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Dec. 1822

To His Highness Maha Rajah Sirfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

Having been informed by your Highness that the Correctness of your Highnesses account Current with the Honorable Company for the official Year 1820. 21. is admitted. I have the Honor to send to your Highness an official Copy of the Account, together with a Copy of the Statement of Tanjore Revenue for the same period, on which the Account is founded, and an Estimate of Tanjore Revenue for the official Year 1822.

I beg the favour of your Highness to acknowledge the Receipt of the papers enumerated above.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses most obedient
humble Servant
Signed/ W.m Blackburne

Chetoobavo
21.st May 1822

To Lieutenant Colonel W. Blackburne

Resident of Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 21st Instant, enclosing Copy of my Account Current with the Honorable Company for the official Year 1820-21. together with a Copy of the Statement of Tanjore Revenue and an Estimate of Tanjore Revenue for the official Year 1821-22.

I request you will be pleased to accept of my best Thanks for the same.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Sirfojee Rajah

Tanjore
23d May 1822.

My Dear Sir Cheloobara 24th May 1822.

I have the pleasure to enclose for the perusal of your Highness a Note which I have addressed to the Widow of Nanah Sahib

Judgement of your Highness. If your Highness think that any good Effect however slight may be produced by it, I should be much obliged to your Highness to cause a Mahratta Translation of it to be made, and to send the Note and Translation to my Vackeel who will forward them to Vencatraw nelegeh, or carry them himself and read them to the Widow, if your Highness shall approve of that mode with a view to a stronger Impression on her mind.

If your Highness think that the Note will do no good, it may be destroyed or returned to me.

I have the Honor to transmit herewith a passport which has been desired by your Highness of the place called Savety Nuggar, of which I confess my Ignorance, be within the Limits of the Government at Fort St George, the passport which is sent may suffice, but I would rather recommend a printed passport if there be time enough to receive it

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses most obedt humble Servt
(signed) W. Blackburne

The Resident at Tanjore presents his Compliments to the Widow of Amah Saheb.

The Resident has received several Letters and three enclosures who have been sent to him by the Widow of Amah Saheb and has acknowledged all of them through the Medium of the Serishtadar inspecting the last.

The Resident regrets that the advice, asked he has repeatedly prefect upon the attention of the Widow by the express order of the Honorable the Governor has been unattended to, and that the Widow persists in placing her confidence in men whose sole object because it is their interest is to keep her at variance with her protector and Benefactor His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore.

His Highness being returned to his Govt has resumed the Management of his own affairs and the Resident has resigned into His Highnesses Hands the authority which was entrusted to him. In future the Widow must address herself to His Highness alone, on every point which may be interesting to her.

The Resident

Honorable the Governor his earnest advice to the Widow to dismiss those evil Counsellors above alluded to, and to place her whole confidence in the Rajah, whose Kindness has been conspicuously shewn to her. Ingratitude is an odious Vice, and the Widow will be guilty of it, if she make not the return of attachment and obedience for the great benefits she enjoys.

The Widow may be entirely assured that the Honorable the Governor will never cease to disapprove of any Residence to the just and paternal authority of His Highness the Rajah.

The care of the person of Tuccojee Saheb will be with the Widow. The care of Tuccojee Saheb's property, during his Minority must be with His Highness, and the person appointed by His Highness to that charge must be obeyed and respected by all the Branches of the Family.

The Family of the late Amah Saheb may be most happy under the fostering Wing of the Rajah; If they are not so, the Widow and her evil Counsellors will justly bear the Blame.

(signed) W Blackburne

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 24th Instant, giving me to a Passport requested for, and I beg you to accept of my best acknowledgements for that Communication

The Place Negarem, I beg leave to say, is within the Limits of Madras Government and at 4 or 5 Days March the seat of Tinjelly, and the Residence of a Zemendar who paid me great attentions in passing and repassing through his Country, which is almost rocky, surrounded with Hills

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed Thrupaya Nayak

Tanjore
25th May 1822

My Dear Sir,

Cuttalam 26th May 1822

In full Confidence that your Highness would readily accede to my Recommendation & make some proposed present to

Rupees, I gave to that Gentleman, on his Departure from Tanjore, a Bill on England for four hundred pounds Sterling, on account of your Highness, and have now the pleasure to enclose Captain Michael's Receipt for that Sum. Your Highnesses Liberality went beyond my Expectation, and paid into my Office four thousand Rupees instead of three thousand five hundred which I advanced to Captain Michael, and in full Confidence that the Court of Directors will entirely approve of the present, I have remitted to Capt Michael the Balance which is due to him, viz five hundred Rupees, and desired him to send to your Highness direct his Receipt for that Sum.

I believe I informed your Highness that Captain Michael and his Family were at the Cape of Good Hope in perfect Health on the 12th of March, and expected to proceed on the Voyage to St Helena and England in two or three Days.

Having had occasion to write to Mr Lushington on some Boundary Disputes between Pondicherry and Tinchonopoly, I enquired, as a Matter of Curiosity,

where Sir Edward Baynes obtained his knowledge of what
passed on your Highnesses visit to Bengal From Mr
Lashingtons answer which I send for the information
of your Highness of your Highness, it appears that he
entertained the same erroneous opinion that I did, and
which as it was erroneous, I am sorry that I communi-
cated your Highness. This caution was unnecessary,
but could not in any event do harm.

I have not yet received any public Letter on
the subject of your Highnesses proposed visit to Sir Thomas
Munro, and no longer delay sending for the perusal
of your Highness Sir T. Letter on the occasion your High-
ness may shew it in confidence to Mr. Macleod only, to
whom it may be some guide in his conversation with
the Governor at Madras. No Copy of the Letter will of
course be retained

If your Highness shall continue to reserve the
Vault which I have always recommended and still recom-
mend as of Matter of the first importance to your Highness
I will be answerable to Your Highness that it shall take
place on the first Convenient

, or Letter.

I have a Copy but no English Translation of
the persian Letter to your Highness from the Marquess
Hastings, in which His Lordships promise to your
Highness, regarding your Son is conformed. Mr. K.
Lord probably will have no objection to make a Trans-
lation of the Letter from your Highness.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble
Servant
Signed / Blackburne

P.S. I find that Captain Muckels Receipt is
in the Hands of the Caithkeeper whom I have desired
to send it to your Highness.

Farukhabad May 22d 1812

My Dear Sir

I had yesterday the pleasure of receiving
the Receipt of your kind Letter. I am very much obliged
to You for your assistance, regarding the Tobacco Seed.

It

It would give me the greatest possible pleasure to accept your kind Invitation to Chatoobara but I regret to say that at present I cannot possibly quit Tricknopoly I am now busy in concluding the Jamabondy and my Yearly Report add to which the abolition of the Sayer and consequent increase of European Delegation is almost intolerable

With respect to the Information obtained by Sir Edwd Barnet relative to His Highness's Visit to Bengal. I can give you no certain Information but I think he acquires it prior to his Visit to Trichinopoly he mentioned having had an Interview with the Rajah on the Coast and it is I think possible that he might then have ascertained the Sentiments of His Highness upon the subject

I have again sent to the Conchadar to expedite his operations but the Natives are generally as unusual to dispatch as Latin is Remedy

I beg you will make my Compliments to Mrs Blackburne and believe

My Dear Sir

I have been favored with your obliging Letter of 20th Instant, and I offer you my sincerest Thanks for the perusal of those Letters which it enclosed, and also for all your kind expressions contained therein.

The good Intelligence of the Health of Captain Michael and his Family, and of their safe arrival at the Cape of good Hope, has given unmixed pleasure, and I wish that they may have a pleasant Voyage and safe return home.

Agreeably to your Request I have not retained a Copy of Sir Thomas Munroe's Letter, and have shewn it in confidence to Mr Macleod who as well as me is much gratified with its contents.

Doctor Macleod is very unwell and much confined to his Bed, that I beg leave to defer transmitting a Translation of Lord Hastings Letter which I had received. I have the Honor to return the Enclosures.

and to be

My Dear Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Sevajee Rajah

Tanjore
20th May 1822

To His Highness

Maharayah Serfojee

Rayah of

Tanjore

I have the Honor to transmit for the perusal of your Highness a Letter from the Chief Secretary to Government expressing the Request of the Honorable the Governor not being able to receive the Honor of your Highnesses Visit at the early period proposed by your Highness.

Although the unavoidable postponement of the Visit may give some concern to Your Highness, You will not fail I am persuaded to receive much gratification from the Sentiments of cordial Friendship and high Regard for Your Highness which are manifested in the Letter.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
Most obedient humble
Servant
[Signed] R. Blackburne

Chetoor Camp
31st May 1822

Political Department

To

Lieutenant Colonel W. Blackburne

Resident at
Tanjore

Sir,

1 I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 27th Ultimo; and to desire that you will convey to His Highness the Rajah the Congratulations of the Honorable the Governor in Council upon the occasion of his re-entering the Province of Tanjore, and upon the approaching termination of his Pilgrimage.

2 The Honorable the Governor has felt exceedingly gratified by His Highness's determination, so immediately upon his return to Tanjore from Ramiseram, and without allowing himself any repose after the fatigues of his long Journey, again to encounter the inconveniences of travelling in prosecution of his intention to visit this Presidency. The Honorable the Governor is flattered by this mark of the Rajah's attention; but not possessing to proceed on a tour of the Northern Circars

in the course of the next Month, the present arrangements of the Honorable the Governor will not admit conveniently of his receiving His Highness with all the Honours due to so distinguished a Visitor. The Honorable the Governor could therefore wish that the Rajah of Tanjore might make it convenient to postpone his Journey to Madras to a future period when the Honour of His Highness Visit will not fail to afford the Honorable the Governor the highest gratification.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) C.A. Bird
Chief Secretary

Fort St. George
10th May 1822

Lt. Col. Blackburne
Resident

Aberdeen
21st May 1822

My Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to return the Elephant which your Highness was so obliging as to lend me and beg leave to offer my thanks to your Highness

I should have kept him until my Return to Tanjore, if I was not afraid that the weight

without being desired, which she took up ten days ago, and which appears to gain strength daily.

The Bengal Keputs will treat her of this Torch without difficulty I doubt not. I have had many pleasant Rides upon her.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) W. Blackburne

To Lieutenant Colonel Wm. Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge your Letter of 21st Instant and beg you to accept of my Acknowledgements for the perusal of the accompanied Government Chief Secretary's Letter to You, which I beg leave to return herewith.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Sirfojee Rajah

Tanjore
22d June 1822

My Dear Sir,

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of 31st Ultimo and am glad to learn that you take pleasure in your Riding on Elephant the one I left with you is inclined to some sort of vice, and so became unfit for present use. I took the liberty of sending another in his Room as well trained and the Bengal Servant which I request you will be pleased to accept.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
2d June 1822

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident of Tanjore

I have the Honor to enclose for your Information and acceptance Copies of my and my Vakeels answers to the Letter addressed to me by Koefod the Danish Governor of Tranquebar regarding my use of Elephants from the Colonnade of pillars also my Letter

Tanjore
2d June 1822

being elevated to the Seat of the late Governor.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
your most obedient humble
Servant
(Signed) Serfojee Rajah

Cottobava 2d June 1822.

My Dear Sir,

Having mentioned to Sir Thomas Munro that Your Highness established several years ago, and actually support, ed on Tanjore a Semenary or College for the education of the young men of your Court, Sir Thomas has desired to have some detailed Information on the Subject, such as the studies pursued, the Number and Description of the Teachers, Salaries, Num, ber of Students and regulation regarding attendance &c &c.

This Institution originates in the spontaneous benebolence of your Highness and will reflect Credit upon Your Highness whenever it shall be known.

I shall be extremely obliged to Your High, ness to enable me to satisfy the Enquiries of the Governor by affording me such Information on the subject as may appear to be proper to your Highness.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses most obedient
humble Servant
Signed / W Blackburne

My Dear Sir,

Cottobava
4th June 1822

I had the Honor this morning to receive your Highness Letter of the 2d Instant and soon after the Elephant arrived I beg leave to offer to Your Highness my best thanks for the obliging mark of your attention.

I avail myself of this opportunity to acknowledge also with thanks the Receipt of the Letter from the Chief Secretary and of the Copies of two Letters from Your Highness and Your Highnesses Minister to the Governor of Tranquebar.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obliged humble
Servant
Signed / W Blackburne

To Lieutenant Colonel H. Blackburne

Resident of Tanjore

I have the Honor to enclose herein two Letters addressed by me to the Most Noble the Governor General and to the Honorable the Governor of Fort St George and I beg you to forward them to the Honorable the Governor with a Request to dispatch the first to address. A Copy of them I beg leave to enclose for your Information and acceptance.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed Serfoji Rajah

Tanjore
6th June 1822

To His Highness

Maha Rajah Sirfojee

Rajah of Tanjore

I have had the Honor to receive your Highnesses

Letter of the 6th Instant, accompanied by two sealed Letters

which I have forwarded to the Honorable the Governor

agreeably to the Desire of your Highness

I have the Honor to acknowledge also with

thanks the Receipt of the Copies of two Letters.

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Your Highness most obed.t humb.le Serv.t

(signed) W Blackburne

Chittoor

6th June 1822

My Dear Sir

Cheltenham 11th June 1822

I take the Liberty of mentioning to your Highness some small Errors in your Highnesses last Letter to the Governor of Sierra Leone. They were not of importance enough to induce me to alter the Original of the Letter but your Highness I think will be glad to have them pointed out with a view to the future.

The proper English Direction to the Governor continues the same as that which I formerly made to Your Highness and is as follows

To the Honorable
Major General Sir Thomas Munro K.C.B.
Governor
&c &c &c
Fort St George

In the Direction of your Highnesses Letter Sir Thomas Munro is titled Excellency and the Surname of the Governor is misspelled being Munroe instead of Munro. In the body of the Letter Sir Thomas is also titled Excellency &c.

I have

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Memorandum regarding the Widow of Nanah Sahel

and have returned them to him, and now transmit to

Your Highness a Letter from the Widow which arrived

yesterday. If the strong measures of which she speaks

have been adopted I heartily wish them success. I shall

take no Notice whatever of these Letters unless Your

Highness should be of Opinion that any Interposition

of mine may contribute to effect the laudable object

which your Highness has in view, in which Event

I shall be most ready and willing to do whatever may

appear to be most advisable, either by speaking to

the Widow, sending a Message, or writing to her. If

if Your Highness should wish it, I should be very

glad to wait on your Highness in person and hear

your Sentiments. The state of Mrs Blackburne's

Health makes it necessary for her to reside some time

longer at the sea side, but I shall have much pleasure

in waiting on your Highness when and as fre-

quently

careful to give no countenance to them whatsever, and if it
be true that certain of them have been prohibited from pas-
sing the Punk, I desire that you will refuse entirely to
have any more communication directly or indirectly
with them. While they are greatly under the Rajah's
Displeasure let it be known that they are under the dis-
pleasure of the Government also.

Why did not you inform me of the Punk Ceremony
I doubt whether it has taken place from your silence

Do not fail to repeat to the Rajah whenever you
have an opportunity that I am ready to meet any suggestion
of His Highness if any thing should occur to him wherein
I can contribute to the support of his measures

(signed) W. Blackburne

Chatoobava
10th June 1822.

Shew this Letter to the Rajah and say,
any further Instruction which he may give or write
to me daily (signed) W. Blackburne.

This Letter has been presented to
His Highness Chatarya to day
& Sowba Naik on the 11th
June 1822. ———

My Dear Sir

In answer to yours of the 2? Instant which I have duly received and for which I beg you'll accept of my acknowledgments. I have the Honor enclose herein a Memorandum giving accounts & details as possible of the Colleges in all parts which the Honorable the Governor as well as you are noticed in your Letter above mentioned.

I have the Honor &c &c
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Serfoji Rajah

Tanjore
12th June 1822

A detailed Account of the present state of the Colleges at the Capital of Tanjore and at Mooctambapoor chuttrum which His Highness the Maha Rajah of Tanjore has been pleased to establish for the Education of young men. 12th June 1822.

Colleges	Tanjore				Hours of reading		Mooctambapoor 16				Hours of reading	
		Students						Students				
	Teachers	First Class	Second Class	Total of Students	Morning	Evening	Teachers	First Class	Second Class	Total of Students	Morning	Evening
English	1	1	2	3	3	1½	1	4	70	74	4	4
Marattah	1	"	5	5	4	4	1	17	16	33	4	4
Persian	1	1	"	1	3	3	1	11	24	35	4	3
Malabar	1	4	"	4	3	3	1	120	55	175	4	4
Gentoo	1	"	3	3	2	2	1	52	8	60	4	4
Rock Vedah	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	5	5	4	3
Kizoor Vedah	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	8	12	20	4	3
Sama vedah	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	2	7	9	4	3
Cooklah Kizoor	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	3	3	6	4	3
Wyakurnah	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	5	6	4	3
Turka	2	1	"	1	"	4	1	14	5	19	4	3
Meemamsa	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	3	3	6	4	3
Sawgamallaga alengaram	1	"	"	"	"	"	1	5	9	14	4	3
Vedandah	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	1	4	3
Sadanah	1	"	2	2	"	0½	1	"	"	"	"	"
Sevantha	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"
For drawing	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
For Tamul	1	1	"	1	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total	11	8	12	20			15	243	221	464		

Monthly Expense of the Colleges

	Salary for Teachers		For Boarding		For Clothing		Salary for Establishment		For Medicine		Total		
	Chuckrums	Fanams	Chuckrums	Fanams	Chuckrums	Fanams	Chuckrums	Fanams	Chuckrums	Fanams	Chuckrums	Fanams	
Tanjore	100.	4 3/4	54	5/8	1.	"	"	"	"	"	155.	5	
Mooctambapoor	108.	9	424.	9 1/8	3.	"	12.	"	2	"	550	8 1/8	706. 2 1/8 or

Madras Rupees 1098. 12. 8.

Annual Expense — — Madras Rupees 13185. 8. "

My Dear Sir

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 10th Instant and the Letter of the Widow of Sanad Sahib to you which is inclosed, and I return you many thanks for the same

I feel myself much obliged for the Correction you have been pleased to give in the order of the address of the Honorable the Governor

Regarding the Letter of the Widow of Sanad Sahib you have been pleased to give me no notice of them unless I think that Your Interposition will contribute to effect the good object I have in view.

Your being thus disposed to meet my Wish claims my Acknowledgements, and Thanks, and I beg leave to say that as I get all the good by your kind offices both in matters of consequence, and of trivial Nature, so I expect that Your Interference in this present Instance may also entirely root out the Pallies and obstinacies of the Widow. To effect which you addressing her once more, as I think above

and I trust to bring them to a proper sense. But if the Reverse was proved to be the case i.e. Your Letter not inducing her, as it ought to have done to reform her conduct, You may then act as it shall seem to you proper either by writing, sending message, or by speaking to them in person, and in convincing to her her Errors. Thus whatever you shall do then will be a step like to the arrangement I made for their good.

I have the Honor to return the Marratah Letters addressed to you by the Widow of Sanad Sahib

Having understood that the state of Mrs Blackburne's Health makes it advisable to prolong your stay still at the sea side I pray the Almighty to restore her to her former health, and to give her many joyful Days I hope I shall have the Pleasure of seeing her in a few Days in good Health at the Place.

I have already sent on the 12th a Letter and

and a Memorandum on the subject of the Colleges.

I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

/Signed/ Sunjeea Rajah

Tanjore

14th June 1822

My Dear Sir,

Chittoor 15th June 1822

I have had the Honor to receive your Highness

Letter of the 12th Instant

with an account of the actual state

of the Institutions for Education founded by your Highness

at Tanjore and Mookhamba from Chittoor, and beg leave

to offer to your Highness my best Thanks for your obli-

-ging compliance with my Request

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Your Highnesses

most obliged and humble

Servant

/Signed/ W Blackburne

Received Tanjore

on the 15th June 1822

My Dear Sir,

The motive

me by the Nezandey of my Pilgrimage, which I beg leave

to recommend to your Notice.

As the Impediment in cutting Reeds for

my Elephants may occasionally occur, I will be

much obliged to you to desire J Cotton Esqr the Col-

lector of Tanjore that he may be pleased to issue

such a strict order to the Taliaars that can pre-

vent the further occurrance of similar nature.

I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir

Your most obedient humble Servt

/Signed/ Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore

17th June 1822

[illegible]

My Dear Sir

I have written again to Nanah Sahibs Widow and take the liberty of enclosing my Letter for the Perusal of your Highness. A Marratta Translation, should I think accompany it, but there is no one, in my office capable of making it, and I must know myself in consequence, on the Kindness of your Highness for me

I beg the Favour of my Letter to be sent to the Widow through the Sunnyer Vencatrow Nelgud or to be carried to her, if your Highness think proper, by Lowba nany, and read to her by him and explained and my Sentiments and Advice enforced by him.

We shall rejoice to see your Highness Engagements

I have the Honor &c
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble

Cheltenham
17th June 1799

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The President is not less astonished than chagrined at the contents of the Last Letters from the Widow of Nanah Sahib, shewing a perseverance in highly improper conduct which can be followed by nothing but Distress and Ruin to the adopted Son, and all the Dependants of Nanah Sahib, unless it be speedily abandoned.

From a sincere wish for the peace and prosperity of Nanah Sahibs Family, and from an openess that the improper secret shewn in the Letters of the Widow proceeds entirely from the interested Instigations of the evil Counsellors, who seek in her dissension with His Highness the Rajah, their own profit alone, the President will again offer his advice, and if the Widow persists in rejecting it, she alone will be responsible for the Consequences.

It is not less the Right than the Duty of His Highness the Rajah to appoint a person to the administration of the affairs of the adopted Son of Nanah Sahib during his Menority, and it is the

bounden Duty of the whole family to respect and pay that
person as the Manager and if any of the Family are guil-
ty of Disrespect or Disobedience to him they are greatly
liable to punishment the Introduction by the Rajah
therefore of the Eunuchs on to the Palace to restrain
Servants quality of Disobedience is not merely a pre-
text but is also a most barefaced premeditated artifice
on the hope of their Amendment and from an earnest
desire to deserve
banish them from Tanjore which they continued
contumacy must bring upon them

The Governor has mention the Resident
Inclination to interpose between the Widow and the
Rajah. The Resident is certain that he will do
the contrary. He has spoke highly of the Conduct of
the Widow as he has frequently already displeased
of it; and in consequence of the connection the Resident
in the name of the Governor as well as his own, wished
the Widow to a cordial
respectfull

is certain that if his advice is followed, the Widow and a few
Months will have abundant cause to rejoice, and
her Son will have cause to bless her instead of imputing
to her his Ruin.

Chetoobavo

17th June 1822

My Dear Sir

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 17th
Instant giving Cover to another from you to the Widow of the
Late Maraja Sarfoji. I return you thanks for your having
sent it to me; and shall agreeably to your Desire get the
Letter translated into Marattah and send the Translation
to Soorabanaig with a Desire to read the Letter, and ex-
plain your Sentiments to the Widow which I wish may
bring her to her full sense and Duty.

I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir

your most obedient humble

Servant

signed Sirfoji Rajah

Tanjore

18th June 1822

To

Lieutenant Colonel W.m Blackburne

Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to acquaint you that at the month also a Remittance of Sixty Six Thousand and five hundred Rupees was made to my Treasury from your offices and that all the Cash I have received during my Peregrinage from the Government of the Honorable Company have been paid to the close of the last Month 1802 and in consequence no Balance was due by me to the Company I therefore request that no further Reduction may be made on the Monthly Remittance to me from the Honble the Company

I have the Honor &c &c

With great Respect

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Tanjore

24th June 1802

Signed Serfojee Rajah

To Lieutenant Colonel W.m Blackburne

Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to enclose herein for your information a Copy of the Letter from the Governor of Tranquebar to my Secretary and of the Secretary's Answer thereto which you will be pleased to accept.

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Tanjore

24th June 1802

Signed Serfojee Rajah

Chetoobava 25th June 1822

My Dear Sir,

I have the Honor to send for the perusal of your Highness the Answer of the Widow of Sanah Sahib to my last address to her.

also a Letter from Mr. Cotton on the subject of Forage for the Elephants.

As Captain Nicholls Letter from St Helena may give some entertainment to your Highness I have the Pleasure of sending it.

I have no Letter from Dr Macleod, for which I wait to transmit the Letters of Introduction to him.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect your Highness
most obedient humble
Servant
/signed/ W. Blackburne

To the President of Tanjore

Sir, I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your

Letter of the 19th Instant, and in reply to inform you that orders

shall be immediately sent to the Tasildars in the vicinity of Tanjore

to allow of Forage being provided for the Elephants of the Rajah's Es-

phants, wherever it may be done, without injury to the Banks

of

of the Person and recognizance of the Chetties

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Tanjore
Negapatam
22d June 1822

(signed) J. Cotton

This paper is to be returned to the Magistrate
with the Chetties Recognizance

Item for the Sirkele

The President has the Honor to send to the
Sirkele two Persons Celembon and Addikon the former pre-
sumed to be a Thief and the Letter the Receiver of the Stolen
Property and certain Examinations taken in the Magistrate
of Tanjore's Department with a Copy of a Letter from the
Assistant Magistrate to the President

As it appears from the Documents enclosed
to that the Theft in Question was committed within the Limits
of the exclusive Jurisdiction of His Highness the Rajah of
Tanjore the Sirkele is requested to receive the Prisoners and
grant a Receipt for them to the President

Chittoor
25th June 1822

To the President &c &c
&c

named Celembon and Addikon. The former the Thief the latter
the Receiver of the stolen Property of which a List is annexed.
with their Confession to the Police officer of Trevady by which
you will learn that Celembon purloined the Articles specified
within the Limits of the Port of Tanjore and sold them to
Addikon who purchased them from him knowing them to
be stolen.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) J. F. Prince

Assistant Magistrate

Negapatam
2 0th June 1822

Days more

I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir

Your most obed.t

humble Servant

Tanjore

27th June 1823

Signed Serfojee Rajah

To. His Highness

Maha Rajah Serfojee

Rajah of

Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of

two Letters from your Highness dated on the 24th Instant.

one accompanied by a Copy of Letters between your Highnesses

Sirkele and His Excellency the Governor of Trangueber; the

other desiring that the Reduced monthly Payments to your

Highness be discontinued.

I have addressed the Accountant General

and requested that the whole Payments to your Highness

be divided, as nearly as may be practicable, into equal

monthly Instalments, agreeably to the Arrangement which

was suggested by your Highness formerly, and which

received

being unfit for Exercise on an Elephant, in consequence
of heavy Rain. I have sent back the Elephant which
your Highness was so obliging as to allow me to use,
and beg leave to offer my Thanks to Your Highness.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) W. Blackburne

My Dear Sir

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of 29th Ultimo
and feel myself much obliged to You for your having reminded
me to send to Dr. Macleod my Letter of Introduction, and requested
Mr. Collon to comply with my Desire regarding the assistance
which the Provider of the Forage is in need of in procuring
the article.

I return with best Compliments Captain L-
Michaels Letter which I found is very entertaining

I have the honor to be
My Dear Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Dossoye Rayah

Tanjore
1st July 1822

received the approbation of the Honorable the Governor in
Council.

I beg leave to offer my Thanks to your Highness for the Copy of the Letters from and to Trangambar.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble
Servant
(signed) W. Blackburne

Chetoobaree
26th June 1822

My Dear Sir

Chetoobaree 27th June 1822

I have had the Honor this morning to receive
your Highnesses Letter of the 27th instant, and hasten to
inform your Highness that I have sent to the Rev. Mr. Meadley
my Letters of Introduction, and beg to recommend to your
Highness to do the same.

I will write to Mr. Collon regarding
the suggestion of your Highness to have a Number of Coolies
employed with the Foragers for the Elephants, and have
no doubt of his ready Compliance

may be the case with the Allowance and generally believe
by all your Friends are growing their last Complement

(signed) W. S.

My Dear Sir

Chittoor
28 July 1773

I have the Honor to send for the Perusal of your
Highness a Letter and its enclosures from Mr Cotton dated
on the 23 Instant. If your Highness shall be pleased to
comply with the Collectors Request I beg leave to recom-
mend that the Information which is desired be sent to me
in the Form of an Examination from the Cutcherie.

A Letter from Doctor Marshall received
yesterday informs me of his approaching Marriage and
indicates a wish to occupy the House taken for him by
Your Highness in the Mufeum Garden in which I have
acquiesced. He does not expect to reach Tanjore until
after the 20th Instant

Having been informed by Sir Thomas
Saunders that Your Highness observed to Dr Marshall
that you thought I had made [illegible]
Sir Thomas [illegible]

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Son in his alarming Illness. It seems to be necessary
that I explain more fully to your Highness what I
intended to state explicitly when I settled the Allowance
of a hundred Pagodas a month on Sir Thomas.

I have not with me the Copy of my
Letter to refer to, and have no Doubt that I must have
expressed my meaning less clearly than I intended.

At the period in Question it was probable
that Your Highnesses Return to Tanjore would be protracted
two years longer. Sir Thomas Saunders's attendance at the
Palace was constant and laborious; to remunerate him
by occasional presents involved considerations of particular
Delicacy, and the far preferable Plan of settling upon him
a moderate monthly Salary, and of leaving to your High-
ness entirely such additional Remuneration as particu-
lar Circumstances might appear to require, as your own
Liberality might suggest, was determined on and adopted
by me with the Concurrence of your Highnesses Govt
at Tanjore

Re

To The Resident of Tanjore

Sir

Para 1st A Person of the name of Sooheraya Pilly of Curruttankangoddy has given a proposal at my Cutcherry of 164,000 Rupees for the Privelage of collecting the established Government Duties on Betel and Tobacco in this District for the ensuing Fusly 1232 and in the Person and property of Kallangee Gaudey Row Saheb, by his Vakeel Dallayee Sundaraw has tendered Security for the due fulfilment of his engagements; the Tukalabnamah produced by Dallayee Sunderaw I enclose in which is specified the Property of Kallangee Gaudey Row, and as the Amount of Rent is very Considerable I request the favor of You to make a reference to the Cutcherry to ascertain for me the validity of this Document, and whether there are any encumbrances on the Estate that would in the event of any facture on the Part of the Renter it unmeasurable Sable.

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Schedule of the landed Property of Mallanjee Gandey Row Sahib specified in the Vahallonamah Granted by him to Sattagee Shinderow

Names of the Talab and Villages	Discription of Land	Extent of Land					
		Values	M	G			
Sowdy Talab							
Tripendoody	Nungah Suvvamanium	26	"	"			
Vaiyaloor	Nangah and Punjah Tonaypoo	15	"	"			
Goodaloor	Nungah &c	9	"	"			
Gadacoody	— &c — — — —	8	"	"	58	"	"
Cupanaicum Talab							
Vermacoor	Nangah and Punjah Tonaypoo	9	"	"			
Verandaiellore	Nungah &c	8	10	"			
Colloor	— — &c — — — —	10	—	"	27	4	"
Manmargoody							
Sedattanellore	Nungah and Punjah Suvva manium — —	8	"	"	8	"	"
		Total —			93	10	"

Tanjore
Negapatam
22 January

E. C. F. Hand & Collon

My Dear Sir,

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 4th Instant. 32.
and the Letter of Mr. Cotton to you which it enclosed regarding the affair
of Mallargee Gaudday Row of which the Collector wants an Explan-
nation. I have directed my Servants to make every necessary enquiry
and give you a Report of the same in a Memorandeam which I
hope will be sent in the course of this Day or Tomorrow.

The Collectors Letter and all its enclosures on the
subject I do myself the Honor to return herewith.

I feel myself much obliged for your having in-
formed me of the approach of Dr. Macleod's Marriage, and of
his intention of reaching this about the middle of this month.
An information on the subject also has been given me by Dr.
Macleod.

I own my obligation I am under having you
taken the Trouble in giving me an Explanation on the subject
of a Remuneration proposed to be given to Sir Thomas for his
late and successful attendance on my Son in his late Ill-
ness I have ordered a Ladys Jewel to be purchased for
me from Madras. And as it proved to be altho being a great
value

My Dear Sir,

I beg leave to offer my thanks to your Highness
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for the Copy of your Highnesses Letter of Introduction of Lt.
Macleod to the Governor

I will place this Letter on the Records of my
office, as a pleasing proof of the favourable Sentiments of
your Highness of the public officer who attended your High-
ness on your arduous Journey from Benares

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) W Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

Chelavara
6th July 1799
Tanjore 7th Do Do

Chelavara
6th July 1799

My Dear Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive your Highnesses Letter
of yesterday promising some Information on the subject of Mr
Collins Request, and desiring my opinion regarding an extra-
ordinary

value most handsome enough I think to answer the purpose. I beg leave to request that you will be pleased to give your opinion on the subject on delivering over that which a sum of Money will be given under the Award.

I beg to be kindly remembered to Mrs Blackburne and to remain my Dear Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Tanjore
6th July 1799

inclusively to your Highness, be weakened.

If this Reasoning appear to be just to Your High-
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ness. You will be satisfied that I am influenced on this occasion
by the most Respectfull Consideration for the Reputation and
Dignity of your Highness.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
your Highnesses
most obedt humble Servant
(signed) W. Blackburne

Red Langore
7th July 1822.

Chedoobava
6th July 1822

My Dear Sir,

I have the Honor to send to your Highness a Copy
of a Letter from Mr Roberts the Sub Collector requesting your
Highnesses Palace at Combaconum for a Kutcherree.

I confess that I consider this Request to be
unreasonable, and shall not therefore recommend it to the favo-
rable Consideration of your Highness. To acquiesce in it
would be, most probably, to deprive Yourself of the Palace
for

ordinary present to the Thomas Lowder.

I am very much pleased with the manner in which your Highness has received my explanation on the subject of the Thomas Lowder, which I should not have presumed on any consideration to offer, if I had not been satisfied that your Highness's sense of Justice might operate prejudicially to that gentleman. He is justly dear to removed your Highness's breast know, will do honorable that this be done by the spontaneous Liberality of your Highness, rather than by any express Suggestion from another. I am very much satisfied that, on this occasion, your Highness's sentiments and mine will be found, when mutually communicated & corrected with great exactness. To your Highness as we must be the entire mind of every liberal and generous act which we may perform. If I were to offer a suggestion, it would be known by some means or other, sooner or later, and in the same degree that I might derive credit from it, would the Independance of those who

My Dear Sir.

I had the Honor to receive your three Letters bearing Date the 8th and feel much obliged to you for the same

The Present proposed to be given to Sir Thomas Semore for his attendance on my Son I will not come to any determination on, before I could see and talk with you on the subject.

The Request of the Assistant Collector to occupy the Palace at Combeconum for his Cutcherry. I beg leave to say, that I cannot comply with, being it only the Building I have at that Town for my own occasional use. I therefore beg to be excused for.

I beg to offer my best Acknowledgements for your kind advice given me on the above subject and to assure you that I am much flattered and gratified by your delegent attention to upholds my Dignity.

I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir

your most obedient

humble Servant

(signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore

8th July 1822

for ever.

I shall wait for your Highnesses last word before I answer Mr Roberts Letter.

I have the Honor to be

With great respect

your Highnesses

most obedient humble Servant

(signed) W Cockburn

Resident

at Tanjore

Sir.

Having been given to understand that the Raja of His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore, situated on this Coast was formerly permitted to be occupied as a Cutcherry by the Revenue Department may I request you will afford me the above favor of your mediation in procuring me permission from His Highness for the Establishment under my authority, provided that you consider no objection exists towards such an Appropriation.

I have the

Tanjore Province
North East Coast
Cantonment
23 July 1822

Chittagong 9th July 1822

My Dear Sir

The Subah has sent to my office a Thief and some stolen property with a Statement from your Highness's Cutwall of the Circumstances of the Theft, and recommending that the parties be delivered up to me.

It appears that the Theft was committed on the Fort within the exclusive jurisdiction of your Highness, and entirely out of the Jurisdiction of the British Government under the existing Engagements with your Highness no British Court or Magistrate can take Cognizance of the Offence, which is referable to your Highness alone. It is of no consequence that the Thief and his Associates are subjects of the British Government. They are liable to your Highness's jurisdiction alone for offences committed within the Limits of your Authority as your Highness's Subjects are liable to the British Courts and Law for all offences committed within the British Jurisdiction.

I have, therefore, desired Captain Hardy to send back to the

beg leave to recommend that your Highness make Enquiries that the persons associated with the Thief in the Commission of the Theft, who may now be in Territory under the Authority of the Government, be delivered up to your Highness for Trial

I will with pleasure, if it be wished by your Highness, desire that the Cutwall of the Government may exert himself to the utmost in aid of your Highness's officers, and I will transmit to the Magistrate any information that may have been collected regarding the Disposal of the stolen Property within the Province under his authority

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
your Highness's
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

N.B. Received Tanjore 11th July 1822 accompanied by a Letter from Capt. Hardy, and with the Papers &c

My Dear Sir

Captain Hardy sent me under Cover your Letter of the 9th Instant together with the Thief and stolen Property in which you have been pleased to advise me to make Enquiry of the Delivery of the Rest of the Thieves and the remainder of the stolen Property which might be found in the Jurisdiction of the

of the Honorable the Company.

I feel myself much obliged and beg you to use your influence with the Magistrate and the Company's Cutwal of the Place and to secure to me the assistance of the Company's Government to effect the apprehension of those who concerned themselves in the act of the theft and the Recovery of the rest of the stolen property

I have the Honorable
My Dear Sir
Your most obedt humble
Servant
Reynd Tufnell Royal

My Dear Sir
Confidential
Chittoor
12th July 1822

I have the Honor to send for the information of your Highness a Packet from the Chief Secretary to Government It arrived yesterday and is accompanied by a Letter from the Governor to your Highness on the two subjects of your Highnesses address to the Governor-General

There is no Letter for your Highness from the Marquess Hastings in answer to that which you addressed to His Excellency

transmitted to the Governor at Madras a Copy of your Highnesses Letter, and desired Sir Thos Munro to make such communication to your Highness on the subject as he might think proper. I am, I confess, greatly surprised at this and shall entertain doubts of the extent of the Marquesses promise until I obtain an exact Translation of the Persian Letter.

I cannot relinquish my firm conviction that every Promise of our present Governor General would be punctiliously fulfilled unless indeed some fortunately unforseen or extraordinary Circumstances intervened to justify a suspension of, or departure from the performance.

Sir Thomas Munros declaration of his opinion in favor of His Highness Serfoji Rajah is quite satisfactory and is all that can be expected from him, as the question can only be determined ultimately and definitively by the Superior Authorities of our Government.

I enclose herewith a public Letter to Your Highness which I beg the favor of your Highness to receive with the Letter from Sir Thomas Munro, provided this mode of receiving this Letter be that which your Highness

Highness may prefer. If on the other hand your Highness beg the opinion which I entertain, that a more public Reception of the Letter accompanied by Demonstrations of Satisfaction at the success of your Wishes in regard to Tanjore be desirable I request your Highness to return the Governors Letter which I will in that event present to your Highness in person under any form of Respect which may be agreeable to your Highness

I have the honor to be
with great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obed.t humble
Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

To His Highness
Sahe Rajah Serfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to transmit to your Highness Letters from the Honorable the Vice Admiral which arrived yesterday and beg leave to offer my Congratulations to your Highness on the highly satisfactory Declaration of the Governor in Regard to the Highness's long cherished

(Chelootsava
Rec.d Tanjore
11th Sept.r

Political Department
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To Lieutenant Colonel W. Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

Para 1. With reference to your Letter of the 29th January last, and its enclosures, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that the accompanying Packet may be delivered to His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore.

2. A Copy of it is transmitted for your information, and referring to the Rajah's complaint of Carbab Seng, I am to desire that you will report for the Information of the Honorable the Governor in Council the particular Distinctions which he is stated to have assumed taking the proper steps to correct any encroachment upon His Highnesses prerogative which you shall find that undeservedly to have assumed.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) Ed. Wood
Chief Secretary

Fort St. George
21st June 1802

To His Highness

The Rajah of Tanjore

The most Noble the Governor General having
remitted to me, for such Communication to your Highness as
I might deem proper, a translated Copy of your Letter to
His Lordship dated the 14th January last Copy of which
was enclosed in your Letter to me of the same date, which
I have now the Honor to acknowledge.

Your Highness took occasion on that ad-
dress to convey to the Governor General the explanation of
your anxious Wishes, relative to your being succeeded
by your Son on the Musnud of Tanjore, and also
long to Purchase long Leases of the Years claimed
certain Distinctions, which you claimed for your
prerogatives, you request that the Resident may
receive Instructions to forbid him the use of them.
and that all Doubt may be at once removed regar-
ding the Title of your Son to the eventual Succession
to the Raj.

I have directed a Communication to be made to Lieut
Colonel Blackburne regarding the Assumption ascribed to
Portaubling and he will be reminded of the Necessity of fore-
going any distinctions which shall be found to be inconsis-
tent with his Situation and Pretensions —

With respect to the other object of your Solicitude,
I can have no hesitation in assuring your Highness that I
consider your Son to possess such claims as cannot fail,
upon your Demise (which God forbid) to secure his eleva-
tion to the Raj of Tanjore, and his quiet and undisputed
succession to the Rank and Possessions now enjoyed by your
Highness.

What can I say more?

Fort St George
21st June 1802

Signed / T. Munro

A true Copy

(signed) Edr Wood
Chief Secretary

(signed) Wm Godfrey
Esr

My Dear Sir Provost

I have much pleasure in acknowledging your favour of the 10th Instant, and I cannot sufficiently thank you for the kind communication.

The Governor's letter I have the Honor to return and request that it may be delivered Some in such way as was suggested by you.

The next opportunity I shall have the pleasure of seeing you at Salaweesi will be when I shall have convenient opportunity of talking on the subject contained therein.

I have the Honor to return all the Enclosures of your Letter and also your confidential one and to remain

My Dear Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(signed) Sufaya Rajah

Sarjore

12th July 1822

PS All the Enclosures

Chebobara 17th July 1822

Sourabinash

My Letter of yesterday will have authorized you to make any Remonstrances or admonitions to the Widow of Nanah Sait which the Rajah might think advisable with a view to save herself and Family and Child from the Mischief which she is bringing upon them. Tell her also from me decisively that if she abandon the Protection of the Rajah she can have no Subsistence, and will not have any favour from the Governor. Explain this fully to her in person, and have at least two witnesses to what you say. Be particular on this point.

In regard to the Question of allowing her to quit the Palace, it is for the Rajah to determine. It is a Relation of the Reigning Family and a Female, involving Considerations interesting to His Highness only; and on which no third person can pretend to decide.

I certainly shall have great Reason to rejoice when she is out of the Palace and Province, but I would not, and I am persuaded also that the Rajah would not

not take advantage of her present Rashness and Folly in
allow her to precipitate herself and Family into Disgrace
and Poverty. Every means of Exhortation, friendly ad-
monition, and advice should be used on the present occasion
and if they all fail, and of, after a Reasonable Time,
is given for the present Effervescence to subside, she
shall continue to be obstinately bent on quitting
the Palace where her Husband lives and died, I should
let her go, for to detain her beyond the period stated would
be to imprison her. Explain this to the Rajah and show
this Note to His Highness.

I return the Warrant. Let it be executed
fully and without any delay

/signed/ W Blackburne

Fort St. George
Aug. 1st 1822

My Dear Sir,

Confidential

The accompanying Letter will give you to under-
stand that I have no more a Soldier's Pay having just
obtained all the Cash I

and that to the Month of may and june last a Sum of Forty
thousand Rupees is due to me from the Company. My Cor-
has on account of the reduced Remittances it used to receive
since several Months had undergone great Difficulties &
in consequence was obliged to contract many Debts
at Madras. You will therefore highly oblige me by
causing a Remittance of 25 thousand Rupees be con-
veyed as was usual and a Sum of 20 thousand Rupees
be paid from the above Sum due to me and the remain-
der 20 thousand be added to the ensuing Remittance of
52 thousand.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient humble
Servant
/signed/ Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
19th July 1822

My Dear Sir,

In my letter of 24th June last I have had the
Honor to acquaint you that all the Cash I had received during
my Pilgrimage have been paid to the close of the last
April

April and to request that no further Reduction be made
on the Monthly Remittances to me from the Honorable Compa-
ny - but to this time that as since that Date no addition
to Appears having been made thereto I request you will
be pleased to request the Honorable the Governor and
cause a Sum of Twenty Thousand Rupees be paid for
the Arrears due to me on that account from the
Honorable the Company & the Same of Rupees
Sixty Three and Eight Annas on clearance of the
Debt I have contracted in the Interval with the
Honble.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obed.t humble
Servant
(signed) Thomas Raffles

Tanjore
19th July 1822.

Chelsea
9th July 1822

My Dear Sir

(Our Parcel being arrived - Mrs Blackburne
I propose to proceed this Evening - and shall be
ready as Genl

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to arrive at Tanjore on the 21st Instant, after which Day
Mrs Blackburne will be happy to take the earliest opportu-
nity of waiting upon Her Highness the Rice Sahib, which
shall be convenient to Her Highness.

In reference to a subject of our Conversation
when I had the Honor to see your Highness at Shalawanay
patam on the 15th Instant, I shall be glad to see any of
your Highnesses confidential Servants for half an Hour
on the morning of the 21st if your Highness will allow
him to call upon me.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect your Highnesses
Most obedient humble
Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
Received 20th July 22

My Dear Sir.

I have the Honor to acknowledge your Letter of
the 19th Instant advising me of your return from Cheltoobava.

The Honor Mrs Blackburne proposed to do my
Lady in visiting her is much obliged and She with all her
children

Children are happy to receive her at any time or on the morning
of the 22d provided it entirely suits the convenience of Mrs Kirkpatrick
herself.

Scott was proposed by you some one of my
Confidential Servants will be ready to wait upon you on
the morning of the 21st

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient humble
Servant
(signed) Serfoji Raja

Tanjore
20th July 1822

To the Resident with His Highness the Rajah's
Compliments
Tanjore

The Magistrate of Trichinopoly having been
requested to cause the attendance at this Court of the two persons
described in the enclosed Memorandum (whose evidence is required
in a case of Murder under reference to Tanjore) and
last reports that they have proceeded to Tanjore; on the assumption
of their being resident within the Fort I have the Honor
to beg that you will

as possible.

I have the Honor to be
Sir 43
your most obedient Servant
(signed) C. Powney
Ch. Judge

Zillah
Combeconum
19th July 1822

Sent with no Letter from the Resident
on the 22d July 1822

To the Resident at
Tanjore

Sir,

Para 1st I have been duly favoured with your Letter of the 7th Inst
with an enclosed Memorandum received from His Highness the Rajah
in which it is stated that Mullargee Gaundey Row had declined
becoming Security for the payment of the Rents of the Betel and
Tabacco Duties for which Sooberaya Pilly had given proposals at
My Cutcherry

2 Dullagee Sinde Row his Vakeel, however, I must beg
leave to observe, had not withstanding my caution and advice
to beware of the consequences, and as of his Master had fully
considered them, previously executed and witnessed all the Muchul
kahs necessary and usual on the Settlement of these Rents, so that no
option was left with Mullargee Gaundey Row to decline afterwards

Consideration, knowing him to be a Man of no Property and having myself no Confidence whatever in him, and I cannot but consider Mallargee Gunday Row, even with the Sacrifice of the 500 Rupees for Stampt Papers, very fortunate, in having escaped, from the Difficulties and trouble that would doubtless have attended him in patronizing such a Character

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
[signed] J Hilton
Collector.

Kuvelore
19th July 1822

Rec'd 22nd Sept. without Letter.

[illegible]

300 [illegible]

150 [illegible]
150 [illegible]
300

200 [illegible]
100 [illegible]
100 [illegible]
200

Respectfully, but as I was on meeting at my bathing tent
town using with his knowledge to take the Stamps without any
Government. Has no objections to meet what appeared to be
Rajah's wishes, and considering his engagements by his Vakeel
cancelled to conclude the Rent with this other person which has
accordingly done.

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In this transaction however as far as the
Langee Gunday Row has been concerned, I have been satisfied
to stand to the value of 100 Rupees, as will appear
by the enclosed Memorandum in Marathi, and attested
necessarily account for the amount. Which both Parties
and Security by his Vakeel, engaged to pay annual on
these occasions. Hoot you will be good enough to inform
Influence through His Highness the Rajah in causing the ba
to be enrolled to my Treasury, when the Vakeel there made and
Bonds executed shall all be returned to Mallargee Gunday Row

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It was only I saw upon you from the
Respectability of the Security, that I took bond
for the Payment of the Rents

Being desirous to get it well translated I requested Mr. Macleod for it and regret to find that he is not able to comply with as all his things and the man who is to assist him in doing it are still on the Road not coming yet. I therefore request you to excuse me for the present. I hope to send the Translation in the course of three or four days at most.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient humble
Servant
(signed) Sirfojee Rajah

Tanjore
25th July 1822.

To the Resident at Tanjore

Sir.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 15th Instant. forwarding a Paper from His Highness the Rajah on the Subject of the Demand made against Mannoojee Gauday Now His Highnesses Hilladar for arrears of Revenue due by him to the Circar; and I beg

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My Dear Sir

Tanjore 25th July 1822

I beg to present you your Highness's Letter for me, if it can be done without much inconvenience, in exact Translation into the Mahratta Language of the Persian Letter to your Highness from the Marquess Hastings mentioning the appointment of Dr. Macleod to attend your Highness.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obd.t humble Servant
(signed) MMacleod

My Dear Sir

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the Date desiring to have a Translation of the Persian Letter the appointment

Tanjore 21st July 1822

My Dear Sir,

I had the Honor to receive in due time your Highnesses Letter of the 19th instant and have addressed a Letter in consequence to the Chief Secretary to the Government and have no doubt that an arrangement regarding the Matter referred to in that Letter will be made entirely to the Satisfaction of your Highness.

I shall wait for the Translation which your Highness has been so obliging as to promise. a Reference to the Letter in Question being quite essential to the success of the Representation which I am impatient to make

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
Most obed.t humb.e Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore 27th July 1822

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to send another Letter from the Widow

Madam of Sarah Sold for the Reward of your Highness

Commanding the magnificent Monument here

To testify my Regard and Protection as well as Your Highness

and Protection and Duty which she owes to your Highness

to whom her shameful Negotiations are not Less odious

than unforgiving. I am determined to have no further

Intercourse with her and to Order the Interpreter

Commanded by the Government, and although I cannot

refuse to receive his Letters and Messages which

always be communicated by your Highness Council

give me other answers to those than through Interpreter

refer him of the case. Chamberlain of Your Highness

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect Your Highness

most obedient humble

Servant

Tangore 28th July 1822.

My Dear Sir. 50

I have the Honor to send to your Highness a Receipt for the Price of the Property which your Highness has so obligingly consented to purchase from me.

There is much inconvenience always and commonly so much loss attending the Disposal of any extensive and various property which has been the accumulation of long succession of Years, that I consider this purchase as a very important accommodation to me on the Part of your Highness, and beg leave to offer to your Highness in consequence my gratefull acknowledgements.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses most
obedient humble
Servant
Signed J Blackburne.

I has the Honor to return your Letter of the 28th with the Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore which I conducted and I regret to observe in the latter not only the ingratitude but also the insufferable Lyes and Falsehoods with which it is filled.

I cannot sufficiently thank you for the communication and for all your kind trouble in this affair which I beg leave to say will ever oblige me highly and sincerely.

I have the Honor to return the Drawings and to be My dear Sir
Your most
Tanjore
27th July 1822

Extract from the Highness the Rajah Serfoyee Rajah of Tanjore, the sum of Star Pagodas nineteen thousand four Hundred six fanams for one Bungalow Offices Garden and Furniture at Chetoobon, my House and Garden near Vallon yon Chantry at Tanjore. My Furniture of every Description in the House occupied at Tanjore, my Library of Books, Chronometer Glass Plate, Drawing Books, Musical Instruments and Books, Liquor Horses and Carriages.

In short every article of every Description which shall be left at my Departure from Tanjore. The whole of which, as enumerated generally above, is sold to His Highness the Rajah, an absolute property, for the Sum above mentioned.

Tanjore
28th July 1822

[Signed] H Blackburne

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Confidential

My Dear Sir

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If it be convenient to you, I shall do myself the Honor of calling upon you at House Tomorrow morning at 10 to talk with you confidentially on the subjects on which I am desirous to have some Intercourse with.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
[Signed] Serfoyee Rajah

Tanjore
28th July 1822

Tanjore 28th July 1822

My Dear Sir

Mrs Blackburne and I shall be very glad to see your Highness at our House as often as can be convenient to your Highness during the Remainder of our abode at Tanjore, and shall be happy to see your Highness Tomorrow; but as there are subjects of interest to converse upon, your Highness and I should be less liable

Tanjore 2d August 1822

My Dear Sir

I am still waiting for the Translation of the Letter. The Length of my Silence would appear extraordinary to the Governor if I had not an important Subject to discuss. Does not your Highness intend to write to Sir Thomas Munro in answer to his Letter. It appears to me to be proper and necessary that you should write a few Lines at the least, expressive of the Satisfaction of your Highness in general Terms and referring to me for a more particular Explanation of your Sentiments.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect your Highness
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) WBlackburne

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liable to Interruption if your Highness would permit me to wait upon you at the Palace.

In either case I shall be happy to receive your Highness

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highness most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) WBlackburne

My Dear Sir,

As it is your opinion that we shall be in the course of our Conversation this Day liable to be interrupted at the Palace I have at your Time shall be very happy to receive you here this morning at 12 provided the Hour entirely suits your Convenience.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) WBlackburne

Tanjore
29th July 1822

Tanjore 2d August 1779

My Dear Sir

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Doctor Mailer has given me a rough Translation of the Letter which I mentioned to your Highness. It has no other meaning than Civility. All other meaning is carefully guarded against. I will with your Highnesses permission wait upon you tomorrow, and receive your Commands, and recommend that your Highnesses Letter to the Governor be postponed one Day.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect, your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
Signed W Blackburne

To Lieutenant Colonel W. Blackburne
President of Tanjore

I have the Honor to enclose herein a Letter addressed by me to the Honorable the Governor of Fort St George

and

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to enclose herein a draft of a Letter which I propose to write to the Honorable the Governor in Council, for the purpose of your submitting the Subject contained in it to their consideration, and to your receiving their Orders thereon, which I shall

Mavis 1st August 1822

Dear Sir,

Although I have not the pleasure of being personally known to you, I doubt not that you will pardon the Liberty I take in preferring the following request.

I have seen in England the companion of the excellent Portrait of my Father which was taken by Sir Jos Reynolds for the Rajah of Tanjore, and not having been able to procure a good miniature of my Father - one which has lately been sent to me being a very bad likeness. I am extremely desirous of having a miniature painted by an able native Moochee from the Rajahs Portrait.

I imagen that you will find no difficulty in obtaining His Highness acquiescence in his request from the son of a valued Friend of His and yours: and I shall cheerfully accede to any Terms which you may have the kindness to make with a really good Moochee.

I wish merely for the Bust that Rajah is as I believe a whole length: and from what I have seen of native Paintings

To His Highness

Maha Rajah Serfoyee

Rajah of Tanjore

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I have the Honor to send to your Highness a Letter, with Enclosures, from Mr Cotton, the Principal Collector, in which he requests the Favor of a Statement of the Schools in the Fort and Districts under the Authority of your Highness, according to Forms which have been transmitted to him by the order of the Governor.

I beg the favor of your Highness to comply with the Request of the Principal Collector, and to return to me the Letter, after perusal, retaining of your Highness think proper, the Copies of Forms which accompany them.

Having understood that it is the wish of your Highness to receive into your Service an European who accompanied You from Negpore to Tanjore. I beg the favor of your Highness to cause such Memorandums concerning the Individual to be sent to me, as may appear to Your Highness

to cause similar returns to be made and transmitted to me of the Schools and Collages, that are established in the Fort of Tanjore and in his Villages in the District. 56

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) J Cotton. P.C

Tanjore
Trivlore
6th August 1829

Revenue Department

To the Principal Collector of
Tanjore

Sir,

Para. 1st I am directed by the Board of Revenue to trans-
mit to you the accompanying copy of a Letter with its Encls.
From the Secretary to Government in the Revenue
to Government Department, and to desire that you will submit the
2nd July 1828. required information together with a Statement in the
with Enclosure prescribed form at your earliest convenience

2d In calling for the information from the diffe-
rent parts of your Collectorate you will cause your
public Servants clearly to understand, and to make known
to the

to the Inhabitants of the Country for the information of the Board
the Governor, to whom I did it with pleasure communicate
the wishes of your Highness on the subject which
may be pleased to signify them.

I have the Honor &c
(signed) J Cotton. P.C

Tanjore
8th August
1829

To the President
Tanjore

Sir,

I have the Honor to transmit Copy of a Letter and
of the Enclosure I have received from the Board of Revenue
and Copies of the Forms of Statements. I propose with
to the Sanction to obtain the information required and
request the favour of you to make a Communication to
His Highness the Rajah on the subject, and to make such
comply with his wishes

to the People that no interference with the Schools or other
many Gentlemen will be given to fraudulent Persons
to restore any funds which may appear to have been taken
from their original purpose.

Fort St George
25th July 1822
Despatches 8th August 1822

From
To
Fort St George
Dated 25th July 1822
Despatches 8th August 1822

No 439

To the President and Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

1st Para. 1st Para. I am directed to state that it is considered by the Honorable the Governor in Council to be an object of interest and of importance to obtain as accurate information as may be procurable with regard to the actual state of education throughout the Country and to devise that the several Collectors may be required to furnish such

accompanying form. Besides reporting the number of
Schools in which reading and writing are taught the
number of Scholars in each and the castes to which
they belong, the Collectors should state the time which
Scholars usually continue at School, the monthly or
yearly charge to the Scholars, whether any of the Schools
are endowed by the Public and in such cases the nature
and amount of the fund when there are colleges or other
Institutions for teaching Theology, Law, Astronomy &c.
an account of them should be given. These sciences are usually taught
privately to a few scholars or Disciples by individuals without any
fee or reward but there are also some instances in which the
Native Governments have granted allowances in money and land
for the maintenance of the Teachers.

2d Although generally Education is confined to
particular castes and is not extended to females, yet as there are
No 1 expectations, which in certain districts may be numerous,
the accompanying Form is adapted to include them.

3d

Statement of the Number of Schools for teaching established in the Parish of Canongate.

| Number of Schools | Name of Schools | Name of the School Master | Date of the School Master's Appointment | Number of Scholars taught in the School | Number of Scholars taught gratis | Number of Scholars taught for Quarterly Payments | Number of Scholars taught by the Month | Number of Scholars taught by the Week | Number of Scholars taught by the Day | Number of Scholars taught by Private Tuition | Number of Scholars taught by Public Tuition | Number of Scholars taught by Private and Public Tuition | Number of Scholars taught by Private and Public Tuition and Gratis | Number of Scholars taught by Private and Public Tuition and Gratis and Quarterly Payments | Number of Scholars taught by Private and Public Tuition and Gratis and Quarterly Payments and Monthly Payments | Number of Scholars taught by Private and Public Tuition and Gratis and Quarterly Payments and Monthly Payments and Weekly Payments | Number of Scholars taught by Private and Public Tuition and Gratis and Quarterly 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Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburn

Resident of Nagpur

I have the honor to request that you will be
pleased from the Honorable the Governor the selection of the
Surgeon for Frances Jacob the Medical Assistant
who was during my Pilgrimage to Benares and back em-
ployed by a former Letter addressed by me to yourself
If Frances Jacob the Honorable the Governor should be
pleased my request would be complied with of the said Frances
Jacobs Conduct continues to merit my approbation the time
of my Pilgrimage

As I should be sorry to solicit the favour
of the Honorable the Governor for a person not deserving of
Surgeon Jacob to ask the interposition of his munificent
Qualifications and have the Honor to enclose a Copy of my
Letter to them and his original answer thank for your favour
and Information of the Honorable the Governor

of the good conduct and attention of Frances Jacob during the part
of my Pilgrimage previous to Mr Suttons death and prior to my
being joined at Benares by Dr Mackeet

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I have great hope that your Endeavours
would not fail to induce the Honorable the Governor to accede
to my Request and your informing me that he has done so
will very much oblige me

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most Obedient humble
Servant
Signed Surfoyee Rajah

To
William Cammalyne Mackeet
Staff Surgeon

Sir. As it is my Desire to recompensate by some mark of my
Consideration and Kindness the Labour of the Medical Assistant
Frances Jacob who has been ordered to attend me with the late
Doctor Sutton on my Pilgrimage to Benares and as I feel it
also my Duty to bring his professional Zeal & Zealous and inde-
fatigable attendance on me to the favourable notice of the

9th August 1822.

Honorable the Governor by way of obtaining him Leave
and a Promotion as Sub Assistant Surgeon I request the
favour of you to let me know whether or not I stand
well Reputed or whether you judge him qualified for
the Promotion

I have the Honor &c &c
to
your most Obedient
Hegnd / his sign Rogd

Tanjore
6th August 1822

To His Highness
Maha Rajah Serfogee
Rajah of Tanjore
&c &c &c

Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
Highnesses Letter of the 6th Instant requesting your opinion
what I should inform your Highness whether or not Francis
is sufficiently qualified for the Situation of Sub Assistant
Surgeon what it is your Highnesses intention to do
on him from the Honorable the Governor as a mark of
approbation of his zealous services & I beg to assure
you Highness

I have the Honor to be
your Highnesses
most obedient humble
Servant
Hegnd / M Macleod

Tanjore
8th August 1822.

To His Highness
Maha Rajah Serfogee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your
Highnesses Letter of the 9th Instant with the Papers referred to
in it

I have the Honor to return the original Letter of
Doctor Macleod

I have transmitted to the Honorable the Governor
with much pleasure your Highnesses Recommend

of the Baboo Keefen Tannoo Saud

Have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Your most obed.t humble Servt

To Tanjore (signed) Sirfoojee Rajah

15th August 1822

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of the Letter of the 8th Instant giving Your Sanction to the Principal Collector of Tanjore having sent from the Revenue Department and to be required to Report as also all the Statement regarding the Institution and Arrangements of the Schools which with the said Copy and original Letter of Mr Cotton I have the Honor to return

In your Letter you desire me to comply with the Request of the Principal Collector and to send a Statement or Memorandum to be sent Concerning the Person who also came with me from Nagpur I beg to acquaint you that the man by name Tangoo Pundit is the sage a native

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of Tanjore for some time past he has been employed by various Persons and in various Capacities and has of late years earned his Bread by playing on the Highland Bag-pipes for which purpose I know such to entertain him. he found my Camp at Nagpoor where he has been employed by the Resident and Gentlemen of that place to play on the Pipes but wishing to better his Situation he wished to enter my Service. he is now old and very poor and has a wife and family to support. I therefore request that you will be pleased to obtain from the Honora-ble the Governor permission to reside here and to remain in my Service.

Regarding the Request of Mr Cotton the Principal Collector I regret to say I cannot comply at present My Servants are engaged in preparing the Statements required by him of the Schools and will not be able to get it finished for some days to come. A delay you will be pleased to excuse.

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

your most obed.t humble Servt

Tanjore (signed) Sirfoojee Rajah

15th August 1822

Tanjore 12th August 1822

My Dear Sir

In order to prevent any contrary Impressions exis-
ting hereafter of the Subjects of Conversation introduced by
your Highness this morning I think it necessary to advert to
them as shortly as possible, but with no Intention whatever of
making this Letter a matter of Record, unless Circumstances
beyond my Controll should compel me to do so.

Your Highness mentioned your Intention of visiting
Lady Sevestre, and enquired if there was any objection to it.
I could have no objection, and as your Highness had not
thought it necessary to consult me when you went to
visit Mrs Macleod and Mrs Rohlhoff: I also observed
that I was very glad that your Highness was determined
to visit Lady Sevestre that You ought to visit Mrs Hardy
also, that Mrs Hardy and Lady Sevestre were Wives
of Officers attached to the Residency, and had precedence
before Mrs Macleod and Mrs Rohlhoff and ought
to have been visited by your Highness before those
Ladies

cheerfull and general nature, with the exception of your Highnesses

obliging Consent to my Request for a House for the temporary accu-

pation of the Principal Collector

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Your Highnesses

most obedient humble Servant

Signed/ WBlackburne

P.S. Will your Highness excuse the Liberty I take in enclosing

for Your perusal a Letter and Memorandum from our excel-

lent Missionaries in the Hope that your Highness may be pleased

to extend your Benevolence to the suffering objects of their

Communication.

Signed/ WBB

Remark! The enclosed Papers were given on the 15th. to Mr Vengetta Row without taking Copy, to be delivered to the Resident.

Tanjore 15th August 1822

My Dear Sir,

I have heard with much satisfaction that Your

Highness proposes to visit the Ladies of the Residency tomorrow,

and having also heard that your Highness proposes to pay

Your

the advice you have been kind enough to give me therein, as
it has put me on my guard to prevent in time the possibility
of giving offence to the Gentlemen attached to the Residency
at a time when I intended to show them civility

I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore

15th August 1822

My Dear Sir

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 13th
and having returned the two enclosures regarding the un-
fortunate man of the Mission, yesterday by Venkatta Row
I beg now to send a Sum of one hundred and Fifty Rupees
and request that it may be given to that poor Creature

I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servt

(signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore

16th August 1822

your first Visit to Lady Hunter and the second to Mr Cas-
I beg to inform your Highness that Captain Blagrave
senior Officer attached to the Residency will be found at
the Fence and the Levy of the persons as of course entitled
expect the first visit from the Tanjore Rajah
You may avoid giving great offence when you are
entitled thereto

After the
Letter, your Highness may go to the Houses of either
differently, more or less frequently, as you please
without the least Danger of giving offence to either

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble
Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of
Your Letter of the 14th

subjects on which I was desirous of conversing with your High-
ness. I beg the favor of your Highness to consider them,
and to favor me with your Sentiments on them at any
time, not very distant, that may be convenient to your
Highness.

The first of the points alluded to is the modi-
fication of your Highnesses Cottage at Tanjore on
a plan which may render it extensively useful.
The other is a formal Arrangement for the recipro-
cal Receipt and Distribution of complimentary
Presents between your Highness and the Officers of
the British Government.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
Signed J Blackburne

Tanjore
30th August 1822

Tanjore 17th August 1822

My dear Sir

I have the Honor to receive your High-
Letter of yesterday, and a parcel containing a Lease
justly Rupees, and beg leave to offer my thanks to
Highness for the benevolent Relief to the Sufferers by
Fire.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
Signed J Blackburne

To
His Highness
Maharajah Serfoje
Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to request that your Highness
will be pleased to excuse me from wearing myself off
Highnesses permission to visit upon your business
I will take

To Lieutenant Colonel W Blackburne

President of Tanjore

My Son on his Return from your Gateway

Came an original Letter you received from the Shaphandy of

the Government on the subject of having given the Remains of

for the Usual Assistant Surgeon hard which Mr

Hever to enclose herein

By the Command of the same as I am desired

that you have also such a strong offer to make my

Request complied with that the Honorable the Governor

by you as he was very greatly pleased to accept my

which I express regarding the Mutual Assistant Surgeon

Jacob whom we hath the honour now to point Sir

being that recompenses and will rewarded you my

much gratified and beg to offer my grateful

and acknowledgements both of the Honorable the Gov

and to yourself

Political Department

To Lieutenant Colonel W Blackburne

President at Tanjore

Sir I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 10th Instant, and to state that the Honorable the Governor in Council has had great Satisfaction in meeting the wish expressed in the enclosure to your address from His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore. His Highness's Medical Assistant Francis Jacob is accordingly appointed a Sub Assistant Surgeon on the Establishment from the 1st of next Month.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) Ed Wood
Chief Secretary

Fort St George
23d August 1822

Ed Wm Jacob

My Dear Sir, The last time when the Principal Collector Mr Cotton came to this place I regretted much that owing to ill health I was prevented altogether from the Pleasure of seeing

which has occurred since the Termination of your Highnesses Negre-
-tiations, I have requested Mr. Cotton to invoke his assistants
Messrs. Ogilvie and Ashton to accompany him.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
Most obedient Humble
Servant
(Signed) W Blackburne

My Dear Sir

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of yesterday
and thank you much for your having invited Messrs. Ogilvie
and Ashton (whom I am happy also to receive) to accompany
Mr. Cotton the Principal Collector to the Palace on the Day
which may be most convenient to Yourself and Mr. Cotton.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Serfoje Rajah

Tanjore
1st September 1822.

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serves him. but at present as I feel nothing of that
I beg the favour of you to call upon me, and let
him know me. At the same time with a Chit whether
it may meet your convenience

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Serfoje Rajah

Tanjore
31st August 1822

My Dear Sir Tanjore 31st August 1822

I have received Mr. Cotton's Letter of your kind
invitation, and he has desired me to inform your Highness
that he shall have very great pleasure in waiting upon you on Tuesday
Wednesday next, and at any hour which may be conve-
nient to your Highness.

As this is the first opportunity of presenting
Compliments of the

other in preference to that of Mrs B and which I had believed
that Mrs B will find no fault with rather than attributing
it to my delicacy and respect towards her — but on contra
ry if I had erred through mistake and did an act which
might give offence when I intended nothing but Respect
I shall always be thankful to you to instruct me by
what way I may make any Reparation.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
1st September 1822

Tanjore 2d September 1822

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge your Highnesses two
Letters of Yesterday.

The Incevitties received from your Highness since
your Return from your Pilgrimage have not been complained of.
and it is not my Intention to complain of them at all to your
Highness

My Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that it is my

Intention to return Mr Cotton's visit tomorrow morning at 10 o'Clock

if convenient to you both and beg that you will intimate

my Intention to Mr Cotton

With great Respect

I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Tanjore (Signed) Sir Joyce Nagah

3d September 1822

My Dear Sir

Tanjore 3d September 1822

I have had the Honor to receive your Highnesses

Letter intimating your Desire to return Mr Cotton's Visit

tomorrow at 10 A.M. I shall be very glad to see your Highness

tomorrow for the purpose mentioned

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

your Highnesses most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) W.M. Blackburne

Highness. Some allusion to them to his Highness Serjeant Cox

became unavoidable in order to prevent the Recurrence of

Messages of Invitation from the Ladies of your Highness

Family which could not be accepted without

extremely displeasing to Mrs Blackburne by refusing

My permission to declare any further

Correspondence on the subject was accordingly by Letter of 30th

Highness to maintain the same Reserve upon it as you

did until I gave way to enemy

As your Highness has been pleased

to Mr Cotton the Time of the proposed visit that Gentleman

and his Assistants will have the Honor of being presented

to your Highness at 10 A.M. on the 3d Instant

I have the Honor to be

Your Highnesses

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident at Tanjore

I have the honor to enclose a Letter for the

Honorable the Governor and request of you to forward it to

it as soon as convenient. I have also the honor to enclose

a copy of my Letter to Doctor Macleod and of his answer back which

will show you the purport of my Letter to the Honorable the

Governor

As the Education of my Son being a matter

to my heart and as I could see no benefit of my continuing

further being enjoyed by the plan hitherto followed I

enclosed Letter requested the favour of you who has always

shown the greatest concern for the welfare and happiness

to use all your influence to get this my most fervent

request granted that you will be pleased

to enable me

Dr Macleods Reply to my proposal which I cannot and

have not well done in my Letter to him and which I know

you can do easily and more clearly. The Honorable

the Governor's Letter is sent with open seal.

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

your most obedient humble

Tanjore

Servant

3d September 1822

(signed) Serfojee Rajah

To

Dr Macleod Esqr M D

Sir

I fully regret of your intention of returning to

Bengal of which you acquainted me lately. I therefore beseech

to make a proposal to you with a view to induce you to re-

main longer. It is already well known to you that what

a great anxiety and concern I have of the Education of my

Son which unless being superintended constantly by a person

of your knowledge well I apprehend, prove to nothing

and

To His Highness Maha Rajah
Sirfojee Rajah of Tanjore
&c &c &c

Sir I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your
Highnesses Letter of this Days date and beg to return my
best thanks to your Highness for the kind expressions ~
towards myself contained in it.

I have every desire to meet your Highnesses
wishes regarding the proposal contained in your Letter
and will with very great pleasure undertake the Superin-
tendance of Sevajee Rajahs Education But as the period
in which your Highnesses views regarding your Son may
be accomplished is uncertain I beg leave to state to Your
Highness my unwillingness to give up the appointment
which I now hold in Bengal If the Government will
however continue the same indulgence towards me which

have hitherto had from the time of joining your Highness
at Benares: by allowing me to retain my Situation
at Lucknow and draw the allowances of that Situation
I can have no objections whatever to remain with your
Highness as long as my Services are required.

I have the Honor &c &c

Your Highness

Tanjore
23d September
1822

very obedient humble Servant
(signed) W Macleod

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to enclose herein a Letter for your
Information which I received yesterday from Sir Thomas Seweste
as also my answer thereto and which I beg leave to refer to your
Judgement

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir, your most obed.t
humble Servant
(signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
24th September 1822

I had considered myself the last person at Tanjore

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to have been treated with pointed incivility or rudeness

I have the Honor to be

With due Respect

Your Highnesses most obedient

Tanjore
3d Sept.r 1822

humble Servant

(signed) J Sevestre.

To Sir Thomas Sevestre

Surgeon attached to the Residency at
Tanjore

Sir. I had the Honor to receive your Letter of yesterday

expressing your dissatisfaction at your Reception at the Palace

and especially of your not having received the Flowers by my

own hands.

I too confess that I am much astonished at the

Communication because it shows as if you were believing

that I intended marked disrespect towards you. This gave me

great uneasiness as I have always endeavoured to show you

great Respect. It is always my wish to show the greatest

politeness

To His Highness Serfojee Maha Rajah
Rajah of Tanjore
&c &c &c

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Highnesses Letter of this days Date and beg leave to express myself fully satisfied by the conciliating manner in which your Highness has been pleased to remove every unpleasant impression that remained on my mind

I have the Honor to be
With due respect
your Highnesses most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) T Sevestre

Tanjore
September 4th
1822

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Highnesses Letter of this Date with an original Letter from Sir Thomas Sevestre Kt. P.C. complaining of disrespect to himself, and a Copy of your Highnesses answer, explanatory of

of the circumstance complained of. Your Highness is also to add that the papers are referred to my judgement.

I return the Letter from Lieutenant [illegible] a copy of which I retain, as well as the Copy of your Highness answer.

As this matter has been conducted without any Reference to me by your Highness during the time it has been under discussion, I trust I may be permitted to hope to obtain from offering my opinion on the occasion.

I have the Honor to be
Your Highnesses
most obedient Humble Servant
[signed] W.m Blackburne

Tanjore
4th September 1822

My Dear Sir

My Sirkeil acquainted me of what you had written regarding the Salary and Communal presents
the plan you proposed to be introduced for
Schools. I fully approve and intend to follow

ting fully my Desire - and you know what took place afterwards.

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but as you are now desirous to make an arrangement respecting it, I will have no objection whatever to it and shall do as shall be proposed by you.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient humble
Servant
[signed] Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
4th September 1822

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident of Tanjore

I have the Honor to acquaint you that there is a Sum due to me from the Honorable Company amounting thirty Thousand and some more Rupees of which I have already addressed your Honor requesting that a Sum of twenty thousand Rupees be ordered by the Government to be paid to the House of Messrs Arbuthnot and Co. in enabling it to execute some of my Commissions which I have occasioned to send to it now and then. The House having not received hitherto any

any Cash Loans forward that I shall have my Credit and the
necessary Confidence will be placed in my words.

Have the Honor my Dear Lord to subscribe myself
be pleased to Accept once more on the subject and give
order that the sum of Thirty Thousand Rupees (30000) be
paid to the Honorable Agency

I have the Honor to be
Tanjore
5th September 1822

Your most Devoted humble
Servant
Stg and Interpreter Regd

My Dear Sir Tanjore 5th September 1822

Your kind letter of this date appears to have removed the
Conception of my Explanation to your Highness Instructions
regarding the Collage at Tanjore. I did not propose any spe-
cific Plan, but merely requested the Assistance of the
Honorable Minister that your Highness Institution should be
made more extensively useful. If you condescend to

acceds to the wish of the Governor, I shall have much pleasure
in conveying the Information to him, and in requesting the
Favor of his Ideas and Views as the Basis of the Plan to be for-
med for new modelling the Institution. If your Highness
permit me to make this communication I have no doubt of
receiving a speedy and satisfactory answer.

I have the Honor to be
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble
Servant
Signed J Blackburne

To the President
at Tanjore

Sir,

I have been favoured with your Letter of the 23d
Ultimo, and having directed my native Superintendant of
Maharaumut to proceed to the spot and enquired into the Circum-
stances stated in the Memorandum you enclosed, I have the
Honor now to forward a Copy of his Report on the subject with
a plan of the situation of the two Villages, and of the Channels
belonging

belonging to them, both of subsidy and Sircharge, and with the
Compliments of appears to be an old work expeditiously and
put on the same stile as the roads are in Villages Entitled
mode, and there is a way of letting off the surplus Water for
Royal labour, without injury to either Village, the dispute
between the two, will I trust be set at rest, by adopting the
mode suggested, by which I am assured the water will run
a free discharge.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt humble Servt
Signed J Fraser Lt Col
2d Assistant of the Resident

Tanjore
Cuddalore
5th September 1822

To His Highness
Maharajah Serfoje
Rajah of
Tanjore

I have this Moment received your Highness
Letter of yesterday desiring me to make an application to
the Government for the loan of [illegible]

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Having, as your Highness has been informed,
addressed the Chief Secretary to Government twice on the advance
of a Sum of Money to the House of Arbuthnot and Co. Viz. on the
25th of July and on the 27th of August last, I am unwilling
to trouble him again on the subject, unless your Highness
shall consider it to be a Matter of Importance which ought
not to be dispenced with

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
Signed W. Blackburne

6th September 1822

To His Highness
Maharajah Serfoje Rajah
of Tanjore

I had the Honor to receive, in due time, your High-
nesses Letter of the 3d instant. I have this Day transmitted
to the Honorable the Governor your Highnesses Letter to him,
together with a Copy of the entire Dispatch of your Highness
to me.

I cannot have any doubt of the acquiescence of Sir Thomas Munro in the desire of your Highness that Sir Walter be returned at Tanjore as Tutor to your Son. But I am sorry to inform your Highness in answer to the last Paragraph of your Highnesses Letter to me, that I cannot with propriety offer any observation on the stipulation of Sir Walter regarding the Continuance of his allowances at Lucknow during the period of his Residence at Tanjore

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
[signed] M Blackburne

Tanjore
6th September 1822

To His Highness
Maharajah Serfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to transmit to your Highness
Copy of a Letter from the Commissioner of Tanjore to
the

Police officer at Combeconum, and a List of property sup-
posed to have been stolen from a House in the Fort.

I send also three persons who have been appre-
hended by Mr Colton in consequence of a Requisition
from me; the Bearer will deliver also into the Charge of your
Highnesses Officers the property above referred to.

I beg the favor of an Acknowledgement of
the Receipt of the Prisoners and Property

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
your Highnesses
most obedient humble servant
[signed] M Blackburne

Tanjore
6th September 1822

To the Resident
of Tanjore

Sir, I have been favoured with your Letter of the 20th
ultimo, and have now the Honor to forward to you the three
persons alluded to in the Memorandum thereon enclosed together
with a Copy of the Report of the Police Officer of Combe-
conum

A true Copy
[signed] J Cotton
Magistrate

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
President at Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble
[signed] J Cotton
Magte

A true Copy
[signed] WB

Receipt of your Letter of the 5th & the enclosed reports
ferred to in it. Having retained a Copy of these Papers
They to return them as enclosed herein.

I feel much obliged for your trouble
in sending the Prisoners and Property which will be
Prisoners will be taken into the Charge of my Police

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient humble
Servant
(Signed) Cuttapa Nayak

Tanjore
6th September 1822

Tanjore 5th September 1822

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to request your Highness that the
Statement accompanying was brought to my House yesterday
Evening by a Peon sent with Compliments from your Highness

As it appears to be a portion of the Statement of
Schools which was requested by the Principal Collector some
ago in order to enable him to make an official Report to the
Government. He

It is proper to inform your Highness that this Document
was sent to me without address. loose, open, free for the Inspec-
tion of all through whose hands it might pass in its progress
from your Highness to me

I have the Honor to be
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

My Dear Sir,

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 7th Instant
and the enclosed account of the Schools which I sent under a plain
Cover to your Sheristadar with a Desire to be delivered to you
with my Compliments.

This is not the account which Mr Cotton the Prin-
cipal Collector requires which I regret to say cannot be prepared
for some time to come on account of the different Informations
which should be collected to render it complete; but those the
one which you requested me of in person at Salavanaikpatam
and therefore if it be of any use to You I should be glad to send
it again I have the Honor to be, My Dear Sir,
Your most obed.t humble Serv.t (Signed)

To the President at Tanjore

Sir.

The Bearer hereof is charged with a Warrant for the apprehension of two offenders accused of receiving the stolen property mentioned in the warrant and now residing at Tanjore. I have the Honor to request your assistance to him in executing the same.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Signed H. Arbuthnot
Agt. Majr.

Tanjore 5th September 1822

Paid Messenger
5th Septr 1822

Paid Messenger on the 8th for Rs 2 for the road.

Tanjore 9th September 1822

My dear Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive your Highness's Letters of the 7th and 8th Instant.

I will communicate to Sir Thomas Munro your Highnesses answer to the Reference which I took the liberty of making to your Highness on the subject of a College at Tanjore.

I am sorry to have given so much trouble to your Highness

of whose late Letter dated on the 14th August at Chicacole and received here on the 26th in answer to an Intimation of my speedy Departure, urges me to prevail on your Highness to make an Arrangement for a College before I leave Tanjore. In order to satisfy your Highness that no option was left to me in regard to the Communication which I recently made to you on this point, I carried the Governor's Letter with me yesterday to the Palace to show to your Highness, if a favourable opportunity had occurred.

In regard to the List of Schools in the Province, it is become unnecessary for me to trouble your Highness any further, as your Highness has obligingly promised to furnish me with the Statements requested by the Principal Collector, in which all the Information which the Governor can require will be found.

It is my Intention to leave Tanjore Tomorrow Evening for Poodoocottah. During my absence, the period of which is uncertain, Captain Hardy will have the Charge of my Office, and I beg the favour of your Highness to send to him all the Communications from the Palace, and to be assured of his prompt

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To

Lieutenant Colonel Blackburne

Resident in Tanjore

Sir,

Para 1 With reference to your Letter of the 25th Ultimo forwarding Copy of one to your address from the Raja of Tanjore, I am directed to state that it appears from a Report of the Accountant General, that the necessary Steps have been taken for restoring the monthly payments to His Highness to their former standard, a complete adjustment having been effected of all advances and supplies received by His Highness during his late Pilgrimage.

2. The Honorable the Governor in Council has authorized an advance of Rupees 20,000. to Messrs Arbuthnot & Co from the General Treasury, on the account of the Rajee of Tanjore, and the remaining balance in His Highness's favor will be added to the next remittance to the Residency

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) Ed: Wood

Chief Secretary

Fort St George

23d August 1822

A true Copy (signed) W Blackburne

from pleasing and zealous attention to them

I have the Honor to be

Your Highnesses

most obliged humble Servant

(signed) W Blackburne

To His Highness

Maharajah Serfojee

Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to transmit to your Highness a Copy of a Letter from the Chief Secretary to Government received this morning by which it appears that the Honorable the Governor has acceded to your Highnesses Request to pay twenty Thousand Rupees on account of your Highness to the House of Arbuthnot and Co

I have the further Satisfaction of informing your Highness that I have received this morning Bills on the Provincial Collector for a Lack and ten Thousand Rupees

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Tanjore

10th September

Tanjore 10th September 1793

My Dear Sir

Being entirely convinced that the forwarding by Hudleston of the Miniature of his Father, on the Back of which I have given to me by your Highness yesterday, would express greatness and me to general Lawson at Madras, and be considered very probably, as an affront by Mr Hudleston himself and Make Enemies of those who are now your Friends, from the important Services I have determined to return the Picture to your Highness, and to recommend that your Highness and the Painting without the setting, carefully packed to secure from Injury; or that you have it set by the best Artists of the Palace and returned to me, or that your Highness send the Painting to Arkaddad and be it be handsomely set by Gordon the Jeweller at Madras, and to be given afterwards in your Name to Mr Hudleston. This is the mode which I recommend.

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in more important Cases. the Effect depends much on Manner. Mr Hudleston is a Gentleman and your Highnesses Friend, and in presenting his Miniature Likeness to his Son, let the Compliment be becoming a Sovereign Prince, and such as may give unmixed Satisfaction to the Receiver.

I have the Honor to be

Your Highnesses

most obedient humble Servant

Rec'd Tuesday the 14th

[Signed] W Blackburne

Tanjore 10th September 1793

My Dear Sir,

I have desired Captain Hardy, in the Event of any Reference or Complaints from the Family of Nanah Sahib, to refer them immediately to your Highness, and to act exactly according to the Instructions which he may receive from your Highness and I request that your Highness will employ his Services, and those of my Office Servants, with the most perfect Confidence in their Zeal to maintain your just Rights & Authority over that Family. I have the Honor to be

Your Highnesses most obedient

humble Servant

Received at Tuesday

the 14th

[Signed] W Blackburne

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 8th Instant and a Copy of the Letter from the Chief Secretary to Government which it enclosed intimating that the Honorable the Governor has no objection to my receiving Twenty thousand Rupees to the Amount of the Sum due to me and also that you have received Government Orders on the Collector for a Lack and Ten thousand Rupees. I beg you will be pleased to convey my best Thanks to the Honorable the Governor and also accept the same yourself for your kind Trouble.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
13th September 1822

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to receive your two Letters of the 10th Instant and I feel myself much obliged for your attention regarding both Sections therein. I shall therefore send at 6 o'clock this Evening

Tanjore
13th September 1822

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Serfojee Rajah

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If I have any occasion I shall be very happy agreeably to your wish to apply to Captain Hardy

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
13th September 1822

My Dear Sir

As you have been pleased to inform me that the Government have sent Bills on the Collector to the Amount of a Lack and ten Thousand Rupees you will much oblige me if possible by procuring for me out of that Sum an order on Messrs Arbuthnot & Co for 30000 Rupees as the Sum sent to that House by the Government is not so great as I require. The remainder of the Lack and Ten thousand Rupees I shall be obliged by being sent to the Palace in Cash as soon as convenient both to the Collector and yourself.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
13th September 1822

Highness to the Honorable the Governor for His Compliance with your
Highnesses Request to pay to the House of Messrs Arbuthnot and Co.
twenty thousand Rupees on account of your Highness.

In regard to the wish of your Highness that an
order in favour of Messrs Arbuthnot and Co for thirty thousand
Rupees be sent to you in part of the late Remittance to my
Treasury, I am sorry to say that it is impracticable. I have con-
sulted the Principal Collector, who informs me that he is precluded
as I am from drawing on the General Treasury at Madras without
Special authority.

We should have had much pleasure in accom-
plishing the wishes of your Highness on this point, if it had
been in our power.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) Blackburne

Tanjore
16th September 1822

To His Highness
Sahe Royel Serfoje
Royah of Tanjore
These

Letter from

The Honorable the Governor dated on the 3d. Instant. Your Highnesses
Letter was transmitted by me to Sir Thomas Munro on the 6th Instant,
together with a Copy of your Highnesses Letter to me, and of the
Correspondence with Dr. Macleod referred to in it.

I have the Honor to trasmit also a Copy of the Letter from
the Chief Secretary to Government dated on the 12th Instant, which con-
veyed the Letter to your Highness.

A Feeling of Delicacy to Your Highness, and a Desire
to give Time to your Highness for Consideration, has induced me to
send to your Highness the Governors Letter instead of requesting
Leave to presented.

I beg the favor of your Highnesses permission to
wait upon you at your earliest Convenience.

I am truly sorry for the Disappointment which
I fear your Highness may suffer on this occasion. Your Highness
however will not forget the uniform and extraordinary kindness
which you have received from Sir Thomas Munro from the very
commencement of his administration, or fail to place implic-
cit confidence in the Interest which he takes in the Welfare of
Your

Political Department

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To His Highness
the Raja of
Tanjore

I have been favoured with your Highness' letter of the 6th Instant, expressing your anxiety to make some Arrangement for the proper education of your Son, and intimating your wish, in consequence, to confide him to the tuition of Dr. D. Macleod, Surgeon, of the Residency at Lucknow - who after after the demise of the late Surgeon Sutton, was appointed by the Governor General in Council to accompany your Highness during the remainder of your late Tour.

Partaking your Highness' solicitude on the subject of your Sons education, and feeling a lively interest into accomplishment. I cannot hesitate to offer my recommendation that your Highness, doing justice to Lieutenant Colonel Blackburne's concern for the welfare of your Family, should be guided entirely by his advice and experience in the choice of the means: - and I feel confident that your Highness may, with the most perfect safety

Your Son, all the circumstances above stated, have prevented from acquiescing in the plan which was proposed by your Highness

I have the Honorable
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
Signed J. Blackburne

Tanjore
18th September 1809

To
Lieutenant Colonel Blackburne
Resident at
Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge your dispatch of the 6th Instant, and to return the enclosed A. B. & C. the Letter Khureeta received from the Raja of Tanjore, may be presented to your Highness. & Copies of the subjoined for your information.

I have the Honor &c
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Signed C. Bird
Secretary

Fort St. George
12th September 1809

safely rely upon the Lieutenant Colonels exertions for the execution of the measures, which he may propose for your Highness's sanction.

It will afford me the greatest satisfaction to give effect to these arrangements, but I have not deemed it advisable to accede to your Highness's suggestion that Mr Sinclair should be further detained on this account from the duties of the Office at Lucknow.

What can I say more?

Fort St George
15th September 1823

(Signed) A Campbell

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this date and also the enclosures referred to in it.

In your very decorous to see you I will be very happy to call upon me Tomorrow at 10 oclock provided I am to entirely free from Commissions.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
your most obedient humble

Tanjore
18th September 1823

Tanjore 18th September 1823

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My Dear Sir

I shall, with much pleasure, have the Honor of waiting upon your Highness tomorrow at the Time appointed.

I have the Honor to be
Your Highnesses most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

To His Highness
Maharajah Sirfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have much pleasure in transmitting to your Highness a Copy of a Letter from the Chief Secretary to Government dated on the 13th Instant and received this Morning.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble
Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
20th September 1823

safely rely upon the Lieutenant Colonels carrying forth most of the measures, which he may propose for your Highness's sanction.

It will afford me the greatest satisfaction to effect these arrangements, but I have not deemed it expedient to accede to your Highness's suggestion that Dr Mackintosh should be further detained on this account from the duties of the Chair at Lucknow.

What can I say more?

Fort St George
13th September 1822

Signed J Campbell

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th and also the enclosures referred to in it.

As I am very desirous to see you I will do myself the honor to call upon you Tomorrow at 10 Oclock provided I am to enclose your Commission.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
your most obedient humble
Servant
Signed J Campbell

Tanjore
18th September 1822

Tanjore 18th September 1822.

My Dear Sir.

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I shall, with much pleasure, have the Honor of waiting upon your Highness tomorrow at the Time appointed.

I have the Honor to be
Your Highnesses most obedient
humble Servant
Signed J M Blackburne

To His Highness
Maharajah Sirfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have much pleasure in transmitting to your Highness a Copy of a Letter from the Chief Secretary to Government dated on the 13th Instant and received this Morning.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble
Servant
Signed J M Blackburne

Tanjore
20th September 1822

Political Department

To Lieutenant Colonel Blackburne

Resident at Tanjore

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 12th Instant with its enclosure, and to state that the Honorable the Governor in Council has great Satisfaction in meeting the wish of His Highness the Raja of Tanjore to entertain a certain Highland piper in his Service.

2 The Governor in Council accordingly permits the said Piper to reside at Tanjore under His Highness protection for the event of his quitting the Highlands Service; using future services, you will be at liberty to report the circumstance to this Department.

I have the Honorable
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) Ed. Wood

Fort St. George
13th September 1792

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To Lieutenant Colonel N. Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of this Date and the Copy of the Government's Letter to your address which it enclosed.

I beg of you to give my Thanks to the Honorable the Governor for having so kindly acquiesced in my Desire of accepting into my Service the European Piper and also to accept the same acknowledgements to yourself for your kind interference in the matter.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient humble
Servant
(signed) Sirfojee Rajah

Tanjore
20th September 1792

To His Highness
Maharajah Sirfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to send for the Consideration of your Highness a Copy of Letters between the Principal Collector, Capt.

Captain H. Hardy and me, on the Limits of the Jurisdiction of
Your Highness around the Fort

As Mr Cotton is still dissatisfied with the result
of Captain Hardy's Enquiry, I am inclined although he has
guessed on my proposal of an Arbitration Settlement of the
Boundary Line, to recommend on further Reflection that the Chief
Engineer Captain Fullerton, be requested to accompany me
by round the Fort with Reference of Course to the Line of the
Cittadel which must ultimately be standing and which alone will
finally be mark the Boundary of the Esplanade.

Which ever of these modes shall be approved of by
Your Highness, shall be proposed and recommended by me
to the Principal Collector.

I have the Honor & be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obed.t humble Servt
Signed/ Wm Hardy
Captain in charge

Tanjore
20th September 1822

To Lieutenant Colonel H. Blackburne
Sir

Enquiry regarding the Place where the Dispute happened between the Seven
Persons mentioned by the Magistrate of Tanjore in his Letter to you
of the 10th Instant and ascertained by Sufficient Evidence that it
is within the Limits under the Jurisdiction of His Highness the Rajah.
I have therefore delayed sending them to the Magistrate untill
this can be explained to him by you.

The Rajahs Hircarrah, the Cutwall, and your
Hircarrah were the persons appointed to ascertain under whose
Jurisdiction the place above mentioned is situated.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t humble Servt

Tanjore
12th September 1822

Signed/ Wm Hardy
Captain in charge

To John Cotton Esqre
Principal Collector and Magistrate,
Tanjore

Sir, I have the Honor to send to you herewith a Copy of
a Letter from Captain H. Hardy in charge of my Office during
my absence from Tanjore, stating that in Reference to your
Letter

and Summons of the 10th Instant, it appeared to him that the Va-
rious Disputes, the cause of your Summons happened, within
the Limits of the exclusive Jurisdiction of His Highness the Rajah

If you shall have any Reason to be satisfy
of the Correctness of the Afernoon, I shall with pleasure request
His Highness the Rajah to appoint a proper Officer, to meet you
from you assisted by a Servant of the Residency, to ascertain
and discribe by sufficient marks the Boundary Line of the
Opposing Jurisdictions

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) W Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

Tanjore
16th September 1822

To the Resident at Tanjore
&c
&c &c

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your Letter of yesterday

being without the Limits of the Jurisdiction of His Highness The Rajah
of Tanjore, and on visiting the Spot myself, I could trace no Boun-
dary Stone, by which this point could be determined. I beg to avail
myself of your Offer to obtain a Settlement of the Disputes in
the way you propose, and which I conceive may be best done
by actual Measurement of the Distance from the Glacis of the
Fort.

2 I have desired my head Mercarrah and the Cutwall
to be ready to meet the Rajahs Officer, and your Servant, when-
ever it may be convenient for them to attend.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) J Cotton
Pro Collr & Magte

Tanjore
Cutcherree
17th September 1822

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge your Letter

you and Lieutenant Farquharson to collect information regarding the Boundary Line of the Fort

I see clear your prospect of bringing the Dispute to a speedy conclusion by referring the case to the Judgement of Lieutenant Fullerton I fully approve and shall be thankful to you to act accordingly

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
20th September 1822

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to enclose herein a Letter to the Honorable the Governor and also a Copy of it for your information and beg you to forward the Original as soon as convenient to its Address.

I feel myself humbly grateful for the compliment

Tanjore
20th September 1822

Your most obt humble Servt
Signed Serfojee Rajah

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

Troubles. Now I have most earnestly requested the Honorable the Governor to show him on my account some marks of his Favor and hope sincerely that he will do accordingly in the present instance.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
20th September 1822

Bruce, the Highland Piper, in your Service; the second expressing your Highnesses approbation of my Suggestion that an Engineer Officer be appointed to ascertain and describe the boundary Line of the Fort, and the third giving cover to and desiring me for forward a Letter from your Highness addressed to His Excellency Sir A Campbell acting Governor at Madras

I have the Honor to acknowledge also the Receipt this morning of a Letter from Your Highness of the 8th. accompanied by a Draft of a Letter to the Honorable the Governor, and expressing a wish that I consider it attentively and offer my unreserved Opinions and advice regarding it.

I took with sincere Pleasure this reference, auspicious, I trust, of a Return of that Confidence which has never been misplaced in me, under which your Highnesses Honor and Dignity have been augmented, and uninterrupted Prosperity has attended all your affairs, and which I have now a great additional Claim to, from the deep

If your Highness acquiesce in this advice

I will return the Letters for the purpose of being new modelled. If your Highness persist in desiring the Letter to Sir Alexander Campbell to be dispatched to him, I will send it because I am not willing to resist pertinaciously by any mode of communication which your Highness may consider to be the best calculated for the accomplishment of your wishes.

I have the Honor to be

Your Highnesses

most obedient humble

Servant

(signed) W. Blackburne

My Dear Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 21st Inst. and thank you greatly for the advice you have been pleased to give me in it, and also be thankful to you to send back those two Letters that I may make them into one to the same effect I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore

21st September 1822

O.S.

I shall have much pleasure to speak to you

you on the subject. if you will favour me with a call
Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock if it is not inconvenient
to you.

[signed] S.R.

To

His Highness

Maharajah Serfoje

Rajah of

Tanjore

I have the Honor to inform your Highness I
have been commanded by the Honorable the Governor
from [illegible] a List of all the Europeans
in the Service of His Majesty or of the Honorable Company
who may be employed by your Highness in any
whatever or receive Salaries from your Highness

If your Highness will do me the favor
permit the Lists to make out the List are
ested I shall be much obliged to your Highness

I have the Honor to be
with great Respect
your Highnesses
most obedient humble

Tanjore
21st September 1822

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Tanjore 22d September 1822.

My Dear Sir.

I have the Honor to return your Highnesses Letter
and Copy to Sir Alexander Campbell, and the Draft of a Letter
to Sir Thomas Munro, and shall have the Honor of waiting upon
your Highness this morning at the Time appointed.

I have the Honor to be
your Highnesses most obedient
humble Servant
[signed] W Blackburne

To
Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident of Tanjore

I have the Honor to acquaint you that my Op-
position of performing the Selunganum at the ensuing Deperah
Feast is to be taken Place on the 25th October next. Therefore
beg you will be pleased to honor me by requesting as usual
the attendance of the Public Officers of the Province together
with the Principal Officers of their respective Departments.

I have the honor to be, With great Respect
Your most obed. humble Servant
[signed] Serfoje Rajah

Tanjore
22d September 1822.

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident of Lingin

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a Letter

that addressed to the Honorable Sir Thomas Munro K.C.B.

Governor Fort St George and beg of you to forward it by

the first conveyance that may offer

I trust it will be perceived that my proceedings

may have not merited him suspicion the favour of your

sending a Copy of the same and also the Reply of that

Gentleman to me on the subject he laid at my feet

Honorable Sir Governor

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Your most obedient humble

Servant

(Signed) Sheriff Agah

Lingin

25th September

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that I have transmitted your Highneſses Letter to the Hona-
rable Sir Thomas Munro, direct, agreeably to the ver-
bal Desire of your Highneſs, repeated in your Letter of
the 22d Instant.

I have not thought it neceſsary to delay
my Diſpatch in order to comply with the Desire expreſsed
by your Highneſs in your Letter that I should send also
to the Governor a Copy of your Highneſses former Letter to
Him, and a Copy of the answer to that Letter by His Excel-
lency Sir Alexander Campbell: as there is not, in South,
the slightest Foundation for the apprehension of your
Highneſs, originating in a want of acquaintance
with the Forms of the Government, that those Papers may
not be actually before the Governor

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
your Highneſses
most obed. humble Servant
(signed) WBlackburne

Tanjore
25th. September
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To His Highness

Maharajah Sirfoyee

Rajah of Tanjore

I have had the Honor to receive your Highnesses
Letter of the 22d Instant intimating your Highnesses intention
of celebrating the ensuing Dipavali Feast at the Selangee
Choultry on the 25th of October next

I have informed the public Officers of the
Province of the Intention of your Highness and have requested
the attendance of themselves and the Officers of their Separate
in the usual manner.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
25th September

To His Highness

Your Highness a Letter and Enclosure from the Principal Collector, and shall be glad to receive the Sentiments of your Highness on the renewed proposition regarding the Boundary Line of the Fort. I send also, for the perusal of your Highness a Copy of my Letter to Mr Cotton on the subject, and I will hasten to ascertain the earliest period at which we may expect to see Captain H Fullerton to undertake the Task which we have been desirous to assign to him.

I beg the favor of your Highness to cause an Enquiry to be made into the Circumstances of the case which has been complained of to the Principal Collector, and is referred to in his Letter

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
25th September 1822

To the Resident at
Tanjore

the 21st Instant and in reply beg to state my entire acquiescence in the wish therein expressed, that Captain Fullerton may be requested to undertake the Task of describing the boundary Line of the Fort, but in the meantime I trust His Highness the Rajah will have no objection to the Measurement, I proposed in my Letter of the 17th Instant taking place to the Bazars now on hand to determine their Situation whether in or out Bye-law with the Lines, and that he will be pleased to give strict orders that the respective proprietors of the Houses may remain undisturbed, and the best understanding has been observed for the last Two Centuries.

I have received this Morning from the Head Native of the Sunda Island copies

years past which I request you will be so good as to bring to the notice of His Highness the Rajah. 99

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
signed J Holloway
Col.

Tanjore
Comliconum
23d September 1822

To John Cotton Esqr

Principal Collector and Magistrate

Tanjore

Sir

I have communicated to the Right Honble the Govr

your Letter of the 17th Instant on the subject of the removing

Line of the Fort and your acquiescence in my suggestion

that an arbitration Settlement of it be made, but at the

Offence to His Highness and to me of the more mature

Reflection deem it best that the Boundary Line should

by an Officer of Engineers, and it is requested that

Captain H Fullerton the Superintendant of Fort

Repairs be requested if you have no objection to undertake the Task

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your

Tanjore

To Lieutenant Colonel M Blackburne

Resident of Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 25th giving cover to a Copy of your Letter to Mr Cotton the Principal Collector of Tanjore and to his original answer thereto as also to an Arzee referred to in it from an Arrack Renter

In conformity to the Desire of Mr Cotton I have ordered a measurement be taken place from the Glacis of the Fort inorder to ascertain the Boundary Line of it and that untill the arrival of Captain an Engineer Officer of Fort Repairs who is requested to undertake the Task of describing the Line, the respective Jurisdiction may remain undisturbed as heretofore at whose arrival we shall be enabled to come to a final Settlement of this Dispute

I have considered the subject mentioned in the Arzee of the Arrack Renter and I beg leave to say that I cannot accede to his wishes as the Places whereupon the Shops are erected

are within the actual Line of the Fort and some are be certain within a few Yards of the situation of the boundary Line of the Fort

I have also the Honor of acknowledging the receipt of your other two Letters of the 25th on the subject of the ensuing Dessarah feast and of my Dispatch to the Honorable the Governor and I thank you great[ly] to them. the Rice Papers inclosed in yours I have the Hon[or] to return and to be

With great Respect

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Tanjore

26th September 1822 / signed / Serfojee Rajah

My Dear Sir

As it is now long time since since my Dispatch go over and as the allowances of the Medical assistant [illegible] promoted to Sub assistant Surgeon is consequence [illegible] required I propose to send him back to Madras by [illegible] Corps on account his Duty absence [illegible]

promotion induces to request you will be pleased to give him with your signature a Copy of that Letter [illegible] in which the Promotion is mentioned or any other paper which you may think necessary.

I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir

Tanjore

27th September 1822

your most obedient humble Servt

/signed/ Serfojee Rajah

To His Highness

Maharajah Serfojee

Rajah of Tanjore

I have much pleasure in sending to your Highness according to your Desire a Copy of a Letter from the Chief Secretary to Government dated on the 23d Ultimo. intimating the promotion of Frances Jacob to Sub-Assist. Surgeon from the 1st of the present Month. incom[plete] pliance with the wish expressed by your Highness

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Tanjore

28th September 1822

Your Highnesses

most obed[ient] humble Servant

To His Highness

Mahoorpah Sufyeer

Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to enclose for your Highness's information a Copy of a Letter from the Principal Collector and the original Documents referred to in it. The subject is of important Kind with double the success to the Collector on the part of your Highness

I purpose to leave Tanjore this Evening for Combaconum and Madhavapur, Captain M Hardy will act as Resident until my Return and be happy to receive your Highness's commands

I have the Honor to be

With great Regard

Tanjore

Your Highness's

To The Resident

at Tanjore

Sir,

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Para 1st In consequence of the many Representations I have received at Times from His Highness the Rajah's Sherristadars in attendance at my Cutcherry, complaining of the Conduct of the Renter of the Honorable Company's Duty on Betel and Tobacco produced in this District, and again on the other hand, of the numerous Complaints from the Company's Renter against the Renter of His Highness the Rajah's Government, I have been led into very particular enquiries to learn, who is right and who is wrong, being determined that as far as it was established, the Company's Renter had violated the Conditions of his Cowles, Copies of which have been furnished to the Palace, he should be punished, and His Highness the Rajah may be assured, that nothing to the Contrary, when it can be proved, shall take Place with impunity.

2 With this assurance I trust His Highness will be

to satisfied but on the other hand I beg to submit to the consideration the evidence I consider to be in favor of my opinion accounts. I have lately received from the Company's Renter accompanied by a Statement in English, for your information by which it will be seen that the Company's Renter has cause of complaint against the Foot and Line Renter in that with all his vigilance, a very large Quantity of Salt is introduced the Foot and Line clandestinely by which the

a loss in last year, of 4545 Pagodas, and although

seems to be prevailing now. I entreat you interpose with

the Rajahs Government that some Arrangement may be

just to both Parties, and mutually advantageous to the

of both Governments

the present Renter of the Duty on Salt which

Note. The 3 Companies Renter in this District has engaged to pay annually 165000 Pagodas last year

which is a large Amount, and for which he of course will

to every just consideration of his regard, and to the

You will please

Statement of the Estimated Quantity of Tobacco required to pass into the Line of the Fort of Tanjore to enable the Renter there to pay his Rent to the Rajahs Government shewing also the Quantity which paid Duty and was regularly passed by the Company's Renter and the Quantity assumed to have been smuggled in Fasly 1230 and the Loss in consequence to the Company's Renter.

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Fasly Year	Amount of Rent	Amount of the Rajah's Rent	Estimated Expences of the Renter.	Total of Rent and estimated Expences	Quantity required to pass the Line to pay the Rent and Expences	Amount of Duty thereon payable to Company's Renter.	Quantity passed regularly and paid Duty to the Company's Renter	Amount of Duty received thereon	Quantity assumed as Smuggled.	Amount of Duty payable thereon to the Company's Renter
	Ps 72,000	Ps 12,000	Ps 6,000	Ps 90,000	Candies 2,700	Pagodas 2,700	Candies 2,277.6	Pagodas 2,277.6		

231.95 - 102 - 165 - 780 - 167 - 1232 - Candies 2418 - 1775 - 10.3.2 - 72.12 - 231.6.6 - 1645.3.-

Remarks. To clear the Foot Renter in his present Rent and expences it is in the same manner assumed that 1232 Candies should pass into the Foot and Lines in Fasly 1232. of which to the 12th of September 1822. 12 Candies and 9 Manoos only being little more than one months Consumption, has as yet been passed regularly into the Limits of the Foot

Tanjore
Valungaman 25th September 1822.

E. C. Dr
Signed J. Cotton p.t.

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident of Tanjore

I have had the Honor to receive your Letter of this date and request you will be pleased to accept of my best Thanks for your having complied with my wishes on giving a Copy of the Chief Secretary's Letter to you dated Madras 23d August 1773 on the Promotion of Francis Sacrè to 1st Assistant Surgeon &c. &c. &c.

The enclosed is a Receipt for the Sum of Two Thousand Rupees which has been paid on my account to Messrs Archibald and Co

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Serfoje Rajah

Tanjore
28th September 1773

Madras 11th September 1773

Received from Thomas Garrett Esqr 1st Treasurer of Fort St George the Sum of Madras Rupees Twenty Thousand on account of His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore.

Madras Rupees 20,000

(Signed) Archibald and Co

Tanjore
28th September 1773

To Lieutenant Colonel M. Blackburne

Resident of Tanjore (61)

His Highness the Maha Rajah Chitterputty having in consequence of your Desire expressed in your Letter to His address of 21st Instant been pleased to direct me to supply you with a List of all the Europeans who are actually employed in the Service of His Highness I take the Liberty of enclosing herein one and to be,

With great Respect
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed)

Tanjore
30th September 1773

A List of all the Europeans who are actually employed in the Service of His Highness the Maha Rajah of Tanjore

Mr Daniel Kohlhoff
Mr John Kohlhoff
Mr J. Wm Kohlhoff
Mr Christian Kohlhoff
Mr Fredrick Hebner
Mr Angus Bruce
Mr Mathew

(Signed)

To His Highness

Maharajah Sevajee

Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to send to your Highness a co-
-py of a Letter from the Principal Collector received this morning

The Letter appears to me to relate entirely to
the Great Mawamut, but it certainly deserves the serious consi-
deration of your Highness, and your Highnesses view of it
may perhaps be justly formed by a Reference to the Custom
in Cases similar to those referred to which may be found to
prevail on Land not in the possession of your Highness but
similarly situated to that which is adverted to by the Princi-
pal Collector.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
/signed/ WBlackburne

Tanjore
2d October 1822

To the President
at Tanjore

Sir,

Having on my Journey from Combaconum to
this Place, on the North side of the
parts of the
[illegible]

the Bank, and at one Place near Cuppestalum, through the upper part of a Sluice, all which I was informed, were in the limits of 105 Villages belonging to the Rajah, I beg the favour of you to communicate these circumstances to His Highness, and request that he will be so good as to give orders for all these Places to be immediately attended to and repaired, or a breach, similar to the one at Echangoody, may in the event of a high fresh, happen through the Neglect of his People.

2. At the proper Season of Mahraumut, I am always ready to hear of any general repairs required within His limits, when the attention of the Tasseldars can be directed to them, but at this Season, and where the repairs necessary, such as I have mentioned are trifling in extent, and only to be observed by Persons on the Spot or passing, it is not I think, unreasonable to expect, that for their own advantage, His People will do the needful to prevent any Inundation, and I should be glad, if His Highness would depute some Person from Tanjore, to see and report that this is done.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant
/signed/ JHolton
Coll.

Tanjore
Trivias
1st October 1822

A true Copy
/signed/ WBlackburne

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 2d Instant enclosing a Copy of a Letter to your address from Mr Cotton the Provincial Collector stating the necessity of giving some immediate Repairs to the Banks. In a similar case like this you cannot but well recollect of what took place heretofore — This was the Custom since have been observed, which however I would not bring in the present Instance as a Precedent for Consideration of and meeting the work of Mr Cotton. I have accordingly ordered Sarangapanny Iyengar to take a view of all the Places which were pointed out by Mr Cotton in his Letter and which require any Repairs and to report of the same, giving, if he deems it quite necessary some trifle Repairs at the same time.

I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) Sirfojee Rajah

Tanjore
3d October 1822

To His Highness
Maharajah Sirfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to send [illegible] Letter to the Resident at [illegible]

his good offices, the Agent of the Person in whose behalf your Highness has so much interest.

It appears to me that the Letter will be sufficient for the purpose required, but if your Highness desire it I shall with Pleasure transmit a Duplicate by the Post to Mr Metcalfe.

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Your Highnesses

most obedient humble Servant

(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
4th October 1822

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident of Tanjore

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 4th giving Cover to a Letter to the address of Mr Metcalfe the President at Hydrabad conveying a request to extend his good Offices to the Agent of Davah Saheb Inglay the Father of my younger Son in Law. For this kindness I feel myself much obliged and shall be still more so by your transmitting a Duplicate by post to that Gentleman.

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Your most obed. humble Servt

(signed) Sirfojee Rajah

Tanjore
5th October 1822

Remark. The Letter referred to had been asked for on account of a Dispute regarding a Land belonged to Davasahib Inglay.

My Dear Sir,

As it is probable that some misunderstanding regarding the Time of Departure of Frances Jacob the medical Assistant which will be on the 8th Instant from hence to Madras may take place and as it is absolutely necessary that he should have before he leaves this place some Vouchers for his having been detained by me untill now, I request the favour of you to furnish him to that Effect with a Certificate and also with an Extract of the General Order in which his Promotion is stated. As that the Poor man who has been a great Servant to me to this time may return home in Peace and great Satisfaction.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[signed] Sirfojee Rajah

Tanjore
5th October 1822

To His Highness
Maharajah Sirfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have had the Honor to receive your Highnesses Letter of Yesterday, on the Subject of Frances Jacob, and according to Your Highnesses Desire, I have the Honor to send a Certificate which may probably serve the purpose [illegible] modified.

The Promotion of Francis Jacob has not appeared in any General Order which has been received at Tanjore [illegible].

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble servant
[signed] WBlackburne

Tanjore
6th October 1822

Tanjore 6th October 1822

By the Desire of His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore, I certify that Francis Jacob Sub Assistant Surgeon has been detained at Tanjore by His Highness untill the present Instant and has now received permission to repair to Madras

[signed] WBlackburne
Resident at Tanjore

To Lieutenant Colonel W Blackburne
Resident of Tanjore

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 6th Instant and thank you much for your trouble in sending the Certificate on the subject of Francis Jacob lately promoted to be Sub Assistant Surgeon in compliance with the Desire expressed to you in my Letter of the 5th Instant.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
your most obedient
humble Servant
[signed] Sirfojee Rajah

Tanjore
7th October 1822.

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident of Tanjore

I have the Honor to enclose herein for your perusal and acceptance Copies of the Letters dated 9th Instant addressed by me and the Sirkele to Enc Cooforde the Governor of Sranguebar. The original Letters shall be dispatched this day under the charge of the Vakeel Arabajee Gungadeo to demand the Peishcush

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Tanjore

10th October 1822

Your most obedient humble Servant

Signed Serfojee Rajah

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List of the Country-borns in the Service of His Highness the Maha Rajah of Tanjore

Mr William Holdsworth

Mr Brisner

Mr M Cort Michael Martinson

Pronke Horst

James Mathews Gratton

Francis Defoote

Daniel

Emanuel

Philix Philix Peraira

Tanjore

12th October 1822.

Mr. His List was dispatched to the Resident under a blank Cover with the Sirkele Sahibs Respectfull Compliments –

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To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident of Tanjore.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 28th Ultimo inclosing Mr Cotton the Principal Collectors Letter to you and the Papers referred to in it regarding the Enquiry to be made of the Charges preferred by my Shereistadar at the Cutcherry against the Company's Tobacco Renter and of the Complaint which the Company's Renter made against the Port and Sea Renter the original Documents

I have the Honor to return to you with thanks

I have caused an Enquiry to be made regarding what was said against the Port Renter and beg leave to enclose his Tamil reply thereto, and a Marratta Paper requesting that you will be pleased to send them to Mr Cotton with a desire that he may take it into his Notice and Consideration.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[signed] Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
15th October 1799

To His Highness

Maharajah Sirfojee

Rajah of Tanjore

I had the Honor to receive, in due Time, your High-
nesses Letter of the 10th Instant, with a Copy of Letters to Trangue-
bar demanding the Tribute, for which I beg leave to offer my
Thanks to your Highness.

I have the Honor also to acknowledge the Receipt
of a Letter from your Highness dated on the 14th Instant with Pa-
pers relative to the reciprocal Complaints which the Tobacco Plan-
ters of your Highness and the Government have preferred a-
gainst each other

Agreeably to the Desire of your Highness I have
referred this Letter and the Documents connected with it to the
principal Collector.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect your Highnesses
Most obed.t hum.e Servant.
(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
17th October 1812

To His Highness Maharajah Surfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to send for the Perusal of your Highness a Letter from Mr Cotton the Principal Collector and to request that your Highness will be so obliging as to direct that the Accounts required may be completed as speedily as possible.

I have the Honor to be, With great Respect
Your Highnesses
Most obedient humble Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
22d October 1822

To the President
at Tanjore

It is now more than six months since I gave a Memorandum to the Rajahs Shirestadar in attendance at my Cutcherre to be forwarded to the Palace, requesting that I might be furnished with an account according to a prescribed form of the Population living under the Jurisdiction of the Highness the Rajah and in the Villages and Gardens belonging to him in the District which I have received to this time only in part, and as the Board of Revenue have again written to me urging the speedy Return of this Account for the whole District, I beg the favour of you to communicate with His Highness on the subject and solicit the transmission

as soon as possible.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) J. Cotton
Pr Collector

Tanjore
Mannargoody
21st October 1822

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
President of Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of this Date and the Letter from Mr Cotton the Principal Collector to you sent for my Perusal, which I have the Honor to return with my best Thanks.

In conformity to the Desire expressed in the Collectors Letter I take the Liberty to enclose herein an Account of the Population living under my Jurisdiction and a Memorandum of it

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedt humble Servant
(signed) Surfojee Rajah

Tanjore
22d October 1822

Dem. Gentlemen at the Solangamum Choultry to compliment

His Highness the Maha Rajah

The Resident — The Judge

Coun. Collector — Head Asst Cogulow

2d Asst Ashton — Captain Hardy

Mr White — Lieut Sweeting

Mr Kohlhoff — Mr Sperschneider

Mr Baker — Mr Lys

Mr Blackburne

Tanjore 25th October 1792.

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident of Tanjore

I have the Honor to inclose herein a Letter to the address of the Honorable the Governor of Madras and the Copy of it to your Perusal and Acceptance

I will be very much obliged to you to dispatch the original Letter to its address recommending the Subjects of it to the most favourable Consideration of the Honorable the Governor at your earliest Convenience

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To His Highness

Maharajah Sirfojee

Rajah of Tanjore

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I have the Honor to inform your Highness that I have dispatched to the Honorable the Governor Your Highnesses Letter to him, together with a Copy of the Letter to me from your Highness dated on the 25th Instant which accompanied it.

Lamenting deeply, as I do, the distressing occurrances which have followed the Return of your Highness from your Pilgrimage, and clouded so heavely the last Days of my Residence at the Court of your Highness, I shall sincerely rejoice if a satisfactory Termination of them shall result from your Highnesses second appeal to the Honorable the Governor.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
your Highnesses
most obedient humble
Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
27th October 1822.

To His Highness Maha Rajah Serfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to transmit to your Highness a copy of a Letter from the Principal Collector of Tanjore, and beg the favour of your Highness to cause the Accounts which are referred to by Mr Cotton to be sent to him agreeably to his Request.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect

Tanjore
30th October 1822

Your Highnesses
most obed.t humble Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

To the Resident
at Tanjore

Sir

Ramiengar one of the Stanicums of Coduvaramsamy Covil in the Village of Mareammonicovil having, agreeably to orders, been sent to my Cutcherree by the Tasseldar of Tiruvady, to answer a complaint made of the misapplication of the funds of the Pagoda to a large amount, but without the accounts of the Pagoda which he states have all been conveyed into the Palace. I have to request that you will

enquiry may be instituted into the charge preferred against him.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) J Cotton
P. Collector

Tanjore
Circuit Cutcherree
2 9th October 1822.

A true Copy
(signed) W Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

My Dear Sir,

Tanjore 30th October 1822.

Having learnt from Report that a near and dear Connection of your Highness is extremely ill, I cannot refrain from offering an earnest Request to your Highness to permit the visits of Sir Thomas Sevestre to the Patient and the Trial of his Skill and Experience, which I can confidently recommend to your Highness.

If there be any insuperable Objection to a compliance with this Request, permit me to recommend that your Highness see Sir Thomas and converse with him on the case regarding which it is possible that he may be able to throw some Light which may be useful or Satisfactory to your Highness.

Your Highness I am persuaded will readily pardon the Liberty I take in offering these Suggestions.

I have the Honor to be
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

To Lieut. Col.

Sir

I feel myself particularly obliged for your kind answer regarding the discovery of my dear sister who is now deceased, and for the offer of your assistance to recommend her to the Tahsildar of the Trivady Division for his care.

I would have immediately availed myself of your offer and the gratuitous assistance but considering the state in which the Inhabitants now are, I am fearful that the proposed measure will not be of any use to them. I am therefore willing to give any trouble to the Tahsildar on the account and to beg to be excused

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Trivady
22nd November 1822.

(Signed) Sophia Pigott

I am sensibly obliged for your kind answer

With great Respect
I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Trivady
22nd November 1822.

(Signed) Sophia Pigott

Statement of the Population in the Province of Tanjore in July 1821.

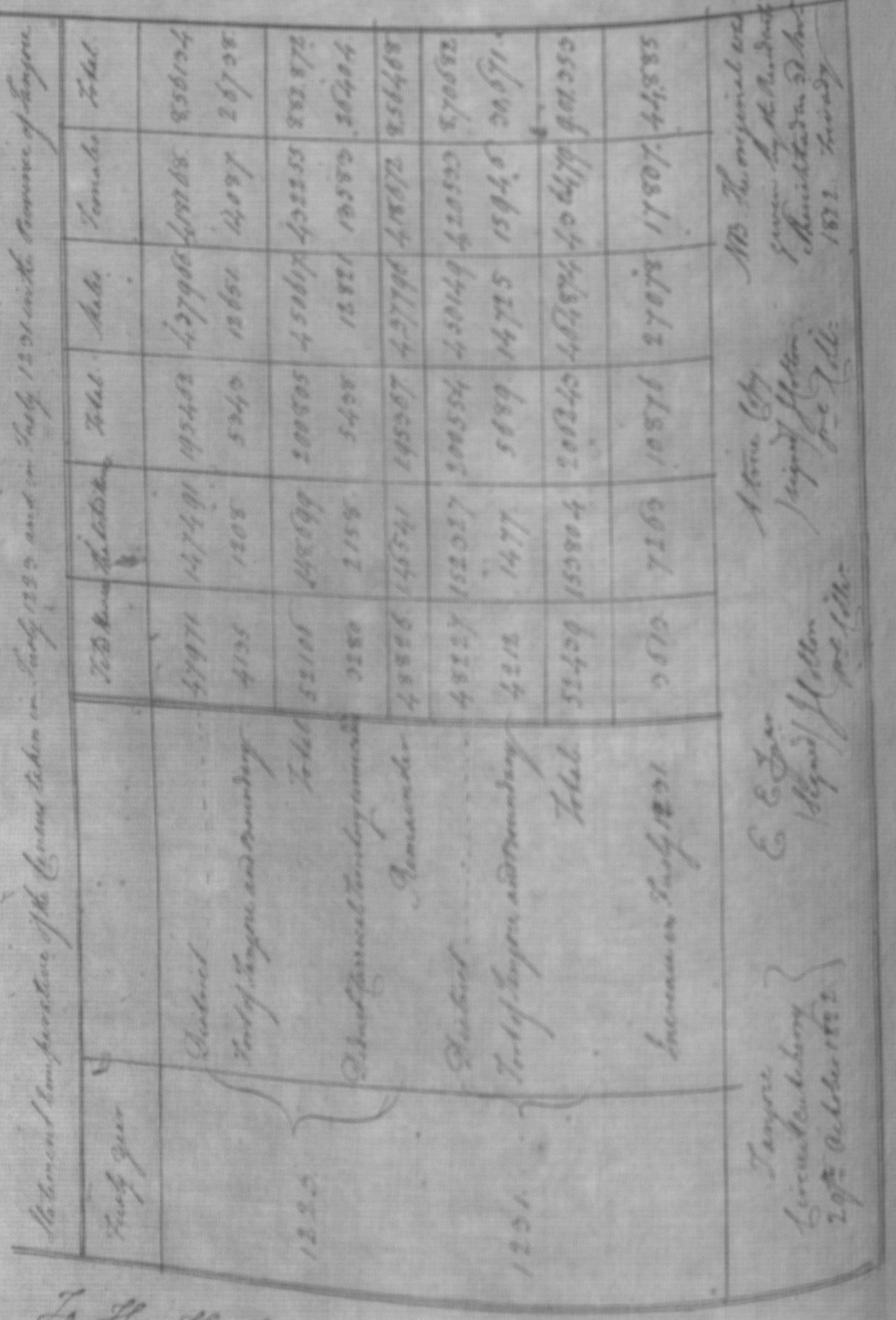
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		Old	Young	Total	Old	Young	Total	Old	Young	Total
Principal Collectors division	Trivady	56809	20655	77464	58806	16001	74807	115615	36656	152271
	Pauspanassum	22978	8801	31779	23641	7364	31005	46619	16165	62784
	Trivalore	25164	8289	33453	23498	6572	30070	48662	14861	63523
	Keevalore	48706	15712	64418	51329	11519	62848	100035	27231	127266
	Mannargoody	32911	10484	43395	31264	8716	39980	64175	19200	83375
	Pattookottah	38378	11746	50124	36831	9242	46173	75209	20988	96197
	Total	224946	75687	300633	225369	59514	284883	450315	135201	585516
1st Collectors Division	Combaconum	52946	19405	72351	51195	15569	66764	104141	34974	139115
	Shyaveram	36496	12785	50281	31998	12105	44163	68494	25950	94444
	Nunnillam	21092	5792	26884	20145	4578	24723	41237	10370	51607
	Total	110534	38982	149516	103338	32312	135650	213872	71294	285166
	Grand Total	335480	114669	450149	328707	91826	420533	664187	206495	870682
Jurisdiction of the Rajah	Fort of Tanjore & Boundary	11236	3489	14725	12481	3463	15946	22717	6954	30671
	Grand Total	346716	118158	464874	341188	95291	436479	687904	213449	901353

Tanjore
Vincent Aldeberry 29th October 1822.

E. E. Jr. (Signed) J Cotton
Pr Collector

A true Copy
(signed) J Cotton
Coll.

N.B. The original was given by the Resident's Sheristadar to his Highness on the 2d Nov. 1822. Trivady



To His Highness
Maha rayah Surfogee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt

have the Honor to acquaint your Highness that it appears by a Letter from Mr. Cotton, received this morning, that he is desirous to see the whole of the accounts. 116

I have the Honor to enclose a Copy of Mr. Cotton's Letter, and to be. With great Respect

your Highnesses

most obedient humble Servant.

Tanjore
5th November 1822.

/signed/ WBlackburne

To the Resident
at Tanjore

Sir. I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 3d Instant with its Enclosure, and in reply beg you will inform His Highness the Rajah, that it is all the accounts belonging to the Pagoda in question, which may be in the Palace of Tanjore, that I require, and which I request may be immediately delivered up, and sent to me.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant

Tanjore
Trivalore
4th November 1822

/signed/ J Cotton
Principal Collector

A true Copy
/signed/ WBlackburne

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident of Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 5th Instant with a Copy of the Principal Collectors Letter to you which it encloses stating that Mr Cotton is desirous to see the whole accounts of the Coldundaramassamy Land at Karrycoil.

I have in consequence ordered my Dubash to give the Accounts and request that he may be pleased to return the same as soon as possible.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient humble
Servant
(signed) Sivajee Rajah

Trevady
6th November 1822

To His Highness Maharajah Sivajee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have much pleasure in sending to your Highness a Copy of a Letter from the Principal Collector and Magistrate, received this morning, and two Accounts of Population which Mr Cotton has requested me to present to your Highness.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
6th November 1822

To the Resident
at Tanjore

Sir, I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24th Ultimo, enclosing the Accounts required from the Palace of the Population under the Jurisdiction of His Highness the Rajah, and I now beg to transmit to You two Statements in Mahratta, of the whole Population of the District, which I request you will forward to His Highness, for his Information.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) J Cotton Principal Collr.

Tanjore
Trivalore
5th November 1822.

A true Copy (signed) W Blackburne.

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ting the Result of his Enquiry into the Circumstances of a Complaint from your Highnesses Government, which was transmitted by me on the 18th Ultimo — 117

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
6th November 1822

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To Colonel Blackburne

Resident Tanjore

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th Instant, enclosing a complaint from the Tahsildar of His Highness the Rajah, and to inform you that two of the persons accused have been punished. Of the other two mentioned one has not yet been apprehended, and the other is discharged for want of sufficient evidence to criminate him.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

Tanjore
5th November 1812

(Signed) William Addlee
Asstt Magistrate

A true Copy
(Signed) WBlackburne

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To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident of Tanjore

I have the Honor to enclose herein for your Perusal two original Letters which I had the Honor to receive on the 25th Instant from the Danish Government at Trangambar

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient humble Servt

Tranquebar
10th November 1812

(Signed) Serfojee Rajah

and shall be much obliged if you can give a passport.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
your most obed.t hu.e Serv.t
(signed) Sirfojee Rajah

Tanjore
11th November 1792

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Tanjore 11th November 1792.

My Dear Sir,

I have the Honor to send the passport required by
Your Highness. and to return the Note which accompanied
Your Highnesses Letter to me of this Date.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your Highnesses most obed.t Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

My Dear Sir

Dr Marlin having been in the habit of riding every morning on Elephant I thought it proper to send to him a small

To His Highness

Maharajah Serfojee.

Rajah of Tanjore.

I have the Honor to return, with thanks to your Highness, the two original Letters from Tranquebar which accompanied your Highnesses letter to me of the 10th Instant. I have retained Copies of them for the Information of the Right Honble the Governor.

It is with the highest Gratification that I acquaint your Highness that the Honorable the Governor in compliance with the wish expressed by Your Highness in your Letter to him of the 5th of August last, has been pleased to determine to recognize His Highness Rajah by a formal act, as the Heir and Successor of Your Highness, and has directed me to communicate with Your Highness regarding the Arrangement by which this important measure may be carried into Effect to the Entire Satisfaction of your Highness. For this purpose

at your earliest convenience.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses [2]
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
11th November 1792

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident at
Tanjore

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 11th Instant which communicated to me the pleasing Intelligence that the Honorable the Governor has been pleased to determine to recognize my Son by a formal act as my Heir and Successor.

As I am very desirous of having some Conference on the subject with you and of acquainting you at the same time that how much I feel myself obliged both for the Honorable the Governor and yourself, I will be very thankfull to You to favour me with a Call at the usual Hour 10 in the Morning the Day after tomorrow, being Tomorrow fasting-day or

Newmore

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Surfojee Rajah

Tanjore
12th Nov. 1822

To His Highness
Maharajah Surfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have has the Honor to receive your Highnesses Letter of yesterday and shall have much pleasure in waiting upon your Highness at the time appointed.

As it is very likely intention to take a final Leave of Tanjore in the course of a very few months and it is possible that Captain William Hardy may be the existing Resident for a considerable Time until the arrival of the Gentleman who may be appointed by the Honorable The Governor to succeed me. I am particularly desirous that Captain W. Hardy may have all the Facilities possible to enable him to inform himself [illegible]

in consequence of requesting his attendance whenever I may have the Honor of an Interview with your Highness.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
13th November 1822

To the Resident
at Tanjore

Sir. The Bearer of this is charged with a warrant for the apprehension of an offender accused of Theft now residing in the Fort of Tanjore with the stolen property as also one witness. I have the Honor to request your assistance to him in the execution of the same.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) William Ashton
A M.

Tanjore
Magestrates Office
15th November 1822

N.B. The original of this was sent from the Resident on the 16th without other Letter to the Circar. and the Letter following also was sent from the Resident as well as the former on the 20th Inst.

To the Resident at
Tanjore

Marattah Accounts of the Mermacoil Pagoda are in the Office of His Highness the Rajah. I have the Honor to request your Assistance in procuring them to be sent to my Salisbury as also the Marattah Accountant who is paid from the Pagoda and now residing in the Fort of Tanjore.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) William Ashton
A.C.

Tanjore
19th November 1822

My Dear Sir

I am very much pleased with the Determination of your Highness on the two points which have been under discussion for some Days. Because I am quite confident that the Line now adopted by your Highness will be for the most favourable to the essential Interests of yourself and Son.

I will now address the Governor and shall have nothing to say that will not tend to augment his good will to your Highness. But previously I should be glad if your Highness would again turn your thoughts to the Document of the Declaration of His Highness Serfojee Rajah as their and Succes-

be augmented if I were to desire permission to invite the Judge and the Principal Collector to attend Serajee Rajah in the Procession through the principal Streets of the Fort. I hope your Highness will excuse the Trouble I give, but I am highly interested on this occasion, and am most anxious that the measure should be as complete as possible.

I have the Honor to be
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
21st November 1822

My Dear Sir

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 21st and feel myself highly obliged for the same.

Your kind offer made in requesting the attendance of the Judge and principal Collector on the occasion when my Son will be recognized by the British Government as my Heir and Successor being very acceptable to me. I feel still more obliged to You and request of you to do accordingly

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt
(signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
22nd November 1822.

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident at
Tanjore

The other day one of your Havaurahs brought to me an original Letter addressed to you by Mr Nobbs the Assistant Collector requesting your Assistance in procuring for him from the Palace the Maratta accounts belonging to the Pagoda of Godurdeswaraswamy at Karmaneit which he desired might be sent with the Accountant and of which the Havaurah further delivered from you a verbal message saying that it is your wish and request to comply with the same.

I have in consequence ordered the Maratta accounts and the Accountant may be sent to you without delay and request that they may be returned soon

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient humble
Servant

Tanjore
23d November 1822

To His Highness
Maharajah Serfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to send to your Highness (124) a Copy of a Statement of Grain &c. supplied to your Highness by the Principal Collector and of other Items chargeable to your Highness from the 1st of November 1821 to the 31st of October 1822.

The account has been examined and admitted by your Highness and I have been favoured with your Highnesses Receipt for the Amount of it. Viz Cs 701. 3. 7.

I have the Honor to send for the Perusal of your Highness two Letters from Mr Cotton dated on the 21st and 22d Instant and received this morning, together with their respective Enclosures, and beg the favour of your Highnesses attention to them, and that your Highness will be so obliging as to issue such orders to your Servants as may appear to be likely to facilitate the Repairs of the Breaches in the Banks referred to, and to obviate as far as may be practicable the Recurrence of similar Disasters in future.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect.

Tanjore

To the President
at
Tanjore

Sir

I have the Honor to transmit to you a transcript in
Marathe of a Letter received from the Tasseldar of Tiruvady representing
the want of Diligence on the part of the Royal Servants in attending
to the River banks in the limits of the Gardens during the present
high Freshes, and I have in consequence to request to favour me if
You to communicate with His Highness on the subject that the
necessary orders may be issued to his People to be more attentive
when they are unable by themselves to prevent injury to the Bunds
by the encroachment of the water, to lose no time in reporting
the circumstance to the Tasseldar, or nearest public Servant to
the Taluk

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Signed J Cotton pd

Tanjore
Negapatan
21st November 1802

To the President at Tanjore

Sir

I have the Honor to transmit to you transcript in Marathe
of a Letter received from the Tasseldar of Tiruvady reporting several
Breaches to have occurred in the Bank of the Vadaver River in the
limits of certain Gardens belonging to the Rajah, and I request
You will be so good as to communicate these particulars to His
Highness and obtain the necessary orders being sent to His
People there, to afford the Tasseldar every assistance in repairing

them as soon as possible.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) J. Cotton
Mr. the Statement of Goods &c. &c. &c. mentioned in the annexed

Tanjore
Negapatam
22d. November 1822

To the President at
Tanjore

Sir,

The Bearer hereof is charged with a warrant for the appre-
hension of two Women accused of having received the stolen property men-
tioned in the warrant and now residing in the Limits of the Fort of Tanjore.
I have the honor to request your assistance to him in the execution
of the same.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) William Ashton
Mr.

Tanjore
Magistrates Office
22d. November 1822

NB. The original was sent by the President on the 23d. & returned to him

Collector and of other Items chargable to me from the 1st Nov.
1821 to the 31st of October 1822 which also given under
two Letters to your address from the Collector and for the
respective two Maratta Sirkles. All of these except the State-
ment I beg to return as enclosed. [27]

I have in meeting the wish of the Collector
given necessary orders and beg to enclose a Memorandum
under the signature of the Sirkele which will shew that the
Sirkele had made no delay in directing and requiring the
assistance required by the Collector be given immediately
regarding the Breaches caused by the recent high freshes.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obed.t hum.le Servant.
(Signed) Sirfojee Rajah

Tanjore
2 4th November 1822.

[illegible]

[illegible] the above monthly Returns were
by Mr Resident for His Highness's
on the 23d November 1822.

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge your
Letter of the 23d Instant

The Resident presents his Compliments to the Serkele.

informs him that Captain H. Fullerton is arrived and will proceed this morning to examine the Lines of the Fort. and it is requested that orders be issued to prevent any obstruction being offered to him.

Tanjore

26th November 1822

The Serkele Ramoyee Sergurroo Shantiga with his best Compliments begs to acknowledge the Receipt of a Note of Lieutenant Colonel H. Blackburne. Resident at Tanjore and to say that Captain H. Fullerton may at any time he please examine the Lines of the Fort.

Tanjore

27th November 1822.

a Copy of a Letter from Captain H. Fullerton stating the neces-
sity of a Survey of the Environs of the Fort, and to inform Your
Highness that the Survey has been entrusted to the Assistant of
Captain Fullerton, Ensign A. L. Sotton, who expects to com-
plete it in fifteen or twenty Days, when Captain H. Fullerton
will return to Tanjore and Fix the Boundary Stones.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant.
Signed J. Blackburne

Tanjore
28th November 1827

To Colonel Blackburne
Resident
Tanjore

Sir,

With reference to the personal communications
I have had the Honor to make to You regarding the Boundary
of the Esplanade of the Fortress of Tanjore, I beg to state that
in order to determine it with sufficient Precision it will
be requisite that a Survey should be made of the Environs of
the Place, and which I shall accordingly have prepared
with the utmost practicable expedition. If I

honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

Tanjore /Signed/ H. Fullerton

27th November 1822. Civil Engineer.

A true Copy

/Signed/ WBlackburne

Lieutenant Colonel William Orlackburne presents his respectful compliments to His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore, and has the Honor to send for the perusal of His Highness an original Letter from the Widow of the late Nanah Saheb, and a Copy of a Memorandum from the Resident when he returned to the Widow her last address to the Honorable the Governor.

The former of these papers is of no importance whatever, but in conformity with the Assurance given to His Highness and punctiliously adhered to that all Communications of every Description with the Family of the late Nanah Saheb shall be imparted to His Highness. Lieutenant Colonel William Orlackburne has the Honor to

Memorandum for the Widow of Nanah Saheb.

The Resident at Tanjore being determined to decline any further Concern in the affairs of the Family of the late Nanah Saheb, except to afford to it that general protection which is, in fact, enjoyed by all Natives who live within the Jurisdiction of the British Government, declines forwarding the Letter which accompanied the Widow's Letter to him of the 25th Instant and returns it.

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Tanjore 30th November 1822.

/Signed/ WBlackburne

A true Copy

/Signed/ WBlackburne

My Dear Sir

I have just received the Picture of Mr Huddleston which some time ago was sent to Madras to be handsomely set in Gold by Mr Gordon the Jeweller at the place and which I beg now to send to You to be forwarded to him with my Compliments. I mean to Mr Huddleston at London.

I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant.

Tanjore /Signed/ Sirfojee Rajah

2d December 1822.

My Dear Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive your Highnesses Letter of Yesterday and a Miniature of Mr. Huddleston to be sent to his Son at Madras. Mr. William Huddleston.

I shall now have much pleasure in forwarding the picture, as it cannot fail to be received with satisfaction and to do credit to Your Highness in every respect.

I have the Honor to be

Tanjore
3d. December 1822

Your Highnesses
most obedt. humble Servant
Signed M. Blackburne

To Lieutenant Colonel M. Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

If it should not be inconvenient to you, I would request and be thankfull to you to procure for the use of the Palace twenty four Pipes of Tanjore ware, and to oblige me as well as His Highness Maharajah Shahajee by a Compliance

Lieutenant Colonel M. Blackburne presents his respectfull compliments to His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore and has the Honor to send for the Perusal of His Highness a Letter from the Widow of Nanah Sahib. 132

Tanjore
5th. December 1822.

To His Highness
Maharajah Sirfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

1st Instant to send to Your Highness Sir Kele two Notices from the Court of Appeal and Circuit at Trechinopoly to be served on an officer in the Service of Your Highness. Yesterday the Notices were returned to me uncovered with an Intimation that Your Highness objected to them, because the person on whom they were to be served is addressed in the singular instead of the Plural Number

On Enquiry I have been informed that the Notices are in the Form which is commonly used, consequently no Intention of Disrespect could possibly exist in the minds of the Judges of the Court at Trechinopoly. I would beg leave therefore to recommend to Your Highness to allow the Notices to be served and to state if Your Highness think proper, your objections to the Form, which I shall with much pleasure transmit to the Court, with such Observations may be calculated to effect the alteration which may be desired by Your Highness.

I have the Honor to be

Tanjore With great Respect:

5th [illegible]

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 5th Instant enclosing two Summons to be served upon Rajes. by Sedoobavah Swamiar my Priest.

On some former occasions Summons were served upon him but they were all dictated in such a Style consistent to his Rank and Dignity: but this was made in a very low and a singular way hurtful to the feelings of mine and that of the said Rajes by Swamiar. He is not Officer in my Service but my own Priest and so he is received by all. However agreeably to your Suggestion and Advice I have made the Summons to be served upon on the full Confidence on your Promise of your rectifying the mistake which appeared to have subsisted in the Summons and beside it looks very odd that on some parts of them words or letters and few full lines even were cracked cancelled and covered with paste papers I mean in the parts where he was styled in some hon.

To His Highness

Maharajah Sirfojee

Rajah of Tanjore

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I have had the Honor to receive your Highnesses Letter of this Date. and the notices from the Southern provincial Court, duly served.

I beg leave to offer my Acknowledgements to your Highness for your obligeing compliance with my Suggestion.

I have made the necessary communication to the Court, and have no Doubt that the Form of the notices which may be issued hereafter will be modified so as to meet the wishes of your Highness, if it can be done without any violation of the Regulations of the Department.

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Your Highnesses

most obedient humble Servant

/Signed/ WMackbarne

Tanjore

6th December 1822.

My Dear Sir,

I had the Honor to receive your two Letters of the 1st and 5th Instant which gave cover to the two addresses to you from

from that venerable person this translation and to publish it to be called mistake to right and give us satisfaction.

I have the Honor to return the Summons and to be With great Respect

Your most obedient humble Servant

Tanjore

6th December 1822

/Signed/ Serfojee Rajah

/Signed/ G. H. Saunders

Regt

from the Widow of Nanah Sahib and to a Copy of your Answer under date the 30th Instant.

I beg to return with thanks these two addresses and to conclude and say that the Word contained in the Answer "that She shall be afforded with that Protection which is enjoyed by all Natives who live within the Jurisdiction of the British Govt" is something more than her due or merely said as a fancy out of Compliments.

I have the Honor to be

Sir with my

Your most obedient humble Servant

10th December 1822 (Signed) Sirfojee Rajah

My Dear Sir.

The other day my Sirkels and the Serishtadar of the Cutcherry on their return from you said that they have spoken with you on the subject of the Collectors objection to admit the Intercourse of the Sherishtadar on subjects connected to the Cutcherry and that you told him on the Collectors Complaint to you regarding the Troubles said to have been given by the Sherishtadar and desired the latter on occasions to inform the Collector

If I came to know beforehand, what you said then it would have prevented trouble and Vexation. 135 In what the Collector has done in having desired the main direct. to bring no more to him matters relative to the Palace he had shewn me disrespect. My Man had not troubled the Collector but only spoke to him on a matter on which he was desired to speake and this was even no more than twice a year. This is not justly to be accounted as troubles given to the Collector.

I have the Honor to be

Sir with my

Your most obedt. humble Servant.

10th December 1822. (Signed) Sirfojee Rajah

Tanjore 10th December 1822.

My Dear Sir.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the arrival of two Letters from your Highness of this Date and of your Highnesses Receipt for Rupees 53523. 1. 5. in full of the Balance due to your Highness for the last Official Year. I took the Liberty Yesterday of recommending that your Highness should grant a Receipt on account, not in full, of the Balance, as the precise amount of the Balance could not be ascertained untill the

Correctness of the accounts on which it is founded should be proved by the Investigation which is carrying on in the Cutcherry of the Principal Collector.

This however, is merely a matter of Form, and I make no objection to the Receipt, under a conviction that if a larger Balance than the Sum above mentioned shall be found to be due to your Highness, the Deficience will be paid to Your Highness without Delay, or carried to the Credit of your Highness in the next Account Current which ever your Highness may prefer.

I have perused your Highnesses Instructions on my Note to Nanak Sahebs Widow and in answer shall say only that I have not deserved them.

I am infinitely more grieved by the second Letter of your Highness regarding the Principal Collector and your Highnesses Serishtadar, and I am surprised beyond measure as well as grieved at the direct Imputation of Disrespect to Your Highness by the Principal Collector. I entreat your Highness to recall to mind the

absence of Your Highness. I can assure your Highness most solemnly and confidently that not only no Disrespect to your Highness has ever been contemplated by Mr. Cotton, but that he has laboured incessantly and gone to the utmost verge of his Duty to support all your Highnesses Rights and facilitate your Business in the Country. He will be much surprised as well as disappointed at the unfavourable Impression which your Highness has received of him.

My Advice to the Serishtadar is correctly stated in your Highnesses Letter as far as the Statement goes, and was given by me with true Solicitude to reconcile all Differences, and save much eventual Trouble to myself.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
Most obedient humble Servant.
/Signed/ WBlackburne

N.B. Look at the Receipt book & see the receipt above mentioned under date the 1st Dec. 1829.

My Dear Sir,

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of yesterday's Date and thank you much for your first and second Paragraph in which you

you have been pleased to convence me of my Errors regarding the Receipt sent to you under date the 4th December 1822.

The sense of the third on the subject of the widow of Nanah Sahib being such as not intelligible for me, I am be thankful to you to explain it by some other words and so oblige

My Dear Sir

Your most obd.t

humble Servant

Trichy

11th December 1822. /Signed/ Sivajee Rajah

To the Resident with His Highness the

Rajah of Tanjore

Sir

I have the Honor to request you will be pleased to cause the enclosed notice to be served upon Ramappa residing in the Fort of Tanjore Defendant in a cause No 124 of 1822 before the District Moonsiff of Pauparavoor Sorbah and to return the same with his endorsement as soon as practicable.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Vyllah Combiconum

12th December 1822.

Your most obedient Servant

/Signed/ E. Powney Judge.

To the Resident with His Highness the Rajah of

Tanjore

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Sir

I have the Honor to request you will be pleased to cause the enclosed Notice to be served on Mungapiller Iyen residing in the Fort of Tanjore Defendant in the suit No 353 of 1822 pending before the Court and to return the same with his Endorsement as soon as practicable.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Vyllah Combiconum

12th December 1822.

Your most obedient Servant

/Signed/ E. Powney Judge.

To the Resident with His Highness the Rajah of

Tanjore

Sir

The Evidence of the Persons mentioned in the accompanying Memorandum being required before the Court of Circuit expected to be held on the 6th January 1823, I have the Honor to request you will be pleased to procure their attendance at this Court House as early as practicable

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Vyllah Combiconam

12th December 1822.

Your most obedient Servant

/Signed/ E Powney

To His Highness

Maharajah Sevajee

Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to request that your Highness will be pleased to permit Captain W. Hardy to wait upon you whenever it may be convenient to your Highness for the purpose of presenting to your Highness a Letter from the Honorable the Governor, which is just arrived, and is eminently calculated to give the highest Satisfaction to your Highness

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Your Highnesses

most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) WBlackburne

Tanjore

13th December 1822

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 12th Instant intimating that you have received a Letter to my address from the Honorable the Gov-

it to me.

I am much obliged to you for this communication and request the favour of you to inform Captain Hardy that I shall be very glad to receive him here for the purpose mentioned tomorrow.

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Your most obedt. humble Servt.

(Signed) Sevajee Rajah

Trivady

14th December 1822

To

His Highness

The Rajah of Tanjore

1 I had the Honor in my Letter under date the 21st of June, in order to relieve your Highness' anxiety relative to your being succeeded by your Son, to assure you that I considered him to possess such claims as could not fail to secure his eventual elevation to the Raj of Tanjore.

2. Having been since apprized by Lieutenant Colonel Blackburne that your Highness had appeared to be disappointed that the assurances then given to you had not taken the shape of a formal recognition of His Highness Sevajee Rajah as your Successor, I directed him to intimate to your Highness my readiness

to meet your Wish to that effect, and he was instructed, at the same time, to ascertain in what manner it had been proposed the desired acknowledgement of the succession should be fashioned and promulgated.

3. Your Highness is stated to have expressed a preference to a Declaration to be appended, and formally exchanged, as an Additional Article to the Treaty of 1799, and were the occasion of a nature to require, as at all essential to the due fulfilment of its intention, that the recognition should be conceived in a shape out of a treaty. I should have been most happy to adopt that form of proceeding. But it will be obvious to your Highness on reflection, that the measure solicited by your Highness does not need to be arranged by convention, and that there is nothing at issue between us to be determined by Treaty

4. I have had great pleasure in according to your wish to have your Son publicly recognized and proclaimed as your Successor, and the President has been furnished with my Instructions

5. The proposed avowal of the Succession will, accordingly, be published at Tanjore; whenever your Highness may be pleased to appoint a day for the purpose. Lieutenant Colonel Blackburne will then, in my behalf, declare before your Highness, in full Durbar, that your Son His Highness Sevajee Rajah is recognized by the British Government as your Heir and Successor; and that upon your Demise (which God forbid) His Highness will succeed to the Raj of Tanjore, and to the Rank and Possessions now enjoyed by your Highness.

What can I say more?

Fort St George
3d December 1822

(Signed) Thos Munro.

This Letter was presented to His Highness on the 15th December 1822 by Capt W Hardy Town Major

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to inform you that I have, in conformity to the wish of the Honorable the Governor, expressed in his Letter to me dated at Fort St George on the 3d December 1822, and delivered to me on the 15th by Captain William Hardy, appointed a Day which is by Date the 26th Instant and in which it

and publicly recognized by the British Government as my Heir and Successor and to request that you will in consequence be pleased to invite the public Officers of the Province to accompany you on the occasion of my Sons Procession through the Fort.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tanjore
17th December 1822.

To His Highness
Maharajah Serfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have had the Honor this morning to receive your Highnesses Letter of Yesterday acquainting me that Your Highness has fixed on the 28th Instant for the Ceremony of the public Recognition on the part of the British Government of His Highness Serfojee Rajah as the Heir and Successor of Your Highness.

In compliance with the Desire of your Highness I will invite the principal public Officers of the province to be present on the

Officer to meet my Lieutenant Vincent Row, and communicate freely and fully with him, during the Absence of Your Highness and to arrange with him all the parts of the Ceremonial, with a view to the entire Satisfaction of your Highness, and to obviate the possibility of the occurrence of any Mistake in a matter so interesting to Your Highness Your Son and Your Family.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
Most obed. humble Servant
(Signed) Blackburne

Tanjore
18th December 1822.

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

As it is the longing of my Heart since many Days to pay a Visit to the Presidency of Madras I propose for the fulfilment of it to take my Journey on the 17th of January of the ensuing Year 1823 and request that you will be so kind enough as to inform to the Honorable the Governor this my Desire, and to use your Influence that he may be pleased to issue proper orders to the Principal Officers at the Stations to shew me in my

way thither and come back. such Honors and Kindness as becoming to my Rank and Dignity and as hitherto Experienced

Having to my great regret understood that you are proposing to leave Tanjore for England in the course of that month. I avail myself this opportunity to request that you may be pleased to do me the Honor of accompanying me to Madras and from thence to take your Voyage if at all so urgent.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obed.t humble Servant
(Signed) Serfojee Rajah

Tuesday
18th December 1822.

P.S

It is my proposal to take my Route by the way of Tirumanoor Alangoor Virtasalom Tevvenamally and Kangeeporom and beg leave to send the Regulations Tomorrow

[Signed] S.R.

To The Resident at
Tanjore

I beg to trouble you with the enclosed Translation Maratta a Letter

I hope, he pleased to give the necessary orders to his People at Needamangalum

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Servant
[Signed] J Cotton P. Coll.r

Tanjore
Negapatam
17th December 1822.

Remark The Resident sent Hanuvee Capon on the 19th

The Resident presents His compliments to the Serfoji, has received the Serfoji's Memorandums and the Paper[illegible]

to in them, which He has to transmit to the Principal Collector, and will continue to transmit them punctually, as heretofore, without any particular Acknowledgement, unless the case should require an Explanation.

The Resident sends for the perusal of the Serhele a Letter from the principal Collector on this subject received some Days ago.

Tanjore
19th December 1822

To the Resident
at
Tanjore

Sir

Para 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th instant enclosing two Memoranda sent to you by His Highness the Rajah, which have met with all due attention.

2. The manner in which the wishes of His Highness have in this instance been conveyed to him, has proved very satisfactory to me, and without intending the slightest disrespect to the Rajah from

earnest hope that the same channel of communication between us may in future be always observed, and that his Sheristadar at my Cutcherry will be desired to attend merely to his duty, which by the 13th article of Treaty appears to be only the taking and transmitting to the Collector, Copies of such accounts, as may be required for the information and satisfaction of His Highness —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
(Signed) J. Lotton P. Col.r

Tanjore
Negapatam
14th December 1822

My Dear Sir,

To advise to avert the false and ill grounded notion of the Widow of the late Nanah Sahib sent to her Ramasamy Uppah who as will be seen in the inclosed Memorandum left nothing to bring her mind to a sound conviction and Judgment but I regret to say that all proved ineffectual as her mind is ultimately and deplorably bent on hearing her evil adviser and persuaders.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obedient humble
Servant.

Tanjore
19th December 1822

be done between your Serishtadar and one of my Officers I have ordered Annajee Deyagoraj an officer of mine to meet your Sheristadar for the purpose. Your Letter on the subject I have the Honor to acknowledge and to be.

With great Respect

Your most obedient humble

Servant

Trivady

20th December 1872

(Signed) Serfojee Rajah

To His Highness

Maharajah Serfojee

Rajah of Tanjore

I have had the Honor to receive your Highnesses Letter of the 18th Instant intimating your Highnesses Intention of proceeding to Madras and desiring me to communicate it to the Honorable the Governor, stating also the principal Places of the Route which your Highness proposes to take, and promising a more detailed Statement.

I will make the Communication to the Honble the Governor which is desired by your Highness without further Delay.

I have the Honor to be With great Respect.

Tanjore

Your Highnesses most obedt humble Servant.

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne

Resident of Tanjore

I have the Honor to acquaint you that it is expected a Week hence the Ceremonial proposed to be observed on the

To His Highness

Maharajah Sirfojee

Rajah of Tanjore

I have had the Honor to receive your Highnesses Letter of yesterday regarding the Desire of the Widow of Nanah Sahib to proceed to Madras, together with a paper of advice read to her by the order of your Highness. I have the Honor to return the Paper with thanks for the perusal of it.

In conformity with your Highnesses request to Captain M Hardy that you had no objection to the Widows Departure for Madras and to the opinion of your Highness in the Letter received this morning from your Highness that She is bent on hearing her evil adviseurs and perswaders. I propose to send word to her that I am ready to give the passport required, but have nothing to do with her pecuniary concerns, and will not interfere with them.

I beg leave to refer my intention to the consideration of your Highness and to send for perusal another Letter from H

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My Dear Sir,

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 20th. 144 enclosing for my perusal a Marattah Letter to Your address which you said you received from the Widow of Nanah Sahib and which being under a Marattah Seal I did not open and send it back to be opened by you and transmitted to me.

I have the Honor to be

My Dear Sir

Your most obed.t humble Servant

[signed] Sirfojee Rajah

Trivady.

21st December 1822

To His Highness

Maharajah Sirfojee

Rajah of Tanjore

I had the Honor to receive your Highnesses Letter of the 20th Instant. and lost no time in sending my Serishtadar to consult and arrange the approaching Ceremony with the Officer mentioned by your Highness. Your Highnesses Officer however had received no authority to consult or discuss but was directed merely to hear what the Serishtadar might say and report it.

It was and is my Desire to be informed of your Highnesses Sente-

ments and wishes in regard to the manner of carrying the orders of the Honorable the Governor into Execution, with a view to adopt a Ceremonial entirely consonant to their Sentiments and Wishes and fully Satisfactory to Your Highness.

Your Highness cannot doubt that the Honorable the Governor, adopting a measure of the highest Importance and advantage to the Family of Your Highness, will readily approve of any mode of carrying the same into full Effect which may be desired by your Highness and as I sent a Copy of the Instructions of the Governor to me on the subject, Your Highness is possessed of all the Information which can be required to enable you to prepare a plan for the Ceremony.

I am sorry that Indisposition continues to disable me from waiting on Your Highness at Tiruvadi, but I will send this Letter by the Cavalladar, Vencatrow to whom I have given a Form of Declaration which I propose to make in English and Mahratta in the Durbar in the name of the Gover-

(It was sent inclosed to the Cavalladar)

This is merely for your Highnesses consideration, to be adopted, modified, or rejected according to the Opinion of Yours Highness. 145

The Honor the Dignity and the Interest of my Dear Young Friend are objects not less affectionately cherished by me than by Your Highness, and your Highness must be entirely satisfied of my cordial Cooperation in every measure which can tend to promote or establish them.

I have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Tanjore

Your Highnesses

2d. December 1822

most obedient humble Servant.

(Signed) W Blackburne

Extract of a Letter From the Chief Secretary to Govt. To the Resident at Tanjore dated Fort St George 3d Decem: ber 1822. received on the 12th

Para 1st I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch of the 23d Ultimo. reporting the result of your Conferences with the Raja of Tanjore on the subject of the public recognition of his Son as his Heir and Successor.

2d and you add, with respect to the form of the proposed act of recognition, that a Declaration to be appended as an additional Article to the Treaty of 1799 and to be formally exchanged as such, is decidedly preferred by His Highness.

3 The Governor in Council does not, however, deem it necessary that the measure in his contemplation should be effected through the Instrumentality of any appendage to the Treaty.

4th It is not essential the Governor in Council remarks, to the due fulfilment of the Intention of the proceeding, that the Declaration of his Son's Succession, so urgently solicited by the Raja, should be conceived in the Spirit of a Treaty. There is, in fact, nothing in the case to be regulated by compact, or determined by Convention. The Raja's earnest wish that his Son should be acknowledged as his Heir and Successor has been acceded to; and his further wish, subsequently explained, that the Succession should be publickly announced

to be observed in giving public Effect to that Acknowledgement.

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5. The Governor in Council considers that the recognition of the Title of His Highness Sevajee Rajah to succeed to the Musnud of Tanjore on the Demise of the present Chief should be proclaimed in the most public manner at Tanjore, such Declaration being made, in the first instance, in full Durbar, under Salutes and other suitable Demonstrations. You will then take a proper opportunity of presenting Khelats in the name of the Honorable the Governor, with his congratulations and Compliments, to the Raja and to his Son; and You will be pleased to invite the principal Officers of the Province to accompany You in His Highness Sevajee Rajah's Procession through the Fort.

6. The Governor in Council is persuaded that the due exhibition of these formalities will leave to the Raja nothing to desire in reference to the eventual Succession of his Son to the Musnud of Tanjore.

7.

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In conclusion I am to desire that the accompanying Packet may be delivered to the Rajah a Copy of which is transmitted for your information.

I am Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed / McEachlarke

The Extract was given to the Rajah by Capt Darby on the 15th December 1822.

A true Extract
Signed / McEachlarke

NB The original of the following was enclosed in the Resident's Letter of the 20th Dec and the Seal of which being opened as requested in the Rajah's Letter of the 21st has been given for the Rajah's perusal by Translation on the 23rd December 1822.

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NB The following mem. was given to the Resident on the 23rd December 1822

The Sirkele presents his respectfull Compliments to Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne Resident at Tanjore and begs to acknowledge the Residents Letter dated 19th Instant and the enclosed the principal Collectors Letter on the 14th which the Sirkele has the Honor to return herewith.

The Sirkele begs to observe that of the Desire of the Collector to cut off the Intercourse with the Sirkar Sheristadar at his Cutcherry. His Highness has already will say nothing at present. It is an intercourse not commenced lately but continued through the Succession of Four Collectors and for upwards of 25 Years in which Time the Sirkar Servants at the Cutcherry were always without interruption allowed to bring to the notice of Collectors such things which were considered to be baffling a measure which has been proved beneficial for bringing matters of like nature to a speedy issue rather than involving the Resident and the Sirkar into some trouble before a Purwanah is dispatched. Considering all the

acquiesce to the measure of the Collector and looks upon it (the prohibition of intercourse without previous Information to him) as a thing proved much to his humiliation and dissatisfaction. 148

The Sirkele begs that his Papers and Memorandums which he will now and then be obliged to send to Resident may be acknowledged or the Sirkele will otherwise be in the constant Concern for the safety of their arrival.

Trevady
24th December 1822.

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore.

I have the Honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 20th Instant enclosing a Mahrattah Letter to your address from the Widow of Nanah Sahib which I beg to return herewith.

As it was proposed by you I sent one of my Officers to the Widow to convince her Errors and to give her good advice for which the instead of giving her Thanks treated it with disregard and Inattention and her Servant said

said such words by way of despise and hinder in the Letter which she sent to you on the 18th Instant. She assures me by saying that I intended her evil. Considering all this I don't think it will be advisable with me to ask a passport for her.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Signed Sivajee Rajah.

Tuesday
25th December 1822.

Political Department.

To Lieutenant Colonel Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

Sir.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant, and to state that the Military Board have been instructed to take measures for supplying the Raja of Tanjore with 24 barrels of Gunpowder in compliance with His Highness's wish therein communicated.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
17th December 1822

149.

The Honorable Major General Sir Thomas Munro K.C.B. Governor in Council at Fort St. George, being desirous to promote and conform all the just Views and Wishes of His Highness Maharajah Kotterpully Sivajee Rajah of Tanjore, and to give to His Highness additional Proofs of the Regard and Friendship of the Honorable Company, has determined, in compliance with the request of the Maharajah, to recognize, by a formal act, His Highness Sevajee Rajah, the Son of His Highness Maharajah Sivajee Rajah of Tanjore as the Heir and Successor of the Maharajah, and has authorized and commanded me, William Blackburne, his resident at Tanjore to declare and proclaim in his Name and on behalf of the Honorable East India Company, that His Highness Rajah

Rajah Serfojee Rajah; and shall succeed to the Throne of Tanjore, and to all the Rights, Prerogatives, Privileges and Dignities attached to it, and to all the Possessions and Property and Incomes enjoyed by His Highness the Maharajah, and to all the Engagements and Treaties which reunite His Highness the Maharajah in Friendship and Alliance with the British Government.

Tanjore
25th December 1822 Signed J W Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident of Tanjore

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The accompanying I have the Honor to send to you to the address of the Honorable the Governor and I request you will be pleased to forward it to him. The Letter being under open Seal I will be thankful to You to give a little wax under when dispatching.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your most obedient humble
Tanjore Servant
26th December 1822 (Signed) Serfojee Rajah

To The Honorable
Major General Sir Thomas Munro K C B.
Governor
&c &c &c
Tanjore

Sir,

I cannot resist doing myself the Pleasure of now addressing you in answer to Your Favor of the 3d Instant, and offering to you my very best thanks for the kind manner in which your Excellency complied with my Requests regarding myself, and acknowledging him as my

my proper and lawful Heir to all I now possess and although from the nature of things this was a matter not to be doubted or disputed, still the fixed anxiety of a Parent frequently embodies what is absolutely necessary, and that wish of continuing our own views after we are removed from the scenes of this life, is frequently as powerful a motive of action as the acquiring of those things which we ourselves expect personally to enjoy. This has been the case with me in the present instance, and I can now die in peace and admire still while leaving that Justice and Equity in the British Government which my House and Family are destined to enjoy when I am no more, and surely I may be forgiven for the anxiety which I had, to see this accomplished, and as surely may I be believed when I say that no Prince in India admires the British Government more than myself, or wishes more sincerely for its prosperity to which allow me to add my earnest Wishes for your Health & Happiness who have been the means of this adding so much to my Happiness.

What can

To His Highness

Maharajah Serfojee

Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Highnesses Letter of the 28th Instant, desiring me to transmit a Letter from your Highness to the Honorable the Governor.

A Copy of your Highnesses Letter to the Honorable the Governor has not been sent, but I have taken the Liberty to make one from the original, and have dispatched the original to its address by this Days post.

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect
Your Highnesses
most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) W Blackburne

Tanjore
28th December 1812

To His Highness

Maharajah Serfojee

Rajah of Tanjore

With reference to my Letters to your Highness of the 5th and 6th Instants, on the subject of notices from the Court of appeal and Circuit at Trichinopoly, I have now the Honor to

of the Court in which the Irregularity objected to by your Highness is acknowledged.

Intentional Disrespect to your Highness is disclaimed, and orders have been issued to prevent the recurrence of a similar Irregularity.

I hope this will be satisfactory to your Highness and have the Honor to be,

With great Respect

Your Highnesses

most obedient humble Servant.

Tanjore
28th December 1822.

/Signed/ W Blackburne

Extract from the Proceedings of the Southern Provincial Court dated 16th December 1822 A. D. No 21 of 1822.

Read return made by the Judge in the Zillah of Combaconum to the Court's Precept of the 20th ultimo accompanied by the Copy of a Correspondence which has taken place between His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore and the Resident at his Court.

The Court having referred to the notice which was served upon Rajeetry Sabboorayah Sowmier fine that several alterations have been made in the wording thereof, which must be considered as inapplicable to the business for which it was drawn

towards His Highness & they have issued such orders on the occasion as will prevent the recurrence of a similar transaction.

Ordered that Extract of these proceedings be transmitted to the Judge of the Zillah of Combaconum to be by him submitted to His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore thro' the usual Channel of Communication.

A true Extract

/Signed/ Ed. Baganendarow
Dy Sevestadar

/Signed/ G. W. Saunders
Register

A true Copy
/Signed/ E Barnes
Judge

A true Copy
/Signed/ W Blackburne

To Lieutenant Colonel William Blackburne
Resident at Tanjore

I have the Honor to acknowledge your two Letters of yesterdays Date one on the subject of your having dispatched my Letter to the Honorable the Governor, and the other enclosing an Extract of the Proceeding of the Southern Provincial Court on the subject of the mistake regarding the improper mode which the Company Court adopted of the Address of Rajeetry Sethoobavah Swamiar being corrected.

I request of you to accept of my best Acknowledge-

ments for the kind trouble you have been pleased to take in this matter, and have the Honor to be

With great Respect

Trivady
2 9th December 1822.

Your most Obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Serfojee Rajah

To His Highness
Maharajah Serfojee
Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to send to your Highness a Copy of a Letter from the Principal Collector, and the four papers referred to in it, stating the result of a renewed Investigation which has been made by Mr Cotton into the Circumstances of the Nedamungalum Complaint, in consequence of the Dissatisfaction expressed by your Highness at the issue of the former Enquiry.

The extraordinary pains which have been bestowed by Mr Cotton on this Investigation, and the great patience and temper with which he has undertaken a Revision of his own deliberate Opinions and Decision, proving most unequivocally his Disposition to oblige your Highness as far as justice to others will allow him, entitle him to my Gratitude, and will prove I hope satisfactory to Your Highness

To The President at
Tanjore

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Sir,

Para 1 With reference to a Memorandum and its enclosure, which you lately forwarded to me from the Sohele of His Highness the Rajah relative to the Bank raised by the Merasadar of Volemede, contrary as it is stated, to Custom, and to the great injury of the Lands in Vycalatoor, I have the Honor to transmit to you transcripts of a Correspondence, that has since passed between myself and my native Superintendent of Maharamut on the subject, which will I hope, satisfy His Highness of my Disposition to attend to his wishes, and to do as far as I am able, justice between the Parties.

2 It appears by the reports of the Native Superintendent that the water, which was represented to be overflowing the Lands of Vycalatoor, had all been discharged by the ways he before pointed out as practicable, and that the account of the Land stated to remain uncultivated in consequence of this Bank, has been greatly exaggerated; it further appears that by continuing the †Channel of discharge, as it was formerly, 40 yards to the Southward and 180 yards to the northward, there will be no difficulty in letting off the surplus water without injury to any Village, but in the event of this not being sufficiently clear to His Highness to induce him to order

† vide Plan before submitted.

opportunity of visiting and inspecting the spot myself, and if necessary, to request the attention of the Civil Engineer to it, that he may by taking the levels, determine whether or not the water will run in the direction laid down by the native Superintendent

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Signed J Hollier pt Collector

Tanjore

Circuit Cutcherree

28th December 1842

A true Copy

Signed [illegible] Cutcherree

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Tanjore 30th December 1822

My Dear Sir

With your Highnesses Permission Captain W. Hardy will do himself the Honor of waiting on your Highness tomorrow to make a Communication to Your Highness from the Honorable the Governor.

The Sirkele at Poodoocottah will make a public visit to me on the 1st of the ensuing month, and I request Your Highness will be pleased to give orders for the same Compliments in the Fort which were paid to His Predecessor in office some years ago.

I have the Honor to be
Your Highnesses most obedient
Humble Servant
[Signed] W Blackburne

My Dear Sir

tomorrow, who is said thereon to call upon me at the ensuing Day.

I have the Honor to be
My Dear Sir
Your most obed.t hu.e Serv.t
[Signed] Sivajee Rajah

Tanjore
30th December 1822

Remark Captain W. Hardy on his visit to His Highness on the 31st December 1822. presented an original Letter of which the following is a Copy.

Political Department

To the Resident at
Tanjore

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Dispatches of the 20th and 21st Instant communicating the wish of His Highness to set out from Tanjore for a Visit to the Presidency on the 17th of the next month.

2. As His Highnesses proposed Journey at that period would be attended with much public inconvenience, the Honorable the Governor is constrained to decline the Honor of His Highness' Visit for the present. The Governor in Council desires that you will intimate to the Raja that at a more favourable juncture fitting arrangements will be made for His Highness' Progress [illegible] and you will be pleased to add that the Governor

in Council is concerned to have been under the necessity of defer-
ring their further prolongement. I have the Honor to be
Sir.
Your most obed.t Servant.
Fort St. George
27th December 1822
Signed E. Wood
Chief Secretary.

Tanjore 31st December 1822

My Dear Sir

I have the Honor to transmit to your Highness for perusal a Letter from Mr. W Huddleston, acknowledging with thanks the Receipt of the miniature of his Father which Your Highness was so obliging as to desire me to present to him.

Having recently received from England a valuable Work on Geography with Maps, I have the Honor to request that Your Highness will do me the Favor to present it in my name to His Highness Serfogee Rajah as a mark of my Friendship and affection. The work is in five Qto. Volumes with a Folio Volume of Maps, and is called generally Thompsons Maps.

I have the Honor to [illegible] also for [illegible]

allow my young Friend to accept of them.

I have the Honor to be
Your Highnesses most obedient
humble Servant.
Signed W Blackburne

My Dear Sir

The Cooly has delivered to me the miniature of my Father. for which I beg to return my thanks. It is very like & well painted. I have to express my acknowledgements for the Rajahs attention. Hoping shortly to have the Pleasure of paying my personal Respects to You and to Mrs. Blackburne.

Believe me
My Dear Sir
Very truly Yours.
Signed W Huddleston.

28th Decr.

