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Diary,

19th — Sent the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos 86-87. —

To the Military Paymaster General — From Mr Roebuck — informing him that the Sicca of Pagodas 91,118. will be paid to him agreeably to his Estimate of the 18th Instant. —

To the officer Commanding in the Barracks — To Lieutenant Colonel Read — Enclosing a letter for Captain Malcolm, containing Bills of Exchange, together with a Packet for Major Dallas. —

20th — Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 88-89-90. —

From the Military Paymaster General — From Mr Roebuck — Transmits an additional Estimate of Cash amounting to Pag.s 87,67 —

To the Military Auditor General — To Major General Sydenham — Transmitting for his examination the Paymaster General's Estimate of this date. —

To the Commander of the Ships Cornwallis — To Captain Tennant — directing him to prepare his Ships with all expedition to receive on board his Majesty's 51st Regiment & Water and Provisions will be sent on board for the Troops. —

Sent.

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Fort St. George — April 1799.

21st

Sent the following letter —

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 17th and 18th Instant —

His Lordship adopts your recommendation that the Sums estimated for the use of his Majesty's 84th and 51st Regiments should be advanced to them on account, and desires that the amount of the former may be debited to the Presidency of Bombay, that of the latter to the Presidency of Colombo. —

The Governor General in Council also adopts the mode which you have recommended for regulating payments to Corps or Officers of his Majesty's Service who may not have brought bills

India

To the Military auditor General. The mode suggested by him for making advances to the Regiments lately arrived approved. the mode of arrangement proposed by him with regard to the Regiments who may not have brought Indian Regular Pay Certificates also approved. the subject shall be noticed to the Court of Directors. the subject of Passage Money to the Quarter Masters of the 29th Dragoons is already reported to the Court of Directors. meanwhile their Bills are to be passed according to the proportions recommended by him. Bill for sundry articles supplied to the 51st Regiment on board the Phenix enclosed for payment. if found correct. Copy of a letter from the Secretary at Colombo enclosing the information therein required regarding the payments made to the Dutch Prisoners of War. to be furnished. To pass for payment three bills of the Garrison Storekeeper at Masulipatam. and two Bills for the purchase of Horses. the appointments of Captain Gefsop and Lieut. Barker as Commandant and Fort Adjutant

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21st

Adjutant's Returns have been confirmed. Copy of a letter from Major Bannerman with the accounts thereon referred to enclosed for examination and report.

India regular Certificates of their latest receipts, and his Lordship will take an opportunity of pointing out this inconvenience to the notice of the Honble Court of D.o —

Directors. —

The subject of passage money for Quarter Masters of Dragoons is already referred to the Honble Court of Directors; meanwhile his Lordship authorizes you to pass the Bills of those of his Majesty's 29th Dragoons according to the proportions you have recommended. —

Inclose a Bill for Sundry articles supplied for the use of his Majesty's 51st Regiment on board the Ship Phoenix, and am directed to desire that it may be passed for payment if correct. —

Inclose extract of a letter from the Military Board, and am directed to desire that the quantity of Rice supplied for the departments of the Commissary of Grain and principal Agent in Camp may be accounted for at the rates established by the Regulations. —

The Governor General in Council desires

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21st desires that you will authorize an advance of one Thousand Pagodas on account of the Paymaster of his Majestys 19th Regiment of Foot, to be debited to the Presidency of Columbo. —

I inclose Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Ceylon, and am directed to desire that you will furnish the best information in your power upon the subject of payments to the Dutch Prisoners of War, for transmission to Columbo. —

The Governor General in Council desires that you will authorize payment of the following Bills viz.t —

The three enclosed Bills of the Garrison Storekeeper at Masulipatam amounting to Pagodas one Thousand one hundred and sixty two. eleven fanams and three cash (1162.. 11.. 3.) —

The enclosed Bill for harness for the Artillery attached to Montgomery's Troop amounting to forty eight Pagodas. (48.) —

The

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21st The enclosed Copy of a Bill for harness made up under order of Major General Floyd amounting to Pagodas twenty four (24) —

The Governor General in Council has confirmed the appointments made by Lieut. Colonel Brown of Captain Geppe to command and Lieut. Barker to be Fort Adjutant at Carroor, as well as of Serjeant Rutledge to be Store Serjeant to that Detachment. —

I am directed to inclose for your examination and Report the enclosed Copy of a letter from Majr Bannerman with the original accounts therein referred to. —

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
20th April 1799. —

Wm Wm
Signed I. Webbe
Sect. to Government

Received the undermentioned letters

entered in M.B. Nos 91-92. —

From

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21st

From the Commander of the Ship Cornwallis. — From Captain Tennent. acknowledges the receeipt of his instructions to proceed to Ceylon. — & details the difficulties which he expects to meet with in the course of his Voyage. —

From the Chaplain to the Garrison at Malacca. — From Mr Clarke. States that his health obliged him to come to the Presidency. and requests that he may be permitted to draw his — allowances here. —

22nd

Received the following letters. —

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir.

From the Offic Commandg the Northern Division — The Flank Companies of the 1st Battalion 10th Regiment have Embarked for Cudalore patam — the vessels engaged to convey them have been engaged at a moderate Rate. States the measures he has taken for affording protection from the troops expected from Hyderabad. —

I request you will inform the — Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that the Flank Companies of the 1st Battalion 10th Regiment Embarked this morning from — Masulipatam on board of two Chittagong Brigs. — They proceed direct to Cudalore patam, where — they will probably arrive in 24 hours. and —

whence

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22nd whence they can join Lieut.t Colonel Fotheringhame's Detachment in two Marches. —

I owe much to the Zeal of Mr. Corbett Commercial Resident, for providing Vessels to carry the Companies; and for settling their freights on very favorable terms. — For the Conveyance of the Companies which exclusive of their followers amount to 230 Men, of their full establishment of Europe equipage, and ammunition, and of the Baggage of the Officers and Men, he has paid twelve hundred Rupees. A Sum which the expences of their Marching by Land would have exceeded. —

Their arrival at this place was much retarded by delays in assembling details for their Relief; and by the circuitous Route which they were obliged to take for want of Water on the direct one. — It reflects credit upon them, that not a desertion has happened from their departure from Innicondah, until their embarkation. —

I have this day been favored from

General

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22nd. General Braithwaite, with an Extract of a Letter from Government, under date the 11th. Instant, in consequence of the want of Troops at Condapilly, Guntoor, and Ongole, I have detached from Masulipatam a Detachment party of Sepoys to meet the Horses on their route from Hyderabad, and to accompany them to Nellore, or eventually to Madras. ~

I have communicated to the Officers Commanding Condapilly and Guntoor the order for providing sufficient supplies of Grain and forage for the Horses. ~

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed Urban Vigors.

Masulipatam
18th April 1799. ~

To
J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir

From Lt. James Cochrane at Calastry. Reports that a number of Banjarries have passed on their way to the Army, and speaks favorably of the Conduct of the Venkatagherry and Calastry People in their conduct towards them. ~

I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, that a Party of 73 Banjarries with 6,000 Bullocks

Passed

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22nd passed this Place, on the 15th on their Way to the Army,
and that on the 17th at Nirghul near Venkatagherry,
I joined another Party of them, consisting of about 4,000
Bullocks, also about 200 of the Nizam's Cavalry. —
They reached this last night and
I have observed no Negligence on the part of the
Venkatagherry, or Calastry people, in furnishing them
with Forage &c. on the Road. —
I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Jas. Cochrane

Bullumpettah
20th April 1799. —

Sent the following Letter —

To Captain Tennent
Of the Ship
Cornwallis

To the Commander of the Ships Cornwallis and Alligator, directing them to receive on board their Ships the 51st Regiment and to proceed with it to Point De Galle or if possible to Columbo — where the Troops shall be disembarked, they are to make the best of their way back to the Presidency —

Sir.

Having received on board your Ships a proportion of his Majesty's 51st Regiment according to the embarkation, you are hereby ordered to proceed to Point De Galle with the utmost degree of expedition. —

&c.

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22.

If upon your arrival at Point De Galle you should find it practicable to accom= =plish the Voyage to Columbo, you are hereby ordered to do so, when upon your arrival you will disem= =bark the Troops according to the orders which you may receive from His Excellency the Lieut.t Governor. —

If you should find it impracticable to effect the Voyage to Columbo, you are to dis= =embark the Troops at Point de Galle, according to the orders which you may receive from the Officer Commanding at that place; but you are to preserve a particular record and explanation of the causes which may prevent the continuation of your voyage to Columbo. —

As soon as the Troops shall have been disembarked, you are to make the best of your way back to this Presidency. —

You are to take under your Command the Ship Alligator, which

is

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22nd. It is also destined to convey troops to the Point de Galle or Columbo as circumstances may render necessary —

I am &c.

Fort St. George
22nd April 1799.

Signed I. Webbe
Sec.y to Government

The same to the Commander of the Alligator —

"you are to place yourself under the Command of the Ship Cornwallis." —

Received the undermentioned letters entered in Mem.a No.s 93-94. —

From the Paymaster in the Barramahal — From Mr. Burlton — mentions that he had arrived at Kistnagherry, and that he is employed in receiving charge of the Stores &c.a from the late Paymaster, which will prevent him for a little time from joining Colonel Read's Detachment —

From the Commander of the Phoenix — From Captain Tyrie — Encloses an account of his disbursements in supplying Clothing to the Recruits of the different Regiments therein mentioned, in which sum he requests that he may be reimbursed. —

23rd Sent the following Letters. . —

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No. 23.

To Major General Braithwaite.

President &c. Members of the

Military Board.

Gentlemen!

We have received your letters of the 10th. and 15th. Instant. with their inclosures. —

We have transmitted the account of Rice supplied to the publick followers in the departments of the Principal Agent. and Commissary of Grain, with directions that it may be accounted for by those Officers at the Rates established by the Regulations. —

We do not think it expedient to purchase the small quantity of Grain reported by the Garrison Storekeeper of Vellore. —

Application has been made to Bengal for the quantity of Saltpetre required for the Gun Powder at this Presidency; and the several Bills recommended

To the Military Board. The necessary orders have been given regarding the Rice received by the followers in the Departments of the Agent for Cattle, and of the Commissary of Grain and Provisions. It is not deemed expedient to purchase the small quantity of Rice reported by the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore. — application has been made to Bengal for the Saltpetre required at this Presidency. The Bills recommended by them have been passed for payment. Invoice and Bill of Lading of Guns & Powder shipped on the Hope for this Presidency enclosed, together with a Copy of the Terms on which that Vessel has been engaged.

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23. recommended by you have been passed for payment.—

We inclose Invoice and Bill of Lading

of Gun powder Shipped in Bengal for the use of this Presidency

on the Ship Hope, Captain Ross. together with a Copy of the

terms on which that Vessel has been engaged. and desire

that no time may be lost in landing the powder upon

her arrival.—

We are Hon. Sir

Fort St. George

20th April 1799.—

Sign'd Clive

Hon. Council

To Major General Brathwaite

Sir

To Major General Brathwaite.
The Danes landed at Masulipatam
from the Ship Habot. are to be employed
in the Company's Service
Captain Jeffs and Lieut.
Barbers appointments to
rank are confirmed: as also
Serjeant Rutledge as Store
Serjeant with the Southern
Detachment. Lieut. Stone
and Lieut. Craigie permitted
to proceed to Europe. orders to
be issued for the movement
of the Troops recommended
by Colonel Vigors. The Relief
of the Garrisons of Vizagapatam
and Ingram to be postponed. the
orders which have been issued
regarding the Garrisons of
Arnee to be carried into effect
an advance has been authorized
to his Majesty's 8th and 61st
Regiments.—

I am directed by the Right Honble the

Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of

your several letters dated 10th 15th and 18th Instant.—

His Lordship authorizes you to

entertain for the Service of the Artillery at Masulipatam

the Danes lately landed at that place from the Habot.—

The Governor General in Council

confirms the appointments made by Lieut. Colonel

Brown

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Fort St. George — April 1799.

23d. Brown of Captain Gesse to Command, and of Lieut.t Barker to be Fort Adjutant at Carnr. as well as of Serjeant Rutledge to be Store Serjeant with that Detachment. —

His Lordship permits Lieut.t Webb — Stone and Lieut.t Fireworker Craigie of the Artillery to proceed to Europe on sick Certificates. —

His Lordship desires that you will issue the necessary orders for the movement of the Troops recommended by Colonel Vigors. —

His Lordship consents that the reliefs of the Garrisons of Penagra and Tegur may be postponed. —

The Governor General adopts your recommendation for increasing the Garrison of Annee. He desires that his orders for this purpose may be carried into effect. —

His Lordship has authorized a sum of money to be advanced on account to his Majestys 84th. and 51st. Regiments. —

Fort St. George
20th. April 1799. —

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
Signed J. Webbe
Secy. to Government

To

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No. 23.

To Lt. Col. Skardon

Paymaster at

Vellour

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 8th Instant and to inform you, that his Lordship authorizes you to purchase from Soobarow the Rice and Grain, on the terms he has offered. the price to be paid upon the of the respective articles.

In regard to his Bullocks His Lordship is of opinion that the number is too small to compensate the expence of taking them into the service.

respect to the Sheep the Governor General in Council authorizes you to conclude an agreement for the purchase of fifteen Thousand to be held in readiness for the present to be delivered on demand.

I am Sir Your

Signed J. Webbe

Sec.y to Government

To the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellour - Rice to purchase from Soobarow the Rice and Grain mentioned in his Letter of the 8th Instant on the terms offered as also 15000 to be kept in readiness to be delivered on demand -

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23d

To Benjamin Torin Esqr

President at

Tanjour.

Sir.

To the Resident at Tanjour. satisfaction expressed with his Zeal in collecting Bullocks. he is to draw Bills on the Presidency to the extent he may find necessary. The number of Bullocks to be provided to be encreased to 15,000. but great care to be used in the selection of them. If any part of the Bullocks can be forwarded with Colonel Browns Detachment to the Army. he is to disperse them between Trichinopoly and Dindigul for the advantage of foraging. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 6th. and 11th. Instant. —

His Lordship is much satisfied with your Zeal and activity in executing his orders for the collection of Bullocks. and authorizes you to draw Bills on the Presidency for such sums as you may be able to procure for the further prosecution of this Service. —

From the facility which you have experienced in accomplishing his Lordships orders. he is induced to encrease the number to be provided to fifteen thousand. but at no immediate opportunity of forwarding them to the Army may occur. the Governor General in Council desires that all possible attention may be paid to the selection of the Bullocks. their —

condition

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Fort St. George 20th April 1799.

To Lieutenant Colonel Read.

Commanding in the

Baramahal.

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Worble the

23rd condition, and their equipment in Saddles and drievers.

If there should yet be an opportunity

which you will ascertain from the position of Lieut.

Colonel Brown's Detachment, of sending any part of

the Bullocks already collected under his protection, his

Lordship desires that you will avail yourself of it; if

not, he directs that you make the best disposition of

the Bullocks between Trichinopoly and Shenkerdroog,

with respect to their forage, and with a view to their

joining the army by the next escort, taking care to

expose them as little as possible to the incursion of

irregular horse.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Malcolm

Sec.t to Government

Fort St. George

20th April 1799

To the Offr commanding in the Baramahal, giving him instructions regarding the mode in which he is to bring to account the Disbursements which he may have occasion to make from his Revenue Treasures on account of Military expences.

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23d. The Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 13th. Instant. –

In order to prevent any delay in the adjustment of your Revenue accounts his Lordship authorizes you to Debit Revenue for the whole amount which you have appropriated to Military purposes. –

This amount, which you are to report for his Lordships information, will be carried to the head of Suspense account, together with the 1/2 half Lack of Rupees transmitted to you for advances to the Benjarries, until your account of expenditure supported by such Vouchers and explanations as you may be able to produce shall have been submitted to a regular audit and finally determined by his Lordship in Council. –

Fort St. George
20th. April 1799. –

I am &c. &c.

Signed S. Webbe
Sec.y to Government.

So.

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Fort St. George April 1799.

23d

To Colonel Pringle

Commanding his Majesty's 51st Regiment

Sir

To the Officer Commanding
his Majesty's 51st Regiment
directing him in consequence
of the Leak which has
been discovered on board
of the Alligator, to trans-
ship as many men of
his Regiment from that
Vessel to the Cornwallis
as he may deem expedient
expedient, and to land the
remainder, who will
proceed to Ceylon by a
future opportunity.

It having been discovered from the
leak on board the Alligator, that she is unequal to
the Service of conveying a part of the 51st Regiment
to Ceylon, I am directed by the Right Honble the
Governor General in Council to desire that you will
select as great a number of the Regiment now Embarked
on the Alligator, as in your opinion can be accommodated
on the Cornwallis.

The Remainder of the Regiment
will be immediately landed, and sent by a passage
opportunity.

I am &c &c

Signed, J. Webbe

Sec.y to Government.

Fort St. George
23d April 1799.

To

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23.

To Lieutenant Colonel Leighton

Commanding in the District of

Ganjam

Sir.

To the officer Commanding in the Ganjam District acknowledging the receipt of his several Letters regarding the Privateer which had been Captured at Sea &c. the Privateer with all her Prizes is deemed a legal Capture. and he is directed to assist Lieut. Edwards and the other Captors in the disposal of them.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your several Letters upon the subject of the Capture of the French Privateer by a Detachment under the Command of Lieut. Edwards.

The Governor General in Council is of opinion that the Privateer with all her Prizes is a legal Capture. and although his Lordship has no authority to condemn her, he yet desires that you will afford the Captors all the assistance in your power in securing and disposing of their property.

I am &c.

Fort St. George
20th April 1799.

Signed J. Webbe
Secy to Government

To

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23d

To Messrs Stephens & Cockell

Gentlemen

In answer to your letter of the 19th Instant I am directed to acquaint you that the papers relative to the detention of the Susannah — Amelia have been put into the hands of the Company's Law Officers in order that the proper measures may be taken for bringing the affair to a regular decision before a Court of admiralty. —

I am &c.

Sign'd J. Webbe

Sec.y to Government

To Messrs Stephens and Cockell. Informing them that the papers relating to the detention of the Susannah Amelia have been put into the hands of the Company's Law Officers in order that the affair may be brought to a regular decision. —

Received and sent the undermentioned

" letters entered in M.B. Nos 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100

101. 102. —

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20th April 1799.

From Major General Sydenham.

encloses the usual Audit on the accounts of the Kings

Deputy Paymaster General from 25th November to

From the Military Auditor General.

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23d to 24th December 1798. together with a Readdet on the accounts of Captain Young from 25th March to 24th September 1798. —

From the Military Paymaster — from Mr. Cockrane states that a number of Palankeen Boys have arrived at the Presidency, whom he proposes to have distributed amongst those who gave up their Palankeen boys for the public Service, according to their priority on his list. — Encloses Copy of a letter from the Paymaster at Vizagapatam, by whom they were sent to the Presidency. —

From the Military Paymaster General — from Mr. Roebuck — Encloses a Statement of the expences of the Madras Army for the Month of May 1799. —

To the Secretary at Bengal.

To Mr. Barlow — Extract of a letter from the Military Board enclosed — requesting that means may be taken for supplying the Saltpetre required for the Manufacture of Gun Powder at this Presidency. —

To

2278 Fort St George 23d April 1799.

To the Collector at Rammad -

To Mr Lushington - Instructing him regarding the disposal of the balances in his Treasury. -

To the Secretary at Columbo -

To Mr Cleghorn - Informing him that a part of his Majestys 51st Regiment have Embarked on the Ship Cornwallis for Ceylon; they are to be landed at Point de Galle in the event of the Vessel being unable to proceed to Columbo - In order to prevent any delay certain Signals are to be made on the appearance of the Cornwallis. -

To the Collector at Ganjam

To Mr Snodgrass - Copy of a letter to the Commandant at Ganjam regarding the Privateer captured at Senapore enclosed for his information and guidance. -

To the Commander of the Ship Cornwallis -

To Captain Tennent - The departure of the Alligator having been countermanded he is to tranship to the Cornwallis as many men of the 51st Regiment as Colonel Pringle may deem advisable. he is then to proceed on his Voyage to Ceylon agreeably to the orders he has already received. -

Sent

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Fort St. George — April 1799.

Substance of a Letter to his Highness the Nabob.

23d

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. N.o 46. acknowledging the receipt of his Letter of the 15th Instant. and expressing satisfaction at the regular payment of his Rest. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor-General

The Right Honble Lord Clive

William Petrie and

Ernst William Fallofield

} Esquires

Tuesday

23d April 1799.

Lieutenant General Harris absent on Service.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved. —

Read the following Letters from the Military Board. —

To

2280 : Fort St. George 23d. April 1799.—

To the Right Honble the Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

1st We have the honour to acknow-
=ledge the receipt of Letters from Government under
date the 11th. and 12th. Instant. as also of Mr. Secretary
Webbe's Letters of the 14th. Instant. and have to report
that the necessary orders have accordingly been given.—

2nd. The Officer commanding at
Conjeveram having represented to us that the Barrack =
Guard Room. and place of Arms at that Station were
in so ruinous a condition. that if not immediately =
repaired it was probable they would be rendered totally
useless during the next rains: and having at the same
time informed us that he would undertake to repair
them for about twenty Pagodas. We have the honour
to Report that considering it a case of emergency. We =
have

From the Military Board. They have authorized the Barrack Guard Room and place of Arms at Conjeveram to be repaired. Request that they may be authorized to give the necessary Repairs to the Laboratory and Store Room in the Garrison of Vellore. Estimated to amount to Pagodas 495..1..52. Encloses Lists No. 1 & 2. of Stores required for the use of the Army in the Field from the Arsenal in Fort St. George. particularizing in No. 2. the Stores to be procured from Bengal —

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have authorized Captain Vesey to execute the Repairs on the terms he offered, which we trust will meet your Lordship's approbation.—

3d. It appearing from the annual Survey Report of the state of the Laboratory, and Store Rooms, in the Garrison of Tanjore, that some Repairs, and a surrounding Wall are indispensably necessary to preserve the Ammunition and Stores against injury from the Weather, and against accident by Fire, (to the latter of which they are from situation greatly exposed.) We in consequence called for an Estimate of such Repairs, amounting to Pagodas 495.. 1.. 52.. which we request we may be authorized to direct the execution of without loss of time.—

4th. Having taken into consideration what supplies of Military Stores it is probable may be required for the use of the Army in the Field, we have the honour to transmit a List thereof N.1. and beg leave to recommend that the articles therein specified may be

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be provided without loss of time - -

5th. ——— We also forward for your Lordships
information copy of a General Statement of Ordnance
& Military Stores remaining in the Arsenal of
Fort St. George on the 1st. March. with Remarks opposite
the different articles. shewing what may be supplied
at Madras. and what are recommended to be obtained
from Bengal. the latter being detailed in a Separate
List No 2. including the articles specified in No 1 as -
being more immediately necessary for the Army. -

We have the honour to be
Hon Hon
Signed John Brathwaite
" Patrick Ross
" W. Sydenham

Statement &

Fort St. George
16th April 1799.

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Statement of the principal Articles of Military Store, which require to be Provided for the Arsenal of Fort St George, to Answer demands that may probably be made for the Army.

Articles	Remains in the Arsenal	Remaining to be Manufactured	Remains in the Magazine	Remarks.
Carriages Heavy Field ... 24 lb.	2	"	2.	
" " " 18 lb.	37	"	37	
" " " 12 lb.	8	1.	7.	
Carts Platform	340	"	340	
" Attack	60	"	60	
" Artificers	2	1	1.	
Chests Laboratory ...	2	1	1.	
Carriage Light Field 12 lb.				
Limbers 18 lbs.	2	2	2	
" " " 12 "	10	3	7.	
" " " 6 "	38	5	33	
" " Cavalry 6 "	4	.	4	
" " " 3 "	8	"	8.	
" " Howitzer 5½.	5	2	3.	
Tumbrils Ammunition ...	83	7	76	

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Articles	Sent to the Fort	Arrived	Remaining at Masulipatam	Wanting to complete	Remarks.
Cavalry	12		12.		
Ordnance Brass Guns Eight 6 lbrs	36	30	6		
Gun Powder	"	2,39,140	670,860		
Pouches Musket Country	"	2736	7,464		
Muskets with Spring Bayonet	"	20,786	15,214		
Pistols	"	"	12.		
Paper Europe Cartridges Musket. Quires		7,710	12,290		
Bags Gunney Shot ...	12,613	1,235	12,378.		
" " Ammunition	1,230	773	457.		
" Powder	3500	513	2,987.		
Barrels for Powder 60 lb.	6,014	295	5,719.		
" for Ammunition	3,178.	1,304	1,874.		

Fort St George
Military Board Office
16th April 1799.

Signed John Macleane
Depty Sect. Milty Board.

Received

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Fort St. George 23d April 1799.

Resolutions thereon.

Resolved to authorize the Repairs &
judged necessary at Tanjore amounting to Pagodas
495.1.52.

Resolved that the Military Board
be authorized to provide with as little delay as possible
the several articles of Military Store required for the
army in the field: and that they be directed to
furnish an Estimate of the Expence of these Stores
as well as of the expence of completing the deficiencies
of Ordnance and Military Store in the Arsenal.

Resolved that List No. 2 be
transmitted to Bengal with a request that the articles
therein specified may be furnished with all
practicable expedition.

To the Right Honble the Earl of Mornington K.G.
Governor General in Council &c &c &c

From the military Board. Enclose copy of a Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore regarding a tender which has been made to him of Rice, in which they request

My Lord.

1st. We have the honour to report our having given the necessary orders in consequence of the

Receipt.

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Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter under date the 13th and 16th Instant.—

Request the orders of Government. Enclose Copies of the Reports of the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore and Arnee up to the 15th Instant. request that they may be permitted to hire an additional number of Rice Godowns. and Bankshalls on the public account.—

2nd We enclose Copy of a Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore, respecting the purchase of some Rice which has been tendered to him at that Station. and beg to be honoured with your Lordships commands on the subject.—

3rd We also enclose Copies of Reports of Paddy issued and Remaining, and Rice received at Vellore and Arnee respectively on the 15th Instant.—

4th The Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George having reported to us that the Storehouses in his Department are insufficient for the reception of the large supplies of Rice lately imported on account of Government. we beg leave to recommend that he may be authorized to hire such Godowns and Bankshalls as may be indispensably necessary for the purpose of storing the Company's Rice.—

We have the honour to be
Your &c.

Fort St. George
19th April 1799.

Signed John Brathwaite
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham.
Lieut.

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Lieutenant L. Macleane

Deputy Secretary Military Board.

Sir.

I request you will inform the President and Members of your Board that an offer was Yesterday made me to deliver in five days at the Stores of Vellore Twenty five Garce of Rice at the rate of 97 Pagodas per Garce: as the owner could not remain here longer than this morning. I have accepted his offer and request you will inform me if my having done so meets the approbation of the Military Board. at the same time be so good to mention that if it does not I can dispose of it without any loss to the Inhabitants of this place.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) J. H. Skardon
Z. Storekeeper

Vellore
15th April 1799.

Military Board Office
Fort St George 18th
19th April 1799.

A true Copy,
(Signed) John Macleane
Dpty Sec. Mily Board.

Report.

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Report of Paddy, Rice, and Horse Gram received issued and remaining at Vellore 15th April 1799.

	Paddy in Store	Rice in Store	Bengal Rice in Store	Horse Gram in Store
Remaining on the 8th April 1799 as per last Report	" 332 9	82.394 2	91 136 "	26 122 "
Received from Mr. James Brodie Garrison Storekeeper from 8th to this day	" " "	" " "	23.319 "	" " "
Issued to Nagapah Chitty from Ditto-to-Ditto	" " "	16.32 8	" " "	" " "
Remaining	" 332 9	66.361 6	115 55 "	26 122 "

Military Board Office
Fort St. George 18th April 1799.

Signed J. H. Skardon
G. Storekeeper.

A true Copy.

Signed John Macleane
Dep. Sec. Mil. Board.

Report

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Report of Paddy issued and remaining, and Rice received at Arnee 15th April 1799.

	Paddy in Store.			Rice in Store.		
Remaining on the 8th April 1799 as pr. last Report	455	335	1	98	"	"
Issued from 8th to this day	13	"	"	"	"	"
Received from Ditto to Ditto	"	"	"	6	"	"
Remaining	442	335	1	104	"	"

Military Board Office
Fort St. George 18th April 1799.

Signed J. H. Skardon
G. Storekeeper.

A true Copy,
Signed John Macleane
Depy. Secy. Mily. Board.

Resolved

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Resolutions thereon

Resolved that the Military Board be directed to authorize the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore to receive into the public Stores the twenty Garce of Rice which he has purchased, and that the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George be permitted to hire as many Godowns and Bankshalls as may in the judgement of the Military Board be necessary to receive the public Grain under his charge. —

The Garrison Storekeeper has been authorized to purchase certain quantities of Rice. —

Resolved to inform the Military Board that the Garrison Storekeeper has been authorized to make the following purchases of Rice. —

From Vennagee Bonnagee

Single Bags ..... 131.

Double Ditto ..... 8212 8343 at P. 90 P. Garce

Messrs. Chase Sewell & Chase.

" Single Bags 1600

Double Ditto ..... 2099. 3699 at P. 90 P. Garce

" Singanna Chitty.

Bags ..... 1,500 .... at P. 75 & 85 P. Garce

From Mr. Connell.

Bags ..... 11,063 .. at P. 75 P. Garce

" Mr. Lautour.

Bags ..... 2.600 at P. 75 & 80 P. Garce.

Resolved

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Resolved that the Military Board be directed to carry the above Fee to account.

The Board proceed to read and pass their Resolutions on the following proceedings of the Medical Board.

Resolutions of Government in Council 23d. April 1799.

From the Medical Board. enclose Copy of the Medical Storekeepers Report on the subject of the Medicines &c. directed by Government to be sent to Pinagra. Enclose different papers relating to Dr. Briggs and request that in consideration of the circumstances therein stated. the censure passed on his conduct on the 20th. November 1798 may be done away.

Medical Board

April 20th. 1799.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs letter of the 16th. Instant. directing supplies of European and Country Medicines, and Instruments to be forwarded by Bullocks. with the utmost dispatch to Pinagra. The necessary orders were immediately transmitted to the Medical Storekeeper. and his Report. which we have the honor to enclose. will shew

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shew that prompt attention
has been paid to them - -

The supply of
European Medecines and
Instruments we consider
sufficiently ample for every
possible exigency of the Service -

We have the honor
to report the return of
Mr John Briggs late
Head Surgeon of the
Island of Ceylon to his
duty on the Coast - and
also to lay before Govern-
ment several Papers -
relative to that Gentleman -
The Letter dated 27th October
1798. and addressed to the
Honble the Governor of
Ceylon and that to the
Medical

At the time of passing their
orders of the 20th November last
upon the representation of Mr Briggs
it was impossible for the Board to
know that he had made a
previous application to His
Excellency the Governor of Ceylon -
under whose immediate authority
he was at that time placed; under
the appearance of irregularity there-
fore which that application bore, it
was impossible for the Governor in
Council not to mark it by his dis-
approbation. His Lordship however
has great satisfaction in observing
from the papers now submitted to
him that no irregularity is imputable
to Mr Briggs; and accordingly readily
consents to remove the censure which
was passed under the circumstances
on the conduct of that Gentleman;
and the censure of the 20th November
1798 is hereby removed accordingly -

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Medical Board dated October
28th 1798. having arrived
subsequent to the Papers from
Mr Briggs which were trans-
mitted to Government in their
Proceedings of November 9th
1798- and which produced the
censure on Mr Briggs's con-
duct- were not on that
account forwarded to Government
and we have only to observe
that as Mr Briggs does not
seem to have acted with any
intention of incurring the
displeasure of Government
we should feel gratified if
from the tenor of these letters
any circumstances should
appear whereby Government
may be induced to relieve Mr
Briggs from this embarrassment

and

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and we are the more favorably
disposed towards this
Gentleman on account of
his having executed the
duties of this late important
Situation of Head Surgeon
on Ceylon, not only to our
entire satisfaction, but to
that of his immediate
Superiors. —

Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" Wm. Raine
Chief Surgeon

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To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &c. &c. &c. Members of the

Medical Board

Gentlemen.

I have the honor to acquaint you.

that as soon as I was informed on the 16th Instant of the

orders of Government for Sending to Penegra by —

Coolies with the utmost dispatch supplies of

European and Country Medicines and Instruments

for the eventual use of the army. I lost not a —

moments time in executing them and have the

pleasure to say I have already been able to dispatch

270 Cooley Load and the remainder 66 Cooley Load

will be sent off to day. —

The European Supply 65 Cooley

Load comprehends all that was specified in the

Head Surgeon's Indent for the army. The Roots. —

Barks

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Barks &c. all provided, and every attention had to its being complete.

The supplies of Wine, Coventry and Bazar Medecines 271 Cooley load for the treatment of 300 Sick Europeans for three Months, have been regulated by those granted in conformity to the General Orders of Government under date the 19th January last, and I correspond with the enclosed List, with the whole I have thought it necessary to send 10 Spare Coolies in case of Accidents on the Road, which I hope you will approve.

I have informed the Coolies of the necessity of expedition, and they have promised in consequence of my offering a small reward to the Head Coolie, to be at Penagroa in fourteen days from their departure from this, which is sooner by two days, they tell me, than the Journey is generally performed.

I have written to the Commandant of Penagroa, Major Doveton, of the Supplies coming, and to the Head Surgeon of the army to whom I have directed

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directed them, and have told him that on their arrival
in camp, they are to be delivered to the Field Apothecary,
and charged for when issued, as directed for those he —
carried with them. —

I have thus done all in my power
to fulfill the orders received, but if you think further
necessary, I shall immediately attend to what you
may direct. —

I have the honor to be with respect.
Sir Your
Signed Andrew Berry
Medical Storekeeper

Fort St. George
20th April 1799. —

A true Copy,
Signed. Alex. Boisuello
Act. Sec. Bd. Trs.

Supply of Country and Bazar Medicines as —
follows. forwarded to Pondicherry for the eventual use of
the grand army. - calculated for the treatment of —
300 Sick Europeans in Hospital for 3 Months —
to be delivered to the Field Apothecary Camp, and

The

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The Paymaster Credited for Stores issued as directed by the General orders of the 19th. January 1799.

Madeira Wine	Dozens 210.	Sugar	℔. 780
Port Wine	Ditto 30.	Sago	℔. 342
Brandy	Ditto 75.	Saloop	℔ 45
	Ditto 36.	Columbo	℔ 30
Vinegar		℔ 24.	
Nitre		℔ 18.	
Opium			
Castor Oil	Dozens 12.	Cinnamon	℔ 9
Bandage Cloth	Pieces 24.	Nutmegs	№ 60
Country Lint	℔ 60.	Cloves	℔ 9.
Aloes	℔ 18.		
Camphor	℔ 45.		
Rhubarb	℔ 30.		
Myrrh	℔ 6.		

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Signed Andrew Berry
Medical Storekeeper.

Clo.

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To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &c &c &c Members of the

Medical Board

Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose for your information copy of an address to the Honble the Governor of the Island of Ceylon, and am informed he has handed the address to Brigadier General Dr. Meerow, who will most probably transmit it to the Madras Government. I have therefore to request you will do me the favor to exert yourselves in behalf of me and the Service I am attached to. - for unless directed by the Honble the Governor &c &c in Council at Madras to relinquish my Situation I shall still continue to consider myself at the Head of the Medical Department on this Island. so far as relates to the Honble East India Company's

Troops

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Troops. —

I have the honor to be.

&c &c

John Briggs

M. D. Head Surgeon &c &c &c

Island of Ceylon

A true Copy.

Signed Alexr Boswell

Actg Sub. M. B.

Columbo

28th October 1798.

The Honble Frederick North

Governor &c &c &c of the Island of

Ceylon

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you, that

the Honble the Governor &c President in Council. Fort -

St George, did me the honor of appointing me to the

Head of the Medical Department and Medical Staff

to Colonel Stuart and the army under his Command

that Embarked from Madras in the Month of

July

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July 1795 for the purpose of attacking and taking the Dutch Forts Trincomallee, Ostenburgh, Jaffnapatam &c.a &c.a after these Services were accomplished with permission returned to Madras, when Colonel Stewart did me the honor to recommend me strongly to the Government and Commander in Chief at Madras, requesting, if any further Service went on, on this Island, that the Government would be pleased to appoint me his Medical Staff, in consequence of which the Honble the Governor &c.a &c.a at Madras was pleased to appoint me Head Surgeon and Superintendent of the Medical Department on the Island of Ceylon, with the same Pay and allowances as the Junior Member of the Medical Board at Madras enjoyed, - as a Remuneration for my Services at Trincomallee &c.a &c.a The Honble the Court of Directors were pleased to approve; - In consequence of this new appointment I joined Colonel Stewart

and

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and army at Trincomallee, and proceeded with them to Columbo: immediately after the Capitulation of Columbo the Honble the Governor Hon. Wm. in Council Madras was pleased to direct that I should continue to be the Channel of communication through the Medium of the Medical Board, with the Government of Madras regarding all Medical arrangements connected with this Island. – in consequence of which order Colonel Stewart issued an order to all Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons Hon. Wm. of Kings and Company's Forces, to make me regular Monthly Returns, which I have constantly received, and forwarded them in abstracts to the Medical Board at Madras, ever since: I beg pardon for intruding so long on your time, which has been occasioned by the receipt of the Inclosed official report from two Medical Gentlemen of the Honble East India Company's Service, and — belonging to the Madras Establishment. I cannot help

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help observing my surprize was very great that the first Information I should receive on so delicate a subject as a direct interference with my particular duty was that Dr. Ewart Physician General and Inspector of his Majesty's Troops and Hospitals had issued orders to the Medical Gentlemen of the Madras Establishment without acquainting me that he had or intended to do so. - I cannot but consider this as an interference so far as relates to the Honble Company's Troops. - as I do not conceive his appointment can in the least interfere with mine as I must still continue to consider myself the channel of information through the Medical Board with the Madras Government with respect I submit to your decision. -

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Your most
Obedt. Hble Servt
Signed John Briggs
Head Surgeon
Island of Ceylon.

Columbo
27th October 1798.

A true Copy
Signed Alex. Boswell
Act. Sub. Dr. Bl.

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To John. M.c Dowall Esqr.

Deputy Secretary Government

Ceylon

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for the perusal of his Excellency the Governor. Resolutions of the Honble the Governor Wm. Wm. in Council Madras. in reply to the Proceedings of the Medical Board.- and am truly concerned to observe I have incurred the displeasure of the Honble the Governor Wm. Wm. in Council Madras- which I should hope was occasioned by the Honble the Governor Wm. Wm. not being regularly informed. that my application for redress was through the Government of Ceylon. I have had the honor to serve in my — Medical Capacity for more than Twenty two years in the Honble East India Company's Service.- and it is grievous at this late period to stand accused on the Public Records of the Madras Government of

Cowardice

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having acted "extremely irregular." I trust His Excellency will so far do me justice with the Honble the Governor &c. &c. Madras as to assure him that my application was regularly made through the Government of Ceylon as I only sent copies of my Correspondence to the Medical Board, agreeable to existing Regulations in the Honorable the East India Company's Service. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Columbo.
8th December 1798.

Signed John Briggs
M.D. Head Surgeon &c. &c.

Extract of a letter from His Excellency the Governor & Island of Ceylon to the Right Honble Lord Clive President and Governor in Council Fort St. George.

My Lord.

Having with great concern heard that your Lordships in Council has disapproved of the conduct of Doctor Briggs, in not having communicated to your Lordships through me his objections to the General

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General orders. which I issued on the 16th. October last.
by which I directed all Medical Reports to be made
to the Physician General of the Island. I take the
earliest opportunity of assuring you that they were
in the first instance communicated to me as will
appear by the enclosed letter of Dr. Briggs. and my
answer to it.—

Signed Frederic North

A true Extract.

Signed J. Briggs M.D.

True Copies

Signed Alexr. Boswell
act. Sub. Dn. Bt.

To Dr. James. Anderson

Physician General Wn. Wn. and Members of the

Medical Board

Gentlemen.

In conformity to the orders of the
Right Honble the Governor General in Council on

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Received and issued at Columbo on the 28th February 1799.

I am arrived this Presidency and now being returned to my own Establishment, beg leave to call to your recollection the Proceedings of the Medical Board at Madras under date 9th November 1798. and the Resolutions of Government in Council 20th November 1798. on those Proceedings. It was with real concern I observed in the Resolutions of Government that I stand charged on the Records of Government with extremely irregular Conduct, by having corresponded with the Medical Board, and not through my immediate Superiors. his Excellency the Governor of the Island of Ceylon. as this charge I hope was occasioned by his Excellency the Governor not being acquainted with the usage of our Service, as the accompanying Extracts will exhibit. I hope you will have the goodness to make such a Representation to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, as may induce him

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him to direct such an imputation on my Character
may be removed. - I have the honor to inclose you
Copies of Letters from His Excellency the Governor
of Ceylon, and the Commander in Chief on the
Island of Ceylon expressive of their satisfaction with
my conduct during my Serving on the Island of
Ceylon under their respective authority. -

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

Signed John Briggs

M.D. Head Surgeon

Madras
16th April 1799.

A true Copy.

Signed Alexr Baiswell

actg Sub Medl Board.

To John Briggs Esqr.

Late Head Surgeon on the Island

Ceylon

Sir.

I am directed by Colonel Champagne
&c.

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to acquaint you, he has had the honor to receive your letter of this date, together with a copy of the letter addressed to you by the Secretary to the Medical Board at Fort St. George respecting their approbation of your conduct as Head Surgeon on the Island Ceylon. - both of which Letters he has laid before his Excellency the Governor. - Colonel Champagne desires me to assure you, he regrets much the parting with a man of your great Medical abilities from the Island of Ceylon. —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signd) David Blair
Actg. Dpty. Adjt. Genl. to the
Forces on Ceylon.

Columbo
28th. February 1799.

A true Copy,
(Signd) John Briggs
(Signd) Alexr. Boiswell
Actg. Sec. Med. Board

Sir

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To John Briggs Esqr M.D.

&c &c &c

Sir

Colonel Champagne has communicated to me your wish to return to the Coast, which you may carry into Execution whenever it may be most convenient to yourself.—

I have a sincerely happy in reading the handsome and well deserved approbation with which the Medical Board of Madras accompanied your recall.— Colonel Champagne has also known conveyed to you his Sentiments and those of the Army so long under your care, and I will request you Sir, to accept the assurance of the high respect and esteem with which — I have the honor to be &c &c —

Signed Frederic North

Columbo
28th February 1799.

A true Copy
Signed John Briggs
M.D.

A true Copies
Signed Alex. Boswell
act. Sec. on. B.

Read

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Fort St George 23. April 1799.

Read the following Letter from the Committee appointed to superintend the Repairs of the Black Town Wall —

To the Right Honorable

Richard Earl of Mornington K. C.

Governor General in Council

My Lord.

From the Committee for superintending the Repair of the Black Town Wall — Enclose a List with remarks upon it of those who have not yet paid their Subscriptions towards Repairing the Black Town Wall —

Having waited until this time in expectation of receiving the Subscriptions still due for the Repair of the Black Town Wall, but without success, & the we have warned the parties personally and by Letter of the consequences likely to result from their procrastination, we have the honor to enclose in conformity with the desire signified in Mr Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 9th December last, a List of the Sums unpaid, and beg leave to add, that the Security of the Black Town requiring that the Bastions

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Bastions should be filled in with earth for the reception of Guns, and that the Stockade at the N. E. Angle should be completed. we have already given orders to the Contractor for that purpose, in the hope that this & the interference of your Lordships in Council. The remaining subscriptions will be soon forthcoming. with the exception of those mentioned in the inclosed List from persons who have either died insolvent or are unable to pay from the present state of their circumstances.

We have the honor to be with great respect.

Hon'ble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

Signed Patrick Ross

" W. Sydenham

" Basil Cochrane

" N. E. Kindersley

" Samuel M. Moorat

" Benj.n Roebuck

" Alex.r Abbott

Received

Fort St. George
1st May 1799.

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that the list of persons who have not completed their subscriptions be transmitted to the Town Major and that he be directed to inform them that if they continue to withhold payment the protection of the Company will be withdrawn from them, and that it will be necessary for them to depart from Madras within three Weeks from the date of this order being communicated to them.—

Read the following letter and note from the late Chief at Pulicat.—

To
Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir.

From the late Chief at Pulicat transmitting a Petition to Government complaining of a Suit having been brought against him by a Native Inhabitant of Madras and of his having been treated with Indignity - claiming protection from the terms of Capitulation for

I take the liberty of begging you to give my most humble thanks to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council for the communication contained in your official letter of 31st March.—

I also

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for the Surrender of Pulicat. –

I also beg as a favor that you will deliver to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council the enclosed Memorial of a complaint of a grievous affront offered me by the Seizure of my person in my own house, in the hottest time of the day, without being permitted to take any refreshment, on account of not having been able to satisfy on the instant the demands made in the name of the King, by two common and unknown subjects, leaving my Children under a painful & anxiety of what would become of me. –

I place too great a faith in the generous Character of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, and in the Government in particular to entertain the least doubt of their giving a favourable consideration on what is Stated in the Memorial with regard to the ensuing, to my person and possessions, safety and Security for the future. –

I should

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I should have not failed to have presented my memorial in person, and to have fled to Government for succour; but as I am not safe in my own house, how could I risk stirring out, without exposing myself to the danger of being surprized and insulted in publick.- by some evil intentioned person or another provided with authority for that purpose, who might pay no regard to the character I am honored with, and the open affront offered in my person to my Nation.-

I beseech you, Sir to apply to Government that they may be favourably inclined to grant me that safety and security which I wish to have recourse to, in virtue of the 1st. Article of the Policat Capitulation, as all demands upon me for debts in a Strange place are invalid according to the laws of Nature and of the People, and I think that I am not liable to be prosecuted for any debts but those contracted after the war, and them only by such

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such as are actually Subjects of His Britannick

Majesty at this Place. —

I have the Honor to be

Madras
9th April 1799.

Hon. Sirs
Signed Jacob Eilbracht

Signed Edward Case
Dutch Translator.

To the Right Honorable
Richard Earl of Mornington

Governor General in Council &c. &c. &c.

The Memorial of Jacob Eilbracht late
Governor of the Dutch Fort and Factory
at Pulicat and Commander in Chief
thereof. —

Sheweth.

That your Memorialist was for a —

Series of years before the commencement of the present
unfortunate war, Governor and Commander in Chief
of

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of the Dutch Fort and Factory of Pullicat on the
Coast of Coromandel, and as such was by the Dutch
Laws exempted from personal arrest and imprisonment
for Debt; (tho' your Memorialist is free to acknowledge
that his Goods and personal property were, and are
liable to the payment of all just demands, and to
execution thereon issueing out of any Court legally
entitled to cognizance thereof;) and your Memorialist
further sheweth that he did in his Capacity of
Governor and Commander in Chief aforesaid treat
with the Right Honble Lord Hobart late Governor of
Fort Saint George, of and touching the giveing up and
surrendering the said Fort and Factory to the Forces
of the English East India Company, pursuant to an
order he had to that purpose received from his Serene
Highness the Prince of Orainge; and did surrender and
give up the same, under, and by virtue of certain
articles of Capitulation, the originals of which, on
duplicate

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duplicate of the same, your Memorialist conceives is deposited in the archives of the Government of Fort Saint George, or in the Custody of their Secretary; in the 11th. Article of which Said Capitulation it is Stated, and agreed on by the English Company, that the Servants of the Dutch Company shall be regulated and abide by their own Laws, in all matters respecting property, and that the Dutch Courts there, shall continue to exercise their functions in all such matters as they Did before been accustomed to do; and your Memorialist further states, that having under the said articles of Capitulation, and in conformity thereto, applied to this Government for permission to proceed to Europe, and obtained the same, he came to Madras with his family, in the intention of sailing in some one of the Ships of this Season bound to England; but your Memorialist feels himself in duty bound

to.

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to represent that since his arrival in Madras he has been arrested and carried to prison at the suit of one Suncoo Rama Sawmy Chetty, personated by his Nephew one Soobarroy Chetty, who your Memorialist has every reason to suppose has no authority for that purpose to produce, - and which alone, your Memorialist is advised by his Counsel, is sufficient, if your Memorialist were inclined to put the matter at issue, in the English Law, to quash the action; but your Memorialist represents to your Lordship, that the proceedings on the part of the Plaintiff have been altogether irregular and illegal, in arresting the person of your Memorialist, and carrying him in to ignominious a Manner to Prison, in the face of day and of the world, because your Memorialist begs leave to assure your Lordship, he is not indebted to the said Complainant in the amount sued for; and

if

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if he had been, the cause of action having arisen out
of the Jurisdiction of the Court here, and before the
war, in the Dutch Company's Settlements, your Memo-
rialist ought to have the benefit of the Dutch Laws in
that respect, and he conceives himself under the
Capitulation to be entitled thereto; for tho' your Memo-
rialist acknowledges that in all cases by the Law of
Nations, the Debt ought to follow the person; yet your
Memorialist contends, that the debt having been
contracted in a foreign Settlement, the Plaintiff is not
entitled in an action here, to be placed in a better
situation, than he would have been in prosecuting
his Suit in the Country, and under the Laws where
the same was originally contracted, and consequently
that as he could not have arrested the person of your
Memorialist at the time the cause of action accrued
nor since, under the Dutch Law, to which he as
well as your Memorialist was subject, his arrest
of

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of your Memorialist is contrary to Law, and to the Capitulation made by your Memorialist for the Fort and Factory of Pulliecat, is derogatory to the Rights of your Memorialist as Governor and Commander in Chief of Pulliecat aforesaid, and militates against the General Law of Nations: In consideration whereof, your Memorialist trusts your Lordships will grant your Memorialist the protection of the British Flag, and that by your Lordships interference, the said complainant may be obliged to withdraw his said action, or at least be restrained from prosecuting the same further than he was entitled to under the Dutch Laws, and that satisfaction may be made by him, for the gross affront he has offered to your Memorialist, and the very high Insult he has given to the Nation your Memorialist

has

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has the honor to represent. and your Memorialist

shall Ever pray.

Fort St. George
9th April 1799.

Signed Jacob Eilbracht

Governor Eilbracht presents his Compliments
to Mr. Webbe, requests him very kindly the Correction
of a mistake in the latter part of his Special Letter to
Webbe of the 9th Instant. by referring to the first instead
of the 5th article of the Capitulation of Pulicat. he takes
the liberty of sending herewith both the articles. 5th
and 11th which he thinks convenient to his Cause. +
of which Mr. Webbe may make that use in the +
Council which he may think necessary. If the
said articles be not wanting. Mr. Eilbracht begs to have
them back again. —

Card from the late Chief at Pulicat to the Secretary to Government. States that in his official letter of the 9th he has erroneously referred that 1st. instead of the 5th. article of Capitulation. Encloses for the notice of Government articles 5th and 11th of the Capitulation which he conceives to be applicable to this Case

Friday Morning
12th April 99.

Extract from the articles of Capitulation by the late Summons made by the Right Honble Lord Hobart. dated 16th July 1795. —

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Art. 5th.

The Governor and Council of Pulliatur to be favored with an Explanation, whether the Dutch Company's Servants, who by the present arrangement are deprived of their Employs, and other private Gentlemen, such as Free Merchants &c. under their Jurisdiction, tho not in the Service, are to be considered as free subjects of the States General, and at liberty to go elsewhere, even to Europe, if they please; or is it expected they should apply to the Government of Madras for that purpose:

It is proposed also that on account of the Governor, Council and other Servants of the Dutch Company being deprived of their pay and Emoluments, a Subsistence shall be granted to them. —

Leave will be granted (unless under particular circumstances) by the Government of Madras to the Dutch Company's Servants and Free Merchants to go to Europe or elsewhere, but any allowance by way of subsistence must cease from the period of that permission being granted. —

Art. 11th.

Until the Kings pleasure be known

That all Civil Causes shall be decided according to the Dutch Laws and Regulations of the Dutch Company, by the same Gentlemen who now to

Compose

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Compose the Court of Civil Judicature. —

A true Extract,

Signed Casseem Elbracht

Minute thereon

Resolved to inform Mr. Elbracht that however much the Board may be concerned that a Gentleman of the rank, and situation which he once held in the Service of the Dutch Company, should have been subjected to the mortifying circumstances which he describes, it is out of their power, as far as his application turns upon a point of law, to interfere in any suit instituted in the Court of Recorder, and that as far as it relates to the protection which he claims from the Capitulation of Pulicat he must be aware, that no article of the Capitulation exempts him from the Jurisdiction of the British Court. Whatever privilege he might have claimed in his former Official situation

he

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he has voluntarily relinquished by removing himself from the limits of that jurisdiction within which alone was competent to preserve that privilege, and—which alone was stipulated to be preserved by the Capitulation of Pulicat.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

The Right Honorable
The Earl of Mornington K.P.
Governor General in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

From the Military Auditor General—Encloses for the final decision of Government a Statement of Retrenchments appearing against the late Mr. Dobbyn from May 1792 to October 1793—accompanied by Copies of Papers from No. 1 to 3 relating to the Subject—

I have the honor to enclose for the decision of your Lordship in Council, such part of the Retrenchments outstanding against the Estate of the late Mr. W. A. Dobbyn Paymaster and Deputy Commissary of Grains and Provisions at Masulipatam from May 1792 to October 1793 inclusive

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inclusive, as the acting Executor Mr. Malcolm has requested may be referred to Government. —

It is necessary I should at the same time state, that the final audit of the late Mr. Dobbyn's accounts has been unavoidably delayed until this time for want of several Vouchers which have only been lately received in my Office. —

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Signed W. Lydenham
Mily. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
23rd April 1799.

Extract of a letter from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council of Fort William. Dated 25th October 1792. —

"We have the honor of herewith enclosing Duplicate of a letter which we have addressed to your Lordship by the Company's Ship Melville Castle

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"Castle, the original of which will be forwarded by

"Captain Dundas, and also inclosing a Certificate of

"the quantity of Rice and Paddy landed from the said

"Ship, whereby the deficiency upon the former will

"appear to be about 4½. and upon the latter about

"4 ¾ per Cent. "

A true Extract,

Signed C. Wynch

Dep. Sec. to Select Committee

A true Copy,

Signed J. Brunton

Dep. Mil. Sec. to Gov.

Extract of a Letter from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council of Fort William. Dated 9th December 1792.

"We are duly honored with the

"Receipt of your Lordships Order Communicated to

"us in Mr. Sub Secretary Chamier's Letter of the

25th

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"25th September, wherein we were informed of the
"quantity of Rice Shipped for this Place, on the —
"Fort William, Captain Forbes. The said Ship having
"met with an accident in Coming out of the River. —
"which occasioned, as appears by the Pilots Protest. —
"part of her Cargo to be thrown overboard, She did not
"reach these Roads until the 21st October, and was not
"in a Station proper for delivering her Cargo before the
"27th of the same Month; by the Manifest which
"Mr Ryan delivered in here, it appears that out
"of 12,098 Bags of Rice shipped on the Company's
"account, from 4,000 to 4,500 Bags were supposed
"to have been thrown overboard, by our Sea Customers
"Report, it appears that the Number of Bags
"landed on the Company's account was 9,801 — —
"equal in weight however to only 8,876 full
"Bags of 2 Maunds each, and 10 ℔ over, so that
"the quantity deficient will appear to have
been

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A true Extract,

Signed C. Wynch

Ast. Sec.y to the Master Attendant

A true Copy,

Signed J. Brunton

Dep.y Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Extract of a letter from the Chief and Council of Fort

Marlborough to the Right Honble the Governor

General in Council of Fort William. Dated 9th.

December 1792. –

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"been 3,221 Bags and 15 lbs. or Maunds 6,442 lbs. 72.—

A true Extract,
Signed C. Wynox
Head Asst. Collector Masulipatam

A true Copy,
Signed I. Brunton
Dept. Mil. Aud. Genl.

Extract of Minutes of Consultation of 29th November 1792.—

"There being at present a considerable
"quantity of Rice belonging to the Company in Store, in
"Consequence of the three Cargoes last received from
"Bengal by the Melvil Castle, Reliance, and Fort
"William, and as there is likewise a considerable
"Quantity of Private Rice lately arrived, the Board are
"apprehensive that if the Retail prices of that
"belonging to the Company were to be continued at
"the rate of 6½ Rupees per Bag, it might remain
"a considerable time on hand, and a loss thereby

be

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"be incurred, more particularly as the daily sales
"are observed of late to have become very inconsider-
"able, and as the Crop of the Country is expected
"to come into use about the end of January: for
"these reasons the Board think it necessary that
"the retail price of the Company's Rice should be
"in future regulated by the Bazar price of the
"time being, and with this View that the Garrison
"Storekeeper be desired to attend to the daily variations
"in the Bazar price of the different qualities of
"Rice sold therein, and thereby to regulate the
"retail price of the Company's Rice of an equal
"quality, so as to insure to them the same
"benefit of the Market with Individuals, who
"have Rice to dispose of; also that a Register
"Specifying the daily variations in the Bazar
"price of Rice, be kept for the purpose of making
"it appear if necessary hereafter, that the Price

of

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"of the Company's sales has been regulated by the —

"Current Market Price." —

"A true Extract,

(Signed) Robert Malcolm

Assistant Secretary.

"True Copy,

(Signed) I. Brunton

Depty. Mily. Audr. Genl.

Order thereon

Ordered that the above Retrenchments against the late Mr. Dobbyn be returned to the Military Auditor General with the ultimate orders of the Board upon them. —

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjore. —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Tanjore. Enclosing a Memorandums of the Rajah of Tanjore's Receipts and Disbursements for the Months of Feby. and March. His Excellency has paid the Balance of this april Kist. —

Sir.

Enclosed you will receive the — Memorandum of the Rajah of Tanjore's Receipts

and

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and Disbursements for the Months of February and March. — with the Balance in hand, and the Revenue yet to be collected. The Rajah is not likely to fail in the punctual discharge of his Kists — for Fusly 1208. —

You will be pleased to inform the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, that his Excellency has Paid in the Balance of the april Kist. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Sd. Benj.n Torin,

Resident

To

Tanjore

19th April 1799.

D.r

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Dr. { An Account of Collection, and Charges from the Soubah of Combaconum Trivady and Puttoo Cotah &ca. for the Month of February 1799. } Cr.

	Chuck.s	F.	C.
To Balance brought from last account current	2,753	4	5
To amount of Collection from the Balance of Fusly 1207	4,895	2	6
To amount of Collection in part of Wausaccum of Do.	2,789	1	7½
To amount of Do. for Fusly 1208	114,813	2	18
Chuckrams	125,251	"	12½

	Chuck.s	F.	C.
By amount of His Excellency's Private Expences	32,136	9	22½
By Do. Do. Public Expence	36,659	4	19½
By Cash paid to the Hon'ble Company in full for February Kist Star Pag.s 7,178.5.23 – or	39,549	4	4½
By Cash advanced for Purchasing Bullocks and Sheep as per order of Government	350	"	"
	108,695	8	22½
By Balance of Cash remaining to this day	16,555	1	14
Chuckrams	125,251	"	12½

Tanjour 28th February 1799

E. E.

Jn. Benjamin Torin

Resident.

Dr.

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Dr. { An Account of Collection and Charges from the Soubahs of Combaconum, Trivady and Puttoo Cotah &ca. for the Month of March 1799. } Cr.

	Chuck.	F.	C.
To Balance brought from last account current	16,555	1	14
To amount of Collection from the Balance of Fusley 1207	4,034	4	18
To amount of Collection in part of Wauracum of Ditto	20,743	2	7½
To amount of Do. for Fusley 1208	182,151	4	8
Chuckrams	223,484	2	23½

	Chuck.	F.	C.
By amount of His Excellencys Private Expence	36,821	1	4½
By Do. Do. Public Expence	6,393	8	"
By Cash paid to the Honorable Company in full for March Kist Str. Ps. 17,178 . 5 . 23 . or	39,484	6	"
By Do. Do. in part of the April Kist Str. Pagodas 10,000	22,937	5	"
By Balance of Cash remaining to this day	117,847	2	19
Chuckrams	223,484	2	23½

Tanjour 31st March 1799.

E. E. pr. Benjamin Torin
Resident

The

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The Board then take into consideration the Claims of the Mahratta Horsemen. —

The Board proceed to read and take into

Consideration the following Letters and Papers from Tanjore

relating to the Claims of the Mahratta Horsemen. —

From Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose &c.

From the Resident at Tanjore - Enclosing Lieut. Blackburne's Report on the Claims of the Mahratta Horsemen. with the several enclosures therein referred to. Enclosing application to him from Ramchunder Godarow late Killedar of Tanjore stating various grievances to which he had been subjected by the Rajah. as also the Rajahs reply to it. —

Blackburnes Report on the Claims of the Mahratta

Horsemen - The nature of their demands as well

as their motives. are so clearly and ably explained

in this Report. that I do not think it necessary to —

take up the time of the Right Honorable the Governor

General in Council with any additional remarks

either on their Claims. or their Conduct. —

As I have already had the honor to

express my Opinions in my Letters of the 17th. 18th. and

24th. Ultimo. and as Mr. Blackburne has called the

attention of the Governor General to the Contents of

the

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The Note from Satwajee Inglay No. 6. I think I may trust to the contents of that Note, and to his remarks upon it to explain the true reasons for the Mahratta going into Dharwa. and for the Non-performance of their promise to me; it will also discover the — reason that weighed with them in denying the promise, and I think lead the Right Honorable Governor General to perceive that their plea of distress, if true, was only a secondary consideration. —

The Balance due to them on the Reduced Pay as Stated by Mr. Blackburne exceeds a little the Sum Stated by me, this is owing to the few Items of the Many they preferred which Mr. Blackburne recommends to be admitted amounting to Pagodas 430.15.— —

In the Letter which accompanies the Report Mr. Blackburne advertises me of several Items similar to the one under consideration

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Considerations that have been preferred to mine - and
I am under the necessity of enclosing Copy of one that
has been presented to me from Rameheender Gadarow.
late Killadar of Tanjour. and the Person to whose
House the Mahrattas retired from Dharwa. - This
Petition is accompanied by an Answer from the Rajah.
and which from my own knowledge of circumstances.
and from the dispassionate character of the Petitioner.
I believe to be the real State of the case. -

When Sushkeer Puttuck or Serfojee
Rajah's accession, consisted of 875 Persons of various
denominations. besides the more public Servants of
Sibbendy Topes Camels &c. - All of these People imme-
diately entertained with the young Rajah. all the
in the same predicament with Serfojee Inglay -
The remainder were chiefly the adherents of
Ameer Sing. but were daily offering themselves
and accepted into Serfojees Service. -

I have

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Affairs were in this Situation when Setwajee Inglay adopted the Expedient of Dherma, and on his success the hopes and Expectations of all the others may at this moment be said to depend. — —

Whatever may be the decision of the Governor General in Council on the claims of the Mahratta, the Rajah is of opinion they are a People not to be trusted, and has expressly desired me to request they may be directed to remove from Tanjour. —

I have the honor to be

Hon Sir

Signed Benj.n Torin

Resident.

Tanjour

31 January 1799.

To Benjamin Torin Esq.r

Resident at

Tanjour

Sir

I herewith have the honor to send you

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you my Report upon the Claims of the Mahratta Horsemen who went into Sherna on Tanjour on the 16th. December 1798. and to request you will do me the favor to transmit it to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council at Fort St. George ---

It may not be improper to acquaint you that since the commencement of my Enquiry into the Claims of the Mahratta Horsemen several of the Circar Servants have brought forward Claims of a similar Nature and requested me to include them in the Enquiry, as I considered their applications beyond the limits of my Commission. I declined receiving them ---

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

Tanjour
31. January 1799.

Report

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Report on the Claims of the Mahratta Horsemen who went into Dharwar at Tanjore on the 16th December 1798.

No. 1. In Obedience to the Orders of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council communicated to me by the Resident Mr. Torin, in his Letter of the 10th January 1799. I proposed to assemble the Mahratta Horsemen immediately, but received a Message from them requesting me to postpone my enquiry untill the End of the Pungall Feast, during which they were engaged in celebrating, and which would continue two Days longer.

No. 2. 3. In Compliance with their Request, I waited two Days, which I employed in translating the papers I had received from the Resident. No. 2. and 3. are the Representations of Subarow Setwagee Ingely and Mallargee Runnogee Ghategeh the principal

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of the Mahratta Horsemen for themselves and the

No. 4. rest of the Claimants - No. 4 is a Translation of the

last agreements for Reduced Pay, which have been executed

by the Mahrattas. I have only thought it necessary

to trouble his Lordship with a Translation of

Setuvagee Ingelys last Agreements, as they are

exactly of the same Tenor, and within a few Days

of the same Date as those which have been

executed by all the other Claimants -

I assembled the Mahratta

Horsemen on the 13.th of January 1799. and explained

to them the orders of the Right Honorable the

Governor General in Council. I laid before them

the Representations and Statements of their

arrears, which I had received from the Resident -

They acknowledged them to be the originals which

they had given to Major Innes, and said they

believed the accounts to be correct. Being severally

asked

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asked if they had any thing more to advance in support of their Claims. they replied in the Negative, but desired to reserve the Priviledge of answering by their agents. any objections which the Circar might make to the Validity of their accounts. —

I informed them I should compare their accounts with those which I had received from the Circar, and call upon them, if necessary for further Explanations. —

They retired. and I proceeded immediately to compare their respective Demands with the Circar accounts. which I had been furnished with by the Resident. — Having found a considerable Difference in the accounts. I applied to the Resident, requesting him to direct a Mutlassedy from the Rajah's Duftar. to attend with the accounts of the Horsemen. and desired the Mahrattas to send their agents. and attend themselves. if they thought it proper. that the Points in dispute might be discussed before me. and adjusted as expeditiously as possible. —

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The Mahrattas accordingly sent their Agents accompanied by two of their own Number, and the Resident informed me that he had obtained an order from the Rajah for the attendance of two Muttaseddies with the necessary accounts from the Duftar. —

No. 5. On the 14th. Instant I received a letter from the Resident covering an Extract of a Letter from the Secretary to Government, which directed him to advance a thousand Pagodas to the Mahratta Horsemen on account, and desiring me to communicate the same to them, and acquaint them that he would pay the Money to any one who might be properly authorized to receive it. —

I immediately assembled the Mahrattas and informed them of the Resolution of Government in their favor, adding that the Bounty of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council in — directing

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directing so large an Advance to be made to them in
Consideration of their Distress, previous to the Settlement
of their accounts, must be regarded as an act of
uncommon Benevolence, and demanded their highest
Gratitude. —

They replied that it became them
submit to the orders of Government with respect and
Gratitude, and that they would send one of their Number
to the Resident to receive the Money which had been
granted to them on Account. —

The Examination and Settlement
of the Accounts occupied me fifteen Days. I attended
ten and twelve Hours a Day, and experienced considerable
difficulty in the Task, from the Pertinacity of the
Agents, the Captiousness of the Muttaseddies, and
the peculiar mode in which the Salaries of the
Circar Servants have been paid. —

After the most attentive consideration,
I have adopted the mode of making out the Accounts
marked

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hensive, and the best calculated to place the Points
in Dispute between his Excellency and the Mahratta
Horsemen directly before his Lordships Eye. I beg
leave to say a few Words in Explanation of it. —

In the first Column I have stated
the gross amount of the Demands of the —
Mahrattas, to the exclusion of the present Rajahs
including all the Claims objected to by the Rajahs
and insisted on by them. —

In the 2nd. and 3rd. Columns I have
particularized the disputed Claims, upon these
(after obtaining the fullest information) I have
the liberty of deciding to the best of my Judgement
in order to obviate the necessity of a very Voluminous
Reference to Government, at the same time I have
stated the nature of the Claims, and of the
objections to them, and the Reasons which have
influenced

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The 4th. Col: states the total amount of the Claims of the Mahrattas, deducting those rejected, calculated at Full pay, to the accession of the present Rajah. -

The 5th. Col: states the total amount of the Claims, deducting those rejected, calculated upon the last agreements of Tahek, executed by the Mahrattas, or according to the rate of Pay Received by all the other Circar Servants, during the last three years. -

The 6th. Col: contains the total Demands of the Mahrattas, deducting the rejected Claims, calculated at reduced Pay to the 13th. September [illegible] the Date of the Restoration of the Country to the

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the late Rajah: and at full pay from that period to the accession of Serfoyee Rajah. - I shall presently add a few Words in Explanation of this Column -

The 7th Col: contains the Demands of the Mahrattas since the accession of the present Rajah, calculated at Full Pay. -

The 8th Col: contains the same Demands calculated according to the Rate of Pay received by all the other Circar Servants. -

The 9th and 10th Columns combine the total Demands of the Mahrattas for both Reigns, deducting the rejected Claims, the first calculated at Full pay: the second according to the Rate received by all the other Circar Servants. -

Independently of the Claims included in the first Column of the account, some others have been brought forward, and being pertinaciously insisted on by the Mahrattas, and as firmly resisted by the Circar, I have annexed them to my Report under

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the Head of Independent Claims, and submit them with a few observations upon each to his Lordship's Consideration. —

His Lordship will perceive that in the last agreement of Sabeh (No. 4) executed by Suberow Selwagee Ingely and the Mahrattas. there is a clause by which they expressly precludes themselves from demanding more than the reduced Pay untill the Restoration of the Country to the Rajah. There — Engagements were entered into on the last Day of the year Seetah Seesyn, or the 3rd June 1796. — The three Soubahs at that time in the Company's Management were restored on the 13th September 1796. a period of three Months and ten Days. — Notwithstanding this Engagement the Mahrattas have persisted in demanding full pay for this period as well as for the remainder of the year. upon the ground that by going into Dherwar —

they

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they became entitled to it. and they adduced Examples of similar Indulgences having been granted to Servants in the same predicament. —

When I stated this Observation to the Grandson of Suberow Setwagee Ingely, and another of the Mahrattas, who had constantly attended the Discussion of the Accounts, they replied in substance as above, but in Language that was rather intemperate. I therefore desired them to report my Remark upon the Agreements to Suberow Setwagee Ingely and the rest of the Mahrattas, and to bring me an answer from them. On the 3rd. day in the Morning — Setwagee Ingelys Son in Law, delivered me a Note from his Father, a Translation of which I have annexed. as it contains nearly the whole of what has been advanced in Support of the Demand of full pay, and displays the irritated State of Mind which the Mahrattas are in, it is not unworthy of

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his Lordship's attention. —

The Circar decline making any observations upon this point as they will not allow themselves to suppose that a greater proportion of pay will be awarded to the Mahrattas than has been given to all the other Servants. In which event a Reference to the Agreements in this point of view becomes unnecessary. — Should their Expectations be disappointed the Agreements they observe will speak for themselves. —

I have however thought it right to add the Cool. No. 6. to the account shewing the amount of reduced pay to the Restoration of the Soubahs. and of full pay from that period to the accession of the present Rajah. —

It remains for his Lordship in Council to determine 1st. — whether the Mahratta Horsemen are justly entitled to the full account of their pay for the two last years of Ameer-ul-ga's Reign

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Reign, or whether they are only entitled to the same proportion of the full pay as every other Description of Circar Servants then Received as well as the most considerable Part of their own Body. The Lascars put forth 2ndly Whether they are entitled to pay for the Reign of Serfojee. and if this Question be determined in their Favor. 3rdly What is the amount they will be entitled to receive. —

The Mahrattas assert their Right to full pay, because they have not consented to any Reduction from it. for the Time during which it is demanded. — The Clause in their last agreement of Taker. precluding them from demanding more than the reduced pay, therein agreed upon. they consider as nugatory: or applying only to the year on the last Day of which it was executed. because it was not confirmed by another Agreement at the end of the following year, and because by going into Poona. and declaring their Intentions of quitting the Service

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Service they become entitled to the full pay of
the whole year.

They fortify themselves in the Demand
of full pay by the custom of the Country, and bring
forward many Examples to prove that Individuals
distressed by long Arrears, have frequently repaired to
the Gate of the Palace, and sat there in Dherna,
refusing to permit any one, even the Minister to
pass in or out, that the Justice of their Demand
has always been respected, a settlement of their
accounts immediately made, and the full amount
of their Arrears paid.

These facts are unquestionable,
In opposition to them, the Custom of the Service in a
more extended point of view is to be stated. From
the acquisition of Tanjore by Ecoojee Rajah, the
full pay of the Circar Servants has been considered
as nominal and honorary, and Reductions from
it invariably and uniformly made. There is not
a Circar

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a Circar Servant of any Description, not one of the Claimants. who upon entering into the Service, did not accept this nominal Pay, under a perfect knowledge and Conviction that the customary Reductions would annually be made from it. The Custom of taking Agreements from the Servants by which they give a formal Consent to these Reductions is of Recent Origin. having been established by Baba Minister of Tellagee Rajah. and probably suggested to him by the Death of a Man. who on the Circumstance of his Predecessor having seated himself in Dherna at the Door of the Ministers House. and refused to let him pass out. unless his full arrears were discharged. was put to Death on the Spot. a Severity so unusual at Tanjore. and so repugnant to the Prejudices of the Country. that it excited a general abhorrence of the Minister. Baba confirmed the Agreements to the Last on pain of Death. and some other Descriptions of Military. whose turbulence they

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they were calculated to restrain, by Depriving them of every pretext for demanding more than the regulated pay; and his Successors have never required them from the Civil Servants of the Circar. — whose submissive Conduct made the precaution appear unnecessary. —

During the whole term of their respective Services, antecedent to the present Demand. the Mahratta Horsemen have received their pay on the same proportions as all the rest of the Circar Servants. During the last two years they were paid according to the same proportion, but they addicted themselves of the Youth and Inexperience of the nominal Minister, the Son of Shiverow; of the violent parties which distracted the Councils and destroyed the Efficiency of the Rajah's Government. And of the great Disorders that prevailed in all the public offices from the above Causes, and the repeated Transfers of the Country, to avoid executing the

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customary Agreements at the End of each year. In the Contests and Intrigues for Power which then prevailed the Interests of the Circars were readily sacrificed or neglected. When the acquiring of an Enemy would have been the Consequence of enforcing them. —

The Circars also observe that it was not in fact necessary to take any further Agreements from the Mahrattas. In the last which they executed they consented to receive reduced payments till the Restoration of the Country to the Rajah and after the three Soubahs at that time in the Company's Management were restored at the End of three Months and another in nine Months afterwards which replaced the parties nearly in the same relative Situation in which they stood when the existing Agreements were executed. —

In the full Representation of his Grievances which Suberow Setturgee lately has addressed to Government (No 2.) he states distinctly that

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that the late Rajah demanded the agreements a few Days before the End of his Government, that Mr Ingely objected in consequence of his Debts, and at length acquiesced in the Demand upon the Rajahs promise to make him a present of five thousand Chuckrams of which three Thousand were not to be paid until six Months afterwards. The promise was not performed, and the Agreements remained unexecuted at this time Ingelys Arrears of full pay amounted to 25.000 Chuckrams. —

Altho the late Rajah was very well disposed to assist Ingely, it appears that he thought it impossible to do so, by giving a greater proportion of full pay to him than to the rest of the Circar Servants, a measure which must have excited general Discontent amongst them, and tended directly to encourage them to advance and persist in similar Demands. —

The full Pay of the Palace Servants

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in the last years of Amersings Government exclusive of all the Charges of Collection, Repairs of Water Courses, Bridges, Dams &c. amounted to 5,60,000 Chuckrams pr annum, or 2,34,000 Star Pagodas according to the present Rate of Exchange, an enormous Sum; but evidently nominal and honorary, for every Man in the Country must have known that it was absolutely impossible for the Circar to pay one half of it.—

The next Ground upon which the Demand of full Pay is supported is the Custom of the Country, deduced from many Examples which are brought forward to prove that Individuals who have gone into Dherna, have always obtained the arrears of their full pay. The Examples are admitted but it is observed that they are confined to Individuals generally of the lowest Order, whose arrears of full Pay could not be any Consideration to the Circar, and whose

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not of Apprehension. and as they have always been
immediately banished from the Fort and Kingdom of
Tanjour, there appeared little Danger that the Indulgence
would operate as an Encouragement to others to adopt
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and the abhorrence of shedding Blood. which prevails
in all Hindoo Governments. are to be found the true
Causes of this Indulgence: but to consider it in the
Light of a Law. applicable to large Bodies of Troops —
who advance with Arms in their Hands. and an avowed
Resolution of obtaining their Demands. or dying on
the Spot. would be an absurdity. for Government —
could not exist under such Circumstances. —

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Full pay has never been given to any one who had not previously gone into Dharwar, and thereby exposed themselves to immediate and inevitable Banishment. The claims of the Mahrattas also would be incomplete if they had not previously gone into Dharwar and declared their Resolution of quitting the Service and Country. This will account for their neglecting to send a Representation of their Grievances to Government in the first Instance, agreeably to their promise to the Resident Mr Torin. When Enquired of Suberow Setwagee Ingely why this promise which he had personally made to the Resident had not been performed; he positively and repeatedly denied the fact. I addressed in consequence a Letter to Lieutenant Butler Fort Adjutant at Tanjore, who was present at the Conference, and have the

№ 7. Honor to forward his answer which fully confirms the

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the Residents account of it. —

However absurd the Custom of Dhurna may appear, if admitted in the Latitude in which it is now claimed, it must be allowed in its original Institution and practice, to be one of those prejudices which are calculated to restrain the unqualified Exercise of arbitrary power, and to form a salutary Barrier to the Oppressions of the Rich and powerfull. The poorest Creditor of the richest Man in Tanjore whose Efforts to recover his Demand, or perhaps to see his Debtor have all failed, whose poverty and Wretchedness, and the Wealth and power of his Oppressor would leave him without Resource, has still an never failing one in his Power. He lies down before the Door of his Debtors House, and announces his Resolution to remain there without eating or drinking untill his Death, or the discharge of his Claim. This almighty Custom not only prevents the Debtor from

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from leaving his House, or driving the importunate Creditor away, but actually compels him to fast also, until the Claim be fairly adjusted. This is properly called Dherna, and was originally confined to private Creditors. Since the Establishment of the Company's Influence at Tanjore, it has been frequently practiced by the Rajahs Military in demanding their arrears. All the Weakness of the Government, and their Aversion to the shedding of human Blood, has in some measure sanctioned this Extension of the Custom, their Sense of its Impropriety and Danger has always induced them to punish it by immediate Banishment. —

With respect to the second Demand of the Mahrattas, of full pay from the accession of the present Rajah, — it may be necessary to state for the Information of this Lordship in Council that after the late Rajah's decease, Had been placed upon

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upon the Throne, several of the principal Mahratta
Officers, the nearest Relatives of the Rajah's Pretaup-
-Sing and Sultajee positively refused to wait upon
them, or have any communication with them. A
desire to encrease the Splendor of this Durbar, which
was considerably deminished by the absence of those
Mahrattas, induced the Rajah to offer great Encourage-
-ment to men of Family and Credit to enter into his
Service. Under this Impression Saberoo Setwagee
Ingely, and the Mahrattas of his party, were entertained,
and it is hardly necessary to add, that considerable
Jealousy and Enmity subsisted between them and
the Seceders, who were the Friends of the present
Rajah, and the advocates of his superior Title.—

When the present Rajah was
placed on the Throne, Saberoo Setwagee Ingely and
his Party did not wait upon him, along with the
rest of the Circar Servants, nor did they send to make
an offer of their Services, which would have been the
proper

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proper mode of proceeding, if they had entertained any Doubts of their Reception. They acknowledge that the Rajah invited them to remain in the Service upon the same terms as all the other Circar Servants, which offer they declined; and it clearly appears by Ingelys Representation that they have never considered themselves as being in the Service of the present Rajah. Their Claim of pay for the time of Serfogee Rajah must be grounded on the Non payment of their Arrears, which reduced them to the necessity of remaining in Tanjore, and the propriety of it will in a great measure be ascertained by his Lordships decision upon the first Question, Viz.t Whether they are in Justice entitled to the Arrears of full or Reduced Pay.—

The Rajah considers them in no Respect entitled to pay for any time subsequent to his accession and the demand of full pay to be in the highest degree extravagant. at his accession

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ance, he regulated the future pay of the Circar Servants according to the proportions which they had received during the three preceding years, and striking the nominal payment of the Circar Books, he divided the actual Payments to twelve parts, and announced his Resolution to pay it regularly as far as as possible. —

I have now submitted to the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, all the Facts and Arguments which have appeared to me to apply to the points in Dispute between his Excellency and the Mahratta Horsemen, as well those which have been advanced by the parties as those which have suggested themselves to me, after the Strictest Enquiry into the Rules and Customs of the Rajahs Service. —

Tanjour
31st January 1799.

Signed Wm. Blackburne
Lieut. Mahratta Interpreter
at Tanjour

To

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To Lieutenant William Blackburne

Mahratta Interpreter

Tanjore.

Sir

Enclosed I have the pleasure to furnish you with a Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe appointing you Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore. you will also receive Original Mahratta Papers delivered to me by Major Innes. containing the representations and Claims of the Mahratta Horsemen alluded to in the above Letter. together with Extract from the Duftar accounts of their Claims. conformable to their Existing Engagements with the late Rajah Ameer Sing. and Copies of those Engagements. I have thought it necessary to add. transcripts of my Letters to Government of the 27th. and 28th Ultimo on this Subject. and have to Request you will be particular in your Enquiries of the Horsemen respecting the promise they made to me in presence of Lieutenant Butler. of submitting a Representation

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of their claims to the consideration of the Madras Govern-
-ment and of waiting that decision a promise they
neglected to perform and in defiance of which they went
into Dharwa on the plea of distress but not till they had
allowed sufficient time to elapse for an answer to have
been received to their Representation. Had they so far respected
even their own assurances as to follow the mode they had
already acceded to in order to obtain redress to their Grievances.
as these Horsemen have also made demands for arrears on
the present Rajah I think it important for you to ascertain
whether they ever accepted the Service and what is due
to them on that account. I have written to Major Innes
to request he will direct the Horsemen to attend to your
Summons and shall be ready to furnish you with
whatever information you may further require from myself
& the Palace towards a full and a fair Report.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
Your
Sign'd B. Torin Res.t

A true Copy
Sign'd William Blackburne
Sec.

Sanjore
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To Benjamin Torin Esqr

Resident at

Tanjour

Sir

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant William Blackburne Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjour in consequence of which the allowance granted provisionally to the Reverend Mr. Janicke is to cease, having much reliance on Mr. Blackburne's knowledge of the Language and upon his experience of Affairs at Tanjour, his Lordship in Council desires that the whole affair of the Mahratta horsemen whose rents to Dharma may be referred to him for his full investigation and Report in order that his Lordship in Council may be enabled to pass a final decision upon this case.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most

Obedt Servt

(Signed) J. Webbe

Sec.y to Govt.

Fort St. George

5th January 1799

Compared

(Signed) G. Strachey

A true Copy

(Signed) B. Torin Resident

A true Copy

(Signed) William Blackburne

Translation

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Translation of the Representation of Selwagee

Pagely to the Honorable East India Company.

When the Fort of Tanjore was

Stormed by the Company's Troops. I was wounded in four

Wounds to be dressed. gave me Money for my Expences.

and a Doolay, and sent me to Negapatam. by this Charity

my wounds were cured. after which I Inquired to Hyder at

Seringapatam. He gave me the command of four

thousand Horse. and treated me for twenty years with

great attention and Kindness. I was then sent to Reinforce

the Garrison of Bengalore with 350 Men. Stormed. the

place was Stormed. the Battle raged two Hours. and all

my Men were Killed or Wounded. afterwards Lord Cornwallis

came and Surveyed the Ground where I and twenty

seven of my people lay wounded. all the rest being Killed.

Our Wounds were immediately dressed by the Company's

people. Money was given us for our daily Expences. and

great attention paid to us. Hurry Punt Tuckhay a General

of

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of Sherment. and Lord Cornwallis Behaviour came to see me.
Henry Grant said. It is not proper for a man concerned as
you are to be in this Situation. Enter into my Service.
and I will give the Command of Ten Thousand Horse:
I said I will consider your proposal. after I have seen my
master. if he be alive. Lord Cornwallis then said to me.
Enter not into the the Service of Sherment. neither Return
to Tippoo. but go to your own Country. from the Rajahs
of which I will procure you a Letter. after this I was
sent to Vellore. where I Remained four Months. In the
course of this period. the elder Dallas said he would give
me the Command of 5000 Horse in the Company's Service. and
desired me to write to Lord Cornwallis that I had consented to
it. told him I would answer after I had seen Tippoo. In the
meantime peace was concluded. and Lord Cornwallis
sent for me above the Ghauts, and presented me to Tippoos
Sons. they gave me Cloths and Horses, and sent me to Tippoo.
after I had been made prisoner at Bengalore, Tippoo sent for
my Son, and gave him the Command of a Thousand Horse.
he was Killed in the Battle of Carregaut. Tippoo condoled
with

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repair to the District which had been in my profession
before the War, there I remained when I received from Lord
Cornwallis a Letter from my Brother, one from his Excellency
the Rajah of Tanjour, and one from the Vackeel Tricumbuck
Sambajee, upon this I requested Leave from the presence
to go to Ramiseram, and obtained permission to be absent
four Months, and a present of five Thousand Pagodas. I
arrived here, this Excellency Armerzing entertained me,
on Monthly pay. He also gave me 1500 Chuckrams
to enable me to make the Pilgrimage to Ramaseram.
During the last two years they (the Circar) have
taken from every one, an agreement called Taheb.
to receive only four Months pay, and one called Sooky.
to relinquish the remaining eight. they wanted
me from me. I said I am in Debt 8,000 Chuckrams
and cannot exist upon the reduced pay. Give me my
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kindest manner. And said. I will cause your arrears

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to be paid according to the agreements of all the
Servants. But I will besides give you in ready Money
1500 Chuckrams, and an order upon a District for
500 Chuckrams more; together 2000 Chuckrams which
you may take immediately, and in the ensuing
Harvest. I will give you 3000 Chuckrams agreably
to this promise. He ordered Nanah to make out a or-
perwanay, and pay me the ready money. Nanah said
he would pay it in 2 Days or two. - In the mean time
the Company's Guards arrived. I remained in my
house. His Excellency Serfogee Maha Rajah was
placed upon the Throne. - I expected to be sent for, and
was ready, but he did not mention my Name. after
this. Three of the Circar Horses, which were posted at my
Brothers house, and one with me, were sent for. The
Rajah being my Master agreeably to his orders I
sent them. The people of the Lascar pultuck. the
Troopers. the Barwallie, and the people of Gooty
all came to me, and said, if you will go into the
Palace yard, and sit down, we will all come. And
we

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we shall get our arrears. To this I answered the Country is the Company's. I am an Inhabitant and cannot enter into such a business. This I said to them all, and remained at home. The Rajah Ameersing had made a present of a Horse to my Brother, ten years since. This Horse was given by my Brother to his Son in law, and 50 Rupees a Month allotted for his Expence. This being the case, Sentapah sent me word that they wanted the Horse, for a Carriage, and would send me another. I immediately sent the horse to the Stables of the palace. He remained in the Stables two Months, when they sent him back to me, saying he was not fit for a Carriage, but directed him to be supplied with Gram and Grass from the palace Stables. He was accordingly supplied from the Stables for four Months, when I was informed by a Message that he was the Circars horse, and directed to deliver him up. I said I would not give up a Horse which had been received as a present, upon this they armed some Troopers, and Sepoys with

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powder and Ball and determining to force away the horses.
sent two Muthaseddees to my Brothers House, who pressed me
hard very urgently to give up the horse; afterwards I considered
that many horses had been given to us, and that this
was of little Consequence, that if I did not give him
up the Rajah would be displeased, and accordingly I sent
him, I learnt soon after this, that if I had not given up
the horse, it was determined to send horse and foot armed
with powder and Ball to attack me, and was filled with
great at the Intelligence, I remained in Expectation
two Months more, when my Resources were all exhausted.
I then sent my Scribe to Mathadeck Row to explain
my distress, and request that my arrears might be paid
that I might go away. Mathadeck Row sent me word
that the arrears could not be paid, and that he was too
much indisposed to take upon him my representations.
upon this I wrote a Petition, and sent it to the Circar, to
this Duttagee Appah replied that if I would agree to
serve upon the same terms as the other Servants, I
should

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should be entertained, if not, they had nothing to say to me. I said it is impossible for me to agree to those terms having incurred a Debt of 8000 Chuckrams and having no means to discharge it. I was then told, that it had been determined by the Company to pay no Tributes or debts or arrears: that my arrears could not be paid. and I might do what I thought proper upon this I wrote a petition and presented it to Major Innes who said it is out of my province. I can do nothing in it, you must speak to the Resident Mr Lewin, about this time a Harcarrah from the Palace came and said, if you are willing to serve upon the Terms which all the others have accepted, it is well, if not, you must leave the House you are in. I replied this House was not given to me by the Circar, my family has inhabited it a hundred and twenty years, and I will not give up the House and my arrears, afterwards a Harcarrah of the Resident

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Resident Mr. Irwin came and saying I must no longer remain in the House, directed me to leave it. I answered, "While they say the Company will not pay our arrears. I am determined not to relinquish them and depart, at long as I have Life." I also sent a petition to him (Mr. Irwin.) He desired me to wait upon him which I promised. There has long been an intimate Friendship between Gonipetty Naig and my Brother Govinderow Angelay. he entreated my Brother to go to the Palace and said he would introduce him to the Rajah. my Brother replied what complaints can be made of us, they have taken away the Circar horses from us. They have also taken the Horse which had been given us at present. Having treated us with so much Distinction. I will never more be dependant on them. I then said to my Brother, altho I am determined to leave the Country, it may be well for you to remain in it. my Brother consented. and informed Gonipetty Naig that he would acquiesce in the settlement of the Circar.

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Guards to my house, and that therefore he had not explained it to them, and advised me to wait eight Days longer. I then sent them word that if he did not introduce me to his Master the next Day, I should go to the palace yard and remain there. upon this he spoke to his Master and sent for me. I waited upon him. He (the Resident) said to me, your arrears cannot be paid without the Company's Order. Give me an account of your Balances, which I will send to Madras, and you will receive an Answer. to this I answered all my Resources are exhausted. it is difficult for me to procure my daily food. Give me something for my immediate Expences. and I will wait ten days, he made no Reply. - afterwards I addressed a Representation of my Distress to his Excellency the Rajah's Dubbagee at Ippah told my Vegeel, that as we had made Representations to the Company, they must decide upon them, and that the Circar had nothing more to do with them, considering that because I claimed my

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requesting they would satisfy my Creditors and give
me something for my Expences when I would
depart. "to which he only replied." Tomorrow you are
to come our people are ordered to be in readiness" on
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any Resources and was obliged to go. and proceeded.
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all sides near my people. and every half hour small

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I heard that the Company's Sepoys with their Officers and Guns were coming. I then addressed my people saying "the Company's Dirdars will never attack men who only claim their arrears, on no account draw a Sword against them. If they should attack you make no resistance." after this the Company's Troops arrived, and parties having been placed on all sides of us. two Gentlemen came to me and said. "if you never are here, there will be Disputes between you and the Rajah's people. therefore you must retire." I replied I can no longer support the pressing demands of my Creditors and followers, who are in arrears, my arrears must be paid, if not I am ready to resign my life: I am resigned to either alternative, But will not go" from hence, "afterwards Vraja Iyengar came to me and said". I am come as the Company's Mediator, whatever arrears are justly due to you, I will write to the Company and procure for you." I answered if you say you will procure them for us, we will retire."

He

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the said "the Company have never refused the arrears of any one, but will pay them to the last Cash, therefore retire to some Distance from this place." I said we must remain here untill our arrears are paid. "he replied, in respect the Company's Orders they will settle with, and pay you agreeably to your wishes, untill then you may remain in Row Sahibs house." I said we cannot live in his house, for it is filled by his Duftar and his own people." he then sent to the House to request a place for us. the two Junior Row Sahibs were not at home, but the elder desired us to go, I sent my Tents and all my people there, and Major Innes accompanied me to the Door of the House, and desired me to be under no uneasiness, and assuring me that the matter should be settled in four or five Days, he went away. the Day following my people who were bringing provisions in to the Fort, were stopped at the Gate by the Circars Hircarrahs. I complained to Major Innes, who sent his Adjutant to the Guard at the Gate

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Gate of the Fort, with orders to them to prevent their
Circar Servants from Molesting my people as they
went into and out of the Fort. untill this time the
Company have never rejected the arrears of any one
but have constantly discharged them, by this means
their power is extended from Ymaas to Ramaseram.
the Company must now be favourable to us. and
order our arrears to be paid in the same manner
as theirs who have quitted the Service and Country
have received them. I have relied solely upon the
Company and have no support but them. I trusted
to the promises of Lord Cornwallis when I came here.
and not to the Rajah. neither did I come for want of
a Service, now I trust the Company will be favourable
to me, and encrease their own Reputation, the Company
are full of Benevolence, Truth and virtue. I rely
upon their favorable disposition to me. —

What can I write more.

I have Translation

Signed William Blackburne

Brahmin Interpreter at Tanjore

Translation

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Translation of the Representation of Mallurgee Rannogee Ghantegeh Zoozar Row. Noble.

to the Honorable Company.

We and our Ancestors for seven Generations, have been the Relations of the Rajah, and Served him even when he was in prison, then Lord Pigot was at Tanjore, and setting out for Madras he gave us into the Hands of the Maharajah Tullajah, saying, as these men have always been attached to you, you should entertain them with great respect and favor, afterwards the Maharajah attended to the suggestions of evil disposed people, and the payments but were not made regularly, in consequence of which, we received our arrears from the Maharajah Tullajah, and went to our Country, the Chetterpuetty Sevagee Rajah hearing of our approach, sent a Messenger to meet us at the distance of 12 days journey, to invite us to proceed. He afterwards gave my Brother the Command of ten thousand Horse near his Person.

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and entertained us both with great Respect and Kindness.
after this the Mahrajah Ameersing wrote us two
or three Letters saying "this has been your Country
for Seven Generations. I will provide for you liberally
as Lord Pigot recommended. I will also treat you as
with the same Consideration as you met with
from Pertaup Sing. along with this Letter he sent
money for our Expences on the Road. formerly his
ancestors gave to mine the Kingdom of Bangalore.
thus we had been supported by them for a great length
of time. after this the Mahrajahs Servegee sent
for my Brother. and address'g him with great
kindness. advised him to attend to the summons
which he had received. and said it would be well
if one Brother remained with him and the other
returned to Tanjore. I then received from the Maha-
rajah and my Brother money for the Expences
of Travelling. Horses. Camels. Palanqueens. and set
out upon the journey. when I arrived at Tanjore.
the Mahrajah Ameersing said he would settle
my

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my monthly pay at 900 Chuckrams. Told him my Expences were great, and that this Sum was insufficient to defray them. The Maharajah assured me he would help me in various ways, & exempted me from the payment of all Customs, and said every thing to reconcile me to the arrangement. Relying upon his promise, I expended all my Money, and contracted considerable Debts, after this the Company dismissed the Maharajah Ameersing, and gave the Country to the Rajah Serfojee. But the Rajah Serfojee made no Enquiry after me, at the end of two months I sent my Hegibe to him to explain my Distress from my Debts, and to request that he would pay my Arrears as had been customary in former times, and give me leave to return to my Brother. The Rajah Serfojee in answer said that if we would give up all our Arrears, and consent to receive four Months pay for the future, he would entertain

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entertainment if not that we might go away but that we must not require our arrears from him but might go to the Maharajahs Amersing and demand them: to this we replied that according to the Custom of the Country the Rajah Tullajahs paid the arrears contracted in the Reign of the Maharajah Pertaupe Sing and afterwards the Maharajah Amersing paid in full the arrears of the Maharajah Tullajah this custom has prevailed from time immemorial while we were demanding our arrears from him a Hircarra from the Cicear was sent to us who forbade us to demand our arrears and ordered us to go out of the House we were in to which we answered that we would depart as soon as we had received our arrears soon after this Mr Torin sent to us a Company Hircarrah and another from the Cicear who ordered us to demand our arrears from the Maharajah Amersing and not from the Rajah Serfoguee and told us if we contended to receive four Months pay for the present year we might remain but if not

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not. we must depart. and if we made any difficulty
in obeying this order. we should incur the displeasure
of the Company. - We replied to this. give us over
arrears and send us away. and desired to know if
those who held Commissions in the Company's Service
were deprived of their arrears when they returned. -
and if that was the justice of the Company. The
Vicarrahs said they would report our answer to
Mr. Town. and went away. Vicarrahs were then
stationed near our House. and when any Merchants
or others who assisted us were coming to us they
prevented them and reduced us to greater distress
than we can describe. They forbade our Creditors to
make any more advances to us. they also Bonded
by promises some of our followers. promises. in
this manner we were oppressed. we wrote a Repre-
sentation of our Situation. and sent it to Mr. Town.
who sent us word by a Vicarrah. that he had received
the Company's order to send us to Trichinopoly

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We replied if our arrears are paid you may send us to Trichinopoly or Madras. but if not without that you say it is the Company's order for us to go. we will not stir. The Company may put us to Death. we will not draw a Sword against them. if we are destroyed the Reputation of the action will redound to our Country's. but if on the other hand our arrears are discharged. and we are civilly sent away. the credit of such a Conduct will also reach our Country. after this we sent Representations to the Rajah Serfojee. to Dullaqee & Appa. and to Mahadeck Row. They sent word we have nothing to do with you. we have nothing to say to your Representations and desire your people may not be sent here again. A Theft was committed in my House. and I sent a man to seize the thief. but he was forbidden to go near him. In this manner we were oppressed in the Company's Country. and in the Country where we had been established for seven Generations. We had waited in expectation

Six

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Six months our resources were totally exhausted and we remained without eating two Days instead of dying for want of food we thought it preferable to be put to death at once; and leaving the House we advanced as far as Nunnumants Pagoda. There we were met by a Vackeel from Mr. Torin who forbad us to proceed saying if we did we should be guilty of disobedience to the Company's Orders and promised that our Business should be settled after receiving the Company's Order we remained there: all that passed after our arrival there has been written to the Company by the Jemmadar Setwagee Ingely from whose Representation it will be known. we hope the Company will be favorable to us and order our arrears to be Paid in the same manner that they have been Paid to others who have left the Country. we depend upon the Company entirely, and have no other support. Their Reputation will be extended far and near from the protection they affordes. —

A true Translation

Signed William Blackburne

Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore

Translation

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Translation of a paper called Sowdy. delivered to to the Circar by the Jemaudar Suberow Setwayer by Ingely under the Command of Rammeduderow Gooty. in the year Setteh Teesyn. —

For myself and all the people under my Command. Bargeers and others. I hereby consent to the following Reduction from our Balances for the year Kamies Teesyn. —

1st. A Reduction of five months pay from all those whose stipulated pay exceeds ten Chuckrams ffor Mensum. —

2d. A Reduction of four months pay from those whose stipulated pay is less than ten Chuckrams per Mensum. —

In this manner I have consented to the Reduction of four and five Months pay. I have remaining seven and eight months pay to which I have agreed. after Deducting what may have been Received. I will Receive in the same manner as may

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be paid to the rest of the Lascar Puttuck, with regard
to the reduced pay. I will never demand it either in this
or any other Country, from the Circar or any of their Servants. —
Thus I have fairly written and delivered
this paper called Soudy, drawn out by my Vegubel Raja
Krishnah on the 12th of the month Shaaban 22. February
1795. (Signed by Suberow Setwugee Ingely) True.

A true Translation
Signed William Blackburne
Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore

Translation of a paper called Sekeh delivered
to the Circar by the Jemaudar Suberow Setwugee Ingely
Under the Command of Ramchunderow Gaudy in the
year Setta Teesyn. —
In the present year on account of
the payments to the Company, the Country has not
been given up. I thereby for myself and all the people
under my Command, consent to the following Reduction
from our full annual pay, to commence from the
present

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present year, and continue until the Restoration of the
Country to his Excellency. —

1st. A Reduction of four Months pay from
those whose Monthly pay amounts to five Chuckrams. —

2d. A Reduction of Six Months pay from
those who receive from five to ten Chuckrams p. Month. —

3d. A Reduction of Seven Months pay from
those who receive from ten to thirty Chuckrams a Month. —

4th. A Reduction of eight Months pay from
those whose Monthly pay exceeds thirty Chuckrams. —

In this manner I have consented to the
Reduction of four, Six, seven and eight Months pay. The
remaining four, five, six and eight Months I consent
to receive from the Circar in Cash. Grain Cloth &c any
other articles, and with respect to the Reductions to
which I have consented, I will not in this or any
other Country demand them either from the Circar,
the Managers, Renters or any one else, and will be
diligently and faithfully serve the Circar, that I have
freely

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Freely written and delivered this paper called Taheek drawn up by my Vegeel Raja Kristna, on the 26th of Ghiled the last day of the year. 3d June 1796. (Signed) Subarow Selwayee Ingely, True

A true Translation
Signed William Blackburne
Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore

To Lieutenant William Blackburne
Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore

Sir.

Enclosed you will receive Extract of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe. I request you will immediately communicate the Contents to Salwaye Ingelay and his Followers &c. and inform them that I will without delay deliver the money to any Person they shall think proper to send properly authorized to receive it. —

I am &c. &c.
Signed B. Torin Resident

Tanjore
14th January 1799.

A true Copy
Signed, William Blackburne

Extract of a Letter from Mr. I. Webbe Secretary to Government &c.
Mr. Benjamin Torin Resident at Tanjore. Dated 10th January 1799. —

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated 3d Instant. and to express the satisfaction of the Right Honorable the Governor General at the Composure of the Mahratta horsemen, as they must however be in want of money. and as arrears are unquestionably due to them his Lordship desires that one thousand Pagodas may be advanced to them on account. —

A true Extract
Signed B. Torin Resident

A true Copy
Signed William Blackburne.

Statement.

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A.

Statement of the Arrears of the Mahratta Horsemen who went into Dharna on the 16th. December 1798. —

Names.

1. Soberoos Setuvagee Angely. . . . . .

Claim 1st. Now the Promise of the late Rajah repeated a few Days before the End of his Reign. when he demanded the Agreements of Tukeh and Jody from Angely Rejected. because the promises were only verbal, the latter conditional, and the Condition not performed. . . . .

Claim 2d. the Pay of five Followers who voluntarily entered into the Rajah Sorfoges Service six months ago. and have given Receipts for their Arrears, insisted upon by Angely because they quitted him without Leave — Rejected. . . . . .

Claim 3d. the Pay of two followers who Died a short time before the End of same reign. Objected to by the Circar because no Perwangy has been granted to authorize Angely to receive it admitted to the Date of their respective Deaths. . .

Claim 4th. the Pay of three followers who died and in whose place three others were entertained agreably to a Perwangy issued — Objected to because the Names of the Parties have not been entered in the Regular Rolls of the Circar, but appears that this Omission can only be imputed to the Negligence of the Circar Officers. admitted. . . . . .

Claim 5th. Chuckrams 670. 8 3/4 being a Balance of an Order for Chuckrams 813 granted to Angely on account of Pay upon a Village in the Subah of Mamaravil. When Angely had received Chuckrams 224. 1 3/4 in part of the Order, the Subah was afterwards by the Company and the Villages People ordered to pay any thing more. Rejected from the demands upon the Circar, but as the Money appears to be due from the Villages People, the Resident has been requested, and has promised to desire the Collector to assist Angely to recover it. . . . . .

2. Ramcheenderow Sentagee Angely. . . . . .

3. Narsewhgee Mallargee Angely. . . . . .

A Claim of Sicca Chuckrams, demanded upon a alledged promise of the late Rajah to enter him in the Service. The young Man was not entertained. He never received Pay and no Document exists to Establish the promise. he is stated to have been made five years ago. . . . . .

4. Gedasem Mohedeen. . . . . .

N.B. Gedasem Mohedeen's Pay is not entered in the Circar Rolls, because it was stopped upon the Death of the Castomdar and he was entitled to Enumeration daily. He is left on the Circar Books with Colours and therefore receives daily pay while employed and is called Rosingai. . . . . .

5 Soberoos Ghisspragee Ghandegeh. . . . . .

N.B. Soberoos Ghisspragee Ghandegeh has not received any Encouragement to Desert. Should he enter the Service of the Rajahs People, it is stated he demanded of them he contended for his House and two Horses were given to him. The Terms were thought too high and the Engagement was not executed. He is in Relation of and went on great Terms with the late Rajah's Minister. It is said were apprehensive of the Effects of this Enmity, and desirous of trying to counteract by assistance upon the Engagements

6 Shenkar Row Gee Rogonath Row, Mokedeh. . . . . .

A Claim on account of a Follower who Voluntarily entered the Rajah's Service and has given up all Claim to his Arrears, he quitted Shenkar Row Gee without Leave. Rejected. . . . . .

7 . . . . Ruckamagee Dullagee Mandegeh . . . . . .

8 . . . . Ramnagee Reddiagee Rowakar. . . . . .

9 . . . . Shaik Khyder Shaik Rahimoon . . . . . .

10 . . . . Ramcheenderow Venkat Row Sadhow . . . . . .

11 . . . . Soberoos Ghorpieddeh . . . . . .

12. . . . . Trimmul Row Sentagee Calah . . . . . .

Carried over Fanams Chuckrams . . .

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Names.

Brought down Surgeon Chuckrams.

13 ——— Row Lee Yeshwent Row Moketch .....

14 ——— Mirza Assud Beg .....

15 ——— Seik .....

16 ——— Yeshwent Row Row Jee Moketch .....

17 ——— Comum Rauze .....

18 ——— Mallargee Rannogee Ghantegeh .....

Claim. The Pay of two Followers who entered into the Rajah Serfogees Service Six Months ago and have given Receipts for their Arrears. Rejected .....

N.B. Nos 17 and 18 received from the late Rajah more pay than they were entitled to. upon the reduced payments to the accession of Serfogee Rajah. The former an Excess of Chuckrams 13. 8 3/32. The latter Chuckrams 117 2 3/16. This is not an uncommon Circumstance. Advances on account of Pay being frequently made to the Circar Servants upon a Death or Marriage or a Birth in the Family, and the Amount deducted afterwards from the Current pay by two, three, or four annual Instalment Mallargee Rannogee Ghantegeh received an advance on account of pay of 270 Chuckrams which he was to have repaid in four Years. The Balance of this Sum causes the Excess of his Receipts above the regulated pay. —

Fort St. George Chuckrams

Star Pagodas at 3 3/4 Rupees Fort St. George Pagoda

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No 1	No 2	No 3	No 4	No 5	No 6	No 7	No 8	No 9	No 10
Claim entered in No 1 objected to by the Collector on the Grounds of the same not being supported by the Depositions of the Witnesses produced in support thereof. — Tanjore Chief Kamam. —	Claim entered in No 1 objected to by the Collector, and for the Reasons therein specified. — Adam Elliot. —	Claim entered in No 1 objected to by the Collector, and for the Reasons therein specified. — Reid Pr. —	Balance of Pollams assigned to Sheik Ally Saib Dewan of Tanjore by Colonel Kelly's Detachment in 1776 — Deduct Pollams restored to the Rajah by the Treaty of Peace concluded with Tippoo Sultaun in 1792 — Balance of Pollams assigned to the Rajah's Government by the Treaty of Peace concluded with Tippoo Sultaun in 1792 —	Balance of the Assignment of Pollams granted to the Rajah of Tanjore by the Treaty of Peace concluded with Tippoo Sultaun in 1792 — Deduct Pollams restored to the Rajah by the Treaty of Peace concluded with Tippoo Sultaun in 1792 — Balance of Pollams assigned to the Rajah's Government by the Treaty of Peace concluded with Tippoo Sultaun in 1792 —	Balance of the Assignment of Pollams granted to the Rajah of Tanjore by the Treaty of Peace concluded with Tippoo Sultaun in 1792 — Deduct Pollams restored to the Rajah by the Treaty of Peace concluded with Tippoo Sultaun in 1792 — Balance of Pollams assigned to the Rajah's Government by the Treaty of Peace concluded with Tippoo Sultaun in 1792 —	Arrears since the assignment of Tanjore Pollams to the Rajah's Government by the Treaty of Peace concluded with Tippoo Sultaun in 1792 —	Pollams restored to the Rajah by the Treaty of Peace concluded with Tippoo Sultaun in 1792 —	Pollams restored to the Rajah by the Treaty of Peace concluded with Tippoo Sultaun in 1792 —
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Signed William Blackburne Lieut.
Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore
Translation

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Translation

of the Representation of Soobroo a Bhawagee Shopkeeper delivered in this year Seetah Teeyar.

Formerly at the Berth of my Child. I requested the Rajah to advance me 100 Chuckrams on account of my pay. He consented provided I would execute the agreement called Sidy. I executed and delivered it. afterwards when I demanded the money the Perwangy for 100 Chuckrams was issued. 50 Chuckr. on account of my Arrears. and 50 on account of the pay of the year. When I was to receive the money the change of Government took place. on this account 100 Chuckr. must be paid to me.

The Rajah Annersing gave a Horse to my Father in Law. which he gave to me. This is ten years ago. afterwards Annersing Rajah desired to have the Horse. to put in a Carriage. I sent him agreeably to the Rajah's desire. they found him not fit for a Carriage and sent him back to me. and ordered him to be fed by the Circar. I had before made a Request that he might be fed by the Circar. now it was

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complied with. this being the case, a presumption has been made, that the Horse belonged to the Circar. — because he was fed from the Stables, and they have taken him from me. —

A true translation

(Signed) William Blackburne

Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore

Remarks upon the Claims of Subbarow Bhaw sangee Ghorpiddeh. —

1st. The Claim of Chuckrams 100. appears to have no foundation. — Ghorpiddeh states expressly that the late Rajah promised to advance this Sum to him on Account of his Pay; and he now demands it as a free Gift. It is included in and forms a part of his arrears. —

2d. The Claim of a Horse appears more reasonable. Ghorpiddeh asserts that he was given to his father in Law by the late Rajah, and pay allowed for his Services. which seems to ascertain the Title to the Horse. The Circar Horses are subsisted, and pay given to the Rider.

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When the Horse is the Riders property, both are entered in the Circar Books and a separate and distinct pass is commonly granted to them.— It must however be observed, that no perwanney has been issued to establish the Gift, and that when the late Rajahs was applied to for Information upon this subject, the Reply was, that if he had given the Horse as a present, it would be shewn in the Perwanny.—

Signed William Blackburne

Translation of the Representation of Yeshwant Row Row Gee Mohitch Sawandar, for himself, his Son, and Brothers.—

Claims to be decided upon.

1st. Amersing Maharajah ordered me to entertain ten people, and keep them in the Service of the Stables at Annapettah. He ordered me to draw up a Memorandum of these ten Men which I did, and delivered it in to the Circar, agreeably to the Rajahs Order. I entertained ten Men, and they served

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served twenty seven Months, Having received no
Subsistence for these Men who were much distressed.
and whose Names were not yet entered in the
Circar Books. I made many Representations on the
Subject, and was put off with promises from day to
day. - In the mean time, forty or fifty Foals were
produced, which were carefully attended, grew up and
are all now in the Stables of the Circar. to the people
whom the Rajah promised me should be immediately
entertained and paid. I advanced 1500 Chuckrums
which I borrowed with great difficulty. I was then in
great Distress when I represented to the Rajah, my
Distress from my Debts, and the pressure of my
people for money for their Expences. He ordered six of
the Men to be entertained under the Command of
my Son. Row Gee Moheteh, and on account of the
money I had borrowed, and advanced to them. he
ordered Nanah, in the presence of Tatebah Moheteh
and me, to pay me 1000 Chuckrums. afterwards
when I demanded the money of Nanah, he said
I will

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I will pay it in a Day or two, you need not mention it again in the presence. In the meantime the change of Government took place. I did not receive the Money.— on this account a Thousand Chuckrums is due to me. 2dly a Horse belonging to one of my people died. when the Rajah saw the Foals which I had reared. he was very much pleased. and said I will make you a Present of a Horse in the place of the one which died. and he sent me one of the foals. It was written off in the Circar Books. from the time I received the foal. I took great care of it. and gave it milk and Butter. and it grew to a Horse.— This being the case. on the Month of Sujjer of the present year. the Circar took from me the Horse. which must be restored.— 3rd. my Brother Goovindrow Mohetch. and Krishnajee. Mohetch requested the Rajah assuring. when he went to Amapettah. to encrease their pay. and presented him as a Nezur. with a Mare with foal. and a foal. the Mare foaled. and the three are now in the Stables of the Circar. afterwards the

Rajah

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Rajah sent word by Tatoba Mohetch. that he would encrease their pay ten or fifteen Rupees a month. this we declined. saying it was not enough. In return for the Horse we had given. he sent us a Foal from the Circar. which we refused to accept. as they had not encreased our Pay. after we had given three Horses to the Circar. those three Horses must be returned to us. —

A true Translation

Signed William Blackburne

Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore

Remarks. — Ayeshwunt Row. Row Jee Mohetch cannot produce any public Document whatever in support of any one of those Claims. the last is evidently inadmissible. the promises of the Rajah. when he was liberally bestowed upon all who approached him. cannot be considered as a sufficient ground for advancing Claims upon the present Rajah. when unsupported. as in this instance. by those public Documents. without which they were never productive. even in the late Reign. —

Signed William Blackburne

Translation

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Translation

of the Representation of Mallarjee Ramogee Gantegeh. delivered in the year Sackah Teesyr...

The Maharajah Ameersing having sent for me from my own Country, I arrived here. It is the Custom in such a case to give Money for the Expences of the Journey. Formerly when Tatogee Mukeleh and Govinderow Nimble Ker arrived, a thousand pons to Nove Pag.s were given to each of them for the Expences of their Journey. I demanded Money for my Expences, to which the Rajah Replied. I have advanced to you 2700 Chuckrums you may take that for the Expences of your Journey. I said it was not enough for my Expences in Horses Camels Palanqueens &c.a The Rajah then said on what account shall it be Stated in the Perwangy account. shall it be Stated in the Perwangy, that you have received this Sum of 2700 Chuckrums. I said let it be received on account of my pay, my Expences on the Road have amounted to five Thousand Chuck.s it is not sufficient for them. The Rajah said very well

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well. I will give you five thousand Chuckrams for the Expences of your Journey. This Money must be paid to me. I am very much involved in Debt, and have sent this Representation that I may obtain the Money for the Expences of my Journey.—

A true Translation

Signed William Blackburne

Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore

Remarks.— It is only necessary to observe upon this Claim, that it rests upon no Foundation whatever, except an alledged promise from the late Rajah, made three years ago.—

Signed William Blackburne

List of Mahratta Horsemen who went into Dharwar at Tanjore on the 16th December 1798. and the followers attached to them.—

1. Souberow Setwarjee Ingely ..... 73 Followers

2. Mallarjee Rannojee Ghantejeh .. 28.

Carried over .. 101

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Brought over ..... 101 Followers

3. Shem Kerajah Ragonath Row Moheteh .. 10

4. Row Gee Yeshwunt Row Moheteh 6

5. Yeshwunt Row Row Gee Moheteh 6

6. Seik ..... 5.

7 Ramchundrow Sontagee Jingely 0

8. Narsewhgee Mallargee Jingely 0

9. Gulaum Mohedeen 0

10. Suberow Ghirpagee Ghantegeh 0

11. Ruckannagee Duttagee Mandegeh ... 0

12. Rannagee Padmagee Powrwar 0

13. Shaik Hyder 0

14. Ramchundrow Vencat Row Sadhow .. 0

15. Subbrow Ghorpuddeh 0

16. Trimul Row Sontagee Baleh 0

17. Merza Ayeed Beg ..... 0.

18. Comun Rauze 0

18 Mahratta Horsemen. 128 Followers

Signed. William Blackburne

Translation

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Translation of a Note from Suberow Setwagee
Singly. to Mr. Blackburne. Recvd in the Morning
of the 21st. January 1799. from his Sowar Lew
Soteengah Ganteyah. —

Soteengah Ganteyah delivered to me the
Message you sent by him yesterday. We did not come
to this Country as new Servants. We have been the —
Servants of this Country for many Generations. — It is
the Custom to make out the pay of the Servants for
twelve Months, and afterwards, when the Agreement
for the year is settled, and we have consented to it.
we receive our pay accordingly, and give up the —
Remainder. by a paper called Sody. also when the
Agreement has been made, and the Servants have
given the Sody. if any private Soldier or Sirraudar. —
refuses positively to give the Sody. and demands his
Dismission. he receives his full pay. Now they say
we are unable to pay your Arrears at the Rate of full
pay. however single Sepoys have received it. The
Son

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Son of Narayen Ingely Jemaudar Retired from the Service and received it. altho this is the Custom of the Country. they have determined by every possible means to discredit us with the Company: of this you must be well acquainted. If it is to be settled according to the agreements of the year Seetah Teesyn: where was the necessity for taking similar agreements for the two following years. Sabbah and Sunsma Teesyn. Since the Agreements for the year Seetah Teesyn: were executed many people have been dismissed. and received their full pay. but to sum it is — the Question to pay us our Arrears. they say the former Rajah and his Ministers submitted to these demands from their weakness and Incapacity. untill now the Company have never interfered in the Dismission of the Circar Servants. and their receipt of their full pay. now that the Company have been favorable to them so they say they will resist. If the Company's Interference be removed. we will. by one means or another obtain our Arrears from them. as we are restrained by the

Company's

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Company's orders. They say what they please. They (the
Company) however are wise, and the almighty has given
them authority. If ever I had ever consented to receive our
pay according to the agreements of Seetah Teesyn. we
should now have been seven Months in his (Serfogee's)
Service. our pay according to these agreements. being
insufficient. we entered upon this Business. and
resolved to receive our arrears agreeably to the Custom of
the Country. or perish. after this Major Innes. a Stirdar
of the Company. came to us. and telling us that he
would cause our just arrears. agreeably to the Custom
of the Country. to be paid to us. we returned to our
Houses. If this had not happened before now. the
Fame of this affair would have been spread over
all India. now our arrears must be paid to us.
agreeably to the Custom of the Country. If not. and
if the Company should be of opinion. that our
arrears ought to be paid according to the former
agreements. We certainly shall not receive them

at.

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at that rate.— If the Company are offended at this declaration, who can we appeal to, where can we go. We are ready to die. but we hope the Company will be favorable to us, and obtain the reputation of causing our full arrears to be paid.—

A true translation

Signed William Blackburne

Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore.

To Lieutenant John Butler

Fort Adjutant

Tanjore

Sir.

As I understand you were present at a conversation between the Resident Mr. Sorin and Soborow Setwagee Angely a few days before the Mahratta Horsemen went into Dharwar. I beg the favor of you to inform me whether or not the latter promised

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Sanjaver
22d January 1799.

promised agreeably to Mr Torin's recommendation
to send a representation on the subject of their
Claims to the Government at Madras and wait
the result. —

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

A true Copy
(Signed) William Blackburne

To Lieutenant William Blackburne

Sir.

I am favored with your Letter of this
days date, and have to inform you, that I was
present at a Conversation which Mr Torin had
with Subarow Satwajee Ingely some days prior
to the Mahratta Horsemen going into Dharwar,
when Mr Torin recommended to Satwajee Ingely
to send the representation on the subject of their
Claims

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Claims through him to the Madras Government. and
wait the result. Satwajee after hesitating some time,
did promise. that he would send it to Mr Torin. to be
forwarded.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed J. Butler

A true Copy.
Signed William Blackburne

Tanjour
22d January 1799.

To the Right Honorable
Earl Mornington K. P.
Governor General in Council &c. &c. &c.

From the Commandant at Tanjaur transmits papers Nos 5 and 6 relating to the claims of the Mahratta Horsemen, accompanied by Copies of Correspondence between him, the Resident and Lieut. Blackburne on the subject Nos 1. 2. 3. & 4.—

My Lord.

I beg leave to lay before your Lordship &c.
Council Copy of a Letter (No 5.) I received under date the
29th from Setwajee Inglay, requesting me to forward to
your Lordship (No 6.) in behalf of himself and other
Mahratta horsemen.—

The preceding Papers Nos 1. 2. 3. and 4.
which

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Sheith Salo Deno will shew how I have been misstated
to interfere against in their Concerns contrary to my
own opinion, conceiving I had nothing more to do
with them after I had directed them to submit their case
to and to receive the orders of Lieutenant Blackburne as
required by Mr Torin. - I have sent their Letter for
your Lordship to Mr Torin to be forwarded by him. -

It may be proper and indeed it is
but justice to mention from the best information
I am able to obtain, that the distress these Malabar
Horsemen complain of, really presses very hard on them,
their Credit being exhausted, otherwise I do not
believe they would have troubled your Lordship on this
occasion, but patiently have waited the decision
of Government. -

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

Signed Sam Symes
Major Commanding

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31st March 1799.

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No. 1.

To Major Symes

Commanding Tanjore.

Sir.

Enclosed you will receive Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe 5th January 1799. relative to the Claims of the Mahratta Horsemen.

I have to request that you will direct Salvages Ingclay &c. to attend the Summons of Lieut. Blackburne whenever he shall have occasion to call upon them. to whom I have delivered their original Representations and Accounts, as well as Copies of their Claims extracted from the Cutcherry Duftors. and shall furnish him with all the information in my power towards a full and a fair Report.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Benj.n Torin

Resident

Tanjore

10th January 1799.

To

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N. 2.

To B. Torin Esqr

President at

Tanjore.

Sir.

I have received your Letter of yesterday covering Copy of Mr Secretary Webbe's relative to the affair of the Mahratta Horsemen which has agreeably to your desire been communicated, and they are ready to receive the orders of Lieutenant Blackburne whenever he may think proper to call on them.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Tanjore
11th January 1799.

(Signed) Jas Innes

Major Commanding

N. 3.

To Major Innes

Commanding

Tanjore

Dear Sir

I have shewn to Mr Torin a Copy of the Translation of Setwaqee Inglay's Letter to me of yesterday's Date

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Date which I sent to you —

Mr. Torin cannot avoid considering it

as extremely improper and disrespectful, but has desired

me to inform you, that if the Mahrattas think proper to

make any representation of their distress to Government

through you, he will receive it, and forward it to the

Board immediately. — Mr. Torin conceives this to be the

regular Channel of communication, as the Mahrattas

are considered under your protection, and as their original

representations to Government were transmitted through

you. — Mr. Torin has not however the least objection to

receive directly from the Mahrattas any Memorial on

the subject of their distress, and to forward it to

Government. —

I believe I have often mentioned to you,

that during the last month, I have repeatedly told

the Mahrattas that if their distress should become

so urgent, as to induce them to wish to address the

Government on the subject, the road was perfectly open.

and

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and direct and that Mr Town was ready to receive and forward their Representations immediately. —

I am &c &c

(Signd) William Blackburne

Tanjore
28th March 1799.

No 4.

To Lieutenant Blackburne

&c &c

My Dear Sir

I have just now received your Letter of this day, with a translation of Setwayee Sing Jay's letter to you. — I am sorry he cannot hold out a few days more, as I am convinced Government will come to a decision on the case of the Mahratta horsemen as soon as they have time to take it into consideration, and this I have regularly held out to them: but they constantly urged their distress would not bear any longer delay. —

You know my sentiments on this subject. that I conceived I could not with propriety interfere

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interfere in their business after I at the request of
Mr Torin as stated in his Letter of the 10th January
desired them to attend to your orders, as being directed
by Government to investigate their Claims, further
than affording them protection from insult or ill
usage, should it be offered. - But as you tell me, Mr
Torin conceives "that if the Mahrattas think proper
to make any representation of their distress to Govern-
-ment, it should be through me to them, as the regular
channel of communication, as the Mahrattas are
considered under my protection." I will inform them that there
may not be any delay occasioned by any difficulty on
my part: and this being you will have the goodness to
explain to them, and the reason I have hitherto re-
-frained from troubling Government. -

I am &c &c

Sanjour
28 March 1799.
6 Encl.

Signed Sir. Innes

Translation

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No. 5.

Translation of a Letter to Major Innes from the Setwagee Ingelly. - Dated Tanjore 21st. Shawal, or 29th. March 1799.

We and our families amounting to 4 thousand Souls, our Horses &c. have been enabled by your Humanity to Remain untill this time in Tanjore. - The Rajah or Serfogee meditated our Destruction, but you came, and were favorable to us, and became our Chief, and have thereby extended your Reputation to Heaven, attentive to your Reputation and Glory, you undertook our Business, advanced for our Expences a Thousand Pagodas, obtained for us a just Settlement of our accounts and sent it to Madras, and sincerely desired to procure for us a speedy Decision. - Of all this we are perfectly conscious. - In consequence of the great distress to which we have been reduced, we have been troubling you continually, but instead of being offended with us, you have treated us with the kindness of a parent, and given us the best advice. - We have always relyed with confidence upon

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Mr. Torin as stated in his Letter of the 10th. January
desired them to attend to your orders as being directed
by Government to investigate their Claims, further
than affording them protection from insult or ill
usage, should it be offered - But as you tell me Mr.
Torin conceives "that if the Mahrattas think proper
to make any representation of their distress to Govern-
ment it should be through me to them as the regular
channel of communication, as the Mahrattas are
considered under my protection" I will inform him that there
may not be any delay occasioned by any difficulty on
my part: and this Day you will have the goodness to
explain to them, and the reason I have hitherto re-
frained from troubling Government -

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Jas. Innes

Sanjour
28. March 1799.
L. S. M.

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No 5.

Translation of a Letter to Major Innes from the Setwagee Ingely. - Dated Tanjore 21st Shawal or 29th March 1799.

We and our families amounting to 2 Thousand Souls, our Horses &c have been enabled by your Humanity to remain until this time in Tanjore. - The Rajah & Serfogee meditated our Destruction, but you came, and were favorable to us, and became our Chiefs, and have thereby extended your Reputation to Heaven, attentive to your Reputation and Glory, you undertook our Business, advanced for our Expences a Thousand Pagodas, obtained for us a just Settlement of our accounts and sent it to Madras, and sincerely desired to procure for us a speedy Decision. - Of all this we are perfectly convinced. - In consequence of the great distress to which we have been reduced, we have been troubling you continually, but instead of being offended with us, you have treated us with the kindness of a parent, and given us the best advice. - We have always relyed with confidence

upon

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upon your Assurances. We have now agreeably to your directions, written a Memorial to the Governor, you are to use the Company. the Governor, and every thing: We depend upon no one but you. We consider your Word, as the Word of God. be favorable to us therefore and encrease your Reputation by preventing us and the Thousand Souls dependant upon us from perishing by Famine. — Selam. —

A true translation

Signed Willm Blackburne

Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore

A true Copy

Signed Sal. Hanes

Major Commanding

No. 6.

Translation of a Letter to the Right Honorable the Governor General from Seevagee Angely. Dated Tanjore 21st. Shuwal or 29th. March 1799. —

I was formerly in the Service of Hyder, and fell into the Hands of the Company, at the Storm

of

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of Bangalore, Lord Cornwallis Behaviour, advised me
to return to my own Country, and procured me a Letter
from the Rajah Ameersing. Upon this I returned to
Tanjore, and remained there five or six years, and have
been treated with the greatest kindness by the Rajah.
after the Deposition of Ameersing by the Company,
the Rajah Serfogee took no notice whatever of us. We
waited patiently six Months, and being in great
distress, sent to the Rajah Serfogee two or three times. —
He said I have nothing to do with you, apply to the
Company. I sent a Representation to the Resident
Mr. Torin, and went to see him. He said he would
communicate our situation to the Company, and
acquaint us of the Result. I answered that I would
wait, provided he advanced me a two Thousand Pagodas
for our immediate Expences. He replied that it was not
in his Power. We should not have suffered so much
distress for six Months without making a personal
application to the Rajah, if we had not been with the Field

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by our respect for the company, a Guard of whose Sepoys was posted at the Gate of the Palace Square, after the 4th. company's Guard was removed, we set out with a determination of proceeding to the Palace Square, and recovering our Arrears or dying upon the Spot, but being met by a Hurcarrah of the Resident Mr. Torrin, who forbade us to proceed, saying our Business should be settled, and if we advanced, we should become guilty in the Eyes of the company, we remained there. The Rajah Surfoyee ordered Tents to be pitched in our Front, and having given Ammunition to his Troopers and Sepoys, with their Guns, he placed them near us, and posted Sentinels close to us. — Unwilling to deviate from the Respect due to the Company, we remained in this Situation two Days, when Major Innes came upon us with Guns and every preparation that was calculated to dismay us. — We were resolved not to draw a Sword against the Company

and

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and remained quiet in our places. Major Innes then
considered that if he attached us, we were ready to die.
but that we had committed no fault, and paid to us.
"I will acquaint the Company, and promise you
that your just arrears shall be paid." We respected the
Orders of the Company and retired, - after this Mr.
Blackburne arrived, and saw our Distress, in consequence
of which a thousand Pagodas were advanced to us, and
he settled our Accounts justly to the 9th of the
month Rajub, and transmitted them to the Company.
We then expected that in the course of ten days our
business would be settled, but it is our misfortune
that the more important affairs in which you have
been engaged, have caused much delay. We and all
our people have suffered great distress, which we have
stated to Major Innes and Mr. Blackburne, five or
six times, they have always told us our Business
was before the Company and would soon be determined.

We

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We rely with confidence upon the promises of the Company but as our distress is great we hope you will not be offended at our application but relieve us. We are in Number a thousand Souls besides Horses and are so great distress for the necessaries of life that we cannot Eat more than once in two and three days. Your Benevolence and munificence are extended to all Mankind. - It is unnecessary to suggest to you what should be done for people distressed like us. - It is the Custom of the Company to give food to those who are made Prisoners in Battle and to those even who have committed Crimes. We however desire nothing but our Arrears, and have conducted ourselves in Obedience to the Company Orders. We consider ourselves as the Company's Children and are in want of the necessaries of life. we anxiously look forward to the time when the Company shall become favorable to us and endeavour to deserve their favor. From the delay that has taken place in our expected Receipts from the Company there is not

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not a Merchant or Banker in the Town who will lend us any thing. In consequence our distress is very great. we have no support but you. all living Creatures depend on the Supreme Being. Pus you stand in that Relation. If you are favorable to our Misery, and protect our families. your Reputation will be extended throughout Heaven and Earth. If you are not favorable to us. we and our families amounting to two thousand Souls. besides our Horses &c. must perish in our Houses. how we are to be saved depends upon you. It is the Custom of Tanjore to pay the arrears of those who retire from the Service immediately. and send them away. our accounts have been settled four months. and our arrears are still unpaid. with respect to this however you will do what is proper. you are equally benevolent and just and the protector and parent of those who are distressed by long Arrears - as we are the Children of the Company. you must be favorable to us. and pardon us if we have committed any Impropriety. — Selam.

A true Translation
(Signed) Wm. Blackburne
Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore

A true Copy
(Signed) Jas. Innes
Major Commd.

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No 7.

To B. Torin Esqr

Resident at Tanjore

Sir

I have Received your Letter of the 10th
January last informing me that Lieut. Blackburne
was appointed to investigate the affair of the Mahratta
horsemen, and requesting I would direct them to attend
to his orders. I concluded from that time they being
under the protection of Government I had nothing to
do with their concerns, and that they were to look to
you and Lieutenant Blackburne. Lieut. he writes me
that he is desired by you to inform me, as they are
considered under my protection, you conceive the regular
channel of communication from them to be through
me to you, and that you are ready to receive and
forward any representation of their distress they
may wish to make to Government, so communicated.
and this being mentioned to them they brought

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Two Letters under date the 29th one from me requesting I would forward that for the Governor - I therefore herewith transmit to you the Letter with an Official translation of it -

and you will of course do what you judge is right in the business -

I have the honor to be

Hon Sir

Sir

Your most

Obedient

Humble Servt

Jas Innes

Major Commanding

Sanjeer

31st March 1799

To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir

I am concerned to be obliged to trouble you with another Representation from the Mahratta Horsemen - you will perceive by the Papers enclosed that I have taken some pains thro Major Innes to prevent the informality and indelicate impropriety of their address directed to the Governor General instead of the mode of preferring their Complaints thro the regular Channel

From the Resident at Sanjeer transmitting Circular papers relating to the Claims of the Mahratta Horsemen with those transmitted by the Commandant on 31st Ultimo with the Petition of another N.C. on the same subject. Transmits Copies of Correspondence between him and the Commandant and Lieut. Blackburne Nos. 2. 3. 6 & 6

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Channels as they were directed. - but as Mr. Innes from Major Innes that he had already dispatched Copies of these Letters to Government. I am under the necessity of doing the same. - and to offer this in excuse for the delay in my communication: -

I beg leave to call the attention of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to the Copy of their Letter marked A/ addressed to the Mahratta Translator. - but in fact directed against the Company's Servants in authority at Tanjore. - because this Letter was the origin of the present Representation, and of the communication which followed between me and the Commanding Officer, and because it shews the irritable State of the Mahrattas, and the Style and Language they are capable of using. - all this placed by their own Consent under Major Innes's immediate protection. -

The merit of their Claims are already before Government on the Report of Lieut.t Blackburne. -

I have the honor to be
Sir Your
Most Obed.t Humble Servant
Benj.n Torin
Translator

Tanjore
1.st April 1799.

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Translation of a Letter from Seltwager Ingaly &c to Mr. Blackburne. Dated Tanjore 19th Showall. 27th March 1799.

Received from his son in Law 27th March 1799.

We have received for our Expences this year only one thousand Pagodas. with great difficulty we have prolonged our Existence upon it until now. there is no appearance that the Company attend to us. all this we, our people and our Horses. should be sent double with famine; in our places. In consequence of this Company's interference, and the delay which has taken place, no one will lend us money, our people Eat once in two and three days. We explained this to you two or three times. and you encouraged us to wait. unwilling to displease you. we attended to your advice. what may be done for us. should be done. while we are living. If the Company shew us favor after we shall be dead. from famine. it will be no advantage to us. your

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have informed us two or three times, that if we should
state our distress to Mr. Town, we should receive something
for our Expences, but we cannot either speak, or write in
English, neither when we formerly applied to Mr. Town you
know how he treated us, now you must be favorable
to us, and make a proper application for us to Mr. Town
and Major Innes, and obtain for our immediate Expences
an advance of four or five thousand Pagodas, and an
order from the Company for the full and speedy payment
of the remainder of our arrears.- If you reply to this
that you must have the Company's order before one is
tendered, we are too much distressed to wait
who can we apply to but to you, when we have applied
to Majr. Innes, he has always said that he would
would procure the payment of our money in eight or
ten days, what can we do to the Company. If the
Company had not interfered we would have recovered
our arrears on the day we left our Houses, or we should
have died, of these alternatives it is more apparent certain

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to us from the Company's Interference. That we are to
perish in our Houses, we cannot exist so long as to—
await for the Company's orders for the payment of our
money. We consider you and Major Innes and Mr.
Lewin, to be in the place of the Company, you must give
for our Expences five Thousand Pagodas. If not. If you
will borrow it from the Louvers. we will grant our
Bonds for it. and Repay it. If you consent to neither of
these alternatives and will direct us to take it from
the Rajah. we will receive it from him. If you
Reject this proposition also, we will not die of famine;—
you must explain these proposals to Mr. Lewin. and
Major Innes, as well as the particulars contained in
this Letter, and in consideration of our Distress, & advance
for our Expences, we have written so much on the subject
of our distress, to prevent the misrepresentation which the
Rajah has fixed upon us from being credited by the
Company, and not from any other motive. It is the

Company's.

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Company's Custom to take care of, and feed those who are made prisoners in Battle or have even committed Crimes. This being the case, the Company never would have interfered with us, who merely demand our arrears. they would not have raised us from Dharwar, promised us our arrears, settled our accounts, and then left us to perish with Hunger, if it had not proceeded from the evil suggestions of some one, we however have nothing to do with him: after you have read what is contained in this Letter we shall consider it as addressed to Company, and as if it had been communicated to Major Innes and Mr Torin: Dh hereafter any delay take place, it will be highly improper.

What can we write more.

Your Translation

Signed W.m Blackburne

Mahratta Interpreter Surveyor.

To

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To Major Innes

Mahratta

Dear Sir

I have shewn to Mr Torin a Copy of the Translation of Selwagee Angelia's Letter to me of yesterdays date which I sent to you. —

Mr Torin cannot avoid considering it as extremely improper and disrespectful. but has desired me to inform you, that if the Mahrattas think proper to make any Representation of their distress to Government through you, he will transmit it to the Board immediately. This Mr Torin conceives to be the Regular Channel of Communication for the Mahrattas, as they are considered under your protection. and as their original Representations to Government were transmitted through you. — Mr Torin has not however the least objection to receive directly from the Mahrattas

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Mahrattas any Memorial on the subject of their
Distress, and to forward it to the Board.—

I believe I have often mentioned to you
that during the last month, I have frequently told
the Mahrattas, that if their distress should induce
them to wish to address the Government, the Road
was open and direct, and that Mr. Torin was ready to
receive and forward their Representations immediately.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your
Sanjour Signed William Blackburne
21st. March 1799.

To B. Torin Esqr.
Resident at
Sanjour

Sir

When I received your Letter of the 10th.
January last, informing me that Lieut. Blackburne
was appointed to investigate the affair of the
Mahrattas

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Mahratta Horsemen, and requesting I would direct them to attend to his orders. I concluded from that time, they being under the protection of Government. I had nothing to do with their Concerns, and that they were to look to you and Lieut. Blackburne; but he writes me that he is desired by you to inform me, as they are considered under my protection, you conceive the regular Channel of Communication from them to be through me to you. And that you are ready to receive and forward any representation of their distress they may wish to make to Government. so communicated. And this being mentioned to them they brought the two Letters under date the 29th. one former requiring I would forward that for the Governor General. - I therefore herewith transmit to you the latter with an official Translation of it. and you will of course do what you judge is right in the business. -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Obt. Servt.
Jas. Innes
Major Commandg
D. L.

Sangoor
31st. March 1799.

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P.S. You may have the perusal of the Mahratta Horsemens Letter to me if you desire it. —

Signed Jas. Innes

Translation of a Letter to the Right Honorable the Governor General from Salavagee Innglay. Dated Tanjore 21st. Shawal. or 29th. March 1799. —

Innes formerly in the Service of Hyder. and fell into the hands of the Company at the Storm of Bangalore. Lord Cornwallis Behaviour advised me to return to my own Country. and procured me a — Letter from the Rajah Answering upon this I returned to Tanjore. and remained there five or six years. and have been treated with the greatest kindness by the Rajah. after the Deposition of Amersing by the Company. The Rajah Serfogee took no notice whatever of us. We waited patiently Six Months. and living in great distress sent to the Rajah Serfogee two or three

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times he said "I have nothing to do with you, apply to the Company." I sent a Representation to the Resident M.r Torin and went to see him. He said he would communicate our Situation to the Company and acquaint us of the Result. - I answered that we could wait, provided he advanced one or two Thousand Pagodas for our immediate expences. - He replied that it was not in his power. - We should not have suffered so much distress for six Months without making a personal application to the Rajah, if we had not been with held by our Respect for the Company, a Guard of whose Sepoys was posted at the Gate of the Palace Square. - After the Company's Guard was removed, we set out with a Determination of proceeding to the Palace Square, and Recovering our Arrears, or dying upon the Spot. - But being met by an Hircara of the Resident M.r Torin, who forbade us to proceed, saying our Business should be settled, and if we advanced, we should become guilty in the Eyes of the Company. We Remained there. - The Rajahs Serfogee ordered Tents

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Sentts to be posted in our front, and having given Ammuni-
-tion to his Troops and Sepoys with their Guns, he or-
-dered them near us, and posted Sentinels close to us, or
unwilling to devoate from the respect due to the Company
we remained in this Situation ten days, when Major
Innes came upon us with Guns and every preparation
that was calculated to dismay us. we were resolved not
to draw a Sword against the Company, and remained
quiet in our places. - Major Innes then considered that
if he attacked us, we were ready to die; but that we had
committed no fault, and said to us "I will acquaint
the Company, and promise you that your just arrears
shall be paid." we respected the Orders of the Company
and returned. after this Mr. Blackburne arrived, and
saw our distress. - in consequence of which a Thousand
Pagodas were advanced to us, and he settled our accounts
justly to the 9th. of the Month Rajab, and transmitted
them to the Company, we then expected that in the
course of ten days our Business would be settled, but
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It is our misfortune that the most important affairs in which you have been engaged have caused much Delay, we and all our people have suffered great distress which we have stated to Major Innes and Mr. Blackburne five or Six times.- They have always told us that our Business was before the Company and would soon be determined. we rely with confidence upon the promises of the Company but as our distress is great. we hope you will not be offended at our application. but relieve us: we are in Number a thousand Souls besides horses &c. and in so great Distress for the necessaries of life. that we cannot eat more than one in two and three Days. your Benevolence and munificence are extended to all mankind.- It is unnecessary to suggest to you what should be done for People distressed like us.- It is the Custom of the Company to give food to those who are made Prisoners in Battle. and to those even who have Committed Crimes.- we however desire - nothing

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Obedience to the Companys orders, we consider ourselves as
the Companys Children, and are ever ignorant of the necessaries
of Life - we anxiously look forward to the time when
the Company shall become favorable to us, and endeavour
to deserve their favor. From the delay that has taken
place in our expected Receipts from the Company there
is not a Merchant or Banker in the Town who will lend
us any thing. In consequence our distress is very great:
we have no support but you: all living Creatures
depend on the Supreme Being - to us you stand in that
Relation - If you are favorable to our misery and protect
our Families, your Reputation will be extended through-
out Heaven and Earth. If you are not favorable to us
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besides our Horses &c. must perish in our Houses - how
we are to be saved depends upon you. It is the Custom
of Company to pay the Arrears of those who retire from

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I am,

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Signed William Blackburne

Lieut.t - Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore

To Major Innes

Commanding

Tanjore

Sir

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of this date, covering a Representation from Setwoojee Englay & Wm Kerseemen, to the Governor General,

I shall

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I shall be much obliged to you for perusal of their Letter to you accompanying this Representation, as however such Letter to me more essentially may belong, and certainly more proper than this address to the Governor General. since their case is already before Government, and all that can be required is to request the Governor General to take the Subject into his consideration - I very much doubt the propriety of forwarding a Letter from these People to the Governor General direct, but if you are of a different opinion, the whole of their Representation should be sent Complete. -

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir

Sir

Your

Obedt Servt

B. Torin

Resident

To B. Torin Esqr

Resident at

Sanjour

Sir.

Agreeably to your wish, I send you an Official Copy of the Mahratta Government's Letter to me, and

Sanjour

24th March 1799.

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and you may do with it as you please. I certainly see no objection to their Representation going as it is. for it cannot be supposed they can be acquainted with forms. I do believe they mean to be respectful to their Governor General. —

Sam. Hve. Hve.

Sgd. Jas. Innes

Major Commanding

Tanjore
21st. March 99. —

Translation of a Letter to Major Innes from Schwager Engely. —

Dated Tanjore 21st. Shewal or 29th. March 1799. —

We and our families amounting to one thousand Souls, our Horses &c. have been enabled by your humanity to remain until this time in Tanjore. The Rajahs Serfogee meditated our destruction. but you came and were favourable to us. and became our Chief. and have thereby extended your Reputation to Heaven

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Heaven attentive to your Reputation and Glory, your undertook our Business, advanced for our Expences a one thousand Pagodas, Claimed for us a just Settlement of our Accounts, and sent it to Madras, and sincerely desired to procure for us a speedy Decision of all this we are perfectly convinced. In consequence of the great distress to which we have been reduced, we have been troubling you continually, but instead of being offended with us, you have treated us with the kindness of a parent, and given us the best advice. We have always Relied with Confidence upon your assurances. We have now agreeably to your Directions written a Memorial to the Governor, you are to us the Company, the Governor and every thing, We depend upon no one but you, we consider your word as the word of God, be favourable to us therefore, and encrease your Reputation by preventing us and the thousand souls dependent upon us from perishing by Famine - Selam -

A true Translation

Signed William Blackburne
Malabar Interpreter at Fort St George

True Copy
Signed W. B. Irwin
Assistant

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

From Dr. states that the late Killedar of Sanjeer Ramchunder Row Gaudy had behaved with great insolence towards the Rajah, and that at his request Major Innes had put him under arrest. —

You will be pleased to inform the Right Honble the Governor General in Council that the Rajah has represented to me a very uncommon instance of misconduct and disobedience on the part of the late Killedar Ramchunda Row Gaudy, and which it appears cannot be past over by His Excellency without renouncing according to the customs of the Mahratta Governments, His prerogatives and suffering himself to be treated with indignity and disrespect by any other of his Subjects, and in particular by a set of Men whose insubordination the Government are already informed of, and whose example betrays daily the advantages they are disposed to take of the temporary protection

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The commanding Officer feels it his duty to assert them. -

Ramchenda Row Gaudy for Gaudy Row

was the Person to whose house the Mahrattas retired from

their Dherna: and he manifested immediately after a

similar disposition, but at length presented his complaints

in a petition which I had the honor to send to you in my

Letter of the 21st January, accompanied by a Counter re-

representation from the Rajahs: during this reference

it became Gaudy Row, in his relative situation to

His Excellency, as a Servant, and as a Connexion, to wait

in patience the result of this reference - His respect to

the Company required this, but his duty to the Rajahs

enjoined it still more - The Customs of the Country

Governments require of every person deprived of his

post to remain in his house during the Princes pleasure -

To leave it without his permission, and to do it with a

train of armed followers, and with honorary marks of

dignity which he is not entitled to, and never before

assumed

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assumed, is in the Eyes of the Circar, and in the opinion
of the People, to act in open and avowed defiance of
Government. —

In this Array did Gaudy Row leave his
house, and parade the Streets, and when stopped at the
Gate of the Fort by the Rajah's Peons, he disdained
their arrest, and saying "He was no longer his Servant."—
he passed out. —

His Excellency remarked that the welfare
and security of this Government demanded, that he
should immediately put Gaudy Row in arrest. — I was
sensible of the propriety of the Rajah's opinion, and
perceived the necessity for adopting some measure to
give a check to this increasing insolence, in order that
the existing Government, whether in Hands of the
Rajah or the Company, might not sink under the
pressure of these dangerous encroachments. I therefore

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coincided to pay out to Regua & His Excellency proceeded send to
Gauday Row to notify to him that he in proper time they should
committed, and to warn him against a repetition of
such arrogance and disrespect. The Rajah was easily
prevailed on to adopt this moderate mode of proceeding.
He received for answer from Gauday Row that "he was no
longer a Servant of the Circar, but was under the Company's
protection, and would go where he pleased." On being
informed of this, I was confirmed in the necessity of
suppressing such a refractory Spirit without delay, and
should have consented to the Rajahs executing the
powers vested in him. If I had not recollected that the
Mahrattas in Dharwar were supposed to be at this moment
loose, and as I know it to be the resort of all the disaffected
to the present Government. I was apprehensive that
His Excellency's Troops might meet with some resistance
and this Government a fresh insult. That the Grand
at all events would be considered by the Mahratta
Horsemen

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Horsemen directed against them. I thought it most advisable therefore to address a letter to the Commanding Officer explaining the nature of the Rajah was under of explaining Parichinda Row Gaudy under restraint. and on account of the peculiar circumstances of this situation that I considered a Guard of Company's Sepoys would be most proper for the occasion.—

Major Innes complied with my request and I hope my interposition of the Company's authority upon this occasion will not be disapproved of; but that the Right Honble the Governor General will view it as a measure of general security. and allow it to continue till the affairs of Sunjeer are finally arranged.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Sunjeer
29th April 1799.

Sign'd Benj'n Torin
President

To

2451 Fort St. George 23d. April 1799.

To the Worshipful Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident &c. &c. &c.

Tanjore

The humble Petition of Ramchunder

Godarow the Killadar of Tanjore. —

Sheweth

That your Petitioner most humbly begs

leave to lay this address[illegible] before your Worship[illegible] after his

Highness the Nabob Possessed this Kingdom, and some

time after the Honorable Company was pleased to send

Lord Pigot to this Kingdom, to mount Tollajajee Rajahs

on his Throne, to his Lordship did in Obedience to the

Orders of the Honorable Company. Being so, his Excellency

Tollajajee Rajah has granted me the Killadar Service. —

That was formerly to our Superiors and conferd with due

Respect. —

After the death of the Tollajajee —

Rajah, Amer Sewah Rajah mounted his Throne who

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Confared us with a like manner Respect. - Now on the
Throne of Surfoojee Rajah according the Customary. his
Excellency not send for us. after his throne. his Excellency
has sen for us to which I denyed to come then his Excellency
sent message, and asked the Reason of my not coming.
after his Excellency sent his promise of oath. that he
will grant the Killedar Service, and shall allow all other
emoluments that was confaired in the time of our
Superiors. to which promise your Petitioner went and
paid his Visit to his Excellency. - Being so his Excellency
only allowed one Pharaoh and ten days wages. the rest
emoluments he entirely stopped. - to that I never went.
but lived quite myself. his Excellency sent message
of my not coming. to which my answer according the
Promise not Reached. - Being so my young Brothers
Conspirated with me, and informed to his Excellency some
cause against me, but the shame of the Brothers being
divided and cleared in the throne of Amer Seenah

the

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The aforesaid information his Excellency not enquired Particularly. his Excellency granted my employment of Killadar service to my young Brothers. after that his Excellency Dord for Signature. Rung of Killadars. that was by me. which I immediately dispatched. and sent message for my Arrears wages. his Excellency's answer that the arrears wages shall not allow. - after that I asked to grant me the arrears wages as Road Expence and discharge. that I may proceed for my Road. his Excellency consented for it. - and Commanded me not to leave with Sattavaje Singlay. and Mallaje Gattaka. I agreed for it. and obeyed likemanner. - after the Sattavaje Singlay and Mallaje Gattaka they come and arrested the Pallaw for their Arrears wages. till that his Excellency was promising me to give Road Expences. Being to the Honourable Company come and made peace that they will enquire about it. and shall order to settle after that the Honourable Company desired them to lodge in my quarters till the affairs is settled. -

About -

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About my Business I sent my Peage to
his Excellency for his promising, to which his Answer
as the Company promised to settle Sattavagie being Lay
and Mollage Gattaka so they will settle to you, at present
has no Money to spare, my Answer to his Excellency after
a person promise and then Refused which is improper
to his Excellency. His Excellency strictly answered he will
not grant a Cash. —

Therefore Humbly pray's Sir to your —
Serious Consideration to Render me the Justice to which
I shall ever Remember till my life. —

The Petitioner shall ever pray, his
Excellency Send from me one Sword one Watch and one
fire lock only to look at that he will Return again
which till this time he did not Returned. —

A true Copy of the original English Translation

Signed D. Torin
Resident

To

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To Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident at Tanjour

Sir.

The Petition which Ramchendre Row Gaudy has sent to you is entirely against the truth; the Palace Custom is continuing, three soon after such Revolution is take place, all the Palace Servants, Offices and Relations &c. ought to be ready at their Services, if any matters prevents them from coming to Palace, they ought to send their news to the Palace Gate, to intent the Rajah whether they might come to meet him on the day of his accession to the musnud, and then if the Rajah Permit them to come, they must obey him: otherwise their People must be only waiting at the Palace Gate, until such time as His Excellency would be pleased call them. —

Agreeable to the said Custom, Bavaji the late Sirkeel, Bachana Soni, Dubeer, Peshwey &c. all

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all these people have sent their men to the Palace and
informed me that they shall be ready to wait on me
if I permit them to come. - to which I complied. and
met them. But Ramachendra Gaudey did not send any
of his men to me until two or three days after my succession
on which I have sent for his Karbar Ragonadapunt. and
and asked him why did his master not come to meet me,
and to look to his business of Killadarship. he replied he
replied he will come. which induced me to grant him
the same Authority he had before. and to carry on the
business thro his own Ragonadapunt. and tho' I
have sent for him twice or thrice. he did only put
off. by his Repeated Answers. that
will come tomorrow. and afterwards he began to say
that his Child had small Pox. his Woman would
not permit him to go out for 3 or 4 Days. after which
he said he will come to me. this delay of Ramachendra
Row has caused a little detain into the Particular
affairs

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affairs concerning the office of Killadars his ... which induced me to enquire if what he said was true, and I was told that he is only expecting that Answer[illegible] will come against the Mustered which the latter [illegible] is said has told him that it will take place within a few days. and ordered him not go to me, and I was told that he is not a man of good Conduct. —

Whatever he is I have sent for him again this his Man Rogonadapunt that he did not fail to Return me the same answer. that he is sick and the like then I have sent my own man to call him and still his answer was that he will never come to me unless he is entirely cured. lastly I sent one Kistnayen Our State Servant of the Company to advise, and to tell him that Circar business would not stay for him, which was also to no purpose. —

Afterwards I asked his man Rogonadapunt to let me know what prevents his master from coming

to

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to me, he with tears in his Eyes Replied thus. Sir the only thing that confuses my Masters heart is that the think the Amersing shall get back the Mudnaig. — This is necessity with me to appoint any other to killedar ship. yet I thought it is much better to employ the same people for they are employed by my Father Tulgarnaka Rajah. therefore I have sent for his two young Brothers. Mannoojee and Mallarjee Guda who both accordingly waited upon me immediately after they met me. he Ramachundra Row Gaudy sent his man Rugonudapuent to let me know that he is ready to come to me. If I would favor him with a call. to which my Answer was. that since his words are so much against the truth. I have no business to call him. — he then to please me. sent me a Firelock. a Sword. and a Watch. as a present. and intreated. that he will obey me. agreable to my order. this induced me to tell him thro' his man. that he must serve me carefully. and pray

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I may always attention to his duty of Killadarship, which he agreed, and vowed to me, and I presented him a pair of Shawls, and I myself told him, that he may reassume his duty of Killadarship which he agreed to, sometimes after which I was told, that his Wife was brought to bed. I paid him a Months wages amounting Pahs. which he received from his Vakeel the receipt for it, and since he did fail to come to Palace, and for sending that he is sick again, ten days after that. I sent to call him which was also in vain, then I asked his man what prevents his master from coming to Palace. - he replied. that your Excellency has granted him only one Pushkee meaning a sort of Custom professed by Killadars, since your Excellency did not allow him the remaining privileges. he will not come to Palace. - and I have told him, let his master come to me, and ask me what he wants. - I shall comply with his Request. but his man lastly informed me, that his master never -

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hearken to any one, even his wife or friends, and it is
probable that his misfortune is the Cause of this
folly. Then having waited for two months, within which
time were many feasts, I have sent for him back
again, his answer was, that he never mind the Service,
and that he wish to make an excursion from this
Place. - Having taken more patience, lastly sent my
mother's Brother to him, to know whether he will serve
me, who thanked and intreated him to come and
look to his business, but he strictly told him, that
he will never serve me. Hence having waited three
or four Months, which it was in vain. Last granted
his Employment to his young Brother. -

The Gaudy Row has sent again to
ask me a horse and something for his Road Expence.
which my answer was, that I have no business to
comply his request, who did nothing but dispute
with me, and that he may go to Mr Torin, who
I said, I will give him an answer. - If

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If you ask his Man Pagoriadasient he will explain your particularly. This is only an exact account of what has happened: but his Complaint is totally against the truth.

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

Tanjore
22d January 1799

P. S. Enclosed I beg leave to return you the Petition of Ramachundra Gaudey.

A true Copy
(Signed) B. Torin
President

To the Right Honorable
Earl of Mornington K.P.
Governor General in Council &c. &c.

From the Commandant at Tanjore enclosing copies of Correspondence between the Resident at Tanjore and him, regarding the Confinement of Ramachunder Row Gaudy.

My Lord.

It is my duty to lay the accompanying Papers before your Lordship, and I shall keep Ramachunder Row Gaudy in confinement agreeably to the requisition

&c.

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of the President till called on to release him. —

I wish not justice I should inform your
Lordship, that by their Persons giving up a part of their
horse to the Mahrattas who went into Dharwa, Innes
enabled to draw them off at a critical moment from the
unpleasant situation they had placed me and them-
selves in, as already fully detailed. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Jas. Innes
Major Commanding

Sanpeir
19th. April 1799.

To Major Innes
Commanding
Sanpeir

Sir

The Rajah having represented to me an
instance of disobedience and misconduct on the part of
Ramchundrow Row Gaudy the late Killeydar, and the
necessity this Excellency finds himself under of correcting
this arrogance by placing him under some restraint.

makes

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makes it necessary for me to apply to you on the Subject of an account of the Dhurma Mahrattas having taken up their residence at this House and in order that any measures this Rajah may adopt should not be considered by you, or by the Mahrattas as directed against them. —

I believe you are not unacquainted with the Predicament in which Gadeerow stands. He is under the Rajahs displeasure for not performing the duties of his Office, and in consequence, displaced and superseded by his Brother. —

In this situation Gadeerow addressed me a Petition, which I duly forwarded to the Governor General, and he has been desired to wait the decision of His Lordship with becoming patience. —

The Rajah to shew his moderation sent to Gaudeerow to represent to him the impropriety he had been guilty of, and if he persisted that His Excellency would be under the necessity in order to preserve his —

authority

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authority to send a Guard to conduct him to his House.

Gauderow's answer betrays a very refractory Spirit.

and calls for the immediate application of this precaution

Wee replied to the Rajah's message "He was not under

his authority and would go wherever he pleased." that

"He was under the Company's protection."

I have already explained the situation

he is in with respect to the Company, and I make no

doubt but you will agree with me in opinion, that it

does not warrant this disrespect towards the Rajah.

and that as long as his authority is acknowledged by

the Company, it is our immediate Duty to afford it

every support.

If his Excellency was to send a Guard

of his own Sepoys to Gauderow's House, I am apprehensive

that it might be productive of some violence from the

present turbulent state of Gauderow's mind, and

the number of his armed followers. I have therefore sent

to

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to himself to print out his manifest disrespect of the Rajahs authority, as well as the unproper advantage he has taken of the delay in the consideration of his petition by the Governor General, and to inform him that his conduct is too flagrant not to be observed by the People in the Town, and an example too dangerous to be tolerated. that I have therefore requested of you to send a Guard to his house to keep him within due bounds, and to shew to the Rest of the Rajahs Servants, that the Company in affording His Excellency their protection and assistance do not mean to lessen his proper authority, for less to countenance the slightest act of disobedience.—

You will therefore be pleased to send immediately a Havildar and six Sepoys, or a larger Guard if you think it necessary to confine Ramchundra Guardy to his house until he shall be brought to a proper sense of his misconduct.—

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

Signed B. Torin

President &c.

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To B. Torin Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjore

Sir

Two hours past I received your Letter of this date requiring me "to send immediately a Havildar and Six Sepoys, or a larger Guard if I think it necessary to confine Ramchundra Row Gaudy to his House, until he shall be brought to a proper sense of his misconduct." It is not for me to judge of the propriety or impropriety of the measure. I therefore without the least delay sent the Fort adjutant with a Naigue and three Sepoys, Judging this Detail sufficient to put the said Ramchundra Row Gaudy under confinement agreeably to your requisition. - Mr Butler has just returned informing me the Prisoner submitted

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submitted to his imprisonment without the least or hesitation, giving his Word, "he should not quit his house without leave, at the same time he trusted to the Honorable Company for redress for the injuries he sustained. and that he should be protected from any more till the Government should decide."—

I am unacquainted with any Indictment he was under, nor did I ever hear of any misconduct he has been guilty of till I received your Letter, he sent to me as Commanding Officer, after the business of the Mahratta horsemen complaining of heavy grievances and injustice done them. but I told him it was entirely out of my Department to interfere, that he must apply to you.— I cannot however but lament that the Officers of Consequence and Character and Connections should fall to my lot more especially as I feel myself under some obligation to them for having complied with the wish of the Mahratta horsemen, in the affair of the Dhooran, to which you allude /

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... allude, and my earnest request to admit them into his house, till the pleasure of Government was known; I say "earnest request" because he declined complying at first, and the Royals threatened, apprehensive that he would oppose their landing; but he at last yielded, on my sending to assure him I would explain his objections to his Excellency. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your &c.

Signed James Innes

Major Commanding

Lt. Sawyer

1st Regt 3 P. Battn.

To Major Innes

Commanding

Sir.

The Royals has sent to inform me that the Guard you were desired to place over the Ramchunder Row Gundy, has by mistake been posted on the outer Gate of the Route, instead of being stationed at his seperate Apartments, by which the

Sawyer

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Younger Brothers of the Family, who are every way so respectful and obedient, are suffering unmerited disgrace. The Regent requests the Guard may be removed. I am &c.

Pallad over Ramchunder Row Gaudy.

Tanjore
18.th April 1799.

Sir

Lieut.t Butler last Night, my Letter of yesterday informed you, that your requisition was complied with, by the Guards being placed over Ramchunder Row Gaudy. When I received your Letter for this purpose, I put it into the hands of the Fort Adjutant, directing him to comply with the Contents. The Sentry at the Gate of the Compound which is

I am &c.
Sign.d B. Torin
President.

To B. Torin Esq.r
President

Tanjour

Sir

I received your Letter last Night, and Cover to Lieut.t Butler last Night. my Letter of yesterday informed you, that your requisition was complied with, by the Guards being placed over Ramchunder Row Gaudy. When I received your Letter for this purpose, I put it into the hands of the Fort Adjutant, directing him to comply with the Contents. The Sentry at the Gate of the Compound which is

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is common to all parts of the family, with orders not to let the above prisoner come out of the House, and to meddle with no one else;- This being a public or transaction I am at a loss to think how it can disgrace his younger Brothers, who I understand have seceded from him, and live in separate appartments within the Compound.- However I have in compliance with the request you convey to me, directed Lieut. Butler to remove the Guard, to any situation that will not immediately insult, or inconvenience the Women of Gourdy's Family, which has been done.-

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

Most Obt.

Signed James Innes

Major Commanding

Surgeon

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True Copies

Signed Jas. Innes

Major Commanding

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Resolutions of the Board on the Claims of the Mahratta Horsemen

The Board having taken into serious Consideration the whole of the papers relative to the affair of the Mahratta Horsemen proceed to pass the following Resolutions on their Claims.—

Resolved that at the time when the Mahratta Horsemen accepted the Service of Amer Sing they had no right to expect payment of a quarter proportion of their annual pay than had been established according to the Customs which had prevailed in the preceding Government; and that consequently their execution of a written discharge or agreement was not less a matter of mere form than the amount of the honorary pay was an ideal Notion.—

Resolved that as the Mahratta horsemen had no Claim to the amount of the honorary pay according to the practice of Tanjore according to their Rajahs Resources or according to comparative justice in respect to the rest of the Circar Servants so they

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could establish no just claim by the expedient of Dharna: for although it is an allowed practice in mere matters of Debtor and Creditor, yet when pursued by an armed multitude, it amounts to Military mutiny. —

Resolved therefore, that the accounts of the Mahratta Horsemen be made up and admitted according to the Reduced rates of pay at which the rest of the Circar Servants have been paid, upto the period of Rajah Amer Singh's Reign. —

Although from the pertinacity of the Horsemen in withholding their submission to the authority of Rajah Serfojee, and in refusing all conciliation on the part of his Excellency, the Board do not think that they have any just claim considered abstractedly, yet as they have an unquestionable right to the arrears due in the former Government.

and

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And as they may be supposed to have waited at Tanjore in the expectation of receiving those arrears. Resolved. that they pay according to the Reduced Rates at which the other Servants of the Circar have been paid. to commence from the commencement of the present Reign up to the period of these Resolutions. —

Resolved. that the proportions due to the different claimants according to these principles be adjusted by the Resident with the assistance of the Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore, and paid to the Horsemen respectively. —

Resolved. in compliance with his Excellency the Rajahs. and according to the merits of their own Conduct. that the Mahratta Horsemen be required, and if necessary compelled. to remove themselves from the Tanjore Country. —

In respect however to Selwagee Ing Esq.

the

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The Board have so much respect for the Military Virtues of this aged Warrior, as well as for the circumstances under which he was induced to retire to Mysore, that they are induced to express their desire for his continuing to enjoy that retirement in the bosom of his own people, and among his own connexions: Resolved therefore that the Resident do endeavour to accomplish a reconciliation between Inglay and his Excellency Rajah Serfogee.—

In regard to the Petition of Ramchunda Row Gauda the Board have observed with great concern the circumstances of repeated disrespect and disaffection of the late Killedar: Resolved, on therefore that the dismission of that officer was necessary to the vindication of his Excellency's authority and dignity.—

A Stratton

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Although the Board have thus prejudged their final resolution on the claims of the Mahratta Horsemen after an impartial consideration of their case, they cannot conclude the subject without reminding the Rajah that they are descended from the Servants and Subjects of his Excellency's ancestors, that they have served the family of his Excellency, and that their natural home is Tanjore; adverting to these circumstances to the public acknowledgement of his Excellency's superior title, and to the unquestionable power of maintaining it, it is Resolved that it be recommended to his Excellency to regard with compassion the error into which they have precipitated themselves, and to recall, if the attempt may be practicable without injury to his Government, the attachment and allegiance of these deluded people to their

hereditary

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hereditary and legitimate Chiefs. —

Ordered that a Copy of the above —

Copy of the Resolutions to be sent to the Resident at Tanjore. — Resolutions be transmitted to the Resident at — Tanjore for his guidance. —

The case of Ramchunder Row Gaudy to be left to the ordinary course of the Rajah of Tanjore's Government as soon as the claims of the Mahratta Horsemen shall have been adjusted. —

Resolved to inform the Resident that under the circumstances which he has stated in his letter of the 19th Instant the Board approve his leaving past Ramchunder Row Gaudy under a restraint, but that they are of opinion that as soon as an adjustment of the claims of the Mahratta Horsemen shall have taken place the case may be left to the ordinary course of his Excellency the Rajah's Government. —

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General. —

Tho

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The Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K. P.

Governor General in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General's Report on the Paymaster General's Estimate of the 20th. Instant, and authorizes the Issue of Pags. 8757. annually to it.

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 20th. Instant, referring for my examination an Additional Estimate of Cost required by the Military Paymaster General for the current month, amounting to Pagodas Eight Thousand seven hundred and fifty seven (Pags. 8757.) I have the honor to state that this Sum is admissible, and may be issued from the Treasury, being required to discharge a Bill from Mr. Johnstone Paymaster to the Bengal Troops in the Field in favor of the Paymaster at Vellore for Rupees 28.000. or Pagodas 8000. and the remainder (Pagodas 757/16) enable the Military Paymaster General to honor Drafts in favor him from Captain James Innes acting Paymaster to the Detachment under the Command of Lieut. Colonel Read.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Sign'd W. Sydenham

Mily. Auditor General.

Military Auditor General's Office
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Ordered.

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Order of Council authorizing the Issue of Pags. 8757. agreeably to the Paymaster Generals additional Estimate of the 20th. Instant.

Ordered that the Sum of Eight Thousand Seven hundred and fifty seven Pagodas / Pagodas 8757. / be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional Estimate endorsed in his Letter of the 20th. Instant. —

Read the following Letter from the Assistant Adjutant General. —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government.

Sir.

From the Assistant Adjutant General recommending that Ensigns Merry and Gilbert be promoted Lieutenants. —

Major General Braithwaite has desired me to request you will signify his recommendation that the following promotions may be ordered to take place. —

Ensigns Anthony Merry and Gilbert Waugh to be Lieutenants to Complete the Establishment.

Date of Rank to be settled hereafter. —

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Signed Williame Shaw
a.s.t. adj.t Genl.

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approved

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I will pay it in a Day or two, you need not mention it again in the presence. In the meantime the Change of Government took place.— I did not receive the Money.— on this account a Hundred Chuckrums is due to me. 2dly a Horse belonging to one of my people died. when the Rajah saw the Foals which I had reared. he was very much pleased, and said I will make you a Present of a Horse in the place of the one which died. and he sent me one of the foals. It was written off in the Circar Books. from the time I received the foal. I took great care of it. and gave it milk and Butter. and it grew to a Horse.— This being the case on the Month of Sufer of the present year. the Circar took from me the Horse. which must be restored.— 3d. My Brother Goovindrow Moheteh. and Krishnajee. Moheteh requested the Rajah Amersing. when he went to Amapettah. to encrease their pay. and presented him as a Nezer. with a Mare with foal. and a foal. the Mare foaled. and the three are now in the Stables of the Circar. afterwards the

Rajah

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Rajah sent word by Tatoba Mosheteh. that he would encrease their pay ten or fifteen Rupees a month. this we declined. saying it was not enough. In return for the Horse, we had given. he sent us a Foal from the Circar. which we refused to accept. as they had not encreased our Pay. after we had given three Horses to the Circar. those three Horses must be returned to us. —

A true Translation

Signed William Blackburne

Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore

Remarks. — Ryshwunt Row. Row Jee Mosheteh cannot produce any public Document whatever in support of any one of these Claims. the last is evidently inadmissible. the promises of the Rajah. which were liberally bestowed upon all who approached him. cannot be considered as a sufficient ground for advancing Claims upon the present Rajah. when unsupported. as in this instance. by those public Documents. without which they were never productive. even in the late Reign. —

Signed William Blackburne

Translation

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Translation of the Representation of Mallarge Ramogee Gantegeh. delivered in the year Sectah Teesyr.—

The Maharajah Ameersing. hearing sent for me from my own Country. I arrived here. As the Custom in such a Case to give Money for the Expences of the Journey. Formerly when Tulogee Mulhelah and Govinderow Nimble Ker arrived. a thousand pots Nove Pags. were given to each of them for the Expences of their Journey. I demanded Money for my Expences. to which the Rajah Replied. I have advanced to you 2700 Chuckrums. you may take that for the Expences of your Journey. I said it was not enough for my Expences in Horses Camels Palanqueens &c. The Rajah then said on what account shall it be stated in the Perwangy account. shall it be stated in the Perwangy. that you have received this Sum of 2700 Chuckrums. I said let it be received on account of my pay. my Expences on the Road have amounted to five Thousand Chuckrums it is not sufficient for them. The Rajah said. very well

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well. I will give you five thousand Chuckrams for the Expences of your Journey. This Money must be paid to me. I am very much involved in Debt, and have sent this Representation that I may obtain this Money for the Expences of my Journey. —

A true Translation

Signd William Blackburne

Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore

Remarks. — It is only necessary to observe upon this Claim, that it rests upon no Foundation whatever, except an alledged promise from the late Rajah, made three years ago. —

Signd William Blackburne

List of Mahratta Horsemen who went into Dharwar at Tanjore on the 16th December 1798. and the Followers attached to them. —

1. Soubarow Setwagee Ingely ..... 73 Followers

2. Mallargee Rannogee Ghantegeh ... 28.

Carried over .. 101

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Brought over	101 Followers
3. Shun Kerajah Ragonauth Row Moheteh	10
4. Row Gee Yeshwunt Row Moheteh	6
5. Yeshwunt Row Row Gee Moheteh	6
6. Seik	5.
7 Ramchundrow Sintagee Ingely	0
8. Narsewkgee Mallargee Ingely	0
9. Gulaum Mohedin	0
10. Suberow Ghirpagee Ghantegeh	0
11. Ruckamagee Dittagee Mandegeh	0
12. Ramnagee Pudmagee Powwar	0
13. Shaik Hyder	0
14. Ramchundrow Veneat Row Sadhow	0
15. Suberow Ghorpuddeh	0
16. Trimul Row Sentagee Caleh	0
17. Merza Assud Beg	0.
18. Comun Rauze	0
18 Mahratta Horsemen	128 Followers

Signd. William Blackburne

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Translation of a Note from Subroo Setwagee

Ingely. to Mr. Blackburne. Received in the Morning

of the 21st. January 1799. from his Son in Law

Soobingah Gantegeh. —

Soobingah Gantegeh delivered to me the

Message you sent by him yesterday. We did not come

to this Country as new Servants. We have been the

Servants of this Country for many Generations. — It is

the Custom to make out the pay of the Servants for

twelve Months. and afterwards. when the Agreement

for the year is settled. and we have consented to it.

we receive our pay accordingly. and give up the old

Agreement. has been made. and the Servants have

given the Body. if any private Soldier or Servant dies.

refuses positively to give the Body. and demands his

Dismission. he receives his full pay. Now. they say

we are unable to pay your Arrears at the rate of full

pay. however single Sepoys have received it. The

Son

2479

Fort St. George 23d April 1799

Ordered accordingly

Approved and ordered accordingly

" Close

" W Petrie

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