The entries made in pencil on the margin in the volume were made with the help of the papers in the bundle at the time of the weeding and destruction of records.

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Minutes thereon

The Board having given an attentive Consideration to the papers just read, relative to the Ordnance and Stores captured at Pondicherry and to the observations the Military Board have communicated in regard to the Error made by the Prize Agents in Summing up the Totals in their List as well as to the rejected Stores and to the Valuation of the Muskets and Iron Ordnance they conceive the Amount to stand as follows—

Valuation as p Prize Agents List	84646.	1948.	56
Error in Summing up the Totals	7589.	39	—
	77057.	1909.	56
Amount of rejected Stores as p Commissary Generals Account № 2	7695.	23.	15
	69362.	1886.	41
Difference of Valuation as p report of the Military Board	7695.	22.	15
Total due to the Captors including the Company's Share	61667.	1864.	26

In the Account № 1 delivered to the Military Board by the Commissary General of Stores, the Board observe that the total Amount of Ordnance

and

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"and Military Stores captured in Pondicherry deemed
"eligible to be retained on Account of the Company"

	P	F	C
is	7[illegible]864.	41.	59.
Which added to the Amount of rejected Stores	7695.	23.	15
Makes the Sum of	24560.	22.	74

And, consequently it would appear that the Company had not credit on account of the error in the addition of the Prize Agents Statement, or on account of the difference of valuation in the Muskets and Iron Ordnance

Agreed that the above be communicated to the Military Board.

Read the following letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To W.m C.s Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

I have received your letter of the 27th ultimo informing me that before coming to any Decision in favor of the Owners of Bullocks Employed in the late Service it is necessary that I should lay before the Honorable

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions with the Statement required in Support of the Claim of the Owners of Bullocks employed at Pondicherry — Remarks —

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Honorable Governor in Council a Statement Shewing the
probable first Cost of the Bullocks, the Expence of feeding the
and the probable Amount of their Sale

I have, in conformity to the Directions of
Government, the Honor to Enclose a Statement of the probable
Cost of a Bullock Draught and Carriage and the Estimate
Expence of feeding and Driving Ya the average of hire
Earned during the period of Service adding thereto the proposed
Gratuity, which Amount, Deducted from the Cost and
Charges, shews the Estimate Loss and Each Bullock stating
the probable Sale of 20 Bullocks at the Close of the Service
from which deducting the Estimate loss on the same
Number shews the Amount that an Owner of 20 Bullocks
would recive, out of which he would have to replace any
Casualties that may have happened, Support himself and
and his family for the period of Service, and Obtain the
reward of his Labor.

The apparent difference between
purchase and Sale is great, but not more than May be
Supposed probable when it is Considered the immediate and
large Demand for Cattle previous to and the great
Number Consequently on hand when there is no Demand
for them, after the Service, some of Course rendered

unsurmountable

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Unserviceable and Others much reduced by labor —

The Charges of feeding and —

Driving I have stated less than the people declare they have Actually Disbursed as noted —

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient servant

(Signed) Tho Cockburn

Actg Comy G G P &
P Agent

Madras
2d December 1793

Statement

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Statement Shewing the probable first Cost of the Draught and Carriage Bullocks Employed on the Expedition against Pondicherry the Estimate Amount of the Expence of Driving and feeding them and the probable Value at the Close of the Service —

Draught Bullocks

Cost of each Draught Bullock upon an average including Charges	6 — —	
Expence of feeding &c each Draught Bullock say about 3 Months of which only 2½ Months in the Service Straw being very Dear in the Months of July August and September both at Madras and Pondicherry	2 — —	
Pay of Drivers 1 to 2 Bullocks, they may not have been Compleat the whole time tho' No Report has been made to the Contrary but if not the Advances made to those who runaway and Consequent Double Entertainments will no Doubt make up the Difference	1 36 60	
	9 — 36 — 60	
Average Hire of a Draught Bullock Earned for the period in the Service About 2½ Months	5 — 26 — 12	
proposed Gratuity	2 — 10 — 40	
Total receipt by the Owner, if the Gratuity is Allowed		7 36 52
Difference against the Owner on Each Bullock not Counting on a Single Death or a Bullock replaced, but supposing every Bullock to have lived	2 — 8	

Calculating

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Calculating that ¼ of the Number Originally Sent are greatly reduced by Labor, it is supposed that a Man Setting off with 20 Bullocks would not realize from their immediate Sale after the Siege when there is no particular Demand for them / and of course Advantage taken of the Number on hand / more than Pagodas ..... } 60 — —

Estimate loss on Each Bullock as above Stated Pagodas 2 — 8 or on 20 Bullocks ..... } 40 2 —

So that an Owner of 20 Bullocks would, if the Gratuity is allowed by this Calculation, receive for his Trouble to Enable him to replace any Casualties that may have happened and for his own Support and that for his family for three Months Pagodas ..... } 19. 10 —

13. The Loss on Each Bullock by the Inhabitants' Statement is Pc 2. 26. 20

which would make the total loss ..... Pc 52. 23 —

Carriage Bullocks

Cost of Each Carriage Bullock at, upon an average, including Charges — 4 — —

Drivers Pay feeding, Saddles &c 3 5 40

Average Hire of a Carriage Bullock Earned for the period in the Service about 3 Months 7 5 40

proposed Gratuity 1. 33. 36

Total Receipt by the Owner if the Gratuity is allowed 1. 10. 10

Difference Against the Owner on each Bullock not Counting on a Single Death, or a Bullocks replaced, but supposing every Bullock to have lived } 6 2 36

Calculating that ¼ of the Number Originally Sent are greatly reduced by Labor, it is Supposed that a Man Setting Off with 20 Bullocks would not realize from } 1 3 4

their immediate Sale after the Siege when there is no particular Demand for them / and of course Advantage taken of the Number on hand / more than Pag ..... } 41. 10. 10.

Estimate Loss on each Bullock as above stated Pags 1. 3. 4. or on 20 Bullockes ... 21 9 —

So that an Owner of 20 Bullocks would, if the Gratuity is allowed by this Calculation, receive for his trouble, to enable him to replace any Casualties that may have happened, for his own Support, and that for his family for above three Months — ..... } 19. 33. 10

N3. The Loss on Each Bullock by the Inhabitants Statement is Pc 1. 29. 4

which would make the Total Loss ..... 33. 35 —

Resolved —

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Resolution in consequence

Resolved, in consequence of the Statement, that the Gratuity recommended in Mr Cockburn's letter of the 18 Ultimo be made to the Owners of Bullocks employed on the late Service; and that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions be accordingly authorized to admit the same in the Settlement of their Accounts —

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Montgomery —

W. C. Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary &c

Sir,

From Agent for horses at Arcot with a Statement of the whole Expences of the Agency — observations —

Agreeably to the instructions of the Honble the President in Counal contained in your letter of 21st Inst, which indisposition prevented my immediately replying to, I have the honor to send you the following Abstract of Cash received; the whole expences of the Agency; and the Number of horses purchased for the Honble Company —

Abstract

To Cash paid for 57 horses		Star Pags	5805 — —
Do	for a Cash Chest		50 — —
Do	in my hands this day		415 — —
	Total Cash received	S.P.	6270 — —

Expences

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Expences of the Agency

To My Pay and Batta since the time of my appointment ..... } 1607. 10. 68

To Batta to 1 Jemidar 1 Farrier and 12 private Invalid troopers ..... } 130. 12. 40

Total Expences Pag.s 1737. 23. 28

The state of the Country though which horses must necessarality pass in coming to this market, has, since the establishment of the Agency, been such that even foot passengers could scarcely travel from the — difficulty of procuring Grain for their Support even the greatest scarcity of Water, and to this the losses — which the Nizam's Armies suffered in horses during the late War, did not admit of their disposing of any unless at a very extravigant rate, until after their own remount

Under these Circumstances, it was not — possible heretofore to induce the dealers to engage in the business on the Company's Account

The late favourable season, which promises plenty all over the Peninsula, will, I have no doubt, be the means of bringing a speedy supply, and of my being able, before long, to accomplish the

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wish of Government in establishing a Market at Arcot that will afford a regular supply of horses in future on moderate terms

The dealers who were formerly in the habit of bringing horses for Sale to the Carnatic, have again set out for that purpose to the Northward, made me every promise of exertion on their part; and I have now intelligence of Sixty horses being on the road, which ought to be here in the Course of a Month

I trust therefore that the Honble Board in Estimating the small Number of horses purchased with the Expences of the Agency, will not consider the present as the standard at which the Company is to expect to be supplied by me, either in respect to numbers or price.

All that I have drawn extra to my Subsistance as Lieutenant, and the Subsistance of the few Invalids attached to me, for the care of the Company's Money, carrying letters &c, appears in the above abstract, never having indented for Lascars or carriage of Tents, or drawn any allowance in lieu of it, and having, in the few purchases I made at the Presidency, always bargained for delivering the horses at Arcot

I beg that you will also represent to the Honble Board that, as Captain Dallas has given

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given me reason to believe he will be able to furnish the 300 Colts he has been ordered to purchase so as to arrive here by the end of January, I take the liberty of suggesting the propriety of my being allowed to lay in a quantity of hay at the intended stations, which may be done at this Season of the year at a very trifling expence, and will prove a great and oeconomical assistance in feeding during the hot Season where there may be difficulty, otherwise, of procuring forage

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Madras
30 November 1793

(Signed) A. C. Montgomery Agent for purchasing horses

Order thereon

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following letter from the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General

To W C Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Government
at Fort St. George.

From Persian Translator at Bengal - with letters for Tippoo - the Hostages Journies and the Vakeels.

Sir,

I have the Honor to transmit to you, by Order of the Governor General, the accompanying letters from

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from Sir John Shore to Tippoo Sultaun and to the Hostages with one from myself to the Vakeels accompanied by Copies in English and Persian for the Information of the Honble the President; and I am further directed to request that you will make known the receipt of these letters and forward thereto their respective addresses — pursuant to the Instructions of Sir Charles Oakeley

I am

Sir Sr

(Signd) G. T. Cherry

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Calcutta
19th November 1793

To Tippoo Sultaun

Written 18 November 1793.

Notwithstanding that I have — already done myself the pleasure to assure you of my sincere Intentions to follow the measures pursued by Lord Cornwallis and to Cultivate, by every act of sincerity and good faith, the Intimacy established between our Governments, yet, in consideration that, from the distance between us, the happiness of an Interview must necessarily be — postponed until a more convenient opportunity, and that,

consequently,

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consequantly the Benefits of our Connection depend for the present on the frequent Communication of our mutual Sentiments by Letter, I lose no opportunity to convince you of my friendly disposition - I have been informed of the Arrangement made by his Lordship, prior to his departure, relative to the return of your Sons, and, in particular, of the Directions which his Lordship gave, with your knowledge, that Captain Doveton should attend them to your presence It was a Source of regret to his Lordship that he could not wait longer at Madras, as he would have been happy to have seen them commence their Journey - He has so fully explained his feelings on the occasion, that I can add nothing to his declarations, but I am confident that, as a regid adherence to Treaties and Engagements is equally your Wish as it was his Lordship's, and is my desire, so you will give full Credit to his Lordship's assertions in this respect I wait with Impatience the reply which you may think proper to write to his Lordship's Letter entrusted to the charge of your Vakeels, and

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am no lefs anxious to receive the declarations from the Courts of Hydrabad and Poona, that your Sons may commence their Journey pursuant to his Lordships wish. I have directed Captain Doveton to give me frequent Intelligence of their Welfare; for, notwithstanding that I have not — the happiness of personally Knowing them, the regard — which his Lordship entertained for them, and the — Fame of their disposition and good manners, has — impressed me with a great esteem for them

Knowing me to be sincerely inclined to encrease our Friendship by Acts of good Faith and stedfast adherents to our Engagements and earnestly desirous to hear the pleasing News of your Health I hope you will make me happy by frequent Letters —

To the Prince Abdul Khalek

Written 18th November 1793

Since my arrival at Calcutta I have had frequent opportunities of learning from Lord Cornwallis the great regard which he entertained for you, and how much he had been always pleased —

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with the Propriety of your Manners and the goodness of your disposition, and I regret that Circumstances did not so happen as to have enabled me, on my way to this place, to Stop at Madras, in Order that I might have the pleasure of seeing you.

I have heard from Lord Cornwallis all the particulars of your Situation at Madras. His Lordship is a sincere Friend to your Father, and I have also a very great Esteem for His Lordship, and am particularly a well wisher to Tippoo Suttaun Consequently I shall be exceedingly happy to hear of your Welfare; and, altho' Lord Cornwallis has resigned the Government to me, and is gone to Europe, still I flatter myself that you will consider me as your Friend, equally desirous for your Happiness as His Lordship was, and, therefore, that you will make me happy by frequent Letters mentioning your Health.

To Suttaun Moozul Dien

Of the Same Tenor and Date

To the Vakeels from Tippoo Suttaun from Mr Cherry

Written 18th November 1793

Having been much occupied, since my

arrival

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arrival at Calcutta, I have not been able to write you, but I have not, nevertheless, been unmindful of the situation of affairs when I took leave of you. I have explained every Circumstance to Sir John Shore; and, notwithstanding that he has already informed Tippoo Sultaun of his determination to follow the Steps pursued by Lord Cornwallis, yet I cannot forego the happiness of assuring you that Sir John Shore has expressed his earnest desire that his Lordship's measures should be strictly adhered to with respect to the Return of the Princes to Seringapatam, and that the Intimacy and Friendship established, during his Lordship's Administration, between the two Governments, should be Cultivated with an equal degree of Sincerity during his own Government. In proof of this disposition he has written friendly Letters to Tippoo Sultaun and to the Princes which I have the pleasure to enclose to you, and request you will deliver to them.

Sir John Shore is extremely anxious to receive the declaration mentioned in his Lordship's Letters to Tippoo Sultaun, from the Courts of Hydrabad and Poona, that the Princes attended by Captain Doveton may set out on their Journey; and he trusts that you will Consider him equally desirous of their Welfare, and that the Connection between the

two

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two Governments may be given daily Strength as his Lordship was. I have not omitted to represent every particular to him since my return; and I flatter myself that the same System of Intercourse as has hitherto been followed will be maintained thro' your Exertions that the Prosperity of both States may be the result; for I can assure you that you will find no difference from hence.

Atrue Copy
Signed G. T. Cherry
P. S.

Minute thereon

The Letters from Sir John Shore addressed to Tippoo and the Hostage Princes have been delivered to the Vakeels—

Read the following letter from Sir John Kennaway

W C Jackson Esq
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department Fort St. George.

From Resident at Hyderabad with Extracts from his Letters to the Governor General—

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Governor in Council Extract of my letters to the Governor General of the 10th and 19th

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19th Instant and to be, Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

(Signed) John Kennaway

Bidar
24 November 1793

Extract of a letter from Sir John Kennaway Bart to the Honble Sir John Shore Bart Governor General &c
dated the 13th November 1793

Paragraph 8th The third Kist to his Highness having been paid I have recommended to the Minister to write a letter to Tippoo expressive of the Nizam's anxiety for the speedy release of the hostage Princes; and, for that purpose, to communicate to Tippoo such further particulars respecting disputed places as may facilitate their adjustment

A true Extract

(Signed) Wm. Stewart
Assistant.

Extract of a letter from Sir John Kennaway Bart to the Honble Sir John Shore Bart, Governor General &c
dated Bidar 19th November 1793

Paragraph 5th The Nizam, whose house is

adjoining

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adjoining to the Ministers. coming in compliment, as he was pleased to say, of my being there, the conversation here ended - His Highnyss remained about an hour; during which nothing very particular passed: a Translate of Marquis Cornwallis's last letter, dated the 5th October 1793, to Tippoo, concerning such points as remain to be settled between us, was read to him, and, on the Ministers mentioning the letter I had recommended being sent to Tippoo, on the part of his Highnyss, as mentioned in my last addryss, he authorised it's being written.

A True Extract

(Signed) Wm. Stuart

Assistant

Read the following letter from the — Commanding Officer at Pondicherry —

From Commandant at Pondicherry opinion on Mons.r Sonnerats Claim to a Subsistence - Extra Police Charges - the Ordonnateur requires the papers of that Office at Karikal - misconduct of Mons.r Vaillant and De morave. Mr Sturdon refuses to pay the allowance to the third Curate and that for Charities to Widows &c the Repair of the Villeneuve Bridge not begun - Complaint against the Deputy Post Master.

To the Honble the Governor in Council

Fort S.t George.

Honble Sir,

I had the honour of your Commands of the 21st November Ultimo, inclosing a letter from — Colonel Chermont, concerning the Situation of Mons.r Sonnerat

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Sonnerat, and your directions to ascertain and report to you in what Capacity Mr Sonnerat, late Chief of Yanaon, is entitled to Subsistence, and in what Rank he should be classed in respect to his allowances

I have accordingly acquired the best information I am able chiefly from Colonel Chermont late Governor of Pondicherry and from Mons.r Mottet, late Ordonateur, who actually produced Mr Sonnerats accounts

Mr Sonnerat himself also has favoured me with a Copy of his Commission, given him by Count Conway, wherein he is discribed as Commissary of the Marine, and appointed Agent for the King at the Factory of Yanaon (Agent pour le Roi au Comptoir D'Yanaon)

Colonel Chermont and Mons.r Mottet perfectly agree that Mons.r Sonnerat, Marine Commissary, was Agent at Yanaon, as expressed in the Copy of the Commission; and they were likewise clearly of opinion that He bore no Military Charge whatever, and had no Troops under his Command, only a few Peons; nor is there any Military Character expressed in the Copy of the Commission

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They also informed me that Yanam has had for a considerable time back, but one Military Officer; and that for a Short period: his Rank was that of Captain; and that the Circumstances of the place did not require an Officer of higher Rank.— That Mahé, a place more considerable than Yanam was Commanded by a Captain, having some Troops under him, and with which He actually Capitulated

Mr. Sonnerat, while at Yanam, received, as Marine Commissary, 2400 Rupees a Year; as Agent he received 1600 Rupees a Year out of which He paid all the — Appointments at Yanam

Colonel Chermont, and Mons.r Mottet are of opinion that Mons.r Sonnerat might, in point of Rank, be classed in respect to Allowances with Mons.r Blin of this Town, who is Marine Commissary and Controler, and Senior to Mr Sonnerat in the Service, and with Mons.r Marchand Commissary; to both of whom you have thought proper to make an Allowance of 100 Rupees per Month

N.o 1 Page 1. is an Account of the Police Master of extra expence, really incurred by my Orders for the

Month

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Month of September, to remove an unusual quantity of Filth and Rubbish which had accumulated in the Streets during the Seige, and which I hope you will be pleased to allow.

N°1 Page 2 is also an account of the Police Muster, for 3 Monigars, employed in inspecting the Conduct of Sellers and Buyers, and to give an account of Prices at 8 Rupees each per Month — and of 6 Peons attached to the Police at 4 Rupees each per Month — These were formerly paid from other Funds which do not exist under your Government, which occasioned their being Omitted in the Original Statement of the Police establishment — The Police Master found them so indispensably necessary, that he has hitherto paid them himself — and I think this is the best reason I can offer for my own belief of their real Necessity

Colonel Chermont, and Monsr Mottet desire me to represent to you that, on the Death of Monsr Morelet — Ordonnateur at Karical, Monsr Beaufort of that place took charge of the papers of Morelet, as his Executor, by their directions, — That Mr Michel since took possession of them, and requires your Authority to restore them — which Colonel Chermont and Monsr Mottet request you will

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be pleased to direct, as those papers contain accounts extremely necessary to the Ordonnateur of Pondicherry.

Some very disorderly conduct having taken place between Mons.r Vaillant, and Mons.r de Modave two French Officers of the Sepoy Corps, The other Officers were assembled with my consent by Colonel Kerjean, who commands it, to examine the Affair, and form an opinion — In Consequence of their proceedings, Chermont requests me to confine them both for the present, and, as soon as possible, to send Mons.r Vaillant Prisoner to Madras, where He requests he may be Kept Prisoner until his departure for Europe, and Keep Mons.r de Modave Prisoner here, until his Departure for the Isle of France — I request your Authority to send Vaillant to Madras accordingly, and to confine de Modave here

You have been pleased to grant Subsistence to the following persons

Du Fayel	30	Rupees p Month
Burgues	25	
Montmorency	20	
Madame Dantier on an Obligation to repay	50	

I have to request you will be pleased to fix the Period from which these Sums may be drawn by the parties

Your

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You have been pleased to allow Subsistence to three Capuchin Curates, serving the Parish at 30 Rupees p Month each - There are it seems only two Capuchins here - but, a third Curate being absolutely necessary, as I am well assured by Monsr Gerard, President of the Council, they have called in a Missionary who actually Officiates, and, in consequence, I desired Mr Skardon to pay the third portion to this Curate, being assured of its Necessity by Monsr Gerard, and others - But Mr Skardon refuses, without further Orders from you - and I request them accordingly

Mr Skardon also refuses to pay to the Capuchins your allowance of 338 Rupees per Month for Charitys to Widows and Orphans of Europeans under pretext of abuse. This Sum was a Legacy arising from property left by one Bastien, and lodged in the Funds of the French East India Company, and, by Count Conway, transferred to the Publick Treasury, of which, such as it was, we took possession in August last - The Legacy was directed by the Will to be disposed of by the Intendant - the President of the Council and the Solicitor General; and the Sums to be paid

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by the Curate of the Parish during the late disorders in Pondicherry, the Intendant or Ordonnateur, the President and the Solicitor, have had nothing to do with it, but, at this time, the Council being reestablished, Mons.r Gerard assures me that the application of this Sum will be the object of his care immediately but that he verily believes the last Months allowance that has been issued by Mr Skardon has actually been distributed in Charity by the Capuchen Curate, tho' He will not answer for it, that he might not have made some alteration in the distribution of it himself, and that, if there has really been only abuse at all, it must have been extremely inconsiderable. The Capuchen produces the List, according to which he has distributed the Money

I request your Orders on this Subject for my guidance But I beg leave to Observe, if the Paymaster Mr Skardon is left at liberty to contest, as he seems inclined, almost every point with the Commandant, your Honble Board will see no end to discussions and Details. Indeed I have every reason in the World to be grateful for the confidence you have hitherto been pleased to place in me, and to conclude it to be your intention to gradually to ascertain, and in my continue a certain degree of trust in my Judgment to

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deuide with Iouth, Matters scarce worth while to trouble you about, and for which I am always responsible

The Bridge near the Villenoux Gate, which you was pleased to direct, upwards of a Month ago, should be repaired, under the Superintendance of the Paymaster, still remains untouched, tho' really of urgent necessity, being in the principal approach to this Town

Likewise the Flag Staff, of which — Mr Skardon has taken possession. I have not been able to prevail with him to give me hopes of getting it hoisted —

On the score of complaint it is with concern I am obliged to prefer one against Mr Bellasis, the — Deputy Post Master, who is so grossly intractable and uncivil, about receiving and distributing Letters, as, in a great measure, to defeat the purposes of the Post, you have been pleased to Establish

Yesterday Morning, having reason to expect a Letter of consequence, which it was material for me to receive as early as I could, all the civilest — Solicitations I could make could not procure this Letter, which Actually was in the Tappal, till past 7 O'Clock tho it arrived about two in the Morning

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Last Night at 8 Clock He refused to receive my Letter, under pretext that the Packet was closed, tho it actually did not go off to Madras till about 8 Clock this Morning

As Commandant I thought myself entitled to have my Letters included in the Toppal on particular Occasions as late as I found it necessary, not retarding the Post But even this I supposed to be at my discretion and to receive my Letters on particular Occasions, as early as they could reasonably be delivered, As this is, I believe, every where else the case, I gave the Post Master Mr Bellasses formally Orders to deliver me my Letters by the Madras Toppal as soon as they arrived this Morning which he flatly refused, and tho it arrived about 2 my Letters were not delivered me till past 7

I cannot help requesting you will be pleased to take notice of this very insulting behaviour of the Deputy Post Master Mr Bellasses

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed J Floyd Col

Comg Pondicherry

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Memoirs and Resolutions thereon.

The Board approve the Opinion given by Colonel Floyd in regard to the claim of Mr. Sonnerat to a subsistence from the Company. — Ordered, Accordingly, that the necessary communication be made to Mr. Sonnerat.

Ordered that the charges incurred in the Police Department, by the Authority of Colonel Floyd, be passed.

Agreed that Mr. Michell be directed to deliver up to Monsr. Beaufort the papers that belonged to the late Ordonnateur of Karical.

As there is no proper place at Madras for the reception of Monsr. Vaillant, he must be sent to Cuddalore. Mr. De Modeve May remain in Confinement at Pondicherry.

Ordered that the Subsistence granted to the persons mentioned in Colonel Floyd's letter do commence from the day of the Surrender of Pondicherry.

Agreed that Mr. Skardon be directed to pay subsistence to the third Curate, and to advance

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to Mons.r Gerard (who must be held accountable for its proper application) the allowance granted to the Capuchins of 338. Rupees p.r Month for Charities to Widows and Orphans of Europeans.-

Agreed also that he be directed to cause the repairs to the Bridge leading to the Vellenoor Gate to be executed without further delay, and to do what may be necessary with respect to the Flag Staff.-

Resolved that Colonel Floyd be desired to inform the Deputy Postmaster at Pondicherry, that the Board are much displeased with his disrespectful Conduct, and to intimate to him, at the same time, that all Letters addressed to the Commandant are, in future, to be immediately dispatched before the other letters are sorted - that the Commandant shall have the authority to detain the Tappal upon any urgent occasion, and upon an Official Communication to the Deputy

Postmaster

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Postmaster, directing the detention; and that the letters from the Commandant shall be at all times received at the Post Office; and, tho the packet be closed, it shall be again opened — and the letters of the Commandant forwarded provided the Postpal have not left the Office

The President proposed that the appointment of Military Paymaster at Vizagapatam be discontinued, and that the Military Payments at that Garrison be made in future by the Paymaster at Chicacole.—

Military Paymaster-ship at Vizagapatam discontinued.

Ordered Accordingly

Read the following Letter from

Mr Robert Clerk.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

By the desire of Mr E. Garrow

I have

From Mr Robert Clerk
Mr Garrow offers security
in case of the Company's
Cash Officials already deposited.

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I have the honor to request your permission to deposit with the Company, as securities for the due performance of his trust, the accompanying Bond, with Bills of Sale of three houses in the Fort, in lieu of the Company's Certificate of 10,000 Pagodas now in your hands.

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

6th December 1793

Ordered, that the request of Mr. Clerk be Complied with.

Green Room

Lieutenant James Leith appointed as Deputy Judge Advocate in Center Division.

The President proposes that Lieutenant James Leith be appointed Deputy Judge Advocate in the Center Division of the Carnatic Vice Captain Wright Resigned.

Ordered Accordingly.

Quarters and Barracks to be built at the Mount for the 2d. Battalion of Artillery.

The Marquis Cornwallis, previous to his departure, having particularly recommended to the President that the whole of the

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the Company's Artillery (exclusive of necessary detachments) should be stationed at the — Mount, under the Command of Colonel Gils. the President now proposes that the Military Board be directed to call upon the Barrack Master to lay before them the present state of the quarters at that Cantonement; and order what may be further requisite for the — Accommodation of the 2d Batt: of Artillery.

Ordered accordingly.

Political General
Letter from England
to Coast dated 25 June
read & Orders passed.

The Board now proceed to frame the necessary orders and — resolutions on the Commands of the Honorable Court of Directors in the Political Department, — received by General Coote on the 29th Ultimo.—

Political Department

Duplicate Letter
25th June 1793.

No Remark

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Para 1 Intention of replying to the several political Dispatches from Fort St. George

No Remark

2. His Majesty's letter to the Nabob of Arcot dated 19th May 1790

No Remark

3, Respecting the Subsidy due by the Rajah of Tanjore at the time the Separation of Sir Archibald Campbell's Treaty took place.

The particulars of the balance were laid before the Board in a letter from the Accountant General dated the 23d April 1791, and entered on the Minutes of Council the 26th of that Month - and the Subject was reported at large in the address to the Court of the 29th following - Since that period nothing has occurred that renders it necessary to resume the consideration of it, and as the Court are of opinion (in which the Board entirely concur) that this Arrear cannot now be brought forward against the Rajah

nothing

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nothing further is requisite to be said upon it.

4 @ 6 Answers to the Boards letter of the 29th April 1791.

These paragraphs require no particular remark

7. A representation to be made to the Nabob, respecting the Troops maintained by His Highness's Authority

The Board have no reason to believe that the Nabob has, at present, in his Service except of Sebbendy Troops for the Collection of his Revenues, any establishment beyond what is requisite for the Support of his own dignity.

8 approbation of the order issued for the payment of 6000 Cuckrums to one of the Nabobs Servants.

Requires no Remark.

9 @ 10 Nabobs debts as to the new Cavalry loan.

The Board apprehend there must be some mistake in the reference to the 196th Para of the Court's public Letters dated the 8th April 1789, as that Letter contained only one hundred & four

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Four Paragraphs. In the 106th Paragraph of the Courts Letter dated 31st July 1787 it is stated "that the New Cavalry Loan / — "principal and interest / must be "placed to the Nabobs debit in "his Accounts with the Company, "and be, from time to time, paid "out of that part of the general "Fund which, by the Original "Arrangements stands appropriated "for the discharge of his Highness "debit to the Company" — If this be what the Court allude to, it is only necessary to observe, that proportional devidends have been made from the Treasury to the Creditors in the new Cavalry Loan, and — their Amount Carried to the Nabobs

Debit

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debit: that no Arrangement has
been made by Lord Cornwallis
for the payment of this debit,
nor are the Board aware of any
means of repayment to the
Company under the exesting
engagements with His
Highness, until the Complete
discharge of the Nabob's Registered
Consolidated debts, unless by a
new Arrangement it shall be
previously provided for.

In order to shew the
Sum that the Company have
already paid and will have to
pay on Account of this debt, if
no Arrangement be made
prior to its liquidation, upon
the principle now in force the

following

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The following Statement will suffice.—

Principal		439.627.18.65.
Interest paid to 31st December 92		263.644.24.45.
To be paid to 31st May 93 when the debt will be extinguished about		17.662 — —
Principal Sum which the Company will be in advance on Account of the Nabob's New Cavalry Loan on the 1st June 93 exclusive of the Interest which has accrued on Sums paid to this date.		720.934.7.30.
Add thereto Interest from 1st June 94 to 1st June 1814 @ 8 ₹ Cent (Compound Interest) the period when, if regularly dividends are made, it is calculated the Consolidated debts will be paid off		1153.495 — —
Total —		1874129.7.30.

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11 No Reply.
12 Do.

13 & 14 Answer to the Board's letter of the 16th January 1792.-

15 & 16 Concerning the Family of the late Rajah of Tanjore.-

Requisano Remark.

On this Subject the Board have nothing to add to the Communication already made to the Honorable Court-

17 as to the means by which the Rajah of Tanjore became acquainted with the orders of the Court previous to their being Communicated through the Government of Fort St. George.-

The Board have not been able to trace the means by which his Excellency became Acquainted with these Orders. Mr. Swartz, to whom the Subject was referred for enquiry, never gave any information upon it; and it was therefore deemed useless to prosecute the Matter further-

18 as to the administration of Justice at Tanjore.-

No Complaints have been preferred on this Subject since the restoration of the Country. Mr. Falkofield informs the Board that,

during

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the Company's Management during the Judicial regulations proposed by Mr. Swartz were carried into Effect by the Collector and and with much benefit to the Inhabitants.

19. Continuation of answer to the Board's letter of the 16th January 1792.

Requires no observation.

20. Another Application to be made to the Nabob in regard to the Arrears due to the Estate of the late General Joseph Smith.

Ordered that a letter be Written to his Highness urging the liquidation of the Arrears due on Account of the Annuity to the late General Joseph Smith

21 & 31. Continuation of Answer to the Board's letter of the 16th January 1792.

Requires no particular Remark

32. Claim of Mr. Bonny on the Nabob.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to Mr. Charles Bonny for his information.

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33 @ 37. Continuation of Answer to the Board's letter of the 16th January 1792.

The Board have no observations to make upon these paragraphs.

38 @ 39 Enquiries as to the claims of Venkatarow to be considered.

Ordered that the consideration of these Paragraphs be taken up at the next meeting of Council.

40 - 41 Continuation of Answer to the Board's letter of the 16th January.

42 M. Lamballais claim on the late Rajah of Tanjore.

Require no remarks.

Resolved that a letter be written to the Rajah of Tanjore requesting his Excellency will take the case of M. Lamballais into consideration, and order the liquidation of her Claim.

43 @ 47. No reply.

48 & 49 The Bill filed in the Court of Chancery by the Nabob's Agent has been dismissed.

The Board derive much satisfaction from the information contained in these Paragraphs.

50 @ 53. No Reply.

54 @ 57. Observations on the Commencement of Balamcotah.

Ordered that a Copy of these Paragraphs, with a Copy of the

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The Secty's report be sent to Mr. Marten, for his information and Guidance.-

58 No reply.
59 Pensions due to the Nizam.-

The Board have already reported to the Honorable Court that the whole of the Arrears of Pensions have been paid to the Nizam.- In regard to the Current Pensions the Board have to observe that, altho' the Bengal Government have, to prevent all possibility of future failure, taken the Payment upon themselves, there can be no doubt but that the resources of this Presidency, at present, are fully adequate to discharge it.-

60 no reply.
61 & 62 Continuation of answer to the Board's Ltr. dated 16th January 1792.-

Requires no particular remark

63 No reply
64 Mr. Benjamin — Sulivan's Claim on the Nabob.-

Ordered that a Copy the paragraph be sent to Mr Sulivan for his information.-

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65 Claim of the late Captain Cornelli Estate on the Nabob.

Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to Captain Thomas Leighton, the Executor, for his information.

66 & 74 Answer to the Board's letter of the 25th May 1792.

These Paragraphs require no particular observation.

75 No Reply.

76 to 97. Answer to the Board's letters of the 31st July 23 August and 5 October.

Require no particular Observation

98 To be furnished with an Account of the expence attending the Collection of the Peishcush.

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be sent to the Board of Revenue, and that they be directed to furnish the information required.

99 Desiring to be informed whether M. Floyer has made good the Sum Stolen from the Public Cash Chest.

The Board of Revenue in their Letter of the 28th January state that M. Floyer had made good the Sum Stolen from the Cash Chest.

Require

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100 & 105 Continuation of answer to the Board's letter of the 5th October 1792

Require no remark

106 Now Cavalry Loan

Already replied to

107 No reply

108. 109. Claims of Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham and the late General Horne on the Nabob the subject to be again mentioned to His Highness.

Ordered that a letter be written to the Nabob, stating the propriety and necessity of his discharging these demands.

110 Mr. James Hay's Claim upon the Nabob on Account of House sold to the late Ameer ul Omrah.

Agreed that the Nabob be requested, either to relinquish the premises, or pay the value thereof into the hands of Mr. Hay's representatives.

Chas. Oakeley.

E. H. Fallofield

Exd. George Parry
Wd. Sy.

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Diary

11th Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83.–

From Captain Dalles

From Agent for Horses, at Hydrabad – cannot procure Money for Bills – has therefore received 30,000 Rupees from the Resident.–

From Ensign Ormsly 52d Rigement.–

From Ensign Stephen Ormsly – begs leave to decline the offer to refer his application to the Court of Directors.–

From Mr. Vaughan –

From Paymaster at Madura – his transmission of the Petition of Mahomed Omar, was not intended as Official.–

From Military Board.–

From Military Board – the Bill for Repairs at Dindigul passed – and the Buildings in the Masulipatam District ordered to be again surveyed – Repairs wanting to the Powder Mills – No receipt given for the Stores left in Bangalore – letter from Major Petrie – enclosed.–

From Captain Norris Engineer.–

From Captain J. Norris – stating that his additional Donation is stopped, on account of a Refund, ordered, for repairs at Bangalore.

From Military Storekeeper –

From Military Storekeeper with his accounts for June July, August and September.–

12th Despatched the undermentioned Letter Entered in M. B. Nos. 84, 85, 86, 87.–

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To Mons.r Sonnerat.

To Mons.r Sonnerat granting him a subsistence of one hundred Rupees pr. Mensem. Copy of Colonel Floyd's Letter on the subject enclosed.

To Chief Engineer.

To Chief Engineer with Captain Mackenzie's Plan of the Survey made by him, of the Nagore Country. a Copy thereof being taken, the original to be returned.

To Resident at Majore.

To Resident at Nagore all the Surplus belonging to the Estate of the late ordonnateur at Karaikal, to be given up to Mons.r Beaufort at Pondicherry.

To Colonel Floyd.

To Commandant at Pondicherry advising of the above. The Police Charges admitted. directions regarding Mons.r Vaillant and De Morave. the third Cornet will receive his subsistence. and Orders will be given concerning the allowance for Charities to Widows &c.a and for the repair of the Bridge and Flag Staff. Concurr on the conduct of Lieutenant Bel-

Received the undermentioned Letters Dated in Mn. B. Nos. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93.

From Captain Menant.

From Commandant at Tranquebar. regarding leave of absence.

From Major Robels.

From Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment. with his Correspondence.

From Colonel Brett Cuttack.

From Officer Commanding the Army regarding the case of Lieutenant Fireworker Ruffell and his application to be

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be pensioned.

From Captain Doveton

From Captain Doveton with Translate of a Representation concerning the Depredations committed by the Polygar of Charqul in the Talook of Vencatgherry.

From Captain Bower at Kylar

From Commandant of the 7th Battalion requesting the same allowance as has been granted to his Officers on account of quarters.

From Major Johnson

From Major F. Johnson stating the claim of the Sepoys of the late 11th Revenue Battalion to an allowance in lieu of Clothing.

Substance of Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

13th

Sent letter to the Rajah of Tanjore Entered in C. C. No. 232. on the Subject of Mrs. Lamballais claim upon the late Rajah.

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109.

To Captain Read

To Collector in the Baramahaul with Copy of a Letter from the Nabob directions respecting the robbers therein mentioned.

To Captain Monson

To Commandant at Chingliput with leave of absence.

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions the Gratuity, proposed, to be granted to the owners of Bullocks Employed at Pondicherry

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To Masulipatam.. To Masulipatam - Subsistence to be granted

to Messrs. Potter - Martin, Polato & Fenne and Pay Lieut.

-ant Reddell's Claim to Prize Money in addition -

To Auditor Genl. To Military Auditor General referring Major

Hart's Accounts - 10 New Colts suspected at Ellore to be spaid for -

To Ditto - To Ditto - Major Jourrege's Bill for the care and

feeding of a Lot of Horses arrived at Arcot to be spaid - Mr.

Mr. Corbett Surgeons, to be spaid his Donations -

To Military Board - To Military Board - on the subject of their

Report concerning the Ordnance and Stores Captured at

Pondicherry - The Statements of the Commissary General of

Stores to be revised -

To Ditto.. To Ditto - additional quarters to be built at

the Mount - for the accommodation of the 2. Battalions of

Artillery -

To Ditto To Ditto - with a list of Articles to be included

in the Contract for Ordnance Work -

To Paymaster Genl. - To Military Paymaster General - Mr. Cuyler

Vaughan to draw upon him, in case the Southern Collectors

cannot safely him with Cash -

To Colonel Braithwaite - To Officer Commanding the Army - on reply to

his Letter regarding Lieutenant Fireworker Russell -

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To Major Gowdie

To Ditto at Arcot his Bill for the care and feeding of the Lot of Horses ordered to be discharged.

To Lieutenant Colonel Clarke

To Commandant at Palamcotah the Application of the French Prisoners for an Increase of Pay to be referred to the Chief of Tutocorin - Instructions.-

To Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell.-

To Ditto at Tanjore - with a Letter for the Rajah.-

To Mr. Ram at Tanjore.-

To Mr. Ram - the Residents House and the Public Cash Chest to be delivered over to the Charge of the Pay: master - an account required of his Expences in repairing the former - may proceed to the Presidency.-

To Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam - advising of the abolition of the Military Paymastership at that Factory.-

14.

Received the following letter.

To W. C. Jackson Esq.

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir.

From Sub Secretary at Bengal - the Explanation, upon the Score of muskets delivered Factory - the Number invoiced for, cannot be accounted.-

1 I am directed by the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 3 Instant, and of its Enclosures, and to acquaint you that the Explanation therein given very clearly accounts for the apparent Difference between the Numbers of the

Muskets

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Muskets stated in the Indorsed, received with your Letter of the 3d. of June, for Stores required from this Presidency, and the quarterly Returns received from the Madras Arsenal.-

2. I am instructed, however to add, that as, in addition to the 87,084 new Muskets with spring Bayonets, there are 5,151 new Muskets in the Madras Arsenal, making altogether 22,235 new English Muskets the Governor General in Council does not think it necessary to send to Fort St. George any Part of the Supplies of Muskets required from this Presidency by the List dated the 25th. of June, particularly as it cannot be done without reducing the Number of Muskets here below the established Proportions.-

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort William

the 22d. of November 1793.-

(signed) J. Fombelle

Sub Sec.y

Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in Mr. B. Nos. 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116.-

From Mr. Cherry.

From Persian Translator at Bengal

with a Letter for the Rajah of Travancore.-

From

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From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions – Mr. Vaughan proposes the airing of the Paddy at Madura and Dindigul – also to take that in Store at Madura and to replace it with new Paddy – Opinion on the Subject – the Granaries at Dindigul in bad Condition.

From Colonel Fraser.

From Commandant at More the French Prisoners there request leave to come to Madras, or to go to Pondicherry.

From Secretary to the Military Board.

From Secretary to the Military Board – with Packet for the Secretary to the Military Board at Bengal.

From Paymaster General.

From Military Paymaster General on the subject of the claims for Arrears due to the late Captain G. Featherston of the 102d Regiment.

From Captain Allan of the Guides.

From Captain Allan – requesting to be relieved on the same footing, in respect to allowances, as his Predecessors, in the Command of the Guides.

From Lieutenant Colonel Clarke.

From Commandant at Palamcotah has received from the Chief at Tuticorin and paid to Mr. Masters the Amount of Expences on account of the French Prisoners.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.

Sent Letter to the Nabob, entered in C C: No. 233 calling his Highness's attention to the Claims

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of the late General Joseph Smith - Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham - the late General Stone - Mr. M. Pollock and Mr Hay - and urging him to a Liquidation of them...

Despatched the undermentioned Letters

Entered in Dr. B: Nos 117 118, 119, 120, 121, 122 123. -

To Mr. Bonny

To Mr. C. Bonny with Para 32 of the Political General Letter from England dated 25th June last for his Information...

To Auditor General -

To Military Auditor General with Para 4th of Ditto - for the Public Department of the above date - and a Copy of the Clause of the act of Parliament - referred to therein. -

To Captain J. Leighton. -

To Executor to the Estate of the late Captain Everett - with Para 65 of the letter from England of the above date for the Political Department. -

To Mr. Marten.

To Paymaster at Palamcottah - with Para 6th and 57 Ditto - Ditto - for his Information and Guidance - and forwarding the Papers in reference - also the Spinnes of Cinnamon. -

To Mr. Sharden

To Paymaster at Pondicherry with orders regarding Subsistence for the Ward Curate the Allowance for Charities to Widows &c. the repair of the Bridge and Flag Staff, and for forgeing Police Charges. -

To

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14 To Board of Revenue.

To Board of Revenue with Para 98 of the General Letter above mentioned the Information required, to be procured.

To B. Sulivan Esqr.

To Mr. Sulivan with Para 64 of Ditto Ditto

16 Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 124, 125, 126, 127.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions submits the only offer made for the purchase of the Rice and Paddy at Pondicherry recommendation in consequence.

To Colonel Brathwaite.

From Officer Commanding the Army submitting the Claim, reported by Colonel Nesbitt, of a Soldier of the 52d Regiment to the first Donation and the Colonel's request for leave to visit the Presidency.

From Lieutenant Thos. Stevenson Invalid

From Lieutenant Stevenson enclosing certificates in support of his Claim to an allowance in lieu of Offreckonings.

From Town Major.

From Town Major suggesting regulations, whereby the Register of Invalids and Pensioners may be rendered complete also a General Order for Examining their Certificates.

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of the late General Joseph Smith. Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham. the late General Stone. Mr. M. Pollack and Mr Hay. and urging him to a Liquidation of them.

Despatched the undermentioned Letters

Entered in Pr. B. Vol. 187 188, 189, 190, 821, 822 823.

To Mr. Bevan

To Mr. C. Bevan with Para 32 of the Political General Letter from England dated 25th June last for his Information.

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General with Para 66 of Ditto. for the Public Department of the above date and a Copy of the Clause of the act of Parliament referred to therein.

To Captain J. Leighton.

To Executor to the Estate of the late Captain Everett with Para 65 of the letter from England of the above date for the Political Department.

To Mr. Morten.

To Paymaster at Palamcottah with Para 64 and 57 Ditto. Ditto. for his Information and Guidance and forwarding the papers in reference. also the Sample of Cinnamon.

To Mr. Sharden

To Paymaster at Pondicherry with orders regarding Subsistence for the Ward Curate the allowance for Charities to Widows &c. the repair of the Bridge and Flag Staff, and for paying Police charges.

To

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14 To Board of Revenue— with Para 98. of the

Ato Board of Revenue.— General Letter above mentioned the Information required to be procured.—

To B. Sullivan Esq. To Mr. Sullivan— with Para 64 of Ditto Ditto

16 Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. N.os 824, 825, 826 827.—

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.— From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions— submits the only offer made for the purchase of the Rice and Paddy at Pondicherry— recommendation in consequence.—

To Colonel Brathwaite.— From Officer Commanding the Bombay— submitting the Claim, reported by Colonel Nesbitt, of a Soldier of the 52 Regiment to the first Donation— and the Colonels request for leave to visit the Presidency.—

From Lieutenant Stevenson— Invalid From Lieutenant Stevenson— enclosing certificates in support of his Claim to an allowance in lieu of Offreckonings.—

From Town Major. From Town Major— suggesting Regulations, whereby the Register of Invalids and Pensioners may be rendered complete— also a General Order for Examining their Certificates.—

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Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in Ord: B. Nos. 128. 129. 130.

From Lieutenant Wilkes.

From Lieutenant Barrack Master Wilkes reports the clearing of the Vaults of the Powder of the King's Barracks.

From Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General with his Estimates for January.

From Adjutant General.

From Adjutant General relative to ordering Captain Beale to join his Corps, on the Expiration of the term of his Suspension.

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in Ord: B. Nos. 131. 132. 133.

To Captain Mason

To Commandant at Chingleput granting leave of absence from his Station.

To Sir John Kennaway.

To Resident at Hydrabad with Copy of the Note of Tipsoo's Vackeels, in consequence of Agem ul Omrahs late letter to their Master.

To Colonel Kirkpatrick.

To Commandant at Tranquebar with Leave similar to the above.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Tuesday 17th December 1793.

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Board of Revenue with Copy of their Instructions to Mr. Landon regarding the Cavalry of the Tinnevelly Polygars and of his Reply — Complaint against the Conduct of the Shevegunga Minister — papers concerning the Extent of Depredations committed by the Polygars Enclosed.

We were honored with the receipt of your Letter dated the 16th October; and, having judg[illegible] essentially necessary to call upon Mr. Landon fo[illegible] explanations on some particular points, we beg leave to submit to you Copy of our Instructions on the occasion, together with his reply, by which it will appear that the Objections in question are deemed by him of such Importance as to require the most deliberate

Consideration

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Consideration, and indefatigable Research, before he can Venture with Confidence to reply to any part thereof.-

The Irregularities and Oppressions Committed by the Poligars, as detailed in the Collectors proceedings, and the want of a controuling authority to restrain them from such abuse of power, and acts of wanton Cruelty and injustice, are too evident to need any additional arguments from us- the endeavours used by Mr. Lindon for conciliating the disputes between the Rajah of Ramnad and the minister of Sheveganga appear to have been judicious, tho' we are sorry they did not produce the desired effect;- besides the groß Prevarications and disobedience of the latter relative to those differences, it appears, that he has been guilty of great disrespect to the Company's Authority, in not only neglecting to send a Packet to the Collector's Cutcherry tho' repeatedly required by Mr. Lindon, but in having resisted the Company's Troops, and Compelled a party of the 7th. Battalion to release two Deserters from that Corps, whom they had apprehended agreeably to order from their Commanding Officer.-

Adverting

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Adverting to these Circumstances, and to the present refractory state of the other Poligars, we are of Opinion, that decisive measures should be adopted for checking the disorders complained of, and we beg leave to submit to you the propriety of authorizing Mr. Landon immediately to require the Shevegunga Minister to attend in person at his Cutcherry to answer for his Conduct, warning him of the Consequences that will attend a disobedience of your Orders; and, at the same time, the Collector should be directed severely to reprimand the other Poligars who have withdrawn their Vackeels, and to repeat his orders for their immediate attendance at his Cutcherry.-

In obedience to your Orders under Date the 10th. August Mr. Landon was directed personally to enquire into the extent of the Depredations Committed by the Tinnevelly Poligars. On the 10th. October we received from Mr. Landon an abstract Statement, containing the declarations of the Parties who complained against them; but, the examinations not being made in the District as you directed, and Conceiving the Subject to be connected with the instructions given by us in consequence of your Letter of the 16th. October, which might

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might enable them to obtain more particular evidence, we thought it proper to delay the report to you thereon— Mr. Landon having, however, resumed the subject in a late Letter to us under date 8th. and received on the 28th. Ultimo, we have the honor to submit those Papers to you, with an Extract of his General Report dated 23d. September last.—

We have the honor to be

&c.— &c.—

Fort St. George
3d. December 1793.

David Haliburton
Sha.d N. White
Tho.s Cockburn

To W.m James Landon
Collector of Polegar Peishcush South
of the Coleroon

Sir,

We herewith transmit to you Extract of a Letter from Marquis Cornwallis to His Highness the Nabob proposing an Arrangement for the prevention of future irregularities, as well from

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from this account, as on the part of the Polygars Govern-
-ment are desirous that the same should be carried into execu-
-tion with as little delay as possible; but you will previously
ascertain the exact Amount of the claims of the several
Poligars on the circar Villages for Cavalry fees, and the
Sums due to them, respectively, on that Account.—

We conclude that the Statement of the
Revenues of the Tinnevelly Poligars, forwarded with
your Report for July 1202, was formed by Mr Torin
from the Sources he professed during his Management
of that Country; but, considering the want of Compleate
Materials, and as the future Arrangements must, in
a great Measure, depend on the Documents furnished
by you, we wish to receive your opinion as to the
reliance that may be placed on his Statement, how
it was formed, and whether, by further Enquiries, you
may not be able to obtain more accurate Information.—

We observe, from the Statement
above alluded to, that the Amount of the Peshcush
claimed by several of the Poligars exceeds, and, in
other Instances, nearly equals their annual pay-
-ments to the Company; and as, by the arrangement

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under Consideration they are to be allowed Credit in their Peshcush for the amount of those fees, it becomes the more necessary to ascertain by the most minute Enquiry their just claims on the Circar Lands; and, in making this investigation, you will be particularly Careful to secure the Company against improper demands arising from unfounded Claims; and, in instances of innovation, to state the particulars thereof, and the Deduction to be made in consequence. We further remark that the only means the Lingumputty and woorcoud Poligars possess for the payment of their Peshcush are derived from the Fees they receive from the Circar Villages, but in your recommendation for the abolition of the Deshaval, you have omitted to report on the particular situation of these Poligars, and whether they are entitled to a Compensation on their Cavally being abolished, as also in what manner the Payment of the difference between the dishcavel fees when they exceed the Peschcush ought to be made good to the Poligar.-

The representations on record, particularly those of your predecessor, Mr. Torin, and the known Character of the Poligars, incline us to believe that they have, as opportunities offered, considerably

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encreased their Pollams by the most unjustifiable
conduct; and we would therefore have you ascertain
and report more fully as to the extent of their Encroach-
ments. Recurring to the Benefits which the Poligars
will derive from the mildness and Equity of the present
Government, and of their being relieved from the
oppressive demands to which they were subject
under the administration of the Nabob, we conceive
it may be a matter of Consideration hereafter whe-
ther they should not be assessed, in a moderate pro-
portion, for the Lands they possess. But we
imagine little dependence can be placed on any
Engagements entered into with the Poligars, unless
a material change in their situation, and the
mode of administering their affairs, take place. We
are equally sensible with yourself of the absolute
necessity of their being disarmed in order to secure
their obedience, and the tranquility of the Country;
but, adverting to their Numbers, and that they will
consider it a common cause, and when we reflect
on the Power the Poligars have been accustomed
to possess, and the uncontrouled authority exercised

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by them in their respective Pollams, added to their turbulent character and ancient Prejudice in favor of carrying Arms, we are convinced that your entered address will be regarded, and are extremely anxious that this measure should be effected in a Manner most reconcileable to their feelings, as connected with the peace of the Districts - for these reasons we expect that you should give the Subject your most serious Consideration; and, having consulted with Major Macaulay, you will Report to us your joint Opinions whether the Poligars should be disarmed by Degrees, and as Opportunities present themselves, or whether implicit obedience to the orders of Government should at once be peremptorily insisted upon, in either case you will be pleased to state whether any additional Troops will be required, and if so, in what parts of the districts they should be stationed -

We are aware that the Objects for which the Cavalry fees were originally granted, may, in many Instances, be lost sight of, yet as, by the proposed arrangement, the Poligars are to be prohibited from any concern in the detail arrangement of the Circar Lands, and their interference has been strengthened by long usage, and, in a manner, interwoven with the prevailing System

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of collection and security of property in the Villages, it becomes a matter of particular consideration to whom the Inhabitants are in future to look to for protection from outrages and indemnification for Robberies committed in their Villages; for as they will probably be assessed in the same annual sum by the Nabob, they will without doubt expect protection to be afforded them by some other mode, and as it would appear, by the present arrangement, that the Poligars are to receive Credit for the amount of the Dustoorul levied on the Circar Villages, we desire you will offer your opinions as to the propriety of their being held responsible for the expence of such Establishment as may be found necessary to watch and protect the property belonging to the Circar Villages, or whether, when, by the abolition of their Collection of the dustoorul Tax, the Poligars are relieved from the duties of watchers, and from being answerable for Loses to the Inhabitants, it can be considered they have a right or claim to any part of the produce of those fees: there Possession for some instances less than the dustoorul could not, we conceive, be disposed to arise solely from that part of their Revenue which was or ought to be burthened with a certain expence attendant on those duties.

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Under these circumstances, to give the Poligars credit for the full amount of the descavel fees would be to add to their Revenue, already very disproportionably assessed. If so credited the amount is to be added to his Highness's Kists: the circar cannot, in justice to the Inhabitants, collect more than the present amount of discavel from the circar Villages, so that, unless the Poligars are to be separately assessed for the new Establishment to protect the Villages, the Expence must fall an additional burthen on the circar, but more probably an additional assessment on the Inhabitants. It appears therefore to us that if a credit is to be given to the Poligars on account of the descavel it would seem only equitable to grant it in the Proportion which the amount of this tax bears to their Gross Revenue - for Example - the Estimated Revenue of the Shevigerry Poligar is Chuckᵗ. 62,800 - the Cavelly included therein 10,000 his Peishcush Chuckᵗ. 11,576 consequently, upon the above principle, the credit to be given him on account of the abolitition of the Cavelly collection would be Chuckᵗ. 1779 this then would be the sum to be added to the circar Kists, and Chuckᵗ. 8221 would remain to the circar for the charge of the Establishment to be instituted for the Protection of the Villages in

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lieu of the Poligar Protection—admitting this principle to obtain, and no increase of assessment to be made, the Treasury peishcush would be check'd 9,397 rod 18 p Cent on his Revenue, even after deducting the discawel.

In cases where the discawel is the only source to the Poligar for the Payment of his Peishcush the Peishcush will, of course, be added to the circar Rists but it may be conceived by Politic, and indeed it appears equitable, that the Circar should allot an allowance by way of Pension in lieu of the hereditary Priveledge to such Poligars, should it choose to discontinue their services, and that the amount thereof should be paid by the Circar, to the Collector, to be by him paid to the parties.

You will be pleased to consider the foregoing Remarks merely offered for your Opinion, in Order that we may have the fullest information before us.

We have Read with attention your Report for Fusly 1202, and are well pleased, with the distinct Information it contains, it is also satisfactory to us that you are preparing to render it more Complete; as you have only furnished us with a Statement of the Revenue of the Tinnevelly Country, we desire you will ascertain and transmit to us a particular Account of the resources and

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claims of the other Poligars under your superintendance, at the same time including in your report the Names of the several Tributaries and of their Heirs &c. agreeably to the accompanying Form.-

We wait your report on the foregoing references, previous to our giving you further instructions for carrying the proposed Arrangement into Effect; and you will be particularly careful, in your several negociations, either with the Nabobs Managers or the Poligars, not to pledge the faith of Government on any point connected with the present settlement.-

We also enclose to you Copy of a Letter from Nazarul Mulk Behauder, Phouzdar of Madura, to His Highness the Nabob, complaining of the Conduct of Pawarce a Poligar of the Tinnevelly Country and of his having put to death the Amil of the Village of Coveta- we desire you will make particular Enquiry into the Complaint and having taken the necessary Depositions respecting the murder, you will transmit them to us with your Remarks thereon for the Information of Government.-

With respect to the dispute between the

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The Rajah of Ramnad and the ministers of Shevegunga, complained of in your letter of the 6th. Instant, we desire you will report to us more particularly on this subject, offering your specific opinion in what manner the points in Dispute may be adjusted.—

We are,

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the 22. October 1793.

David Haliburton
[signed] Charles N. White
Thomas Cockburn

A true Copy
[signed] John Read
Dep.t Sec.y

To David Haliburton Esq.r
Acting President &c.a Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I have been honored with your Commands of the 22d of October, the objects which it comprises being various and of Moment, the most deliberate consideration and indefatigable research are requisite, before I can venture, with confidence

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confidence to refuse to any part of it. I therefore hope for your Board's indulgence...

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Copy of the diary of my Proceedings for the Month of October, in which your Board will observe that my continued endeavours to put a Stop to the wranglas between the Rajah of Ramnad and the Ministers of Sheveganga have again proved fruitless. The general tenor of their behaviour is as calculating to persons in their respective Situations, as it is prejudicial to the welfare of the Marrawa Country. The Circumstances recorded on the 3d. 12th. 18th. 20th and 26th Instant, I humbly entreat your attention to, particularly the two last mentioned dates. They are faithful narrations of the conduct of both parties, for the most part, abstracted from the own Original Letters, which I carefully preserve, the low cunning and prevarication, not to overlook the falsity by which both are actuated, are but two apparent to need being pointed out to your Board..

The instance of unfeeling barbarity recorded on the 10th. October, and the abuse of Power in deliberate oppression, as detailed on the 12 and 25th. of October, point out the want of a controuling Judiciary authority to

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to restrain these People from acts of wanton cruelty and injustice, and the Circumstances related on the 1.st 22.d and 29.th Instant, are sufficiently demonstrative of the extreme disrespect in which they should wear the Company's authority as well as the Nabob's, on Occasions where they have opportunities of shewing it, which they think will pass unnoticed, a circumstance similar to the last alluded to, happened to a Party from the same Battalion in the Tinnivelly province in April last, which I had the honor of communicating to your Board on the 15.th of that Month. Bare remonstrance avails nothing with these People, and, until they receive an adequate Check for such unpardonable conduct, they will acquire additional presumption, and a repetition of such offences is likely to become but more common.-

The Number of Persons of all descriptions whom your Orders to me of the 12.th August had drawn together, an abstract of whose complaints I had the honor of submitting to your Board on the 30.th September, and who have since returned to their Homes without obtaining that relief from me which they had flattered themselves with the hopes of, has caused a General belief to be entertained throughout the Southern Provisions

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that I amused them with false hopes which I shall never have it in my power to realize, and in proportion to the despondency of the parties aggrieved, their aggressors, the Polligars, who plundered and injured them, finding that their conduct has passed altogether unnoticed, become more presumptuous than ever, and so little do they respect the Situation which I hold, that on the 7th. of October, no more than three Vakeels were to be found in the Cutchary on the part of the Thirty one Polligars of the Tinnevelly province, and the Vakeel of Sheveguriga, who obtained leave of absence on the 1st. of October, for a few days, staid away the whole Month, nor did the Minister send him back to the Cutcharee till the 9th. Instant, although repeated Letters were, in the mean while, written to him, representing the impropriety of his Vakeels long absence, and urging his speedy return, as well as upon a reference to my Proceedings.

On the 7th. Ultimo, Sevagaroyam Pandy the Interpreter to the Cutchary asked permission to return to his Family, being reduced by a series of ill health which rendered him incapable of attending to his Duty for a considerable time past, as a longer residence in this Country might have proved fatal to him,

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him, I complied with his request, and have nominated a person named Mooloo Sawmy Moodiley, to succeed him in his Office, which I hope will be approved of by your Board.—

I have the honor to be
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Sunday
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Signed James Landon
Collector &c. Pulicat.

A true Copy
Signed John Read
Dep.y Sec.y

Extracts from Mr Landon's Diary for October 1793.

4th. The Polligar of Sunpetaur having again represented that he has paid the Shengerry Polligar the Sum of Money he Borrowed from him last year, and that he shall be unable to pay his Peshcush for the present year of Fusley 1203, unless the District of Coady collaum, which he mortgaged on that occasion be restored to him, the Vakeel of the Shengerry polligar is called in, and, after being informed to the above, is directed to apply to his Master to deliver up the District in question: upon which he denies that his Master has been reimbursed the Amount of his Loan.—

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The preceding circumstance was submitted to the Board on the 26th of June last, but no Instructions have yet been obtained respecting it. In order, however, to obviate the inconveniences that may probably occur hereafter on realizing the Pestcheash of Sarrupdoor in case this Dispute is not Adjusted, it is judged expedient to direct the Vakeels of the two Parties to respectively to their Masters for their respective Accounts, that the same may be submitted to the decision of Arbitrators.—

The Sarrupdoor Vakeel represents the disgrace his Master suffers by the Fort of Condycollum being held by the Shevegerry Poolligar, and requests that, as it yields nothing it may be delivered up, which the Shevegerry Vakeel is desired to write to his Master to do accordingly.—

Received advice that some time last Month the Polligar of Cawaly put to death the Nabob's Manager at the Village of Corayoor in the Talook of Arrimungalum in the District of Madura.—

The Shevegunga Vakeel requesting leave of absence for a few days, it is granted upon his promising to return in a Week.—

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7th. Received Letter from the Minister of the Shevegunga Country, complaining that the Rajah of Ramnad compels the Merchants from the Southward to turn off at Truchooly, and proceed to the Coast through the Ramnad Country, instead of permitting them to pursue the established road to Parthamellore in the Shevegunga Country, by which means a loss of 30,000 Chuckrums is annually sustained in the Customs of the latter Country.-

The Ramnad Vakeel, being called in, is directed to inform his Master of the above Complaint, and to recommend to him, to form an amicable adjustment of his Differences with the Shevegunga Minister.-

The Vakeel of Chengalpoody, one of the Tinnevelly Pollams, Complains that the Rajah of Ramnad owes a Thousand Pagodas to his Master for Watching fees.-

The Ramnad Vakeels is informed of the above Complaint, and directed to apply to his Master to pay the above demand, if on enquiry, he find it to be just.-

Received Letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated the 30th. September, No. 67 directing

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me to refuse my Sanction, and not to pledge the Company's Security to Soucars who propose to advance Money for the Polligars; also to insist upon the Polligars paying their Tributes themselves into my Treasury, and advising that they do not consider the Appointment of Persons in the Pollams to receive the Kists a necessary Measure.

No more than three Vakeels attending on the part of the thirty one Tinnevelly Polligars, orders are Dispatched to the others to send their Vakeels to the Cutchary without further delay, and to give them Instructions for settling a Kistbundy for their Peshcush for the present year - that it may be paid at the Cutchary.

10th A Man with one hand appeared at the Cutchary when I was travelling towards the Tinnevelly Province in March last, by name Nagalingum, who said that he had been a Sumprety under Chinna Murdoo, Minister of the Sevingunga Country, at the Village of Cundavaroyenputtee, that, twenty days before, while he was in discharge of the aforesaid Office, Perria Murdoo the Minister's Brother, sent to him for thirty Cullums of Paddy, which he declined giving without an Order from his Master; that Perria Murdoo, thereupon, sent a party of Armed Peons in the night time, who seized him, carried

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carried him forcibly to the Village of Moolon, and there cut off his hand. The man being asked, why he came so far from home to represent his case to me, said that he could obtain no Redress from the Minister, and that by the loss of his hand he was deprived of gaining a livelihood in future, in the line of profession.-

At the time the above Representation was preferred, the Circumstance of my moving further South, did not permit of my taking notice of it, and I deferred enquiry respecting it till my return to the Marawar, in the hope of being able to prevail upon the Ministers to make the unfortunate sufferer some consideration- But, not understanding that this has been done, I now Record the Complaint, in order to point out to the Board one, among the numberless Instances that daily present themselves of the Deplorable condition of the Inhabitants of these Provinces, who are exposed to the Rapacity and wanton cruelty of their merciless Rulers, and compelled to Stifle their Complaints and suffer in silence, as no possibility of obtaining redress presents itself from any quarter- The Nabobs authority over these Provinces existing virtually no longer, and my Instructions,

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who are the only Representatives of the Company in these parts, to whom the parties aggrieved continually apply for redress, are not vested with powers to effect no Compensations for Injuries sustained.-

The Shevegunga Vackeel not having returned to the Cutchary, although he promised to be back by the 7th Instant, a Letter is written to the Minister, requiring the attendance of his Vakeel without further delay.-

Tondooma, a Merchant of Vurrudpatta, a Village in the District of Muvelapettore, represents that he engaged to rent the Village of Tondeumpatty of the Polligar of Muvvarcoota for two Hundred and thirty Chuckrums P. Annum; which sum he advanced for the first year, at the entreaty of the Polligar, but had no sooner done so than the Polligar called upon him for Arravaucshey, or half additional assessment, which he was compelled to pay, amounting to a hundred and Fifty Chuckrums, and that a short time afterwards, the Polligar seized Thirty Bales of Tobacco, each Valued at ten Chuckrums, Amounting to three Hundred Chuckrums. He states that all his property has been taken from him, in the manner above

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above described, and that he and his Family will be ruined, unless he obtains speedy redress.-

The Vakeel of the Polligar of Munnarcoala is directed to inform his Master of the preceding Complaint, and to call upon him to redress the Petitioner, without delay.-

12th The Vakeel of the Rajah of Ramnad being asked if his Master is preparing to pay the Watching fees claimed by the Polligar of Chenalgoody, replies that he is directed by his Master to inform me, that the Polligar never sent Peons to watch the property of the Inhabitants of his Villages, which was the reason of his with holding the fees.-

The Rajah's Vakeel further informs me that his Master has sent Orders to his Amuldar at Trushooly not to stop the Merchants who come by that Place from the Southward, but to permit them to continue their route to Parthanellore in the Shevegunga Country; and he begs that I will send a Peon to take notice of the same, for my own satisfaction. He also requests that, as his Master has remedied the grievance complained of by the Shevegunga Minister, the latter

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may be ordered to open the Water courses which he has stopt. —

Wrote to the Sevegunga Minister, informing him of the above, and desiring that the Water courses may be opened, as he has now no further cause of Complaint. Desired him also to pay the Duties which he owes to the Rajah upon goods passed through his limits without further delay, as the Rajah's Conicoplies have been waiting for fifteen days to adjust the Account. —

In Order to see the above carried into effect, and to prevent, if possible, any cause of Complaint from either Party, in future, Dispatched two Peons one to Trichinopoly in the Ramnad Country, and the other to the Water courses in the Shevegunga Country, to see that no interruption occurs at either place. —

18th Received Letter from the Pay: master at Trichinopoly dated 13th October 1793 acknowledging the receipt of 23400. P. N. Pagodas. —

Received a Letter from the Shevegunga Minister declaring that the Rajah of Ramnad has no right to levy Duties on Goods passing from any part of the Shevegunga Country to Tondy, that it is

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contrary to Custom, but that, in Obedience to my Directions, he will send his Conicopolies to adjust the Accounts.-

The Shevegunga Minister is again written to, calling upon him to send a Vakeel to attend at the Cutcharee.-

Suncaralingum Pillah, on the part of the Collarpetty Polligar, Represents that, about twenty days since, the Polligar of Shevegurry cut through the bank of his large Tank. That he repaired it with all expedition as the Rainy Season was approaching, but that, about ten days afterwards, the Sevegurry Polligar sent a fresh party, who cut away the bank a second time.- He also Complains that the Shevegurry man had encroached several Spots of Cultivated ground, and he is apprehensive that, unless protection be afforded his Master the Shevegurry man will, by Degrees, take possession of the whole of his Pollam.-

The Shevegurry Vakeel being called in, is informed of the above Complaints, and desired to call upon his Master for an explanation; also, at the same time, to caution him not to persevere in such irregular Conduct, as he will doubtless incurr the displeasure of Government.-

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20th. The Vakeel of the Rajah of Ramnad represents that, notwithstanding my Orders on the 12th. Instant and that his Master has opened the Road at Trenkanbylading to Parthamellore, the Sheveguenga Minister Sears not opened a single Water Course, and Complaines that the freshes which come down with the present Rains are entirely lost, and that the Landsin his Master's Country must remain uncultivated for want of Water.—

The Mahajeers of Wottarium, are agreem in the Ramnad Country, Complaine that the Sheveguenga Minister Shuts the water Leading to their Village, two days since.—

The Vakeel of the Sheveguenga Minister being still absent from the Cutchary, the Rajah's Vakeel is desired to wait, as I am in hourly expectation of Intelligence From the Peons who were Dispatched on the Business in question on the 12th. Instant.—

The Vakeel of the Rajah of Ramnad brings to the Cutchary several Inhabitants of the Village of Cholacoody in his Master's Country, who Complain that the Inhabitants of Tondy in the Sheveguenga Country, encroach upon their Limits.—

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No Vakeel, or other Person, being present on the part of the Shevegiunga Minister, and much Disturbance being apprehended, if a speedy Determination be not put to the Dispute in question, the Principal Inhabitants of Tondy are summoned to attend, when both Parties are prevailed upon to Nominate Arbitrators, to investigate and decide upon their respective Claims, for which purpose they Execute the usual Muchilca to abide by the award that may be given.—

Received this day a Bill from the Paymaster at Trichinopoly Specifying the greater part of the P. N. Pagodas which I forwarded to him on the 5th Instant, in consequence of Orders from Government, to be old Pagodas, and the remainder either Coolloo or bad.— The Sheroff belonging to the Cutchiary, being called in, and questioned as to the remittance aforesaid, declares that about a quarter of the remittance was on the newest Pagodas, and the remainder some what older, but which are Current at this place.— That a few Coolloo Pagodas might have escaped Observation, on so large a sum, but that he is certain there were no bad Pagodas among them.—

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The impracticability of the Sheriff belonging to the Cutcherry accompanying the Monthly supplies of Cash to so many Distant Garrisons as Arnaut subjects me to much inconvenience in arranging the remittances, and the Company to loss by the different value of the same Coins at the respective Garrisons in question, where the Money I send has an Arbitrary value put upon it by the Sheroffs of the place, who combine to depreciate it, for their own advantage.—

In order, however, that no loss may be sustained by the Government on the foresaid account, the Sheroff is directed to make out an account of the Diffce which has arisen on the late remittance to Trichinopoly that the Rajah of Ramnad may be called upon for the same. The Pagodas which were sent to Trichinopoly on the 6th Instant, having been part of those which have at different times been received from him in payment of his Peshcush, as will appear on reference to my Letter to the Accountant to the Board of Revenue, so far back as the 16th of March last.—

2d No attention having yet been paid to my Verbal applications to the Rajah of Ramnad for

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for a Kistbundy for the present year, dispatched a Letter to him this Day, calling upon him for the same, and also for the Sum that is due thereon, according to the Stipulations for last Year.—

Received Letter from the Shevegunga Minister, requesting that the Rajah of Ramnaad's claim upon him for Duties may be referred to Arbitration, and engaging to comply with whatever may be Awarded.—

The evasive drift of the above Letter, after promising to pay the Rajah's Demand, as appears on a reference to the Proceedings on the 18th. Instant, is too apparent to leave any doubt of the Ministers attempt to evade Payment altogether. The impropriety of his endeavouring to refer to Arbitration the established Mammool of the Country is obvious, as such enquiry could only be admitted in the event of a Disputed account, and is totally unnecessary to confirm the fixed Custom of ages past.—

Received a Letter from Mr. Secretary Clerk dated the 11th. October /No 72/ desiring that two Thousand Star Pagodas may be forwarded to the Paymaster at Tricheinopoly, before the 5th. of November, and requesting an Estimate of Receipts for the ensuing three months.—

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Dispatched Letter of this date to Mr. Secretary Clerk [No. 73] advising of my forwarding ten Thousand Star Pagodas to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, requesting that the Paymaster of Garrisons may be directed to send Escorts in future, for the Money which I am to supply them with, and also their Sheroffs to sort out the Money they supply to me for, on Account of their Employers, as I have but one Sheroff belonging to the Cutchery, who is incapable of accompanying the Monthly supplies of Cash sent to such distant Garrisons, and as much difficulty and some loss occurs on my remittances on that Account. Enclosing also an Estimate of probable receipts for the ensuing three Months.

Estimate of Probable receipts for the ensuing three Months [No. 74] amounting to Pagodas 32,260½.

Dispatched Letter of this date to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly [No. 75] forwarding eleven Thousand, seven hundred P. N. Pagodas amounting, at the exchange of 187 P. N. Pagodas for 100 Star Pagodas, to ten Thousand Star Pagodas.

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22d Dispatched Letter of this date to the Resident at Nagore (No 76) representing that all the Musters of Cloth which I received from him, except one, are too short, and requesting he will forward others of sufficient length.–

Addressed letter of this date to the Board of Trade (No 77) representing the necessity of adopting measures for the Security of the Persons and property of the Weavers in the Tinnevelly Province, as they emigrate in consequence of the Oppressions they suffer, and enclosing Copy of a Proposal to supply Cloth for the Company.–

Received advice from Captain Bowser Commanding the 7th Native Battalion at Kylar, that three Deserters from his Corps have taken refuge in the Shevegunga Country, that he had detached a Jemidar, with a Party, to apprehend them, and requesting my assistance.–

Communicated the above to the Shevegunga Minister by a Cadjan, and requested him to assist the Party in apprehending the deserters.–

24th Received a Letter from the Shevegunga Minister, complaining that the Rajah of Ramnad has shut up the Water Courses leading to the Village of Punnuryail, belonging

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to a Chaultry at Chowdrawauvy in the Shevagunga Country.-

The Ramnad Vakeel being called for, in order to communicate to him the above, is not present.-

The Peon who was dispatched to Tondy on the 12.th Instant to see that the Merchants from the Southward are not prevented by the Rajah of Ramnad agreeable to his declarations, from passing on to Parthanellore in the Shevagunga Country, returns and Reports, that the Amuldar at Tondy told he has received directions from the Rajah to pass no other Cloths than what belonging to the Company, but to stop all Goods which are the property of Native Merchants.-

The Peon further says, that he was informed by many Native Merchants whom he saw at Tondy, where he stayed six days, that the Rajahs People, instead of allowing them to pass on the high road which leads from thence by the way of Parthanellore, to the Sea Coast, compel them to go by the way of Permagoody within the Ramnad limits, which puts them to considerable inconveniences, on Account of the increased distance they have to travel, and the additional Taxes they have to pay in passing

passing through so great an extent of the Ramnad Country.

Dispatched Letter of this date, to the Rajah of Ramnad, advising him that, in consequence of his assurance that he had opened the road from Trus-hooly to Parthanellore, I had called upon the Sevegunga Minister to open the Water Courses, which has been done accordingly; communicating also the abovementioned Intelli-gence brought by the Peon, and requesting him to issue the requisite orders to obviate all misunderstanding in future.

25th Received Letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th October (No. 79) Enclosing for my Guidance, respecting the Shattoor pollam, Copy of a Letter from Government, and directing me to inform the Board, whom I consider a proper Person for the manage-ment of it.

Tondoowa, the Merchant of the Shevelapettore District, who preferred a Complaint to me on the 12th Instant against the Polligar of Munnarcota, represents the Distress in which he is involved by the delay that has occurred in redressing his grievances.

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the Polligar on question to do the Petitioner Justice, I prevail upon him to take a Cadjan from the Polligar's Vakeel, calling upon his Master to restore the Petitioner's property.—

20th. The Jemadar Commanding the Party from the 7th Battalion detached in search of the three Deserters as mentioned on the 22 Instant, waits upon me, and Represents that the Shevegunga Minister not only refused to consent him to deliver the Cadjan that was addressed to him, [the Minister] but that a body of his Armed Peons had the daring presumption to rescue by force two of the Deserters whom his party had apprehended.—

No Vakeel, or other Person, being present on the part of the Shevegunga Minister, wrote to him, Letter of this Date, Communicating the above Representation from the Jemadar, declaring that he will be held responsible for such pointed Disrespect to the Company's authority, and calling upon him to surrender the deserters without delay.—

True Extracts

[Signed] John Read

Dep.t Sec.y

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Saines Sandon
Dated 30th September 1793.-

In obedience to your orders of the 12th August I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract account of depredations said to have been committed lately by some of the Tinnevelly poligars in different parts of that province; the original accounts are in my possession, attested by the signatures of the Inhabitants affected to.-

It appears to me that many of the Complaints that are preferred against the Poligars originate from demands that have been made for payment of the deficiencies or watchering Fees, as I have delivered my sentiments fully on this subject in my general report of the 23d Instant, which is now before your Board, it is unnecessary for me to recapitulate them in this place. I only beg leave to observe, that the speedy adoption of some measure to put a stop to these disturbances is much to be wished for.-

If the instances of oppression & misconduct can be proved by the parties who have complained, it would no doubt produce a salutary effect to have

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the offenders punished in a exemplary manner, and it would tend in some degree to restrain, in future, that spirit of licentiousness which at present predominates so much among the poligars in the Tinnevelly province. -

A true Extract

(Signed) John Read
Depy. Secy.

Abstract Account of depredations said to have been committed by the Tinnevelly Poligars. -

Complaints alledged against Varagoora Rama Vunneyen Poligar of Shevegerry. -

He Plundered away 1,050 Cottas of Paddy and 10 Cattle belonging to the mahajens of Raja-coolaram and 500 Cottas of Paddy in the Circar's Heaps, and 5 Cattle in Vadagery Village and Coleem - He entered into the Pagoda of Vencatachella Sevameyar, and pleundered all the Furniture therefore the mahajens of Vadagery took refuge in Trevengadum, and from thence wrote a Cadjan letter to the Mahajens of Tinnevelly as follows Vizt. -

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"No notice, having been taken by the Circar, "or by the Company, tho' the Shevegerry Vunneyen has given "us Various troubles and molestation in future, there is no occasion "for us to inhabit in his Countries; the grain is drying for "want of labourers to water the fields, therefore we purpose "to sell all the Cattle and property which belong to us for "our expences or the Road, and go to Madras, as soon as you "receive this letter, you will also do the same, and take "liberty from the Company, and go with us to Madras "with our Family and Children.—

(Signed) by 8 Mahajens.—

Varagoora Rama Vunneyer Poligar of Shevegerry carried off the whole of the Punja Produce belonging to the Inhabitants of yodian Colum in the District of Panumcottah.—

(Signed) by 3 Mahajens.—

Complaints alledged against Cutta Bomma Nauk, Poligar of Panjalumcoorechy.—

He plundered a Merchant of Palavencottum of a sum of Money, as he was upon his road to Tinnevelly, the Inhabitants of the Punjamahl—

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Villages fled in order to avoid payying him the Money he requeired, he prevented the inhabitants from worshi-
-ping the Gods. 20000 Chuckrums have been lost by this means to the Circar. he sent some of his
people to every Village, and brought away the princi-
-pal Inhabitants of the Villages of Stree Vycoondum
and alvar Timmevelly, and forced them to pay a fine
therefore no money has been raised for the Circar. He
has prevented the cultivation of about 5,000 Collas of
Paddy seeds. Two Persons were wounded by his people.
He troubles the son of Parawa Naicken Pilla, of
alwar Timmevelly. His Packeel Sewa Soobramoneya Pilla
pulled down the Naut Comicopily's House of Tuttabary
Village, and plundered all his things. he carried away
the said Comicopily's son. He carried away about 30 Collas
of Paddy from the Village of Ambasi Samoodrum Canoogol
Gomastah Tammenada Pilla and Durmasanum Pena-
-siah declared, that he took a fine from the Inhabi-
-tants of alvar Timmevelly to the amount of 2000 Chuc-
-krums, 3000 from the Inhabitants of Stree Vycoondur,
and 10,000 Chuckrums from the Inhabitants of
Peiyamalil &c. Likewise that his Packeel Sewa Soobramo-
-neya Pilla took a fine to the amount of 16,200 Chuckrums

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A Gollah Peon named Chetteram was stripped of 4 Purses of Pagodas, 3 Pagodas in a Roomal and Sundry Jewels, &c.a He flogged and received 160 Chuckrums from Madura Comaraswamy Moodelier Swamy Pilla, &c.a Persons of Secarcoody Village. He plundered the Sheep, Cattle, Horses, Paddy, Jewels, Brass Furniture Salt, Tamarinds, &c.a to the Value of 850 Chuckrums in different Houses. The Toddy men of Rajamunnaroo gave a Muchulka or Penalty Bond for 15 Chuckrums. The Cultivation is stoped, because all the Inhabitants have run away from the Villages or Account of his troubles. He carried away 2 Inhabitants and 2 watching Peons from Puddoocoody Village, and put them in Confinement in the Village of Veppencoolum, and troubles them to pay Dashacauvit or to give an Agreement for the same.

(Signed) by 8 Mahajens and by 4 Malabar Inhabitants.

He flogged and plundered the Lubbies of Malapollam, as they were travelling on the Road to Shevellpary Sundy, or weekly Public Market, of the undermentioned property, Viz.t

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In Pagodas - - - - - 12.

In Cully Chuckrums. 8. and 2 fanams

Value of Cotton threads. 15 Chuckrums.

Signed by 4 Subbies.

At Talumgolum a Village of Padeyar.

he surrendered 3 Cattle, 1 Sheep and 1 Horse.

Signed by an English Christian

at Vellasoorum, one Dalavoy Pilla

and one Devanadi Manigar belonging to Cutta Bomma

Naick beat the Mahajens and wounded them and

cut away the Plaintaire Beruches.

Signed by the cobole of the Mahajens

At Gengacondan a Village of Poodie-

coody he forcebly took 10 Mercals of Grain caught

2 Cattle and extorted an Agreement for 30 fanams

from an Inhabitant.

Signed by the Village Conicopoly.

The Wootoomala Mandapa Tavern plundered

2 Bullocks and a Horse in Pauvoor Village 500

Chuckrums and 20 Cattle in Nellarcoolum Village,

130 Chuckrums and 50 Cattle in agrarium Village,

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-Likewise he impresoned the Mahajens to pay him 2000 Chuckrums.-

(Signed) by the whole of the Mahajens and by 1 Malabar Inhabitants.-

Complaints alledged against Chinna-ninch Taven Poligar of Choccumputty.-

He carried away the principal inhabitants from every Village and put a stop to the Cultivation in Tencausey Village - when the renter of Mullapady was put in confinement by the Circar 50, Persons came and flogged the Guard of Sepoys, and carried away the said renter - Likewise he has plundered in adasancy Village 16 Cattle, 8 Collas of Paddy out of the, Circar's Heap - 17 Mercals, 800. Bunches of Plantaincays, and 100 Tulam or 200 Palams of Beetle - Besides that he put the 2 watching Peons in irons, - He usurped a Tope which was left by one Raumnad Pilla on account of the daily worship of Cottalanauda Sevamey or God in Tencausey.

(Signed) by 2 Mahajens and by 1 Malabar Inhabitant

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He plundered from the Mahajens and Inhabitants of Veeravegahmoney, Grain to the amount of 92 Chuckrums.-

Signed by Malabar Inhabitants

In a Village called Vadagery in the district of Terreausey, he drove away 21 Cattle belonging to an Inhabitant named Severamen of the said Village.-

Signed by 1 Malabar Inhabitant

At Terreausey he shut the House of Coottalanaden and fastened an Iron nail to the Door, and carried away his brother in law Parrya Swamey Moodely, and put him in Iron.-

Signed by 1 Malabar Inhabitant

Complaints alledged against Aurdoo-cordia Vennegen Poligar of Yalagerumpunny.-

He plundered all the Sheep and Cattle in the Village called Trevengadam and took a fine from the Mahajens and Inhabitants to the amount of 500 Chuckrums.-

Signed by 2 Malabar Inhabitants

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He pleundered at Maratoney, in the Houses of the Mahajens and Inhabitants, as follows Viz.t

For 85 Cattas of Paddy and Grain
the Value ---------- } 570 Chuckrums

Extorted fines in ready Cash ---- 100 Do

Total --- 270 Chuckrums

Signed by 2 Mahajens on the 26th Audey Month.-

On the 27th Audey Month at Maratoney Agraharam, he pleundered and beat the Circar Sepoys and wounded Mulliah the Moturgar employed by the Circar.

Signed by 2 Mahajens.-

On the 2d Aweney Month, he pleundered the Houses of the Mahajens at Maratoney of Combon, Paddy Seeds, and Brass Furniture to the Value of 938 Chuckrums and 9 Fanams.-

Signed by 6 Mahajens.-

In the Month of Audey he pleundered the Houses of Mahajens and Inhabitants of a Village called Trevingadeemas follows Viz.t -

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150 Cottas of Grain Valued at	350	Chuckrums
In Ready Cash	500	D°
Plundered at Bauttus Cutcherie House	75	D°
Plundered in the Drycoolers or Weavers Houses	60	D°
Extorted fines from the Pullers	50	D°
Total	1035	Chuckrums

Signed by 5 Mahajens

On the 1st Aweney Month, he plundered the Houses of the Mahajens and Inhabitants of Seven-gadum of Grain, Paddy, Cotton, Tabacco; and in ready Money, took fines to the amount of 3,211 Chuckrums.

Signed by 4 Mahajens

Complaints alledged against Coolla Taven Polegar of Nadowacoorechy.-

He forcibly took away in Ready Money 70 Chuckrums, a quantity of Rice, Horse Gram, Cloths and other Things from Ser Mahomd Mastry &c.ª Persons who were going to buy Horse Gram for the Cavalry.-

Signed by 1 Moorman.-

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The Jelundered at Teroomungalum
Coochy Grain and Sheep to the Amount of 1,392.
Chuckrums and 5 Fanams.-

Signed by 2 Mahajens

Complaints alledged against Yerrapa
Naick Poligar of Nagalapooram.-

He is indebted to one Mahomed Saib
of Tinnevelly 26 Chuckrums in Tobacco, 24 Chuckrums
in concerning the Toddy men, in all 50 Chuckrums.
He also to be delivered 1 Dagger and 4 Rams.-

Signed by 1 Moorman

He Jelundered about 850 Collas of Grain
and Paddy at Maadiliee Chuttrum to the Value
of 2,550 Chuckrums.-

Teroomul Naik Poligar of Gadul-
-goody also Jelundered away Paddy &c.a to the Value
of 456 Chuckrums in all 3,006 Chuckrums.-

Signed Shedumbrum Monigar or
Superintendant of the Choultry
or Charity House.-

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Poica Talaver Polegar Moneyatchy forcibly took the Comboo Rice from the House of Hachya at Thevelesiary and also seized his House with his own Seal.-

/Signed/ by 1 Mahajeu

Rapah Naick Polegar of Elleyasoorum plundered the Houses of the Mahajens of Grain to the Value of 36 Chuckrums.-

/Signed/ by 4 Mahajens

Rettacondu Dummeyen Polegar of alagapooray plundered the Mahajens of Jewel Colum in ready cash of 70 Chuckrums.-

/Signed/ by 3 Mahajens

Nellacoatty Polegar of Sengamputty plundered the House of Mahajen Ramyen at Cullade Coorechy of Rice, Brass Furniture, and the rest of his property.-

/Signed/ by 1 Mahajen.-

A true Copy

/Signed/ James Landon
Collector St. Pulicat

A true Copy/

/Signed/ John Read
Dept. Sec.y

Extract

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Extracts from Mr. Landon's Annual Report for Shawly 1202.

Dated 23d. September 1793.

Para 9. The collections of the watching Fees, claimed by the Poligars in the Tinnevelly Provence from the inhabitants of the Circar Villages, is a practice replete with mischief, and is the source of endless disputes, that generally commence by the Inhabitants withholding these Fees, on which they are encouraged by the Renter, who considers every sum, that is paid to Poligars, as a diminution of what he might otherwise get for himself from the Country. —

10th. This Conduct of the inhabitants induces the Poligars to become pressing for what they claim, and consider as their due, upon which the Renter interferes, and disputes ensue. The Poligars finding themselves opposed, assemble as armed Mob, and then frequently seize upon some of the inhabitants, and carry off indiscriminately any property belonging to the Village that lies within their reach, which, perhaps, sometimes, in these irregular proceedings, may exceed the amount of the Fees that were originally claimed, justifying themselves in this

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Conduct by Sayerg, That, as they are responsible for the indemnification of all Thefts committed in the Village, it is but Reasonable, That they should be reimbursed the expence of the peons they employ, to watch and protect the property belonging to it.-

11 The above mentioned disorders call loudly for speedy redress- If I may venture to hazard an opinion upon the subject, I would recommend to remove from the Poligars, all pretence of demand upon the inhabitants of the circar Villages, by having the amount of the watching fees on question ascertained, and deducted from their peshcush; and, That Government may suffer no loss by such a measure, I would propose That the fees, thus ascertained, should be collected by the renter of the circar land, and the amount finally adjusted with His Highness the Nabob.-

12 From the observations I have made myself on the spot, and from the information I have obtained from others, who have been long resident in the Southern Countries, I am persuaded That it is morally impossible,

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for the Tinnevelly province to enjoy tranquillity, or the Cultivators and Manufacturers, security of either persons or property, untill the Poligars be disarmed, and some arrangement to effect the object above proposed of removing from them the pretence of demand, and the possibility of unadjusted accounts with the Circar inhabitants respecting their watching fees, be carried into execution.—

13 The benefit that the Tinnevelly province in general, but the poligars themselves, in particular, would derive from a prohibition to appear in arms requires no illustration.— The same active spirit, that now stimulates them to fits of enterprise and plunder, would, in such case, prompt them to exert themselves in the employments of agriculture and other useful offices, to which they are at present as strangers, the generality of them being Cultivators of Land, which is allotted them by their Superiors, upon the Feudal System.—

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14 Traditions is so defective, respecting the Poligars in the Tinnievelly province, as to afford no particulars, that can be relied on, respecting their original Establishment.- all accounts however concur, that they were formerly only the watchers of the Country, and that they have availed themselves of every opportunity to usurp Villages belonging to the circar, and to encroach upon the privileges of the Inhabitants - It is said, that the origin of the above tax, denominated by the Poligars deshcawel or watching fees, was no other than a contribution exacted from the defenceless Villages in times of trouble, as a purchase of their forbearance to plunder them. -

True Extracts

/ Signed / Tolton Read
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Names of the Pollams	Estimated Produce of corn plantain Cocoa Villages	Estimated Produce of Deshawcaut or watching fees	Total Amount	Pathcush	Balance	Remarks.
	Chuckrs. fs.	Chuckrs. fs.	Chuckrs. fs.	Chuckrs. fs.	Chuckrs. fs.	
Tedeyperumpurry	17783. 8/16	1.911. 5/16	19.695. 3/16	6096. .	13599. 3/16	
Pelayasoorium	43466. 3/2	2024. 6.	45490. 9/2	11576. .	34214. 9/2	
Parrgudum coorchey	42084. .	17703. 6.	59.157. 6	11576. .	47.981. 6.	
Sroccumpatty	27.032. .	11.576. 2.	38.608. 2.	6.604. .	32.004. 2.	
Shevegerry	52.000. .	10.000. .	62.000. .	11.576. .	50.824. .	
Hootonnaly	27.076. 5.	6.956. 3.	34.032. 8.	8.128. .	25.904. 8.	
Nuguluseorium	14.053. 9.	1.205. 9.	15.259. 2.	6604. .	8.655. 8.	
Shatoor	15.674. 2.	639. 2.	16310. 4.	5.080. .	11.230. 4.	
Channelgoodey	3463. 5.	300. .	3.763. 5.	1.696 5.	2.067. .	
Seerapatore	2,5000. .	1.799. 6	26.799. 6.	5.791. 2.	21.008. 4.	
Seerulingore	6.000. .	467. 7.	6467. 7.	1.930. 4.	4.537. 3.	
Yelvoornadda	4.300. .	105. .	4.405. .	1016. .	3389. .	
Purrigore	14.000. .	2816. 2.	16.846. 2	3332. 5.	13.513. 7.	
Collenevisdar	700. .	833. 2.	1.533. 2.	365. 8	1167. 4.	
Clarpatty	16.915. 2.	2032. 7.	18.947. 9.	6604. .	12.343. 9.	
Collepatty	5.053. 5.	.....	5.053. 5.	1.168. 5.	3.885. .	
Cadeelgoody	11.120. .	1.479. 8.	12599. 8.	1.320. 8.	11.279. .	
Mulemoorda	4.905. .	335. .	5.240. .	1016. .	4.224. .	
Colactoor	2.001 7.	140. .	2641. 7.	1016. .	1625. 7.	
Hudumboor	4960. 2.	55. .	5015. 2.	1.016. .	3.999. 2.	
Moneyatchey	4.772. 7.	700. 3.	5473. .	1016. .	4457. .	
Swamiroda	2,500. .	1572. 2.	4072. 2.	508. .	3564. 2	
Singusapatty	" "	2500. "	2500. "	314. .	2186. "	
Woorcaud	. .	4.933. 2.	4933. 2.	304. 8.	4.628. 4.	
Alagapooney	1107. 6.	587. .	1694. 6	108. 7.	1586. .	
Cuttengery	4,320. 5.	447. 8.	4768. 3	1727. 2.	2741. 1.	
Pauvaley	3,500. 1.	1101. .	4601. .	1168. 4.	3.432. 6.	
Tulwencotta	3282. .	1755. 4/2	5037. 4/2	609. 6	4.427. 8.	
Nadoovacoorchey	2.695. 6.	1738. .	4.333. 6.	1574. 8.	2758. 8.	
Ovidiapoorum	6.678. 7.	299. 3.	5878. .	1224. 3.	4653. 7.	
Mannarcotta	7165. .	109. 8.	7274. 8.	2.540. .	4734. 8.	
	372.909 1/4	77.225. 14/2	450135. .	103.409. 5.	346726. 5.	

Signed James Landon
Collector Jr. Pathcush

Sunday
23 September 1793.

True Copy
Signed John Read
Dept Sec.y

Resolved

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Resolved that the following Answer be returned. —

To David Haliburton Esqr.
&c. Member of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the 3d Instant with the several Papers enclosed. —

To Board of Revenue, in reply to the above letter. —entimente in respect to us arising the Polygars &c. Mr. London's Enquiry relative to their Depredations not satisfactory. —

We should have been glad if circumstances had permitted Mr. London to give you an early Decision upon the points referred to him respecting the Cawaly of the Tinnevelly Poligars, as we are anxious that the arrangement proposed by Marquis Cornwallis should be carried into execution as soon as possible. —

We are fully aware of the irregular and unreclaimed State of the Poligars in general, and perceive the Strength they derive from their mode of living, and from the habit of carrying arms. Their prejudices however are naturally strong in proportion to their ignorance, and we can hardly expect to overcome them but by degrees, and under circumstances more favorable than those which exist at the present

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government of the Carnatic. To disarm them at once by a measure of compulsion might be productive of much trouble and confusion in the country, nor do we imagine that the operations of force upon prejudices, which are, in the estimation of those people, rights, would induce them to lay aside their habits, and become peaceful and industrious subjects to the state under which they live.—

We feel some disappointment in observing the result of the orders sent to the Collector for enquiring into the late Complaints against the Polygars of Tennevelly—Mr. Landon has transmitted an abstract of the Representations made by the parties, said to have been aggrieved, but he has taken no examination, as we desired upon the spot, nor do we perceive that the persons accused have been informed of the substance of their charges, or any opportunity given them of defending their conduct—The Collector seems to have considered the mere declarations of the Complainants as sufficient to justify him in condemning the Polygars and to warrant the remark that their accusers, pending the redress had returned to their homes, under the impression that he had armed them with false hopes.—

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The Collector in his annual Report of the 23d September says, that the irregularities committed by the Polygars generally originate in the inhabitants withholding from them their watching fees. In this Practice he observes "they are encouraged by the Renter, who considers every sum paid to the Polygars as a dimina:-tion of what he might otherwise get for himself," and he goes on to remark "that this conduct of the Inhabitants induces the Polygars to become pressing for what they claim and consider as their due; upon which the Renter inter:-feres, and disputes ensue. The Polygars, finding themselves opposed, assemble an armed Mob, and then frequently seize upon some of the Inhabitants, and carry off indiscriminately any property belonging to the village that lies within their reach which perhaps, sometimes, in these irregular Proceedings, may exceed the amount of the fees that were originally claimed — justifying themselves in this conduct by saying that, as they are responsible for the indemni:-fication of all thefts committed in the village, so it is but reasonable that they should be reimbursed the expence of the Peons they employ to whatch and protect the property belonging to it." —

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If such be the state of the existing evil, the inhabitants seem at least to be the aggressors in their disputes, the nothing certainly can be offered as a justifica=tion of the means employed by the Polygars to obtain pay=ment of their claims.—

We have no doubt that many acts of Irregularity are committed in the Polygar Districts inde=pendent of those which arise from the contested demands of Cawaly; and it would afford us much satisfaction if we possessed the means of correcting them; but the Nabobs assignment conveys no other authority to us than that of receiving the stipulated amount of Peshcush from the respective tributaries, and protecting them against future undefined claims— We wish Mr. Lambton to keep this intention of the late treaty constantly in view, and to interfere no otherwise in disputes or Complaints, not connected with the professed object of this agreement, than by employing, occasionally, his good offices with those who have the means of adjusting them— Any other line of conduct must expose him to continual embarrass=ment and mortification, as we can only support those acts which are conformable to the stipulations of the treaty.—

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We observe the Complaint of the Collector against the Conduct of the Shevagerrya Ministers, but in the Instance of his Behaviour towards a party of the 7th. Battalion of Seapoys sent to take up some deserters, we believe the matter has not been accurately stated by the persons who reported it to the Collector. It appears by the Declaration of the Jemidar of the party transmitted to us by Captain Bowser, that the opposition it met with was occasioned by the Seapoys having, without any previous Intimation to the ministers of their Errand, disguised themselves and seized the deserters in the midst of the Inhabitants of an armed Village, who, probably not knowing the cause of this Proceeding, or the character of the parties who acted in it, immediately rescued the prisoners. The Jemidar, instead of disguising his people, should have waited on the ministers and made known his Errand before he took any measures himself to recover the deserters, but this circumstance of the disguise seems to have been entirely concealed in the Report made of the transaction to Mr. Landon.

We approve of the Collector's being authorised to repeat his requisitions for the attendance

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of Vackeels from the Polygars, as a measure calculated to facilitate the object of settling and receiving their Kists, and directed, at the same time, to express the displeasure of Govern: ment at the inattention paid to his former ..... applica: tions on this subject.-

We are
&c. &c.

Fort St. George
17th December 1793.-

Signed Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

Read the following letter from the

Military Auditor General.-

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President and Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

I beg leave to acquaint you as follows in

From Military Auditor General relative to the deficiency reported by the Committee for settling the Off: Accounts for 1793.-

answer to your Commands "directing me to state my opinion "whether the deficiency, as reported in a letter dated 28th "Ultimo from Lieutenant Colonel Belielisse to Colonel "Brathwaite relative to the Off Accounts of 1793, should "be charged upon the General Fund or whether the Comman: "ding Officers of Corps from whom the Indents were "received by the Contractor should be held respectively

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responsible for the Amount".

As it appears, from the above consideration of the Subject, to be the intention of your Honble Board that the deficiency shall not be made good by the Honble Company, I beg leave to state my Opinion that on the same being made known to the Committee of Offreckonings which is assembled for the purpose of distribution, and as they will no doubt have the several Accounts and Indents before them, with the necessary communication from the Returns and other Matters immediately connected with the Subject, that Committee, thus situated, will therefore, I conceive, be enabled to form the most clear judgement, under the circumstances of the case, to which of the Accounts the deficiency should be carried, previous to making the distribution which will be affected by it, unless your Honble Board shall think proper that the Committee shall first report their opinion on the point in Question, previous to the distribution, being made, for the approbation of Government.

I am under the necessity of declining to state any specific Opinion on a Matter of this kind from not being in possession of the several papers connected

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with it, but it occurs to me upon the whole, considering the subject generally, that, provided the Cloathing drawn for ded not exceed the Numbers who were entitled to receive Cloathing for the period mentioned, the deficiency will fall on the respective funds, in consequence of its not being made good by the Company, as it would bear hard on any Individual Commanding Officer of a Corps to be held responsible for a deficiency arising on Cloathing the whole of the discriptions of Troops belonging to the fund on which he only participates.-

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Military Auditor Generals Office

Fort St. George

17th December 1793.-

Signed Henry Malcolm

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Minute thereon

As the deficiency pointed out in the report of the Committee for settling the distributions of Effects &c. cannot in any point of view fall to be considered as a charge upon the Company, the Board are of opinion that the Committee now assembled for the purpose of distribution shewing the several accounts and vouchers before them, with the necessary communication from the returns, with other matters immediately

connected

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connected with the subject will be enabled to form the most clear Judgement, under the circumstances of the case, to which of the accounts the deficiency should be carried, whether to the general fund, or to the debit of the Commandeing Officers of Corps, from whom the Indents were received by the Contractor.—

Resolved therefore that Colonel Brathwaite be desired to direct the Committee to give their opinions on this point, and informed that, if there be a necessity for a further reference to Govern: ment previous to the distribution, the Board would be glad that the opinion of the Committee were accompained by such observations as he may have to offer on the occasion.—

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

To W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary.

at Fort St. George.

Sir,

From sub secretary at Bengal with a letter from the late paymaster to the Bengal Detachment — Certain accounts required in consequence

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to desire that you will lay before the Governor

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in Council at Fort S.t George the accompanying Copy of a Letter from M.r Scott, late Paymaster to the Detachment of Bengal troops that served in the late War, with Copies of its Enclosures.-

The Governor General in Council observes that the Security Bond of M.r Scott, as Paymaster of the Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Pickersgill, cannot be given up or cancelled until his Accounts in that Office have been entirely settled; But, in Order to expedite the Adjustment thereof, as much as possible, the Governor in Council at Fort S.t George is requested to transmit to Bengal, without loss of time, an Account Particulars of the Demands which appear upon the Books of that Presidency to the Debit of M.r Scott, with attested Copies of the Vouchers by which they are supported, that an Examination thereof may be immediately entered upon, and M.r Scott's Departure to England may not be unnecessarily delayed; a Change of Climate having been declared necessary to the Recovery of his Health.-

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Fort William
the 22.d of November 1793.-

(Signed) J. Tombelle
Sen.r Sec.y

To

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

Honble Sir,

Ever since my r[e]turn to Bengal
from the Carnatic where I served du[r]ing the late war,
as Paymaster to the Bengal troo[p]s, my Health has
been so Extremely bad that I am advi[s]ed by the Medical
Gentlemen who have attended me, as [the] only Chance of
its being restored, to try a change of C[li]mate. I therefore
request your permission to proceed [by] the Cape of Good
Hope and from thence to Europe [if] I should find it
necessary. The prescribed Certificate I have the Honor to
Enclose.-

Previous to mak[ing] this application
I was in hopes I should have rece[ived back the Security
Bond Entered into on being a[p]pointed Paymaster
to Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, having adjusted the
whole of My Accounts with the Paymaster General of
this Presidency Except one Article, the Balance
of advances made here to the Families of Sepoys,
The total amount of which I could not recover, and

which

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which is referred to your decision, but I have the Morti=
=fication to find that, unless you are pleased to relieve
me, I cannot obtain the Release of my Security Bond,
until all the Accounts of the War between the Madras
and Bengal Presidencies are finally adjusted, although
a very large portion of the Expenditures entered in those
accounts have not any Connection with Mine.—

Mr. Farquharson informs me that he has
submitted to you, my Correspondence with him on the
Subject, I shall not therefore trouble you with a repeti=
=tion of the Circumstances therein detailed, but submit
the reasons on which my Application for the redelivery
of my Security Bond are founded, to your Equitable Decision.—

In my last Letter to Mr. Farquharson,
of the 5th Ultimo, I have Explained all the Papers
transmitted to him from Madras, so far as they related
to my Office of Paymaster to Colonel Cockerell's
Detachment.— Except some small Errors and Omissions
pointed out in my Explanation; they have been found
to Correspond with the Accounts transmitted to his
Office by me, as far as related to the advances of Cash
made to me by the Madras Presidency or Payments
which were to be Entered on my Accounts.—

Previous

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Previous to the March of the Detachment on its return to Bengal, I addressed the Military Pay-master General of Fort St. George requesting to be furnished with an Account Particulars of any demand he had against my Treasury / a Copy of my address I have the Honor to enclose / I received no Answer to this application, and did not on my arrival in Bengal repeat it, as I understood that the Governor General in Council had applied to the President and Council of Fort St. George for the Accounts of Disbursements on Account of the Bengal Government during the War which would include any demands which might be upon me, and I have heard that other applications to the same purport have since been made - Twelve Months having elapsed, and no demand having appeared against me, I cannot but think it severe that my Security Bond is detained and solicit redress from you -

I might have retained in my possession Considerable Sums recovered on Account of the Madras Presidency but every Sum that was paid to me, has been Credited in my Monthly Accounts with the Military Paymaster General of this Presidency -

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My application to Mr. Roebuck at Fort St. George so long since as September last Year clearly evinces my desire to have my accounts finally in spedily settled with that Presidency, and as it will be a very great inconvenience to my private concerns to quit Bengal and not leave my securities Exonerated from all Responsibility on my Account, I most Earnestly Entreat you will be pleased to order the Security Bond entered into when I was appointed Paymaster to the Detachment from Bengal under Colonel Cockerell's Command to be delivered up to them, Holding me personally responsible for any Claim that may hereafter be Established against me, of which I have not at present any knowledge.—

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

Calcutta
the 21st November 1793.—

This is to Certify that Mr. John Scott has so long suffered from a bad State of Health, that, to the best of my Judgment, a change of Climate is essentially necessary to his Recovery, I do therefore recommend

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recommend that he may be permitted to proceed to the Cape, and eventually to Europe.

Calcutta
20th November 1793.

(Signed) John Laird
P.H.B.

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.
Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

As the Detachment will march from hence in a few Days I have, conformably to the Directions of the Commander in Chief returned the Surplus Money which remained after paying the Troops, into the General Treasury as also such Sums as had been paid to me in Tippoo's Coins - I shall be obliged however - If you can favor me with the amount of the accompanying Receipt in Madras Pagodas to enable me to comply with a Draft of Colonel Cockerells. I have also to request your Permission to Draw upon you for such small Sums as may be paid to me for Bills on Madras. I shall be obliged If you can favor me with an account particulars of the Demand which you have against my Treasury - I have

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been in possession of Mr. Torreano's and Mr. Garrow's some time and hope to settle them before the Detachment Marches.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Camp Salorepettah

18th September 1792.—

true Copies

(Signed) J. Tombelle
Sub Secy.

Order thereon

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing papers be sent to the Military Paymaster General, and that he be directed to lose no time in laying before the Board, "an account particular of the demands which appear "upon the Books of this Presidency to the debit of Mr. "Scott, with attested Copies of the vouchers by which they "are supported.—

Read the following Letters from the Resident at Hydrabad.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Fort St. George

From Resident at Hydrabad—has applied for a fourth Copy of the Treaty of Siringapatam—suggests arguments towards inducing Tippoo to accept the one returned by him.—

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant, and have communicated the

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the enclosures it contained to the Nizams Minister accompanied with an application for a fourth Copy of the Treaty of Seringapatam, to include the error of the first executed by Azem ul Omrah. Some delay, however, must occur in its being written out, and it is the intention of the Minister to let the delivery of it, or of the correct one to Tippoo's Vackeels, rest with our Government. I therefore think for the sake of consistency as well as to avoid the task of deciding on a point of this kind that no means should be left untried to induce the Vakeels to receive the one which they have returned to the Government.

The error which Tippoo requires should stand may be immaterial to either party, tho' from his so pertinaciously insisting on it, he may possibly have some idea of making a handle of it hereafter. I therefore submit the following arguments to the Governor to be used as an inducement to them to take the correct one, and should imagine that they cannot fail of being attended with success.

The Treaties delivered by Tippoo to the Nizam, and the other allies, require that a

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a Copy, or counterpart of said Tipsoo's Treaty, signed and sealed by the Nabob of Jah, ared Ayun ul Umrah shall be delivered to Tipsoo in return for the one he gave, therefore unless that delivered by the Nizam is Exactly and literally a Copy, or counterpart of Tipsoo's, this condition of the Treaty may be said to remain unaccomplished, and the validity of the Treaty itself may be urged hereafter by Tipsoo to be affected by it.-

Tipsoo required an exact Copy of the Treaty, executed by Ayun ul Umrah with the error it contained, but this is not the Treaty prescribed by that delivered by Tipsoo to Ayun ul Umrah, because the Copy executed by Ayun ul Umrah could not final, nor could it become such till it had received the Nizam's Seal and signature. In fact it ought to have been rejected by Tipsoo in the first instance on account of the error it contained, but his receiving it can neither confer on him a right to demand an erroneous Copy, or deprive the Nizam of his right to give the counterpart stipulated for by the Treaties delivered by Tipsoo to the allies and by them severally returned to him at Seringapatam by them.-

I have the honor to be
&c.-
Signed John Kennaway

Agreed

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7th November 1793.-

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Captain Doveton be furnished with a Copy of the above, and informed, that as the Board approve the arguments urged by Sir John Kennaway, he is to take an opportunity of communicating them to the Vakeels in the name of Government with the view of inducing Tipsoo to accept the Copy of the Treaty some time ago returned from Seringapatam.

To

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor

of Fort St. George

&c. &c. &c.

Honible Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Letter from the Nizam's Minister to Tipsoo, with a Translate of it for your information; and a Copy, for the information of the Vackeels, sent to the Honble Sir

From Resident at Hyderabad enclosing a letter from Nizam ul Emrah to Tipsoo Sultaun. - and Translate. -

Near Bider

4th December 1793.

I have &c.

Signed John Kennaway

Translate

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Translate of Copy of a Letter from Azemal Omrah to Tippo Sultaun dated 23d of Raby u Saui 1207 Hejeree answering to the November 1793.

Prior to this, I wrote you frequently concerning the arrival of the Second Kist at Kurpah, and the dispatch of Mahommed Ameen Khan for the purpose of investigating the business of the Village of Nuddemdoody &c. and of his waiting, conformably to the Nizam's orders, for the arrival of the person who had been fixed upon as Ameen on your part, also on the subject of several Villages belonging to the Talooks of Bulhary, Mokha &c. which your Talookdars still retain in their own hands, and procrastinate the delivery of to the Nizam's Officers, likewise informing you that as Hinchin hall with the Villages appertaining to it, appeared, on investigation, to belong to the Talook of Sirghopah which appertains to your Sircar, orders had been sent to his Highness's Talookdars concerning the delivery of them to your Officers, and other matters concerning the wish his Highness has at heart in regard to encreasing the friendship and good understanding, conformably to the Treaties and Alliance subsisting - The above letters were dispatched by your Camel Herkarrahs, and also thro'

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the Company's Officers, no doubt you will have received them, and fully understood their contents. At this time the Fleet having arrived at Kurpah, it is deemed proper, on Account of our friendship, to give you the Satisfactory information that its arrount was delivered by your Agents to those of his Highness at Kurpah on the 25th of Ruby ul Awul 1207 Hejeree answering to the.—

and that the Latter delivered the receipt for it under his Highness's Seal and Signature to the former. Mahomud Ameen Khan conformably to the Notice I formerly gave you, set out for the Talook of Sungueemulla and arrived at the Village of Nuddemdoody; As no person, on your part, agreeably to what you formerly wrote, had come there, he gave notice of his arrival to the Talookdar of Gootyand of his being in waiting for your Ameen; after waiting for him some time without hearing any of him, and receiving no certain Accounts of his approach, on the assurance from the Talookdar of Gooty; being remediless, he proceeded in investigating the Matter himself, and returned. By the investigations he made, I learn that the Village of Nud: demdoody undoubtedly belongs to the Talook of Sungueemulla.—

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My Friend, I have written you frequently in regard to the delivery of the Villages belonging to the Talooks of Bulhary, Kanrack gerry Mokha &.c but as yet injunctions have not been given by you to your Talookdars, who make unnecessary delay in delivering the said Villages, and the investigation which would define and fix the limits is hereby delayed: neither have you deputed an Ameen, agreeably to your promise, to make the necessary enquiries; this being the case how can the frontiers be settled, or the procrastination of your Talook:dars, who neglect the delivery of the above Villages, be done away.

As the sincere wish of his Highness, and my earnest desire is this, that all matters between us, agreeably to Treaty, should, without delay and prevarication on either side, be adjusted, and by the blessing of God that by the observance of engagements and a strict attention to them the Garden of Friendship may always remain fair and flourishing, and in the same manner as the three Rents have been completely paid, the Villages of the Talooks of Bulhary, Mokha Kanrack gerry, Tenglecotta, Dak. &.c composing part of the Share of his Highness, from which your Talookdars, selecting the choicest Villages, retain possession, should be

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be given esp: that, the boundaries being adjusted, the Stipula-
tions of the Treaty may be fully and satisfactorily accom-
plished, Since his Highness, and your friend, have it
much at heart that your sons should be sent back without
the least delay, and the sooner this is effected the greater
will be the delight his Highness will derive from it:
indeed the concern and grief which his Highness will
derive from even a days delay in the accomplishment of
the above earnest desire cannot be expressed.--

I am confident that, after learning the
above particulars, which are written with friendship, you
will send such orders to your Talookdars on the subject
of delivering the Villages, and settling the frontiers, that
they will make no delay whatever in delivering them
to his Highness's Sircar according to the enclosed List, but
do it immediately, in order that no matter of Litigation
may remain, and that in the same manner as the friendly
disposition of friends is desirous of Peace and intercourse
so may friendship daily encrease and become firm; and
if in regard to the Villages mentioned in the enclosed list,
which has been written from the investigations of
his Highness's Talookdars, you should not be perfectly
satisfied.

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satisfied, you will speedily dispatch an Ameen possessed of your confidence, and give me information of the same, that an Ameen on the part of his Highness may, a second time, be deputed towards the Villages in question, and that, both having met, they may proceed to investigations, as I am extremely anxious for the removal of all sorts of litigation, I have written you the above clearly and fully. –

A true Translate

Signed Wm. Stewart
Assistant. –

Translate of the list of villages reffered to in Mr. Cockerell's letter to Tipsoo, the distinguishing marks having been omitted in the Persian Copy the particular names of them cannot be rendered with any degree of accuracy into English. –

The Villages, agreeably to the undermentioned List, which by investigations, conformably to the Treaty, are found to belong to his Highness the Nizams Sircar, have not as yet been made over to his Agents by Tipsoo Sultaun's People; let Inspection be given of them. –

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Of 36 villages belonging to the Talook of Bulhary his Highness possesses 26. the remainder due is ..... 10.

Of 27 Villages belonging to Tuglecotta, one of which is in Darah Jah's possession and will come into his Highness's hands, the remainder due is ..... 26.

From the Talook of Koorgoor, one Village yielding an annual revenue of

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From the Talook of Mokha which is one of the Talooks of Racdroog and consists of 84 Villages, of which number the Nozam possesses 35, and the remainder due is 49

Of 26 Villages in the Talook of Oak the whole are due 26

From the Talook of Kannekgerry, Bissuaputtan is due 1

Total Villages claimed by the Nozam 113

A true Translate

(Signed) Wm. Stewart
assistant

Ordered

5407 Fort St. George 5th. December 1793.-

Order thereon

Ordered That the Letter addressed to Lieutenant Agnew and Generally be sent to Captaine Doveton to be delivered to the Packeets.-

Read the following Letter from Sir Charles Malet.-

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Resident at Poona. The 3d. Kist not advanced beyond Hingoly.-

I have been favored with the Intelligence Communicated in your Secretary's Letter of the 4th. Instant, on which Subject I have the Honor to enclose Extract of my Letter of this Date to the Governor General.-

and to be with Respect.

H.ble Sir &c.

Poona

29th. November 1793.- Signed C.M. Malet

Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona to the Governor General, dated 29th. November 1793.-

It having been signified to me, under Date the 6th. Instant, by the Madras Government. That the third Kist due to the Company had been paid

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paid by Tippoo, and Receipts granted for the same by the Governor of Madras, I immediately applied to this Court for Information as to its Receipt of the same Payment, and am informed that, to the 28th Instant, no Intelligence has been received of its Advance beyond Hoonhully, its arrival at which Place was communicated in my Address of the 12th Ultimo.—

True Extract

(Signed) J. Uhthoff
Assist. at Poona

Read the following Letter from Colonel Brathwaite.—

To the Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite - relative to the Extraction of Mr. John Paterson - Cadet - solicits a provision for two other sons of the late Colonel Paterson.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 7th written by your Command to enclose to me an Extract of a General Letter from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors under date July 5th and desiring me to procure the Certificate required of the Age of Mr. John Patterson, and ascertain whether he be the son of a Native Indian.—

On

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On referring to the Extract however I perceive that no Certificate of the Age is required here, as it expressly says "the proper Certificate of his Age "has been delivered" With regard to the other Matters contained in the Extract I can affirm to you, that Mr. Patterson is the Son of Lieutenant Colonel Patterson lately Deceased, born in Wedlock, and is in no way exceptionable. — His Mother was a Miss Pegue, and a Lady of very good Connections and Character, She is now left a Widow with four Sons and one Daughter — The eldest Son is a Lieutenant in the Service, and a very diligent and good Officer — Mr. John Patterson, the Person in Question, is the second Son, and it gives me great pleasure to find that the Honble Court of Directors have provided for him, and I earnestly entreat your good Offices with the Honble Court of Directors, in behalf of the two remaining Sons, of whom I hear very good Characters, and Certificates of whose Ages I will procure if you desire it. —

Lieutenant Colonel Patterson, though he has been twenty four years in the Service, has died, I believe, scarcely solvent, owing to his having long had

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a worthy numerous family. — The Widow has in consequence nothing but her trifling Pension, and such assistance as I shall be able to procure for her by a Subscription to maintain herself and provide for those three remaining Children, the youngest of whom, is, I suppose, now fourteen years of Age —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Military Head Quarters
Madras December 17th 1793.—

[Signed] John Braithwaite

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to recommend to your Lordships

From Colonel Braithwaite recommending Captain Gordon for the Command of the 17th Battalion. —

Gordon for the Command of the 17th Native Battalion, vacant by the promotion of Captain Grant to the rank of Major. Captain Gordon is a very meritorious Officer perfectly well qualified for the Command of a Native Battalion — and one of those Officers who had the misfortune to be Confined with Lieutenant Colonel Baillie, and suffered a severe imprisonment of near four Years in Irons. —

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

Military Head Quarters
Madras December 17th 1793.—

[Signed] John Braithwaite
Colonel

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Minutes thereon

Agreed that the circumstances stated by Colonel Brathwaite regarding the Family of the late Lieutenant Colonel Patterson be communicated to the Honorable Court of Directors.-

Agreed that Captain Thomas Gordon be appointed to the Command of the 17th. Battalion Native Infantry vice Mecat promoted.-

Read the following letters from the Adjutant General-

To W.C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Military Department.

Sir,

Colonel Brathwaite has desired me to signify his recommendation that the following promotions may take place, and to request you will intimate the same to the Honorable the President in Council.-

From Adjutant General forwarding the promotion of Major Sale Captain C. Mecat Lieutenant J. Higinbottom and Ensign Joseph Hazlewood.-

Major Robert Sale to be Lieutenant Colonel, vice Durand Invalided date of Commission 16th. December 1793.-

Captain George Mecat to be Major vice Sale, promoted.- Date of Commission 18th. December 1793.-

Lieut.

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Lieutenant Thomas Higginbotham

to be Captain of a Company vice Minet, promoted. Date

of Commission 15th December 1793.

Ensign Joseph Hazlewood to be

Lieutenant vice Higginbotham, promoted. Date of Commission

15th December 1793.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Fort St. George

15th December 1793.

Humble Servant

B. Close

Adjt. to Genl. of the Army

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Military Department.

Sir,

From Adjutant General proposing the promotion of Lieutenant S. Dalrymple and Ensign A. M. Skeuch.

Colonel Braithwaite recommends that the following Promotions may be ordered, which you are requested to intimate to the Honorable the President in Council viz.t.

Lieutenant Simon Dalrymple to be Captain of a Company vice Higginbotham deceased, date of Commission

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Commission 11th December 1793.

Ensign Alex.r Mackintosh to be Lieutenant vice Dalrymple promoted. date of Commission 11th December 1793.

Have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Fort St. George
17th December 1793.

[Signed] B.y Close

Adjut.t Gen.l of the Army

Ordered that the promotions be

ordered.-

Made.-

Read the following Letter from the

Town Major of Fort St. George.-

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President in Council

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

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir.

From Town Major - The French Prisoners in want of Linen - proposes that they be supplied with Ditto.-

I must beg leave to inform you, that many of the French Prisoners already feel the

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The want of Linen a Want which must daily become more general, from their having no means of replacing that which is worn out. The whole have their Regimental Coats, of Woollen Cloth, almost new, and, at present, in good Condition. These, in the Event of their being send to Europe, being better adapted for the Voyage, than their present Condition, it may be eligible to preserve and to obviate the Necessity of their making use of them, and Wearing them out while on Prison, it may appear to your Honble Board advisable to give them at present one or two Suits of Linen each, on Condition that they will deliver up their Coats - or provide them with their Linen, at a Monthly Rate - such a Proposal they would, no doubt, gladly accept - and, as this supply would render their Situation more comfortable, it would be an Indulgence, which I

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I must in justice to them say, they are well deserving of, from their remarkably, peaceable, Obedient, and orderly Behaviour, since they have been under my Charge.—

As the Prisoners are subsisted upon the same Principle, and at the same rate, as recruits arriving from England—if you should please to resolve, that they shall likewise be furnished in the same manner with Slops, viz. two Suits p.r Man. I beg leave to offer to supply them with this Quantity from those I have in Store, upon the same terms as I am directed to supply Recruits by the 7.th Article of the Company's Regulations.—

Two Suits to consist of

2 Banian Shirts
2 Long Drawers
2 Pr. of Shoes....

} made of Strong Striped Gurgham

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

Fort St. George
16th December 1793.

Signed J. A. Beatson
Town Major

Recd

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Minute thereon.—

Resolved that the Town Major be permitted to issue daily the French Prisoners with Slops, upon the same terms, and in the same quantity, as he provides recruits arriving from England.—

Chas. Oakeley.

D. Scott Fields

Wm. Petrie

Geo. Parry

H. Lyon

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Diary

18th Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in Mr B. Nos. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138.

139. 140.–

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.–

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.–

required for the Repair of the Granary at Amboor.–

From Mons. de Chaternet

From Mons. de Chaternet an attempt made upon his Life–requests a Passport.–

From Mons. Somerat

From Mons. Somerat requests his Subsistence may be paid at Madras and a passage to Europe on one of the Indiamen–Encloses Copy of his Letter to Colonel Floyd.–

From Sir Thos Hennaway

From Resident at Hydrabad–Mons. Raymond requests to purchase various Articles on account of the Nizam.–

From Captain Bell–

From Captain Bell.–

acquiesces in the Orders of the Honble Court regarding his Accounts–requests his Suspension may be removed, and leave to come to Madras.–

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From Commandant at Sangore

from Lieut.t Colonel Maxwell

- Receipt of Letters. -

From Collector of Southern

from Mr. Landon

Peshcaush explaining the apparent in-

correctness of his November Estimate of

Receipts and Disbursements. -

19th

Sent Letters to the Nabob, &

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob. -

extend in G. G. No. 23 of on the subject of

the Irregularities Committed in the Taluk

of Tinnatghurry, at the Instigation of the

Choultry Polygar - Copy of the Letter to T.

Tippoos Vackeels - enclosed. -

Sent the following Letter. -

To Edward Hay Esq.r

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort William

Sir,

To Secretary at Bengal with Translate of a Note from Tippoo's Vackeels relative to a Claim preferred by the Nizam.

The Resident at Hydrabad

having lately transmitted through the

Channel of this Government, a Letter from

the Nizam's Minister addressed to Tippoo,

with a copy for the information of the Vackeels

the Latter, on perusing the same, wrote

a note to Captain Doveton, expressive of

their

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19th their concern at the claim brought forward
by the Nizam

Sir John Kennaway has
been furnished with a copy of their note, &
and I am directed to enclose herewith a
similar copy for the information of the
Governor General in Council. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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Fort St. George
18th December 1793.

To Captain Doveton
Sir.

To Captain
Doveton with
copy of a letter
from Sir John
Kennaway the
arguments
suggested to
be used with
the Packets
on receipt &
taken for the
Hon'ble left
on Bangalow.

I am directed by the Hon'ble
the President in Council to transmit to
you copy of a letter from Sir John Kennaway
and to inform you that, as the Board
approve the arguments urged by Sir John,
they desire you will take an opportunity
of communicating them to the Packets
in the name of Government, with the
view of inducing Tippoo to accept the
copy of the Treaty some time ago returned
from Seringapatam. —

I am

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I am also directed to transmit copy of a letter from Major Petrie, stating the reason why a receipt was not taken from Tippoo's officer for the stores left at Bangalore at the time that place was delivered up to the mysore Government.—

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18th December 1793.

I am &c &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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Despatched also the undermentioned letters Entered in no. B. Nos. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157.—

To Mr Secretary Hay.—

To Secretary at Bengal with a letter for the Secretary to the Military Board.—

To Civil Paymaster

To Civil Paymaster A note specifying the Subsistence ordered to be paid to Monsieur Lomenal at Pondicherry.—

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions the offer for the purchase of the Grain at Pondicherry to be rejected that in the rented Godowns to

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to be sold by Retail.—

To Colonel Fraser.— To Commandant at Ellore

the Prisoners may proceed to Madras or Pondicherry but no travelling charges can be allowed.—

To Auditor General.— To military Auditor General the Town Major permitted to supply the French prisoners with Slops on the same terms as he provides Recruits arriving from England.—

To Ditto. To Ditto Captain Bowser to receive the same allowance as the officer of the 7th Battalion on account of quarters.—

To Ditto To Ditto respecting the Paymaster Generals Estimate for January.—

To military Board.— To military Board the repair of the Powder mills to be estimated, and the Privy of the Kings Barracks to be altered and repaired—letter from Bengal respecting their Indent for Muskets enclosed.—

To Ditto To Ditto a Spot of Ground to be selected, in the Vicinity of the

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19th of the Governors Gardens, on which new stabling for the Body Guard may be built an Estimate enclosed.—

To Paymaster General.—

To military Paymaster General transmitting copy of a letter from Bengal and of one from the late Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment certain accounts and vouchers called for.—

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Officer Commanding the Army on the Subject of the Deficiency pointed out by the Committee for settling off Reckonings—Captain Beale may be ordered to join his Corps, as intended.—

To Captain Allan of the Guides.—

To Captain Allan—his request for a Continuance to him, of the allowances granted to Major Beatson—inadmissible.—

To Colonel Nixon.—

To Colonel Nixon—with the Paymaster's report, regarding the arrears stated to be due to the late Captain Featherston.—

To Mr. Paymaster Marten.—

To Paymaster at Palamcotah permitting him to visit the Presidency.—

To Ditto at Pondicherry.

To Ditto at Pondicherry—notifying Monsieur Sonnerat's Subsistence

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To Captain Bowser-Kytar

To Commandant of the 7th Battalion - orders given for granting him the same allowance on account of quarters as his officers receive. -

To Town Major

To Town Major - with orders to supply the French Prisoner with Slops on the terms above mentioned. -

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Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. -

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - Enclosing his Estimates for January. -

From Major Buor. -

From Commandant in the Guntoor Circar - with his Correspondence. -

From Major Roberts. -

From Officer Commanding the Nizam's Detachment - with Ditto. -

From Auditor General. -

From Military Auditor General requesting to be furnished with the Names and Designations of the Securities for the several Paymaster. -

From Military Board. -

From Military Board - some Stores in the Arsenal damaged by the White Ants - recommendation in consequence. -

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From Paymaster General.— From Military Paymaster General with Mr. Cochrane's additional Estimate for December.—

From Colonel Brathwaite From Officer Commanding the Army— the Troops at Secunder mallay in distress for Grain — Captain Watts requests to share off Rockonings.—

From attorney to Colonel Nixon.— From Majr. Chas Sewell and Chas enclosing Bills for three Months pay due to the Sons of Colonel Nixon, as Senior Cadets.—

From Resident at Nagore.— From Resident at Nagore —in reply to the Orders for the Delivery of the Papers of the late Ordonateur at Karikal to Monsr. Brandfort.—

From Vizagapatam From Vizagapatam report of the Condition of the Public Buildings at that Factory— Reports of Survey, and Estimates of the Expences in repairing them, enclosed.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters Inland viz No. 163. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 176. 175. 176. 177.—

To Commandant at Ambore.— To Commandant at Ambore —with further instructions relative to the Polygars

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From Mr. & Secretary Hay. To Secretary at Bengal —with two letters from the Hostage Princes and one from the Vackeels to Mr. Cherry.—

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions the proposal of Mr. Vaughan to take the Paddy at & Madura on his own account not approved— Remark—and instructions in Consequence the granaries at Dindigul—will be repaired.—

To Auditor General.— To Military Auditor & General—Lieutenant Thomas Stevenson to be paid the allowance in lieu of Off Reckonings, claimed by him—his letter enclosed—Claim of the Sepoys of the 4th Revenue Battalion, on the Score of Clothing for 1793 referred.—

To Ditto. To Ditto Captain Norris's Gratuity not to be stopped on account of the Refund ordered to be made by him for Repairs at Bangalore—Copy of his & Letter enclosed.—

To Ditto To Ditto—notifying an advance to the Paymaster General.—

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To Military Board.— To Military Board — repeating a former Order for the Repair of the P Granaries &c. at Dindigul.—

To Colonel Brathwaite To officer Commanding the Army in reply to his letter respecting Lieutenant Fireworker Russell.—

To Mr. Paymaster Martin To Paymaster at Palamcotta Enclosing Copy of Major Johnson's letter noted in last Diary — and directing him to state why the Claims therein preferred to Clothing money have not been adjusted

To Clerk of the Treasury.— To Clerk of the Treasury — directing an advance to the Paymaster General.—

21st Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 178. 179. 180.

From Adjutant General.— From Adjutant General — Mahomed Khan Subadar, recommended to be pensioned.—

From Mr. Paymaster Martin.— From Paymaster at Palamcotta still unable to [illegible] Cash for Bills without paying a Premium suggestion in consequence

From Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell From Commandant at Tanjore has delivered to the Rajah, the letter last sent.—

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22d Received the following letter.—

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary in the Military and Political Departments

Sir,

I have the honor to send, enclosed, Translation of a Paper delivered to me by the Vakeels of Tippoo Sultan, and of the Note which accompanied the said Paper.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Gabriel Doveton

From Captain Doveton—enclosing a List, received from the Vackeels of Robbers who have taken refuge in the Company's Districts—and been claimed by their Master

Fort St. George
December 22d 1793.

Translation

Memorandum of certain Miscreants belonging to different places on the Borders under the Cutcheries of Kuda-abad and Salam-abad (Sankerkery—and Coimbetoor) and now in the Sirhud of the English Company according to the information of the Sirkar Servants employed in those Cutcheries.—

The Polygars of the Talook of Chuckergerry were formerly Pattels of villages belonging to the (Ahamady) Sirkar

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Sirkar, — and, ever obedient and faithful in discharge of the duty of their station, constantly paid the Sirkar money, agreeably to their Muchelkah — they have openly, for these two years past, been creating disturbances, and, contrary to their duty, have gone into the Districts of Verapatchee Naig Polygar, built their habitations and discontinue to pay the fixed assessment to the Sirkar. —

Persons of the Talook of Chuckergerry — vizt.

Putty-naig — of the village of Mungul-

Joat-naig — of the village of Joum-putty

Goom-naig — of the village of Vera-putty

Chiel-naig — of the village of Toon cavy

Nuttum-naig — of the village of Mesa-ratty

Chunnum-naig of the village of Muvar-putty

Mack-naig — of the village of Purry-putty

Persons of Mill-mochah in the Talook of Derapoor — vizt.

Boory-naig — of the village of Ryly-putty

Fernah Goor, belonging to Kancum, having become a traitor, has carried off from the country of the Sirkar

to

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22d to the amount of twelve Lacks of Rupees and, having deposited his Effects in the village of Ancapoor, belonging to Samy-naig and Mud-naig of Ramgerry-pallom, & makes incursions into the Country of the Sirkar, and distress the Ryotts and Chin-timy Goor of the village of Mulnoor in the Talook of Tilly-nar, dependant on Darapoor, having collected the sum of 10,000 Rupees from the Talook of the Sirkar has attached himself to the above named & Timah Goor - And, in like manner, & Toorumbarry-run Chitty, in company with Timah Goor, having collected three thousand Rupees from the country of the Sirkar, has taken up his abode in the village of Magum-petty belonging to the Zemindar of Namburrah dependant on Dindigul.-

Gunk-poor Gomar-vallah-Goor, belonging to Porundoor has fled with his wife and family, and resides at the village of Putloor, dependant on & Tirehungoody of the Talook of Sunkergerry.

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Vully Goor of the village of Murdvarry in the Talook of Kanium having fled, has taken up his abode in the village of Kaly pallah dependant on Vutgurrah toor in the Talook of Purmutty In like manners Aluck-poor Chin-timy Goor of Poorun door has fled with his family, and remains on the other side of the Cavery in the village of Cally-putty dependant on Vutgurrah toor in the Talook of Purmutty — and Kasah lungah Goor of Kurroor, having fled, resides on the other side of the River Cavery in the village of Arsumpallah dependant on Arry nar in the Talook of Purmutty —

Samy Naig of Ramgerry-poor having stepped beyond his former limits has encroached upon the ground of villages belonging to the Sirkar — In the Talook of Villenah dependant on Caroor towards the village of Cuca-vary on the cultivated parts of Kullumpilly, and in the village of Nullum putty, that is to say in both villages, He has built

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22d two small forts, — and, having totally plundered and destroyed the cultivation of the villages of almurut putty and Turioor, prevents these places from being inhabited and cultivated — and, having gone beyond his own limits to the measurement of 1440 mullahs of ground, the fixed value of which was 1740 Rupees, he has taken possession thereof, and also of other waste land — and in like manner he has encroached on other Talooks. —

Undy Gunk, a person belonging to Tullynar of the Talook of Darapoor, having created disturbances, has fled to the village of Purrunpoor dependant on the Polygar of Pylney in the Talook of Dindigul. —

Oulupnaig of the village of Owlumputty of the Talooks of Dully, with his family, has taken refuge with the Polygar of Pylney — Vanudray Goor the Polygar of Summunderah is in the village of Palcautoor dependant on Kunuck Goor in the Talook of Calicut In like manner Purrygoor, belonging to Palachee, an inhabitant

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of Ramputtun resides in the village of Tellacherry dependant on Runoah in the Talook of Cotiote -

- Gopaun Goor belonging to Runutgud, and an inhabitant of Peeny Soallum & remains in the village of Cunny parah and Nuruumpally in the Talook of & Palcautcherry -

- Deoy naig the Polygar of Sankum has taken refuge with the Zumindar of Palmuttunky, dependant on Tuckingoly - Exclusive of the above, several Ryotts and Goors, having fled from the Country of the Sirkar, reside in the village of & Cunda gool was lately belonging to the Polygar of Vempatchee -

- Ashara-abad otherwise Muckmer in the Talook of said abad otherwise Tolmar in the Talook of Sadack abad otherwise & Serungapar, and also the village of & Devejray Puttun in the Talook of & Damiakun cotah, in all three Talooks with the said village equal to the & Jummah of 8400 Pagodas, - Sumcotah Sullah nair, belonging to Calicut, having

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turned away from those Places the Sheristadar Aumel &c. has from the Sadarun+ Sama until this time been collecting money there-from and appropriating it to his own use.—

Hitherto a fixed duty or Tax was paid on account of the water course which runs from the villages of Mill-pallah and Pulnoor dependent on Caroor to the Talook of Cuttah.—

+ The name of a Hindoo Year nearly corresponding with 1789 at present however it has been discontinued.—

Translation of a Note from Seid Golam Ali Khan and Ali Reza Cawn to Captain Doveton (accompany=ing the above Paper.—

My Friend!—

We have just received a Munshoor, accompanyed by a List of certain Robbers belonging to the Ahamady Sirkar, who, having plundered and consumed have now taken refuge in the Company's Districts— an exact Copy of the List is herewith enclosed— we trust that, having perused and well considered it, you will clearly explain the contents to the Governor

Bahaudre

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22d. Bahaudre, that injunctions addressed to the Company's Talookdars to apprehend and send the above named robbers to Sied Mahomed Asuff, may be written and dispatched.—

We request also that some Letters of injunction may be given & to us in order that they may be transmitted by us to the Presence, and from thence forwarded to the Company's Talookdars.—

True Translation

(Signed) G. Doveton

Received also the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B. No. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185.—

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—proposing the Sale of the Paddy at Palamcotah.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Du Pont

From Commandant at Cuddalore—requests orders respecting A Violtant, a French officer sent there from Pondicherry.—

From Major Burr.—

From Ditto in the Guntoor Circar has permitted Lieutenants Desse and

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22d Darley to go to Angole for medical assistance.

on Masulipatam From Masulipatam requesting that a Surgeon of Experience may be appointed to that Factory.—

from Captain Hardie.— From Commander of the Travancore requesting the assistance of some Guns, Ammunition, and Troops for the service of the China Ships under his Command, during their Voyage to Bombay.—

23 Sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nº. 186. 187.—

To Military Board.— To Military Board with directions for furnishing the assistance above Requested.—

To Auditor General.— To Military Auditor General referring Mr. Cockburns Estimates for January.—

24th Received letter from the

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.— Nabob Entered in C. L. Nº. 235 has sent orders for the apprehension and punishment of the Robbers, who infest the Talook of Vencatgherry.—

Received the following letter.—

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From attornies of Mr. G. Hoar requesting a recourse to the Orders, authorizing stoppages on account of a Retrenchments

We have had the honor to receive your Secretary's letter of the 21st. ultimo, in answer to the one we did ourselves the honor to address you, under date the 18th ultimo, by which we observe you decline allowing any of Mr. Hoar's claims on officers to be deducted out of the gratuity now paying to the Army, which effectually precludes every hope of recovering Mr. Hoar's large outstanding balances from that quarter. but, in consequence of the favorable disposition evinced by the Honble President to afford Mr. Hoar every proper assistance in recovering those debts, we have been induced from that circumstance to call your attention to the following orders published in May last, not doubting that you will give the necessary orders for their being properly attended to, as the only chance now left of Mr. Hoar's ever recovering his property, for we find from experience

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experience, that any personal application p
from us, as his agents, is not likely to be
attended with the desired effect. "Resolved p
"that, as the Board have found the present
"mode of recovering retrenchments to be p
"inadequate either for the security of the
"Paymaster or the Indemnification of the
"Company from unwarrantable Charges.—

"Ordered that Paymasters are,
"immediately upon the receipt of the p
"Auditor Generals Retrenchments, to p
"furnish Copies of them to those respectively
"concerned, requiring them to repay the
"amount."—

"If this requesition hasnot
"been complied with when the Next Months
"allowances are issued, the Paymaster is p
"hereby authorised and ordered to make p
"Stoppages from the Bill or abstracts of
"that and the succeeding Months, Pay p
"excepted, until the full amount of the
"retrenchments is liquidated —

"That in case of the Death
"or removal of any Paymaster before the
"retrenchments from his accounts have

been

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"been Compleatly recovered, his Deputy
"or the Succeeding Paymaster to the office
"or Station is hereby directed to proceed, by the
"same means, for the recovery thereof.—

"If, previous to the Audit
"of the Paymaster's accounts, officers shall be
"removed to other stations, and retrenchments
"thereafter made against them, or before the
"retrenchments against officers may have
"been recovered, such officers shall have been
"removed to other Stations, the Paymaster is
"in that case, to make out Bills against
"them, and transmit them to the Paymaster
"of the Station to which the officers have
"been removed, who is directed to proceed, by
"the beforementioned mode, to complete the
"recovery thereof."—

The nature of the Service
that Mr. Hoar was engaged in at the
time those mistakes happened, will we
trust be a sufficient apology for our
having so often troubled you on his behalf

We have the honor to be.—

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(Signed) Sa. Sa. Colt Baker & Co.
attys. for Mr. Hoar
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Received also the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 188. 189. 190. 191.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. — From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — reporting an offer made to him for the purchase of the Elephants lately received from the Bengal Commissioners. —

From Mr. N. T. Showers. — From Mr. N. T. Showers reporting his Arrival — Two Certificates Enclosed. —

From Captain C. Dighton. — From Commandant at Sheralapetore — with an Indent for Accoutrements. —

From Town Major. — From Town Major — Thirty three discharged Europeans and forty Volunteer Sepoys about to Embark on the Ships from Cheria — requests the latter may receive pay for December. —

To Military Board. — Sent Letter to the Military Board Entered in M. B. No. 192 — directing them to furnish five short 18 Pounders to Captain Barbie instead of those ordered on the 22d Instant. —

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley

Governor - President

Ernst William Falkofield Esqr.

Tuesday 24th December 1793.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following letter from Bengal.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal with Instructions relative to sending the French Prisoners to Europe and some of them to Bengal.—

We have been favored with your Letter of the 16th Instt. in which you acquaint us that you have a number of French Prisoners exceeding five hundred, in Confinement at Madras, and desire our opinion whether it would be advisable to send any, and what Number of them to Europe on the Company's Returning Ships of this Season.—

We observe a declaration given by Colonel Braithwaite, on the

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the Surrender of Pondicherry that the Europeans of that Garrison should be sent to Europe by the first Opportunities and we Recommend that, after consulting the Commanders of the five Ships that will sail from hence at the Beginning of January, to complete their Cargoes on the Coast, and proceed from thence to England, you give Orders for accommodating as many of the Prisoners in those Ships, as can be taken in each without material Inconvenience and consistently with her Safety. —

If an Opportunity should offer of sending a number of the Prisoners to Bengal not exceeding Eighty, so that they may arrive there by the End of January We authorize the dispatch of them. With respect to the Remainder, we would recommend their being embarked for Europe, as Opportunities offer, in Imperial or other Ships that may sail from Madras in the course of the Season, — the Company paying for their Passages

under

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under an Engagement from the Captains
of the Ships to land them in England
to be delivered over there as Prisoners
of War, unless you should understand
the Pledge of Colonel Braithwaite in
a sense different from our Interpretation
of it (9): that the expression "they
"shall be sent to Europe" may be
properly understood as not confined
to England only - In this case they
may be landed at any other Port
within the limits of the Convention
to be put on that Article -

Fort William
6th. December 1793.

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

Minute thereon

Agreed that Colonel Braith
be desired to inform the Board, whether
it was meant by the expression "to be
"sent to Europe," that the French Prisoners
were to be sent to England Prisoners of
war

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war, or to any other part of Europe.—

Read the following letter

from the Military Board.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Military Board in consequence of the Reversal of the appointment of Mr. Brodie their Secretary as ordered by the Honble Court.—

It is with much concern We acknowledge the receipt of the Honble Board's Letter of the 7th. Instant, and the Extract of the General Letter of the Honorable Court of Directors dated June 25th. 1793, and We should be more so if We did not entertain an idea that there is no impropriety in our stating to you the loss this Board will sustain by the revocation of the appointment of Mr. Brodie our Secretary, and offering some arguments for his continuance with Us; and it would be doing great injustice to the merits of Mr. Brodie, if We did not state to you our unanimous wish that your Honor may be able to make some arrangement reconcileable to the orders you have received, that will not deprive this Board of the essential of

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Fort William
6th December 1793.

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&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Shore
Robt. Abercromby
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Governor in Council

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services of Mr. Brodie as Secretary.—

We are sensible that the most implicit obedience is due to the Orders of the Honorable Court when unqualified; but we are led to think, by the wording of the paragraph which you have done us the honor to communicate, that there is much of qualification in it, as the Honorable Court has condescended to state its reason for coming to this resolution, namely, That it feels itself obliged so to do, for reasons communicated to your Honor on former similar cases— which We understand to imply that Mr. Brodie had not been long enough in the Service to entitle him to hold such an Employ, nor does the Honorable Court state or imply any other objections to Mr. Brodie; as far as We are informed this Employ if taken from Mr. Brodie might be given now to such as are Junior to him in the Service who by having been three years in the Service are qualified to hold the Employ by length of time in the Service Mr. Brodie thought

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though he was not so qualified at the time the Honorable Court had the matter under consideration, which appears to be the sole cause of the resolution now communicated to us, became so qualified in September last; and has the advantage of more than one year's experience in the duties of his Office — We are therefore led to hope that by recurring to the declared cause of the order, which does not now exist, that your Honor in Council will feel yourself authorized to suspend its effect, and suffer Mr. Brodie at least to act as Secretary to this Board / for which he is so well qualified by attention, abilities, and experience / with or without receiving the Salary, as may judged proper, till the further pleasure of the Honorable Court is known and that you will be pleased to recommend this being confirmed in the the appointment. —

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
/Signed/ John Braithwaite
Henry Malcolm
Jno Richardson
B.J. Close
Wm Gent
George Hall

Fort St. George
17th December 1793. —

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Resolution in consequence.

The Board notice with satisfaction the favorable report made of the zeal and assiduity of Mr Brodie.—

Having complied with the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors for annulling the appointment and no one Senior to Mr Brodie having applied for it, it is now resolved that he be continued in the appointment of Secretary to the Military Board, but without the Salary, until he shall have been actually Resident in India four years, after which, the allowance annexed to the office may commence.—

Read the following letter from Captain Doveton.—

To Williams Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary in the Military and Political Departments

Sir,

From Captain Doveton with Translate of a Representation from the Vackeels upon reading the Letter of Agreement & Consent to Sepoy Letter

I have the honor to send, enclosed, Translation of a Letter which I received yesterday from Syed Golam ali Khan and ali Reza Khan — Copy of the Persian Original accompanied

Wd

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The Translation. –

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December 17th 1793.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Gabriel Doveton

Translation of a Letter from Syed Golam ali
Khan and ali Reza Khan to Captain
Doveton – /Received the 16th December 1793./

Upon learning the contents
of the Letter from the Navaub Ajmut
Omrah Bahaudre / to Tippoo Sultaun/
which you delivered to us, we are P
empressed with the greatest surprize
and astonishment – at the time of our
taking leave from the Navaub Ajmut-
Omrah Bahadre how many professions
of friendship and Kindness did he P
make to us – among others the following
"the seperation of the Saheb-zadas, who
"are of such tender years, from the P
"Presence of Tippoo Sultaun, causes
"me great uneasiness and sorrow – but
"what can be done: God is witness P
"that if this business depended solely
"on the Sirkar of His Highness the

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"Negam I should not be the promoter
"of this Seperation - but it depends on these
"Sirkars - and there is no remedy. -

My Friend, reflect
attentively on these words and expressions
of Kindness - at a time that the business
of Bravery was agitating these expressions
were used, - and now, when, by the
blessing of God, that business is settled,
for a few inconsiderable villages, which
are not of any value, to overlook this
former expressions and bring forward
this trifling matter on the departure
of the Sahebzadas, is certainly cause
of great astonishment and wonder
to us, - and by no means worthy on
either part - If this affair should
be the occasion of apprehension in
the mind of the Navaub Azm ul Omrah
Bahadre what harm is there, - Some
villages belonging to the English
Company are in the same predicament
with respect to investigation and
adjustment, and Lord Cornwallis at
the time of his departure expressed

himself

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himself, both by word and in writing to
this effect, That an investigation of
of these Trifles will no doubt require
some time; but as he could not think of
throwing any delay in the departure of
the Sahib-Zadas for so small a business, as
soon as accounts were obtained of the A
Rists being at the appointed place, A
the Sahib Zadas should immediately set off
- In transactions of Brows a business
respecting villages is not to be esteemed
of importance - and it matters not whether
it is settled a day or two sooner or later - In
their passport His Lordship left instructions
with the Governor, Sir Charles Oakeley,
and departed for Europe - The Governor
Bahadur and you will no doubt consider
this and act accordingly. -

at present we have to
observe that you are proceeding to the
Presence in company with the Sahib Zadas
- while you are there the business of
the villages dependant on Balhary &c
equally with the villages belonging to
the English Circar, shall be finally A

settled

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settled, agreeably to Engagement, without
altercation or delay. Consider us as securities
for the performance of this trifling affair
—For when transactions for Crores have
been settled, is it possible that so small
a business as this will not be adjusted?—
Should, however, the smallest doubt remain
in your mind respecting this matter, we
are ready to do or give in writing whatever
you may point out, in order that we may
satisfy you—By the Blessing of God
transactions of Crores have been adjusted
between the Sirkars, the curtain of discord
is removed, and friendship and esteem
exist,—To mention this business, and thus
to cause uneasiness to our minds appears
very improper—upon the whole, our
Friend, if Lord Cornwallis had conceived
that on account of so trifling an
affair any objection would have been
made, on the part of so dignified a
Sirkar, to the departure of the Sahib-
Zadas, he would certainly have
removed it during his stay at Madras,
that these trifling words might not

have

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have intervened - And this is a plain proof that it never entered into His Lordship's liberal mind that, for so small a business any opposition would be given on the part of His Highness the Nizam to the departure of the Saheb Zadas after the payment of the three Kists - and if such a Letter had arrived during His Lordship's time, you must well know how great uneasiness it would have afforded him. -

We trust that the Governor Belcaudre and also you will communicate all these circumstances to Deliver Jung Bahadre / Sir John Kennaway /, in order that he, reflecting on the sentiments entertained by Lord Cornwallis on this subject, and regarding the welfare of the two Sirkars, may exert himself in adjusting this business, and quickly give information to the Governor and to you that no objection exists, on the part of the Sirkar of His Highness the Nizam, to the Departure of the Saheb Zadas. -

To,

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To say more would be adding to uneasiness — May you be happy. —

(a true Translation)

(Signed) G. Dovetton

Minute thereon

A Copy of the Letter from the Packets to Captain Dovetton has been forwarded to the President at Hydrabad and to Bengal. —

a Political Letter to England to be written and forwarded Wm. St. Nettons

The President proposes that a short political Letter be written to the Honorable Court of Directors, to be forwarded by Colonel Bruce, who embarks for Europe on the Genoese Ship St. nettons for the Recovery of his health. —

Ordered accordingly. —

Read the following Letter from Sir John Kennaway. —

William Collins Jackson Esq.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From President at Hydrabad has advanced 30000 Rupees to Captain Dallas his Receipt enclosed also other papers on the subject.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, for the information of the Board, copies of my letters to Mr. Secretary Bay of the 29th. ultimo and

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and a Duplicate receipt from Captain Dallas for the sum of 30,000 Bider Rupees, which, as stated in the above letters, I advanced to him here for the purchase of Horses on account of the Madras Presidency and to be, —

Bider 5th December 1793. —

Do Do

/Signed/ John Kennaway

Edward Hay Esqr.
Secretary to the Governor General in Council
Fort William

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter addressed to me by Captain Dallas agent for the purchase of Horses for the Madras Cavalry; and conceiving the exigency of the case stated in it, to be such as to justify my departing from the Governor Generals orders of the 16th November 1792 not to draw on the Bengal Treasury on this account, I have thought it my duty to comply with Captain Dallas's request. —

I have the pleasure to

acquaint

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acquaint you that his Highness the Nizam has granted Passports for a further exemption of Duties on the purchase of 400 Horses from

Bider 29th November 1793

the Co.

(Signed) John Kennaway

A True Copy

(Signed) W. Stewart

Assistant

To Sir John Kennaway Bart.

Resident at His Highness the Nizam's Court

Sir,

After having tried every means to procure Money from the Bankers in Hydrabad, as well as at this place, for Bills on Madras or Masulipatam I find it impossible to get more 20,000 Rupees paying from 2 to 3 Pr Cent for the same It seems Government here, have found it necessary to make the Soucars take large Sums lately paid by the Company to his Highness at Madras and Masulipatam on their own account, and pay the Amount to his Treasury; this they give as their reason for not taking Bills on these places at

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at present - as that sum, and the Balance
/9000 Rupees/ of the Company's Cash in
my hands, is by no means adequate to P
what will be required at the ensuing P
Fair, where I am authorized to purchase, P
if possible, 300 Colts besides such Horses as
may be fit for immediate Service,
I am under the necessity of troubling you
with this application, in hopes of your
being able to procure me a further P
advance otherwise it will be out of my
power to take the advantage of the
Malagong Fair, which commences in
a few days, and is the only opportunity
that offers for getting the number of
Horses I have already /on an application
from the Military Board/ given
Government reason to expect by the
end of January next. -

If 30,000 Rupees could be
procured in addetion to what I already
have it may be in my power to fulfil
the instructions of Government as far as
the Fair will admit. -

I have the honor to be

Bider 24th Nov. 1793.

E.E. E.E.
/Signed/ Thos. Dallas
agent for the purchasing
of Horses.

A true Copy
/Signed/ Wm. Stewart
Assistant

Edward

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Edward Hay Esq.r

Secretary to the Governor General
in Council Public Department
Fort William

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that I have this day drawn on the Resident at Benares two Bills for 29268 Benares Sicca Rupees at twenty five days Sight one in favor of Madow Ghaut Panjab Roy for 14,634. Benares Sicca Rupees for 15,000 Beder Rupees, and the other in favor of Khoob Chund Chabil Das for 14,634 Benares Sicca Rupees for 15,000 Beder Rupees at the exchange of Rs. 102. 7 a. Beder Rupees for 100 Benares Sicca Rupees the amount of which, including the exchange, being 30,000 Rupees, I have advanced to Captain Thomas Dallas agent for purchasing Horses for the Company's Cavalry under the Madras Presidency, whose receipt I have forwarded to the Accomptant General.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) John Kennaway

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm. Stewart
Assistant

Beder 29.th November 1793

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Order thereon

Ordered that the amount of the advance to Captain Dallas be carried to the Credit of the Bengal Presidency.—

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.—

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President and Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

I do myself the honor to lay before you, in obedience to your Commands of the 14th Ultimo, the Draught of a General Order which I conceive it will be necessary to issue concerning the Offreckonings on the Battalions of Native Infantry for 1789 and 1790, to which I have been guided in consequence of your Orders and of the Appeal which I have understood had been made on the subject by the Commandants of those Corps to Marquis Cornwallis and by the Decision which has been passed by your Honble Board after receiving his Lordship's answer.—

From Military Auditor General with Draft of a General Order for the Distribution of Offreckonings for 1789 & 1790 cause of the difference in the amount of those, on the 28. and 29th Battalions

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Sir

In regard to the report Sir called upon to make concerning the cause that occasions so material a difference in the amount of the Offreckonings on the 28th and 29th Battalions I beg leave to acquaint you that it appears to me having calculated the Hotspurgs for those Corps according to the same Establishment with the rest although they were directed to be completed to Eight hundred Privates each at the time they were ordered to join the Nizam in 1790 which if admitted as their Establishment for that year, the Offreckonings on those Corps will stand Pagodas 220. 26. 33 on each, in addition to the Sum of Pagodas 54. 13. 78⅓ on each as per the Military Paymaster General Statement for 1790.

In consequence of the Calculations of the Hotspurgs in the Statements transmitted to me the following Sums will fall to be paid in addition to what has already been received for

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The Native Corps according to the Statement of Mr. Balfour which was laid before Government in May 1792 when compared with the Statement as p. Establishment now reported by the Military Paymaster General.-

1789 - Stoppages as p. Establishment		40842.36.-
Do. . . as p. Mr. Balfour . .		39482.-15.57
Difference payable for 1789 Pagodas . .		1360.20.23
1790 - Stoppages as p. Establishment . .		49399.14.-
Do. . . as p. Mr. Balfour . . .		43032.35.48.
Difference payable for 1790 Pagodas . . .		6366.20.32
To which will fall to be added as payable for 1790 provided 800 Privates shall be considered the Establishment of the 28th and 29th Battalions for that year.		441.-10.-64
Say Total for 1790 eventually Pagodas . .		6807.-31.-16

and the General Total payable for 1789 and 1790 will be either Pagodas 7726. 20. 55. or, eventually, as above, P. 3167. 41.-29

Should this Sum of Pagodas 441. 10. 64 be admitted, as above, it will consequently occasion the Offreckonings on the 28th and 29th Battalions for 1790 to be Pagodas 276. 40. 30/3 on each.

As Mr. Colt has paid the Offreckonings due for 1789 and 1790 since Mr. Balfour left India, and will make the

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payments in question, on being furnished with the means, by receiving the amount of Stoppages payable, as above, according to the Establishment, I have therefore inserted his name, with his own concurrence, as the person to whose order the difference may most properly be paid, in order that he may make the Distribution of the Off reckonings on those Corps according to the General Order. —

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

Military Auditor Generals office
Fort St. George 15th Dec. 1793

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mgr Aud Genl

Proposed

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Proposed Draught of a General Order

The Honble the President in
Council is pleased to publish the following
Distribution of the Off reckonings for
1789 and 1790 on the Battalions of Native
Infantry, which is the Amount due on
each Corps after deducting the charges in
supplying the Clothing from the A
Stoppages calculated on their Establishment
agreeably to the recommendation of A
Marquis Cornwallis to this Government,
in consequence of the Appeal A
made to his Lordship on the A
subject by the Captains Commanding
the Battalions of native Infantry.—

Distribution

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Distribution of Offreckonings on the Battalions of Native Infantry for 1789 and 1790.-

1789	P	F	6	1790	P	F	6
1st Battalion	227	30	49	1st Battalion	250	35	37⅓
2d Do.	216	"	27	2d Do.	239	8	78⅓
3d Do.	201	31	76	3d Do.	221	17	17⅓
4th Do.	227	30	49	4th Do.	245	4	18⅓
5th Do.	198	2	76	5th Do.	241	19	9⅓
6th Do.	215	40	9	6th Do.	233	13	53⅓
7th Do.	208	16	34	7th Do.	227	18	38⅓
8th Do.	245	16	29	8th Do.	262	25	77⅓
9th Do.	238	25	69	9th Do.	250	35	37⅓
10th Do.	225	15	22	10th Do.	245	4	18⅓
11th Do.	168	16	31	11th Do.	203	33	18⅓
12th Do.	215	40	9	12th Do.	244	40	57⅓
13th Do.	215	40	9	13th Do.	216	27	78⅓
14th Do.	227	30	49	14th Do.	235	29	78⅓
15th Do.	215	28	74	15th Do.	227	12	37⅓
16th Do.	215	40	9	16th Do.	223	39	38⅓
17th Do.	197	27	2	17th Do.	213	34	17⅓
18th Do.	192	3	57	18th Do.	207	22	9⅓
19th Do.	215	40	9	19th Do.	247	38	9⅓
20th Do.	221	35	29	20th Do.	235	23	77⅓
21st Do.	212	9	64	21st Do.	213	15	20⅓
22d Do.	203	6	75	22d Do.	200	28	52⅓
23d Do.	215	40	9	23d Do.	227	18	38⅓
24th Do.	212	37	45	24th Do.	238	13	58⅓
25th Do.	217	6	62	25th Do.	259	4	77⅓
26th Do.	202	23	77	26th Do.	213	34	17⅓
27th Do.	215	40	9	27th Do.	245	4	18⅓
28th Do.	205	37	49	28th Do.	274	40	30⅓
29th Do.	223	23	29	29th Do.	274	40	30⅓
30th Do.	232	35	42	30th Do.	232	18	38⅓
Total	6434	18	53	Total	7023	31	57.

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such proportion of the above Shares of Subscribing as has not already been discharged will be paid by Mr. Oliver Colt to the Captains Commanding the Corps for the above periods or their Attornies, and for which purpose he has been authorised to draw for the difference between the amount of Stoppages received by the Agency and those calculated according to the Establishment.—

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mej.y Aud.r Gen.l

Minutes in consequence.—

Resolved that 800 Privates be considered the establishment of the 28th. and 29th. Battalions of Native Infantry for the year 1790.—

The Board approve the General order laid before them by the Military Auditor General— Resolved— that it be published.—

Read the following letter from the Reverend Mr. Thole.—

To

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From Reverend Mr. Pohle with the Information required by the Honble Court relative to the clerical Duty performed by him at Tranquebar

I have received your Order of the 7th instant, in which you desire me to transmit to you the Information required in the enclosed Extract of a general Letter from the Court of Directors in the Military department dated 25th June 1793 the words of which are these, you must acquaint us in what manner the clerical duty has been usually performed, and what Stipend has been attached to the same.-

In humble obedience to your order I beg leave to transcribe here that part of my letter to Major General Meadows then Governor &c. at Fort St. George dated the 18th July 1792 in which I solicited him for the half Batta and obtained it, and which I humbly suppose contains the required Information It is as follows. "I arrived at this place in the year 1777 "and for some little time assisted the "Reverend Mr. Schwartz in his functions

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" here, who, soon after, settling in Tanjore I was left
" to officiate alone, and have, ever since that
" period, both in the garrison and at Warriore
" in church, in Schools and in hospitals performed
" as far as my ability extended all ministerial
" functions that can be expected of a chaplain
" I have whenever I have been applied to by
" people from Camp ministered to them in the
" baptism of children &c and have myself
" occasionally officiated in Camp: all which
" duties, as long as my health and strength
" enabled me, I continued chearfully to perform,
" and did not regard many little extra expences
" to which, on such occasions, I have been put,
" tho' I could but ill spare it out of my own
" allowances, which in all amount to 30 Pagodas
" monthly viz. 20 from the Honble Company
" and 10 from the Mission. On this pay I could
" formerly live with much more comfort than
" I can at present, because then, every article
" of life was cheaper, by above one half, than
" at this time, and Servants wages have been
" proportionably increased. I begin also to feel
" the infirmities of approaching age, being
" near 50 years old. a Palankeen I have never

been

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" been able to keep, nor did I apply for, or desire
" it, while I could do without it, But if the
" numerous duties to which I have to attend,
" and which call me to every part of the
" garrison and cantonement, be considered,
" together with the inconveniencies of the
" weather, to which my age and my already
" broken health is constantly exposed, I hope
" you will be sensible that an indulgence
" of this kind becomes necessary, and that
" I am not unreasonable in applying now,
" to your goodness, that I may at least
" enjoy the benefit of a chaplain's, or
" Captains half Batta, the officers of
" the corps to which I have officiated as
" chaplain for these 14 years past having
" always received that allowance.-

" I beg leave humbly to solicit
" this indulgence, and that you will have
" the goodness to issue the necessary
" order, to the Paymaster here, for the
" half Batta to be paid to me, in
" order that I may be enabled to discharge
" the duties of my ministry, if god please

with

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"with greater success to her glory and more
"for the benefit of men. —
"Wishing you health and every
"blessing from on high — I remain
"Honble Sir &c &c"
as this letter formerly written
to General Medows, contains all the
Information which the Honble Court of
Directors have required, I think it needless
to add any thing besides. —
I have the honor to be respectfully
&c &c
(Signed) Christian Pohle

Fortified Spoly
December 18th 1793

Agreed that copy of the
minute thereon
above be transmitted to the Honorable
Court of Directors. —

Read the following
letter from the Military Storekeeper. —

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor &c. &c. &c. Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From military Storekeeper with a list of articles wanted at the Powder mills, his accounts for June, July, August and September enclosed:—

I beg Leave to lay before you a List of Articles wanted at the Powder Mills, with an Estimate of their Cost—and have to request you will be pleased to order the Chief Engineer to provide them as has hitherto been the Custom.—

I take the Liberty of laying before you my Accounts Current for the Months of June, July, August and September and request you will be pleased to direct the Balance due me of Pagodas 639. 33. 34. to be discharged and that an advance of Star Pagodas 2507. 17. 75. be made me for the Provision of Sundry Stores ordered by the military Board on the 1st. Instant.—

I have the honor to be with great Respect.—

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&c. &c.

(Signed) Jos. du Pre Porcher
Mg Storekr.

Ordered

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Orders thereon

Ordered that the Military Storekeeper do provide the articles required for the Powder mills, charging to the Company the actual Cost.—

Ordered that the Sum of Pagodas Four Thousand three hundred and nine Thirty Four Fanams and Thirty four Cash /4309.34.34/ be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Storekeeper, being the amount of the balance due to him.—

Ordered also, that the Sum of two Thousand five hundred and seven Pagodas seventeen fanams and seventy five Cash /2507.17.75/ be advanced to the Military Storekeeper on account of his employ.—

Read the following letter from the Commanding Officer at Pondicherry.—

To the Honble the Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Floyd request in favor of Mr. Davaldeux Mr. Griffiths & assists a Salary as master attendant Mr. Marlow a Supply of Stores and the appointment of a Store Serjeant more to be required for carrying the Works Mons.r Bonvert proposed for the charge of Intestate Estates.

Mons.r Davalroux, a French officer, whose Subsistence had been reduced from that of Officer to Private Soldier, on account of irregular conduct at Pondichery, has written to me expressing his sense of the Justice of the

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the treatment he received, and his contrition for his unguarded Conduct, & prayering me to intercede with you that he may be restored to the same Subsistence he at first enjoyd.—

Town Major Beatson has represented to me his very regular and proper behaviour since he has been under his charge at Madras.—

I have therefore to request, if you think fit, that Mond. Duvalbraue may be permitted to receive the same Subsistence as others if his Rank.—

N. 1 is a Letter from Mr. Griffiths master attendant requesting to know if he is permitted to draw Subsistence and what.—

N. 2 & 3 are Indents which Mr. Skardon desired me to forward to you.

N. 4 is a request from Mr. Skardon that a Store Serjeant may be appointed.—

I beg leave to state that, altho' the Demolition of the works of Pondicherry are pushed on by Lieutenant

Dawes

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Dowse with all due Diligence, and Intelligence, yet I am of opinion that, unless a great many more hands are employd than at present, it will take a great many months before they are so destroyd as to render them entirely unless to a military Force in the Place — Lieutenant Dowse has a thousand Coolys in employ besides his own Corps of Pioneers — but the works extend about 3/4 miles. —

N.5 is a Letter from M.r Monsr. Gerard, Senior Member, and President of the Superior Council of Pondichery, earnestly praying that you will be pleased to authorize the appointment of a Person to the Charge of vacant Estates, and those of Minors — He recommends Monsr. Bouvard as a solvent, and fit person, who would give good and sufficient Security — and proposes that 2½ per Cent on the Estates be allowed him for his trouble, instead of 3 per Cent as formerly; as that his appointment will

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To Colonel Floyd

Sir,

From those Papers which I have had the honor to communicate to you, you ought to be well convinced that the irregularity which exists in the Registry & at the Tribunals at Pondicherry is too detrimental to the publick Interest not to call for and require the speediest Remedy by the establishment of an Ouvrier or Guardian to intestate Estates, a Post created by an Arrest of Council in 1777: but never neglected to be put in force on the reestablishment of the Colony in 1785. —

I dare hope Sir that Spirit of Order and Justice which you have for ever manifested in all Instances & which could operate for the publick Good, will induce you to make a representation to the Government of Madras, to permit the establishment of Regulations whereto I annex herewith, in the Order that I have the honor to propose to you. —

This appointment will not put your Government to any Expence as the

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the Commission on the Estates might be fixed @ 2½ Per Cent, instead of 8 which was formerly drawn; because now the Wretched Condition of the Colony will not permit the making a greater Sacrifice. —

I conceive Sir that the most competent Person, in every Respect, to execute the Functions of this Department is Mr. Bouvard, and that the hereditary Funds in his hands will not be exposed to any danger, and his being himself a Man of Property will furnish another good and sufficient Reason. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Gerard

President of the Council

Pondichery

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a true Translation

(Signed) Th. Chase

French Transr.

Minutes thereon

Agreed that Mr. Duvaldaux be permitted to receive the same Subsistence as others of his Rank. —

Agreed that Colonel Floyd be directed to ascertain and report the Sum allowed

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allowed by the French Government to the
master attendant at Pondicherry, and to
inform Mr. Greffiths that he must state
the actual emoluments of the office before
any decision can pass on his application
for subsistence.—

In order to hasten the
demolition of the works of Pondicherry
it is resolved that Lieutenant Dowse
be authorized to employ as many more
coolies as he can hire, even to the number
of two thousand.—

Resolved, at the Recommenda-
tion of Mons.r Grand, that Mr. Bonvard
be appointed to the Guardianship of
Intestate estates, and permitted to receive
for his trouble the commissions proposed
to be granted out of the Estates.—

Read the following letter
from the military Auditor General.—

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President and Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

From Auditor General reporting the Retrenchments on the Audits of Mr. Burke's accounts, of the payment of Company's allowance to the Kings Troops

Having furnished the Military Paymaster General and Mr. Boyd, late Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops, respectively, with copies of the Audit of the Accounts of Mr. William Burke, as Paymaster of Company's allowances to the Kings Troops, and also of the Audit of his Disbursements to His Majesty's Hanoverian Troops, the new raised Regiments, and the Detachment of Royal Artillery from the 25th December 1790 to 24th April 1792, I do myself the honor of reporting the Total Retrenchment from the Accounts to be Nine Thousand three hundred and Forty Four Pagodas Thirteen Fanams and Fifty Six Cash / Pags. 9344.13.56 /, in order that your Honble Board may have an opportunity of calling upon Mr. Burke's Securities to answer for the amount. —

I am preparing a State of the Audits conformably to your Commands

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of the 28th. ultimo, and which shall be laid before you very shortly; in the meantime I have thought it necessary to send in the present Report separately.—

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

Military Auditor Generals Office &c &c

Fort St. George 18th. Dec. 1793. (Signed) Henry Malcolm

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Order thereon. Ordered that Mr. Lucas be furnished with a copy of the above letter, & with a view that he may be prepared to answer such demands as may be made upon him, in consequence of his having become the Security for Mr. Burke on the final audit of that Gentleman's accounts as Paymaster of Company's allowances to the Kings Troops.—

Read the following letter from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore entered also in BB. No. 236.

Translation

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Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor &c. &c. dated 8th. December 1793.

From the Rajah of Tanjore has received the account of the collections during the assumption and the reply to his claim to the four Maghan of Karical — Detail of the disturbance in which the Nabob's Ranjeet Sewengadum was killed. —

I have received the letter which your Excellency addressed to me on the 30th. October last, together with the account collections from my country during the three years of the Company's assumption I have understood their contents: if they A should differ from the accounts, which A are in my possession, I shall hereafter address an answer to your Excellency. —

I have received, and A understand the contents of the letter A with which your Excellency favored me on the 6th. November, upon the Subject of the four Karical maghans. —

Besides, I have received your Excellency's letter dated 28th. November, which was forwarded by means of A Col.: Maxwell. In it you say that "you "have received information from the "Nabob that, some days ago, two hundred

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"from the Tanjore Country had been sent
"into Tondiman's borders; that they had
"excited since several disturbances,
"and that the inhabitants had been
"destroyed - That you had been also
"acquainted that some Coolgars had
"entered the country of Wynaad to plun-
"der; that they had plundered many villages;
"and that they had murdered a man called
"Irevengadum; And that I should, in
"consequence, issue orders throughout my
"country for apprehending those Coolgars
"that they may be brought to punishment"
this I understand; and shall now
address you upon the foregoing two
points - There is a polygar in my talook
of Putticotah of the name of Vingapilly,
in consequence of a dispute between
him and Tondiman relative to some
lands I sent people from hence to those
borders; and, having sent for the
agents of Tondiman, had the dispute
about the frontier settled according
to justice - I conceived that, if the
quarrel had been of importance I

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I ought to have informed your Excellency of it, but as it was adjusted here upon the spot I did not address you — Mahalenguem Pudiachy was the Cavilgar of mudiargoon in the Soubah of Combaconum he had two sons: after the death of their father, the brothers fell quarrelled; and made, long time since, a division of the Cavelly, to which the Ryots &c were witnesses as there was no accomodation between them they separately enjoyed the Cavelly of Ruddiarjoon. under these circumstances, one of the brothers gave his sister in marriage to a Cavilgar of the name of Trevengadum, in a village of the Nabob's country, called Codally Cotpoor, beyond the banks of the Coleroon. After this, Trevengadum, having resolved to take possession of the second brother's Cavelly, on account of his brother in law, collected together two hundred people, marched from the Nabobs country, and, in the months of July 1793, falling upon any talook of Ruddiarjoon, in

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the night, murdered with his own hand two sons of Mahalingum Puddiachy; and, having plundered all the property, that was in the houses of the above two sons, Irevengadum returned with his brother in law and arrived at Codally Carpoor: after this the Brother of these two boys came to Tanjore, and represented that the Cavilgar of the Nabob's country, Irevengadum, had assisted his brother in law with two hundred people, and had fallen upon her sons in the night, whom he murdered – She further petitioned that, as her two sons were dead, the cavelly should not be continued on the former footing, to the brother in law of Irevengadum, but that if his division of the cavelly, together with her own, should be given to her, she would place her brother, the son of Tondeman Cavilgar in Contacanum in it and provide for the management of the Cavelly. In consequence of this I gave both divisions to the woman and established her on the Cavelly. as the son of

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of a Tondeman Pudiachy, the Canilgar of Combaconeum, is her brother, he attends to all the affairs; and he had made an arrangement, by collecting some people together on this side of the Coleroon, to prevent the return of Trevengadum, with his followers, from Codally Curpoor.

— In this state of the affair, Trevengadum collected together a body of a hundred men from Codally Curpoor, and, with them crossed to this side of the Coleroon. but, upon seeing the people which had been raised by the brother of the woman, retreated to Codally Curpoor, after this, remaining quiet for a few days, he assembled some more people, and was ready to come. Information of this being received by the son of Tondeman Pudiachy, he blocked up the road, with the people whom he had collected, to prevent the entrance of Trevengadum. at this time Trevengadum crossed the Coleroon, and, falling upon the people of Tondeman

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Pudeachy, a scuffle ensued, after w
which he retired to the other Bank
of the river. The people of Tondeman
Pudeachy's soon followed them to P
Codally Carpoor. In that fight one
of the sons of Tondeman Pudeachy
was slain. One or two of Trevengadums
people received Wounds; and he P
himself was killed by a shot. after
this the elder brother, and brother in law
of Trevengadum joined together; P
and, with some people, entering the
house of Trevengadum at Carpoor,
fired upon the party of Tondyman
Pudeachy's Son. Then the ryots and
merchants of Carpoor came to the
people of Tondeman Pudeachy P
desired both parties to desist from P
fighting, and said that they would
seize the brother in law of Trevengadum
and deliver him up. These same P
ryots and merchants went to P
Trevengadum's elder brother, and
said that it was improper for him
to assist his brother in law the son
of

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of Maha-ling-Pudiachy; that, if Tondeman Pudiachy's people should be restored, his son would go back but the elder brother of Trevengadum, without listening to this, and without restoring the two sons of Maha-ling-Pudiachy, continued the war: at this time the arrival of Warriampol-lam sent two guard of Sepoys: upon their arrival the people of Tondeman Pudeachy declining to contend with the Nabob's Sepoys, left the place & recepised the Coleroon, and returned to their former situation in my Country. Trevengadum is a cavilgar in the Nabob's talook: he afforded protection to a cavelgar of my County; he appointed them with two hundred men, he fell upon Muddeirjoor; and murdered the two sons of Maha-ling Pudiachy. all this was imperfect & afterwards Trevengadum, without remaining quiet, again assembled his people, and twice attempted to enter my County. upon his third attempt

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attempt a fight ensued between them
and the people of Tondeman Pooliachy,
who pursued them even to Cadaly Capoor-
Pravendaburo, most unjustly, put to
the sword, with his own hand, the 2
two sons of Mahaloing Pooliachy; for
this God has overtaken him with 2
death. The protection and shelter 2
which are afforded, in the Nabob's
country, to my Cavilgars, are the 2
invariable causes of those disputes 2
No quarrels would happen, if my
people were not protected. There is
no shelter afforded to the Nabob's 2
people in my country. Let their affairs
be conducted in the same manner 2
my people will never be the 2
aggressors. This flame has been
raised by Tirvengadam. The Nabob
should, hereafter, give positive 2
orders to the amildars Cavelgars &c.
prohibiting them from giving 2
protection to the Cavilgars &c. of
the Tanjore country. I request 2

your

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your Excellency to point this out to the Nabob — you were pleased to write that the people of Tondeman Peodeachy had plundred some villages in the Nabob's Country. my people will never be guilty of such conduct. they pursued Trevengadum to Codally Curpoor; but they neither robbed and plundered the villages. If my people were guilty of any fault, I might punish them; but it is improper, while they are free from fault, to seize and punish them. as your Excellency's wisdom and knowledge are great, you will become acquainted, upon taking into consideration the injustice of the Nabob's, and the conduct of my, Cavelgars. I have issued postive orders to restrain the Cavelgars of my country from crossing the Coleroon — I have written this that your Excellency might be informed of the particulars. you will act according to your Wisdom. Believe me

always

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always your sincere friend - I am a friend
why I should write more -

a true Translation
(Signed) J Webbe
Mar. Stat.

Minute thereon
Statements of the Expences of the late war and siege of Pondichery to be called for -

Agreed that his Highness the Nabob be informed of the circumstances detailed in the foregoing letter -

As it will be necessary to forward to the Court of Directors by the first dispatch, Statements of the expences of the late War, and of the expences attending the Siege of Pondicherry, the President proposes that a Letter be written to the Military Auditor General advising him of this circumstance, in order that the accounts may be prepared in time -

Ordered accordingly -

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The President lays before the Board the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Ellore on the conduct of Mr. Maxwell Thompson, Surgeon of the 4th. Battalion of European Infantry; and, as it appears therefrom, that Mr. Thompson has been guilty of gross neglect, and Inattention to the Sick under his care, it is now resolved that he be brought to a Court martial upon the following charges.—

Mr. M. Thompson Surgeon to be brought to a court martial.

For gross neglect of duty, and inattention to the Sick of the Hospital under his care, in the following Instances.—

The charges against him.

First . . . . . In discharging several Patients from the Hospital uncured, and not administering to those in the Hospital, the medicines necessary for their complaints.—

Secondly . . . . In not taking the proper and necessary steps, as his duty

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duty required, that the sick under his charge might not suffer, as by the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held on the conduct of the said Surgeon, they appear to have done, in a variety of instances, by the failure of the Hospital Contractor in the stipulated supplies of Clothing & and Linen."

Chas. Oakeley.

E. H. Fallofield

Capt. George Barry
Pro. Mr.

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Diary

25 Despatched the following Letter -

To John Morris Esqre
Secretary to the Government
of Bombay

Sir.

To Secretary at Bombay advising of the Assistance in Troops, Guns, and Stores rendered to Capt. Hardie for the service of the China Ships under his Command -

Captain Hardie, of the Ships Travan=
=core, having represented to the Honble the President
in Council, that it would add very considerably to
the safety of the Bombay Ships under his Command
if he were assisted with Men and Stores from hence.
I am directed to acquaint You, for the information
of your Government, that Thirty three discharged of
Men have been embarked in Consequence with
a Supply of Arrack and Provisions for twenty
five days - and as each of them have been supplied
with a Hammock and Bedding (the same as
supplied to Charter Party Passengers when sent
home on the Company's Ships) this Equipment will
be

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25 be sufficient for the Voyage to England –

I have the honor to enclose a Charter Party List of the above Men, with their Discharges, that the same may be delivered to the Commanders of the Company's Ships, when they are embarked for Europe –

I likewise transmit a Roll of forty Volunteer Sepoys raised for the Service of the Ships under Captain Hardie during the Voyage to Bombay. These Men have received their pay for December, and the Governor in Council requests that they may be returned to their Corps by the first safe Conveyance –

Captain Hardie has been furnished from the Arsenal with four short eighteen Pounders, and sundry Stores, a list whereof goes enclosed. He will of course be accountable for the same to the Honble the President in Council of Bombay on his Arrival at that place –

I have the honor to be
Dr. Sr
W. C. Jackson Secy

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Orginal for Travancore
Duplicate for Tappy

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12/25 Sent also the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos. 193. 194-

To Lieut Green of the Bombay Establishment

To Lieutenant Green - desiring him to take charge of the Troops, above mentioned, and Embarked on the Travancore -

To Hospital Boards -

To Hospital Board - to recommend a full Surgeon for Masulipatam, and one for the Ellore Regiment, vice Thompson -

12/26 Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in MB. Nos. 195. 196. 197. 198.

From Comm.y Gen.l of Grain and Provisions

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - reporting on the Bills for the Service of the Madras Boats -

From Secretary to the Male Asylum

From Secretary to the Male Asylum requesting Extracts from all the General Letters to and from England - respecting that Institution -

From Military Board

From Military Board - with an Estimate of the Repairs required to the Powder Mills - the Hats landed from the General Coote, Examined and approved - different Orders complied with -

From Lieut.t Oliphant Infantry

From Lieut.t W.m Oliphant requests leave to go to Sea - and an advance of Pay -

Sent

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Sent the following Letters to the
Supervisor of the Malabar Province - and Paymaster
at Palamcotah -

To William Gamul Farmer Esqre
Supervisor of the Province of Malabar
at Calicut

Sir,

To Mr Farmer with Copy of the Paper received from Tippoo Vackeels, regarding persons who have fled & taken Refuge in the Company's Districts

The Vackeels of Tippoo Sultaun having preferred a Request that Application might be made to You for the Apprehension of some Plunderers who have fled, with their booty, to the Districts lately Ceded to the Company on the Western Side of the Peninsula, We enclose, for your Information, a Copy of the Paper which has been delivered to Us. We have given orders to our Collectors for the Apprehension of all Persons who have taken Refuge in the Districts within the Limits of your Authority, and coming under the Description above mentioned -

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the 27 December 1793

We are,
Sir,
Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

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To W.m George Sulivan Marten

Paymaster at Palamcotah

To Mr. Paymaster Marten Mr. Sandon will supply him with Cash for his Payment. Remarks on the difficulty of procuring Money for Bills –

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 10th Instant, and to acquaint you that, as the Collector of Polygar Peiscush has reported that he will have in his hands in all this Month, upwards of twenty thousand Pagodas, you will indent upon him for as much as you may require, and if there should still be a Deficiency, You are to take up Money for Bills, upon the Military Paymaster General, on the best terms you can procure –

The President in Council is surprized to learn that there should be so much difficulty in obtaining Money for Bills on the Presidency, particularly when it is considered that there is a large Surplus Revenue which must be drawn by the Nabob to answer his Payments at

Madras

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of Madras - When the Tinnevelly provinces was in the hands of the Company, it was found difficult to procure Sircar Bills payable at Madras without a large premium and a long sight: and now it would appear that good bills payable at a short sight must be accompanied by a premium - As the President in Council is not aware of any cause sufficient to account for this difference, he should hope at least that you might be able to draw at Par.

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I am, Sir, &c. &c.
Wm. Chs. Jackson Secy

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in MB. Nos. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208.

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - The Europeans Seconder Malloy to be served with Rice from Madura -

To Major Burr

To Commandant in the Guntoor Circar - The Board expect he will have provided for

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27th for the Charge of Trincomalee and Batticaloa during the Absence of Lieutenants Depre & Darby -

To Deputy Judge Advocate at

To Lieut Shippey Ellore - with Instructions for the Trial of Mr Surgeon Thompson - Proceedings of the Enquiry into his Conduct - and the Charges against him forwarded -

To Military Auditor General with

To Auditor Genl Instructions for reauditing Captain Bell's Accounts - Extracts from the Court's Orders enclosed -

To Ditto - requiring a Statement

To Ditto of the Expences of the late War - and Expedition against Pondicherry, for transmission to England.

To Captain Bell - may proceed

To Capt. Bell Artillery - to Madras - his Suspension cannot be removed -

To Officer commanding the Army -

To Col. Brathwaite Orders given for Supplying Rice for the Europeans at Secunder Malley - no further Provision can be made for Captain Watts -

To Ditto - desiring to know his

To Ditto - Meaning by that Article of the Capitulation of Pondicherry, which provided for sending the French

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27 French Troops to Europe -

To Commandant at Pondicherry

Mons.r Duvaldeau will receive the Pay of his Rank

To Bld.e Regt. ocpty to the Application of the Master Attendant -

Three Coolies to be hired by Lieut.t Dowse. Mons.r

Bouvard may be Guardian to Intestate Estates -

The Indents for Stores passed - a Store Serjeant to

be appointed - Copies only of the Papers of the

Ordonnateur's Office at Karikal can be granted -

To Board of Revenue - with Copy

To Board of Revenue of the Same papers, as above sent to Mr. Farmer -

instructions in consequence -

28 Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in Wtb. Nos. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214 -

From Commandant at Aonc -

From Major Petrie - A Guard placed over the Property of the late Jagheer

-dar, for its protection from Embezzlement -

From Columbo - enclosing Packets

From Columbo - and requesting they may be forwarded to Europe,

Batavia and the Cape of Good Hope -

From Mons.r De Charbonet requesting

From Mons.r De Charbonet - an advance of Pay -

From

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12 28 From Officer Commanding at Nagapatam - requesting Orders respecting some of Bengal Sepoys landed there and who belonged to the Morning Star lately Captured -

From Capt. Ross

From Commandant of the 5 Regiment of Cavalry respecting some Surplus Cloathing refused to be received by the New Contractor - Correspondence enclosed -

From Major Dow

From Commandant at Chicacole - requesting leave to visit the Presidency -

From Lieut Col. Brandergast -

Dispatched the undermentioned 29 Letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219 -

To Secretary at Bengal - with Mysore Intelligence -

To Mr. Secy Hay

To Mr. C. L. Lucas - with Copy of the Auditor Generals Letter respecting Mr. Burke's Accounts - towards preparing him to Answer any Demands, on the final Audit of them -

To Mr. Lucas

To Military Board - Mr Boodie may continue to act as Secretary - but without Salary, until he shall have been actually Resident in India four years - an Engineer to survey the Public

To Military Board -

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By Public Buildings at Vizagapatam -

To Attornies to Colonel Nixon - the bills

For Messrs Chase Lovell & Chase

for pay - presented by them cannot be passed -

To Mr N. T. Showers - the Certificates

To Mr Showers

produced by him insufficient -

Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in Mil B. Nos 220. 221. 222. 223. 224 -

From Secretary at Bengal - with a

From Mr Secy Way

Letter for the Secretary to the Military Board -

From Attorney to Mr James Way

From Mr R Dashwood

on the Subject of his Constituents Claim upon

the Nabob -

From Officer Commanding the Army -

From Colonel Braithwaite

Colonel Bruce requests to resign the Service - and

Lieut. C. Mendhams Adjutants Allowances -

From Agent — for Horses at Hyderabad -

From Capt Dallas -

with Cornet Nuthalls Letter respecting the re-

jection of some of the Horses lately sent to

Arcot - Observations on the Subject - Statement

of the Expences of his Agency - enclosed -

From Paymaster at Palamcotta -

From Mr Paymr Marten

Sale relative to the Claim preferred by Major

Johnston

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29th Johnston-

Dispatched the undermentioned

30th Letters Entered in MB. Nos. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229.

230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236.-

To Civil Paymaster Monsieur

To Civil Pay Master- Sonnerats Subsistence to be paid at Madras-

To Commissary General of Grain

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions- the Paddy at Palamcotah may

be sold-

To Ditto- To Ditto. The Elephants may be

disposed of, on the best terms that can be procured-

To Commandant at Cuddalore-

To Lieut. Col. Du Pont- with Orders, respecting Mons.r Vaillant-

To Mons.r Sonnerat. his Subsistence

To Mons.r Sonnerat will be paid at Madras- as well as his Arrears-

To Military Auditor General, with

To Auditor General- a List of the Names and Designations of the

Securities for the Paymasters.

To Ditto. Mons.r Duvaldreuc

To Ditto- permitted to receive the Pay of this Rank: a Store

Serjeant at Pondicherry appointed-

To-

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To Military Board - the Arsenal

To Military Boards

may be surveyed and repaired -

To Colonel Thomas Bruce - his

To Col Thomas Bruce -

resignation accepted - his Services will be favorably

noticed to the Honble Court -

To Paymaster at Pondicherry -

To Mr. Paymaster Shaudon -

notifying the Authority given for hiring more

Coolies - Mons.r Vaillant's pay to be continued to

him at Cuddalore -

To Ditto - Mons.r Sonnerat &

To Ditto

permitted to draw his Subsistence at Madras.r

Store Serjeant appointed -

To Town Major Mons.r Duvallon

To Town Major

may again receive the Pay of his Rank -

31. Sent Letter to the Nabob Entered

in C. C. N.o 237 Stating the Substance of the

Substance of Letter to the Nabob -

Reply of the Rajah of Tanjore to His Highness's

Complaint of the irruption of the Peons into

Tondiman's Country, and of the Irregularities

of the Tanjore Cavelgars in the Telook of

Warriore

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To Lt. Warriore Pollam.

Sent the following Letter

To John Morris Esqr.

Secretary at

Bombay.

To Secretary at Bombay with a Roll of the Sepoys embarked on the Ships from China.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to transmit the Roll, mentioned in my letter of the 24th Instant, of Native Volunteers belonging to Corps of this Garrison and embarked on the Ships under the Command of Capt Hardie. These Men have received their pay for December and the Roll will shew the respective Sums to be paid to their Families which of course will fall to be deducted from their Pay to be issued to your Presidency.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt

Fort St George
the
29th December
1793

Wm C. Jackson
Secry

Despatched

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31 Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M.B. Nos. 237. 238. 239. 240-241.

To Secretary at Bengal. With a Copy of the General Letter to England per H.C. Vestano-

To Secretary at Bengal.

To Mr. Hawkins To Mr. Wm. Hawkins - appointing him Paymaster at Trichinopoly - Security to be given.

To Resident at Nagore - To Resident at Nagore - with a Packet for Columbo -

To Town Major To Town Major desiring him to engage Accommodation for Eighty French Prisoners intended to be sent to Bengal.

To Paymaster at Trichinopoly -

To Mr Edward Garrow - To Mr Edward Garrow - his Resignation accepted - and Mr. Hawkins appointed his Successor.

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor - President.

Ernst William Tallofield Esqre

Minutes of last Consultation read

Tuesday 31st December 1793

and approved -

Read the following Letter from

Bengal -

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

From Bengal - Advising of their Equipment of a Naval Armament. Object in View - Instructions in the Event of the Arrival of a Squa= =dron from Europe

We have the honor to inform You that We have fitted out a naval Armament from Bengal for the purpose of putting a Stop to the Depredations of the French Privateers. A List of the

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the Ships employed in this Service is enclosed for your Information, and We entertain no doubt that the force will be sufficient to ensure the Object intended by it.

As a Principal Purpose of the Equipment is to protect the returning Ships from Manilla and China, as well as to clear the Straits of Malacca for the Security of the Vessels bound from Bengal to the East. We shall instruct Captain Mitchell, who, as Senior Officer will have the Command of the Squadron, to repair with as much Expedition as is consistent with the Object of obtaining Information, to the Eastern Entrance of the Straits, and take his Station off Barbacet Hill. The Fleet is accompanied by a small Tender, which is directed to call at Prince of Wales's Island for Intelligence, and the next place of Rendezvous is Malacca, whence Commodore Mitchell will be ordered to make the best of his Way to his destined Station. This as the General Outline

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Outline of the Destination of the fleet, subject, however, to such Variation as may be expedient in consequence of the Intelligence which the Commodore may procure in the Course of his Voyage.- As nothing but necessity has induced Us to employ the Company's Ships on this Service, and incur the expinses attending the present Equipment, We shall be happy to avail ourselves of the earliest Opportunity for recalling them, and terminating the Expinse of the Expedition. We desire therefore, in the event of the arrival of a Squadron from Europe, that you will, in the Absence of Admiral Cornwallis, communicate with the Commander of it, and, acquainting him with the Measures which we have adopted, request him to inform you if he can employ his Majesty's Ships in affording that protection to the Eastern Trade, which is one Object of the present

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present Armament. If his determination should be signified in the affirmative, and he should, in consequence, think proper to detach any Vessels for that purpose, We have then to request that you will send Orders to Commodore Mitchell to return immediately to Bengal (for which purpose he is instructed to obey your Requisitions) with the Indiamen under his Command, leaving Capt. Canning to act under such Orders as he may receive from us or from Captain Mitchell.

We have thought it expedient to advise the Dutch Governments of Batavia and Ceylon of the Armament and its destination, and We request you will forward the Letter addressed to the latter. A Copy of it is enclosed for your Information.

We have the honor to be

D.r Sir

John Shore

Rob.t Abercromby

Peter Speke

Wm Cowper.

Fort William
29 November
1793.

…vant. Non Commissioned Officers.

…els which compose the Squadron fitted out

…ward the Several Ships in Saugur Roads 4th 3 Dec. 1793

…rriages			Remarks —
…r. 4 Pound.		Grand Total Guns-	
	36		Passengers destined for Prince of Wales's Island. Lieut Wm Duff Mr. 33 B. Corby Writer & two Native Servants
10	34		Do. on the Pigot for Prince of Wales's Island Mr. W. Stephenson Writer Mr. John Pudner Deputy Commy of Ordnance & 43 Natives including Sepoys Artificers Women and Servants-
	40		Besides the Guns here stated the Britannia has on Board four 6 Pounders and 10 Swivals but of these it is uncertain what number it might be found convenient to mount-
	34		Passengers on the Nonsuch for Prince of Wales's Island Radin Mahomed and Abdul Pawn Malay Princes and five attendants-
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9	10	178	

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…ary to Y. Govt

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To the Honble W. J. Van de Graaf Esqr.

Governor and Director of the Island of Ceylon with all its Dependencies &c. &c. and to the Gentlemen of the Council at Columbo—

Honble Sirs & Sirs.

Having resolved upon fitting out a Navab Armament from Bengal for protecting the Trade of India to the Eastward against the Depredations of the Enemy's Privateers, We flatter ourselves that, from a Consideration of the mutual Interests of our respective Governments the Directors of the Affairs of our Nation will adopt any Measures in their power that may promote these Objects— We have accordingly given advice of our Intentions to the Government General at Batavia acquainting them that the Armament was destined to pass through the Straits of Malacca, and, after reaching the Eastern Extremity thereof, to cruize off Barbasthill between that & the Island of Bintang—

We

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We flatter ourselves that this Communication may prove useful to You, in which view it is made, and that if any Intelligence respecting the Enemy's force in the Indian Seas should reach You, and an opportunity should occur of forwarding it by any of your own Ships proceeding to the Eastward, we have a reliance that you will attend to our Request that such of the Commander of any of his Britannic Majesty's Ships, it may be addressed to Commodore Mitchell, who has the Command of this particular Armament, and, as the Absence of a Dutch Interpreter on Board the English Squadron might defeat, for a time, the purposes of the Information, we beg, if practicable that an English Translation may be sent of any material Intelligence you may furnish-

We have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir &c &c

Your most obedient

humble Servants

(Signed by the Governor General in Council

A true Copy

C. Hay Sec'y pro tem

Fort William

22nd November 1793

The

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Minute thereon

The Board will pay strict attention to the Instructions conveyed in the foregoing Letter, in the Event of the arrival of a Squadron from Europe -

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite -

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Hon'ble Sir.

From Colonel Brathwaite transmitting a third letter from Colonel Nixon regarding the Southern Command recommends Captain Campbell, 78th Regiment for the Command of Vellum

I have the honor to lay before you, at the desire of Colonel Nixon, a Letter on the Subject of the Southern Command; having, on the occasion of his former Letter, expressed my Sentiments fully, I shall not now trouble you with any thing further.

I have the honor also to inform You that I am requested by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell to solicit you to Appoint Captain Campbell, eldest Captain of his Majesty's 78th Regiment to the Command of Vellum, now vacant by the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Skelly, who stands appointed to that Command by the Orders of Government; and, as I find that three Companies of that Regiment must necessarily remain at Vellum from

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from the want of Barracks at Tanjore, and as that Command has been hitherto a Command specifically appointed by Government, I beg leave to recommend that Captain Campbell may be nominated to it.

I have the honor to be with Respect.

Military Head Quarters
Madras 2th Decmber 1793

Colo
John Braithwaite

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President & Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Hble Sir.

Address of Colo Braithwaite in Reply to the Arguments used by Col Braithwaite for conferring the Southern Command upon Col Floyd

I feel expected, and am extremely sorry, to be under the necessity of troubling You, upon the Subject of an address from Colonel Braithwaite, the Commanding Officer of the Army to your Hble Board, under date the 2d Instant intended, as he informs, to disprove the Opinions contained in my last Letter upon the Subject of the Southern Command, and therefore the Idea that my Rights are injured by the Recommendation of Colonel Floyd to succeed thereto. I am obliged, therefore, to trouble Your

Hble

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Hôble Board with a few lines on the matter
thus before You; and adverting to the manner in
which the Commander of the Army has thought
proper to consider my Application upon the
occasion, which was not brought forward as an
opinion to be established or refuted, but, as I thought,
a plain appeal to your Justice.

I have certainly looked upon the
Recommendation of Colonel Floyd to that Station
as an innovation; being, as I believe, the only
instance since the System was adopted in March
1787 of allotting the Division Commands, accord-
-ing to Seniority, to the principal Officers: and I
shall trust to the liberal Construction of both Your
Board and the Commander of the Army not to
consider me as having stated the Case improperly,
or of having gone too far to serve myself. I sub-
-mitted my pretentions to your Consideration
upon the Ground of what had been the usage
of the Service since the Troops were formed into
Division Commands at the period above stated.
beyond which I have said nothing that can be
construed

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construed to extend — The Appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Bridges was only temporary, the Army being in the Field — Your own Records will prove the nomination of Colonel Bence to the Southern Command, and the removal of Colonel Bridges to Vellore in 1809 as soon as the situation of affairs could admit of the principal Commands being established, according to the former Routine of the Service —

Under such Considerations, and the Situation in which I shall be placed, I presumed to lay before you my pretentions, previous to the adoption of a Measure as an Act of Government, which would bear so hard upon me, in every point of View; as both the Northern and Southern Commands would be then held by Officers junior to myself —

There beg leave to remark, that, as far as I can judge of my own Expressions, I have stated no Opinion regarding an Established Rule in the Service, the only one on this Head that I know of, which is not variable, is that the Appointment to Commands rests with that Government

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Government which, from long habits of Obedience,
I have been taught to Respect, and never to trench
upon — I hope it will be admitted that these Nomi=
=nations have been usually made under the up
Considerations on which my pretentions are
founded; and it is upon such Grounds only that
I have presumed to submit the Matter to Your
Serious Notice —

I neither meant, nor expressed, any
narrow-minded Consideration relative to the exclusion
of His Majesty's Officers to Commands in general;
but, on the contrary, had I understood that Colonel
Collins, of the Company's Service, had been
proposed to the Southern Command, my Applic=
=ation must have been the same, upon a knowing
to the Situation in which I should have been
placed upon his succeeding to it — The comparative
Situation of His Majesty's and Company's
Officers serving in India was by no means
within my view, at the time of my former
address to your Honble Board and Colonel
Brathwaite; but, as he has made that a part
of the

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of the Communication on the present occasion.
I take leave to state that I always understood it
to be the Idea of the Marquis Cornwallis that the
depriving the Company's Colonels of their
Regiments was not of much Consequence, as
they were in the Situation of being considered
as so many General Officers to be appointed
to the Superior Commands -

If however we are to be deprived
of such Commands while we are not open to
the same advantages as his Majesty's Officers,
by being placed at the Head of Regiments,
our Situation will be humiliating and
distressful in every point of Consideration &
valuable to the Soldier, who looks for the means
of returning to his Native Country as well as
to the honor of serving it abroad -

Colonel Braithwaite having honored
me with a Copy of his Representation to Your
Honble Board upon the Subject of my Address
has encouraged Me to lay before You with
equal

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equal Candour this short explanation of the
Grounds on which I feel myself sanctioned
to put in my Claim for the Southern Command;
and to add that it was by no means my
Intention, nor will it be found, I imagine, that
I have so expressed myself as to dispute the Right
of the Commanding Officer to recommend, or
Government to select and Appoint, being too well
informed of the Rules observed in these Cases: it
is nevertheless natural for me to prefer my Claim,
and to hope that it will be admitted upon the
same Grounds which appear to have generally
guided the Nomination to Division Commands.

I have the honor to be,

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&c &c &c
Eccles Nixon
Colonel

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Governor in Council

From Lt Braithwaite explaining his Meaning by the Article of Capitulation which provides for sending the Europeans of the Garrison of Pondicherry to Europe Requests Leave

Hon'ble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your Commands, contained in two
Letters

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Lieutenant Harrison may be sent home in charge of them—

Letters from Mr. Secretary Jackson under date the 27th Instant. I have communicated to Lieutenant-Colonel Baird of His Majesty's 71st Regiment, and to Captain Watts on the Invalid List of the Corps Establishment, your Resolutions in regard to their Applications—

By the terms granted to the Garrison of Pondicherry, it was my Meaning to signify that the Europeans of that Garrison should not be sent to the French Islands, I said to Europe in preference to England, as it left a greater latitude to Government; the time allowed by me was so short, that no explanation or further discussion took place; the terms I dictated were sent in to the Garrison between three and four in the Morning, and the place was surrendered at eight. They are undoubtedly Prisoners of War, and the terms admit of their being sent to any part of Europe, but I believe they are convinced that they will not be delivered up as a Sacrifice to an unsettled Government in France, but remain as Prisoners of War in some part of the British

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British Dominions in Europe, under the
British Protection, till they can be returned
to France with Security to their Persons. The
major part of the Officers fear, I believe the ill
resentment of a Republican Government. The major
Part of the Men that of re-established Monarchy.
This I have understood since the place was delivered
up to me, and the language I have held was
that, I was convinced that all Parties as Prisoners
of War might rely with confidence on humane
and liberal treatment, and continued Security to
their Persons, provided they behaved Well, and
I have always understood that their expectation
and hope was, that they should be sent to
England, and that they understood the terms
as only meant to preclude them from any
Claim to remain in India or be sent to the
French Islands—

I cannot conclude this letter
without Soliciting a favor of you, Honble Sir,
in behalf of a very Meritorious and very
unfortunate Officer; I mean Lieutenant Samson
my

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my Aid du Camp - This Officer has long labourd
under a very severe Indisposition, from which
he has greatly recovered, and is, by the favorable
Weather we have at this Season, gaining ground
so fast, that the Doctors have no doubt of his
doing very well if he could be pushed off to
Europe before the Hot Weather returns; but his
Circumstances are such as present Ruin to
him, if in search of Health, he resigns the
only Means of living. It will therefore afford me
the greatest Satisfaction if you can send him
Home in charge of such of the French Prisoners
as you have it now in Contemplation to send.
By Character, and the humanity of his
Disposition, no Man is better qualified for
such a trust; and the Doctors assure me, that,
provided he can Embark before the Hot Weather,
there is no doubt of his returning Health. If it
is your Intention to send any person in this
charge, I trust his pretensions are good, and I
shall consider it as a Mark of Attention to myself

Have

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Military Head
Quarters. Madras
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Respect.

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Respect
Sir &c.
signed John Braithwaite

Minute

Agreed that Captain Alexander
Campbell be appointed to the Command of the
Troops at Vellore—

Agreed that Colonel Braithwaite's
explanation of the Articles of Capitulation for the
Surrender of Pondicherry be communicated to the
Governor General in Council—

It would have afforded the Board
much pleasure to have complied with Colonel
Braithwaite's request, regarding Lieutenant Samson,
if it had been judged prudent to send any
considerable Number of the French Prisoners to
Europe at once. But the object is to embark them
in small Parties as opportunities offer, and under
the immediate Charge of the Commanders of
the Ships on which they are sent—

Read the following Proceedings
of the Hospital Board—

Hospital

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From Hospital Board the Hospital at Ellore requires repair - Allowance for Medical Expenditure there insufficient. The Head Surgeon wishes to reside in general at Masulipatam. Letter from him ordered. Mr Spalding's proposal for the latter Station. Mr Flemming to act with the Detachment Batt.n vice Thompson & Mr Ponton for the Black Town & Gaile. Mr Todd requests Batta. Mr Gahagan States his Calls at Nurse -

The necessary Orders have been given to the Military Board on this Subject -

The President in Council has resolved that the Surgeon at Ellore shall be permitted to draw twenty Pagodas 20/ per Month for Medical Expenditure. The Military Auditor General has been advised of this Resolution -

Hospital Board
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The Hospital Board have the honor to lay before Government Copies of Letters received from Mr Adderton under date the 16th and 19th Instant -

The necessity of repairing the Hospital at Ellore is so fully stated by Mr. Adderton in his Letter (No 1) that we hope Government will find it expedient to give speedy orders for that purpose -

The representation (No 2) of the inadequacy of the Allowance for Medical expenditure at Ellore is deserving of Attention, and we recommend it to the favorable Consideration of Government

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As it is absolutely necessary that the Head Surgeon in the Circars should visit the Ellore Hospital daily. the Application of Mr. Adderton, to make Masulipatam his place of general Residence cannot be complied with—

Approved—

Government.

With respect to the Subject of Mr. Adderton's Letter of the 19th Instant, we can only submit it to the decision of the Honble the President in Council. Should the Suggestion contained therein be adopted, it will not be necessary to make any alteration in the disposal of the Medical Stores. If Government are still of Opinion that a full Surgeon should be appointed to the Garrison of Masulipatam, as communicated in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of 24th Instant. we recommend that Mr. Spalding, the Senior Assistant, be promoted and appointed to that place

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Approved

place—

We recommend that Mr. Fleming, Surgeon, be appointed to act with the Ellore Regiment until the Sentence of the Court Martial on Mr. Thompson be known; and that Mr. Porter be directed to do the duty of the Black Town & Jails during Mr. Fleming's Absence

A Letter has been received from Mr. William Todd, Assistant Surgeon to the 1st Native Battalion, representing that since the Arrival of the Nazeed Committee at Ellore, two of the Members have laboured under very severe Illness; that he had been under the necessity of Visiting their

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them at the distance of 4 several Miles twice or thrice daily; and that he in consequence incurred an additional Expense for conveyances, and for which he hopes some allowance will be granted him—

The Board are of opinion that Mr. Todd should be allowed to draw Batta during the time those Gentlemen required his Attendance—

Our Secretary having communicated to Mr. Gahagan the Minute of the Hon'ble the President in Council upon his late Application for leave to visit the Presidency, he has addressed another Letter to the Board explaining the

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the nature of this business
A Copy of which we have
the honor to enclose for
the Information of
Government—

James Anderson
Physician general
Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon
W. Raine
1st Head Surgeon

To James Anderson Esqre
Physician General, President &c. Members of the
1st Hospital Board

Gentlemen

In consequence of the orders of
Government of the 4th Instant I lost no time in
repairing hither, for the purpose of making some
necessary enquiries, to their being more speedily
carried into Effect— and have to Submit to your
Consideration the following Remarks, requesting
You

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You will do me the honor to forward a Copy of my Letter, to the Honble the Governor in Council -

The Hospital of Ellore, appears to have originally built in a very ineligible Spot, from Motives of Necessity perhaps, and at present is in a State of almost total disrepair. Insecure with respect to the confinement of the Sick, and not Weather-proof. The flooring so much broken up and destroyed, as to preclude a possibility of cleanliness being preserved, and the Walls black and gloomy - The outrooms, by which I would be understood Cook rooms and Necessaries, so contiguous to the body of the Hospital, as to be an almost constant nuisance. To build a new Hospital, for many Reasons, may not be expedient, but to repair, improve and alter the present one, I presume to recommend, as essentially may indispensibly necessary, to the comfort and recovery of the Sick, and to the Safety of the Healthy within the Fort.

The Hospital this day contains 13/4 Patients of the 4th Battalion, as pr. Return of Surgeon Thompson

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Thompson, which I have the honor to enclose-
The Season of Disease however having, in general,
abated, I trust this List will decrease daily, and
should Government be pleased to order the
necessary repairs to One Division of the Hospital,
by keeping some of the Slighter cases in a seperate
part of the Barracks, ought contain the remaining
Sick, whilst the Workmen were employed upon
the other Division. With a conviction of the
utility of the above, I shall anxiously hope to
hear of its being quickly adopted-

Concluding it to be the intention
of Government, when they direct my residence
in future to be at Ellore, that the Medical Stores
should also be moved hither, more particularly
as of the whole quantity allotted to the Northern
Division, nearly one third part has hitherto
been allotted to the 4th Battalion; under this
conclusion, I have inspected a Store Room formerly
appropriated to keeping Grain, which, with a
very little expence will excellently answer the
purpose, and am authorised by Mr Taylor
Paymaster

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Paymaster and Storekeeper, to say that it is at present unoccupied, and can be spared for this purpose.

The dispatch of the annual Supply of Medicine to the different Stations will take place in the course of this Month, which, with other indispensible Duties will occasion me to be much at Masulipatam, and it may possibly be the 15th of January, before I can finally settle here; in the mean time, your President &c. may be assured that no Measures shall be omitted on my part, that can in any respect tend to promote the good of the Service, conformably to the orders of Government.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) J. Anderson
Med Surgeon

A true Copy
V. Conolly
Secy Med Bd

Store
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To James Anderson Esqr
Physician General, President &c. Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

Having

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Having already addressed you at large under this date, my obtruding a second time, upon your various and necessary avocations may require apology, and I have Rarely to offer my reluctance, to blend matter of private concerns, with what I consider as public advantage —

In the order of the 6. instant of Government has been pleased to Establish Ellore as a Head Surgeony; but in the allotment for Medical Disbursement for the Cantonment, has allowed only Two Pagodas to be drawn Monthly, whilst at Stations held by Surgeons only, Twenty five Pagodas are allowed — I trust when I express myself anxious, that such a distinction should be done away; I will have Credit, for being influenced by Motives very different from the consideration of the pecuniary difference, of fifteen Pagodas. Although I am ready to demonstrate, that the absolute expence at Ellore, is equal to Masulipatam and Stations where twenty five are allowed —

A professional Man, attaining the Rank of Head Surgeon, if he deserves that Rank

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Rank, must inspire confidence whenever the practices,
must be employed, and that Employment is expence
it is not in the hour of disease and distress, that the
Quality or Corps, of a Patient is to be adverted to, and
the prescription sent, to this or that, Regimental
Surgeon; "if a consideration very superior to
such an Idea, does not influence the Physician
have Mercy Heaven on the Patient."

At Masulipatam I drew as my
Predecessors had done, 25 Pagodas for Medical &
expenditure, and for Writers and Servants for the
general Dispensary 33. 7 in all 58. 7 it would be
the utmost of my Wish, to transfer the charge,
with the employ. from Masulipatam to Ellore-

Should my pretensions appear
well founded, and meet with your Recommendation
to Government, which I trust they will, I shall
have a consolation whatever decision may be passed
upon them— I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Ellore
16 December 1793

Signed/ J. Adderton
Head Surgeon

A true Copy
D. Conolly
Secty W. Bd.

To

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To James Anderson Esqre

Physician General, President &c. Members of the

Hospital Board.

Gentlemen.

The Orders of Government of the 4th Instant, directing my future Residence to be at Ellore, I have to request your immediate Instruction regarding the Hospital of this place, for which no Provision appears to have been made, and if it is to be delivered over to Mr. Mackie, Assistant Surgeon of the 12th Battalion, the only professional Man on the Settlement. The Contract ceases the 31st of this Month, there will be expence and inconvenience in carrying on the necessary Duty, even for a few days of January: and I humbly beg leave to suggest, that no time should be lost, in directing how, and by whom, it is in future to be conducted.

A Subject of equal importance, and upon which I also solicit your earliest instructions, is the Stores for this Division of the Establishment at present under my Charge. I will conclude it to be the intention of Government that