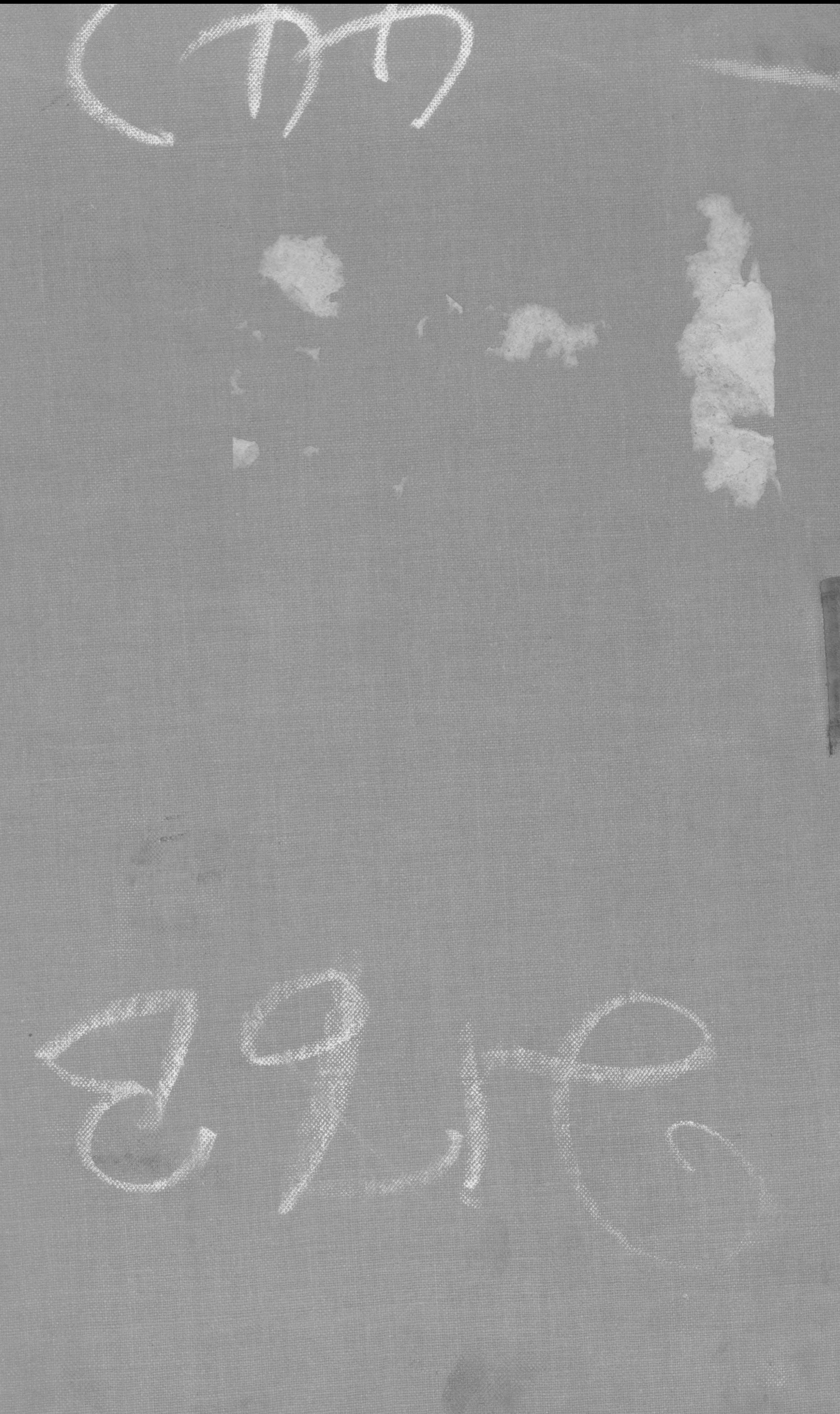

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Mr Darke respectfully begs Hrs Highness, if the Circar had any proofs to send them the next morning. if not that he would be pleased to send two respectable Gentlemen of his Durbar, and who his Highness placed a Confidence in to report faithfully to him, the shameful Proofs attempted, and then if there were no other, Hrs Highness would surely order all the Masters' property to be restored to him in the presence of Colonel Floyd, and order those to be punished who had been the cause of his great Sufferings, and loss thereby - Mr Darke — named and desired his Highness to send Omom Ally Cawn, and Cawn Saib Bahr and his own interpreter Ramasawmy with them, as he Know the Nabob placed most confidence in them, Hrs Highness said he would send them, but not before the Witnesses came from Madras, Mr Darke answered that one of them was in Jail, one Dead, and one run away from fear of what he had done, that if any appeared who had signed the Penalty for any other / and continued to say what they had signed under a penalty to prove, they must prove that Chinniah Naick had possessed himself of Bullocks belonging to the Circar unpaid

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for by him, and that he had received the Money for them from the Honorable Company. and requested Hes Highness would let him have his answer for Colonel Floyd_ He said, that he would let him have proof by a Company's Serang the next Morning that Chinnia Naick had received Circar Bullocks, that he would send — Authenarraine who was best Acquainted with the Business, and the Witness-

Monday April 25th 1796 —

All Present as on the 20th and 21st Instant

Authenarraine reported that he — would produce full proof and witness that Chinnish Naick must pay the money 18,886 Pagodas, but that the Company's Serang must come, who could not this day, as he had Company's Business - Mr Darke sent a Harcarra to call him, He sent an answer that he was busy about the Company's Stores, Mr Darke sent again to bring him in Colonel Floyd's Name and in the mean time took the Declarations of the two persons whose names are in the Penalty Obligation to the Circar, and who had not signed

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to it.

Fourth The Declarations of Vencatapatty Naick, and Chinniah Gopaul Naick. Bullock Mastries. Transla= =tion from the Malabars. —

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We Vencatapatty Naick and Chinniah Gopaul Naick, do give this written Declaration to the Honorable Company. —

We dont Know any thing whatever — whether lies and false Woods, or what the Mastries has caused to be written and given the Circar against Chinniah Naick, and his Business, We did not Meddle, or meet in their Company at any time in this, We never was at the Durbar, nor we do not know the road into the Cutcharee, nor we dont know how, or for what reason and occasion they have mentioned; and put our Names in the Muchella= =kah, We dont know of any demands or Ballances of Chinniah Naick or any Circumstances of the — Subject — This Written declaration we have given

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and Signed to with our full consent, before all this Company. –

Vancatapulty
Signed
Chinnah Gopaul

Witnesses
Signed by Chas. Darke. R. Gopaul
Marriapah and M Arnachellum

The Circar Dubash again refused to sign as a Witness –

Madura Naicka Pilly. Sawmy Pillay

the Son of Auklanda Pilly, and Runga Pilly – having been present at all the enquiry into this Business, and having heard what was declared of their having perswaded and forced the poor ignorant persons to sign the penalty to give proof against Chinnia – Naick, they were called upon to produce the proofs Documents, and accounts against him, as the writches, who signed declared they had agreed to do – Their answer and Declaration before all the Company was as follows. –

Fifth – The Declarations of Madura Naick a Pilly Sawmy Pilly and Runga Pillay, Translation from the Malabars.

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We the Honorable Company's Bullock-
Conycoply's and Nastry's Madura Naick a Pelly.-
Runga Pelly and Sawmy Pillay son of Auklanda Pelly,
do give this declaration and Penalty to the Honorable
Company.-

We did not desire these persons named-
Vencata chitty. Pitchander Moodily. Corla Mootiah Pelly.
Coopoo Naick son of Mungaputty, Shoppia Pelly. Veenah
Custory Rungapah Naick and Vancatapully Naick
to give the Penalty to the Circar against Chinnia-
Naick for the Sum of 18,886 Star Pagodas, which we
don't know, nor did not say that Chinnia Naick owed
this Ballance to the Circar at the time of Colonel
Fullertons War, and General Medows's War, and we did
not promise them to give any Proofs, or any accounts or
Witness for the same, and we did not give them any
encouragement for to sign in the Circars Penalty,
but we was only together with them and went to
the Circar Cutcharee amongst their Assembly, we did
not

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not give any Accounts from our hands or Proofs for these —
18,886 Star Pagodas, For which if we did give them any —
Encouragement or any Accounts or Proofs, also if we did
desire them to give the Penalty to the Circar. We do
hereby Bind ourselves and agree to pay the Sum of
18,886 Star Pagodas, and a fine of 1,200 Star Pagodas
agreable to the Penalty they gave to the Circar, and will
obly all such instructions as you desire us. This —
Declaration and Penalty we give with our full Consent.

The above three persons acknowledge and
declare before us the undersigned, and all the Company,
that the foregoing written Declaration is just and
true, and that they will abide by it — But refuse to
subscribe their names in writing to it, until they get
the leave of Mr. Hawkins for them to do so. —

Witness's

Signed by Chas. Darke. R. Gopaul
Marriapah and W. Arnachellum

It will appear that notwithstanding
what Madura Naick a Pilly. Sawmy Pilly and
Rungapilly now Declared that they did produce an

account

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Account against Chinnia Naick in the Circar Cutcharee at their meetings there for upwards of 18,000 Pagodas to — induce the poor Wretches to sign the penalty obligation, and they did deliver the Account to Emom alli Cawn which is in the hand writing of Sawmy Pillay, the — Account is now in the posession of Mr. Darke. —

The Serang whose name is Fakeer —

Mahomed being come, the Circar Dubash Suthenarraine was desired to bring forward what proof he had, as — promised by the Nabob that Chinnia Naick had — received Bullocks belonging the Circar. Suthenarraine in reply said, that he had proof and Witneses enough, and pulled out of his Cloths, a Bundle of four Cajans, saying there was the proof and the Witneses had all signed to it. He was desired to deliver it to the — Company, that it might be examined and read, and translated if required, and to see the Names of — the Subscribing Witneses, in order, that they might be summoned and examined. He refused to deliver the Cajans out of his hand, saying the — Busines had been fully examined into, and — proved by the Circar in the Cutcharee of the Circar,

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as it was Circar Business, that was the proper place, that they had all Decreed Chinnia Naick must pay the Money, which he must do, talked very much and Loud, that Chinnia Naick had given a Penalty Bond to pay the 18,886 Pagodas, stated against him & he had wrote a Letter to W.m Cockburns Dubash — Tondavaroy Moodeliar complaining against the Circar for confining him, and Demanding Money from him, that he did not owe it &c and desiring him — Tondavaroy to acquaint his Master W.m Cockburn of it, and that he would get him released, and has the Circar had proved and produced the very Letter that he wrote to Tondavaroy before all the Witnesses, he must pay the Money, they did not want any more proof that was enough — W.m Darke said it that was their proof, and all they had against the Master, it would be very hard any very Arbitrary indeed for the Man to be fined such a large Sum for writing a Letter to a Man, he supposed his Friend complaining of the unjust and cruel Confinement he was in as it appears to have been from any thing they had hitherto produced, and the just hope he had thereby to obtain his Liberty, and save his hard Learned property; for he desired — Tondavaroy

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Tondavaroy to make his Sufferings as in his Letter known to the Worthy Gentleman his master, who was at the head of the Bullock Department, and it seemed the Circar being in posession of this Letter, that Chenia Naick was ordered out of the prison before the principal Gentlemen of the Durbar, and being interrogated respecting his having wrote such Letter. Fear from the situation he was in, made him deny it having done, so fear and threats also compelled him to whatever they chose. Having thus been forced to seemingly consent to the Scandalous Penalty, the Circar produced the Letter, which a shameful Breach of Duty by Tondavaroy had put into their hands - and now you Authenarraine say you want no other Proof to make him pay the large Sum of 18,886 - Star Pagodas, if you have nothing more against him, you have no kind of Demand upon him, for by writing the letter, he did no more than he had a right to do, and whatevery other person would have done, and it is nothing against him, but shamefully against yourselves to produce it -

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Mr. Darke again desired to have the Cajans containing what Authenarraine called full proofs and witnesses, that it might be read, which he again refused.

It is necessary to state, to mark the wicked Conduct of Tondwaroy Moodeliar, that Chinna=ah Naick, while in confinement by the Nabob, caused this Letter to be wrote to him stating the Cruel manner in which he was treated, and desiring him to make it known to his Master, thereby believing that he would represent his Cruel treatment to the Right Honorable the Governor who would cause him to be released and Protected: but instead of shewing the Letter to Mr. Cockburn or making him acquainted with the Contents, he sends the Letter up to Sawmy Pilly and Madura Naick a Pilly at Trichinopoly to be delivered to the Nabob, with a view no doubt to cause him more rigorously to be confined, and that he never might be released to call upon him or give him trouble for 8000 Pagodas of his

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Money that Chinnia Naick declares he stopt out of the Sum Ballance of his Account settled after Lord Cornwallis's War, that Mr. Cockburn delivered to his Dubash Tondavaroy to pay to Chinniah Naick.—

Mr. Darke as Authenarraine —

continued to refuse letting the Cajans be read, that he called full proof, took them out of his hand, and ordered them to be immediately Copy'd, first marking them, they were copy'd in the room before the whole — in Company, and then the Originals returned to the — Circar Dubash, first examining that the Copy were exact, then translated into English. Authenarraine then said that Mr. Darke made use of Force to make the Circar loose their money, and he went away. The — Character of this Authenarraine is well known from his having been transported by Lord Macartney, on his return to Madras. He went into the — Service of Paupiah Bramine, and got the persons to Swear against Mr. Halliburton, afterwards engaged to go to England for Paupiah, some papers that he was entrusted with by Paupiah to carry

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there, he took and delivered them to the Nabob - for which he was taken into the Nabobs Service, some time after, he got the people to unswear at the Triplicane Pagoda, what they had Sworn on mint and water against M.r Haliburton, who recommended him at the Durbar for a Circar — Dubash at Trichinopoly, where he is now, Head — Justice of the Cutwals Court. —

The following is the Translation of the judg'd up Stuff, called full Proof against Chinniah Naick, on which they say he must pay the 18,886 Pagodas to the Circar. —

Translation of the Contents of the Cajans as taken down in Malabars in the cause of Chinnia Naick and the Bullock Hastries at the Nabobs' Cutcharee, Dated the 6.th Stuney in the year — Permatheca, or the 16.th June 1794. - about 20 days' after Chinniah Naick was arrested and Imprisoned there —

"That after an enquiry made about the Bullocks of the Circar, that served the Company, from the Bullock Hastries of the Company - The Bullock Hastries have declared and given a Penalty Bond to the Circar, specifying and binding themselves to prove, that

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that Chinnia Naick Bullock Mastry has received pay
&c for Draught and Carriage Bullocks furnished by
the Circar, for which the Circar Demanded the money
from Chinnia Naick, who declared that not one
Bullock was ever delivered to him, by, or belonging to
the Circar, and that he never had received any Subsistance
or Payment from the Company on that account, and gave
a Penalty binding himself, that if it was proved that he
received any Bullocks, that he would pay the Sum
made against him in the Bullock Mastries Account,
and pay the like fine of 1,200 Pagodas to the Circar. -

It having appeared true by the Proofs of Sakeer
Mahomed Serang given, and by Veemahcustory
Rungapah Naick and Colanday Mastries, that is they did
deliver 225 Draught Bullocks in Nungaporam Village
to Chinniah Naick, in the time of Shunmooga Valoyada
Moodalier, and they have promised to give proof of the
same by Chinnia Naicks Brother, named Custory
Rungapah Naick Mastry, to this subject Chinniah
Naick said, if his Brother did, he would join the
other Maistries against him ——

The said Company's Mastries gave
further

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further information to the Circar, that the Chinniah Naick had written a Letter to Tondavaroy Moodaliér Dubash to Mr. Cockburn, that he was in close Confinement and his Son by the Circar, on a false Complaint against him, by the Bullock Mastrys of the Honorable Company, in order to get a recommendation for him — For which the Circar took notice of Chinniah naick, who gave a Penalty Bond to the Circar, that if he did write a Letter to — Tondavaroy Moodaliér against the Circar, and it was proved, he promised to give the Sum he received for the Circar Bullocks agreeable to the account given by the Bullock Mastries — Accordingly the Bullock Mastries proved to their words. by Producing the Letter, and the Man who wrote the Letter, that he Chinniah by order dispatched to Tondavaroy Moodaliér. —

On a seperate Cajan, / Signed the names of / Sakeer Mahomed Serang and Verna cutory Rangapah naick. —

I Vernah cutory Rangapah Naick, and I Colanda Mastry we both delivered 225 Draught Bullocks in the charge of Chinniah Naick at —

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Nungaporam, in the time of Circar Management.

/ Signed Colanda Mastry

The following Names are wrote on this Cajan

N.B. it appears that they got Fakeer Mahomed and Vena=
=custory Rangapah Naick to sign their Names on a —
Blank Cajan and then wrote what they chose afterwards. /

Wrote — Vancata Chitty. Copiah Naick. Soppiah Pilly.
Corta Mootiah Pilly. Pitchander Moodaly. Chinniah
Goopaul Naick. Custory Naick, Vencatapatty Naick.
Verowa Pilly, Mootacurapah Pilly. —

The above Ten people have given the full
Proof against Chinniah Naick to the Circar. —

/ Signed Witnesses / Vencata chitty. Soppiah Pilly
Cooper Custory Rungapa Naick —
Corta Mootiah Pilly Verowa Pilly
Pitchander Moodaly Mootacurapah Pilly —

Fakeer Mahomed Serang being present he was called
upon to give what proof he could to the Company —
Assembled, that Chinniah Naick had received —
Bullocks belonging to the Circar, the Cajan —
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writing whereon his name appeared was read to him,
when he gave the following Declaration. -

Sixth - The Declaration of Fakeer Mahomed
Serang in the Honorable Company's Service, Translation
from the Malabars, he also declared the same in
English. -

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I Fakeer Mahomed Serang, do give this
Declaration to the Honorable Company. -

I did not prove to the Circar, that there
was 225 Bullocks delivered under the Charge of
Chinniah naick. -

Mr. Paymaster Falk ordered me to
carry and deliver as soon as possible 225 Bullocks
to a Gentleman in the Camp at Nungaporam, which
I did accordingly. I don't remember the Gentlemans
name, who ordered me to deliver the Bullocks in
Charge of Sastries, when I sent my two peoples
with me, one named Colanda Mastry. and one
Custory Rangapah Naick Mastry to go and to

deliver

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deliver them, who came and told me, that they delivered them in Charge of Chinniah Naick. I did not carry the Bullocks on account of Chinniah Naick from hence, nor did I see him, or deliver them to him. but I have declared to the Circar, that I had delivered these — Bullocks 225 to a Gentleman in the Camp by order of Paymaster Palk, I don't know what they have write — thereof in the Circars Penalty. I surely thought they would write the Truth. as what I said myself, and signed — myself to.

This Declaration put down in writing I give with my full consent in the presence of all the Company. —

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The foregoing Declaration Fakeer Mahomed Serang freely declared before us the Undersigned, and all the assembly. and said it was all just and true, But said that before he could subscribe his name to it, he must have his Master W. Hawkins's leave

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to do so.—

Witness's Signed Chas.t Darke. R. Gopaul
Marriapah. M. Arnachellum.

Custory Rangapah Naicks Name being
called, he was present, and was told to give a true
Account to whom the 225 Bullocks was delivered, that
Sakeer Mahomed and himself had taken to Camp at
Nungaporam by order of W.m Palk—

Seventh— The Declaration of Custory Rangapah
Naick Bullock Mastry, the Translation from the
Malabars—

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I Custory Rungapah Naick give this
Declaration to the Honorable Company—

I went along with Sackeer Mahomed
Serang when he carried the Bullocks to the Camp at
Nungaporam to the Gentleman, who ordered me to
deliver them to the Mastrys. so I did deliver them
in the charge of those Mastrys their names are Nunga=
=patty Vancatapatty Naick, allore Pallany Pilly, and
Madura Naick a Pilly at this time Chinnia Naick
was

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was in bad health at his Village Cherroocovar Pollum, nor to him or to any of his People did I deliver them, nor did I see his Face.—

Custory Rangapah Naick

Witness Signed Chas Darke. R. Gopaul

Marriapah. A. Arnachellum

Here closed the Evidence—

It appears from the Information of all the Bullock Mastrys who attended at this enquiry, that the 225 Bullocks sent by W. Palk Paymaster, was delivered to Vancatachelum Mastry brotherinlaw to Mungapetty Naick Mastry—to Madura Naick a Pelly, and to Palany of Ayaloor Country on the 11th June 1783.—

That W. Palk also sent to Camp 45 Bullocks Carriage, which was delivered to Samy Nadah, on the 12th September 1783.

That W. Palk did also send to Camp at Cottalum by Lascars 30 Carriage Bullocks which were delivered to Mungapulty Naick Mastry, on the 1st May 1784.—

Altogether 1,000 Bullocks, for which they all assert and say the accounts will prove it, that

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that Mr. Falk did receive from Gopaul Naick Mastry the Brother of Chinnia Naick One thousand Star Pagodas 1000. for them.-

The Amount of hire for the above 1000 Bullocks that Served in Camp, and the pay of the Mastries, drivers &c. they all declare was drawn by Sukkanda Pilly and Madura Naick a Pilly. — Bullock Conycoply to the Army, and they declare that these two men have kept the money to this — hour. that they thus received from the Honorable Company, and have not delivered it to the Mastries.-

Now it is very clear, that if the 225 Bullocks did ever belong to the Circar. for which they have not given the smallest Proof. Mr. Falk received the value of them from the Mastries, thereby they became their property. therefore Mr. Falk who procured the Bullocks and sent them to Camp from Trichinopoly of course alone was answerable to those he had them from, if they ever were the Circars they could only demand the Value of them, and not their hire and pay of the Drivers all the time — they served.— These two men Madura Naick a Pilley

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Pilly, and Auklanda Pilly / now Sawmy Pillay as the father has been Dead about Ten months, and the Son was a Principal in this Villainy in his Fathers life time / they owe to Chinniah Naick he positively asserts upwards of 13,000 Pagodas, Money they received, as pay Conycoply's from the Honorable Company's Paymasters for the Bullock serving with the armies - 3,000 Pagodas and upwards of it, so long ago as when Colonel Fullerton Commanded the southern Army and 8,000 Pagodas and upwards for the war that General Medows and Marquis Corn=wallis Commanded and 1,000 Pagodas and odd on some other account, These two men also have, / the Bullock Mastries and a great many others Inhabitants Declare / detained in the same manner, Money entrusted to them of the Honorable Company's to pay and Distribute to several Bullocks Mastries, it is due to about 20,000 Pagodas, which they evade delivering to the many poor men, who are in great Distress for it, and the poor drivers who served under them, who laboured so very hard for it - After the Peace with Tippoo Sultaun, when Chinniah Naick, and the many other Mastry's returned to their home, they were about making these

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two Conycoply's Account and pay the several Sums, they had fraudulently detained, when Chinnia Naick was called upon to provide Bullocks for the Honorable Company, This duty himself and the other Mastry's attended to for the Army going against Pondicherry, as before related, which prevented him and them bringing them to Account and payment then. These Men no doubt Madura Naicka Pilly, Auklanda Pilly and his Son Sawmy Pilly, as Chinnia Naick was head Mastry, did with a View of preventing him ever giving them any more trouble for the Money they had so unjustly detained of his and the many other Maistries, go to one of the principal people of the Nabob named Emomallie Cawn, and took to him an Account, / and a present / his said in the hand writing of Sawmy Pillay, stating that Chinnia Naick owed to the Circar 18,000, and odd Star Pagodas for Circar Bullocks employed by the Army - Drew up the Pennalty Bond to the Circar against Chinnia Naick, - assembled and prevailed upon the poor Wretches to sign it, and recommended to the Circar when he

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Chinnia Naick returned from Pondicherry to Seize him and his Son and confine them in the Callee Maule, and then he would pay the Money, in the hope it do seem, — that they should get rid of them. their hope was nearly — accomplished — the Circar readily believed, or pretended to believe, the tale that Money was due to them, and gave into the measure, altho' they had no account, that one Circar Bullock had been employed in charge of — Chinnia Naick, but unfortunately for him they knew he had, property, and that property that appears to have been so justly acquired, in so laborious a manner by his Ancestors and himself, has been so forcibly and so unjustly taken from him, and deprived even of the Comfort of seeing his wife, and Family for so long a time, and treated as a Criminal. —

The day that Chinniah Naick was — released from the Nabob's prison by General Floyd, there was 16 of Chinnia Naicks Debtors confined in the — Circars Prisons, 15 of them have paid or given Security to the Circar, what they owed him, the other one now remains a Prisoner. —

These two Unjust and wicked —

Conycoplys

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Conycoplys Madura Naicka Pilly and Sawmy Pilly, certainly ought to be confined without delay, in order that they may be made to justly account with all the Bullock Mastrys for the Money they unjustly withheld from them, and for their wicked Conduct towards Chinniah Naick in particular, they are reputed to be two of the richest — inhabitants here, going about in their Hircarries and — Palanqueens while the head Mastrys starving for want of their Money as stated to be detained from them. There is reason to apprehend they may go off and secret — themselves, as they are alarmed at the enquiry, about — Six days after they had given their declaration in this matter, they were dismissed from being head Bullock Mastries and Bullock Conycoplys to the Honorable Company. —

The Bullock Mastrys all further say that all the accounts that was kept by them of the Money Drawn for the Pay and hire of — Bullocks during the time that Tanjore Ramah Naig was paymasters Dubash, and of the sums paid, and what unpaid, are in a Chest in Tanjore Ramah Naigs House at Tanjore, as the accounts properly belong to the Honorable Company, having been kept by two

people

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people in their Service at 5 Pagodas a Month each, of the receipts and Expenditure of Public Money. Government — may judge it proper to take possession of these accounts —

Mr. Darke have several times since the enquiry waited upon his Highness the Nabob Hyder am ull Mulk Bah. to let him know the particulars of it, that there was not any kind of proof, that Chinnia Naick owed the Circar even a single Pagoda, and — Desired, that he would order all his property to be — restored to him in the presence of General Floyd; took with him the Generals Dubash to interpret. This Highness answered, always the same, that, if he did, the Circar would loose, Mr. Darke replied, it ought not to be called a loss what they had no right to, that by detaining the Masters property they would loose their Honor and reputation — The Nabob answered let the people come from Madras that gave the Penalty Bond to the Circar, and if they did not prove it, they must pay the Money, and fine — Continues to refuse, and will not restore the Money and Effects to the Master Chinniah Naick. —

Signed Chas. Darke,

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Translation of a Penalty given by Mootoocaroopa Pilly Bullock Mastrie to the Honorable Company.

Dated 2. August 1797.—

That after the Expedition to Pondicherry — Madura Naigam Pillay Bullock Conycoply and Aukeelandam pillay Bullock Mastrie were entertained in the Service of Bullock Agency for this Garrison under Paymaster William Hawkins, and they held me into their consideration that we must make a preparation to raise Claim upon Chinniah Naig, and he may not interfere in our Busines as he is cruelty and will make some methods to ruin our Station and requested me to Sign in a Accounts to Circars and Promised grant me a Room of Bullock Mastrie which I refused and demanded aforesaid Madura Naigum Pillay and Aukeelandam Pillay I know nothing of Chinniah Naig Bullocks were served nor the Money he has received to them, and against them in some measure to not obey their order When they repeated that they will speake for all or whatever Accounts they may produce on Chinnea Naig, and ordered only me to be Companion with them

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and by these I was obliged to give my Signature as they been head Clastries - I don't Know Chinnia Naigs Bullocks Served under Circars &c nor the Mount he has received on that — Head. Thus I gave by my Own will. -

/ Signed Mootucaroopan

Witnesses

/ Signed Charles Darke
Raja Gopollon
Mareapah
Cootty

Trichinopoly August 2nd 1796. —

Mootoo caroopa Pilly came Voluntarily to me and desired to give his Evidence this day, of what he Knew, and how he was induced to sign the Penalty Obligation to the Circar against Chinniah Naick Bullock Clastry. — and declared in Malabars as on the other side is the Translate. — / Signed Chas. Darke,

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To the Right Honorable the Governor President in Council

The humble Petition of Chinnia Naig, Head Bullock Master in the Honorable Company's Service. -

Sheweth That on or about the 29th May 1794. three men

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Men by Name Ackalanda Pillay, Madur Naig Pilly and Rangapillay, entered into a Combination with ten Bullock men named Sopia Pillay, Vencatapully Naig, Chinna Gopaul Naig Beema Custory Rangapah Naig. Cota Moolia Pillay, Vencatachetty Pichanda Moodely Cope Naig, Varacopolay, Moota Corpo Pillay, and preferred the follow: =ing false and malicious charge against your Petitioner to His Highness the Nabob. that during the late War with Tippoo Sultaun, Shenmooga Velaida Moodely, had lent two hundred draught, and three hundred Carriage Bullocks for the use of the Honorable Company, the hire of which they affirmed your Petitioner had received for the space of thirteen months, and that your Petitioner also received for the hire of sixty six Bullocks for 18 Months belonging to the Pettah, as well as eighty other Bullocks which they pretended your Petitioner had received from His Highness the Nabob for the space of nineteen months for the use of the Honorable Company, and that the hire and Sale of the above = =mentioned Bullocks amounted to the Sum of eighteen thousand, eight hundred and eighty six Pagodas, the whole of which sum, they deposed your

Petitioner

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Petitioner had received and that at the same time, your Petitioners Accusers, entered into an Agreement, that in case they could not produce, sufficient proof of the truth of what they had advanced, they would forfeit the whole of the abovementioned Sum, as well as twelve hundred Pagodas more in addition thereto, and that the whole of the abovesaid, your Petitioners Accusers, signed their names to this Agreement, except Vencatapetty Naig, and Chinna Gopaul Naig, who were not present at the time, and that your Petitioner procured a Copy of this Agreement to be translated into English and given to Mr. Darke that the false account given in by Acklanda Pillay, Madur Naig Pillay and Rangapillay was as follows.—

From the 1st. March 1783 to 30th. August 1784.

at Sixty Six Bullocks each month, for the space of eighteen months, makes one thousand one hundred and eighty eight Bullocks, and which at one ½ Pagoda and half for each bullock per month, makes one thousand, Seven hundred and eighty two Pagodas for the hire of Bullock drivers for the same number of months, one thousand, one hundred and thirty one Pagodas, eighteen fanams, and for the hire of

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Bullock masters for the same term, forty eight Pagodas, the total of which is two thousand nine hundred and sixty one pagodas, eighteen fanams from the 1.st August 1783 to 30.th August 1784, each month, two hundred draught Bullocks, for the space of thirteen months makes two thousand six hundred Bullocks, and which at the aforementioned rate of one Pagoda and half per month is three thousand nine hundred Pagodas. For the hire of Bullock drivers for the same number of one months, one thousand five hundred and twenty three Pagodas thirty four fanams, for the hire of Bullock Masters, sixty four Pagodas, the total of which is five thousand four hundred and eighty Seven Pagodas thirty four fanams from the 1.st January 1783 to 1.st August 1784, three hundred Carriage Bullocks each month for the space of six months, makes eighteen hundred Bullocks. at one Pagoda and half per month is two thousand, seven hundred Pagodas, for the hire of Bullock masters, Seventy two Pagodas the total of which amounts to two thousand, seven hundred and Seventy two Pagodas from the 1.st September 1790 to 30.th March 1792 eighty draught Bullocks each month, for the space of

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Nineteen Months makes one thousand, five hundred and twenty Bullocks, at one Pagoda and half per Month is three thousand, three hundred and thirty two Pagodas Sixteen fanams. and for the hire of — Bullock Masters Sixty Pagodas, the total of which makes three thousand, three hundred and ninety two Pagodas, sixteen fanams. that the total of the Bullock hire at different periods, amounted to fourteen thousand, Six hundred and thirteen pagodas twenty six fanams. the — Sale of three hundred and forty four draught Bullocks Amounted to two thousand and Sixty four Pagodas. the sale of three hundred Carriage Bullocks to the Sum of fifteen hundred Pagodas, and that the total of the Sale and hire of the whole of the Bullocks Amounted to the Sum of eighteen thousand, one hundred and twenty Seven — Pagodas, twenty Six fanams. and that the above false account was drawn out in the hand writing of — Ackalanda Pillays Son, and which your Petitioner delivered up to Mr. Darke. that at the time — Colonel Fullerton Commanded the Army, Mr. Digby was Paymaster, whose Dubath was Tanjore — Rama Naig. that at the time General Medows

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Commanded the army, Mr. Cockburn was Bullock, —
Contractor and that the above said Gentleman Mr. —
Digby and this Dubash gave your Petitioner a Certificate
in the presence of Mr. Skardon at Madras that he
/Your Petitioner/ had never received any sum whatever, either
for the hire or sale of any of the abovementioned Bullocks,
and that your Petitioner gave a Copy of the abovementioned
Certificate to Mr. Darke That on the 2.d June 1783, at which
period Mr. Palk was Paymaster and Colonel Fullarton —
Commanded the Army, your Petitioners fatherinlaw —
Beral Gopaul Naig bought from Mr. Palk thirty Six
draught and one hundred and eighty Nine Carriage
Bullocks, which were employed in the Service of the
Army, the hire of which from the 2.nd June to the 30.th July
being twenty Nine days amounted to for the thirty Six
draught Bullocks, one hundred and six Pagodas eight
fanams and thirty two Cash — For the hire of One hundred
and eighty nine Carriage Bullocks, for the same time,
five hundred and fifty seven Pagodas twenty three —
fanams, eight Cash — For the hire of Bullock masters,
sixteen Pagodas, forty fanams, the total of which makes
five hundred and seventy four Pagodas, twenty fanams
eight Cash and that the total of the both amounts is

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is seven hundred and fifty Pagodas thirty two fanams forty Cash

that during the time your Petitioner was imprisoned, he —

wrote a letter to Tandavaroy moodeliar, desiring him to

acquaint Mr. Cockburne with the very Cruel manner in

which he had been treated, but that the said Tandavaroy

Moodaliar instead of Shewing his letter to Mr. Cockburne,

delivered it to His Highness the Nabob. —

That Fakhier Mohummed Serang, —

acquainted the Nabobs Dubash Aday Narrain aya,

that your Petitioner had received the sum of eighteen

thousand Pagodas, for the hire and sale of 225 Bullocks

and that the said Dubash also informed Mr. Darke

of the same — that Mr. Darke having in Consequence

Kept possession of the false Account, which the abovemenli-

-oned Dubash, exhibited against your Petitioner, and

on demanding of him, if he had any Voucher to produce

in support of the same, it was utterly out of the power

of the said Dubash, so to do — and that in consequence

of his having represented him in a false, and —

malicious light to his Highness the Nabob, it has been

the means of preventing His Highness from releasing

your Petitioner from his imprisonment, or restoring any

part

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part of the property that has been so unjustly extorted from him — and that Madura Naiga Pillay and Ackalanda Pillay are still indebted to Beral Gopaul Naig the sum of seven hundred and fifty Pagodas thirty two fanams forty Cash for the hire of Bullocks as mentioned above. —

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

The humble Petition of Chinnia Naig late Head Bullock Master in the Honorable Company's Service

Sheweth,

That since the time Colonel Cope Commanded at this station; your Petitioners father in law Perea Gopaul Naig served in quality of Head Bullock Master in this Garrison. that at the time the French laid seige to Madras, your said Petitioners father in law, sent his Brother Chinna Gopaul Naig as Head Bullock master to the Army, which marched from hence to the assistance of the besieged, as well as to Vellore, and Nellore, and that the said Chinna Gopaul Naig is present in Trichinopoly, and can prove the above mentioned facts. that at the time

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time of the insurrection of Cawn saib, Perria Gopaul Naig served as Head Bullock Master to the Detachment that marched against him, that in the war with Hyder during the time the Army lay at Colar, the said Perria Gopaul Naig served also as Head Bullock Master — that at the time of the Surrender of Vellum and Rammad, the said Gopaul Naig sent your Petitioner as Head — Bullock Master to the Army. that at the time your Petitioners fatherinlaw departed this life he recommended your Petitioner as Head Bullock Master in his Room to Mr. Palk and that your Petitioner served four years under the said Gentleman in that Capacity, and that your Petitioner also served in the same employ, at Tanjore Rammad, Secundamallee, Sadaperry, Mahi and twice at Pondicherry. that he likewise served under the — following Officers who commanded the Army at different periods, Colonel Fullarton, General Medows Lord Cornwallis, and General Brathwaite. that at the time Mr. Palk returned to Europe, he was — indebted to your Petitioner some Money, which debt he desired Mr. Johnson who succeeded him to — discharge and that the said Mr. Johnston gave

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your Petitioner his note of hand for the money, but that it still remains unpaid that at the time Mr Johnston was Paymaster, Colonel Moorhouse, Mr James Campbell, and Mr Cockburn were bullock Contractors, and that the said Gentlemen nominated Terko Madoo Naigum Pillay as their Conicoply for Trichinopoly, Tanjore, and Palamcotah, and presented your Petitioner with a shawl, Appointing him Head Bullock Master that at the time your Petitioner served in that employ at Seringapatam, he left his fatherinlaws Brother, Chinna Gopaul Naig, and his Conicoply Rangopa, to discharge the duties of Bullock Master in this Garrison, at the same time that he took another Conicoply named Ackalandam Pillay with him in the field that after the War with Tippoo was over, your Petitioner came to the Presidency, and settled his Bullock Peoples accounts, as well as his own, but that he did not receive the whole of his Custom from Sandavaroy Moodiliar, & Mr Cockburns Dubash that the beforementioned Gentlemen nominated also another Conicoply Named Ninnapah Moodaliar for the Army, and that your Petitioner always supplied the said Conicoply with whatever Number of Bullocks he wanted that after the expiration of the Contract

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with the beforementioned Gentlemen Lieutenant Morrison was Commissary, under whom your Petitioner Served in the same employ that at the conclusion of the war your Petitioner went to the Presidency, when two of the beforementioned Contractors Mr. James Campbell, and Mr. Cockburn sent for their Conicoply, from this Garrison, that at this time Mr. Garrow was Paymaster, under whom your Petitioners father in laws Brother Chinna Gopal Naig, and his Conicoply Rangopa supplied the Honorable Company with Bullocks, that at the Seige of Pondicherry, Mr. Cockburn sent your Petitioner with a letter of recommendation to Mr. Skarden, as Head Bullock master, and that your Petitioners Conicoply Ackalandum Pillay remained at the Presidency, to keep his Accounts that when your Petitioner returned to Madras, the abovementioned Ackalanda Pillay by means of some malicious misrepresentations of your Petitioners conduct, to Tandavaroy Moodelyar, had procured a Letter from Mr. Cockburn to Mr. Hawkins, recommending him as Head Bullock master in your Petitioners room, that your Petitioner having returned to Trichinopoly to pay his respects

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to Mr. Hawkins, as well as for the purpose of solemnizing his sons Marriage. the beforementioned Ackalandum pillay, thro' some false Accusations of your Petitioner to His Highness the Nabob, caused your Petitioner to be imprisoned which prevented him from Completing the Ceremony of his sons Marriage, as well as from returning to Madras - that in consequence of your Petitioners being thus ill treated, he wrote a letter to Sandavaroy Moodaliar at Mr. Cockburn's Dubash; acquainting him with the manner in which he had been used - which letter the said Sandavaroy Moodaliar sent to Ackalandum Pillay, and his son Sawmy Pillay, who shewed it to his Highness the Nabob and which was the cause of his Highness treating your Petitioner with greater severity, than when at first put into confinement - that at this time Mr. Skardon sent a letter to Mr. Hawkins requesting he would use his interest to procure your Petitioners releasement, that he might be enabled to go down to the Presidency, to finally settle his accounts - that this being effected, your Petitioner went down to Madras,

and

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and on desiring Tandavaroy Moodeliar to settle with him, he requested of your Petitioner to wait a few days, as Mr. Cockburn was gone to Arcot, in the — mean time that he advanced your Petitioner at one time 600 and at another 400 Star Pagodas, but that the accounts have never yet been finally settled; that your Petitioner afterwards returned to Trichinopoly, having procured a letter of recommendation from Mr Stardon to Mr Hawkins. —

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly implores that your Lordship will be graciously pleased to take this your Petitioners very hard case into consideration, as he is not only a Prisoner, but — reduced to the most extreme poverty, this Highness the Nabob having seized upon the whole of his property —

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound

Shall Ever Pray —

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

The humble Petition of Bullock — a

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Naig, Head bullock Mastry in the
Honorable Company's Service

Sheweth,

That your Petitioners lived in Charcarpollam and that your Petitioners never rented any Land from his Highness the Nabob that your Petitioners always Served under the Paymaster of this Garrison in Supplying the Honorable Company with Bullocks, and that Hes Highness the Nabob, never before troubled your petitioners, or order his people to Cutdown Bamboos and trees in their Garden and their head Mastry Chinniah Naig but that with in this three years past, Hes Highness people come to your Petitioners gardens and cut down their trees as well as Chinniah Naig, your Petitioners head Mastry, but that in the month of September 94 your Petitioners head Mastry Chinniah Naig deposited in the hands of Vencatachellum Pillay, W. Hawkins's Dubash, the Sum of 750 Pagodas tied and Sealed up, and he also deposited in the hands of Sagri moodaliar, the Sum of 50 Pagodas and that the said Sagri Moodaliar took by force from your Petitioners's head Mastry's Son, a bond for the Sum of 50 Pagodas that in the above mentioned year, W. Garrow's Writer, Ramiah forcibly extorted from your Petitioners head Masters's Son.

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the Sum of 74 Pagodas and 3 f. as also a Bond for 40 Port Novo Pagodas, which Sums together mounted to 114 Pagodas and 3 f., but that his Highness the Nabob forcibly extorted the property of your Petitioners's and as also their head Mastry's from the Month of — September 1795 to may 96 in Cash Jewls and bonds as well as different Sums of money that was due to your Petitioners head Mastry, from Several of his Debtors, the Sum of forty five thousand four hundred and thirteen Star, and Porto novo Pagodas tiventy three fanams forty Cash, together with his dwelling house furniture &c. that from 25th. May 94 until the present times your Petitioners head Mastry Chinniah Naig has diffitioning in expences the Sum of 15000 Star Pagodas thro' the means of Tanda: =varoy Moodaliar Dubash to W. Cockburn, Acklanda Pillay and his Son Sawmy Pillay, Madura Naiga Pillay, and Sakeer mohomed Serang, and that the abovementioned persons have been the principal Cause of your Petitioners's and their head Mastry Chinniah Naigs ruin. —

That the abovementioned Aukilanda pillay, gave a promisary note to your Petitioners head Mastry, that he would always continue to Serve as Conicopoly under him, which note your Petitioners's head mastry has still in his posession. —

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Your Petitioners therefore with the greatest humility implores that Your Lordship would be graciously pleased to take this your Petitioners's and their head Mastry Chinniah Naigs very hard case into Considera=tion and to order it to be examined into, with the hope that if the Statement of your Petitioners's and their Mastry Chinniah Naigs grievances to be found just, that your Lordship be also good as to order the property of your petitioners and also your petitioners's head Mastry Chinniah Naig to be restored from Ibis Highness the Nabob and Several of abovementioned persons from whom your petitioners's head mastry Chinniah Naig Deposited.-

And that your Lordship would also be pleased to order to prevent the Servants of Ibis Highness the Nabob- from Cutting down your Petitioners's and their head Mastry Chinniah Naigs trees and Bamboos.-

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray

To

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To Thos. Cockburn Esqr.

The humble Petition of Chinniah Naig late Head Bullock Master in the Honorable Company's Service.

Most humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner has for a very long time Served the Honorable Company in quality of Head Bullock master, but that your Petitioner did never at any period procured Bullocks from His Highness the Nabob for the use of the Honorable Company neither in the Garrison or in the field, and that your Petitioner is — not nor ever was indebted to His (Highness the Nabob) any Sum or Sums of money whatever, — but that His Highness under pretence of your Petitioners being indebted to him a large Sum of money for the hire of bullocks which your Petitioner had procured from him the Nabob, took your Petitioner into Custody, and has at different periods taken from him by force the Sum of 45413 Star and Porto Nova Pagodas 23 fanams and 30 Cash, in Cash, Jewels, Bonds &c the property of your — Petitioner, and other persons who were Connected with your

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your Petitioner in supplying the honorable Company with Bullocks — that His Highness also has taken from your Petitioner dwelling house furniture &c — and that of the property which the Nabob has extorted from your Petitioner, he has preserved a faithful and particular Accounts, that His Highness has also taken into Custody and Kept in Confinement Several of your Petitioners Debtors, for the purpose of Compelling them to pay him the Nabob what they were indebted to your Petitioner, and that in Consequence thereof, several of them Actually paid into His Highness's hand what they were so indebted — and have been released from imprisonment, and that the remainder who did not pay were also released on — Condition of giving bail for the Sums that they owed, as well as their further appearance — and that your Petitioner has very strong reason to believe that the Cause of his (Highness) continuing, with hold your Petitioners properties from him is principally owing to the — persuation of His Highness's Chief Dubash — Adanarrain Aya. —

That in consequence of His Highness — having thus extorted from your Petitioner the whole of —

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of his property, he has not only reduced him to the most extreme poverty - but has also been the means of depriving him of the employ of Head Bullock Master, which he too long and he flatters himself faithfully discharged. —

Your Petitioner therefore with the greatest humility implores that your honor would be graciously pleased to take this his very hard unjust case into — Consideration, with the hope that if on examination it appears that your Petitioners Cause of Complaint is just that your Honor would be pleased to order the restoration of the whole of the property, that he has been taken from him, as well as the familys Connected with him, that your honor would also be pleased, order him to be restored from imprisonment, and restored in his former employ. —

And your Petitioner as in duty bound

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Wm C. Jackson Esqr.

Dear Sir,

I have really not had time to peruse this scrap of paper until this day - you will see among st them a Note from me to Skardon dated in February 95, Certifying that Chinniah Mastry never received to my Knowledge any hire of Nabobs Bullocks from the Contractors — during the late Mysore War, which is all I can speak to, for I know nothing of the Transactions between him, and the Circar during Sullartons War, that is as far back as 82.3.4 and Hawkins is so strong in expressing his belief that the man has been injured, that I conclude his being possessed of so considerable a property gained in the Company's Service were sufficient to make the Circar wish to make false claims upon him to — relieve him of it - but this of course is merely an opinion given from the present instances that have occurred of this Kind - similar claims were — instituted against some Renters, who during the Assumption made some money by Renting the Nabobs Districts from the Company, as you —

must

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must recollect, and except that they possessed money I do not recollect that he could substantiate any thing — against them. —

In regard to what is said about my servant having withheld communication from me, sent by this man I can assure you it is not true — for he not only mentioned the Circumstance but I myself received Letter from him, but, besides not knowing any thing of his Transactions with the Nabob, I know that Skardon had interested — himself about him, and thought no more of it — I send you a Letter I received from him a short time ago upon the subject. —

These people when they wish to interest any one in their behalf, seldom confine themselves to truth, and considering his case it could scarcely be expected —

Yours truly

January 16th. 1797

/Signed/ Tho.s Cockburn

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Dr. Ram Naig Dubash to Mr. K. Dig by the Honorable Companys Agent for Bullocks in the Camp under Command of Colonel Fullarton in Account Current with Chinniah Naig Bullocks Mastry Cr.

To amount of hire for 1817 average number of Draught and Carriage Bullocks Employed with the above Army from 1st December 82 to 31st October 84 ffr account settled by Aukelanda Pilly and Merdanaigum Pillay Conicoplys	2728. 10. "	By Cash received from the Company at Different times	1052. 14. 20
To amount of pay for 926 average number of Drivers attached to above Bullocks ffr Do.	1310. 21. 20	By Rice Received from Ditto . . Ditto	577. 34. 40.
To Pay for a Mastry attached to Do.	125. " "	By Stoppage made on Account Custom	194. 14. "
		By Do. for Charity	281. 15. 60
		By Certificate received from the Honorable Company . . . 2057. 36. 60.	
		Deduct for Do. Sold at 40 ffr Cent Discount 823. 4. "	1234. 32. 60
		By Loss of discount as above	823. 4. "
Total St. Pagodas	4163. 31. 20.	Total St. Pagodas	4163. 31. 20.

Chinniah Naig Bullock Mastry
his own Account.

Read

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Read the following letter from the — "

Paymaster at Trichinopoly.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the honor of transmitting a petition, which was delivered to me in the conviction, that your Lordship will not impute to a wish of interference with His Highnys the Nabobs Government, what is solely from a desire of seing strict Justice done, to a man who I conceive has been cruelly used— I have likewise the honor of sending the certificates alluded to in the petition.—

The Case my Lord I am informed is not unknown to you— but His Highness seems as far from giving Chinnam Naig redress as ever— on my part I have assured him that the moment he stands acquitted of what has been laid to his charge I will appoint him to the station of Head Bullock Mastry at this Garrison— confident that such countenance against — extorsive power will not fail of having the desired effect— revetting him in the Service of the Honorable Company— for to no discription of the Natives ought

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there to be more support given. —

Trichinopoly
18th. December 1796.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Signed Wm. Hawkins

To William Hawkins Esqr. —

The humble Petition of Chinniah Naig late Head bullock Master in the Honorable Company's Service

Most humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner has for a very long time Served the Honorable Company in quality of Head Bullock master, but that your Petitioner did never at any time procured bullocks from His (Highness the Nabob) for the use of the Honorable Company — neither in the Garrison or the feild and that your Petitioner is not nor ever was indebted to His — (Highness the Nabob) any Sum or Sums of money — whatever, — but that His Highness under pretence of your Petitioners being indebted to him a large Sum of Money for the hire of bullocks which your petitioner

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had procured from him, the Nabob took your Petitioner into Custody has at different periods taken from him by force the Sum of 45,413. Star and Porto Nova Pags. in Cash Jewels, Bonds &c. the property of your Petitioner and other persons who ever connected with him in Supplying the Honorable Company with bullocks - and that His Highness also has taken from your Petitioner his dwelling House furniture &c. that of the propertys which the Nabob has extorted from your Petitioner he has preserved a faithful and particular account that His Highness also taken into Custody and kept in Confinement Several of your Petitioners — a Debtors for the purpose of Compelling them to pay him, the Nabob what they were indebted to your Petitioner and that in consequence thereof several of them have actually paid into His Highnesses hand what they were so — a indebted and have been released from imprisonment and that the remainder who did not pay were also released on condition of Giving bail for the Sum that they owed, as well as their future appearance and your Petitioner - very strong reason to believe that the cause His Highness thus continuing to withhold your Petitioners property from him is principally owing to the persuation of His — a Highness's Chief Dubash Adanarayen a Iya that

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Your Petitioner has already remitted to your honor Copies of the Certificates which he procured from M.r Cockburn and M.r Digby's Dubash named Ramnaig and which your Petitioners hopes will appear to your honor as convincing proof of his never having received Bullocks from the Nabob for the use of the honorable Company.

That in Consequence of His Highness thus extorted from your Petitioner the whole of his property he has not **only** reduced him to the most extreme poverty but has also been the means of depriving him of the employ of Head Bullock Master, which he too long and he flatters himself faithfully discharged. Your Petitioner therefore with the greatest humility implores your honor will be pleased to use your Interest with the Lord Hobart that his Lordship would take into Consideration that his very hard unjust case with the hope that if an — examination it appears that your Petitioners Cause of Complaint is just, that his Lordship would be — pleased to order the restoration of the whole of the property that has been taken from him, as well as the families Connected with him that his — Lordship would also be pleased to order him to be released from imprisonment and reinstated in

his

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his former employ for which act of Charity and your Petitioner.

as in duty bound.

Shall ever pray

The President proposes that the following

letter be addressed to the Nabob. / entered also in CC No. 17 /

To His Highness the Nabob Omdut ul Omrah

Walajah &c &c &c &c &c

May it please your Highness.

Letter to the Nabob on the Subject of the severity exercised on Chinniah Naick by His Highness's Brother Rujeun ul Mulk

I have the honor to acquaint you that — many months ago I received a Petition from a man of the name of Chinniah Naig, the Company's Bullock Master at Trichinopoly, containing a Narrative of so extraordinary a Nature that I could not suffer it to pass unnoticed; altho' I must confess that it was with difficulty I could bring myself to believe it had the least foundation in truth

Having desired major General Floyd to enquire into the Complaint, I now take the — liberty of acquainting your Highness with the result, for which purpose I shall communicate the follow= =ing observations from General Floyds letter upon the subject.—

"That upon application to your Highness's

Brother

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Brother, Hussain ul Mulk Bahauder he affirmed that he had a demand upon Chinniah Naick a — Bullock Maistrie of the Honorable Company for Bullocks furnished him by the Circar amounting to Star Pagodas 18886."

"That after many delays, a pretty minute examination had been gone through which states the whole transaction in a very clear point of view and exhibits as complete a scene of Villainy, Cruel injustice, and tyranny as can well be imagined to proceed from the most wanton and barbarous abuse of authority."

That to prove the debt a writing was produced on the part of the Nabob, Hussain ul Mulk Behauder, signed by ten names - purporting that they knew Chinniah Naick had received 18886 Pagodas for Bullock hire - and they bind themselves to pay this whole sum and a fine of 1200 Pagodas to the Nabob if they fail of proving what they — affirm - Chinniah Naick was in consequence — imprisoned in march 1794 by order of his Highness Hussain ul mulk, who got possession of Joys, Bonds, Cash, and debts owing and belonging to

Chinniah

Chinniah Naick and his family to the value of upwards of 36000 Pagodas."—

"Proceeding to Examine the persons who bound themselves to prove the debt, it appeared that one was dead—one in Jail at Madras—one run away—& hearing the affair was under investigation by my order, and two for the same reason had hid themselves three depose that they were partly persuaded and partly—& impelled to sign the writing—But that they knew—& nothing at all of the matter and were told it was not necessary they should—and as to paying the debt and the Penalty they had not a Pagoda in the world as every body knew—They depose that they are altogether ignorant of the writing and cannot conceive how their names came there, as they had not the smallest share in the transaction."—

"That, it appears that the writing in question was procured chiefly at the instigation of two Conicoplies in the Bullock department, named Madura Naig Pillay and Sawmy Pillay who used to receive the money from the Paymasters for the discharge of Bullock hire There is reason to believe these two—& men owe about 13,000 Pagodas to Chinniah Naick for

money

money received on his account and there is strong — presumption that they contrived this charge against him to the Nabob in the design of thus getting rid of him and his demand together."—

"That the two men Madura Naick Pillay and Sawmy Pillay ought to be secured and made to answer for themselves— However that they and another did appear and depose that they never asserted Chinniah Naick owed the Nabob 18,806 Pagodas nor is any such thing consistent with their knowledge—

"That persons were then produced on the part of the Nabob to prove that they had delivered Circar Bullocks to Chinniah Naick for which he stood indebted to the Circar, but that they deposed — exactly the contrary— that they had delivered Bullocks to other persons, but none to Chinniah Naick"

"That there was another person present during the enquiry and who appeared on the part of his Highness Hussan ul Mulk to conduct the proof of Chinniah Naicks debt— that altho' he scrupulously attended to every question and deposition that was made, he refused to sign as a Witness— that this — Person acts as chief Justice to His Highness Hussan ul Mulk

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Mulk at Trichinopoly decides all disputes, and was the examiner and conductor of the whole transaction against Chinniah Naick, and must have been fully acquainted with all the Villainy of the proceeding — that his name is Audy Narrain a Bramin that he was formerly transported by Lord Macartney to Bencoolen from whence he got to England on his return to Madras he entered the Service of Paupia and betrayed him to the Nabob — and that he also made a very infamous figure in the prosecution of M.r Haliburton." —

"That his Highness Hussan ul Mulk was repeatedly waited upon during this enquiry and informed of the particulars of this scandalous transaction and solicited to restore Chinniah Naiks property as an act of justice that affected his Highness's honour and the reputation of his Family — and that he constantly answered — "But then the Circar will lose all that money" That M.r Darke at the Generals request went through the whole enquiry with a Minuteness and attention not in his power to have afforded, without breaking in upon his other avocations, and as the subject was of an interesting nature to many natives at Trichinopoly the examination was performed as publicly as any

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thing of the sort could be."

I am also to intimate to your Highness that having long meditated a Journey to the South=ward, I postponed any further proceeding in this Business until by enquiry upon the spot, I could make myself more fully acquainted with the Transaction and on my arrival at Trichinopoly I took the best means in my power to obtain Information.—

It is with much concern I am to add, that to the best of my Judgement there is not the faintest doubt of the Truth of the complaint alleged by Chinniah Naig. I availed myself of the opportunity to converse with your Highness's Brother Shujaa ul Mulk upon the subject, but he declined taking any measures without your authority and seemed to wish for a further Investigation.—

I have the honor to enclose a Copy of the Examination and for the present shall content myself with entirely submitting

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the business to your Highness's Justice. -

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Lgnd Hobart

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The Board entirely approving the foregoing Draft, ordered that it be immediately despatched.

Read the following letter from Mr Benjamin Sulivan. -

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Mr B. Sulivan

The silence the Nabob has thought proper to observe on the Complaint I preferred in August last against his Manager in the Tinnevelly Country, and the indifference with which he has even treated the letter your Lordship was pleased to write him on that subject, afford but too much reason to conclude that his Highness is averse to any arrangement for the liquidation of the heavy ballance of the last years installment, or to grant me any protection

Submits to the Board whether or not, in consequence of the Nabob's failure in the Payment of the stipulated Instalments, he is entitled to retain possession and secure the Revenues of the Punge mahal until the amount of his Claim on the Nabob be fully liquidated.

protection against the future depredation of his People, except what I can derive from present possession of the Punjé Mahl I therefore trust that I shall be honored with your Lordships support in exercising the authority over the Collections of that district, which I am permitted to exercise by the Company's Orders.

At the Commencement of the late War with Tippoo Sultaun when the exigencies of the Settlement made it necessary for Government to take into their own Management the revenues of the Carnatic, I was possessed of an assignment of the Talook of Punjé Mahl, and under that assignment collected the rents by the Servants of my then Agent Wm. Fonni, at that time Paymaster at Palamcotah, and afterwards Collector of Tinnevelly. In his Report of the 22d. March 1792 to the Board of Assumed Revenue, that Gentleman bore testimony to the validity of the Assignment, and he is now upon the spot, as is also his head Servant, to give your Lordship every information, as to my actual receipt of the revenues of the district, deprived of this security by the general Assumption and the whole of the Nabob's Country being restored to him in 1793. The Company were

pleased

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pleased in their General Letter of 19.th February 1794. para 52 to write to your Lordship in Council to this effect- That though they could not give their sanction generally to — measures which invest in Europeans, any authority over the Collections of the Nabobs Revenue, they veiwed Mr. — Sulivans claim in a different light from those money transactions they had so often had occasion to condemn, and seeing it was sanctioned by act of Parliament, they had no objection to his exercising the same priviledges he actually did exercise, previous to the assumption in consequence of the Nabobs assignment, unless the Nabob should think proper at once to discharge the demand — As every part of his Highness's Country had been already restored to him, and Gunge Mahl among the rest, it is clear, that the Priviledges I was under these orders, permitted to exercise, could have no operation but in the event of my again getting possession of the district, it was — therefore evidently the Company's wish, if the Nabob did not think proper to pay off the demand at once, that I should again be put in possession, and where in — possession that I should exercise the same right over the collections which I actually enjoyed previous to the assumption. —

On your Lordships Communication of this

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this paragraph to the late Nabob, his Highness on the 23. October 1794 granted his bond for the payment of the Principal and interest then due, and in the body of the bond charged the Revenues of Punge Mahl with the payment by Annual Installments. That his Highness considered this as a regular Suncah or Assignment is evident from his Perwannah of the same date, and from his giving it that denomination in his two letters to your Lordship of 28th October and 19th November 1794, and if my Idea of such an assignment be correct, it is a Covenant, that if the debt be not paid according to agreement, the Creditor is at liberty to pay himself out of the produce of the lands assigned — Should this be the import of a Suncah or Assignment of the revenues of a district, and I believe it cannot be disputed, I was entitled to enter in the Collections at the first failure of the Instalment, But an invitation in April last from his Highness's Amuldar, who failing in these monthly payments into — which for his own convenience he had split the Annual installments, requesting a Mr. Powney the Collector of Polygar Peishcush to send his

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people into the district to make the Collections in my behalf, rendered it unnecessary to recur to a measure, which though just in itself, I wished in delicacy to the Nabob if possible, to avoid. Since that period I have been in possession without a murmur on the part of this Highness, but it is now threatened with being reduced to a more naked and nominal possession, for either from the predatory disposition of the Circar people, or some secret combination to oversett my Assignment, Collections to a considerable Amount have of late been clandestinely made, and unless I am active in the preservation of my property I shall probably be defrauded of the whole. As a conduct like this is not only shamefully dishonest in regard to me, but insulting to the Honorable Company, at whose instance the Assignment was made, I trust, I shall not incur the displeasure of Government in asserting and securing my right, and making these people, if they can be discovered, refund the Money they have so unwarrantably collected: and being now eleven months in possession with the acquiescence of the Nabob, I further trust that

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I shall be justified in your Lordships opinion if as the only means of giving effect to the Company's orders, and the only prospect of security actual circumstances afford, I retain possession, and Manage it and to secure the revenues of Punjé Mahl, until the demand with which it is charged be fully paid

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Sign'd Benj.n Sulivan

Fort St. George
22d February 1797.

Minute thereon

For the reasons assigned in the foregoing Letter, the Board are of opinion that Mr. Sulivan is fully authorized by the Nabobs Assignment, in consequence of the Company's Orders under date the 19th February 1794, to retain possession, and to Manage, and Secure the Revenues of Punjé Mahal, until the demand with which it is charged by that assignment be fully paid, except in the event of a War, when by Treaty, the Management of His Highness's Country devolves upon the Company.—

Ordered that the above opinion be Communicated to Mr. Sulivan.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Tinboor

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary in the Military and Political Department of Council

Sir,

Fort St. George

From the Commandant at Tinboor representing that Tomba Gour having effected his escape from Tippoos Officers has recommenced Disturbances on the Frontiers and that he is clandestinely encouraged by the Colmaspilly Poligar a subject of this Highness the Nabobs recommends that a Deputation be made on the part of the Nabob and the Company to settle the boundary Dispute agitated by some of Tippoos Subjects.

Since I had the honor of last addressing you on the 11th. instant, nothing has occurred worthy of being communicated to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, either from the Cutcheree of this place, or from my own people until by Notice I received yesterday from the Men I had sent out, I understood that a few Troops of the Sultans had come near the Borders, in consequence of which, I sent to the Nabobs Aumildar to know what intelligence he had got on that head. I was then furnished with the enclosed Copies of Letters, N.1 being from the head man or Poligar of the Sultans Village called Maddanapilly and that Marked N.2 from the Nabobs Manager of Palmanair and Cadapanattum. From their contents, I understand that the same practices, which occasioned the disputes and alarm upon the Borders last year, and which in July last were thought to have been settled by Lieutenant Irton

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Irton, are again begun and by the very same man, & called Toomana, or Toomaya, whom Lieutenant Irton & delivered over to a Guard of the Sultans, from which he effected his escape, after he had been taken within a days march of Seringapatam.

I am assured that owing to the Sultans people having suffered the said Prisoner to escape, that the whole of the business and even a Letter forwarded by Lieutenant Irton from our Government, was kept from coming to the knowledge of the Sultan.

The Calmispilly Poligar and Country are under his Highness the Nabob & the Poligar is charged, with not only giving protection to the said fugitive Poligar Toomana, and receiving part of the plundered property, but also with sending his people to assist in taking it. Several others from his Highness's Country are said to have assisted.—

The Detachments from Gurrumcondah on the Borders are said to consist of one thousand Rajahpute foot, near to Punganore, which belongs to the Sultaun and about 8 Cos from Palmanair belonging to his Highness the Nabob. The &

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Detachment of Horse (about 600) is at Gundigull — about 5 Cos South west of Macglee and only about 3 Cos nearly West of Cadapahnatum. Also — yesterday was informed by my own people that a Division of the Sultans Troops had come to Venketty Gerry and Padenaig Droog, said to be about two or three Hundred Horse and about One thousand Peons. They are said to have come from Malivaukle, to be placed as small Guards, along the new line of Boundary, which the Sultan has ordered to be traced agreeable to the last Treaty of Peace, to prevent disputes. —

There was a verbal communication said to have come from the Padinaig Droog, or Chargul Man, that they would wait the arrival of a Detachment, which was said to be on its march, before the claims lately made, would be further urged. No orders respecting those claims, have as yet come from the Nabob to his Servants here.

As it appears by the enclosed, that little or no satisfaction will be given, by his Highness's people

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people, if left to themselves and as Retribution on the part of the Sultans people, might be the consequence, I humbly beg leave to suggest, that I might be empowered in conjunction with his Highneys's present Aumildar of these Countries Called Meer ally Kawn, who is a very respectable Character, to adjust these disputes. this place is only about 19 miles from Cadapahnattum to which or Palmanair which is about 10 miles further, I could Detach an European Officer with one or two Companies, or I could go myself, to meet and endeavour to settle with the Sultans people, or at least give confidence to our own. Something of this kind appears immediately necessary to put a stop to a good deal of alarm, which has taken place among our inhabitants on the Borders, as will appear evident from the enclosed Letters and as I had an opportunity of knowing what passed last year, between them and Lieutenant Irton, I shall be the Sooner and more easily able, I hope to adjust the present busines. It appears to me that the aumildar of this place should forthwith be empowered by his Highneys the Nabob to imprison if not further to punish the Poligar of Calmaspilly. -

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
Signed A. Macpherson Lt. Col.
Comg. at Amboor

Translation

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Translation of a Gentoo Letter from Vencatakistna Sashachellapetty of Madalapulla To Coopiah

It is about Six years since I left my Country and proceeded to the Eastward, the Circar has been pleased lately to recall and restore me, I am now in my Station, Chinna Nagodo having came to Coola Machellapullay belonging to my district, joined Picha Gavodoo and proceeded to Beaya Goonta with an Intention of committing hostilities against the Circar and my Country and to that effect plundered Goonda Murray and set fire to the Villages, These people being under another Government, why should they commit such disorders here, If measures of retaliation be adopted here against that place, it may alter your opinion, I therefore written to you, requesting you will write to the Naig of Coola machellapulla immediately to prevent the hostile Conduct of these people and not to give them encouragement, It is unnecessary to expatiate to one who has a good understanding in every respect, unless speedy measures are taken on this occasion, the disturbance will not be put to an end without preparing

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preparing here to resist it, I write this, in order that you may know the situation of affairs, you are a great man and deserving friendship, as you are possessed of a good understanding I hope you will preserve friendship by furnishing me from time to time with an — Intelligence and enquiring after me, you will — consider this Circumstance and write to me — what is to be done here. —

A true Translation

Signed Innadaumy Interp.r

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Translation of a Gentoo Arzee from Coopiah Amuldar of Summet Palamanaree to

Dated 29.th Tynala or 7.th February 1797.

That Beesa, Summa and Chinnama Naga having by the assistance of the People at Coolamasanapulla, proceeded to Madalapulla district, plundered some — Villages there cut and killed a few men, set fire to the stables of Cows Bullocks &.c Committed a great many Injuries, and returned unknown to Coolamasala- pulla at Night. The Poligar of Madalapulla District

wrote

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Wrote and sent me a letter, which is herein enclosed;— besides this, Tippoo Sultan's Detachment of horses and sepoys returned from Goorumcondah through that Road, and— encamped on the Borders of the above Summet District, the Report is current here that the Poligars intend to— march against Coolamasalapilla and Pitty conda, the Inhabitants Merchants &c. a entertain agreat alarm thinking that attempts may some times be made against the Summet District as aforesaid. I request— therefore that peremptory orders may be issued out to the People of Coolamasalapilla on the occasion I— summoned the Poligars of Beeapahgars Villages— dependant of the above district of Summet. There are— likewise three Guards of Sepoys commanded by Ahmed Beeft Subadar, Syed ally Saib a Resaldar wrote to me to send them up to him. I did so accordingly, It is necessary that five or Six Guards of Sepoys to be stationed at the Borders for the good of the affairs. If the Sepoys are recalled from their station here, It will be impossible to carry on the busines here, as nothing is unknown to you. I need not therefore add more, I shall obey the orders—

P. S.

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P.S. All the property plundered at Madalapulla has been carryed to Coolamasalapulla -

A true Translation

Signed Annasawmy Interpr.

This letter is addressed to a Moor Man whose name is not inserted. -

Signed Annasawmy Interpr.

On receipt of the foregoing, the following letter was addressed to the Nabob / entered also in C C. No. 18 /-

To His Highness the Nabob Omdut ul Omrah

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May it please your Highness -

To the Nabob - relative to the improper Conduct of the Colmaspilly Poligar - proposing that this Highness authorize his amildar Meer ally Cawn, in Conjunction with Colonel Macpherson, to adjust a Boundary Dispute with Tippoo's Officers. -

I have learnt with much concern that the disorders which prevailed last year upon the confines are again renewed - and that Timmah, having effected his escape from the Officers of Tippoo Sultaun, to whom Lieutenant Ilton had delivered him, has returned and made an irruption into the Sultaun's districts, in conjunction with Bijah,

and

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and Committed various Outrages and depredations_

_Iam also informed that the Colmaspilly Poligar,

a Tributary of the Circar, not only gives encou=

=ragement and protection to those marauders but

actually participates in their Spoils._

For your Highness's particular infor=

=mation, I have the honor to transmit a Copy of

the letter from the Commanding Officer at

Amboor upon this subject, and having on

former occasions expressed my Sentiments on such

proceedings on the part of the Carnatic Tributaries,

and the injurious consequences that may result

to the public Interests from their repeated occur=

=rence, I can only press upon your Highness's

attention the indispensable necessity of a —

prompt and exemplary punishment of the —

Polygar of Colmaspilly — and with a view to

quiet the alarms of the Inhabitants, and to —

prevent the Sultan's people proceeding to —

extremities

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extremities, to which they seem disposed, it is my Intention, provided your Highness will also direct your Amuldar of Amboor, Meer ally Cawn, to accompany him, to authorize Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson to proceed to Cuddapa Nattum or Pulmanair, and by a personal communication with the Sultans' Officer to endeavour to restore tranquility. In expectation of an early reply to this letter. -

I have the honor to be,

May it please your Highness'

Your Highness's most obedient

humble Servant

Signed Hobart

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Read the following letter from the Military Secretary. -

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From W.m Jackson - requesting permission to resign the Appointment of Military Secretary - and to be nominated to the vacant Office of Collector of Poligar Peishcush - records his entire Satisfaction on the Conduct of W.m Ince the Deputy Secretary. -

Having received intimation from W.m Powney that he had addressed a letter to the Board of Revenue soliciting permission to resign the Collectorship of Polygar Peishcush. I beg leave to offer myself to your Lordship for the succession, in the event of the Acceptance of W.m Powney's resignation. -

In retiring from the Office of Military and Political Secretary, which I have held near Seven years, it is peculiarly grateful to my Feelings, that on every occasion where it was necessary for my Superiors to Speak of my conduct, an approbation was expressed, and the manner in which your Lordship was pleased to convey your opinion of me in your communication to the Honorable Court of

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of Directors in the month of August last, has left an impression upon my mind which cannot be effaced. - It will be my principal study so to conduct myself in my new Office (should your Lordship honor me with the nomination) as to look with confidence to your continued approbation. -

I request permission to observe that W. Ince the Deputy military Secretary has uniformly given me great satisfaction in the discharge of his duty, and that I have at all times found him active to promote the Public Service as far as it rested upon him, and zealous to obtain the approbation of Govern: =ment by a conduct that appeared to me in all respects suited to ensure it to him. -

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect
&c &c
Signed W. C. Jackson

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The Board, in accepting the resignation of Mr. Jackson, conceive that they cannot afford a stronger proof of the Sense they entertain of his merits, as well in respect to integrity, as the most assiduous attention to the Duties of his Office, during a long course of Service, than by appealing in this place to the repeated testimonials which the records exhibit in his favor, Resolved — therefore that the Thanks of the Board be now given to him for his Services, and that they be recommended to the favorable attention of the Company. —

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Ince make favorable mention of the Conduct of the Office Dubash Mootiah

Mr. Jackson, previous to retiring, requests permission to enter upon the records his testimony of the General Good Conduct of Mootiah the Office Dubash, who has faithfully and deligently served the Company for near fifteen years - and upon all occasions afforded great satisfaction. -

Signed W. C. Jackson

Mr. Ince

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Mr Ince begs leave to add his testimony to that of Mr Jackson in favor of Mootiah, whose conduct has been highly exemplary - and merits Encouragement. -

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(Signed) Danl Ince

" Abbott

" Con Saunders

" E H Fallofield

John Turing
Esqr

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Diary

Sent the following letter to

Mr. Benjamin Sullivan

To Benjamin Sullivan Esqr.

Sir,

To Mr Sullivan — authorizing him to take possession and to manage and to Secure the Revenues of the Punje Mahl until the demand on account of which the Nabob granted him an assign=ment upon it be fully liquidated — such authority is nevertheless to cease in case of a War in the Carnatic. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 22d Instant, and to acquaint you, that for the reasons therein stated his Lordship is of opinion that you are fully authorized by the Nabob's assignment, in consequence of the Company's orders under date the 19th February 1794, to retain possession and to manage and secure the Revenues of Punje Mahal until the demand with which it is charged by that assignment be fully paid, except in the Event of a War when by Treaty the Management of his Highness's Country devolves upon the Company. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) Daniel Ince
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Received the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. Nos. 137. 138. 139.

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

From Mr. Shardon - recommending that the Sumbah Paddy in the Conjeveram District be supplied in part of the quantity ordered to be stored at Arnee as soon as it shall be sufficiently dry.

From the Commandant at Vellum

From Major Conran soliciting some compensation for the Disbursements he has made in repairs to his Quarters and that himself and the other Officers in Garrison may be allowed House Rent.

From the Commandant at Trincomale.

From Lieutenant Colonel Fraser - stating that unless the wants of his Garrison in the articles of Rice and Arrack be shortly supplied the Troops will suffer much distress.

Received also the following letters.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President Governor &c. &c. &c. in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Mr. Benjamin Bishop - on the subject of his proposal to make up Gunpowder by Contract - states the benefit that will accrue to the Company from this System

With the utmost submission and respect, I presume to address your Lordship on a Subject, which to me appears of some importance to the interests of the Honble Company: and this appearance, induces me to hope from your Lordships well known Zeal to promote their advantage, that I shall at least, not incur your Lordships' censure, should I fail in the desired object of obtaining your Lordships approbation.

In June last year, I requested Mr. Webb the Military Storekeeper, to lay before your Lordship, a proposal for making Gunpowder by Contract, which I understand he did, and that your Lordship was pleased to refer it to the consideration of the Military Board.

Having

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Having heard nothing satisfactory on the subject for many Months, and supposing from this circumstance my Offer had not been sufficiently comprehensive, I assumed the liberty of addressing Mr Webb in a letter dated the 9th Ultimo, enclosing a comparative view of the present mode of supplying Gunpowder with my proposal for furnishing that Article by Contract: by which the advantages to the Honble Company, were such a Mode of supply adopted, were made evident. He was pleased to forward it to your Lordship, but as I have heard nothing since on the subject, I am led to conclude the letter must have been sent by some person who has neglected to present it, and Mr Webb having declined forwarding any thing further to Government on the subject, has determined me to address your Lordship immediately; particularly as

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as materials for the repair of the Works,
have been already sent to the powder
Mills, when in my proposal I have
offered to take them as they now stand,
and complete the repair myself.—

Should your Lordship's judgment
see it expedient to accept my proposal
the repair, or superintendance of it, I should
wish particularly to be under my own
direction; because I could have it finished
in a manner that would render it
accidents probably less liable, especially
in the Cylinder Mills.—

I have been informed that
a Committee of the Military Board
to whom this Subject was referred, and
for whom I have made some conclusive
experiments, have gone at length into the
business; and, that they have recommended
me in their proceedings, as a proper person
to Conduct the Gunpowder Manufactory.—

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I will venture only to intrude so much longer on your Lordship's Leisure, as to state in a brief manner the advantages that will accrue to the Honble Company by the acceptance of my proposal; in hopes it may induce your Lordship to bring it to a favorable conclusion.—

The Honble Company will give on each Candy Pagodas 1. 44. 25 and in five Years Pagodas 16,898. 14. 40 and if the present Repair of the works are taken in, they being estimated at 4. Pagodas 2000 the saving in five years will be Pagodas 18,898. 14. 40.—

The Company will be relieved from the delay, and expence of annual Repair, and be certain of allways having their Works in perfect order.—

The powder will be better made, as I offer to encrease the Standard for proof; and I will now admit it's undergoing any other mode of proof the Committee may have suggested.—

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The supply will be certain, and no risk attach itself to the Honble Company should powder be made under proof, as in such case, the proposal Returns it on my hands.—

It will no longer be necessary to import Gunpowder from Calcutta, which exclusive of the addition of Pagodas 10 on each Candy, is attended with Considerable risk.—

The Honble Company can experience no risk with regard to my being enable to perform the Contract, for in case of failure, I offer such security as has hitherto been usual on such occasions.—

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With profound Respect
&c &c

/Signed/ Benjamin Bishop
Dep.y Com.y Stores

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council and Governor of

Bengal

My Lord,

Fort St. George

From Mr. Gahagan reviving a claim to allowance for attendance on the sick of the Army in the Field in 1790, beyond the Amount drawn by him at the time

I trusting to your impartial attention to any matter wherein an individual may have particularly suffered, in consequence of having been employed in a very laborious and expensive duety, and that others whose pretensions were at no time more conspicuously founded than mine, have received allowances which I have been excluded from, I hope your Lordship will have the goodness to excuse my trespassing on you with a plain Statement of the case alluded to, which I will detail in as brief a manner as I can - on the 22d of March 1790, an order was issued by Government directing an allowance of two fanams and forty Cash a day for every sick or Wounded Sepoy that should be put under the Care of the Surgeons, and in

October

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October following Colonel Maxwell when
on his march to join the Grand Army,
sent all his European and Native sick
into my Hospital - and in February 1791
Lord Cornwallis ordered all the European
and Native Sick of the Grand Army
to be put under my charge, but having
no accommodation in the Fort for so
great a number of Natives, I waited on
upon his Lordship to inform him, and
he was pleased to issue an order directing
that such places as I might point out, as
should be fitted up, with all possible expedition
for the reception of the sick; and a Field
Hospital was accordingly prepared, where
upwards of four hundred Sick and wounded
Sepoys were received, and regularly attended
by me and my Assistants, - and some time
after upon presenting my Accounts to the
Paymaster, he assured me that he was out
of Cash, but advised me to send my bills to
Camp, as the charges were for sick and
wounded sent in from the Army -

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I accordingly sent them properly Vouched, and they were thence transmitted to Madras, by order of Lord Cornwallis and General Medows with favorable Recommendations for their immediate adjustment, and in the course of some Months after, they were sent to me, with an order to the Paymaster to discharge them, at one fanam a man p day - and about the 3rd of November 1791. Sir Charles Oakeley issued an order expressive of the order of the 22d of March having been misconceived, and that no more than one fanam a day would be allowed in future, which I was under the necessity of acceding to being in great want of Cash and engaged in a very expensive attendance, by which I sustained considerable loss, but which I did not doubt would be made up to me at a future period, upon a proper representation of the Circumstance - and upon General Meadows Returning

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his Seat in Council, addressed him, and received a letter from Captain Macaulay, assuring me that the General would lay my letter before Government; but whether from the supervention of more important business on the eve of his departure to Europe, or other causes, I received no further reply; and concluding that all the other Surgeons, that had the Charge of sick or wounded Sepoys, were in a similar predicament I desisted for that time, but upon making particular enquiry, I found that every Surgeon that had been in charge of sick and wounded Sepoys below the Ghauts had drawn two fanams and forty Cash p man a day, particularly Mr. Mein Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly, &c. and although upon auditing his Accounts the orders of the 3rd of November 1791 were adverted to, yet it was adjudged that as those orders had no Retrospect to as Charges that had been previously made, and were not meant to operate but from

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the time of this publication, and Mr. Main receives the full amount of his charges - my not having addressed Government upon gaining this information was owing to the advice of some friends, and a wish of my own to avoid troubling your Lordship, till you might be more at leisure for acquiring adequate information upon this particular subject, as you had then but recently taken charge of Government, and might have been pressed with business of the utmost importance - yet even at this late period, I flatter myself that your Lordship will waive any plea that may stand in opposition to my claim for not having been brought forward at a stated period, and that you will be pleased to grant me a reasonable Compensation for the losses I sustained by such a discrimination, in allowing me no more than one fanam a day, for

every

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very sick and wounded Sepoy, at a time
when I held a greater charge than per-
haps had ever fallen to the lot of any
Surgeon in this service, having had the
care of between seven and eight hundred
sick and wounded Europeans, of the worst
and most complicated cases that could be
selected from the sick of the whole army-
and without presuming to sound my
own praise, the records of your Honble
Board bear testimony from Lord
Cornwallis, of my having acquitted
myself in that administration to his
entire satisfaction - I therefore entreat
that your Lordship will be pleased to
grant me your Sanction in procuring
the most authentic information from the
Auditor General, and Paymasters Generals
Office, whether Mr. Mein did not receive
two fanams, forty Cash a man a day
for every sick and wounded Sepoy, upon

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the strength of the order issued in March 90, till the publication of the order of the 3.rd November 91, during which period I was paid no more than at the rate of one fanam a day, and that your Lordship will be pleased to consider me accordingly

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ D. Gahagan
Head Surgeon

February the 20.th 1797.

March 1.

W. C. Jackson Esq.r
Secretary &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I am directed by Lt. Robert Abercromby to request, that the accompanying Packet, addressed to the Governor General advising of his having relinquished the Command in chief of the army and signed the necessary orders on occasion of his succeeding on Lieutenant General Clarke.

From the Secretary to Lt. Robert Abercromby - with packet from Lt. Robert Abercromby addressed to the Governor General advising of his having relinquished the Command in chief of the army and signed the necessary orders on occasion of his succeeding on Lieutenant General Clarke.

under a flying Seal, may be laid before the Right Honble the President in Council, and that it may afterwards be forwarded by express to Calcutta. — I have the honor to be

&c. &c.
/Signed/ D. Auchmuty
Lieut.y
Genl

Columbo
February 19.th 1797.

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Sent the following letter to Bengal by Express.

To J. H. Barlow Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
at Fort William

To Bengal with a letter from Sir Robert Abercromby above mentioned - Lieutenant General Clarke to embark for Bengal in a few days on the Heroine Frigate. —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to forward per Express, the accompanying Copy of a letter just received from Lieutenant General Sir Robert Abercromby, under a flying Seal, addressed to the Governor General, in Council, also Copy of one to your address, and to acquaint you, that the originals have been delivered to Lieutenant General Clarke, who will proceed from hence in a few days, to Bengal, on board his Majesty's Ship Heroine. —

I have the honor to be,
&c &c &c
(Signed) Daniel Pince
Actg Secy

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Sent,

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To the Secretary to the Military Board

Sent Letter to the Secretary to the Military Board entered in M: B: No. 1 / for the Month of March / desiring he will give the necessary orders for complying with a demand for Stores made by Lieutenant Collier of the Suffolk Tender

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Substance of two letters from the Nabob.

Received two letters from the Nabob entered in C: C: Nos. 19 and 20 the former advising of his having allotted a spot of Ground at Trichinopoly on which to build the Terrace for drying Gunpowder - the latter enclosing a Dustuck for passing the Grain purchased for the use of Major Dallas' temporary Corps of Cavalry

From the Acting Principal agent for Cavalry Supplies

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: Nos. 2. 3. 4.

From Mr. Shardon - enclosing an Indent for Stationary required for the Business of the Department of the Grain Agency

From

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From Captain Robertson —

From the Deputy Adjutant General

requesting that a passage may be provided on one of the Homeward bound Indiamen for Captain Baillie of the 19th Dragoons who has been ordered to join the Recruiting Troops of that Corps in England

From Ditto — with a List of

From Ditto Ditto

King's Field Officers entitled to share in the Gratuity fund from the 1st May 1795 to the 30th April 1796. —

Sent the following Letter

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr

To Mr W. C. Jackson accepting his resignation of the Office of Military Secretary — and expressing the Board's entire approbation of his Conduct. —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of yesterday's date — and to acquaint you, that he has been pleased to accept your resignation of the Office of Military and Political Secretary at this Presidency

I am

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I am also directed to convey to you the following Resolution as expressive of the sense the Board entertain of your Conduct and Services.

"The Board in accepting the resigna-
=tion of Mr Jackson, conceive that they
cannot afford a stronger proof of the Sense
they entertain of his Merits, as well in
respect to Integrity as the most assiduous
attention to the duties of his Office
during a long course of Service, than
by appealing in this place to the
Repeated Testemonials which the records
exhibit in his favor. Resolved therefore
that the thanks of the Board be now
given to him for his Services and that
they be recommended to the favorable
attention of the Company."

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I am &c &c
/Signed/ J. Webbe
Sec. to Govt

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At a Consultation

Friday 3rd March 1797.

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor President

Lieutenant General Alured Clarke

Edward Saunders &

Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.—

Commander in Chief's Minute in Council 3rd March 1797.

Commander in Chief's Minute respecting the Treatment that should be held out to the Native Troops to maintain that alacrity with which they have lately embarked for foreign Service by a donation to the Families of such as should die and an increase to the Established number of French Boys, to be selected from the families of the Men who die on foreign Service.—

The Commander in Chief who reflects with the highest satisfaction on the unexampled alacrity and Spirit with which the Coast Native Troops have embarked for foreign Service during the present War is naturally led to consider every Measure which can in any degree tend to keep up or promote that Spirit

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as of the most Essential consequence; and as it is evedent that the certainty of their Families regularly receiving that quota of their pay which they can afford to give them is the principal cause that makes them to Surmount the most Rooted Prejudices, and turn out Volunteers to serve in distant, and to them unheard of Countries, it must follow that a particular attention to that favorite object is the most likely means in which Government can flatter and approve that zeal, which has been hitherto so distinguished and useful.

The small Sum a Sepoy can afford to leave his family when he embarks, is no more than a Scanty subsistance barely sufficient to supply them through the Month, they must therefore suffer some distress when instead of receiving the allowance on which they depend for

tomorrow

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to morrow's support, they are informed their relation is in the list of Casualties, and that they have no further claim on his pay. —

This must in some degree apply to all men lost on service whether foreign, or not, but tho' the distress may be similar the principle of necessary encouragement differs widely, and it is chiefly to that important point to which the attention of the Commander in Chief has been at present called. —

It has been customary on some former occasions when Native troops were required to embark on foreign Service to give a considerable Bounty tho' the term of absence was specified as will appear by a subjoined Extract from G. O. No. The discipline and forwardness of the Native Troops to embark during the course of this war rendered every

measure

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measure of a similar nature unnecessary but there can be no doubt, the protracted periods for which some of the corps must be unavoidably kept from the Coast will naturally depress them in a certain degree, and a liberal and marked attention of Government to their families will revive their spirits and be attended with the most happy, and beneficial Effects.

A mature consideration of this Circumstance and a full conviction of the good Consequences to be expected from the following propositions if carried into effect, induces the Commander in Chief to submit to the Board

1st That a Gratuity of a Sum Amounting to three months allowance /such as they have formerly drawn/ on their family Chits be given to the Relations of those who are

killed

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killed or die in service to the E.
Eastward from the date of the E.
account of the Casualty being received
at the station where the Chief is
paid.

2dly That a Gratuity of two months
allowance be given on the same terms
to the Relations of those who are E.
killed or die on Service on the E.
Island of Ceylon.

3rdly that a Number not exceeding
ten Boys on half pay be allowed E.
Supernumerary to the Establishment
to each Battalion on foreign Service.
These Boys to be exclusively chose
from the near Relations of those
who have died on the service — the
entertainment them &c. to be settled
hereafter by strict regulations.

That

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4thly That these indulgences are to be considered as merely temporary and to have a rose out of the peculiar exigencies of the present service, and therefore not liable to be followed as Precedents hereafter

The probable Estimate of this Expen-
= diture will in some measure be seen from a subjoined Statement No 2 of the Casualties on foreign service from the 1st January to the 31st December 1796 and another No 3 of the additional charge for the Boys for one twelve month.—

Tho' the expence is considerable when the great object in view is Contemplated the Commander in Chief trusts the Board will judge it Politic and expedient.—

Appendix No 1.

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G.O. By Government.

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee being desirous of sending some Sepoys to reinforce the troops at the West Coast are pleased to offer as an encourage-
= ment 40 Rupees Bounty to Such Sepoys as

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as shall be willing to serve the Company at Fort Malbro for the term of three Years.

No 2

Return of Casualties by Death amongst the Native Corps on foreign service from the 1st of January to the 31st of December 1796.

	Gun Lascars	Native Corps	Pioneers	Garrison Lascars	Artificers attached	1st Tindals	2d Tindals	Gun Lascars	Havildars	Naigues	Sepoys	Pioneers	Buckallies	Havildars	Naigues	Pioneers	Buckallies	Tindals	Lascars	Musicians	armourers	carpenters	Smiths	Hammermen	Bellowsmen	Boys	Cheklegars	Cheklers	
On the Expedition to Ceylon	"	"	"	4	5	163	1	3	.	9	.	1	8	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	"									181
do do to Eastward	"	"	11	3	4	53	2	"	.	"	.	1	"	.	11	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	85
Total	"	"	11	7	9	216	3	2	.	10	"	1	9	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	"									266

Amount of Family Chits of 181 Men for two Months Calculating the average sum of each Chit to be 1 Pagoda 12 fanams p Month ---- 165 " 12 -

Amount of Family Chits of 85 Men for three Months calculating each Chit at 1 Pagoda 12 fanams p Month ---------- 327 " 36 " -

Total Amount 493 " 12 " -

N.B. The Casualties during the period taken for this Calculation are probably from Circumstances considerably more numerous than they will ever be again

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Statement No 3 of additional Expence that would be incurred by allowing 10 Boys Supernumerary to the Establishment to each Battalion on foreign service

Five Battalions on service at Ceylon and the Eastward - 50 Boys at 30 Fanams P Month would amount to 42 Rx 24 Fs Annum.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the subject of the Commander in Chiefs Minute be taken into a consideration at a future opportunity.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel John Pater together with a Minute on the subject of it.

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council and Governor of

Fort St George

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Colonel Patton setting forth his Pretensions to the appointment of Colonel Commandant of Cavalry in consequence of the departure of Colonel Dugald Campbell.

I finding myself Senior Officer of Cavalry on the Spot in consequence of Colonel D. Campbell's departure on furlough to Europe, and not having been yet vested with the General Charge of the Corps, am induced respectfully to call your Lordships attention to this point, and to request that I may be permitted to hold the Command of the Cavalry Corps in the absence of the established Commandant, with such allowances as may be attached to the Station under the Circumstances alluded to.

although my claim to your Lordship's acquiescence on the present occasion, is strongly supported by all Military usage, and will be found to accord strictly with the present general System of the Service - I cannot forbear trespassing

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trespassing on your Lordships patience for the purpose of stating the particular considerations on which I found my Request.

I beg to observe that the General command and Union established in the Corps of Native Cavalry, of Artillery and Engineers, form an Essential part of the arrangements lately received from the Honble Court of Directors, and since adopted on the Coast; the Commandants of the two former being allowed each a Major of Brigade, and the Commandant of the latter, an Adjutant, to be assistant to each in conducting the duties of their respective Stations.—

Presuming then that the Military Reform so long sought for, has been established on a permanent footing, and not on grounds which are to vary with every Casualty, I did imagine that when Colonel Dugald Campbell proceeded on Furlough to Europe, the general command of the Cavalry Corps naturally devolved to me,

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me, the next Senior Officer, and that the Staff of the Corps namely the Brigade Major — become necessarily attached to me as standing in the above capacity.— It need scarcely be remarked to your Lordship, that every Military Corps, arranged on principles of permanency is calculated to remedy the inconvenience of Casualty either by enrollment, promotion, or temporary succession to Station — Death or loss of individuals are remedied by the first, actual Vacancies by the second and occasional absence by the last,— nor is such provision against casualty confined to Bodies of the Brigade kind.— Temporary succession to Station occurs almost daily under the absence of Colonels of Native Infantry — Regiments — Major Alexander Read Commands the 4th Native Regiment distributed as it's Battalions are all over the ceded districts, the Regimental Adjutant attaching to him as a matter of course as Senior Officer of the Corps on the Coast,— and yet it may

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be observed that the uninterrupted continuance of General Command is not so fully provided for from home in regard to a Native Regiment of two Battalions as it is in regard to the Cavalry Corps, no Staff of the General kind being allowed by the Hon.ble Court to the former, while a Major of Brigade is allowed to the latter.

If in the absence then of Colonel Dugald Campbell, the General Command of the Cavalry is to cease, the arrangement of the Corps however permanently fixed by the Hon.ble Court of Directors, must undergo an Essential alteration - its Staff must be annihilated and instead of being kept in the state of union which the Hon.ble Court had directed and so particularly provided for, it must again fall into separate and detached Regiments, it must be

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stripped, of it's General Command, and in
this dispolection must take place whilst
the general union established in other
Corps is invariably preserved.

Here it is best respectfull-
towards my Superiors to infer, that had
not general Command been judged expedi-
=ent in the Cavalry Corps - it would not
have been included in the System from
home, and that were it hurtful or unne-
=cessary it would scarcely be allowed
to Continue as part of that System

But the fitness and
utility of the General arrangement fixed
for the Cavalry Corps by the Honorable
Court, will appear so obvious my Lord
as scarcely to admit of being elucidated -
Besides it is for my purpose to state
that so far from the orders of the Honble
Court affording any ground for apprehen-
=sion that the System they direct for
the regulation of each separate branch
of the Army would be permitted to fall

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out of shape or lose any of its component parts - these orders do actually hold forth the fairest ground of hope that on after representation, defects and errors discovered by experience would be duly repaired and rectified, - and were it possible under this impression to doubt the intention of the Honble Court that such arrangement should be permanent and invariable. - were it at all reconcileable that a reform so digested with so much care and adopted after so much deliberation, could be meant to rest on no determined basis, to offer no substantial ground of prospect, but to change its principles and its shape with the occurrence of every casualty, it could be stated that in the propositions submitted by the Marquis Cornwallis for new Modelling the Company's Armies, that distinguished Officer laid down the expediency of the five Regiments

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of Cavalry on the Coast being formed into four, and denominated a Brigade under charge of a Colonel Commandant, who was not to Command a Regiment; provided at the same time for the general Command being fully vested in the Senior Lieutenant Colonel of the Corps, under circumstances which by the principles of his propositions deprived it of the Services of a Colonel - and although the Honble Court has not yet allowed a Colonel Commandant for the Cavalry in Bengal, the Supreme Government adverting to the General Spirit of the new regulations, have thought fit to appoint Colonel Ruston to act as such, until the pleasure of the Honble Court be known. - In short my Lord, the primary principles of all Military Arrangements the invariable usage of all Regular Military Establishments,

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as well as the evident intent and spirit of the Honorable Courts orders, unite in supporting the Solicitation which I do now prefer

The disappointment sustained by the Cavalry Officers at large, from the inadequate proportion of field Officers allowed for each Regiment by the late reform is not unknown to your Lordship, and it is to your Lordship's impartiality and candour, that they must rely for being withheld, whilst their claims are yet unsatisfied, from further exception and degradation - In the attainment of the object now sought for, your Lordship will perceive I am most immediately interested - and I can now only submit it to your Lordship's impartial Consideration what I must sustain

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as well in fulfilling as in my professional prospects if I be not permitted to succeed to the charge which Colonel Campbell's departure has thus left Vacant for me.

Submitting the whole of what I have here said to your Lordships Consideration, I most respectfully

I have the honor to Remain
&c &c &c

Madras
February 18th 1797

/Signed/ J. Pater
Senior Officer of Cavalry
and Lt. Col. Comdt the 2d Batt

Lieutenant Colonel Pater who Commands the Second Regiment of Native Cavalry and became the Senior Officer in that Branch of the Service on Colonel Dugal Campbell's departure for Europe has Requested me to present the letter addressed to your Lordship in Council which I now lay before you — and as it is written in a stile which may convey the idea of complaint that he has not yet

Commander in Chiefs Minute on the foregoing letter from Lieutenant Colonel Pater.

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yet been vested with the General charge
of the Native Cavalry - it may not be
improper to observe, that so far -
from having thought the succession
to the situation he sues a matter
of course and that an order of
Government should be issued accord-
-ingly, the idea had not occurred to my
mind - and I have not on mature consi-
-deration, occasioned by a verbal appli-
-cation from him in the first instance
Repeated at a Second interview, and now
in the form you see it, been able to
discover sufficient ground or argument
to satisfy me that such is the case,
or even of the expediency under existing
Circumstances, of such an appointment
taking place, unless it shall appear
to have been the intention of the
Honble Court of Directors to have
the Station of the Colonel Commandant

of

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of Native Cavalry, who by the Regulation
is unattached to any particular Regiment
filled on such a casual Vacancy as now
occurd by the next Officer in Seniority who
must make part of one of them - and all
that is stated by Lieutenant Colonel Pater
for the purpose of shewing this Law
desirous should have its full force - for
if Government is satisfied upon that
point I should consider the question as
decided; as I have not the inclination
nor should I think it respectful or
right to raise any arguments founded
on my own opinion, the General
Custom of Service, or even what I
might deem utility against a positive
intention of theirs - particularly in an
instance which it is thought, from
the Honor and Emoluments that are
supposed to attach to the station,
will operate favorably to a deserving
individual

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individual, and most meritorious branch of the Army, which I have before observed and now repeat appears to me not to have received a proportional share of that distribution of Rank which has been extended to the whole.

No one has a higher Veneration for the Military Talents and opinions of the Noble Marquis whose Name is mentioned than myself or is more inclined to think that any Plan proposed by him must have been founded in the best understanding of the case under all the circumstances that attended it at the time: but his plan has only been partially adopted, and certainly not in that part which forms the four Regiment of Native Cavalry into a Brigade - and as I am not of opinion that such formation of them is advisable or could be advantageous at

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at present, I must decidedly reject the
Idea that a Colonel Commandant being
placed at the Head of the whole, and
a Major of Brigade allowed for the
purpose of his more conveniently
communicating with the several Corps
under his orders constitutes so
them such.

The Letter states a great deal
that does not seem to me much so
connected with the question before
us but as one was raised I thought
it my duty to make the observations
I have, and, that done, I shall leave
Lieutenant Colonel Pater's applica-
tion to the consideration of your
Lordship and the Board, with so
every disposition to concur in such
determination as may be thought
proper

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as the Board concur entirely in the Sentiments of the Commander in Chief Resolved that the following answer be sent to Lieutenant Colonel Pater.—

To Lieutenant Colonel J. Pater

To Lieutenant Colonel Pater — stating the circumstances which preclude the Board from complying with his request.—

Sir,

I am directed by the President in Council to acquaint you, that the Commander in Chief has laid your Letter of 18th Ult.o before the Board, and that it is not in his power to Comply with your wishes, with regard to the General Charge of the Native Cavalry upon the Coast being placed in your hands.—

The orders of the Company provide only for an Officer of the Rank of Colonel, and having no Regiment, to be appointed to that Charge.—

I &c

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No allowances are given for any other person, and, therefore, whilst the appointment could not operate to your advantage, your attention would necessarily be drawn from the particular duties of your own corps, without any adequate benefit resulting to the service at large. —

The situation of the Officers of Native Cavalry with respect to rank has, many months ago, been forcibly stated by this Government to the Court of Directors, but the President in Council is not aware that they would be relieved, in any shape, by an acquiescence in your application. —

I am also to assure you that could a decision upon

Your

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Your letter have been governed by
Individual Merit, your personal claims
would have received their due. In
Consideration

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Sam Jno Gee
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

The President proposed in
consequence of a Communication
with His Excellency the Admiral in
that a Committee consisting of the
Military Auditor General the acting
Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions, and the Accountant
General be appointed a Committee
to investigate the Accounts of the
Molucca Expedition

Agreed to and ordered
Accordingly

Ordered

A Committee appointed at the request of Rear Admiral Rainier to investigate the Accounts of the Molucca Expedition

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Ordered that his Excellency the
admiral be informed of this resolution,
and that he be requested to cause the
Accounts to be laid before the Committee

Resolved in compliance
with the orders of the Honorable Court
of Directors / as contained in their public
letter of the 1st June 1796 / Messrs Thomas
Oakes, Benjamin Torin and Francis
Alexander Grant be appointed a
Committee to revise the Accounts
of Mr Samuel Johnston late
Paymaster at Trichinopoly, and
to receive such Vouchers or documents
as that Gentleman may be able
to produce, in diminution of the
Balance of Pagodas 19,516.30.16
adjudged against him.

Orders

a Committee appointed to revise the accounts of Mr Samuel Johnston, late Paymaster of Trichinopoly, on the principle ordered by the Court of Directors.

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Ordered that Mr Johnston be informed of the appointment of the Committee.

" Hobart

" Edw Saunders

" E H Fallofield

" "

Fullerton Ex.

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Received the following Letters. —

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor & President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Asistant Resident at Hydrabad with Intelligence from Goote, and different quarters of the Mysore Country. —

I have the honour to transmit for the notice of your Lordship in Council, Translate of Intelligence from the Mysore Country, acquired by a pair of Hurcarrahs employed for the purpose by the Resident, and who returned here yesterday, and remain,

With the greatest respect

&c.a &c.a

Hydrabad 27.th Febe 1797. —

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Asistant

(Copy)

Translate of report of two Harkarrahs returned from Goote, and the parts adjacent on the 26.th February 1797. —

On our arrival at Goote on the 1.st Instant we found that the Force encamped at

Buswun

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Buswun Pilly a Cos and a half from Gooti consisted of 2000 Horse, 5000 Foot, and 111 Guns of various Calibers in the Names of the two Chief Commanders are 1st Syed Ghuffaar — 2d Bintoora Hoosain Saheb, Soobrao and Bishrapah Command the Cavalry under them — The Names of the three principal Commanders of Infantry (under the Chiefs above mentioned) are Mahommed Azeem Dukmee, Muckdoom Raig and Ahmed Ka

The above force is still encamped on the old spot, nor is there the least appearance or rumour of their moving from it; on the contrary, they would seem to be Centering, from the Number of thatched roofs that are raising themselves in all parts of the Lines.

Shortly after our arrival at Gooti, a Detachment from the above Camp consisting of twelve hundred horse, two thousand foot, and eighty Guns, had marched away (in consequence of orders from the Sultaun) to Chittledroog — the Son of Papah Nair having lately brought treasure to the Camp from

Roy

3. Roy Droog, and delivered the same over to Syed Ghaffaua, returned back to his Station — Upon receipt of this Money Syed Ghuffaur immediately issued a Month's Pay to the Troops Mustaur Saheb likewise, was lately in the Camp at Gooti; but after remaining there a few days, returned back to Pungoondah. —

Proceeding on to Husdy-Anantpoor which is twelve Coss from Gooti, we found all things there in statu quo Soobraa is Aumil there, and Meer Mahomed Khan Killedar — We next proceeded to Dhurrum waur which is eight Coss beyond Husdy-Anunt poor, — In the Fort of Dhurrumwaur there are two Kellidars; one Named Isoof Saheb, the other Mahomed Sultaun, the Name of the Aumil is Ramrao, who has under him there about 300 Subundies — From thence we proceeded to Pungoondah, ten Coss from Dhurrumwaun, Mustaun Saheb is the Aumil of Pungoonah, and his grandson Named Meean Saheb is Killedar of the place — Here there are only 300 Subandy Sepoys, and one hundred horse under Mustaun Saheb. — The next place we went to

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is a foot called Pao Ghur, where there are also two Killedars, one Named Azeem Khan, and the other Ibrahim Khan — The Name of the Aumil is Govind =rao, who has from five to Six hundred Subundies under him, those being the only force Stationed at that place — From thence, we proceeded to Roy Droog 14 Cos farther or in a Westerly direction — The Names of the two Killedars of Roy Droog are Papâ Nair and Ramchunder; The force of Infantry under them does not exceed two hundred Men; besides which, there are a hundred and fifty *Bhedrah horse Stationed there. —

*Plunderers

During our Stay at Pungondah we heard that Keisry Sing and Chuttor Sing, while on their way from Serringapatam to Gurreemcoondah, at the head of 2,000 Infantry with Guns, and when they had arrived within twelve Cos of the latter place received orders from the Sultaun to halt their Detach= ment untill further orders and to repair, themselves, immediately

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immediately to the Presence, which they obeyed accordingly

During our Stay at Roy Droog we learned that Budder ud deen Khan Sooruth Adoni-wallah, the Talook dar of Koomply, had received orders from the Sultaun to raise Troops, which he was doing accordingly; and that seven hundred Firelocks had been sent to him from the little Fort of Keeramull on Carts for the use of his new levies — Subsequent however to these orders, the said Budder ud deen Khan together with Hurry Naig the Kumuchigherry Zemindar, who was residing at Koomply, had both, in consequence of a Summons, repaired to the Presence. —

We further heard at Roy droog that the Sultaun was very busy in completing the Fortifications of his Capital; that the Troops which had been called in from different parts of the Country were encamped — under the Carrighaut Hill, where they had been joined by the greatest part of the force in Seringapatam itself and on the island. —

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We heard more over at Roy Droog that Five French Ships had arrived at Mangalore and that a French Military Man who came on one of them, had Proceeded on a negotiatory mission to Serringapatam, from whence after having accomplished his errand, he was dismissed by the Sultaun, and returned to Mungalore accompanied by a Bramin, who rode in a Palanqueen, and by the French Offiar Commanding the French Party which has been for many years past in Tippoo's Service. We left Roy Droog on the 14th. Instant. ~

(A True Translate)
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst. ~

a true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Captain Puchaud stating the origin of his Demand on the Dutch

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Dutch Government at Columbo for the amount of which he now Claims a right to participate on the English Company's Guarantee of the Paper Currency.

3. the 19th October last, whereupon you have been pleased to direct Mr. Secretary Jackson to require of me, to State upon what grounds I claimed to be included in the Guarantee of Fifty thousand Pounds for the Paper Currency in circulation at Ceylon.

In consequence I beg leave to represent to you, that Captain Hageman, my Wife's Father left us at his death Twelve thousand Rix Dollars, which Money had been deposited by him in the Dutch Company's Treasury in good and Current Money, as it appears by the Deeds in my Posession, of which I have the Honor to enclose Copies for your Inspection. Since the Paper Money has been put into circulation I have been solicited at several different times to receive the Amount of these Deeds in paper Currency, which could not be reasonably expected considering that the Deeds were acknowledgements for hard Cash and not for a Currency so much Inferior in value, and that Government had Promised to pay the Amount in effective Money so soon as circumstances would permit; so that I did not think proper at that time to accept the offer. Nyt

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I would have availed myself of this as a last resource had not the circumstances of my being ordered to Trincomalee hindered the Transaction.— The Siege and Surrender of that Place and the Reduction of the Island of Ceylon have since put it entirely out of my Power to get paid

These are, My Lord & Gentlemen, the Grounds on which I found my hope to be included in the Guarantee; and which I beg to recommend to your Consideration.—

I remain with great Respect.

Pondamalee
24th. Febry 1797.—

(Signed) Do: Do: Piachaud
Capt: of the 5th Regt
de Meuron.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor of Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Poonah— the different Parties tho' not able to make an amicable Adjustment of their differences, avoid,— with anxiety our appeal to hostile acquisitions.—

I was last night favored with Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 31st Ultimo, transmitting agreeable to your Command, Copy of Major Dovetons— Intelligence of the 24th of the same Month, for which I thank your Lordship.—

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Every thing here is still in Suspense, and nothing seems to prevent Recourse to the extreme Argument of Rulers, but the Dread of Consequences, and a Perception of the incalculable Risk and Peril, to the principal Parties, in an Appeal to Arms, from which, no People in the World could, Perhaps, have refrained so long; but notwithstanding their wonderful Forbearance, and the exemplary Personal Civility, with which the most discordant Interests have hitherto been discussed, I am sorry to say that some ungracious Acts towards each others Followers and Forages, have lately betrayed the Approach of a less ceremonious Spirit. ~

I have the Honor to be very respectfully

Poona.
13th February 1797.

&c. &c.
(Signed) C. W. Malet

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the Honor to enclose Extract of a late Letter to the Bombay Government, for your Lordship

From the Resident at Poonah - the - Nuptials concluded between the Peishwah and a Grand Daughter of

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of the late Hurry Punt Fuckeer delivers on this occasion the Letter of Congratulation on the accession to the Peishwaship — affairs in that quarter wore the Appearance of amicable adjustment

Poona
17th February 1797.—

And to be very respectfully,

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) C. W. Malet

Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona to the Bombay Government, dated 16th February 1797.—

I have great Pleasure in acquainting you, that at a Meeting of Ennut Row (the Peshwa's adoptive Brother) Doulut Row Sindia, and Nanna Furnavees Yesterday, a considerable apparent Advance to Accommodation was made, by it's having been resolved, that the Peshwa should this Day enter his Palace in the City, to celebrate his Nuptials with a Grand Daughter of the late Hurry Punt Furkia, after which, He is to reenter his Tents, to prosecute the grand Object of amicably dismissing all the great Chieftains assembled here to their respective Homes.—

At the Close of this Satisfactory Consultation, I had the Pleasure of waiting on the Peshwa and presenting the Governor Generals Khillat of Congratulation on his accession to the Musnud, the Delay of which

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which fortunately gave it Eclat, from its Introduction on so happy an Occasion. ~

True Extract
(Signed) J. Uhthoff
Assistant ~

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor of
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Resident at Poonah the amicable Meetings held amongst the principal Chieftains held out a sure Prospect of a general adjustment of Differences. ~

I have to thank your Lordship for Major Dowdeswell's Intelligence under Date the 14th. forwarded to me by Mr. Secretary Jackson's under the 17th. Instant

On the 17th. Instant the Festivities of the Peshwa were celebrated with a Grand Daughter of the late Hurry Punt Furkia, and on the 18th. I had the Honor to pay him a visit of Congratulation on that Occasion. ~ This Day all the Chiefs are to have a Meeting with the Son and Brother of Ragoje Bhosla who lately arrived here; which, added to the late meeting of Emrut Row, Doulut Row Sindia, and Nanna Furnavees, corroborates the Probability of a speedy Settlement.

I have the honor to be very respectfully
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) C. W. Malet

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

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

My Lord,

From Major General Doyle – the Albion arrives at Columbo from England on her way to Bombay having parted Company with the outward bound Fleet on the 3d. February –

I have the honor to report to your Lordship that the Honorable Company's Ship Albion, Andrew Turnbull Commander arrived here yesterday – The Captain reports that he left England on the 11th. August 1796 – and the Cape on the 10th. of last Decemb. in Company with the Pitt, Lascelles, Royal Admiral Bustridge, Queen Lushington, Walter Boyd & Tellicherry They were convoyed from the latter place by L'Oiseau and another Frigate which left them in Lat. 37 South and Longitude 55 East, and returned to the Cape. –

The Albion parted from the Fleet on the 3d. Instant in Lat 4:30 Nth. Long 93. 3 East and will proceed immediately to Bombay. –

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Columbo 15th. Feby 1797. –

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Willbore Ellis Doyle

Major General. –

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

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My Lord

From the Resident at Tanjore the Rajah makes a part payment on account of the Balance due from the Inhabitants of the Karical Maghanums.

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that the Rajah has paid to me 10,000 Chuckrums of the Balance due from the Inhabitants of the four Carical Maganums. This Sum however being about 1000 Pagodas short of the Balance, as stated by Mr. Torriano in his account transmitted to Government on the 30th December last, I must wait the payment of the Remainder before I can grant the Receipt, which is to be Mr. Torriano's Authority for delivering over charge. — His Excellency states that the Payment shall be compleated by him either this Evening or Tomorrow. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Tanjore (Signed) Alex.r Macleod

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

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My Lord

From the Resident at Tanjore — the Rajah having completed the Payment of the Balance due on account of the Karical Maganums — sends orders to Mr. Torriano to deliver them over to His Excellency's Authority. —

In Consequence of his Excellency the Rajah having paid the Balance due from the Inhabitants of the Caricul Maganums I have furnished him with the Letter to Mr. Torriano of which the following is Copy. —

To W. H. Torriano Esqr.

Resident Nagore —

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you that his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore has paid to me the Balance due from the Inhabitants of the Carical Maganums, as it appeared due from them in the Account transmitted by you to Mr. Secretary Jackson, under Date the 30th December last. —

The Bearer of this letter, Named — Vera Raju Moodely is the Officer appointed by his Excellency to receive Charge of the Maganums. —

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&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.t

The amount received is S.r P. 5152..6..22
p. F. C.

in Tanjore Panams.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Tanjore
February 25th 1797.—

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.t

Received also the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.—

From Messrs. Colt, Baker Day & Co.

From Messrs. Colt Baker Day & Co.— requesting that the Bill drawn by Lieutenant Dobbie on this Government for Pagodas 5333 1/3. and presented on the 30th. of December last may now be accepted—and expressing their hope that they will be allowed Interest from that Date if the validity of the Bill be admitted.—

From Major General Floyd—advising

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly.— of the successful operations of the Detachments employed under Captain Gibbings on the requisition of Mr. Powney.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Beresford—

From the Deputy Kings Paymaster General.— forwarding

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Forwarding the Accounts of Subsistence to the Kings Troops serving on Ceylon from the 25th December 1796 to the 24th February 1797.

From the Residents and Superintendants on Ceylon

From Mr. Andrews stating that he has invariably made every exertion in his power to provide for the Pecuniary wants of the Troops on Ceylon.

From the Commandant at Wallajahbad

From Colonel Baird stating that his seizure of Sheep by force were the only resource by which he could provide for the Subsistence of his Regiments and that he is not in possession of any orders of Government defining the Mode of Procuring Sheep from the Collector.

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Sent the following Letters.

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General
Mr. John H. Shardon
acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions
and
Mr. Robert Woolf
Accountant General.

Gentlemen.

To Major General Sydenham Mr. J.H. Shardon and Mr. Robert Woolf appointing them a Committee to examine and adjust the

The Right Honorable the President in Council having been pleased to appoint you a Committee for

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the accounts of the Molucca Expedition which will be laid before them by Rear admiral Rainier.

for the purpose of investigating and adjusting the Accounts of the Molucca Expedition, I am directed to Notify the same to you, and to desire that you will accordingly meet such person or persons as shall be Nominated by his Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier, by whom the accounts will be laid before you.

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

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(Signed) J Webbe
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To His Excellency
Rear Admiral Rainier
Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships
and Vessels in the
East Indies

Sir

To Rear Admiral Rainier advising him of the appointment of a Committee, at his suggestion for examining the accounts of the Molucca Expedition.

We have the honor to inform you that we have appointed a Committee consisting of Major General Sydenham Mr. J. H. Shardon and Mr. R. Woolf for the purpose of investigating and adjusting the accounts of the Molucca expedition, and have directed them to meet such person or persons, as your Excellency may please to Nominate

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Nominate on your behalf: We request therefore that your Excellency will cause the Accounts to be laid before the Committee. —

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&c.a &c.a
(Signd) Hobart
&c.a Council. —

To Messrs. Thomas Oakes
Benjamin Torin
and
Francis Alexander Grant
Gentlemen,

To Messrs. Oakes Torin and Grant with Instructions for revising the Accounts of Mr. Samuel Johnston in his Capacity of Paymaster and Storekeeper of Trichinopoly upon the principles ordered by the Court of Directors. —

The Honorable Court of Directors having been pleased to desire that a revision should be made of the Accounts of Mr. Samuel Johnston late Paymaster at Trichinopoly, and that Credit should be given him for any vouchers he may be able to produce, in diminution of the Balance (Pagodas 19,516..30..16.) adjudged to be due from him on the Determination passed on his Accounts in the Year 1795, the Right Honble the President in Council has appointed you a Committee to examine such Documents as Mr. Johnston may lay before you on application to the Sub Secretary in the Military Department

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Department you will be furnished with such records as you may require for your Information on this subject, and having made the Examination above directed, you will report your Proceedings to Government. —

I am

Fort St. George
11th March 1797. —

&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

To Mr. Samuel Johnston

Sir

The Honorable Court of Directors having been pleased to desire that a revision should be made of your Accounts, in your Capacity of Paymaster and Storekeeper at Trichinopoly, and that Credit should be given you for any Vouchers you may be able to produce in Diminution of the Balance standing against you in the Account Current accompanying Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 26th July 1791, I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to desire that such Vouchers as you may have to produce may be laid before Messrs. Thomas Oakes, Benjamin Torin and Francis Alexander Grant, who have been Appointed a Committee to investigate the Claims you have

To Mr. Samuel Johnston advising him of the appointment of the Committee, and desiring him to lay before them such Vouchers as he may have to produce in Diminution of the Balance, adjudged to be due from him on the 26th July 1791.

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have to advance. — I am

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4th March 1797. —

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) J. Webbe
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Received the undermentioned Letters —

entered in M. B. Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. —

From the Military Paymaster General. —

From Mr. Roebuck desiring to know if he may receive from Mr. Dring the late Clothing Contractor in part of the Balance due by him to the Company accepted Bills on his Office, which are over due, to the Amount of Pagodas 3178..41..10. —

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions —

From Mr. Skardon — recommending that the old Paddy in Store at Chengleput be sold off — and that he be allowed to accept an offer made to him of 100 Garce of new Sumbah Paddy deliverable at the Granary Door at Chengleput, at 31½ Pagodas ₩ Garce. —

From the Deputy King's Adjutant General. —

From Captain Robertson — enclosing a Sick Certificate delivered in by Captain Lieutenant Renault of the Regiment de Meuron, who, being about to proceed to Europe, requests an Advance of the usual Allowance of Passage Money. —

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From the Officer Commanding on Ceylon.

From Major General Doyle, acknowledging receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 5th. February with Enclosures for Mr. Ramsay and Sir George Keith Elphinston

From Ditto.

From Ditto acknowledging receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 7th. February with one enclosed for the Secret Committee of the Honble Court of Directors

From the Command ant at Ongle.

From Captain Lieutenant Berkley recommending that the Store Rooms at Ongole be repaired.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 16 17 18.

To Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham enclosing Extract of a Letter to Major General De Meuron (dated 2nd. Instant and entered in the Secret Department) and desiring him to be guided thereby in passing that Officers Bills for Arrears of Batta and Gratuity.

To the Commandant at Amboor.

To Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson informing him that the Six Plunderers mentioned in his Letter of the 21st. Ultimo, are to be confined in his Guard until further orders.

To Military auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham referring for Examination the accounts of the Deputy King's Paymaster for Subsistence to His Majesty's Troops serving on Ceylon from the

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Received the following Letters.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President & Governor &c. &c. &c.

in Council

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My Lord,

Herewith I beg leave to transmit for the perusal of your Lordship in Council, Copy of a Bond granted by his late Highness Wallajaw &c. to the late Major Peter Davidson for the Principal Sum of Five thousand Star Pagodas payable, with Interest at the rate of Six per Cent per Annum in two Years from the first of June 1782. — I also annex Copy of my Letter and Account Current sent to Messrs. William Webb Edward Garrow and James Landon, Members of a Committee established by Government in the Year 1786, for the purpose of receiving Claims of Individuals on his said Highness the Nabob, and which Letter and Account Current stands regularly on the records of the said Committee, notwithstanding which they omitted reporting on that Bond, when the order of the Honble Court of Directors

From the Administrator to the Estate of the late Revd. W. Bainbrigge respecting a Bond from the Nabob for 5000 Pagodas for Major Peter Davidson which should have been included in the Arrangement made for the Liquidation of other Bonds of a similar Description but which, as he States, remains unadjusted thro' the neglect of the Committee for investigating His Highness's Debts. —

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Directors arrived in 1789. to have, Bonds of this Govern-
-ment granted in Liquidation of the Sums due to Major
Davidson and others — I must also beg leave to inform
your Lordship in Council that this Bond made a part of a
larger Sum due Major Davidson on a Settlement with
the Nabob on the first of June 1782. and for which
several other Bonds were granted at the time, as will
more particularly appear by the Copy — all of which were
discharged by 8 ℘ Cent Bonds of this Government, except
mine. —

The Copies of the Letter written to the
then Government, and their Comonittee of investigation which
I take the liberty of sending herewith, will shew that my
applications were regular — The Aggregate Sum due the late
Major Davidson was actually reported on, and I dare say
it will appear by the Accountant Generals Books that the
Amount for which Government Bonds were granted to the
holders of the Bonds given to Major Davidson by the
Nabob fell short in the exact Sum of Five thousand Star
Pagodas with Interest at Six per Cent per Annum from
June 1782, till December 1789, which is the Amount of the
Bond I hold — under all those Circumstances I humbly hope
your

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your Lordship in Council will be pleased to take the Peculiar hardship of my case into Consideration, and as the orders of the Honble the Court of Directors conveyed to this Government by the Houghton in 1789 fully authorized them to Liquidate the Claims of Major Davidson and others in the manner already mentioned, it could never be their intention that an omission on the part of their own official Servants should operate to the prejudice of a legal holder of one of those Bonds, to whom no irregularity or omission can be imputed. In the fullest Confidence that shall obtain such redress as your Lordship in Council may deem me entitled to.

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Peter Massey Captain
Administrator to the
Estate of the Revd
Wm Bainbrigge Dec.d

Madras
4th March.

Know all Men by these Presents that We Wallaw Jaw, Ummer Ul Hind, Umdatul Mulk, Usulph ud Doulah, Anver Ud Deen Cawn, Bahauder, Zuffer Jung, Sepha Selaur, Nabob of the Carnatic our Heirs & our Successors in the Government of the Carnatic, are held and firmly bound unto Major Peter Davidson of the

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the late third Regiment of Cavalry in our Service, in
the Penal Sum of Ten thousand Star Pagodas Current
Money of Madras, to the true and Lawful payment
thereof We do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs & Successors firmly
by these Presents, Sealed with our Seal in Madras this first
day of June in the Year of Christ, One thousand Seven
hundred & Eighty two, and the 19th day of the Moon
Jamadesaney in the Year of the Hegera One thousand one
hundred and Ninety Six.

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Whereas in and by an Account
Current this day settled between His Highness the Nabob and
the said Major Peter Davidson His said Highness the
Nabob was indebted on the Balance of the said Account
and for Account of his Pay, Batta and Contract with the
said Major Peter Davidson for the feeding and otherwise
the said Regiment of Cavalry, in the Sum of Forty thousand
two hundred
and eighty two Star Pagodas, twenty seven fanams and
Sixty five Cash Current Money of Madras — And Whereas
His said Highness the Nabob did intend that the said
Debt should be Discharged from the Revenue of the
Tenmevelly Country, having for that purpose given Tankas

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under our Sign Manual In the Year One thousand Seven-
hundred and Eighty; but the same Revenue having been since
Assigned over to the Company for the Exegencies of the present
War with Hyder, and the said Major Peter Davidson
being thereby deprived of the Money which might otherwise
have been reasonably expected from those Countries, His
said Highness the Nabob hath Agreed to secure unto the
said Major Peter Davidson the said Balance due as aforesaid
by this and Seven other Bonds bearing equal date herewith,
In the Penal Sum of Eight thousand five hundred and
Sixty five Pagodas thirteen Fanams and fifty Cash Current
Money of Madrass. One whereof is for Pagodas Ten thou-
sand another for Pagodas Eight thousand, another for Pagodas
Six thousand, another for Pagodas Four thousand, another
for Pagodas three thousand, another for Pagodas two thousand
& another for Pagodas two thousand, two hundred & eighty two
twenty Seven Fanams and Sixty five Cash Current Money
of Madras, each with Interest at the rate of Six P Cent
P Annum & Payable in two Years from the date hereof
and one whereof (which is this present) is Conditioned for
the payment of five thousand Star Pagodas Current
Money

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Money of Madrass, making together the said Sum of ~
Forty thousand two hundred & eighty two Star Pagodas ~
twenty seven Fanams and Sixty five Cash Current Money
of Madrass. ~

Now the Condition of this Obligation
is such, that if the above bounden Wallajaw &c.a Nabob
of the Carnatic, or his Heirs & Successors, in the Government
thereof shall Pay, or cause to be paid unto the said ~
Major Peter Davidson, or his Lawful Attorney Executors
Administrators, or Assigns, the said Sum of Five thousand
Star Pagodas Current Money of Madrass together with
such Interest as may grow due thereon, at the time &
Manner as above setforth, then this Obligation to be void
or else to remain in Full force and Virtue. ~

Sealed & Delivered
in the Presence of
(Signed) John Batley
Muttu Kishna. ~

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Know all Men by these Presents that I the within Named Peter Davidson for and in Consideration of the Sum of Five thousand Star Pagodas with Interest ~ therein from the first day of June last past to this present 27th day of November to me in hand paid by the Reverend William Bainbrigge of Fort St. George at or before the Sealing and Delivering of these Presents, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have Granted, Bargained Sold assigned transferred and set over and by these Presents, Do Grant Bargain Sell assign transfer and set over unto the said Reverend William Bainbrigge His Heirs Executors Administrators & Assigns the within ~ written Bond or Obligation and Condition, and the sum of Five thousand Star Pagodas in the said Condition ~ Expressed all all Interest due or to grow due for or upon the same and all my right Title Interest Claim and demand whatsoever of in and to the same, And I do authorize the said Reverend William Bainbrigge His Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns in my Name to demand sue for, recover, receive, have hold and enjoy the said Sum of Five thousand Star Pagodas and all Interest

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and any part thereof to his or their own proper use or behalf for Ever. In Witness whereof I the said Peter Davidson have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 27th Day of November in the Year of our Lord One thous-and Seven hundred & Eighty two.

Signed Sealed & Delivered (Signed) Peter Davidson
Where no Stamp'd Paper is to be had
In the Presence of us.
(Signed) Chr. Casimire
Abraham Williams.

To Messrs. Garrow, Webbe and Landon
Members of the Committee for investigating
the Private Debts of His Highness the
Nabob of Arcot.

Gentlemen,

Herewith I beg leave to send you my Account Current with His Highness the Nabob of Arcot / as Administrator to the Estate of the Reverend William Bainbrigge Deceased / your being so kind as to order this Claim to come in the regular train of Liquidation will much Oblige. Gentlemen

Yr. Yr.
(Signed) Peter Massey Casin
Administrator to the
Estate of the Reverend
William Bainbrigge Dec.d

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Dr. His Highness the Nabob of Arcot in Acct. Curt. with the Estate of the Revd. Wm. Bainbrigge Decd. Cr.

1777 Decr.	1st	To his Bond to Captn. Dibdin of which the following is a translation from the Persian Language Vizt. — L. S. Wallajau Ameer Ul Mira. — The Sum of three thousand Pags. (the half of which is one thousand five hundred) shall be paid at the end of 12 Months without any Interest commencing from the 1st. Decemr. 1776, to Captn. Dibdin his Share agreeable to the Note, Sealed by Budder Isulam Cawn, dated 19th. Showal 1190. Hegera or 2d. Decr. 1776	3000 " "
1782 June	1st	To his Bond to Major Peter Davidson and payable in 2 Years from this date for	5000 " "
1786 Decr.	20th	To Interest on Pags. 3000 from the 1st. Decr. 1776 being the time Captn. Dibdin's Bond became due is 9 Yrs. & 19 Days @ 6 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum	1629 " 21
		To Interest on Pags. 5000, from the 1st. June 1782 to this date being 4 Yrs. 6 Mrs. & 19 Days at 6 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum	1365 " 35
		Star Pagodas	10,995 " 14 "

1786 Decr.	29th	By Balance due this day	10,995 " 14 "
		Star Pagodas	10,995 " 14 "

Madras 20th. Decr. 1786
E. E. Pr. (Sigd.) Peter Massey Cassin
admr. to the Estate of the Revd. Wm. Bainbrigge Deceased.

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To Edward Garrow Esq.re
William Webb Esq.re
and
James Landon Esq.re
} Members of the Committee for investigating the Claims on His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic.

Gentlemen,

Having on the 20th of December 1786 furnished you with a Statement of my Claims on his Highness the Nabob, as representative of the Estate of the Revd. Wm. Bainbrigge Deceased in which Statement I particularized (as one of the said Claims) a Bond from His said Highness the Nabob to the late Major Peter Davidson bearing date the 1st. day of June 1782 for the Principal Sum of (5000.) Five thousand Star Pagodas and payable in Two Years with Interest at the rate of Six P Cent P Annum and which Statement together with my Official Letter to you on that occasion stands on the records of your Proceedings as Members of the aforesaid Committee and being informed that orders had been issued by the Honble Court of Directors for the Liquidation of the Debt due to Major Davidson in common with some other Claims of similar description.

I am

Fort St. George
10th Jany. 1790.

(Signed) Dc.s Dc.s
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I Presented the aforesaid original Bond Personally at the Office of Thomas Cockburn Esq.r the Register of the Transfer Office of the Debts of the Nabob in the begining of December last, and was informed by Mr. Cockburn that the orders respecting them Debts were then under the Consideration of Government, on the 8.th of this Month I applied to Mr. Cockburn by the following letter and his answer is under written Viz.t.

"Mr. Cassin presents his Compliments
"to Mr. Cockburn and will be much obliged by his having
"the kindness to inform him if any orders have been issued by
"Government respecting the payment of the Debt due by
"His Highness the Nabob to Major Davidson — as Mr.
"Cassin has been informed that Company's Bonds were to
"be granted as Payment, if that is the case, Mr. Cockburn
"will confer a very particular favor on Mr. Cassin by being
"so kind to acquaint him how that matter is to be arranged."

Mr. Cockburn's answer is follows —

"If Mr. Cassin will call at the Register Office with
the Bond it will be Registered &c."

In Conformity to Mr. Cockburn's desire I sent the Bond to his Office and the Person who presented it was desired to go and have it certified by Mr. Landon.

Mr.

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Mr. Landon desired my Man to go with it to Messrs. Garrow and Webb. I wrote to Mr. Landon on the subject & received the following letter.

Sir,

If your Servant had shewn the "Bond and my Note to Messrs. Garrow & Webb, to those "Gentlemen as I desired him, your business would by this "time have been finished — They are not in Town, Please "therefore to direct him to call tomorrow at Ten with the "Bond which I now return to him." —

Yours Obediently
(Signed) J. Landon —

In Consequence of the above Letter I wrote the following letter to you collectively — Viz.t —

To Edward Garrow Esq.r
William Webbe Esq.r
and
James Landon Esq.r

} Members of the Committee for investigating the Debts of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic. —

Gentlemen,

Herewith I beg leave to send you Copy of my Letter to you dated the 20th December 1786 together with an account Current of the same, stating the claims of the late Reverend William Bainbrigge upon His —

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His Highness the Nabob of Arcot I would have sent the Bond from His Highness to the late Major Peter Davidson as particularized in the Account Current had I known it was necessary so to do— Herewith I beg leave to send the Original of that Bond, and a Copy of it that you may retain which of them you think proper— and your having the goodness to put this Bond in the regular train of Liquidation will very much oblige.— Gentlemen

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&c. &c.
(Signd) Peter Mazey Casin
Administrator to the
Estate of the Revd.
Wm Baimbrigge Dec.

In consequence of the above letter I received a Message from Mr. Garrow desiring to see me— I waited on Mr. Garrow and Examined the Records and found my Account Current and letters of the 20th December 1786 entered thereon— Mr. Garrow advised my Writing a letter to the Honble Board on the subject— The following is a Copy of my letter and the Honorable Boards reply thereto.—

To the Honble John Holland Esquire
President & Governor &c. &c. &c.
in Council Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

"Enclosed I beg leave to transmit for the perusal

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5th "Perusal of your Honble Board Copy of a letter and Account
"Current sent to the Committee established by Government for
"investigating the Debts of His Highness the Nabob of the
"Carnatic on the 20th December 1786, as one of the Bonds—
"mentioned in that Account Current for the Principal Sum
"of Five thousand Star Pagodas comes within the description
"of those Debts for which the Honble Board have lately
"been pleased to grant Bonds in part, and as all the Bonds
"granted by His Highness to the late Major Peter Davidson
"leave a reference to each other and that the aggregate Sum
"due to Major Davidson has been mentioned in the Committees
"General Arrangement I humbly hope the omission of that
"particular Bond in the Committees last Statement & the
"General Goddard will not be a bar to its obtaining a similar
"Settlement with that Given to all the other Bonds presented
"to Major Davidson."—

"I must further beg leave to inform
"your Honble Board that this Bond is the Property of
"the Heirs of the late Reverend William Bainbrigge,—but
"subject to some Claims on the Estate in this Country—a—
"Copy of the Bond is sent herewith—Permit me the liberty
"Honble Sir to entreat your Honble Board will be pleased
"to issue and order to the Committee to have this Bond put
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"in the same train of Liquidation with the other Bonds granted
"to Major Davidson.— With great deference & Respect.—
I have the honor to Remain

Fort St. George. &c.a &c.a
25.th Janry 1790.— (Signed) Peter Maffey Caſin
Administrator to the
Estate of the Rev.d
Willm. Bainbrigge Dec.d

To P. M. Caſin Esqr.

Military Department

Sir

"The Board have received your Letter of the
"25.th Instant and direct me in reply to inform you that
"being prohibited by the Court of Directors from Admitting
"any Claim upon the Nabob without their Sanction they
"cannot Comply with your request, but will lay it before the
"Honble Court in the next dispatch from this Presidency."—

I am

Fort St. George &c.a &c.a
26.th Janry 1790. (Signed) John Chamier
Secr.—

Examd. (Signed) Frar. Alexr. Grant.—

To Messrs. Garrow, Webb & Sandon.

Gentlemen,

Considering the disagreeable predica-
ment in which I am placed, as a Person acting in trust
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for others, and also considering that my first application was in due time and as such stood upon your Records and that no intimation had ever been given me that there had been any Omissions or irregularity in that application, and also seeing that the Collective Sum due to the late Major Davidson is particularly mentioned in each of the separate Bonds granted by His Highness to him, that they all bear equal date, that the date, Principal Sum and other particulars relating to the said Bond was particularly specified in my Original Statement to you, and likewise seeing that the Statements you had given in to the Honble Board here of the Amount of the Debt due Major Davidson fell short of the Aggregate Principal Sum declared by each and every Bond to be due Major Davidson and that the deficiency exactly corresponded with the Principal Sum for which the Bond I hold was granted. –

"Under all these Circumstances permit me the liberty Gentlemen to solicit your kind advice and assistance in taking such measures as may enable me to do justice to my Constituents and myself that neither they nor I be injured by your having Omitted to mention this

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Claim in your Statement to the Honble Board for the Dispatch of the Goddard. Please to excuse this trouble, which nothing but the very unpleasant situation in which I am placed as well as the exigency of the affair itself could induce me to give you.

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
28th Jany. 1790.

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Peter Massey Casson
Admr. to the Estate of the Revd.
Willm. Bambridge Decd.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor &c.a

My Lord,

From Capt. W. Mackay respecting Timboo Govinden's Conduct in the Coimbatoor Country, states that this plundering Rebel receives Countenance and support from the Nabob's Subjects in the Terriore Country.

Yesterday two Rocket Boys brought letters addressed to me from Meer Ibraheem, and Adam Cawn Lohany, Tippo Sultaun's Buckshees below the Gauts, who have the command of about 1800 Horse and Foot now in the neighbourhood of Carroor. Their detachment was formed for the purpose of guarding the Coimbatoor Districts against Tamba Gaut who was the subject of their letters to me and whom they understood to be at present in the Ramgeery Pollium. They requested my assistance to apprehend him and

urged

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5th argued the improbability of his escaping, unless our Polegars might afford him protection. In reply I gave them every assurance of your Lordship's determination to use every possible means to seize Tamba Gaut.

To judge by the reports among the Inhabitants in this quarter, it would seem that Tomba Gaut has escaped from the South side of the Caverie and found Shelter in the Ternore Hills from some of the Nabob's subjects who it is said, are interesting themselves in his favor.

I have the honor to be

Dc. Dc.

Parmutty
1st March 1797.

(Signed) William Macleod

6th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 19 20.

To Secretary at Bengal and Residents at Poonah & Hydrabad

To the Secretary at Bengal and Residents at Poonah & Hydrabad with Copies of Intelligence from the Mysore Country furnished by Major Doveton.

To D. D. D.

To the same with Copies of further Intelligence

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Intelligence Communicated by Captain Macleod.—

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 21. 22. 23. 24.—

From Mr. Surgeon H. Harris.—

From Mr. H. Harris— requesting that he may be allowed to draw his Pay at the Presidency— till the adjustment of his private Affairs shall enable him to join his Corps on Ceylon.—

From the Officer Commanding on Ceylon.—

From Major General Doyle— stating that Government in their Communication to the Court of Directors, on the Subject of his Staff Allowance have— stated that he had not drawn any Allowances till the 16th. September: which should be the 16th. November, the date of his arrival at Fort St. George.—

From the Secretary at Bengal.—

From Mr. Barlow— advising of the Supreme Board having countermanded their former order for drafting the 76th. Regiment, in consequence of Intelligence received that, that, as well as other regiments ordered to be reduced, were to remain effective on the Indian Establishment.—

From the Commandant at Pulicat.—

From Captain W. Godfrey— stating the improper Conduct of the Nabob's Peon stationed at the Shelter

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7th Shelter at Pulicat, which had caused him to inflict a slight Punishment on him, which he apprehends may be represented in a very exaggerated Manner to the Nabob.-

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor - President

Wednesday 8th March - Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders - and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.-

The President delivers in the following letter addressed to him by the Commander in Chief in India.-

Right Honorable Lord Hobart

My Lord, His Majesty's late orders for detaining the Five Regiments in India were intended to go

From Lieutenant General Clarke - Proposing in consequence of the late resolutions adopted in England

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England for returning in India and completing to their proper Establishment the King's Regiments formerly ordered to be drafted and sent home that the 75th Regiment be ordered to Bengal and the 73d. to the Malabar Coast.—

go to Europe and the Cape of Good Hope, must make a new Arrangement of the Whole of his Troops Serving here necessary and it would appear to me that unless any particular Circumstances should occur, to vary it, that which I have made upon the accompany Paper, appears best calculated for the General Purposes of Security and convenience to the several Presidencies.—

The 75th and 77th Regiments now under that of Bombay are very Weak, I therefore think the 73d which is conveniently situated for the purpose at Colombo, should be sent there immediately— and as the posture of Affairs in Bengal may soon require the active Services of European Troops in the Field there— and the 33d and 78th Regiments lately arrived from Europe, though both as I understand very good Corps, cannot be so equal to great exertion, as those that are habituated to the Climate. I would propose that the 75th Regiment, which from that Circumstance and its high discipline is well adapted to the purpose, and is now in a Situation to be speedily embarked,

should

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should be sent to Calcutta as soon as Convenient. —

This is all I would propose at present, but think no time should be lost at present, but think no time should be lost in carrying what I have recommended into Execution as I cannot see any objections to it, unless such should arise out of orders that may come soon from Europe for employing part of the Force destined for this Country on some service that We are not yet appriged of —

I thought it incumbent on me to submit these ideas to your Lordship's Consideration; with a view to your taking such steps as you may think proper respecting them — and I have the honor to remain —

&c. &c.

Choultry Plain
Madras March 6th 1797. —

(Signd) Alured Clarke —

P.S. Though I have already mentioned the Contents of the last dispatches that I received from His Royal Highness the Duke of York and Mr. Dundas to your Lordship; yet it occurs that it may be right to furnish Government with Copies of those from the latter, which I have the honor to enclose. —

Supposed

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Supposed Present strength and Proposed Distribution of His Majesty's Regiments, in India.

Stations	Regiments	Effective Rank & File
Bengal	33d	250
	71st	643
	76th	250
	78th	1000
Total	4	2743.-
Coast of Coromandel	27th Dragoons	403.
	12th	860
	36th	591
	52d	638
	72d	619
	74th	650.
	Reg.t De Meuron	786.
Total	6	4144.
Ceylon	19th Dragoons	340.
	25th D.o	410.
Total	2	750.
Bombay & Malabar Coast	19th	925.
	80th	784
Total	2	1709.
	73d	532
	75th	350
	77	450.
Total	3	1332.

Major

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Major General Alured Clarke
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

On a Consideration of the extent and importance of the Territories and Settlements recently acquired by his Majesty's and the East India Company's Arms in various parts of India, it has judged expedient that the orders communicated to you in my Letter of the 5th of April last for drafting and disposing of the Regiments therein mentioned should not be carried into Effect. I am therefore in conformity to this determination to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure that you are to detain all of those Regiments in India; and every exertion will be used to send out Recruits from hence to complete them to their proper Establishments.

You will consequently only detach to the Cape of Good Hope the Royal Artillery now serving in India according to these Instructions you will have received for that purpose, and I shall apprise Major General Craig by the present opportunity, of the directions now given to you to retain the two Regiments previously

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Previously destined for the Service of the Cape.—

I have the honor to be

Parliament Street Sc.a Sc.a

3d. August 1796.— (Signed) Henry Dundas

The 73d. Regiment to be sent to Bombay.

Resolved in compliance with the—

Commander in Chiefs' Recommendation that his Majesty's

73d. Regiment be immediately sent to Bombay.—

Read the following letter from Bombay

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President & Governor in Council—

at Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From Bombay requesting that the Bombay Grenadier Battalion doing duty on Ceylon be immediately ordered to Calicut.—

In consequence of the disturbances that have lately broke out in Malabar; it is become very desirable, and may prove, ever, essentially necessary, that the Grenadier Battalion of the Troops serving under this Presidency, but now on Duty at Columbo, should be returned to Calicut, with as little delay as possible, which we therefore take this Opportunity to request your Lordship will be pleased to give Orders for, as speedily as they

can—

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can be at all spared from Ceylon; advising us, as well as the Commissioners on that Coast, when we may look for this Reinforcement. —

We have the honor to be

Yr. Yr.

Bombay Castle
17th. February 1797. —

(Signed) Jon.n Duncan
" J. Stuart
" H. Whitehill
" J. Spencer.

Minute thereon —

Resolved in Compliance with the request of the Governor in Council at Bombay that the Grenadier battalion be embarked on the Elora etan and transported to Calicut. —

Ordered that information of the foregoing resolutions be sent to the governments of Bengal and Bombay to the Commanding Officer on Ceylon and to the Commissioners of the Malabar Coast. —

Read the following letter from the Military Board. —

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

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

My Lord,

In pursuance of the orders of
Government signified to our Board under date the
19th of October last, We do ourselves the honor to forward
to your Lordship in Council, the several Plans of
Fortifications on the Coast, together with disposition
of the Troops, shewing the particular Details of every
description composing the Garrison of each — also*
Statements of the Proportion of Ordnance, and Military
Stores allotted thereto, as called for by the Supreme
Government — and We beg leave to report that the
General Map will be transmitted as soon as it can
be completed.

Lieutenant Colonel Dupont having
represented to us the want of repairs to some public
Buildings and Works at Cuddalore, which on reference
to the late Chief Engineer are reported to be not only
necessary, but the Estimates for the execution thereof
extremely

From the Military Board — enclosing Plans of the Fortifications in the Carnatic — and returns of the Troops — Ordnance Stores and Provisions required for each (as ordered from Bengal — the General Map preparing) recommend the Execution of repairs to some Publick Buildings at Cuddalore, and that Major Dallas be allowed to draw for the repair of Saddles for his Temporary Corps from the 1st December last. —

* + sent to Bengal

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extremely moderate. We do ourselves the honor to transmit the Estimates herewith, and to recommend that the performance of the Work may be authorized agreably thereto, amounting to Pagodas 920..16..60.—

Government having directed Us by Letter of the 29th December last to acquaint Major Dallas that he can only be permitted to draw the Monthly allowance of Twenty one (21) fanams for keeping each Saddle in repair from the time at which he had completed no less a Number than Fifty (50) Saddles, We in consequence called upon that Officer to report to our Board the particular date, or dates, whereon completions had been made, and have received from him in reply, a representation of the impracticability of his making a Report of the Accoutrements of his Corps on the prescribed Principle, as for an anxiety to get the Men on Horseback, he had only in the first instance, completed the Saddles with such Repairs as were immediately necessary to Horse Drill, deferring the furnishing those appertenances less requisite, until after the completion of the others— from which circumstance few

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of the Horse Accoutrements were in a completely
Serviceable State on the 28th Ultimo, but at the same time
engaging to deliver the whole in a perfectly complete condition
to the Officer in charge of the Temporary Corps of Cavalry
and expressing a hope that for the reasons Stated by him,
and in consideration of his having necessarily incurred
a pretty considerable expence in providing the Men with
various Articles of Equipment not allowed for by Government,
for which the short existence of the Corps has precluded all
possibility of his being reimbursed, he may be permitted
to draw the usual Monthly Allowance from the 1st
December last, when all the Saddles &c.a in use, We beg
leave in consequence of the favorable circumstances We have
Noticed in regard to the Motives which induced Major
Dallas to that mode of procedure, and his Zeal to
forward the Service on this, as well as all other
occasions, to recommend to your Lordship in Council.

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a compliance with his Solicitation, as to the Period from which he is to commence drawing the allowance, and which he will of course continue to do until the Corps was dissolved. —

We have the Honor to be.

Fort St. George—
13th February 1797.—

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Murad Clarke
" Patrick Ross
" Thomas Geils
" Will.m Sydenham
" Jn.o Richardson
" R.t Close
" George Hall.

Disposition

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Disposition of His Majesty's and the Honble Company's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel under the Command of Major General Alured Clarke taken from the Returns for the Month of Novr. 1796. Choultry Plain Decr. 1796.

Center Division under the immediate Command of Major General Clarke

Heady Quarters — Choultry Plain

Stations	Officers Commanding	Detail at each Station	Commd. Officers Present	Strength Non Commd. R. & F.		Total Strength	
			Europs.	Europs.	Nats.	Europs.	Natives
Fort St. George	The Right Honorable the Govr.	His Majesty's 25th Regt. Lt. Dragoons & 8 Compts. of 74th Regt. Foot	27.	847.	-		
		European Artillery — Effective	2.	20.	-		
		European Artillery — Invalids	-	32.	-		
		European Infantry — Invalids	-	34.	-		
		A Detachment of Native Cavalry	1.	2.	84.		
		The 10th Regiment of Native Infantry	16.	6.	1806.		
		The Madras Battalion of Do. Do.	2.	2.	634.		
		The 1st 2d & 3rd Compts. & a detail of Supernr. Native Invalids	-	3.	356.	946.	2880.
The Mount	Major General Thos. Geils	Seven Companies of the 1st & 2d Battalions of Artillery	20.	629.	-		
		Sixteen Company's of Gun Lascars	-	-	892.	629.	892.
Poondamallie	Brigadier General De Meuron	Six Company's of His Majesty's Swiss Regiment De Meuron	23.	521.	-		
		A small Detail of the 10th Regiment of Native Infantry	-	-	30.		
Tripassore	Colonel T. Trent	Half a Company of Native Invalids	-	1.	46.	522.	76.
		A Detachment of the 1st Regt. Ex. I. and 13th Native Invalids	2.	52.	13.	52.	13.
Chingleputt	Lieut. Colr. Campbell	Two Companies of H. Majesty's 74th Regiment of Foot	4.	181.	-		
		Effective Sick and Invalids of His Majesty's Regiments	-	31.	-		
		A small Detail from the 10th Regiment Native Infantry	1.	-	47.		

		(Nine European the 3d Comp.y 1st Battn. Pioneers & Native Invalids		11. 104.	223.	151.	
Wallajabad	Colonel D. Baird	His Majesty's 73d Regiment	28. 711.				
		The 2d Battalion 7th Regiment Native Infantry	6. 2. 1022.		713.	1022.	
Arnie	Major General C. Nixon	The 2d Battalion 6th Regiment Native Infantry & additionals	7. 3. 1215.				
		Seven Companies of the 2d Battn. 2d Reg.t Native Infantry	8. 3. 797.				
Tyagar	Lieut.t George Haddow	Artillery and Infantry Invalids	- 7. -		13.	2012.	
		Two Companies (and additionals) from 1st Battn. 2d Reg.t & 8 Comp.s	1. 8. 274.		8.	274.	
Pondicherry	Major General Braithwaite	The 1st Division 2nd Reg.t European Infantry	14. 576.				
		A Detachment of Artillery & Gun Lascars	1. 23. 30.				
		The 33d Battalion of Native Infantry and additionals	4. 3. 762.		602.	792.	
Arcot Cav.y Cantonment	Lt.Col. W. A. Younge	The 1st & 4th Regiments & a Temporary Corps of Native Cavalry	20. 12. 1211.		12.	1211.	
Connatore	Major John Patter	The 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry	9. 4. 434.		4.	434.	
		Four Companies of the Regiment De Meuron	16. 349.	-			
Vellore	Major General Collins	European Invalids 9 artillery & 5 Infantry	- 14.	-			
		Seven Companies of the 2d Battn. 5th Reg.t Native Infantry	9. 3. 718.				
		The 3d Battalion 3 Comp.s of the 1st Battn. 6th Reg.t N.e & additionals	6. 3. 1108.		369.	1826.	
Amboor	Lieut. Colo. A. Macpherson	Five Companies of the 1st Battn. 6th Reg.t & additionals	4. 3. 716.		3.	716.	
Cuddalore	Lieut. Colo. J. Dupont	The 1st Company of Rumpers Invalids and 16 Invalids Artillery	1. 77½. 125.		78.	128.	
		The 6th Comp.y of Native D.o and Native Invalids Sepoys	- 5. 400.		5.	400.	
Cheemundelum Plain	Major J. Orr	Two Troops of the 3d Reg.t of Native Cavalry	3. 5. 1000.				
Sthundergurry	Capt.n R. Mealy	Two Companies of the 1st Batt.n 6th Reg.t Native Infantry	2. - 244.		-	244.	
Ryacottah	Major G. Doveton	Five D.o of the 1st Batt.n 4th Reg.t & additionals & 3 Invalid artillery	4. 3. 654.		5.	654.	
Veerabuderdroog	Lieut. Ens.n Browne	One D.o D.o D.o & 2 Ditto	1. 2. 103.		2.	103.	
Congondy	Capt.n J. H. Symons	An half D.o D.o D.o	1. - 51.		-	51.	
Chinnaroydroog	Lieut. M. H. Cornish	D.o D.o D.o	1. - 52.		-	52.	
Namcul	Lieut. D. Ogilby	One & a half D.o D.o of the 2d Batt.n D.o	2. - 174.		-	174.	
		A Detachment of artillery and Gun Lascars & 3 Invalid artillery	1. 44. 116.				
Sankerrydroog	Major James Oram	Three Companies of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment	4. 2. 352.				
		One Company of the 2d Battalion 4th Reg.t D.o	1. - 102.		16.	570.	
Penagra	Lieut. Wm. Rhodes	One and a half of the 2d do. 4th do. & 2 Invalid artillery	1. 2. 155.		2.	155.	
Salem	Major R. Cameron	Three Companies of the 1st Battalion 4th Regiment and additionals	5. 3. 439.		3.	439.	
Ahtoor	Capt.n A. Lindsay	Three Companies of the 2d D.o & 1 Comp.y from the 1st B.n 2d Reg.t	5. 2. 444.		2.	444.	

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Center Division under the immediate Command of Major General Clarke

Head Quarters — Choultry Plain

Stations	Officers Commanding	Detail at each Station	Comm.d Officers Present	Strength Non Comm.d Rank & F. Europ.s	Total Strength Europ.s	Total Strength Nat.ves
Kistnagherry	Major A. Ready	A Detachment of Artillery and Gun Lascars and 3 Invalids artillery	1.	38. 153.		
		Six Companies of the 2.d Battn. 11 Reg.t N. I. and additionals	7.	3. 739.		
		a Detachment of Native Pioneers				
Ongole	Lieut.t Wm. Bentley	Three Companies and a half of the 2.d Battn. 9.th Reg.t and 3 Invalids	2.	2. 365.	103.	1277.
Nellore	Lieut. N. Forbes	Half a Company of the 2.d D.o	1.	1. 150.	1.	150.
Rampore	Lieut. R. Ridge	One Company of the 2. d. 9.th D.o	1.	- 59.	-	59.
Pulicat	Capt.n Wm. Godfrey	A Detachment from the 1.st Battn. 10.th Regiment	1.	- 33.	-	33.

Northern Division under the Command of Major General Bidcliffe

Head Quarters — Masulipatam

Stations	Officers Comdg	Detail at each Station	Comm.d Officers Present	Strength Non Comm.d Rank & F. Europ.s	Total Strength Europ.s	Total Strength Nat.ves
Masulipatam	Major Gen.l Bidcliffe	A Detail of Effective artillery and Gun Lascars & 7 Invalid artillery	-	25. 92		
		The 2.d Division of the 2.d Reg.t European Infantry	3.	543.	-	
		The 2.d Company of European Invalids	"	17.	"	
		Three Companies of the 1.st Battalion & 2.d Comp.s of 2.d Battn. 9.th Reg.t native Inf.y	5.	2. 683.		
		The 9.th 11.th & 13.th Companies & 9.th Supernumerary Native Invalids	"	"	236.	581. 1009.
Ellore	Lt. Col.o J. J. Durand	One Company of the 2.d Battalion 9.th Regiment	"	"	103.	
Samulcottah	Major Mc Lean	Part of the 11.th and 12.th Companies of Native Invalids	1.	- 55.	-	158.
Rajahmundrys	Lieut.t H. Evans	Five Companies of the 1.st Battalion 8.th Reg.t N. I. and additionals	1.	3. 503.	3.	503.
		Two D.o D.o D.o & 10.th Company Native Invalids	2.	285.	-	285.

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Condapelly	Col.o T. Prendergast	A Small Detach.t from the 9.th Regt.t Native Infantry			28.			
		The 8.th Company & part of the 12.th Company of Native Invalids		2.	103.	2.	131.	
Chicacole	Lieut.t Col.o G. Muat	Two Companies of the 2.d Batt.n 8.th Reg.t Native Infantry	1.		191.		191.	
Vizagapatam	Lieut.t Col.o G. Tolfrey	A Detach.t of Effective Artillery & Gun Lascars & 8 Invalid artillery	1.	22.	32.			
		Three Companies of the 2.d Batt.n 8 Regiment & a Detail of additionals	3.		340.			
		Half the 3.d Company of European & half the 14.th Company of Native Invalids	1.	28.	54.	50.	426.	
Ganjam	Capt.n H. Webber	Half the 3.d Company of European Invalids & 7 Invalid Artillery	1.	50.				
		One Company and a half of the 1.st Batt.n & one & a half of 2.d Batt.n 8.th Reg.t and Additionals	2.		479.			
		Half the 14.th Company of Native Invalids			43.	50.	522.	
Aska	Capt.n T. Poole	One Company of the 1.st & one Company of the 2.d Batt.n 8.th Reg.t & additionals	2.	2.	369.	2.	369.	
Barrampore	Lt.n R. Fletcher	Half a Company do. & half do. do. do. & additionals	2.		184.		184.	
Muggeteore	Lt.n A. Hughes	The 7.th Company Native Invalids & a Detail of Revenue Troops	2.	3.	372.	3.	372.	
Guntoor	Lt.n Col.o T. Leighton	Two Companies & a half of the 1.st Batt.n 7.th Reg.t with additionals & a Revenue Corps	2.	3.	473.	3.	473.	
Innecondah	Major T. Halcott	Four Companies of the 1.st and 2.d Battalions of the 5.th Regiment N.I. and additionals	3.	3.	387.	2.	587.	
Billamcondah	Lieut.t T. Bellew	Half a Company of the 1.st & 2.d Do.	2	do.	do. & do.	1.	71.	71.
Temericottah	Capt.n P. C. Depe	One & a half do. of the 1.st & 2.d do.	5	do.		1.	134.	134.
Chintapilly	Lieut.t T. Campbell	Half a Company of the 1.st Batt.n 7.th Regiment N.I.				1.	78.	78.
Casimcottah	Capt.n T. Riddell	Part of Captain Riddle's Revenue Corps				1.	158.	158.
Veragottam	Lt.n Col.o C. Lilande	One Company of the 2.d Batt.n 8.th Reg.t N.I. and additionals				1.	3. 178.	3. 178.
Gopalpilly	Lt.n W. T. Gerard	One Company of the 2.d do. 8.th do.				1.	91.	91.

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Southern Division under the Command of Major General J. Floyd

Head Quarters Trichinopoly

Stations	Officers Commanding	Detail at each Station.	Comp.y Officers	Strength Non Comp.y Present	Total Strength Europ.n	Europ.n Nat.l	Europ.n Nat.l
Trichinopoly	Major Genl. J. Floyd	His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons			18.	372.	
		A Detachment of Royal artillery Horse Lascars and 9 Invd. Artillery			5.	87.	106.
		The 36th Regiment of Foot			24.	659.	
		Seven Companies of the 1st Batt. 2d Reg.t N.t Battn.			10.	3.	839.
		Seven do. of the 1st do. 5 do. do. do.			8.	3.	803.
		A small Detail of the 35th Batt.n N. Infy. 2d Sep.t N. Invalids			75.	1124.	1808.
Tanjore	The Honble. Major	A Detachment of Royal Artillery Horse Lascars and 5 Invalid Artillery			24.	11.	
		The 52d Reg.t of Foot / the Detachments of Battn. Corps /			22.	530.	
		The 36th Batt.n of Native Infantry additionals			4.	3. 783.	557. 802.
Pallamcottah	Major Ch.s Innes	Six Companies of the 1st Batt.n 3d Reg.t N.t Battn. additionals			6.	2. 766.	
		A Detachment of Travancore Troops 3 Invd. Artillery			3.	3. 108.	5. 1174.
Madurah	Lt.Col.o F. Gowdie	Three Companies of the 1st Batt.n 3d Reg.t Native Infantry			3.	331.	
		A Detachment of Travancore Troops 5 Invalid artillery			1.	5. 392.	5. 723.
Tachinore	The Honorable Capt.n Lindsayer	One Troop of the 3d Reg.t of Native Cavalry			2.	1. 78.	1. 78.
Dindigul	Lt.Col.o A. Brown	Seven Companies of the 2d Batt.n 3d Regiment N.I. additionals			3.	3. 843.	
Vellum	Major H. Conran	The 18th Company of Native Invalids 118 Invalid Artillery			18.	91.	21. 934.
Puttacottah	Capt.n C. Pearson	A Detachment of the 52d Reg.t of Foot			2.	169.	169.
Negapatam	Lt. C. Sober	A Detachment of Native Invalids			1.	56.	56.
Nagore	Capt.n W.m Hammond	The 17th Company of Native Invalids			1.	85.	85.
Karical	Lt. S. Crutchley	The 15th D.o of D.o D.o			1.	1. 31.	1. 31.
Tutecorin	Capt.n W.m Dacombe	The 16th do. of do. do.			1.	1. 93.	1. 93.
Mellore	Capt.n Fr.s Kirkhill	A small Native Detail			1.		
Manapar	Capt.n Lt.n Wyllard	A Detachment of Native Infantry from the Garrison of Madurah			1.	65.	65.
Kytar	Capt.n J. Barnes	A Detachment from the 1st Batt.n 2d Reg.t N.I.			1.	52.	52.
		One Company of the 1st Batt.n 3d Reg.t N.t from Pallamcottah			1.	103.	103.

(Signed) Fred.k Pierce
Secretary Military Board. —
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Account of Materials and Number of Workmen that will be Required for Repairing Chillenbrum Gate & Guard Room Conjee House Store Rooms &c. in the Garrison of Cuddalore shewing the Total Expence to be Incurred Cuddalore 29th January 1797.

Chellenbrum Gate.

		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Pension Tres							
Iron	Lb. 50				2		
Carpenters	20				80		
Sawyers	6				24		
Smiths	20				80		
Hammermen	20				40		
Bellows Boys	20				20		
Charcoal & Paddy Husk					25		
	Total				8	17	

Chillinbrum Gate Guard Room

		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Palmiers	3				15		
Reapers	30				35		
" Nails	Lbs. 20				6		
Carpenters	3				12		
Tile	1000				21	60	
Chinnam Pots	10				20		
Cooly hire	"				11		
Jaggery	Lbs. 2½				2	10	
Sand	Bandy Loads 1				2		
Chinnam	Parries 5				7	10	
Bricklayers	15				60		
Coolies	5				5	10	
Boys	10				10		
	Total				5	2	60

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Conjee House

			P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Mango Boards	18 Feet by 1¼		1					
Reapers	15					17	10	
"	Nails lbs	1				3		
Iron for the Doors	dt.	30	1					
Bricks	1000					21	60	
Chinnam	Parries	8				11	10	
"	Pots	5				10		
Tiles	500					11		
Clay	Bandy Loads	1				2		
Sand	dt.	1				2		
Jaggery	Lbs	11				11		
Charcoal & Paddy Husk	"					10		
Cooley hire						16	10	
Bricklayers	15					60		
Coolies	5					10		
Boys	10					10		
Carpenters	6					24		
Smiths	5					20		
Hammermen	5					10		
Bellows Boys	5					5		
Total			7	38	20			

Store Rooms

			P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Chinnam	Parras	5				8		
"	Pots	3				6		
Clay	Bandy loads	1				2		
Sandy	dt.	1				2		
Jaggery	Lbs	2½				2	10	
Cooley hire						2		
Carpenters	2					8		
Bricklayers	10					10		
Coolies	5					10		
Boys	15					15		
Total			2	15	10			

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		P. F. C.
Chillambrum Gate		8. 17. "
" " Guard Room		5. 2. 60.
" Conjee House		7. 38. 20.
Store Rooms		2. 11. 40.
Well Ropes, Lime Rope, Sweepers & Water Pots		" 25. "
	Sum Star Pagodas	24. 30. 40.

Cuddalore 29th January 1797.

(Signed) John Du Pont Lieut.t Colonel Commdt.

(Signed) W. Gent Lieut. Colonel Engrs.

True Copy) Sign.d) Fred. Pierce
Secretary Military Board

Account of Materials and Number of Workmen, that will be required for Repairing the Barracks, Brammanie and Porta Nova Gate Guard Rooms, in the Garrison of Cuddalore, Shewing the Total Expence to be Incurred —— Cuddalore 29th January 1797.

European Invalid Barracks, and Brammanie Gate Guard Room

			P. F. C.	P. F. C.
		10		1. 11. "
Palmeers		150		3. 33. "
Reapers		10		" 30. "
"	Nails	Lbs.		" 7. "
Charcoal & Paddy Husk		3000		1. 21. 60.
Bricks		1000		" 21. 60.
Tiles		60	Pagodas	2. " "
Chinnam		50		" 100. "
"	Pots			" 63. "
Cooley hire				

Carried Forward

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			Pag.s F. C.	Pag.s F. C.
		Brought forward		
Jaggery	Lbs.	30	„30„	„
Clay	Bandy Loads	4	„ 8„	„
Sand	do.	8	„16„	„
Carpenters		20	„80„	„
Bricklayers		200	„200„	„
Coolies		30	„60„	„
Boys		100	„100„	„
Smiths		3	„12„	„
Hammermen		3	„6„	„
Bellows Boys		3	„3„	„
Fires	Lbs.	10	„15„	„
		Total		110. 28 110.

European Invalids and Pensioners Barracks

			P. F. C	P. F. C.
Palmiers		6	„30 110.	
Reapers		50	1„11„	„
„	Nails	Lbs. 3	„9„	„
Bricks		1000	„21„60.	
Chunnam	Parras	15	„21„60.	
„	Pots	30	„60„	„
Jaggery	Lbs.	7½	„7„10.	
Clay	Bandy Loads	4	„8„	„
Sand	do.	3	„6„	„
Bricklayers		80	„320„	„
Coolies		20	„40„	„
Boys		50	„50„	„
Cooley hire		„	„20„	„
		Total	15„17„10.	

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Sepoy Barracks

			P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Palmiers		18	2	"	"			
Reapers		500	12	21	60			
" Nails	Lbs.	38	2	27	"			
Large do.	do.	3½	"	9	"			
Carpenters		20	"	80	"			
Bricks		2000	1	"	"			
Tiles		2000	1	"	"			
Cooley hire		"	"	36	"			
Chinnam	Parries	15	"	21	60			
Pots		30	"	60	"			
Cooley hire		"	"	11	"			
Clay	Bandy Loads	2	"	4	"			
Sand	do.	2	"	4	"			
Jaggery	Lbs.	7½	"	7	40			
Brick layers		54	"	216	"			
Coolies		20	"	40	"			
Boys		55	"	55	"			
			Total			32	5	"

Porta nova Gate Guard Room

			P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Reapers		15	"	17	40			
" Nails	Lbs.	2	"	6	"			
Carpenters		2	"	8	"			
Chinnam	Parries	10	"	15	"			
" Pots		10	"	20	"			
Tiles		1000	"	21	60			
Bricks		2000	1	"	"			
Cooley hire		"	"	32	"			
Jaggery	Lbs.	5	"	5	"			
Clay	Bandy Loads	2	"	4	"			
Bricklayers		32	"	128	"			
Coolies		5	"	10	"			
Boys		24	"	24	"			
			Total			7	39	20

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	Pags Fs. C.
European Invalid Barracks & Bramonary Gate Guard Room	110. 28. 10.
" " and Pensioners Barracks	15. 17. 10.
Sepoy Barracks	32. 5. -
Porta Nova Gate Guard Room	7. 39. 20.
Sum Star Pagodas	96. 6. 20.

N.B. No Doors or Window Shutters to any of the Barracks.

(Signed) John Du Pont
Lt. Colonel Commandt.

Cuddalore
29th January 1797.

(Signed) W. Gent Lieut. Col. Engrs.

(True Copy)
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secretary Military Board.

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13th February 1797

(Signed)
Fred. Pierce
Secretary Military Board.

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board.—

Ordered that the plans and Statements inclosed in the foregoing letter be sent to the Governor General in Council of Bengal in conformity with his directions of 31st March 1794.—

Resolved to direct that the repairs required

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required at Cuddalore amounting to Star Pags. 120..16..60. to be executed agreably to the recommendation of the Military Board. ~ In consideration of the favorable ~ circumstances, which the Military Board have stated, and if the known Zeal of Major Dallas for the Public Service, Resolved that he be Permitted to draw the ~ usual Monthly allowance for the repair of accoutrements from the 1st December last. ~

Read the following letters from the ~ Commandant at Amboor. ~

To W.C. Jackson Esq.r

Secretary in the Military & Political Departments of Council Fort St. George

Sir In confirmation and in addition, to ~ what I have lately had the honor of communicating through you, to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, ~ respecting the Plundering, both above & below the Ghauts, I have now the honor to submitting the enclosed Copies of Letters, which I received from the two principal Poligars ~

From the Commandant at Amboor respecting the Inroads made by Bejaja Temmapah into Tippoo's Country & the protection afforded him by the Comasfully Poligar. thinks every endeavour should be made to effect the discovery & restoration of the plundered ~ Property, as a means to prevent retaliation on the part of Tippoo's Subjects. ~

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Poligars who are said never to have been concerned in those practises & to whom I had sent for information.

The Paper marked No. 1 is from the Poligar of Cadapanattum & No. 2 from the Patticondah-Man, both being under his Highness the Nabob & on the Borders above the Gauts. They all pointedly lay much blame, upon the Colonas pilly Man, who is also under his Highness; but who lately has not returned any answers, to orders sent him from the Cutcherry of this place. That he has given protection to the fugitive Plunderer, called Bishop Tummaya, in the inclosed Tummiya or Tumana in my former Letters, seems plainly evident, as well as his having received and assisted in taking the late plundered property from the Sultan's Districts of Madanapilly & I should suppose that to prevent the Detachments said to be on the Borders from attempting to make reprisals it will be necessary to endeavour at restoring the plundered property, as far as can be done, also if possible, to deliver up, once more, the Fugitive Poligar said to be

to

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at present under the protection of the Colonel Pilly Man, whom His Highness ought to dispossess of his present lands.—

The Paper No. 3 is a Copy of the reply which I sent to the Palliconda Poligar's Letter No. 2.— I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) A. Macpherson
Lt. Colo. Comg. Amboor
the 1st. of March 1797.—

Translation of a Gentoo Letter from Timmiah Gowdo of Bieraddy Pullay To Mahomed Hussane Saib Commodant Dated 18th. Mausee or 26th. February 1797.— I received your letter and understood its Contents, you say, that the Colonel desired to enquire into the particulars of the hostilities committed in the Villages of Caughietiebonda, Murra &c. near Madala-pulla in the District of Gorum Conda, and make a report— It is very true, the Villages were plundered, that Chunnamanaugodo the Poligar of Madalapulla, who

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who proved refractory to the Circar, came to Maudu-
Bundu a Village Dependant on the District of
Coolamachanapulla, joined Bejja Tumma, collected
a great Number of Robbers, proceeded and plundered
the Villages of Caugheeta Conda Murra &c.a and
carried away the Property such as Jewels, Money,
Womens Wearing Apparells also Cattles. The Circar
there (Supposed Tippoo Sultaun's) came to the
knowledge of this matter and prepared some Troops
consisting Sepoys and Peons at Gorumconda, The
party of 500 Sepoys with 2 Guns also some Peons
that were Stationed near Melvaugul came and
encamped yesterday near Gundo Cundee in the
District of Punganoore on the Borders of our
Country, to join the Troops expected from Gorum
Conda to Form a Detachment and then proceed
against Coolamachenapulla, I received Intelligence
that their Intention is to Plunder the District
of the Circar, whose Inhabitants entertain alarm
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at the encampment of the Troops there, The People of Putticondah had no concern in this hostility The Polygar of Putticonda immediately on hearing the above Hostilities, wrote to Maharally Cawn Saib; when I went to pay a visit to the Colonel, he has been pleased to enquire, who and where are those Robbers that came at Night and plundered the Villages below the Ghaut; some of the Robbers were seized and imprisoned at Cadapanatum, they Declared, that they and other Robbers of the District of Gungoondy - also Chaurgul, Mulvagul, Coochoopunda Kistnaporam of Peddanaigs Durgum under Vencatagherry and those of Cadapanatum, Palamanary Colamachinapulla &c.a, Baingaroo Polliam, have plundered the Villages below the Ghauts I hope you will represent all these Circumstances to the Colonel - This is the present posture of affairs -

A true Translation

(Signed) Anna Sawmy

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Translation of a Gentoo Letter from Timmaah Naidoo Son of Rangapah Naidoo of Puttecondah.

To Colonel Macpherson

That Chinna Nayodo Polagar of Goondapulla under the District of Madalapulla Dependant on Gorumconda became refractory and took Shelter at the Village called Maudee Beendee in the District of Coolamachenapulla, joined Bessa Timma and other Mutineers, collected about 5 or 600 Men proceeded and committed hostilities in the Villages of Conda Mutta by having cut down the Inhabitants, plundered the Property, such as Cattles, Womens wearing Apparells &c.a and returned to Coolamachenapulla, with the Prize through the District of Palamanaroo. The People of Coolamachenapulla assisted the said Bessa Timma, Chennamanaga and others, and caused the Villages of Gorumcondah to be plundered, The Amuldar of Madalapulla Wrote to Gorumconda, complaining about the above hostilities and expect some Troops from thence, and on its arrival, he is to proceed with four

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Four or 5000 Men to encamp on the Borders of the Country, I received accounts likewise that a party of some Troops, with two Guns came from Colar and encamped near Goondocul in the District of Punganoor to join the Troops expected from Gorumconda, and then proceed to commit hostilities in all parts of the Districts of Palamanaroo, and Cudapanatam belonging to our Circar, and to punish the People of Colamachenapulla for having assisted the Mutineers. I communicated this matter by a letter to Maharally Caun Sahib and now write for your information. The People of Coolamachenapulla having assisted the Rebels to enable them to act in the manner aforesaid, so as to bring a distruction to the Districts belonging to our Circar. I received Intelligence that Troops are expected from Gorumconda for this purpose, my Conduct is well known to Maharally Caun, I never had any concern with such an improper behaviour, I am ready to act in obdience to the Circar. The People at Coolamachanapulla gave assistance to my Enemys with a view of bring a scrape upon me, I received lately a letter from Nezamudahmud Caun, Bohoder at Arcot, desiring

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desiring me to Punish Bissa Tumma, and others, and to seize and deliver them over to Meer Ebram Buckshee, who came with Troops from Sultani, and to join the said Buckshee for Punishing the Offenders, I assisted him accordingly by having employed Emissaries when Bissa Tumma was at Tumba, so as to enable him to proceed against them, but the said Tumma, Bissa made his escape, since which I understood he entertains a resentment against me, and assisted my Enemys with a view of attacking my Pollam once — for no other reason than my having acted against him in obedience to the Circars order — if I have your Protection and that of the Circar I need not fear for such an Enemy — I hope you will dispose me favorably. —

I refer you to the letter of Bieraddy Timmia Gondoo addressed to Comondant the day before Yesterday in answer to yours — respecting the hostilities committed in the Villages of Conda Mutta — The People of Coolamachenapulla encourage the Mutineers and prove themselves thus Troublesome — I write this for your

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Information — as for other Matter I refer you to Latour Saib's representation. — you will consider this Matter and write to me what is to be done on the occasion. —

A true Translation

(Signed) Anna Sawmy

Interpr. —

Translation of a Gentoo Letter from Colonel Macpherson To Timmapah Naig of Putteconda, Dated 21 Mausie or 1st March 1797. —

I received your letter of yesterday's date and observed the Contents fully, which I have forwarded to the Right Honble the Governor at Madras and as soon as an Answer may be received on the Subject, I shall summon both of you and do what is needfull on the occasion. — Consider this and write to me frequently respecting the affairs there. — Compliments

a true Translation

(Signed) Anna Sawmy

Interpr.

To Josias Webb Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt

From the Command ant at Amboor — requests instructions relative to the Subsistence of the plunderers who

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who have already been & may hereafter be apprehended. ~

receipt of your Letter of the 3d. Instant, communicating the Orders of the Right Honorable the President in Council, for my taking under the charge of my Guards, the six Prisoners, mentioned in my Letter of the 23d. Ultimo, as in the Custody of the Nabob's People, which shall be duly conformed to & I have to solicit information, respecting the mode of their being subsisted, likewise whether such as may be hereafter apprehended of the same description, are to be kept by me in the same manner.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

the 6th. of March 1797. ~

(Signed) A. Macpherson
Lt. Colo. Comg. at Amboor

Read also the following Letter from

his Highness the Nabob (entered also in Cc. No. 25). ~

Translation of a Letter

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

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 4th. March 1797. ~
Received ... Do. ... Do. ~

From the Nabob sends orders to his Naib at Amboor Meer Ali Khaun to cooperate with Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson towards

Your Lordship's Letter of the 25th.

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towards the restoration of Tranquility on the Borders. —

25th Ultimo, stating that disturbances have again been raised by Timmah, in conjunction with Bispah, in the Territories of the Nawaub Teepoo Sultan, and that the Polygar of Comaspilly, a dependant of the Sirkar, gives him encouragement, and participates in the spoils, — I have received, with Copy of a Letter from the Company's Officer stationed at Amboor, containing the particulars of these circumstances, and I fully understand the Contents.

On the 19th of last Month I wrote your Lordship that Timmah had been liberated, and from the Balaghat had made an irruption into the — Districts of the Nawaub Teepoo Sultan: — The release of this Man was an impolitic measure. — Seeing the necessity of the Case, for the tranquility of the Country, I repeatedly urged your Lordship on the subject of — punishing the Magraul, and other refractory Polygars, had this been done, it would have detered other Depredators —

However, as tranquillity is our — wish, I have, agreeably to your Lordship's desire, directed Mahir Ali Khan, the Naib of Amboor to accompany

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson to Cuddapanattam or to Pulmanair, and by a personal communication with the Sultaun's people, to endeavour to allay the disorders, - to punish the Polygar of Colmaspilly, and prevent him from aiding and encouraging Timmah - your ~ Lordship will also issue positive orders to the Colonel, to use all his exertions, in conjunction with the said Khan, to suppress the Enormities of Timmah, so that these disorders may be entirely quelled. ~

~What can I write more.[2]

(Signed) A. Falconar
Pr. Fr. to Govr. ~

Minute upon the foregoing Subject. ~

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing letter from his Highness, which explains the orders issued to the Nail at Amboor, be transmitted to the Commandant, and the Board trust that by the joint exertions of Lieutenant Colonel Mac[illegible]on and Mahor Alley Khan the disturbances on the Borders will be suppressed and the plunderers punished. ~

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General. ~

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord

I have the honor to lay before your

From the Military Auditor General desires Instructions relative to a retrenchment made on the accounts of the Paymaster at Masulipatam of Head Surgeons allowances drawn by Mr Watson altho' absent from his Station upon the express Condition that the allowances of Head Surgeon were to be drawn by the Person doing the duty, during his absence.

Lordship, at the request of Mr Acting Paymaster Corbett, the following circumstances regarding a Retrenchment from his Disbursements, of the difference between the allowances of Surgeon & Head Surgeon, drawn by Mr Alexander Watson during the time he has resided at Palamcottah with the leave of Government, and Mr Alexander Anderson ordered to Perform the duties of Head Surgeon at Masulipatam in his absence.

In the Audit of the Masulipatnam Disbursements from February to October 1796 inclusive, the Pay of a Head Surgeon was included and passed on account of Mr Watson, in consequence of his having been promoted to that rank, but, on the receipt of the Resolution of Government, forwarded to my Office on the 16th Novem-ber 1796, which directs," That as Mr Watson was "permitted to remain at Palamcottah for Three Months

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"for the Adjustment of his private Concerns, he cannot be "Entitled to the allowance of a Head Surgeon until he arrives at his Station."— a Retrenchment upon Re-Audit became immediately necessary, when no time was lost in forwarding it to the acting Paymaster for the information of the party concerned.— I trust it will appear from the enclosed Extract of my Letter to Mr. Watson dated 26th December 1796, in reply to his address of the 18th of the same Month, that I clearly Stated the grounds upon which the Retrenchment was made, and also from what cause the delay in his not being Furnished with the Objections to his Charges, had proceeded, and as the Orders of Government under date the 3d April 1792 establishing the new System of Military Accounts, direct, that Retrench-ments be made upon Re Audit, in all cases where unauthorized Charges may have escaped Notice on Audit, or where an Order or resolution of Government may have a retrospective operation, the allowances of Mr. Watson accordingly fell to be retrenched under the Resolution of Government before mentioned, which is further confirmed by

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by a subsequent observation on the Proceedings of the Medical Board, under date the 29th November last, which expressly debars Mr. Watson from drawing the Pay and allowances of a Head Surgeon untill his arrival at Masulipatam.

The imputation of neglect as noticed in Mr. Watson's letter of the 13th January 1797, of which I have the honor to enclose a Copy, cannot apply to my Office, from what has been already Stated, and as Mr. acting Paymaster Corbett observes in his letter to me dated the 9th Ultimo of which a Copy is likewise enclosed, that he is deprived of the means of recovering the Retrenchment, amounting to one Thousand, two hundred and Seventy two Pagodas — Six Fanams and Twenty four Cash, in consequence of Mr. Watson's having lately discontinued drawing Pay from his Office, I beg leave to request the Decision of Your Lordship in Council on the Steps that it may be proper to adopt, in order to indemnify the acting Paymaster, who, agreeably to the Regulations of the Service, is ultimately held responsible for the Money thus Retrenched from his Disbursements.

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud. Genl.
Major

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Major General Wm. Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of the 18th of November last, containing an Account of Sums, formerly Admitted now retrenched on Reandit in my Account for the Months of February, March, April, May, June, July, and August 1796, and subsequent Months being pay drawn by Mr. Head Surgeon Watson during those Months Amounting in all to Pagodas 881 f. 27 c. 24 which Sum you inform me the Military Paymaster General has been desired to debit me. —

I must take the liberty of observing there was nothing irregular on my part I conceive in paying Head Surgeon Watson his allowance agreeable to the regulations of Government, as must appear by its having past Audit for so many Months, but Government having thought proper to make an alteration in

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in the same, & order a Refund. I humbly conceive they should in this instance look to the Individual & not the Paymaster, more especially when they are informed that the Paymaster is deprived of the means of collecting the same as Doctor Watson from the period of his having intimation of the refund has discontinued to draw his pay in this district — I hope the above explanation will be deemed sufficient by you for the Sum alluded to, not being brought to account at the end of the official quarter & that the Paymaster General be in consequence directed to strike off the debit. —

I have the honor to forward you — inclosed Mr. Head Surgeon Watson's answer & request you will be pleased as soon as convenient to take the circumstance under your Consideration & inform me how it is to be arranged. —

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Vin.o Corbett
act.g Paym.r

Masulipatam
9th February 1797. —

(True Copy)
(Sig.d) Pat. Bruce
Ass.t M.r A.G.l

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Vin.t Corbett Esq.re

Military Paymaster

Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor of your Letter of the 26.th Ultimo, in which you transmit me, "the Military "Auditor Generals Remarks upon my Charges, in the "Months of February, March, April, May, June, July, "and August 1796 — and request that I will immediately "Refund the Amount of the Stoppages, or they will be "made from the ensuing Payments, agreeable to General Orders." — In reply to the above, I have to remark — that, no Audit or Reaudit on my Charges was ever furnished me, agreeable to a Standing rule in the Service by which no Refund on any Charge can justly be ordered, untill an Audit has been received, and unsatisfactorily answered by the Person Concerned. — This circumstance involves a neglect of Duty some where, & wherever it may be found, is not to me material,

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since, having thro that, had no opportunity before of defending my own Cause, I humbly Conceive that, I am now justly entitled to be heard prior to any decision being given upon it – The Retrenchment of my Salary was occasioned by a Minute of the Hospital Board – (a Copy which I shall enclose) approved by Government, the meaning of which, appears to me to have been confined solely to the Extra allowances of the Station, and by no means Comprehend the Salary or Pay of the Rank, and having officially addressed the Hospital Board on the Subject, untill favored with their Reply, I cannot say any thing more decisive in Answer to your letter –

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Palamcotah
13th January 1797 –

(Signed) Alex.r Watson
Head Surgeon

(True Copy)
(Sig.d) Pat. Bruce
Ass.t M.A.G.l

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Major Genral W. Sydenham Military Auditor General to Mr. Alexander Watson Head Surgeon, Dated 26th. December 1796.

I have received your Letter of the 18th. enclosing Copy of a Private Communication from Masulipatam, on the subject of a Retrenchment of your Salary which had been made in consequence of a Resolution of Government, a Copy of which I have the honor to enclose to shew, that I should have been guilty of an unpardonable Neglect of Duty, had I acted otherwise, than I have done, and that the delay of the Retrenchment proceeded from my not having been furnished with that Resolution, until the 16th. November last.

(True Extract)

(Signed) Pat. Bruce
Asst. Mr. Genl.

Resolved in consequence of the foregoing letter that a positive order be sent to Mr. Watson requiring to reimburse the Paymaster at Masulipatam in

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in the Amount of the Retrenchment made by the Military Auditor General on the Scrutiny of his accounts.

Read the following report of the Medical Board.

Resolutions of Government in Council 8th March 1797.

From the Medical Board. Mr. Gahagan requests Permission to return to England hopes his long and faithful Services will be properly noticed. Mr. Gilmour recommended to do duty at Attoor Tiagar. Mr. Humpage at the General Hospital Mr. Johnston with the 3d Regiment of Native Infantry Mr. King at Dindigul & Mr. Brydie the 2nd Battalion 2nd Regiment of Native Infantry. Mr. Connell requests an Allowance for the Time he was on Duty on board the Orpheus Frigate.

Permission granted.

The Board will make favorable mention of Mr. Gahagan's Services to the Court of Directors.

Medical Board
27th February 1797.

We have the honor to forward a Letter addressed by Mr. Gahagan, Head Surgeon, to the Right Honble the President in Council, requesting permission to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his health which has been much impaired by a Residence of near Thirty Years in this Country.

We trust Government, in complying with Mr. Gahagan's request, will be pleased to make favorable mention to the Honble the Court of Directors of his very long and Zealous Services; and that they will otherwise shew

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Shew him such indulgence as his Character and conduct justly merit. ~

Approved. ~

The Commanding ~ Officer in the Ceded Districts having represented that a fever prevails amongst the Troops ~ Stationed at Attore, from ~ whence the Medical Staff has been lately withdrawn, we recommend that Mr. James Gilmour Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to do duty at the Garrisons of Attore and ~ Tiagar until further orders. ~

Approved. ~

From the great number of Sick sent into the Presidency General Hospital from his ~ Majesty's Navy and the 80th Regiment of Foot, we find it necessary to recommend that Mr. Benjamin Kempage ~ Assistant Surgeon under orders for the 2nd Battalion of the ~ 3d

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3rd Native Regiment, be detained there, and directed to do duty at the General Hospital until further Orders. —

Messrs. James Johnstone and John King, Surgeons, having expressed a mutual wish to exchange Stations and solicited us to apply to Government for the indulgence; — We Recommend that their request be complied with; and that Mr. James Johnston be inconsequance appointed to the 3rd Regiment of Native Infantry, and Mr. John King to the Garrison of Dindegul, —

Approved.

In our Proceedings of the 9th of January — We recommended to Ordered that Mr. Connell be allowed fifty Pagodas for his extra trouble on the consideration of Government the board the Orphans. — case of Mr. Connell, Assistant Surgeon upon his having been directed to accompany Captain Newcome on a Cruise, — and We now have the honor

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honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from him on the same Subject.—

Mr. Brydie having been admitted on the Establishment we expect our recommendation that he be appointed to do duty with the 2d. Battalion of the 2d. Regiment of Native Infantry.—

Approved.—

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General

(Signed) Colley L. Lucas
Ch. Surgeon.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

President in Council, & Governor of
Fort St. George

My Lord,

I hope this letter will be accompanied with an application from the Hospital Board, in behalf of my being permitted to proceed to Europe, for the benefit of my Health, which is at present in a very inferior State; and having a very Numerous Family in Charge, who are anxiously, looking up to me for support, the restoration

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of my health is a very material Consideration to them & me;
especially as I am at present unpossessed with the Means of
leaving them independently settled, should any serious accident
happen to me, it having been my lot to be always engaged
in the discharge of my professional Duty, which denied
me any opportunity of turning my mind to any other
Pursuit; and after a faithful Service of near thirty Years,
with an unblemished Character both in a private and
public Capacity, including Nine Years as Head Surgeon to
One of your Principal General Hospitals, I hope your
Lordship will not deem it unreasonable in me at this
period of my life, to request that you will be pleased
to make mention of me to the Honorable the Court of
Directors in such a manner as you may be pleased to
think my Character & Conduct may have appeared
deserving; and that your Lordship will have the goodness
to grant me such reasonable indulgencies as your Superior
Opinion may suggest, in order to enable me to seek health
with comfort to myself, under an impression of that
gratitude

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gratitude & Credit which I ever wish to retain for my Honorable employers, in whose Service I have passed the Prime of life.

I beg leave to conclude, by assuring Your Lordship that it is my intention to return to my Duty, whenever my health may be re-established.

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) T. Cahagan
Head Surgeon

February the 27th 1797.

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

Gentlemen,

Being ordered on the 5th January last on board His Majesty's Ship Orpheus to do duty there as Surgeon, & attend on Captain Newcome Commanding the said Ship on a Cruise to & from Bengal, and being absent 35 Days and put to considerable expence thereby, I hope that on your representation to Government to be allowed Surgeon's Pay and Batta for extra Service during the above time.

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

(Signed) Arthur Connd

Fort St. George
18th February 1797.

(a true Copy)
(Sign.d) V. Conolly Sec.y to Med.l Board

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Read the following letter from Captain Long.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor & President in Council

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

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My Lord,

From Captain Long requesting permission to proceed to England on three Years furlough.

Finding it absolutely necessary to proceed to Europe on one of the Ships of the present season in order to adjust my Private Concerns, I hope your Lordship will have no objection to grant me the Indulgence specified in the General Orders of Government under date the 29th of December 1795 Viz three Years leave of absence without prejudice to my Rank or Pay during that period.

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

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28th February 1797.

(Signed) J. Long

Capt.a 1.st Reg.t N.I.

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Resolved that Captain Long be permitted to proceed

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Proceeds to England on furlough for the adjustment of his private affairs.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

Major General Clarke

Commander in Chief on the Coast

Sir,

From the Chief Engineer recommending that Mr. William Ravenshaw be appointed to the Engineer Corps.

I have the honor to lay before you a Plan Copied by Mr. William Ravenshaw, who by Certificates from the Professors of Mathematicks and Fortifications at Woolwich, I find, has Studied to advantage under them, and appears to be well Qualified for the Corps of Engineers to which I beg leave to recommend him.

I have the honor to be

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&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer &c.

Mr. Ravenshaw appointed an Ensign of Engineers.

Resolved that Mr. William Ravenshaw be admitted an Ensign of Engineers.

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Messrs. Henry Mount & Laurence Goodall Cadets admitted Ensigns of Infantry.—

The Secretary reports the Arrival of—

Messrs. Henry Mount and Laurence Goodall Cadets for this establishment: Ordered accordingly that they be—admitted Ensigns of Infantry.—

President informs the Board of the—Correspondence he has been carrying on with General Brathwaite on the subject of sending to England a considerable proportion of the French Officers at Pondicherry & that the whole—will be brought on record at a future period.—

The President informs the Board that he has, for some time, been in Correspondence with the Commanding Officer at Pondicherry upon the subject of the French Officers whom his Lordship has found it advisable to have narrowly watched. The result of General Brathwaite's letters (which it is the Presidents intention to enter upon the Records at a future period) has left him no doubt as to the Propriety of sending a considerable proportion of the Prisoners to Europe, lest want or enterprize should derive them into the Service of the Country powers: his Lordship therefore lays before the Board the following list of Prisoners, with a description of their situation, at present, and the remarks of General Brathwaite Annexed as to their future probable views in this Country.— List

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The President lays before the Board a List of the whole of the Officers at Pondicherry with their Characters as described by Major General Braithwaite.

List of the French Officers, Prisoners of War, at, or Belonging to Pondicherry.

Chermont, Colonel } Of the Regiment of the Isle of France, and late Governor of Pondicherry. This Officer must be so well known to your Lordship that it is scarce necessary for me to say - that the prospect he has before him is I fear very Melancholy, but that I do not think it likely that he will ever engage in the Service of any of the Country Powers. -

Artillery & Officers attached to that Corps.

Buzelet, Captain } A Man of desperate Character and fortune, violently democratical in his Principles - and ready to engage in any thing new. I do not hear him spoken of as a man of any particular professional merit he is a native of France and Unmarried. -

Desvaux Captain } An Officer of Extraordinary professional merit fully up to every branch of his department - Skilled in all the Country languages - loves to live much after the manner of the Natives and would certainly seize the first offer to engage in the Service of any of the Country Powers that held out terms to gratify his avarice or ambition. a Native of France not married. -

St. Quantin, Captain } A very able and respectable Officer - Married to an Agreable Woman and having Children - but I know that the melancholy prospect before him has induced him to turn his views

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views to the Country Service, when Peace shall deprive him of his present Subsistence — he has Corresponded with Monsieur Raymond to that end — he is a staunch Loyalist, and a Native of France. —

Dugenot Capt. — A Man very little known — in principle a democrate — but he keeps — himself so to himself that his designs are not known he would wish I believe to serve the republic if it Exists — but want of Employ may lead him into the Service of any of the Country Powers — a Native of France — unmarried, rose from the ranks. —

Forment Captain } An Officer well educated in his profession, has been much employed both in Civil and Military Employs — is now of a Certain Age, very Corpulent and having a family and some property, has taken quite a Commercial turn, I do not believe he means to continue in the Military line in any Service. he seems to wish to settle at Madras after the Peace, if the republick is confirmed, being a loyalist — he is a Native of France. —

Le Brun } a Man of low Character and violent democratical principles, —
Lieutenant } and of sufficient parts and energy to be mischievous, and likely

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likely to engage with any Country Power, a Native of France and unmarried. ~

Des Jardins Lieutenant. } Much such another as the above. a well made active and Turbulent Man a Native of France Married to an half Cast Woman. ~

Jeannel Ensign..... } Was an hanger on in the Ordnance department Commissioned only a little before the Seige, has made a little Money and is very likely to engage in the Service of any Country Power and would be usefull in regulating their train of Artillery a Strong democrate. a Native of France unmarried. ~

Giguil..Ditto..Much such as the above a Native of France unmarried. ~

Darron Ditto. Much such as the above a Native of France unmarried. ~

Roger...Ditto. Was, and is still though Commissioned, an excellent Carpenter he understands well all that branch of the Ordinance department a Democrate a Native of France married to an half Cast woman and has Children. ~

Sartiges an Ensign de Vaisseau in the Royal Navy, who did duty as a Captain of Artillery during the late Seige of Pondicherry a Staunch loyalist had good connections in France who have either ~ emigrated or been guillotined when distress may do there is no saying and nothing but distress would carry him into the Service of any Country Power, a Native of France unmarried. ~

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A Lieut.t in the Sist St. Croix } A Sea Officer who did duty as an Ensign of Artillery during the late Seige. – this Officer under another Name has Corresponded with Mons.r Raymond with a view of getting Employed after the Peace, a Native of France unmarried. ~

Marchand Captain } of Engineers. a Man of Sense and professional knowledge, and of property here, where I think he would wish to stay – I do not think he would like to take Service with any Country Power – And I believe would like much to be employed here as an Agent for any one of them – and he would be a very ~ usefull one, leans to democracy, but professes loyalty and being a sensible man is cautious and Moderate. born in Pondicherry not married, but has a Woman and several Children. ~

Mare Ensign of Engineers an Officer of Professional reputation but generally deranged in his mind, and always very eccentrick in his ~ manner. a Native of France unmarried. ~

The Regiment of Infantry Servans dans l'Inde.

Touffreville Colonel } Commanding, a most respectable Officer, posesing a Strong judgement and much energy – a Staunch loyalist – nothing I believe but distress would lead him into the Service of the Country

Country Powers, being haughty and unaccommodating in his temper, a Native of France, married to an European Lady but has no Children. —

D'Espinasse 1st. Lt. Colonel } A good Officer, both in the Engineer and Infantry departments of a Capricious discontented Temper — a Staunch loyalist — would rather Serve the devil, if serve he must, than the republick. a Native of France unmarried. —

De Maisonneuve 2d. Lt. Colonel } A Man of a certain Age — married to a Widow who had — property here and some Children — and by whom he has children a very unlikely man ever to enter into the Country Service, a loyalist. a Native of France. —

D'Adonville Captain, ... } A Worthy good Man — and a Man of letters — but possessing no great turn for his profession, or any energy of Character — a loyalist a Native of France unmarried. —

Thevenin Ditto — Married and having some property — I think now rather too far advanced in life to speculate in any new Service — he is however an Active Man, and a loyalist. a Native of France, married to an European Lady — but has no Children. —

La Motte Colas Ditto ..... } Has some property at the Islands — where if he is to be believed he wishes and means after a peace to pass his days in tranquillity — a loyalist — a Native of France, and unmarried. —

Parisot

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Parisot Captain Married Unknown to me he has allways resided at
Negapatam and as I have never heard his Name mentioned I
judge him to be an harmless man without any decided Character.
a Native of France, has no Children. —

St. Michiel Ditto An active healthy good Officer a single Man well spoken of.
one that has Corresponded with Raymond, and certainly looks
to be Employed with some of the Country Powers after the
peace, a loyalist a Native of France unmarried. —

Degrenier ditto An elderly Man married and with a large family of no
energy or Character and not likely to speculate; whatever his
distress may be, he is a loyalist, and a Native of France. —

Terron Captain of the Regiment Servans dans l'Inde. —
An active Man Resides at Carrical a loyalist and very
likely to engage in the Service of any of the Country Powers
a Native of France married to a Country born Lady but
has no Children. —

Dulaurent Jun. ditto a democriate well known to Major Allen was taken
in the Baramahall returning from a deputation to Tippoo,
with whom he certainly wishes to serve a Brother of Madam
Cheling at Madras. born at Pondicherry unmarried. —

Dulaurent

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Dulaurent Junr. Ditto Possess dispositions like his Brother above mentioned, but not half his parts or energy of Character, born at Pondicherry unmarried.

La Salle Marchaux, ditto An Officer who understands Arabick and Persian but who is Consumptive and feeble his Numerous Connections here and at the Islands and is much esteemed, his view is after the Peace to sail about from Port to Port in a small Vessel to prolong his life and procure the means of support, born in Pondicherry unmarried.

De Vallieux, ditto, a Worthy Man a good Officer and staunch loyalist he seems to hold the Service of the Country powers in as great abhorrence as that of the republic nothing but the last necessity will prevail on him to serve either a Native of France unmarried.

Lafrus ditto A loyalist has his fortune to seek and being without Connections is very likely to look for Service in the Country, a Native of France unmarried.

Parisot Laine ditto A Sensible active loyalist much Circumstances as the foregoing Officer a Native of France and unmarried.

Parisot Cadet ditto Much like his Brother with less parts and energy, a Native of France unmarried.

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Le Vasor ditto Man of low character — never seen by any body and — Supposed to make Money by the Clandestine Sale of Spirits in the black Town where they live — scarcely ever seen by Francourt ditto any European — both Natives of France and unmarried. —

Charles Lieutenant A good and active Soldier — a loyalist, has his fortune to Seek and is likely to push in when he can, a Native of France unmarried. —

Gardet Ditto ... Much such another — has been in the Service of the King of Travancore, but I have heard him say he would rather be a Conductor in our Service than an Officer with any Country Power. a Native of France unmarried. —

Des Jardins ditto A Creole of the Island of Bourbon — professes to be a loyalist, but is in fact nothing at all — he could neither be usefull to a Country power, or dangerous to us if he — served with any. —

Serrade Ditto A Sensible Worthy young Officer — speaks good English has some Property and Connections — his wish seems to be to settle with the English in any mode that may be practicable. a loyalist, born at Pondicherry. —

De Maisonneuve

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De Maisonneuve Junior Lieutenant in the Regiment Servans dans L'Inde
Son of the Lieutenant Colonel of the same Name not likely to
go into the Service of any Country power if he can be
otherwise maintained, born at Pondicherry and unmarried.

Mathieu Lieutenant Risen from the ranks of desperate fortune and turbulent
disposition a rank democrate. a Native of France un-
married. ~

in the List a Captain
Degonet, ... Ditto just such as the above a Native of France unmarried. ~

Wilmand ditto Just such as the above a Native of France unmarried. ~

Gilbert ditto Just such as the above a Native of France unmarried. ~

Kerveguen ditto Just such as the above a Native of France unmarried. ~

Dubourbeck ditto a Man of good Connections in France, of good manners
and Character, but without means he would prefer any
European Service to that of any Country power when
distress may lead him to them is no saying a Native
of France unmarried. ~

Courson ditto a Staunch loyalist a wild Indiscreet young Man, will
be guided by his Uncle the Navy Officer at present ~
pensioned by the Company and well known to your
Lordship, a Native of France unmarried. ~

Larcher

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Larcher Lieutenant in the Regiment Servans dans L'Inde.
a good for nothing idle boy who will never look for or get employ
when he lives what he has got, born in Pondicherry unmarried.~

Germain ditto a Stupid heavy Creole Son of a Widow here who has property
in this place where he don was not borne and which with
his own good will he never would leave unmarried.~

Froment ditto Son of the Captain of Artillery a mere nothing must be
whatever his Father will make him his Father has too
much Sense to expect to make an Officer of him in any
Service. born in Pondicherry unmarried.~

Le Febure ditto a Worthy young Man Speaks good English a Slaunch.~
loyalist, Studious, and of good manner would prefer
being with the English if practicable has an uncle in
Cochin China a Priest who has a little property I think
in distress he would seek refuge with him rather than enter
the Service of any of the Country Powers, a Native of Tranq
and unmarried.~

Durrup Ensign a low character, of little consequence, a democrate, born
in Pondicherry unmarried.~

Durhone Ditto Such another character but a loyalist, born in Pondichery
unmarried.~

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Le Sueg Ensign in the Regiment Servians dans L'Inde

Risen from the rank - a democrate - an Active Man very likely to enter into the Country Service. a Native of France married to an half Cast Woman. -

Arnauld ditto Risen from the ranks - much like the above - except that he is the single instance of a loyalist included in the letter from others, a native of France and unmarried. -

Morette, ditto - Risen from the ranks an active turbulent democrate. a Native of France and unmarried. -

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La Salle ditto just such another, a Native of France and unmarried. -

Desgois, ditto Just such another, a Native of France and unmarried. -

Giordon, ditto Just such another, a Native of France and unmarried. -

Bouchi ditto Just such another, a Native of France and unmarried. -

Joannes ditto Just such another, a Native of France and unmarried. -

Colinet ditto Just such another, a Native of France and unmarried. -

Gatty - ditto Just such another, a Native of France and unmarried. -

Echeman ditto Just such another, a Native of France and unmarried. -

Heros ditto Just such another, a Native of France and unmarried. -

To set;

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The Sepoy Corps.~

Tofsel, 2d Lt. Colonel, Well known to your Lordship – an Active intelligent Man – a loyalist or republican as may best suit his purpose I believe; a Bride – and one who certainly – wishes to serve with some Country Power – has a Wife and two Children – and his Wife's Mother living with him.~

D'Egmont, Captain } Was a Serjeant – a Modest inoffensive Man – a loyalist – but one that has no Means of living but his profession – married but separated from his Wife has one Child with him.~

Hayen, Ditto – Was also once a Serjeant – rose from his merit, was a Chevalier de St. Louis's of respectable manners and Character but like the rest poor. Native of France unmarried.~

Kerrusee, Ditto – Has been long in the Country – has served with some of the Country Powers many Years ago – has made Money – has many Children is now a proper usurer – his Whole time being employed in lending small Sums to black Men – neither Loyalist or democrate – Cares for nothing but Money a Widower and a Native of France.~

La Tour, Captain – ~Was once a Serjeant – but is now a fine Gentleman and an old beau I believe his means are small but I do not think he would like the Country Service he is a loyalist – and a quiet well behaved man. a Native of France and unmarried.~

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Joseph Debita, Ditto } Born in India, he has no family – a quiet loyalist and speaks of the Country Services as if he despised them – his original is ~Villrat Spanish from Manilla.~

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Villart Captain of Sepoys.

a Strong active Turbulent democrate very likely to seek service~
any where a Native of France and unmarried.~

Pierre Dehita Ditto~ very dark in his Complexion~ much like his Brother above
Named but has a Wife and numerous family~ on the worst of times
this Man openly professed his loyalty~ and though very black
himself affects~ to hold all the Country powers in great Contempt.

Hecquet ditto Born in this place~ has some property here and a Wife and Children
of not much energy of Character but wears the White Cockade.~

Fontheide~ ditto an enormous Corpulent Jolly fellow~ rose from the ranks married
a rich Armenian Woman~ but their tempers not agreeing she now
lives with her relations at Madras~ he has a garden here which
I am convinced he never desires to leave, a Native of France and
has no Children.~

Macon ditto a plain moderate man risen from the rank~ poor and wears
the White Cockade, a Native of France unmarried.~

Bellevue Lieutenant of Chandernagore Sepoys, who did duty with the Sepoy
Corps at the late Seige of Pondicherry in his ranks~ has been
in the Service of the Country Powers, of no respectability of Character
is poor and has a Wife and Family, a Native of France.~

Bechard Lieutenant in the Sepoy Corps, a low democrate~ risen from the ranks
likely to seek Service any where, native of France unmarried.

De Larche~ ditto~ Grand Son of the well known old Mr. De Larche of this
place~ the Grand Father is rich but the Father who is in
France they say is ruined~ has a Brother a Captain in the
Service of the republick~ of not much energy of Character~ will
be satisfied to be maintained by his grand father if he will
maintain him, born at Pondicherry.~

Bourcett~

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Bourcelt Lieutenant of Sepoys Born here a fine young Man, likely to look for Service, where he can find it, has no Connections in France nor any now here nor I believe any thing to depend on, but his Commission.

Tanthome ditto Born here an Active young Man his Sisters are married to Doctor Mackay and Doctor Barber in our Service he has no dependance but his Commission and must get Service where he can.

Gerome Dehita ditto Brother of the two before mentioned of this Name a young Man of good Character but without any means but such as Service may offer unmarried.

Clic Josset ditto A young Man of no particular energy of character but he has nothing to depend upon but his Comonissions and must do as his Brother the Lieutenant Colonel may do: born at Bombay.

Launay, Ensign, An unfortunate middle Aged Man with a little property at the Islands whither he wishes to return on the Peace was made an Officer out of charity and is more calculated for any other line, has a Wife and family, a Native of France.

Margaron ditto Actually a black Smith, made during the Siege an Officer a turbulent democrate a Native of France unmarried.

Tenducij ditto a low democrate an Italian by birth risen from the ranks but is very little spoken of or known since the Capture of the Place unmarried.

The Cavalry Corps.

A. Adelaide Lang Captain well known to your Lordship at this time provided for in Bengal has a Wife and Children.

Coulet Ensign Has been in the Country Service born in France but has a Wife and large Family with Numerous connections, is very poor and of no energy.

Augusta

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Auguste Seguin a Captain of Infantry, and Town Mayor of Pondicherry— during the late Seige, a Native of France, married here, but has no Children a very loyal Worthy Man, would I believe beg rather than return to France if the republican Government— Continues— would rather serve in the lowest rank with us, than enter the Country Service.—

Chenot a Lieutenant of Infantry, and Fort Adjutant of Pondicherry during the late Seige, a democrate risen from the ranks— a— Native of France but married to an half Cast Woman, has many Children, is very poor and has been in Correspondence with Monsieur Raymond for Service with him.—

Law de Clapernon a Captain of Cavalry, and First Aid de Camp to— Colonel Chermont, I believe Law here— is Married— has two Children— is poor and loyal, of little energy, and very unlikely ever to enter into the Country Service.—

Pagel a Captain of Chandernagore Sepoys, and Second Aid de Camp to— Colonel Chermont. a Native of France unmarried, poor, said to be a man of abilities, but much given up now to dram— drinking a loyalist.—

Samoth Secretary to Colonel Chermont, without any Military Rank, but who has received Subsistence as a Lieutenant since the Capture of Pondicherry, a Native of France of low birth, a Man of a much turbulent and letigious dispositions, is said to have acquired some Money by Means not the fairest, is Connected with a Country born Woman, but has no Children,

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a very likely man to seek some sort of Employ with some of the Country Powers, being enterprising and having a smattering of the Languages.—

Officers of Merchant Ships &c.a

Le Febure of the Ship Neptune a Native of France unmarried was ordered to Embark on the last Cartel for the Islands, but was too ill to be moved at the time.—

Soulac— Of the Ship la Catherine a Native of France unmarried, a low democrate sent thither from Madras.—

Morreseau Boatswain of ..... D°. ..... D°. ..... D°.—

Dubois. Captain of the Ship Anapoury, come hither very lately and is not known to any body here.—

Potier— a Civilian a Native of France, a democrate of low birth, teaches Children here to read, resided long in the Circars, and was some time in the Service of Messrs. Alexander and Brittain at Masulipatam.—

March 6th. 1797 (Signed) John Brathwaite
Major General—
Comm.g at Pondichurry

From the foregoing general List the—
President has abstracted the following number of—
Prisoners

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Prisoners whom his Lordship thinks it would be advisable to send home in the Ships now under Dispatch.

From which the Board select a List of the Officers that it would be advisable according to the orders of the Court of Directors to send to Europe on the Ships now under Dispatch.

List of French Officers whom the President proposes should be sent to Europe.

Names	Rank
Artillery and Officers attached	
Burelet	Captain
St. Quintin	"
Duguenez	"
Le Brun	Lieutenants
Des Jardins	"
Jeannett	Ensigns
Gigaut	"
Daviot	"
Roger	"
St. Croix	Officer of Marines
Regiment, Servant dans l'Inde	
St. Michell	Captain
Du Laurens Senr.	"
Lafnus	"
Paufet l'aine	"
Paufet Cadet	"
Chalus	Lieutenant
Gardet	"
Malaise	"
Degout	"
Welmard	"
Gibert	"
Kerzguen	"

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Names	Regiment Servant dans l'Indé	Ranks
Le Seq		Ensign
Arnauld		"
Morette		"
Le Sale		"
Geridon		"
Desgois		"
Joannes		"
Colinet		"
Gatty		"
Echemin		"
Heros		"

Sepoy Corps

Josset	Major
Hayen *	Captain
Egmont	"
Villart	"
Demacon	Lieutenant
Bechard	"
Bourcett	"
Gerome Deheita	"
Elie Josset	Lieut of Infantry formerly Fort adjutant
Cherot *	Secretary to Col. Chermont
Lamette	

* These two Officers allowed to remain in India on signing an Agreement not to take Service with any of the Native Powers for five Years after the Conclusion of Peace—Their promise to this Effect is entered on the Procedings of the 31st. March.—

The Board entirely concur in the Sentiments of the President and in the Selection of Prisoners which his Lordship has made for removal from this Country.—

The Board record their entire approbation of the Presidents Conduct on the foregoing Subject.—

Resolved

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Resolved therefore that the "
President be requested to continue his "
communications with General Braithwaite on this
Subject, and to give such orders as his Lordship
may judge necessary for removing the Officers whom
it has been resolved to send to England, from
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" Eon Saunders
" E H Fallofield

John Twining Sec.

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