving Pundits is already on Record.—

In his Excellency's letter of the 18th December 1795, quoted at length, he asserts that he had discharged all the Mortgages that were on his Country.— That this was not true, is evident from the Paupanasum Mortgage having been produced to, and acknowledged by him to be in full force— The rest of the Country was made over to Chinnia and his freinds after the Death of the Dubash Nagapah Chetty to whom; The Rajah confesses, in his letter of the 15th January last he had mortgaged it.—

The Rajah says "The whole of the Revenue is brought to the Circar Treasury" This is in contradistinction to the Revenue being brought, as was usual, not to the Circar Treasury but directly from the Country to the Houses of the Mortgagee's Agents.—

Since

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Since the restoration of the Country the latter practice has been again resumed, and every Fenam of the Revenue goes directly to the Agents of Chinnia who govern the Country — It may be here proper to remark how the Orders of Government for this not coming South of the Coleroon, are (in their spirit at least and beneficial Tendency) completely defeated; for, He exists here by this Agents. —

With regard to Loans on Interest in this Country I beg leave to refer to the Inhabitants own Statement in the 6th Article of the enclosed Cowle (A) granted them by the Rajah

In the Paragraph of the Translation of the Rajahs Letter beginning with these Words. — "Your Excellency has been pleased to say that from "the Conduct of my Servants," and ending with the "the Words" "I have therefore disregarded such "suggestions and have furnished no one"; He sets forth the good Conduct of his Servants, and the prosperous situation of the Inhabitants of this Country. —

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To shew how differently the
Inhabitants themselves thought on the
Subject I enclose Copy and Translation of
a Cowle given by the Rajah to the whole of
the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country who
had fled in 1795, to endure their Return — The
Copy was found among the Public Accounts
sent to me from the Palace on my receiving the
three Loubahs in January last — It contains
43 Articles and mentions 17 Additional
Articles of Propositions made by the Inhabitants
but his Excellency, in the Cowle, is silent as
to the Object of those additional Articles. —

Upon the faith of this Cowle the
Inhabitants returned to Tanjore, and when
assembled publicly in an immense Body
before the Rajah, loudly and tumultuously
called for Redress against his Ministers. —
The Cowle however has been entirely broken —

The enclosed paper № 2 will exhibit
a number of Instances of the undue interference of
Relations and Favorites of the Minister to the
great oppression of the Inhabitants — These were

specific

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Specific and from those Inhabitants whose names appear in the Paper. +

Exclusive of the above, there are 4 instances, affecting not private Individuals only, but the Country at large. A Usury or Tax to the Amount of 60,000 Pagodas was levied on the Country to defray the necessary Expence of building a new Palace; That the Inhabitants paid this I know from the late & Baron Ricketts the Architect who conducted & as much of the Work as was finished. —

A Usury to a very considerable Amount nearly a lac of Pagodas was fixed on the Country about the Time of the Arrival from Madras of Bava the Serkeel Brother a short while previous to the Rajahs' Departure on a visit to the Pagoda of Ramiseram. —

It has always been the practice of his Excellency's Ministers to supply his Masters wants from Resources of the iniquitous and ruinous Nature of those abovementioned, another instance of which occurred in the Year 1788 when Mr. William Petrie was Commissioner at this

Place

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Place The Rajah fixed a Tung-Murry or Tax of Gold over the whole Country The necessity for this Imposition was brought on by his own and his Servants profusion the preceding Year — While this Tax was collecting by rigorous Methods I gave frequent Information thereof to the Commissioner who I believe mentioned it to his Excellency the Tax however was enforced one to a large Amount, generally said to be 70,000 Pagodas. —

On this occasion the Rajah extended his unjust Assessment to the Widows of his Brother the late Rajah. On their application to me I represented their Case at the Time to Mr Petrie in a letter dated the 9th September 1788 of which the following is an Extract. —

"I do myself the honor of enclosing to "you the Representations of the late Rajahs "Women. —

"Their address will explain to you "their distresses; in addition to their own Account "and the Public notoriety of the late seizure of their "Jewels, I have further incontestable proof, that "these injuries and indignities have been heaped upon them.

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"The Reliefs afforded to the Rajahs
"finances by the Present illegal, and disgraceful
"plunder of the Zenana, can be but small; — This
"Excellency will endeavour to transfer the A
"abhorrence, inevitably excited by such proceedings,
"from himself to the English, — This Consideration,
"added to the certainty of the Begums still suffering
"greater oppressions, should their present application
"prove ineffectual, seems to demand a speedy &
"interference on the part of the Company, whose
"dignity would suffer, from the receipt of money
"known to have been collected by such injustifiable
"means." —

"Could the Rajah be induced (according to
"your first idea) to dismiss those of his Servants
"who have notoriously enriched themselves by
"defrauding them, the remainder of this Balance
"would be soon provided for and the example &
"might prove (in some degree) a Warning to those,
"he may employ in future. —

I am &c.

P.S. "The Rajah was with them now when the
"latter went to the Women's Apartments at
"night as stated in their Petition". —

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The Rajah himself in a letter to the Governor dated the 3d July 1789 states the mischiefs of being obliged to anticipate the Collections of the ensuing year and the ruinous Policy to which M.r Petrie had compelled him. —

These Mischiefs and the failure of his Excellency in his Payment to the Company arose from the want of a due and timely interference which would have prevented the expensive Measures by which the Rajah put it out of his own Power to fulfill the Treaty Concluded by him with the Government in 1787

Several Months before his actual failure I foretold that Event stated the loans &c.a which would effectually disable him from paying and recommended such an early degree of Interference as Government might be authorized to adopt — enclosed N.os 3 and 4 are Copies of my Letters on this occasion. —

It is to be lamented that some measures were not then adopted tending to avert the failure and the consequent Mischiefs of which his Excellency has since complained. —

From this example, a question very naturally arises, whether, it is not better for

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for the Rajah, this Inhabitants, and the Company, that the ruinous Consequence which branch out from extensive Loans and Mortgages should be checked before the Remedy becomes as bad as the disease.—

the interference of Dubashes in some part of Tanjore affairs in confirmation of Intelligence given by me, in a Private letter to the late Sir Archibald Campbell dated 29th May 1788 as follows "Last night at 12 o'Clock Patchapah "was admitted to a conference with Bava the "late minister, in the Palace where he confined "in the Palace - He remained with him till 3 in "the Morning - the object of this visit is as "I understand, to procure Money from Bava "about 30,000 Chuckrums for the use of the "Circar" and in a subsequent letter I mention the Sum being paid. In confirmation of the Truth of the above I find on the Records a Letter from ola Bava to the Resident in May 1790 as follows.—

"When I was in this condition, the "Rajahs Vakeel and Patchapa Modily came to me

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"me persuading me to pay 30,000* Rupees adding
"that with the Payment of these 30,000 Rupees all
"accounts should be settled - or finally decided. They
"told me that they would beseech the Rajah to set me free
"Having been in Prison for 1½ Years, having
"suffered much in that Condition and finding my
"health decaying I wished to get out of that Misery
"Therefore by Mortgageing and Selling my House here,
"and in the Country, by begging &c. I paid some ready
"Money to the Circar and the rest at 4 Terms. By
"the help of Patchapa Moodely I paid off the whole
"Sum of 30,000 Rupees and got a Receipt for it. —
"Afterwards, when a Tax was laid on the whole
"Country (at the time when Mr. Petrie was here at
"Tanjore) they Invested upon my paying 500 Pagodas
which Sum I have paid by the help of Patchapa
"Moodely all these Sums borrowed by me are not
"yet paid off." —

*30,000 Chuckrums

With this subject of the alledged good
Conduct of the Ministers and the Situation of his
Inhabitants, the Rajahs Board, in the latter part
of his letter, of having encreased their Share to 60 p.
Cent seems to be immediately connected, and therefore
may be examined in this Place. —

I admit

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I admit that his Excellency did encrease the Share of such Inhabitants as had not & already 40 p Cent of the Crop, to that Amount, but at the same time it is equally true that an encrease in what is called the Naat-Shelvoo, (or Village Expence) paid by the Inhabitants from five and ten, to 15. and 25 p% Cullum was permitted; by which oppressive encrease the Benefit of that in the Inhabitants Share was defeated and an additional burthen imposed on the Cultivators: Exclusive of which the Rajah then made a Practice of fixing the annual Soubah Price of the Cullum of Grain at a rate considerably higher than the average market Price of the Soubah - so that the pretended benefit of which his Excellency boasts was completely fictitious - the abovementioned Naat-Shelvoo is the very same thing (under the Name of Gram-Kirch) which the Revenue & Instructions so strictly forbid to be taken from the Inhabitants.

There exists at this moment a glaring & proofs of its having been taken, for, old Bawa is & now making the Pattacdars refund the exactions & Naat Shelvoo they have during these last five & years

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Years taken from the Inhabitants.—

It is proper to remark also that forty
p Cent of the Crop always had been the rightful
Share of the Inhabitants—I Know it to be so when
I was here in 1788; and the fact is corroborated by
a Statement of M. John Sulivan the former
Resident addressed to Lord Macartney &c. under
date 25th January 1783—also by the joint letter to
Government dated 30th March 1781 from Messrs.
Davidson and Jourdan Deputed to Tanjore to
report (among other things) on the State of the
Revenue.—

The inconsistency which prevails on
Some of the Rajahs assertions regarding this
encreased Share is evident. On the 26th February 1789
I addressed a letter to Government by desire of
His Excellency stating that he had then encreased
the Inhabitants Share to 40 per Cent—yet in his
letter of February 1790 (Extract enclosed No 5) he
asserts that he had at that Time made the
encrease in Consequence of the favor recently done
him by the Company of lowering his Subsidy.—
—in order that the Ryots also might extend the
blessing to his people—But even this benefit

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said to be conferred at two different Times was in fact never conferred one; and in contradiction to his Excellency's above assertion, in 1790 the Resident in a reply to the letter which contained it, denies that any benefit has been conferred and tells the Rajah in plain language, that other impositions have left the Ryots in as bad a state as they were in before. (See Extract of Resident's letter to Rajah &c. enclosed №6) Now, although the Rajah throughout all his Correspondence make a point of replying minutely to all that is urged against him, yet to this pointed contradiction of his alledged Kindness to the Inhabitants, and to the Call made by the Resident for proof He never once offers an answer - The Resident was on the spot when the assertion was made; and had the Rajah been capable of proving it true, it seems reasonable to believe he would have done so. —

As to that part of his Excellency's letter which relates to Sheveroys Invitation of the Gentlemen to go to the Palace in defiance of the Governments orders I shall only request your Lordship

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Lordship to observe that it contains a direct & and positive admission of the fact.—

With respect to the same paragraph of the Rajah's letter where he speaks of my & bringing a European to his Durbar Vr. I know of no negotiation entered into; and the Gentleman went there for the sole purpose of being Witness to his Excellency's Declaration of taking the Seal from Sheverow— the above purpose he executed, & and no other. This is already before the Board. +

On that Passage of the letter which recites a part of your Lordship's, stating that & the Money lenders, from fear of danger to their Loan, hasten to recover it by unjust means, I beg leave to offer it as my Opinion that the assessment for Naat-Sheloroo, collected and collecting with so much haste and rigor, was caused partly by apprehensions of the Company being drawn into a War during the late disputes at Poonah.—

The Rajah in the same paragraph asserts that the Creditors had no power to collect, but that the "Circar people" did so— 'tis true that & in one sense they the latter might be so called because His Excellency appointed the "Creditors people"—

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to act officially. This I pressed home to his Excellency before the Signature of the Treaty, and offered to produce the very Men in his Presence. He turned off the Subject by saying "ola Bawa had appointed them:" it was notorious that ola Bawa had a most confined Authority and that only upon sufferance.—

I deny in the most positive Terms the Rajahs assertion respecting my wish to take the Country for five years. This he says he & refused; and States that I then proposed an Agreement for fifteen years. Passing by the extreme improbability of my proposing an agreement for fifteen years after one for five had been positively refused. I beg leave to say that the agreement for fifteen years was never & proposed; but drawn out at his desire, merely to to shew him, in consequence of his request that I would invent a claim he pretended to have on the Company for 30,000 Pagodas.— I have the Maratta Paper containing his wish on this Subject.—

His Excellency says he has no "Copy" of the Treaty of 23d. January last this is evidently &

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an inadvertency as he has the Counterpart of it Executed by Government.—

To the following paragraph regarding the alledged Seizure of the Country &c. I have already replied in former letters.—

His Excellency asserts that "for two "Years before my late appointment as Resident "there is no instance of a complaint upon the "records of your Government either against "himself or any of his Servants."—

This cannot appear surprizing when it is considered that during almost the whole of that term Viz. from August 1794 there was not only no Company's Servant to watch the Tanjore proceedings, but that Colonel Baird, a friend of his Excellency was Commanding Officer—

Admitting the truth of his Excellency's Assertion that there was no complaint, it is to be lamented that no Official Intimation of the general Flight of the Inhabitants in 1795 (I mean the occasion on which the Cowle was sent them) should have been made to Government.—

As to the Rajah's charge of a Coalition between Mr. Swartz and myself I answer that if obtaining much

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much information from a Gentleman of good &
Character who has, during many years, from
his ability and Knowledge of the Country language
acquired the best Intelligence be blame-worthy,
I am to blame.—

The abilities and Knowledge of one of
my Predecessors Mr. Sullivan are, I believe &
universally admitted. That Gentleman consulted
much with Mr. Swartz and publicly mentioned
the Assistance derived from his Experience.
From Mr. Swartz's well known Character the
Board of Revenue have sometimes recommended
Consultations with him. In consulting him
therefore I have followed the dictates of my own
Judgment confirmed by very good Authority.—

The late Rajah had a high respect &
for Mr. Swartz and communicated with him
most confidentially on many important &
affairs of his Government—and I fear the &
Opinion of the present Rajah has been &
misled by Persons in his confidence, who bear
a rooted antipathy to every thing that is &
decent or virtuous.—

I come now to his Excellency's &
Statement of his Nett Collections between
July

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July 1795 and January 1796 from Tsivady & Manargoody and Myaveram which he states for all three at Pagodas 60,908. and refers for proof to his Accounts in Possession of the Three Collectors of those Soubahs - I find by these Accounts which were furnished by himself, the gross Revenue during that Term to be as follows Vizt.-

Manargoody Pagodas	32,660	--
Mayaveram	37,916	--
Tsivady	59,170	--
Total	129,746	--

Of his Expences for Collecting the above I have no Account except of Tsivady which amounted by his own Statement (including every thing) to Pagodas 10,709. Assuming therefore the like per Centage for the other Soubahs I make the expence of Manargoody ..... Pagodas 5,911 --

of Myaveram	6,947	--
add Tsivady	10,709	--
Total Expence of Coll[n]	23,567	--

which deducted from the gross Revenue of Pag[s] 129,746 leaves Nett 106,179 - but then the Rajah will say that the expence of his Household must be deducted; what the latter may amount to depends on circumstances but supposing

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supposing it, as has been generally thought 4
Pagodas 10,000 per Month / which is more than his
Creditors allow him / say for the six Months 4
60,000 Pagodas - Therefore

Nett for Triwady Manargoody
and Mayaveram ... Pagodas 106.179.---
2 fifths + Nett of Combeconum and Pette Cottah Soubahs. } 82.772.---.---

+ 2/5 are Collected in the Cane Crop

188.901.---.---
Deduct for Household 60,000.---.---
Remains Pagodas 128.901.---.---

To pay the 3 first Kists Amounting to 110,000 Pagodas.

But even admitting for arguments sake that the above Statement be not sufficiently 4 favorable to the Rajah can we reasonably suppose him under the necessity of borrowing the whole Amount of those Kists without supposing also that expences of former years French upon the Current Revenue. -

The Rajah observes that he is desirous of delivering over the Country to Posterity in the 4 same state as it was in at his accession if this 4 be true and if he complains of the necessity of borrowing 4 why has he alienated lands by Inaam and 4 Servomaniam? - Shankerow and Sheverow are 4 among these to the latter he granted, even after

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receiving the Letter from the Court of Directors &c against such grants, the Town of Carapoor near Combecconum Containing above 50 Bazars. —

To make Grants of Lands to an Amount that induces a necessity of borrowing to fulfill his Engagements with the Company, seems a virtual Infraction of Treaty - or at least an Evil of a tendency too hazardous to pass without some kind of Check. —

His Excellency's Statement of encrease of Paddy in his Country, if it be true, is owing to the Pattamdars themselves, who for their own sakes, will take care that a sufficient quantity of Grain is produced - Nature has been so bountiful to Tanjore that the Cultivation almost takes Care of itself - has the Rajah or his Ministers made, or preserved in, any Plan of Exportation of Grain almost the only enlarged method of raising the Tanjore Revenues - What Encouragement has been given to Manufactures in a Country where Labour is comparatively cheap? — The Inhabitants in the Coole, apart, that heavy Customs have prevented most of Merchants - As to the price of Grain mentioned by the Rajah I admit that

Last

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last year it was exceedingly low indeed.—

The Rajah mentions regedity and anticipations of the Company's Servants in Collecting the Revenue— I shall speak of what I know, My own Collections in Tievady— The Collections were not anticipated for they were made rather too late— but they were made faithfully, strictly, and Economically; and I received the thanks of the Rajah and of a Bava for doing them so much justice.

I have the honor to be with respect,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod

Resd.

Tanjore
15th December 1796

Translation of Cowle given by Sheverow the Sirkeel in the Rajahs Name to the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country
(November 1795)

Article	Remark by the Resident
Ye have complained of the Velladers (Managers of the Country) and desired that others may be named from the Palace— Agreed to.	This is a very important Stipulation. They require the appointment of Persons from the Rajah because those persons being confidential people of the Rajah have the Priviledge of reporting the State of the Country directly to the Rajah without sending their Reports thro' the Sirkeel—

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Art: 2.

Ye have complained that a ℔
Loss of 1/8 or 3/4 of a Tanam ℔
Cullum has been sustained ℔
by you on Account of the excessive
price fixed by Us on the Sumbu
Peshanum Paddy, which you
desire may be deducted in the
Settlement. We is agreed that
1/8 of a Tanam ℔ Cullum ℔
shall be deducted immediately
from such as owe Balance,
and, in the Course of the present
Year, from such as owe none. —

Art: 3.

You desire that the Loss for
Over Collection of last year ℔
should be made good to you ℔
in the Cair Harvest, and also
that the Balance due should
be taken half in the Caar ℔
and half in the Peshanum ℔
harvest of this year; it is ℔
Agreed that Both shall be ℔
taken half in the Caar half
in the Peshanum Harvest —

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Art 4th

You desire than previous to fixing the Soubah Price of Paddy this Year We should make proper Enquiries so as to ascertain the true Price all over the Country and that We should fix it at so many Markals of Tenam not at so many Fanams of Cullaram for this We Agreed. —

Art: 4th

If the market Price of the grower Cultivators who sell only by the Merkal be not taken into the account the Annual Price fixed by the Circar must be too high. Fixing a Price without due Inquiry in the Country is the most oppressive of all Irregularities. —

Art: 5

You desire that in the Soubahs of Combaconum, Manargoody, and a Myaveram, We should remove the Circar Paddy from such Villages as pay in Paddy soon after the Circar Share is measured Agreed to. —

Art: 5th

This Should certainly be done — otherwise in case of Damage of Grain while it remains in Stack of the Inhabitants the Circar exact the Amount in Money or Good Grain without allowance for the Loss — The Evil has long existed. —

Art: 6

You have stated that certain People of great Interest and recommendation who get Farkas on the Country to receive so much in Grain always insist upon receiving the Amount in ready Money instead

Art: 6th

This is a Source of unspeakable Oppression to the People — the Persons receiving the Farkas are the favorite Servants of the Palace and their Demands cannot be refused without the utmost Danger to the Refuser

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instead of Grain — This is
agreed that this shall be
remedied. —

Art: 7th

You have complained that
you sustain a Loss of from
Twenty to 30 ℔ Cent in
bringing Paddy from Tiruady
Coubak to our Granary, at
Koteum, and Chuttrum, &
We doubt not that if the
Paddy should be measured
properly on the Villages no
Loss would be sustained &
Proper Measurement shall
be established so that no
more Loss than 6 or seven
℔ Cent may accrue. —

Art: 7

This is a shameful &
Imposition. It is felt
principally by the Tiruady
Inhabitants who pay much
in Grain on Account of the
Vicinity to the Fort the
Puttundars alone pay 2,50,000
Cullum of Paddy in Kind the
Loss on Transportation amounts
to no more than 5 ℔ Cent which
I have Charged in the Tiruady
Accounts and that falls on
the Ryot not the Inhabitants

Art: 8th

You have stated that Two
Proposals which were
taken from Anacoody Petty
should be returned to them
— This is unusual — but
We consent partly because
he is a principal Inhabitants
and because you desire it —

Art: 8th

I have not been able to
learn the particulars of this

You

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Art: 9th

You desire that in the 4th Settlement of your Muramut Account no more than 60 p Cent shall be deducted to this We agreed.—

Art: 9. Viz.t

The Muramut account for the preceding year

Art: 10th

You desire that a full & allowance shall be made you for your Expences of deepning Rivers, repairing Banks &c. &c. &c. as usual

—Agreed to—

Art: 11th

You desire that for the present Years Muramut & also proper Inquiries may be made so that the Amount of your Account may be allowed you provided that Account be a faithful one — Agreed to—

Art: 12th

You require due payment of the value of Articles furnished by you for the repair of the Anacut and other works —

—Agreed to.—

Art: 10th & 11th

In other Words that the Cuttar should do its duty in Repairing the Banks Water courses &c. for the Cultivation

This offer of the Inhabitants to receive payment according to the Work performed implies a failure in this point on the part of the Cuttar.—

Art: 12th

That is for Cocoa Nut trees, Timber, Bamboos, Cocoa Nut, Branches, &c. Materials supplied by them for keeping the Anacut and other great Banks in Repair.—

You

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Art: 13th

You desire that the Villages which are disabled from paying their full Rent should be put in Amanee;- Agreed to.

Art: 13:

So that if any of the Crops be damaged the Ciecar may get its due Share on Measurement of what remains.—

Art: 14th

The Overplus of the Produce of such Villages as yield more than their fixed Revenue shall be measured and the Ciecar's Share taken.—

Art: 14th

Art: 15th

You have complained that Two Fenams & each & 100 Cullums have been added to the Naattkuch Village Expence) which you pray and that therefore you cannot pay the Peruttu &c. Expence - We cannot take off the Naattkuch but the Peruttu Expence shall be no more than one Fenam & 100 Cullum as that amount only was taken by Ramien and Bava whom they were in Employ.—

Art: 15:

The Increase of the Village Expence during the present Rajahs reign has been from 5 to Fenams 100 Cullums of Paddy to 15 and 25 & D°. it Consists of exactions by the Puttuudaar for Feasts, Marriages &c.— The 2 — Fenams here spoken of were added about 3 Years ago - the Peruttu Expence is an allowance exacted from the Inhabitants for the Soubahdar, Bava and Ramien who in employ about 10 years ago.

You

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Art: 16:

You have desired that We may take care that your Creditors may make up your Accounts only one a year – that the following 4 Articles should be abolished Viz.t Hoona Toond /or Loss on Pagodas/ Veeaaza baabut Toond /or loss by Compound Interest D'haarna Toond Loss on the Price of Grain, Kivellay & wotelaabeh /Bond previously taken for computed Profit on Grain Premium, Presents &c.a We agreed that these 4 shall be abolished and that the reduced Interest shall be settled once a Year. –

Art: 16

The Creditors usually make up their Accounts four Times a Year adding 3 Months Interest to the Principal at every Quarter renewing Bonds for both together – the Hoona Toond is this Creditor advances the Coin of Tinams and charging 1/8 of a Tinam of Pagoda, at the time of lending takes a bond for the 4 whole payable in Pagodas. – No alteration is made on the 4 quarterly adjustment of Accounts but whenever a Payment is made of the whole or part of the Debt another 8th of a Tinam of Pagoda is Charged to the Inhabitant. The Compound & Interest has been already mentioned Kivellay Wotelaab is as follows a Creditor lends Money and agrees to receive payment half in Money half in Grain at a certain time the Sale of Probable Profit on the future sale of this Grain & being calculated is added to the Principal of the Loan and an Interest bond taken D'haarna Toond is loss to the Dealer by the Creditor if he receives Paddy, taking it at a lower rate than the Market Price Exclusive of all these Sources of Exaction there are Premium and Douceurs. –

Art: 17th

You have stated that the Son of Pitchanda Moodely having unjustly taken a Bond for 8000 Chuckrums from Inhabitants of Shera Perumboor has seized one half of their Village – This shall

Art: 17th

This has probably been 4 arranged as I received no application about it while Tiruady (in which Soubah Perambaur is Situated) remained under my Management

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shall be decided justly by
Arbitration.—

Art. 18th.

You desire that we may give you credit for the exact & Interest which the Merchants receive for their advances to you on Account of Cultivation Viz.t from the 15 of the Month Any and the 15 of Adey (June and July) to this we agree.—

Art. 18

Inhabitants borrow Money from Sowcars for Cultivation, & on the Security of the Crops which ought to allow the Inhabitants as much Interest as they actually pay.—

Art 19th

You say you are unable to pay the Assessment of One Fanam, three Mercalls and 1/8 of a Mercal of Paddy for each hundred Cullum, on account of the Church of Tripavanum — This we fixed for the sake of Charity only — but in future 3/8 Mercall p.r Cullum only shall be taken and the Fanam excused.—

Art 19th:

This is a shameful imposition; exacted about 3 Years ago to support Tripavanum and Mokunda Ramaswmy Churches the first has been many years in Ruins and the Second is not yet built — Worship however is performed in a Choultry built by the late Ven.: Veeraraghellum Moodely — The Tax was taken on the Gross Paddy Cullums of the whole Country — which at a Moderate Computation is 100 Lacs of Cullums p.r year.

Art: 20th

You have complained that by the exaction of unusual & Magimehs (or presents) the Duties

Art: 20th

Want of Sale for Paddy is the greatest Evil that can befall the Tanjore Inhabitants.—

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Duties on Grain have raised so high that no Merchants will come to purchase it, We agree to abolish every thing of this kind which is unusual. —

Art: 21st

You complain also that the Renters of the Customs will exact higher Duties than what ought to be paid, desiring that they may take no more than old usage allows. To this we Agree. —

Art: 21.

The arbitrary exactions of Custom Managers is notorious. —

Art: 22nd

You desire that Revenue disputes which happen in the Country should be decided there and not brought for decision to the Court in Tanjore that all Papers relative to decisions in the Court should be given up. —

To this we answer that such Causes shall be settled in the Country the Papers relating to Causes already decided in the

Art: 22nd

The Meaning of this is, that they preserve the Mode of Arbitration on the Spot to the Corrupt and tedious reference to the Tanjore Court — an Inhabitant might be obliged to Travel 70 Miles to settle a dispute of no great Value. —

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the Court shall not be
given up but those relating
to undecided Causes shall
be returned as you desire.—

Art: 23d

You desire that Nundyen
of Hardwer mungleum
now Prisoner here may be
released and sent thither
so that his Cause may be
decided at that Place.—
We promise that He shall
be sent thither—also that
all other Inhabitants now
Prisoners here shall be sent
to their places and their
Causes decided by Arbitration.

Art: 24th

You say that certain people
of high Interest and Power
Professing Puddekums are
excused from contributing
the Poleum (Assessment for
Bamboos &c.) and that
Villages are unjustly
included in their Putteecums
We agree to remedy these abuses.—

Art: 23d

I am not acquainted with
the particulars of the Confine-
ment of their Principal
Inhabitants Hardwermungleum
is the most distant part of
Travady Soubah.—

Art: 24th

This is a great Grievance the Poleum
is what the whole Inhabitants are obliged
to furnish Viz: Bamboos Straw, Sheafs
Cocoanut Branches, Oil Sugar, Plantain
&c. Now when several Putteecums
are exempted from the Cummum &
Contribution it falls very heavy on the
remaining Inhabitants who are
obliged to furnish for the whole—

You

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Art: 25th

You say that Villages are taken from one Puttucum & annexed to another & without paying the due Revence to the Puttucdars from whom they are taken This shall be remedied —

Art: 26

With respect to the people who may be taken to drag the Swamy Coaches We agree that the Hircarrahs of the Madeyetum / the Managers of the Soubah / and not the Palace Hircarrahs shall be employed to collect the people —

Art: 27th

You have desired that the Madeyetum's Hircarrahs only not Palace Hircarrahs should be sent to make demands on the Inhabitants — We agree to this provided the Inhabitants send their Accounts & in proper Time

With

Art: 25th

The Change of a Village from one Puttucum to another is often a Relief to it from oppression but all these ought previously to be adjusted. — In Trivady I advised placing a Village removed from one Puttucdar under another as the Practice were likely to excite Puttucdars to foment quarrels between Village Inhabitants and their Puttucdar to get them added to their own Puttucums. —

Art: 26

Hircarrah exact batta to excuse Particular People from dragging the Swamy Coach & Sometimes 2500 Persons are employed to drag one Coach. —

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Art: 28th

With regard to your complaint that the Company's Butchers sent out for Sheep always force away the Ryeur, We shall endeavour to get this rectified.—

Art: 29th

As that the Price you formerly received for each Sheep was one Pondicherry Rupee which was always paid by a Detachment at Negapatam — We shall enquire and try to settle the Matter properly

Art: 30th

You desire that you may receive Almaganum (Puttadars pay) at the Rate of Ten Months ℔ Year as the Sebundies do; We reply that when the Puttadars Agreed to an Increase on their Paddy Rent We increased their pay by allowing them one and half Month more ℔ ℔ Year — We cannot consent to any further Increase. —

Art: 28

This Grievance may be lightened tho' not entirely removed by regulation — it is sometimes so serious that Inhabitants lives have been lost and they are frequently wounded in the Business of Collecting Sheep —

Art: 30th

Formerly in the administration of Buchanah under the late Rajah they received 12 Months ℔ Year. Ald Bard reduced it to 9 or 10 it has since been lowered to 7½ Months. —

The Rajahs Servants are Now (within these three Months) reduced to only four Months ℔ Year. —

Now

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Art: 31st

You desire that the Batta taken by Hircarahs may as follows.—

Palace Hircarah — 1 Tom.m ℔ Day in the fort; and, in the Country 1 Fenam and two Meals ℔ Day.—

Medeyestums Hircarahs ½ Fa. ℔ Day in the fort and ½ Fm.m and two Meals ℔ day in the Country — Peons and Sepoys to take one Measure of Rice and four Cash ℔ Day

We agree to order that no more than the above shall be taken.—

Art: 31:

The Hircarahs usually take 3 or 5 fenams ℔ day.—

Art: 32

You require that Credit shall be allowed you in the Revenue for all cases of Batta that have been exacted. We agree to allow all that can be proved to have been exacted.—

Art: 33d

You have desired we may discontinue the practice of taking 1/p Fenam ℔ 100 Chuckrums on inviting to the

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the Mail Clays Security bonds by which the Circars bind itself to pay the Interest on Marcum & advances made by the Merchants &c. and that the Assessment of 5 and 10 Chuckrums ℔ each Lac of Cullums, for the Parawanghy (conveying Orders from the Rajah to the Offices) may be struck off

We agree to both of those Propositions.

Art. 34

You have informed us that the Circar people always exact from you more than they have aright to do. We agree that no Improper exactions shall be allowed

Art. 35th

You desire the Paddy Marcams of the Inhabitants may be allowed annual. We inform you that Pioneers stopped

Art 34

I understand this to be an undue Extension of the Huzzoor Moyen or 40 Chuckrums on every Lac of Cullums paid twice a Year to different Head Monies the Palaw

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Art: 35th

You desire that the Paddy Maniams of the Inhabitants may be allowed as usual — We inform you that We never stopped or reduced to half any of those Maniams; for the future no Reduction shall be made. —

Art: 36

You have demanded that the Balance of Chinnia Moodely's Debt due from the Villages should be received in two Years Time — We shall give an order that, upon Proof of the Debt by the Putteedars, it shall be received in two Years as you desire. —

Art: 37

You have complained that Lingawunt Pundarums Exact One Fanam Each House by a [pretended] Order from the Calaw. We agree to order that such people shall take nothing from you in future. —

With

Art: 37

Demanded for every House in the whole Sanjou Country. —

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Art: 38

With respect to the separate Representation which has been written by the Inhabitants of the Soubahs consisting of Seventeen Articles We trust that the Soubahdars (Manager of the Soubahs) will have settled Some of them; for the rest, We will settle them on your Return to Tanjore —

Art: 38

I cannot know the particulars of the Articles alluded to — it is certain that the Inhabitants, when on their return they were assembled in a great body in the Rajahs Presence complained of Numerous Vexations & Exactions —

Art: 39.

You have complained of the Cruelty exercised by the Kattay people (who act as Servants to the Church) of Trivaloor — that they oppressed Vyanut Iyah of Neelagoody — On your Return Hither We shall consider an Arbitration from the Soubahs to decide the Matter —

Art: 39

They had seized the Mans House and Property —

Art: 40

You require full payment to the Cowlgars of the whole

Art: 40

Without due payment of the Cowlgars they have every plea not only for neglecting the Safety of the Country but for plundering it

whole Country - We promise that they shall receive all their Dues, according to old Custom. -

Art: 41

You have desired that ✝ Seroomaniam / free-gift. ✝ Lands, Serwah entirely, ✝ Maniam gift / should be ✝ granted to no others than ✝ Bramins and state that a man not a Bramin, named Sutwajee Appah has received the Village of Tinellon in Seroo Maniam - as to this matter, Whatever has passed between him and the ✝ Bramins shall be known to you on your Return -

Art: 42.

You have written that the Village, Durustan Kurpoo should be included in the Puttuccum of Anacoody on Account of a Dispute - On your Arrival a proper ✝ Investigation shall take place in this Matter. -

Art: 42

Kurpoo is a Village belonging to Shemerow. -

You

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Art: 43.

You have said that Amachilla Pilly, of the Puttuvum of Kuttiyum has unjustly deprived Mootiah pilly of his Ground &c. This shall be settled by proper Arbitration.—

All the above shall be performed as contained in this Cowle - You may freely and surely return to this place.— (dated) 22nd of Alpeshy 1795.— (beginning of the Month of November 1795.—)

— N.B: The Cowle totally disregarded by his Excellency.—

Rama Swamy Iyen Patt of Vekrapandy in Manargood - his Puddavum taken from him by Vengadasa pyen who bribed the Palace people. he complained ineffectually to Shivenow — when Old Bava became Cavar, he applied to him, He redressed the grievance. —

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Venatadri and Apoo Moodely principal Men in Manargoody were forcibly deprived of their large Puttucum and tortured on account of a debt to Shankerow, attested by two Principal Inhabitants of Manargoody, and many others.—

Kistniah Braminy of Iyacawumbelum in the Manargoody — Iyacawumbelum in the Sirkeel ship of Bara produced 32,580 Chuckrums & Annum Shiverow reduced the Ceicar Revenue to 15,000 Ch.— He, Shankerow and the late Cawn Saheb reserving to themselves the Difference.—

Kistnasamy of Manargoody against Poniah he accuses Shererow of unjustly depriving him of his Cowley from his great favor towards Poniah.—

The whole of the Lubbay Merchants at the Sea Port of Mootapettan against Nugalengum the Renter there; his great oppression exaction from them and confinement of their Head Man (an old man) under a neighbouring Poligar who flogged him severely— The oppression was clearly allowed of or directed by the Palaiy; as the old Man (Near 80 Years) was subsequently confined on

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on the Same account with the Palace; He was originally Seized, also by an order from the Palace, for the Poligar of madattoor in Patte= -Cotta, thro whom (attended by as 500 followers) the Seizure was effected would not have made the Man Prisoner without a Circar order & Nagalingum pleads the Palace orders for his Conduct. The Parties having complained at the Palace without redress; as they themselves were under the necessity of leaving their Town and going in a body to Trichinopoly - from whence they did not venture to come tell the Country was under the Company.—

Ramasamy Braminy of Tricaloor in & Trivady against Soubaraya Pilly formerly & Amack Renter the latter lent him Money for Varicum - He was to pay the Circar dues 13,000 Chuckrums in two years - The Circar however forcibly took from him 500 Chuckrums over and above the Stipulated Sum besides which S. Pilly charged.—

Init.

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Int.t on Warieum ..... Chuck.s 2000.- - -

Bribes to Palace ..... 2100.- - - /Among others

1100 Chk.s to Shankerow)

Present to Creditors and Batta } 150.-

to their Peons .....

Alemaganum &.a 2133.-

6383. Chuck.s

of this Collected 2783.

and Obliged him to Mortgage his Villages to Iyen &

Chetty and give a Bond for the Remainder - Arbitra-

tions were appointed by Shankerow sent Peons &

and carrying S.t Petty to the Palace gave him Protection

and prevented Justice. -

Inhabitants of Averkery were obliged to give

15 p.r Cent out of their Share of the Crop as a Bribe to

one Shasamanaig yet that the Decision of their

cause was continually Delayed and at last Defeated

by the Influence of Shankerow, Shewerows Brother.

Natticavy Peermaul Iyangar in his Cause

against Ayanar Iyangar, by a Decision of

the Rajahs Official Servants. the cause was

examined and Ayanar Confined. from which

confinement he was released by Venatachella

Petty Chinnia Moodely Carbar or Principal

Agent

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Agent at Tanjore and the Ends of Justice thereby defeated.

Venatachilla Pilly and Aghelanda Pilly Intts of Amupenpelly against certain Braamins for forcibly taking away their Share of the Crop - by the Influence of the Sirkeel Shewerow they were forcibly prevented from stating their case to the Rajah the Braamins kept them in Prison till Security was given by them not to Complain.-

Mana Saboree Ighosajee against Lechmun, Sing for a debt of 200 Pagodas - the Defendant had procured a Decision in his favor tho' Shankerow

Last year Shankerows Agents Nagobat obtained possession of 2 Villages, Tempady and Melhenny Shalumungheium, the Property of Vengarayen and others, this Possession was supported by Shankerows Sepoys sent to the said Villages.-

Inhabitants of Nagalore Puttucum desire to be removed to another Puttucum on Account of the Exactions of the Puttaidars, Iswanah Pundit, a Relation of Shankerow - They have not till now, dared to Complain for fear of Shankerow Resentment.-

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Shaik Abdul Cawder Agent of Abdul &
Cawder Marteyen against Nagalinguem Manager
of Mootiepetta / the same who drove away the
Lubbay Merchants / for Keeping to himself &
a Sum of Money recovered from a Man who was
cast in a Suit with the Complainant. —

Puttundar of Vyacherry ousted and a Relation
of Shankerows put in about September last year.

The New Puttundar was to collect for himself
the advances for Cultivation made by the former
Puttundar. —

Soopoo Iyen Int. of Tinivas — Decision
of the Company's Adaulut in his favor regarding
an Estate reversed by the Rajahs Carbars and the
Estate taken from him. —

Inhabitants of Solapooram Combeconum
Soubah — against Mootia Moopen for disturbing
their Cultivation; on Complaint, Shewerow gave
an order that their dispute should be settled by
Arbitrators. — after which Mootia Moopen &
plundered them; taking away 10,000 Cullums of
Paddy and destroying 4,000 More; of this they &

Complained

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Complained at the Palau but without receiving any Redress. –

Inhabitants of Hunnapanta Petty. Their Lands forcibly taken from them and granted to a Church: this effected thro the recommendation and Power of Thevenow Sirkeel and Santapah & Principal Servant of the Rajah. –

Marudanayagum Sinna Petty Naudum on a full examination by four Arbitrators his & Lands were secured to him; and the Decree & confirmed and by the Signature Mr. Ram then Collector – Santerow has obtained the Decree to be revoked the Lands were forcibly taken from the Inhabitants Marudanayagum. –

The Honorable Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
&c. &c. &c.

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Honorable Sir,

Having hitherto entertained & some hopes that the very serious representations which

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which I have repeatedly made to his Excellency the Rajah on the prospect of Affairs in his Country would have been attended with the desired success, and having relied on his Excellency's assurances till I find myself forced entirely to abandon those hopes, I now do myself the honor of bringing forward to your Consideration a Statement of facts relative to his country & which is the result of the most deligent and deliberate Enquiry and observations. —

With infinite regret and concern I find that my duty to the Honorable Company requires me to remark publickly on the conduct pursued by his Excellency the Rajah &c. to declare that he pays not the smallest regard either to the welfare of his Subjects to the Honorable Company's interests, or to his own dignity — Thro' the entercession of the Reverend Mr. Swartz I have used the most pointed Language, endeavouring to rouse him to a sense of his situation and of the Claims with the Company and his subjects & have upon him. —

These representations being completely ineffectual have convinced both Mr. Swartz &c. myself

myself, that nothing but the fear of forfeiting the Company's friendship and protection imposed on his mind by more forcible Remonstrances than I am at present authorized to make, can induce his Excellency to change his present enormous and disgraceful System.—

It is also to be lamented that while the Rajah is sunk in indolence and involved in Expence, his Minister instead of endeavouring to oppose his proceedings encourages a Continuance of them, in order to Ingratiate himself with his master — The Office of Sirkeel or Minister involving a most complicated and extensive Superintendance Patronage, and Controul, requires a man of the Consummate Experience in the detail of the Revenue branch, and of the greatest ability, activity, steadiness, and diligence in fact a Sirkeel is the absolute Governor of the Country; and upon his ability and integrity (as far as internal causes affected) its whole prosperity depends.—

The Present Sirkeel is remarkable for the Reverse of all these qualifications; he has neither ability, experience, nor inclination to controul or rectify abuses; even to those the

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abuses; even to those abuses which have been #
specifically pointed out to him he has paid no
attention, his want of steadiness renders him
the Dupe of designing advisers and his want
of respectability has drawn upon his conduct
the ridicule of most of the considerable natives
in the Country.—

As its a particular duty of my Office to
give notice of every transaction which may #
prevent the complete payment of the Rajahs
Kist to the Honorable Company. I must #
observe that the Principal and Interest of a loan
made by Soubroy a Sowcar to His Excellency, #
Amounting to more that a Lack of Pagodas, is to
be discharged out of the Current Revenue of this
year Should this payment take effect, a Deficiency
equal to the Amount of the Payment, must #
happen in the Honorable Company's Receipt, and
altho, from a failure to a certain amount on the
part of the Rajah, the Company are entetled to
superintend, and Secure a Collection, according to
the terms of the late Treaty, yet that Power
would be of no avail as the country could not
furnish

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furnish Such an encrease of Revenue. —

If the Rajah is in a Condition to prevent a Loss to the Company, by Sums drawn from any private treasure he may have it would be better for him to discharge Soubarayo Loan in that manner, The security given for this Loan, I at first understood tobe a Tanka in Combeconum Manargoody and Paupanassam, but instead of this the Rajah has been indeed to deliver over the greater part these three Soubahs into the hands of an individual of the Agent on account of the Loan † by giving him orders upon the Inhabitants for different Sums payable between the 1st and 10th of next Month — The Inhabitants on whom the orders are granted give written Obligations to the Agent by which means they became his private debtors — Some of these orders are given for money growing due to the Circar on Account of the Cavr Crop, now reaping; but other orders of the Same Tenor and date, but on Account of the Pesharum Crop and to the Amount of a Lac of Chuckrums have been granted to the same person. —

† Patchapah

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The Peshanum is reaped in February and March - and Interest commences on all orders not Discharged between the 1st and 15th of January next; of course the Inhabitants must be deprived of the Interest (which is seldom less than three ℔ Cent for Month) or one Lac of Chuckrums & for a Month and a half for the Circar do not begin to make any considerable collections on account of the Peshanum Crop till the end of February.—

Exclusive of the Mischief arising from the imposition of burthens on the Inhabitants: the ✠ measure of giving such an influence to an Individual is pregnant with the worst of Consequences and adds one to the many instances of the Incapacity of the Rajahs Ministers.—

The Honorable Company having so great an Interest in the Welfare of this Country, I am led to hope that some proper interference may be speedily adopted for securing their property & in it. The present System pursued by the ✠ Rajah must end in his ruin: The Remedy for these Evils to be effectual must be speedy - My Apprehensions respecting the Rajah and his ministers

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are the result of deliberate investigation and
mature reflection, and I can support them
by advancing the particular instances, on
which they are founded. — The accompanying
Statement, which from the most accurate and
Circumstantial Enquiry I am convinced is by no
means exaggerated will Enable you Honorable Sirs,
to Judge of the alarming effect which must
unavoidably result from a continuation of the
present impolitic System of Government. —

To ensure an efficient administration
of Affairs in this Country the Inhabitants ought
to be impressed with an idea of the Rajahs dignity
thro' the Medium of his Sirkels Respectability. —

There are two men either of whom are
qualified to fill the Office of Sirkeel in such
a Manner as to relieve the Country from its
present situation. —

Unless the present System shall be
Changed the Honorable Company cannot Receive
(even supposing Soubaroys Loan discharged from
their Funds) the sum lacks twenty thousand Pagodas
due by the late Treaty. —

But

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But if the Rajah shall be induced to &
Listen effectually to my advice, if the Government
of Madras will give me such Support, as they &
may think themselves Authorized to afford I will
pledge myself that the whole amount to the &
Honorable Company's demand on the Tanjore &
Country Star Pagodas 6,70,000.-/ shall be punctually
paid as stipulated in the late Treaty, and I will
give sufficient security for the Performance of
the engagement.

Supposing the Country well governed a
Considerable Overplus will remain, it is &
impossible at present to ascertain the Specific
Sum to which that will amount; but whatever
it may be, I will engage, under a proper penalty,
that it shall be applied no otherwise than for
the Rajah's use, and benefit.

I have now only to add Honorable Sir &
that any Explanations you may do me the
Honor to require I am ready to transmit, and
I beg leave to repeat my earnest request that &
any Resolutions to be entered into concerning this
Country may Receive their full and beneficial

Effect

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Effect by a timely adoption.—

I have the honor to be &c:

A True Copy

(signed) Alex.r Macleod

Read.t

N.B. In Consequence of the above proposal being disapproved of I addressed the Letter of the 18th December to the Government.—

The Honorable Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor &c.
Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 15th Instant; and I am happy in being assured that you approve of my Conduct in making the representations relative to the State of Affairs here contained in my letter of the 5th Instant.—

At the same time I am impressed with the deepest regret to find that the approbation does not extend itself to every Point which I have offered to your Consideration and your

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your Censure of what I thought perfectly just makes me enter on any Explanations with particular deffidence.—

Lest I should not have expressed myself with so much perspicuity as the subject of my letter required, I intimated a wish in the latter part of it, to transmit such Explanations as might be necessary.—

I was persuaded that my Statement of the wretched Condition of the Tanjore Affairs & was with-in the Line of my duty and I did not conceive that the effectual Remedy which I pointed out for the existing evils could be deemed a transgression of it.— You very justly observe Honorable Sir — that there is no failure on the part of the Rajah in the Performance of his Engagements of sufficient Magnitude to Warrant the Extensive Interference in the Management of his Affairs which I have Recommended.—

A prospect of failure on the part of the Rajah, whether caused by the cruelty by the & Incapacity of a minister may be looked on as equally detrimental to the Company's Concerns, and it occurred to

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to me that you Honorable Sir, might recommend the Choice of a Good Minister as you had done # the dismission of a bad one + more especially # when it is evident the present Rajahs Judgement in the Selection of his Servants appears to require Assistance.—

+Bava

With respect to the men whom I # represented as qualified to fill the Office of Sirkel I must and I do disclaim every idea of my Interference in recommending them to the Rajah directly or Indirectly.—

I had made it my Endeavours become # acquainted with the Characters of the principal Men here and on this Point have often consulted M.r Swartz— In the present case We agreed that the two men alluded to were the only # Persons competent to discharge the duties of Sirkel and my only Intention was to # have stated to Government the Particular # Merits of both shewing the reasons for my opinion / in order that you Honorable Sir # might if you thought it proper recommended them both to his Excellencys Notice as # Servants of few whom you heard a good Character

Convinced

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Convinced as I was of the ruin inseparable from the present Ministers Government, and the necessity of a speedy Application of some means likely toward it off, I suggested the observation regarding the Man, not thinking that by so doing I stepped beyond the line of my Public duty.—

I am well aware that as Resident at the Durbar of the King of Tanjore it is not my province to propose measures which may tend to lower his dignity, by an interference either in the Choice of his Servants or the Collection of his Revenues; much less to become personably Responsible for the Performance of his Engagements to the Company: and I have accordingly asked for no Interference but what Government may think themselves authorized in granting. a very slight Interference would enable me to secure the full payment of the Company's Money— Let the Rajah and his ministers be convinced that the Company's Resident has the full Confidence of your Government and that desireable End, is at once attained — I mean not by this to imply an idea of

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that his Excellency should believe I am to be supported, right or wrong; Far from it.— but if I wish, if he ever Complains of my conduct, in any degree, that such complaint may be made in Writing; and I shall esteem it as a favor if I am allowed to have a Copy of the Original Letter that his Allegations may be Answered; for otherwise it is in the Power of the Vakeel, with a view of recommending himself by flattering his masters Vanity, to give him a wrong idea of the Impression his Complaint makes at Madras The Vackeels Account is a law to the Rajah and without further Consideration he neglects my advice.—

With regard to my proposition of securing the Company's Share of the Revenue for this year— I am extremely concerned to find that you Honorable Sir, should think it unwarrantable in every point of view— yet I hope you will at least consider it as a collateral proof of my conviction that an alteration of Measures would enable the Rajah to fulfil his Treaty— and it must appear a self evident Fact, that I should put it

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more Satisfaction in seeing the Company's Rights &
realized, without such a Responsibility than with it

From my Residence at Tanjore the
Conduct of its rulers is more continually and forcibly
impressed on my mind than it can possibly be on
the Notice of Gentlemen at Madras and if at this
Time I have given opinions, which are deemed
incompatable with the duties of my Station, it
was with a view to point out the readiest way
to secure the Company's Property; and Rectitude
of Intention, affords some degree of Consolation for
the Censure of an imputed Error of Judgement.—

I shall be particularly attentive Honorable
Sir to the line you have pointed out for me in the
Conclusion of your Letter—

My Letter of the 5th January being before
the Board may no doubt have given rise to the
same Sentiments in the Gentleman of the Council,
which you have expressed relative to my Conduct,
I beg leave to request therefore that you will have
the goodness to lay before them the Parts of this
address which I have given as explanatory of

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the motives that induced me to act in the same
Manner as I have done. —

I have the Honor to be &c.

A True Copy

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
Resident

Extract from his Excellency's letter February 1790

You think, that, as the Honorable
Company has Shewed Kindness to me, I should
shew Kindness to the Inhabitants or Cultivators
in the Country. —

As soon as my friends informed me
of that Kindness of the Honorable Company to
me, in lessening the Rent so that instead of 4
4 Lacks According to the first Agreement, I
should only pay 3½ Lacks, as Soon, I say
as I heard these Joyful News I immediately
made it Known that every Inhabitants
should get 40 ℔ Cent: of all the Grain — and that
who had more already should not be deprived
of it In such a manner I made the circumstances
of all the Inhabitants easy — as I made such
a use

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a use of the Benifits my friends had conferred on me, my Inhabitants became happy None of my Ancestors has done so that In such a manner the Inhabitants have been made Joyful, all the World Knows and you yourself must Know and approve of it none can deny the Fact there is therefore no Reason why you should intercede in behalf of our Inhabitants - and therefore there is no necessity of your representing in your letter that you had more desire to make my Country a flourishing one than I have, I beg therefore not to make yourself uneasy on that Account I know that I regard the Welfare of my People more than you and that I know the method of taking care of them. -

A True Extract

[Signed] Alex.r Macleod

Res.t

Extract of Resident Letter to Government dated 6th May 1790.

"But the most exceptionable part of
"his Excellency's letter is that in which he says &
"That taking into Consideration the favor done by
"the Company in lessening his Debendy he &

has

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"has communicated the benefit to his &
"subjects which appears to me fallacious for
"tho' His Excellency gave out that he would &
"receives more than 40 ₰ Cent of the Crop yet
"by raising the estimated Price in proportion the
"Revenue being with very few Exceptions raised
"in Coin no relief was afforded to his Subjects
"in fact they were rather more oppressed. – It is
"my Intention to address a letter to the Purport
"of the foregoing to his Excellency that he may &
"have an Opportunity of Replying to it." –

Extract Resident to the Rajah – Dated 8th May 1790

It is with concern I touch upon
that part when your Excellency is pleased to
say that taking to Consideration the favor &
done you by the Company in lessening Your
Subsidy you had Communicated the Benefit to
your Subjects by lowering their Proportion due
to your Government. Now tho' your Excellency &
was pleased to lower the Proportion of grain
yet by increasing the estimated Price of it in
an equal Proportion and the Revenues being &
with

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with very few exceptions Rewed in Money, the Subject was not to be thereby relieved. I had the honor to write to your Excellency on this point before and shall be very happy to hear of it can be explained a Benefit to your Subjects as your Excellency would have it understood."

Extract Resident to Rajah 24th June 1790

"It is moreover under your Excellency's Observation that the Principal Inhabitants of the Manargoody Soubah and few of the Combecanum People have been without any cause above one Month detained Prisoners in your Palace and have been threatened with the most dreadful Punishment tho' they have already paid more than the Share of the last years Crop - and this for no other reason that I can find them their having ventured to Petition me last year on the oppressions of your Sirkeel - Your Sirkeel having solemnly promised that their wrong should be redressed I was prevented from forwarding their Petition to the Presidency but instead of any

redress

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relief every Promise of the Sirkeel to them has been broken and they have been marked out for further oppression.—

This Man no sooner arrived at his House than he was confined and tortured without any Pretence at the desire of Chinia Moodelier then at Madras — Thó your Excellency in Person told Mr. Swartz / whose Veracity is unquestionable / and desired him to tell me on the Evening of New Years day. was well satisfied with the Innocence of the Man in every Respect that he had paid all that was to be paid to the Circar and that his Puttucum should be restored to him — but that such was your Present Situation as indeed you rather to Concieve at Chinia Moodeliers conduct when such was by your Excellencys Confession the Influence of a Madras Dubash in your own Fort, and Country your Excellency had little reason to Complain of my interference to Protect an Innocent Man against Ministers to whom your Excellency allows such unwarrantable Powers. —

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True Extract
/Signed/ Alexr. Macleod
Resr.

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Extract of Letter from the Resident to Government
Dated 29th January 1790.—

"Mr. Swartz having frequently #
lamited the mischiefs which are daily happening
for want of a regular System of Justice / with
that Knowledge which his long Acquaintance
with the Language and Manners of the Country
has given him / has favored me with his
thoughts upon that Important Subject which
I have the honor to enclose the want of such
regulations are daily before my eyes: any #
Man in the Tanjore Country / who has the #
Power / Ties up and Tortures whomsoever he
pleases on the most frivolous Pretence about
a Year ago a man, so Confined, by one Veeatachillum,
formerly the Company's Bullock Maistry, died
in his Confinement famished by degrees from
the small Pittance allowed him which was
insufficient to support life. The Dispute #
between the Red and the white — Robed Poondarums
which has now subsisted three years and #
occasioned repeated Tumults and dangerous / I had
almost

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almost called them / Insurrections, Still it remains undecided thro' the Improper Influence of Moodaleir Sowcars. notwithstanding the Justice of the Cause of the Latter has been acknowledged by the People of the Palace — one Satti Pillé who was prevailed upon by my written promise given by Mr. Swartz at the Request of the Palace to come to Tanjore has been seized confined and tortured not = withstanding. The Rajah is become a mere cypher in his own Dominions one Lalla, a man about the Palace having carried away another Mans Wife the unfortunate Husband in Despair climbed to the Top of the Pagoda, in the small fort threatening to throw himself from thence but was induced by the fair Promises of the People of the Palace to come down: when, Instead of having his Wife restored to him he was clapped into Poison from whence he was only Remonstrances aided by his own Stratagem of Counterfeiting lunacy.

A true Extract

(Signed) Alexr Macleod

Resd.

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore giving particular accounts of the exorbitant Duties levied on the Inhabitants under the Head of Naut Shelvoo, or Village expences. —

In my address dated the 15th Instant I mentioned an Assessment imposed on the Inhabitants of Tanjore chiefly on account of the former Naut Shelvoo (or Village Expences) & exacted from the Ryots. I beg leave to make a more particular Statement on that Subject.

This Assessment has been fixed at the rate of three Rupees, three and a half, and in some places, four Rupees for each 100 Cullums of Paddy the Amount will be 3,00,000 Rupees; it was payable in two Kists. One half in the Middle of the Month and the remaining half in the Middle of January next — I believe that to this Day about one third of the whole, (that is 100,000 Rupees) has been collected: The Principal Putteedars have been severely treated in the Collection of this & and it is certain that the Realization of the

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the remaining two Lacs will be attended with additional personal Sweeties I must bring to your Lordships Consideration that this Assessment is totally distinct from, and in addition to, the Current Revenue — Some Inhabitants of one of the Amanee Districts, from Similar Exactions were driven out of the Country.—

It is generally believed in Tanjore that if the Puttaedars now confined and tortured in the Palace were allowed to go to their Soubahs the Inhabitants of those Soubahs would leave the Country — These Soubahs are, Myaveram and Manargoody.—

Altho' I entertain the most serious & apprehensions of what may happen in the Collection of the latter of this heavy Assessment yet were I to go beyond certain point with his Excellency on the Subject he would impute any failure or Diminution of his Revenue to the Steps taken in Consequence of my remonstrances. I shall however continue to offer him my ideas upon the prospect that must ensue on a Perseverance

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in Such Measures.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alexr Macleod
Resd.t

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart &c.

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore relative to the March of Bodies of Horse from this the Tanjore Country with a view to take part in the Disturbances subsisting among the Poligars in the Neighbourhood of Warriorpollam and Tarsore

I think it my duty to mention that I have received a report to which I give Credit that about 700 Armed Men belonging to Londim are on their March thro' this Country towards W Warriorpollam they were at the Village of Jampet about 8 Miles from hence two days ago— The object of their March, as spoken of by public R Report is that they are going to Madras; but it is also said that they are intended to be employed relative to some Disturbances said to exist among the Nabobs Poligars in the R neighbourhood of Warriorpollam and Tarsore.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alexr Macleod
Resident

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Tanjore Thankerow, & Sheerow's Brother relates principally from Tanjore States the exorbitant Sum which the Rajah borrows Money even for the Payments of his ordinary Stipulated Kists to the Company—

I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship that Thankerow, the Brother of the Sirkeel, left Tanjore for Madras yesterday Evening. His Departure was Sudden, yet he has been accompanied by his Family.—

The Imposition or Assessment mentioned in my Address of the 15th Instant still continues to be exacted with rigor— Since that Period Some Puttuedars of Tiruady have been imprisoned and forced to agree to pay many thousand Rupees, over and above the Current Revenue, in the Course of a short time.—

The following Statement of the Terms on which the Rajah remits his Kists to Madras is I believe correct. These were the Terms while Nagapah Chitty held the Country in Mortgage and I have reason to

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to think they have not been rendered less
exhorbitant.—

1¼ ₰ Cent ₰ Month Interest
1 ——Do —— Do —— Priamium
3 Tanjore Fenams upon every 10 Pagodas
for Dubash Custom.—

Interest to the Lenders upon the Amount
of Advance for each Kist commences on the
1st of every Month, and if the Rajahs payment
to them, for the same Kist, should fall short
of 15,000 Star Pagodas no Credit (or Drawback)
for Interest is allowed him for that Payment
—If, on the Contrary He should pay the 15,000
Star Pagodas then, Credit for Interest, @
1¼ ₰ Cent ₰ Mo. upon that Sum, is
allowed from the Day, only when such
payment of the full 15,000 pagodas was completed

Out of the three Veeps (Sixteenths) each
Pagoda which the Rajah pays them for exchang-
ing the Fenams into Gold the Lenders can
save at least one Veep.—

An an Anangement made by Nagapah
Chetty all accounts between the Creditors &
and the Rajah were settled twice a Year— at
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the first Settlement the growing Interest was added to the Principal.—

Exclusive of this the Natives intrusted with the Management received now and then Presents in Grain, in consideration of which they forbore to exact Money at the time it was due.— This, only added to the Rajahs Expence without diminishing his Debt by Interest & on the Debt.—

This is my Opinion that the abovementioned Terms make the Profit of the Creditors and their Native Managers near Three ₰Cent ₰Month that is Thirty six ₰Cent ₰Annum.—

Such is the enormous rate of Interest paid by the Rajah for the Simple Operation of remitting his Rents to the Presidency! whereas in fact the & might remit them at a very trifling Expence & indeed— I know that a Sum not exceeding the & Revenues of Trivady can be remitted without & Expence and I believe the Remittance of the whole & Sum due by Treaty could be effected on very moderate Terms.—

Part of the Rajahs Debt however has been brought on by Terms more exhorbitant than & those

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those abovementioned. This was Previous to Nagapah Chetty's Mortgage Vizt.—

2 ℔ Cent ℔ Month Interest.
1 ——— D°. ——— D°. — Premium.
1 ℔ Cent ℔ Month on 60,000 Star Pagodas kept continually in Sayveny (or Deposit) to guard against failure.—

The Accounts were settled at least three times a year— This with other advantages from the three Vessels &c. brought up the Amount to at least 4 ℔ Cent ℔ Month.—

The Amount to be paid last Year according to the Treaty of 1792. was 4,60,000 Star Pagodas For the ensuing Year a much larger Sum will be due. How that is to be paid with the addition of more than a third of the Gross Sum (36 ℔ Cent being more than a third) for its expences, without plunging the Rajah into irrecoverable Debt, I cannot conceive.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Resd.t

Tanjore
24th December 1796

Ordered

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Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letters be sent to Bengal.—

Provisional suggestion as to the Measures that should be adopted for putting a stop to Loans of Money to the Nabob on the Security of Sunnuks on the Produce of Districts already mortgaged by Treaty to the Company

The President, conceiving that the late Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors relative to the Measures to be taken for preventing Europeans from having Money transactions with the Country Powers, would be in a great degree defeated whilst Natives could with impunity obtain Sunnuks or Assignments on the Revenues of the Districts Mortgaged to the Company— submits to the Board the following proclamation, and recommends that it be put in general Circulation, since without some such step the remedy suggested by the Honorable Court would have no operation towards the Removal of the Evil— and the more so, as it is well known, that Europeans have carried on for a considerable length of time, the injurious practice of lending Money at an usurious interest through the Medium of Natives.

His Lordship does not think it necessary at present to Notice Sanjou in the proclamation, because it may be proper to wait

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wait the result of the late reference to the Supreme Government / founded on the approbation of the Honorable Court to the recent Agreement with the Rajah / before any further Step be taken. —

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Proclamation ordered to be published inviting Shares of the Disruption above mentioned by Natives living under the Company's Protection on pain of Banishment to — & Benevolen. —

Whereas, by a Treaty concluded by the Marquis Cornwallis on the part of the Honorable the East India Company, and his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, it was expressly stipulated and Agreed, That certain Districts, more particularly described in a Schedule affixed to the said Treaty should be mortgaged to the Honorable the East India Company, for the purpose of securing the payment of the specific Sums of Money therein mentioned, on account of the Military Expences for the defence of the Carnatic and the discharge of the private Debts of his Highness; and whereas, the Nabob by the said Treaty has distinctly and specifically bound himself not to grant Suncahs or Assignments on the Revenues of the said Districts, on any Account; and whereas, the granting of Suncahs or Assignments on the said Mortgaged Districts,

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Districts, in consequence of Loans made or to be made, must inevitably tend to the depreciation of the Revenues thereof, and thus render them wholly inadequate to the Security for which they have been pledged. — The Governor in Council, with a view to prevent an evil so dangerous to the permanent Interests of the East India Company, and effectually to carry the orders & recently received from the Court of Directors upon that subject into execution, considers it incumbent on him to publish his positive determination to banish any Natives of India living under the protection and Authority of the Company, to Bencoolen, who shall be concerned in any such Money transactions, and for their information he appreizes them, that the Districts so Mortgaged to the Honorable the East India Company are those of Tinnivelly, & Tuticorin Polygar. Madura. Ongole. Vellore, & Palnaud and the Northern Districts of the Arcot Province. —

Published by Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council. —

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy.

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The Board approve the proclamation submitted to them by the President — Ordered in consequence, that it be published. —

Read the following letter from the Contractor for victualling his Majesty's Ships in India. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Squadron requests that the value of provisions & supplies by him for account of the Company may be paid to the Commissioners for Victualling in London. —

I Intimation being just now given of the expected Arrival of the Ships Marquis Cornwallis, by which a Public Packet is to be sent to England — I am to request your Lordship will be pleased to furnish me with an order on the Honorable Court of Directors in favor of the Honorable Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy London, for the Salt Beef and Pork delivered to Mr. James Brodie your Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George and to Mr. Dundas the Superintendant of Marine at Bombay on Account of your Government as specified in the enclosed Account. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Basil Cochrane

Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Ships in India

Fort St. George
22nd Decembr 1796. —

Account

Account of Salt Provisions delivered to The Honorable Company from the King's Stores at Fort St. George and Bombay to be paid for by The Honorable Court of Directors at such rate as they may determine upon with the Honorable Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy London.

Date when delivered			Salt Beef: Beef 8 lbs Pieces	Salt Beef: Hogsheads 366 Pieces each	Salt Beef: Barrels at 84 Pieces each	Salt Beef: Iron Hoops	Salt Pork: Pork 4 lbs Pieces	Salt Pork: Hogsheads and 120 Pieces each	Salt Pork: Iron Hoops
1796 July	6	To the Honorable Company as per Voucher of Mr. James Purdie Garrison Storekeeper at Fort Saint George sent by the Transports for the use of the Garrisons on the Islands of Amboyna and Banda ..... N°1	33110	501.	1.	4016			
	9	To Ditto ..... Ditto ..... Ditto delivered to the Bombay Frigate employed in conveying the above Transports ..... N°2	1518	23.	"	184.	1200	10.	80
September	22	To Ditto ..... as per Voucher of Mr. Phillip Dundas Superintendant of Marine at Bombay to be forwarded from thence to the Garrisons on the Island of Ceylon ..... N°3	21648	328	"	5024			
		Total	56276	852	1.	9224	1200	10.	80

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(Signed) Basil Cochrane

Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Ships in India

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I do hereby acknowledge to have & received from the Honorable Basil Cochrane & Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Ships in India the following Salt Beef

English Salt Beef ..... Thirty three Thousand and Sixty six Double Pieces of Eight Pounds each in Five hundred and one & Hogsheads with four & Thousand and eight Iron Hoops. —

Ditto ..... Forty four Double Pieces of eight Pounds each in one half Hogshead with eight Iron Hoops. —

being all in good order and Condition and I do hereby & engage to Return the above Quantity of Salt Beef on or before the 10th of October Next and in case the Salt Beef so tendered by the Honorable Company & shall appear to the said Basil Cochrane or Officer surveying the same by order of the Commander in Chief or Senior Officer on the Station not be equal in Quality to what was delivered in that Case I do hereby engage on the part of the Honorable Company that Certificates shall be granted on the 10th October next in favor of the Honorable the Commissioners for Victualling the Majesty's Navy London on & the

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The Honorable the Court of Directors for the said Salt Beef to be paid for to the said Commissioners at such rate as the respective Parties may determine upon.—

Given under my Hand in Fort St. George this 6 day of July 1796— Three Receipts of the same Tenor and Date having been Signed by me.—

(Signed) J.s Brodie

Garrison Storekeeper

I do hereby acknowledge to have received from The Honorable Basil Cochrane Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Ships in India the following Salt Beef and Pork for the use of the Honorable Company's Ship the Bombay Frigate.—

English Salt Beef ..... Fifteen hundred and Eighteen Double Pieces in Twenty three Hogsheads with one hundred and Eighty Iron Hoops.—

English Salt Pork ..... Twelve hundred Double Pieces in Ten Hogsheads with Eighty Iron Hoops.—

being all in good order and condition and I do hereby engage to return the above quantity of Salt Beef and

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and Pork on or before the 10th of October next and in case the Salt Beef and Pork so tendered by the Honorable Company shall appear to the said Basil Cochrane or Officer surveying the same by order of the Commander in Chief or Senior Officer on the Station not to be equal in quality to what was delivered in that case. I do hereby engage on the part of the Honorable Company that Certificates shall be granted on the 10th October next in favor of the Honorable the Commissioners for Victualling his Majesty's Navy London on the Honorable the Court of Directors for the said Salt Beef and Pork to be paid for to the said Commissioners at such rate as the respective Parties may be determine upon.-

Given under my hand in Fort St. George this 9th day of July 1796 three of the same Tenor and date having been Signed by me.

/Signed/ Ja.s Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper.

Bombay 22nd September 1796

Received from Mr. Francis Kemp Agent to the Honorable Basil Cochrane Contractor for

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For Victualling His Majesty's Ships in the East Indies, the undermentioned Salt Provisions from the Kings Stores agreable to an Order Received from the Madras Government dated the 15th of August the whole of which in good order and Condition the Hogsheads well bound with Eight Iron Hoops each.—

Beef

328 Hogsheads Containing 66 Piece Total Double Piece 21,648 or neat Pounds 1,73,184.

For which we have granted Three Receipts of same Tenor and Date.—

Three hundred and twenty Eight Hogsheads said to Contain the above Weight.—

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council.—

(Signed) Phillips. Dundas

Superintendant of Marine

Ordered that the following Certificate be delivered to Mr. Cochrane.—

Certificate payable, in one Year, by the Court of Directors, granted to Mr. Cochrane for Value of the Provisions & received from him on the E. Company's Account.

This is to Certify that we have received from the Honorable Basil Cochrane Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Navy the following Salt Provisions between the 6th July and 22nd September 1796 for and on Account of the Expedition against the Dutch

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Dutch Settlements in India.

Salt Beef — Fifty Six Thousand two Hundred and Seventy six Pieces of eight Pounds each in Eight Hundred and fifty two Hogshead and One Barrel & with Nine Thousand two Hundred and Twenty four Iron Hoops —

Salt Pork — Twelve Hundred Pieces of four Pounds each in ten Hogsheads with Eighty Iron Hoops. —

All of which were in good order and condition — and We do hereby agree That The Honorable Court of Directors shall pay the Honorable Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy in London for the same One year after date hereof at such Rate as the Honorable & Court of Directors may determine upon with the & Honorable Commissioners for Victualling Hes & Majesty's Navy in London. —

Given under our Hands in Fort St. George this 22nd day of December 1796 — in Triplicate of the same Tenor and date, the one of which Three being accomplished the other two to stand void. —

Signed J. Hobart
Alured Clarke
C. Saunders
C. M. Fallofields

To the Honble Court of Directors
for Affairs of the United Company
of Merchants of England trading
to the East Indies. —

Read

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Read the following letter from the Accountant General.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Accountant General requesting permission to open a Register of Transfers made of the Acknowledgements lately issued to the Nabob Creditors, and to draw off the Fees on the Amounts of the Sums transferred

Having received frequent applications from the Holders of the Acknowledgements lately issued from my Office to the Creditors of the Nabob in the Consolidated Debt of 1777 to have their Shares transferred to the Names of other persons I request to be honored with your Lordships permission to Comply with such Requisitions, and for the more Readily accommodating the Holders of these Acknowledgements and to prevent confusion I propose to Keep a Seperate Register wherein the New Acknowledgements may be entered after the old ones are Cancelled in the Original Register;—and as a Compensation for this trouble the Holders of the Acknowledgements have proposed a Fee of one eighth per Cent from each of the Parties on the Amount transfered, to which I beg leave to Request—your Lordships Assent, being only the—

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the half of the fee taken by the Register of the Nabobs Consolidated Bonds. —

Fort St. George
Accountant
General's Office
27th December 1796. —

I have the Honor to be with great respect
&c: &c:
(Signed) Robert Woolf
Accountant General

Minute thereon. —

Resolved that the Accountant General be permitted to establish a transfer Office for the purpose mentioned in his letter — and authorized, with the acquiescence of the Creditors, to receive a Fee of one eighth of one per Cent from each of the Parties on the Amount transferred. —

Read the following Letters from the Military Board. —

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board recommending Payment of Bills for work executed by the Contractors for buildings and Repairs. —

Having received from the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs, the accompanying Four Bills, amounting to Pagodas 1,833. 34. 18. for Works executed by them at Tanjore and Masulipatam, which are certified by the Chief Engineer to be correct,

We

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We do ourselves the honor to forward them to Your Lordship in Council, and recommend that they be passed for payment.—

We have the Honor to be,

&c &c

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Signed, Alured Clarke
" Thomas Geils
" W. Sydenham
" Jn.o Richardson
" B.y Close
" W. Gent
" George Hall

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Board relative to the sum to be drawn by Majr Dallas for the repair of the Saddles returned over to him for the use of his Corps.— recommend that security be taken from the Commandants of Regiments for the return of the Saddles to their Inspection in a perfectly serviceable state.—

The transfer of the Horse Accoutrements belonging to the late 3.d Regiment of Native Cavalry, recently ordered to be made to different Corps, but particularly to that Commanded by Major Dallas, having brought under our immediate Notice, and

Consideration

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Consideration, the Reports of the several Committies of Inspection held on those Accoutrements, and shewing the state of them at the different periods of Survey, We cannot avoid stating to your Lordship in Council that, We observe a manifest difference between their State as Reported at Chemundelum and Arcot, which difference may however be imputed in a great degree to the state of the Weather, during the conveyance of them on Carts from one Station to the other - And although it would appear from the existing Regulations of Government on the Subject, that as the Saddles &c.a are the property of the Company, and as the Commanding Officer of the Regement is allowed a Sum Monthly for the full Establishment, in order to secure at all times their being in through Repair, that the whole of the Saddles ought to have been received from the late 3d Regiment in a completely unexceptionable condition, yet, on account of the time which has intervened since their first delivery the consideration that the Saddles have sustained injury both from use and transportation, and lastly, that no express condition has been made with the Commanding Officers that, on their quitting the Command of the Regement, or of their Death

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Death, that themselves in the former case, or their Executors in the latter, should be answerable for all the Horse Accoutrements (for which they received a regular Monthly allowance) being ‖ transferred to the succeeding Commanding Officer in perfect condition for Service without putting ‖ the Company to any extra expence whatever, beyond the first cost of the Saddles &c.a We have, for the foregoing reasons, directed, conformably to the Orders of Government, that Major Dallas shall immediately repair those which he has received for his Corps, according to his detailed ‖ Estimate amounting to Pagodas 1115. 3. 16 – but in order that the Company may be re-imbursed as far as possible, it appears to us but equitable, and We are accordingly induced to recommend, that ‖ Major Dallas should only be considered as ‖ entitled to the Monthly Allowance of Twenty One Fanams for each Saddle, from the period when he shall report every Fifty Saddles to have been completely Repaired.

And further, to secure the Company effectually from any expence of the same kind hereafter, We would beg leave to propose that

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a seperate Engagement be entered into by the Officers Commanding each Regement of Native Cavalry, binding himself, his Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, in consideration of & the Monthly Allowance of Twenty one Jenams for the full Establishment of Horse Accoutrements, that Such Accoutrements, on his quitting the Command of the Regement, going to Europe on leave, or in the event of his death, shall be delivered over to his Successor in a perfect serviceable Condition.—

With a view to meet every object which at present occurs on the subject of Horse Accoutre= ments, We would also recommend to Your & Lordship in Council, to establish the above & clause with the following addition.—

"Although the number of Saddles &c" "required for the fixed Establishment of a Native "Regiment is 483, Yet as there is now a detail "of Supernumeraries attached, the Commandants "are to continue to draw for the Complement of "501, allowed by the General Order of the 4th October, the

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"the surplus of 18, being intended for the "
"use of the Supernumeraries with each Corps"

"The Officers commanding Regiments
"of Native Cavalry are expected, on Account of "
"their having been allowed to draw for the above
"Complement from the 1st of August last, to have
"the number, which appears by the Indents "
"received from each Regiment to be deficient, "
"provided and ready for Muster on the 1st of May next"

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

(Signed) Alured Clarke
" Thomas Leils
" W. Sydenham
" Jn. Richardson
" B.J. Close
" Wm Gent
" George Hall

Ordered that the Bills of the Contractor
for buildings and Repairs be passed for payment. —

Resolved that the following
Obligation be taken from the respective Officers
Commanding

Resolutions on the two foregoing Letters. —

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Commanding Regiments of Native Cavalry.—

Form of Security to be taken from Commandants of Regiments of Native Cavalry for delivering over to their Successors in Command (whether by removal, Death or otherwise) the Saddles belonging to their respective Corps in perfectly serviceable Condition.—

KNOW all Men by these Present that I _____ Commanding the —— Regiment of Native Cavalry, for and in consideration of the Monthly Allowance of twenty one Pagodas paid to me for Keeping in perfect repair the Accoutrements of each Horse, according to the full establishment of the Regiment, do hereby bind myself, my Heirs Executors, and Administrators, to the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, by their representatives the Governor and Council of Fort St. George, that, on my quitting the Command of the said Regiment, going to Europe on leave, or in the event of my death, that such Accoutrements shall be delivered over to my successor in a perfectly serviceable condition— In default of which, that all expences whatsoever to be incurred in putting such Accoutrements into a perfectly serviceable condition, or of providing new ones agreeably to the established Muster, if it shall be deemed by the Military Board at Fort St. George to be necessary, shall be defrayed by

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by me, previous to my departure from the Coast of Coromandel, or by my Heirs, Executors or Administrators in the Event of my death.—

Given under my hand and Seal at _____ this ____ day of _____ in the Year of our Lord.— _____

/Signed/ L.S.

Additional Clause

Although the number of Saddles &c. required for the fixed establishment of a Native Regiment is 483, yet as there is now a detail of Supernumeraries attached, I am to continue to draw for the compliment of 501 & allowed by the General Order of the 4th of October 1796, the Surplus of 18 being intended for the use of the Supernumeraries attached to my Regiment.—

I therefore promise and agree, on account of my having been allowed to draw for the above Complement from the first of August 1796, to have the number which it appears by my Indent to the Military Board at Fort St. George to be efficient, provided & and ready for Muster on the first day of May 1797.

(Signed) _____ Read

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Read the following letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal.—

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

Sir,

From Bengal pointing out some Errors in the Date of Brevet Promotions of Sundry Field Officers on the Coast Establishment.

The Commander in Chief having been enabled to correct the Dates of the Brevet & Commissions granted to the Officers on the Madras Establishment, and having reported to the Board the following Alterations to be necessary in the Brevet Promotions made at that Presidency, & I am directed to apprize you of them, for the Information of the Honorable the Governor in Council.—

2. Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham to be Colonel from the 1st of March 1794 and consequently Major General from the 3rd of May 1796— The Brevet of that Date having extended beyond the 24th of October 1794, the period before mentioned.—

Lieutenant,

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3 Lieutenant Colonel Smith to be Colonel from the 21st of August 1795, the date of the General Brevet, instead of the 22d of that Month, as before mentioned.—

4 Major Orr to be Lieutenant Colonel from the 13th of April 1795, The Brevet of that Date having extended beyond the 6th of April 1791 - the period before mentioned.—

Fort William
the 5th December 1796

Sam Tr. Tr.
(Signed) J Thornhill
Sub. Secy

Alterations ordered on the Dates of the Brevet Promotions of Colonel Cuyngham and Smith and Lieutenant & Colonel Orr.—

Ordered that the alterations in the Brevet Rank of Colonels Cuyngham and Smith and Lieutenant Colonel Orr be published in General Orders.—

The Commander in Chief acquainted the Board on the 18th of October, that he had received instructions from the Commander in Chief in India to publish the Brevet promotions granted by his Majesty to the Officers in the Company's & Service - Having discovered some mistakes in the & list which had been transmitted to him, he addressed Sir Robert Abercromby on the subject, and now lays before the Board the Answer he has received.—

Major

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Major General Clarke

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

Letter from the Commander in Chief in India to Major General Clarke on the Subject abovementioned

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 27th of October, with its Enclosures.—

The mistakes in the list of Brevet Commissions to the Company's Officers on the Madras establishment, have been rectified, until His Majesty's pleasure shall be known. Enclosed I have the honor to send the General Orders on the Subject, which I have to request, you will be pleased to issue to the troops under your Command.—

I do not think myself authorized to with-hold the Rank given by His Majesty, to Major General Cunnyngham, for tho' Major General Hartley is the last Lieutenant Colonel, promoted by Brevet to the Rank of Colonel on the 1st of March 1794, and his Commission is dated the 24th October 1787, as there is no Officer of either

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either in the Kings or Company's Service, & between that date and the end of the year 1787, & Major General Cunnyngham excepted who has & been included in it, I must suppose, that the & Brevet was intended to go down to the end of that year.—

I will be noticed to His Royal & Highness the Duke of York, that Lieutenant Colonel Bonnevaux has rank as such on the establishment from the 1st of December 1793 which renders the Brevet Rank that has & been granted to him unnecessary.—

I observe, that the Madras Government have included Lieutenant Colonel Orr, among the Lieutenant Colonels of the 13th of April 1795, & the 6th of April 1791, but finding on a reference to a late list of the Army, that the Brevets of that period, have extended further than I was & acquainted with at that time, and beyond the date of Lieutenant Colonel Orr's Commission as & Major altho' he has been omitted in the list from home, I have directed him to rank as & such

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such, until the Kings pleasure
shall be known.—

The Corrected date of Major
General Conyngham's commission as
Colonel, and of Colonel Smith's of the
Artillery, which should be the 21st of
August 1795 instead of the 22nd of that
Month will be notified to the Madras
Government, by the Supreme Board,
as well as a confirmation of the rank
granted to Lieutenant Colonel Orr.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
(Signed) Robert Abercromby

Head Quarters
Calcutta December 2 1796

Resolved

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Lieutenant Colonel Prescott appointed Senior Engineer North of the Kistna and stationed at Masulipatam

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Prescott be appointed Senior Engineer North of the Kistna to reside at Masulipatam, and that all returns from the Subordinate Engineers in that quarter be made through him to the Chief Engineer. —

" Wm Kirkpatrick

" Alured Clarke

" Con Saunders

" E Fallofield

Tho. Wyatt
Co.a

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Diary

Recived the following Letter. -

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

Auditor Generals Report on the Military Paymasters Estimate of Cash for January. -

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of January 1797 I have the honor to report, that the Sum of Two Lacks, Ninety Seven thousand, five hundred and fifteen Pagodas, Twenty One Fanams, and sixty five Cash (Pagodas 2,97,515. 21. 65 f c.) is required for the Payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month. -

	P.	f	c
From the General Treasury	2,31,602.	3.	69
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	65,913.	87.	76
Pagodas	2,97,515.	21.	65

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The Military Paymaster at Tiekinopoly having reported a balance of Cash on hand, Amounting to Eight Hundred Pagodas (800) that sum has Accordingly been deducted from the General Estimate, as has also an Error of (Pagodas 10-.-.-) in the Addition of Pay &c. on Account of Troops stationed at Vizagapatam.

In the Estimate of Captain Darley acting Paymaster at Ongole, is included One Thousand Pagodas (Pags. 1000) on Account of the Repairs executing under Captain & Johnston of the Engineers at Innacondah, As Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 13th Instant, only authorize for the present an Advance of Five Hundred Pagodas (500) for that service, the difference has therefore been deducted from the Total Amount of the Estimate.—

In the Gross Total herein reported upon, is included Forty One Thousand, two

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Seven hundred and fifty six Pagodas, Twenty Fanams and forty Nine Cash / Pag.s 41.756. 20. 49 /
being the Amount of Bills drawn by the Military
Paymasters at Columbo, Trincomalee, Malacca,
and Amboyna, which I have considered on
the same grounds as former drafts from those
Pay Offices, and is the cause of the Estimate for
the ensuing Month being so considerably
encreased on comparison with the late Monthly
demands for Cash.—

In reply to Mr. Secretary Jacksons
Letter of the 23d Instant, I have the honor
to report, that the Amount of Mr. Paymaster
Cochranes Additional Estimate for the
present Month Viz.t Nine Thousand, Three
Hundred and Ninety Seven Pagodas, Seventeen
Fanams, and fifty Cash / Pag.s 6397. 17. 50 /
appears admissible, being the balance of Pay
and Batta stated to be due to the 2.nd Battalion
of

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of the 10th Regiment Native Infantry lately arrived from the Northward, this Sum will fall to be issued from the General Treasury.—

I have the honor to be,

with the highest respect,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

Auditor General's Report on the Cash Estimate of the Commissary of Grain and Provisions for January

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 23d instant, with the Estimate of the reputed Disbursements in the Department of the Acting Commissary General of the Grain and Provisions for the Month of

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of January 1797, and to report thereon as follows

	P.	F.	G.
Expected Disbursements at Madras	150	41	40
Chingleput	736	22	30
Vellore	5259	6	—
Tanjore	12	30	—
Madura &c.	22	—	—
Palamcotah	1913	26	43
Baramahal	121	—	—
Angole	106	—	—
Trinomalé	1196	13	—
Pagodas	9518	13	33

From the Total Amount of expected Disbursements as above Stated, the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is to deduct the following Sums, as not issuable from the Treasury at the Presidency, but payable from the Subordinate Treasuries, for which Bills will be drawn upon them, and transferred through the General Treasury:—

	P.	F.	C.
Madras	150	41	40
Chingleput	736	22	30
Vellore	136	12	—
Tanjore	12	30	—
Baramahal	121	—	—
Angole	106	—	—
Trinomalé	1196	13	—
Pagodas	2459	34	70

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Consequently the Amount if payable at the Presidency on Account of Disbursements in January 1797, as per Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is Seven thousand, and fifty eight Pagodas, twenty fanams and forty three Cash, ₰ (Pagodas 7058..20..43).

The Estimates from Vellore and Palamcotah for the ensuing Month being so considerably increased, is in consequence of Orders having been given by the Military Board for a Supply of Wet Provisions to be purchased and laid up in Store at those Stations.—

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect.—

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

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My Lord,

Auditor Generals & Report on the Bullock Agents Estimate of Cash for January. —

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the & acting Principal Agent for Draught and & Carriage Bullocks for the Month of January 1797. accompanying Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 23d Instant. —

	A.	F.	C.
Expected Disbursements at Madras ---	1776	27	—
Vellore ———	22	—	—
Trichinopoly ---	700	—	—
Baramahl ---	100	—	—
Chicacole ---	350	—	—
Ishapoor District	9	—	—
Lieut Col: Roberts Detachment	877	39	—
Pagodas ---	3835	24	—

From the Total Amount of expected & Disbursements as above Stated, the Acting Principal Agent

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Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks &
deduct the following Sums, as not Issuable &
from the General Treasury at the Presidency,
but Payable from the Subordinate Treasuries
for which Bills will be drawn upon them,
and transferred thro' the General Treasury.—

Vellore &c.	22..	.. —
Baramahl	100..	.. —
Chicacole	350..	.. —
Ishapore District	9..	.. —
Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's Detachment	877..	39.. —
Pags.	1358..	39.. —

Consequently the Amount Issuable
at the Presidency as per Estimate of the Acting
Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage
Bullocks for January 1797, is Two Thousand,
Four Hundred and Seventy Six Pagodas, and
Twenty Seven Fanams (Pags. 2476.. 27.. —)

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

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
M.G. Aud.r General

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Received also the undermentioned Letters
entered in M.B. Nos. 134. 135. 136

From Collector at Guntoor — From M. Ram enclosing Sundry Papers
corroberative of the Truth of the Complaints alleged &
against the Detachment which lately marched
from the Circars to the Presidency under Command
of Lieutenant Colonel Anderson. —

From the Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment. — From Colonel Roberts — enclosing &
Copies of Correspondence with Major Kirkpatrick
respecting Deserters from the Company's Artillery
who are supposed to have taken Service with with
Monsieur Raymond. —

From Commandant at Angola. — From Lieutenant Berkley — requesting
permission to take off the Irons from Ali Sahab,
a Prisoner in the Main Guard for a few days. —

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29 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters
as entered in M.B. Nos. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. —
142. 143. 144. —

To Secretary at Bengal — To M. Secretary Barlow — requesting
that the Medicines on board the Camden and
Manship

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Manship, consigned to this Presidency which have been carried on to Bengal, may be sent round by the earliest opportunity.—

To the Accountant Genl. — To Mr. Woolf Authorizing him to open Registers for the Transfer of the Acknowledgments lately issued the Nabob's Consolidated Creditors, and to receive with the Acquiescence of the Creditors a fee equal to ¼ p.Cent on the Sum transferred.—

To the Military Auditor General enclosing an Extract of the Proceedings of the Medical Board of the 26th December and the determination of Government to allow a Surgeon of Cuddalore 10 Pagodas p.Month on Account of his Rent of an House Hospital.—

To the Military Auditor General.—

To the Secretary at Bengal.— To Mr. Secretary Barlow enclosing for the Information of the Supreme Government Copies of Correspondence which has passed relative to the Affairs of the Tanjore Country

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29 Subsequently to the 3d of October last —

To the Military Auditor General —

To Major General Sydenham authorizing the Charge for a Puckally to the Garrison of Tutacoryn from the Month of March last — and an Establishment of Artificers &c. and Charge for Stationary and Candles on the Store Department at Ganjam — requiring his opinion on a point submitted to Government by Mr. Paymaster Macdowall —

To the Commandants of Regiments of Native Cavalry —

To the Commandants of Regiments of Native Cavalry — enclosing Sundry Bonds to be executed by them binding themselves (or their Heirs in the Event of Death) to transfer the whole of the Saddles and Accoutrements of their respective Corps, to their Successors, in a perfectly Serviceable Condition. —

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — advising them of the above determination — the allotment &c. to Ganjam approved — Bills of the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs passed for payment —

all

4/ 29. All Bills for Military Repairs done at the Presidency to be submitted to Government thro the Channel of their Board Repairs executed under the Direction of Major General Floyd to the Barracks of the 19th Dragoons sanctioned by Government.—

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Lydenham—desiring him to prepare and submit to the Consideration of Government Regulations for Mustering and paying the Coast Army suitable to the New Establishment.—

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Substance of a letter to the Nabob.

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. № 179 requesting he will issue orders to his Servants at Tuticorin poly to deliver over to the Storekeeper a sufficient Number of Godowns to contain the Provisions ordered to be laid in Store there.—

Dispatched also the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. №. 145.. 146.. 147.. 148.. 149.. 150.. 151.—

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To the Civil Paymaster General.—

To the Civil Paymaster General directing him to pay Mr. Carlion Eilbracht a Monthly Subsistence of 40 Pagodas to commence from the 5th Decmber.—

To the Commander in Chief at Bombay

To Major General Stuart—requesting his opinion on Charges made by Major Bowser for transporting Troops &c. from Manar to Negumbo

To the Commandant at Angole.—

To Captain Buckley—authorizing him to remove the Fetters from Alley Saheb as suggested—taking especial Care however that he do not effect his Escape.—

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To Mr. Skardon—enclosing Returns of Prize Property delivered over to the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo and at Point De Galle.—

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck—desiring him to explain his Reasons for having paid the Arrears of Batta due to the late Major Gorry directly to the Executor to his Estate instead of issuing the Cash thro the regular Channel of

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of the Regimental Paymaster.—

To the Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General &

Authorizing the Payment of the Bill, of the

Quarter Master of Brigade with the Nizams

Detachment for the Monthly Allowance of

Six Pagodas on Account of Coolies provided

the Regulations entitle him to it.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Waight &c.

To Lieutenant Colonel Waight.—

permitting him to proceed to England on

Furlough for three Years.—

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Sent the following Letter to Bombay

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esq

Governor in Council,

at Bombay

Honorable Sir,

To Bombay—respecting the future Payment of the Bombay Troops serving on Ceylon by the Madras & Paymaster particular Statements will be transmitted of Payments made on Account of this Presidency as required.—

We have been honored with your

letters dated 29th November and 2nd Instant.—

We see not the smallest objection &

to the Bombay Troops serving on the Island

of

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of Ceylon being paid by the Madras Paymaster
on the principle laid down in the Letter of
your Military Auditor General's letter under
date the 25th Ultimo - and we shall therefore
issue the necessary directions, so as fully
to meet the Wish expressed by you -

We shall direct our Military &
Auditor General to call upon the Pay- &
master for an Account of all payments &
hitherto made to the Bombay Detachment
for the purpose of being forward to your &
Presidency; and in Order that the Statement
may include every expence incurred on Account
of the Bombay Troops, the Heads of all other
Departments, as well as the Paymaster will be
called upon for similar Accounts since &
the Commencement of the Service on Ceylon -
and you may rely upon regular communications
being made to you on this Subject in future. -

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

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

entered in M: B: Nos. 152.. 153.. 154.. 155.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Secretary Barlow - forwarding Intelligence received from the Mysore Country. -

To the Residents at Poonah & Hyderabad

To Sir Charles Warre Malet and Major Kirkpatrick to the purport above noted. -

To the Medical Board

To the Medical Board - desiring them to lay before Government a list of the Names of the Assistant Surgeons at present attached to Native Regiments shewing the Battalions of the Regiment to which they would recommend the different Assistant Surgeons to be specifically attached. -

To the Adjutant General

To Lieutenant Colonel Close - drawing a line of duty between the Assistant Surgeons attached to Native Regiments. -

Received the undermentioned Letters

entered in M: B: Nos. 156.. 157.. 158.. 159.. 160

161.. 162. -

From the Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. Thornhill advising of the Intention of the Supreme Government to send

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send the Detachment of the 25th Light Dragoons to Madras by the first Opportunity.—

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provision

From Mr. Skardon.—enclosing Copy of a Letter from Colonel Beleleffe in which he recommends that a stock of Grain be laid up at Tenneycottah.—a quantity of Paddy from Masulipatam arrives by water Carriages up the Kistnah for Storing the Garrisons in the Guntoor Circar.—

From Military Auditor General.—

From Major General Sydenham.—proposing Arrangements dependent on the late Orders & that the Bombay Troops be paid by Mr. & Paymaster Macdonall.—recommends that the two Assistant Surgeons at present attached to Regiments of Native Infantry be each & attached, specially to one of the Battalions of the Regiment.—

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck desiring Instructions regarding a Bill drawn upon him by the Pay=master at Amboina for 15,000 Dollars.

From

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From Messrs. Colt Baker Day & Co

From Messrs Colt Baker and Co

enclosing a Bill for Pagodas 5333.1/3 drawn on this Government by Lieutenant Dobbie of his Majesty's Brig Amboyna.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Murray &

From Lieutenant Colonel Murray

reporting the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Younge

From Mr. Macleod

From the Resident at Tanjore—

advising of his Receipt of a Circular Letter relative to the Apprehension of two French Men by the Names of Vespue and Sanspe who have escaped with Treasure from on board a Ship under Danish Colours seized by his Majesty's Ship Arrogant and supposed to leave it in Intention to push for Tranquebar—stating also the Steps he has taken in Consequence.—

Received also the following Letter from Messrs. Chase Sewell and Chase.—

William

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William C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.—

Sir,

From Messrs. Chase Sewell & Chase inclosing sundry Bills drawn on Government by Admiral Rainier and the Company's publick Officers at the Moluccas.—

We have the honor to enclose a the following drafts, on the Right Honorable the President in Council Viz.t

Accepted
- One draft dated Fort Nassau Island of Banda 10th October 1796, at 30 d.s in favor of Major U. Vegors for Str Pags. ——— 1400..—..—

Accepted.—
- One Ditto dated Fort Nassau 10 October 1796 at 30 d.s in favor of Mr. Johnson Kennedy for Rx. 575.13..—

Returned to be settled upon the arrival of admiral Rainier.—
- One Ditto dated Fort Victoria Amboina 23rd October 1796 at 30 d.s in favor of Captain John Sands for Rx. 12,000..—..—

of which, be pleased to procure his Lordship's acceptance, returning them to.—

Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) Chase Sewell & Chase

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Sent a Letter to the Military Auditor

To the Military Auditor General. — General entered in M: B: No 163 — Approving his Suggestions relative to the future Payment of the Bombay Troops on Ceylon by Mr. Paymaster Mr. Donall — and his opinion relative to the two Assistant Surgeons attached to Native Regement. —

Thos Hyde Villiers

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