

EXTRACT of Bengal Secret Confultations, 22d June, 1784.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following letter from the Accountant at Lucknow.

Sir,

I beg you will acquaint the Honourable Board, that the Vizier's minifters have confented to the accounts as flated by the Accountant General; and I hope to be able, in three or four days, to transmit to the Honourable Board the accounts completed to the 31st of May; I have only waited for the minister's confent to the flatement of the differences, to forward the accounts.

Lucknow,

5th June 1784.

I have the honour, &c.

(Signed) J. WOMBWELL, Acct.

EXTRACT of Secret Letter from Bengal; dated 5th July 1784.

Para. 27. The Governor General, in a letter dated the 21ft of April, advifed us that he had ordered two bills of exchange, for rupees 2,50,000 each, to be remitted to us, the one payable in 51 days, and the other in 81 days after date. He informed us that they were in the part of the fum of thirteen lacks which Almais Ally Cawn had agreed to pay to his mafter, in the prefent emergency, for the purpole of aiding him, and relieving the Company. These bills were drawn at the Exchange of five and a half per cent; and the Governor General acquainted us, that he meant to fix the exchange at that rate in future, expressing at the same time his aftenishment at the former exchanges upon bills drawn from Lucknow, which were, at the time of Meffrs. Middleton and Johnion, from 19 to 20 per cent, and reduced by Mr. Briflow to 16 per cent. The Governor General alfo recommended that the fum which he had remitted should be appropriated to the discharge of the interest due on the Company's bonds. By a report from the Accountant General we learnt that the amount then due on this account was current rupees 4,54,785. 14. 5.

28. In a letter under date the 22d of April, the Governor General acquainted us that he had permitted the Paymafter to appropriate the fum of rupees 2,20,000 to the difcharge of arrears due to the troops at Chunar; and requested our authority for the disposal of the cash in the treasury at Lucknow.

73. The Governor General transmitted to us, under date the 14th of June, the circumflances of a claim which his Excellency the Vizier had on Jemael Beg, late Aumil of Illahabad, who had come down with Mr. Briftow to Calcutta. We communicated them to Jemael Beg, and required his reply.

76. Your Accountant at Lucknow has informed us, under date the 5th June, that the Vizier's minifters had confented to the accounts between his Excellency and the Company, as flated by the Accountant General, and communicated to your Honourable Court on the 15th March.

Conf. 6th July 1784.

Edward Hay, Efquire, Secretary.

I have the honour to transmit to you fundry accounts, a lift of which I enclose, and a copy of a letter I have this day received from the Honourable the Governor General. I am to request that you will lay these papers before the Honourable Board. The Honourable the Governor General will make known to the Board the cause of the delay.

I am, with respect,

Lucknow,

21ft of June 1784.

A true Copy.

E. Hay,

Secr.

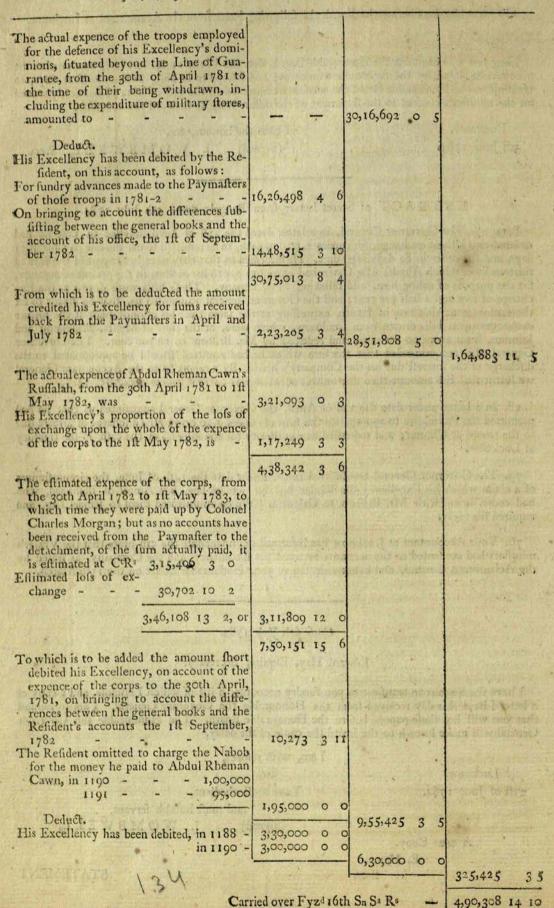
Sir, Your most obedient, and most humble fervant,

(Signed) J. WOMBWELL,

STATEMENT



STATEMENT of Sums carried to the Debit of his Excellency the Nabob Vizier in the month of February 1784, by the Honourable Board's orders of the 9th March 1784.



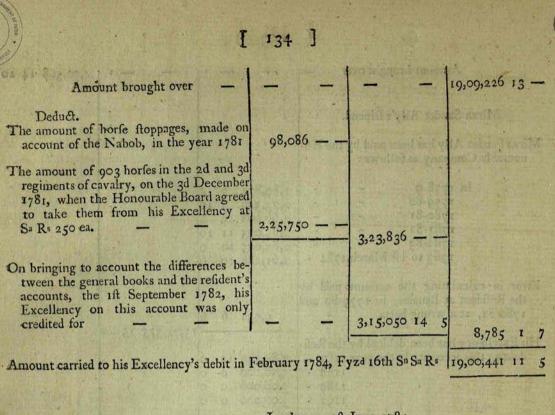
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Lucknow, 1st June 1784. Errors excepted.

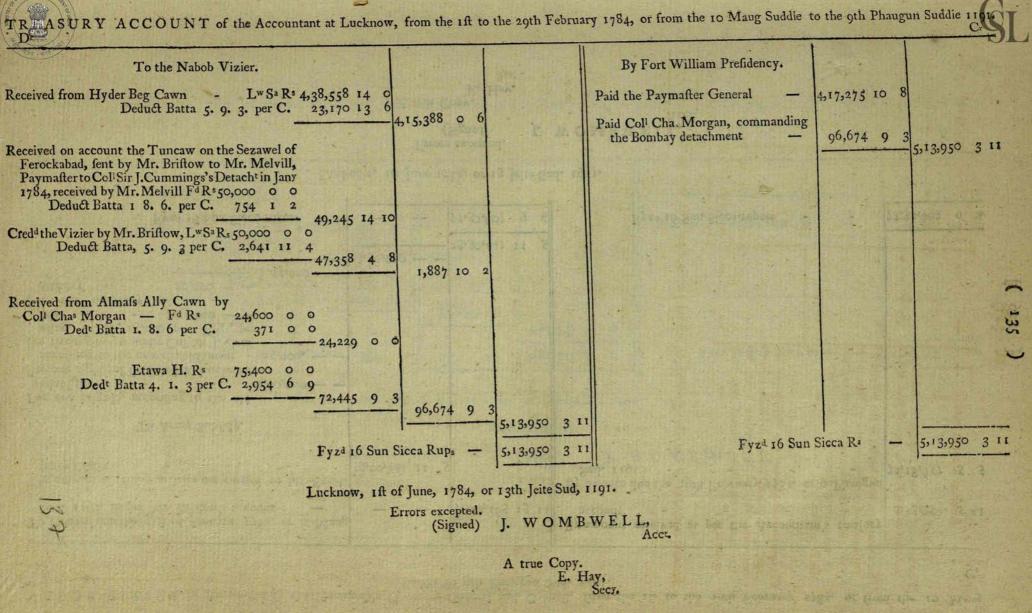
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I. WOMBWELL,

Acct.

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ABOB VIZIER in Account with the Honourable Governor General and Council, from the 1st to the 29th February 1784, or from the 10 Maug Suddie to 9th Phaugun Sud. 1101. Cr

To Balance due the 31ft of January 1784, or 9 Maug By amount received as per the Accountant's treasury Sud. 1191, as per Mr. Briftow's account 51,02,165 13 11 account 5,13,950 3 11 The amount of fundry articles not carried to his Excel-By balance due the 29th February 1784, or 9 Phaugun lency's debit Sud. 1191 19,00,441 11 72.18.657 5 5 To Army Subfidy. For one brigade, according to the old eftablifhm? - -2,60,000 -For one regiment flationed at Lucknow, according to the new eftablishment - 25,000, -For five regiments under Col! Sir J. Cumming, at Rs 25,000 per Regt per Mo - - 1,25,000 --w For one company of artillery -20,000 -1,45,000 4,30,000 -23,30,441 11 Fyzd 16 Sun Sicca rupees 77,32,607 Fyzd 16 Sun Sicca rupees Lucknow, 1ft June 1784, or 13 Jeite Sud. 1911. Errors excepted. (Signed) WOMBWELL. Acct. A true Copy. E. Hay, Sec".

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TREASURY ACCOUN'T of the Accountant at Lucknow, from the 1ft to the 31ft of March 1784, or from the 10th of Phaugun Suddie to the 10 Cheyte Sud. 1191.

Cr Dr 0 V By Fort William Prefidency. To the Nabob Vizier. Paid the Paymaster General 4,89,347 10 6 LwSaRs 4,61,494 5 Received from Hyder Beg Cawn -Deb: batta, 5. 9. 3 per c. 24,382 10 4,37,111 11 0 20 Sun Core rups 61,750 0 0 Deduct batta, 18. 3. 5 per c. 9,514 0 52,235 15 6 Mm 4,89,347 10 6 Fyzd 16 Sun Sicca rups Fyzd 16 Sun Sicca rups 4,89,347 10 4,89,347 10 6

Lucknow, 1st of June 1784, or 13 Jeite Sud. 1191.

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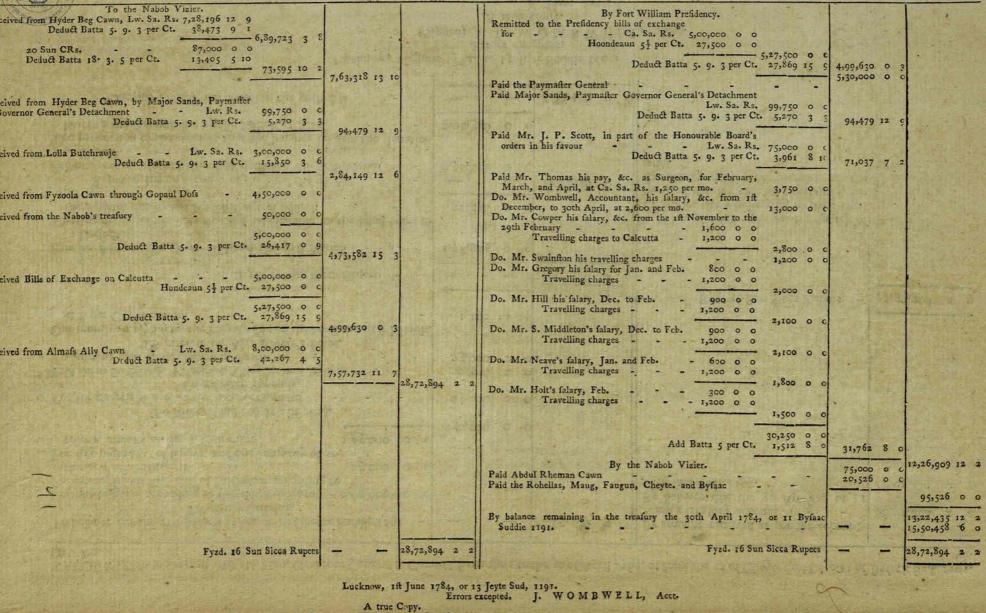
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BOB VIZIER in Account with the Honourable Governor General and Council, from the 1st to the 31st of March, or from the 1oth of Phangun Suddie to the 1oth of Cheyte Suddie 1191. Dr

To balance due the 29th Feb. or 9th Phaugun Sud. 1191 - To Army Subfidy, For one brigade, according to old effablishment - 2,60,000 0 0 For one regiment flationed at Lucknow, according to the new effablishment - 25,000 0 0 For five regiments of fepoys and one company of ar-		72;18,657 5 5	By amount received, as per the Accountant's treafury account By balance due 31ft March 1784, or 10 Cheyte Suddie 1191	4,83,347 10 6
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THE ASURY ACCOUNT of the Accountant at Lucknow, from the 1st to the 30th of April 1784, or from the 1sth Cheyte Suddie to the 1sth Byfaack Sud. 1191.



NABOB VIZER in account with the Hon. Governor General & Council, from the 1 to the 30 of April 1784, or from the 11 of Cheyte Suddie to 11 of Bylack Sud, 1191

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Dr 71,85,589 3 11 By amount received as per the account-To balance due the 31ft March 1784, or 10 Cheyte Suddie 1191 28,72,894 ant's treafury account 5 4 - - - -By balance due the 30 Apl 84, or 11 To Army Subfidy. For one brigade, according to the old eftablishint - 2,60,000 0 48,64,414 0 Byfaak Sud, 1191. For one regiment flationed at Lucknow, according to 25,000 0 the new eftablishment For five regiments of fepoys, and one company of artillery, under Col. Sir J. Cumming 1,45,000 0 4,30,000 0 To Mirza Saudit Ally's Stipend. 25,000 0 For the month of Apl, at 3,00,000 per annum To Rohilla Stipends. 20,526 0 Paid them for Maug, Phaugun, Cheyte, and Byfack 75,000 0 0 To amount paid Abdul Rheman Cawn -To interest on Mr. Frazer's bond. One month on 1,78,924, the balance due on the bond the 31ft March, 1,192 14 10 at 8 per Ct per annum Fyzd 16 Sun Sicca Rupees -77:37:308 5,51,718 14 10 77,37,308 Fyzd 16 Sun Sicca Rupees 1,78,924 0 0 Balance due on Mr. Frafer's Bond the 31ft March Deduct. When the fum received for the fale of The propertion of receipts that the balance due on the bond bears to the horfes lately belonging to the I regi-71,536 . 0 . 0 the amount due by the Nabob the 31ft March ment of cavalry can be afcertained, his 1,07,388 0 Excellency will receive credit for the Remains due on account of the bond the 30 Apl 9,78,822 0 Balance due on account the army donation the 31ft March fame. Deduct. The proportion of the receipts that the balance on acct the donation 3,91,346 0 bears to the amount due by the Nabob 31 Mar. 5,87,476 0 Remains due acct the donation the 30th Apt

Lucknow, 1st June 1784, or 13 Jeite Suddie 1191. Errors excepted. (Signed) J. WOMBWELL, Acct. A true Copy. E. Hay, Secy. TREASURY ACCOUNT of the Accountant at Lucknow, from the 1st to the 31st May 1784, from the 12 Byfaak Suddie to 12th Jate Suddie 1191.

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COPY of a Letter from the Honourable the Governor General to Mr. John Wombwell, Accountant at Lucknow; dated 20th June 1784.

The Nabob Vizier having finally agreed to the adjustments in the account current betwixt, him and the Honourable Company, as flated by Mr. Larkins, the Accountant General, I have now the pleafure to fend you an amended account current, brought up to the 31ft May, under the feal of his Excellency, which I defire you will deposit amongft the records of your department. I have also affixed my fignature to a fimilar account, which will be deposited amongst the records of the Vizier's government.

I must particularly recommend to you to prevent, as far as may be in your power, any differences arifing betwixt the accounts of the Company and thole of his Excellency in future; for this purpole I defire that you will monthly adjust your accounts with those kept by the Vizier's officers, mutually interchanging them, with your fignature affixed to that delivered by you, and the feal of the acting minister to the other.

A true Copy.

(Signed) J. WOMBWELL, Acc.

A true Copy. E. Hay, Secy.

EXTRACT of Bengal Secret Confultations, 13th July 1784.

The following report having been delivered by the Accountant General, on the accounts lately received from Lucknow, it was circulated, and the opinions of the members of the Board, as entered after it, was delivered on the questions, and submitted in the report.

The Accountant General having lately received from the fecretary the Lucknow accounts, with the order to inveffigate and report on them, delivers in the following report accordingly.

The Accomptant General having lately received from the fecretary the Lucknow accounts, with orders to inveffigate and report on them, delivers in the following report accordingly.

ACCOMPTANT GENERAL's REPORT upon the Lucknow Accounts, from 31ft January to 1ft June 1784.

 When the Governor General left the Prefidency, the accounts current of the Nabob's debt had been received from the late Refident at his court to 1ft February 1784. By thefe the Nabob was indebted to the Company in the fum of But the Refident not having adjufted the Nabob's account current with the Accomptant General from the 30th April 1782, had not brought to account feveral fums for which the Nabob fhould have been charged, which 	Owde Siccas. 54,02,165 13 11
have been fince admitted by him, amounting to	19,00,441 11 5
Corrected amount of the Nabob's debt on 1ft February 1784 The growing claims upon the Nabob between the 31ft January, and 1ft June 1784, amounted to	73,02,607 9 4 19,48,845 14 6
The Governor General having received from the Nabob, between 31ft Ja- nuary and 1ft June 1784	92,51,453 7 10 40,07,562 1 10
The balance due from his Excellency to the Honourable Company on 1ft June 1784, was	52,43,891 6 0

1 145] The Governor General having received from the Nabob between 31ft January and ift June 1784. 40,07,562 1 10 And having difburfed the following fums on the under-mentioned accounts : Advances to the army 24,99,479 15 2 Remittances to the Prefidency 4,99,630 0 30 Charges at Lucknow 8 34,492 Advances on account of the inveftment to Mr. Scott 2,32,055 10 5 Advances on account of the Nabob 1,50,657 8 Advances on account of durbar charges 94,716 9 6 35,11,032 3

Remains balance in the Lucknow treafury on the 1fl June 1784.

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Fort William,

Accomptant General's Office,

6th July 1784.

Errors excepted.

(Signed) WM LARKINS.

Acct Gen!.

The Accomptant General begs leave to observe to the Board, that the Accomptant to the Lucknow flation has adjuited his account current of the Nabob's debt to the Company with the utmost circumpection, which has led him to difcover fome errors that had intruded themfelves into the flatement which the Accomptant General had the honour to lay before the Board on the 9th of March, of these the Accomptant General will take proper notice; he has however to observe, that no fum appears yet to have been charged to the Nabob's debit for the expence of the two rif-fallahs of horfe, which returned with the Bombay detachment, one of which is flationed at Cawnpore, the other at Futty Ghur; this, it may be prefumed, has not taken place, from the Governor General's not having, at that time, agreed with the Nabob upon the monthly fum with which his Excellency fhould be charged for the expence of thefe troops, which are flationed for the defence of his dominions, from their croffing the Jumma. It may be neceffary to fuggest this circum-france to the Honourable the Governor General, left it should escape his attention. The Accomptant General has also to request the Honourable Board's determination on the following question, which fhould be communicated to the Honourable the Governor General, that his Excellency may be informed of the fame; and to the Accomptant at Lucknow, that he may make the entry required thereof in the Vizier's account current.

Whether, as the Honourable Board were pleafed to refolve. on 24th June 1782, that the Vizier should be credited for half the amount of the cost of the horses withdrawn from his fervice, he may credit the Vizier at the fame rate for the 524 horfes which were charged for as prefent by the account of the difburfements of the Paymaster to the late Bombay detachment, for the first month after that detachment was formed, which it may be prefumed was the number that were detached from the temporary brigade on this fervice, these horfes then being the property of the Nabob P

(Signed)

WM LARKINS.

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Fort William. Accomptant General's Office, 8th July 1784.

> A true Copy. E. Hay, Secy.

EXTRACT of Bengal Secret Confultations 13th July 1784.

In circulation.

The fecretary having this day received from the Accomptant General his promifed report on the Nabob Vizier's account lately transmitted by Mr. Wombwell, the orders of the Members VOL IV. of of the Board are requefied on the quefiion fubmitted by the Accomptant General in the laft part of it.

Secret Department, oth July 1784.

(Signed) E. HAY, Secretary.

I am of opinion that the Vizier may be credited for half the amount of the coft of horfes withdrawn from his fervice, viz. 524 horfes.

(Signed) E. W.

I do not perfectly underftand the queftion, in the manner in which it is flated by the Accomptant General. The former refolutions or orders of the Board on the fubject of these hories should be brought before us, and then the whole might be transmitted to the Governor General, to settle with the Vizier, after hearing the arguments or objections of his ministers.

(Signed) J M^cP.

I fhould fuppofe this fubject does not prefs, and I very much diflike any thing being fent in circulation. I defire the papers relating to the fubject may be laid before the Board at the next meeting, and will then give my opinion.

Chinfura, 10th July 1784.

The Board referring to the proceedings in the public department on the 24th of June 1782, obferve that it was then agreed to give the Vizier credit for half the amount of the original coft of the horfes belonging to the regiments of cavalry which were formerly flationed in his Excellency's dominions, beyond the line of guarantee, but which were lately returned within the provinces. It is therefore now agreed that the Vizier fhall have credit at the fame rate, for the horfes belonging to the first regiment of cavalry detached on fervice to the Weft of India.

Lucknow, 20th June 1784.

To Edward Wheler, Efquire, &c. Council, Fort William.

Gentlemen,

The Nabob Vizier having finally agreed to the adjuffments in the account current betwixt him and the Honourable Company, as flated by Mr. Larkins, the Accomptant General, I have the pleafure to inform you, that the acting minifter this day prefented to me an amended account, under the feal of the Vizier, brought up to the 31fl of May, which I have delivered to Mr. Wombwell, the Accomptant at this place, to be depended amidft the records of his department. I have alfo affixed my figurature to a fimilar account, which will be deposited amongft the records of the Vizier's government.

The accounts thus fettled and interchanged were drawn out in the Persian language; but Mr. Wombwell will forward with his official monthly account an English abstract of the Vizier's account with the Company from the 1st February to 3sst May last, which corresponds with the Persian account interchanged betwixt the Company and me.

I beg leave to apologize to you for the delay which has been made by Mr. Wombwell in transmitting to you the monthly accounts, as they were detained from time to time in expectation of this adjustment being completed.

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(Signed) J. S.





It is neceffary that I fhould obferve, that this adjustment is independent of the claims which the Vizier has fubmitted to you on account of his loss by batta, and of unauthorized appropriations of his payments to the late Refident. The former of these has been fully represented to you in my letter of the 14th infant; the latter was mentioned in my letter of the 5th April, and being now under investigation will be more particularly flated to you hereafter. His Excellency will fubmit to your decision on both these claims; but it is neceffary that I should here express to you his defire that this adjustment may not be confidered as precluding his right to any redress, to which, from the cases themselves, you may think him entitled.

> I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your most obedient humble Servant, (Signed) WARREN HASTINGS.

P. S. As the differences which are thus adjusted have been accumulating for feveral years, they have of course become involved in a considerable degree of intricacy, informuch that I believe the Vizier and his ministers have acquiefced in admitting our claims, more from a spirit of accommodation, and a reliance on our accuracy, proved in a clear comprehension of each article, than from their own conviction of their propriety. I have long made these claims a particular object of my attention; and as I have not the smallest doubt of their propriety. I ftrongly recommended this adjustment to the Vizier and his ministers; they have acquiefced, but their acquiefcence may perhaps be entirely alcribed to my being on the spot, fince all the endeavours which we have used to effect this adjustment for fome years pass through the Resident have failed. I confider this therefore as an important point gained, both because it substantiates claims of the Company to so confiderable an amount, and because it obviates all future disputes on the fubject betwirt us and the Vizier.

That no fimilar fource of diffute may hereafter arife, I have directed Mr. Wombwell to adjust and fettle his accounts at the end of every month with the acting minister of the Vizier, and to interchange them under their respective feals and fignatures.

> A true Copy. E. HAY, Secy.

Lucknow, June 20th 1784.

COPY

Edward Wheler, Efquire. &cc. Council, at Fort William.

Gentlemen,

In compliance with your directions, I have enquired into the nature of the charges preferred against Almass Ally Khan, in Mr. Briftow's letter to the Board of the 4th October last.

And conceiving that the faireff and beft way of coming at the truth of these matters was, to take the evidence of fuch gentlemen as were capable, from fatuation, of giving me the most authentic information, I applied to Colonel Ironfide, Colonel Sir John Cumming, and Lieutenant James Anderson; copies of whole letters, together with mine to them, I have the honour to enclose you.

You will doubtless fee the propriety of calling upon Colonel Morgan for his information, by putting the fame queffions to him as I have done to Colonel Ironfide and Colonel Sir John Camming.

I fhall avoid giving an opinion myfelf, as, on the fuppolition of your calling upon Colonel Morgan, the fubject would not be completely before me; but whatever may be the refult of your fentiments upon the whole fubject taken together, I defire to be favoured with them as early as poffible, as well as with the relolution which you may pais in confequence.

A true Copy. * E. Hay, Secy. I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your moft obedient, and moft humble Servant, (Signed) WARREN HASTINGS.

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COPY of a Letter from the Governor General to Colonel Ironfide, commanding the Troops in the Field.

Lucknow, 16th May 1784.

The Board having referred to me for my enquiry a charge preferred by Mr. Briftow againft Almafs Ally Cawn, of having entertained a defign of rebelling againft the Nabob Vizier his mafter, and of feizing the artillery at Caunpore during the interval of the relief of the brigade about the clofe of the laft year, I requeft that you will inform me whether any thing paffed within your knowledge or observation which appeared to have a relation to fuch a defign, or to prove it.

> I am, Sir, &c. &c. &c. (Signed) WARREN HASTINGS.

The fame letter was written to Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Cummings, commanding at Futty Ghur.

COPY of a Letter to Mr. James Anderson, Refident with Scindia.

Lucknow, 16th May 1784.

Dear Sir,

Sir.

It appears from the letters which Mr. David Anderfon wrote to Mr. Briftow, under date the that he entertained fome fufpicions of an improper correspondence being carried on at that time betwixt Scindia, or Cheyt Sing, and Almafs Ally Cawn. I defire you will inform me if any further facts have come to your knowledge tending to corroborate these fuspicions, or to shew that this correspondence, if it then existed, was afterwards continued; and I must particularly require you to give your opinion, formed on your own observation, whether any such

correspondence or improper connection fublisted in or about the month of December last, when the brigade at Cawnpore was relieved.

A true Copy.

I am, dear Sir, &c. &c. (Signed) WARREN HASTINGS.

To the Honourable Warren Haftings, Governor General.

Lucknow, 27th May 1784.

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Honourable Sir,

I have received your commands of the 16th inftant, directing me to inform you "whether any "thing paffed within my knowledge or observation which appeared to have relation to a defign "faid to have been entertained by Almass Ally Cawn, of rebelling against the Nawab Vizier his "master, and of feizing the artillery at Cawnpore during the interval of the relief of the brigades "(about the close of the last year) or to prove the fame."

To these orders I should have paid immediate obedience, but that I was obliged to fend for the public letters on this subject to Cawnpore, and fince then to get them transcribed.

The copies of them are finished, and I now proceed to the communication of what came to my knowledge relative to that defign.

While I was at Benares, on the march to Cawnpore, I received a letter from the English Refident at the Vizier's court, dated the 21st of December last marked in the Appendix No. 1.) and enclosing the feveral papers, marked in the fame Appendix No. 2.

In confequence of the Ref dent's apprehensions, this conveyed to me, I repaired to Chunar Gur to procure a supply of ammunition; and obtained from Colonel Blair eighty thousand ball cartridges,



trilges, which I difpatched to meet the brigade at Allahabad, as will be feen in the letters No. 2 and 4 of the Appendix.

No 5 contains my answer to Mr. Briflow's notification to me of the supposed defection, and of the measures I had taken in confequence.

The contents of No. 6 and 7 comprize advice from Colonel James Morgan to the eldeft officers prefent with the third brigade, of the intelligence communicated to him by the Refident at Lucknow concerning Almafs; and information from the officer then commanding at Cawnpore to Colonel Morgan, of the measures taken for the fecurity of that fration.

An address from me to General Stibbert, in the next No. 8, delivers my opinion respecting Almais's difaffection, according to the appearances at that time.

No. 9 comprehends the reason for Colonel Morgan not giving earlier notice of the intelligence he had received regarding Almais.

A letter from the Refident, in reply to my answer of the 28th of December, marked No. 10, declates his apprehentions of Almais's ill intentions being then at an end.

In No. 11 is contained the advice of Ifhmael Beg, Aumil of Allahabad, to the commanding officer then prefent with the brigade, not to move towards Cawnpore without areinforcement.

Confonant to this advice followed the order from me to Captain Dennis, marked No. 12.

No. 13, is a letter from Major M'Clary, commanding at Cawnpore, dated the 3d of January, expreffing that no disturbances then existed, and his opinion of Almas's intentions.

In conformity to this opinion, I addreffed the two letters, No. 14, to the General and Major M'Clary, directing the latter to proceed to join his own corps on the arrival of the third brigade at Cawnpore,

Immediately, Sir, on receipt of your orders of the 16th inflant, I requefted Major Dunn, to whom the command at Cawnpore immediately devolved, on the removal of the fecond brigade from thence, to acquaint me with what he knew concerning the revolt of Almafs. No. 15 is his anfwer to that requifition.

The last number, 16, comprises the orders iffued at Cawnpore, from the 17th of December 1783 to the 28th of the fame month.

With the utmost confideration and refpect,

I am, Honourable Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed)

G. IRONSIDE, Colonel.

APPENDIX to the Letter of the Colonel of the Third Brigade, in answer to the Enquiries concerning the Defection of Almais Ally Cawa.

(Copy) No. 1.

To Colonel Gilbert Ironfide, commanding the 3d Brigade.

Sir,

In confequence of a letter I addreffed to Colonel James Morgan on the 10th inftant, he ordered Major M'Clary to return to Cawnpore with his regiment to reinforce the troops at that flation. The conduct of Almass Ally Cawn fince that period has given us further reason to confider our sulpicions of his difaffection well-founded; after the measures which have been adopted, I entertain little apprehension of any immediate bad confequences. Indeed I never conceived that Almais Ally

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Ally Cawn would rafhly make an attack upon either Cawnpore or Futty Ghur, while the troops at those flations were collected in force. But the fuspicious conduct of this Aumil rendered it a measure of absolute neceffity to reinforce the weak guard at Cawnpore as well for the protection of the magazine, artillery, &c. as to enable Colonel Sir John Cumming to act with vigour, and without dividing his force. Should Almass Ally Cawn withdraw his allegiance, and, as was the cafe laft year only, recall his Naibs from the diffricts under his charge, leaving the country in a flate of anarchy, he could not, in my opinion, make any fland against the Company's forces now in the Doab; but were he to quit the Vizier's dominions, it would, in the event, be neceffiry to have a confiderable body of troops on the fpot, to preferve the peace of the countries he might evacuate, and to effablish the authority of the new Aumils: These are additional reasons for itrengthening the Cawnpore flation. I must beg leave to recommend to your confideration the probable good effect that your speedy arrival at that place would produce.

I have the honour to be

Lucknow,

21ft December 1783.

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Your very obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) JOHN BRISTOW,

Refident at the Vizier's Court.

(A true Copy) (Signed) R. E. Roberts,

Secy.

No. 2.

COPY of a Letter from Mr. Briftow to Colonel James Morgan; dated Lucknow, 10th December 1783.

As I have firong reafons to doubt the loyalty of Almafs Ally Cawn, I am very apprehenfive that he may feize the opportunity which the departure of the brigade from Cawnpore prefents to him, of throwing off his allegiance, and poffibly make fome attempt to poffefs himfelf of the artillery and flores left at that flation. I therefore requeft you will favour me with your opinion, whether you think the force now left at Cawnpore, under the command of Major Dunn, is fufficient to enable that officer, flould Almafs actually harbour any fuch defign, to defend himfelf till reinforcements may arrive from the flations of Lucknow, Kyrabad, and Salone, or from Colonel Sir John Cumming's detachment? And, fuppofing Almafs might bring with him to the attack, as I believe he readily might, a body of troops, artillery, &c. agreeable to the inclofed flatement, if you are of opinion that Major Dunn's force is infufficient: I am further to requeft you will direct fuch an augmentation to be made to it from your brigade, as may effectually fecure him againft any hoftile attempt from the quarter above-mentioned till the arrival of Colonel Ironfide.

I fhould have addreffed you earlier on this fubject, but it was only to-day the intelligence reached me; from which I am led particularly to think the defection of Almafs probable. I hope, indeed, the beft; but it is neverthelefs in common prudence neceffary to guard againft every poffible contingency, at the fame time that the appearance of fufpicion or diffruft on the part of government with refpect to his good faith, might tend to confirm Almafs in his evil defigns, and accelerate a measure which is at prefent perhaps only in contemplation. I dare fay you will agree with me in opinion, that in recommending the utmost vigilance to the commanding officer at Cawnpore, &c. it is highly proper the motives inducing these precautions should be kept as fecret as possible.

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Statement of Almass Ally Cawn's Troops.

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N. B. 20 pieces of the above artillery belonging to the Nabob. 20 Do. — Do. — to Almais

This ftatement was transmitted to Colonel Morgan by the Refident, under date the 27th August 1783, and no particular account of any changes has been fince received. But the Refident understands Almass has called in fome of the out stations. Since he went himself to his districts, nine hundred Turksowars have joined him, in addition, from Lucknow, and he has also raised, by his own authority, two troops of the Company's disbanded cavalry.

No. 2.

Mr. Briftow to Colonel Sir John Cumming, dated 11th December 1783.

I enclose, for your information, a copy of a letter I have addreffed to Colonel Morgan.

No. 2.

Colonel Sir John Cumming in Reply, dated Futtegur, 13th December 1783.

I am favoured with your letter of the 11th current, inclofing a copy of your letter to Colonel Morgan, together with a flatement of Almass's forces.

If you think there be immediate danger to the magazine, &c. at Cawnpore, and in cafe Colonel Morgan have not, in confequence of your information, either left a reinforcement, or halted himfelf near Cawnpore, in my opinion, the most eligible mode would be to order the regiment at Kyrabad thither immediately. Half the regiment at Lucknow might march thither alfo, and as foon as Colonel Ironfide arrives the people might return to their flations.

For my own part, I will hold the troops here in readiness to march the moment I receive certain intelligence that Almass is drawing his troops together with a hoftile intention. I will also in that event order Colonel Knudson to join me by forced marches.

No. 2.

Major M'Clary to Mr. Briftow; dated Cawnpore, 19th December 1783.

I know not yet what the Aumil's intentions are, but this is certain, that he is collecting his forces from every quarter, under the fpecious plea of muftering them. As I should highly experience the want of artillerymen, in case of any attack on this place, I have wrote to Sir John Cumming,



Cumming, requefting that a detachment may be fent down with all expedition, having at prefent only a few latears to work the guns.

Should it appear to you the Aumil has hoftile intentions, I think that the two companies of Major Scott's regiment, now on their march to Lucknow, might be ordered to join me, as allo three or four from the Kyrabad or Lucknow flations, as Major Dunn has above two companies detached, and I have nearly one. Should the Aumil draw this way apparently hoftile, I mean to quit the cantonments, carrying with me the park and magazine, and move to a place near the Cawnpore old lines, where I fhall be enabled to withiland his attack, and any attempt to preferve fo ftraggling a place as those cantonments would be ufelefs, impracticable and divide my force. — It is neceffary that the dawk between this and Lucknow fhould be more expeditious.

No. 2.

Mr. Briftow to Major McClary ; dated Lucknow, 20th December 1783.

I am favoured with your letters of the 17th and 19th inftant.

In cafe Colonel Morgan fhould not have furnished you with a lift of the Aumil's troops, I have the pleafure to inclose you one. The intelligence you convey to me of his collecting them under the pretence of mufter is very fulpicious, as their fervices at the prefent feation of the year are required in fecuring the collections, and the meafure is unprecedented. As the Refident's guard has Golahandazes attached to it, I have preferred requesting Captain M*Leod to proceed to Cawnpore with all expedition, and called upon Lieutenant Wroughton, with the two companies under his command to march along with him. They have my requisition to obey your orders.

The arms of Captain M'Leod's battalion being in a very bad flate, and not fit for fervice, I , requeft you will order the number requifite to be ferved him from the magazine at Cawapore.

I have, at the recommendation of the Colonels Morgan and Cummings, requefied Major Cook will reinforce you with one battalion from his regiment.—I have attended to your intimation concerning the dawk, and I beg you will also follow proper measures with the Munshee at Cawnpore, to oblige his people to do their duty.

> True Copies. (Signed)

J. NEAVE, Affiliant to the Refident at the Vizier's Court.

A true Copy. (Signed) R. E. Roberts, Sec.

(Copy) No. 3.

EXTRACT of a Letter from Colonel Ironfide to General Stibbert; dated Chunar Gut, December 27th 1783.

My prefence at this place is occafioned by advices received yefterday from the Refident at the Vizier's court, of the apprehended defection of Almafs Ally Cawn, who, under pretence of muflering his troops (an unprecedented transaction with him) is collecting a confiderable force within no great diffance of Cawnpore: At the requisition of the Vizier, he informs me, parties of our fepoys are moving from leveral flations, for the protection of the cantonments and magazine at that place.

The moment I received Mr. Briflow's letter, I hastened to Chunar Gur, in order to obtain and expedite a supply of ball ammunition, fufficient for our use, in case the infurrection prove real, and in consequence of my requisition to that effect, Colonel Blair will dispatch in a light boat tomorrow forty thousand ball cartridges; that is about twenty rounds per man, to Allahabad. The officer who has charge of this ammunition is directed to hasten it to the brigade with the utmost

utmost expedition. Forty thousand more are to follow the enfuing day, under charge of a conductor, with fimilar inftructions. Thus accelerated, they will meet the brigade much about the time it has croffed the Ganges; for its further transportation by land I have ordered carriages to be prepared.

In cafe any actual fervice be expected, I shall demand the ammunition also of the fecond brigade, who can be supplied from hence on their way down; nor shall I hesitate to call upon the Kelladar of Allahabad, for any light field cannon he may have in the magazine of that fortrefs.

In the like event, the relief of the troops at Allahabad muft be for the prefent poftponed.

A true Extract.

(Signed) R. E. ROBERTS, Secv.

No. 4.

Chunar Gur, 27th December 1783.

Colonel Blair, commanding at Chunar.

The Refident at the Vizier's Court having advifed me of diffurbances not unlikely to happen, from fome hoftile preparations of Almafs Ally Cawn, who is faid to be affembling a confiderable force near Cawnpoor; and as there is no more ammunition with the 3d brigade than five rounds per man, for the mere purpole of the march, I am under the neceffity of requefting a fupply of ball mufquet cartridges, to the amount of forty thoufand (or filty barrels) from the magazine under your command, to proceed immediately in a light boat to Allahabad, under charge of Captain Cow, an officer of the 3d regiment, and with the utmoff expedition; and allo of another fupply of forty thoufand of the fame, to follow in another light boat, as feon as it can be prepared, under care of fome European, either officer or conductor, in order to accelerate its paffage. Provided this ammunition be not wanted at Allahabad, it fhall be immediately returned from thence; but fhould it come in demand, a proper indent, on emergency, will in that cafe be tranfmitted to you officially, to authorize the delivery.

For your information and guidance, fuppofing the intended infurrection to be real, I shall do myfelf the honour to leave with you a transcript of the intelligence received from Mr. Bristow, accompanied by a statement of the forces which Almass Ally Cawn has under his command.

I am, &c.

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(Signed) G. IRONSIDE,

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((Signed) R. E. Roberts, Secy.

A true Copy.

No. 5.

Chunar Ghur, December 28, 1783.

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To John Briftow, Efquire, Refident at the Vizier's Court.

I have been favoured by your letters of the 21ft and 22d inftant, advifing me of the apprehended defection of Almais Ally Cawn. To me, who am little conversant in the politics of the Durbar, the intelligence conveyed, I must confeis, gave no inconfiderable degree of furprife; becaufe I cannot reconcile to reason the existence of a power, in the fervant of a Government, fo immediately and imminently dangerous to that Government itself; but for want of that knowledge, I am perhaps no competent judge of fuch a contingency.

The moment, however, after I was favoured with your letter, I haftened to this place, in order to obtain and expedite a fupply of ball ammunition fufficient for our ufe, in cafe the infurrection prove more than imaginary; for five rounds per man only were brought with us, for the

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mere purpose of the march. Accordingly 1 have this day accelerated from hence forty thousand ball cartridges to meet the brigade at Allahabad. An additional supply of forty thousand more will be dispatched by Colonel Blair to-morrow. Provided any ferious fervice be actually expected, I shall not hefitate to call upon the Kelladar at Allahabad, for any light field cannon, with the ammunition attached to it, which he may have in that fortress. This demand will be made on an emergency, justified by the occasion; but I must entreat, if you please, that you will nevertheless obtain the fanction of the Vizier for that requisition.

The late wet weather having augmented the burthen of our camp equipage, the progress of the troops within these few days has been flow. You may be affured, however, that they will preced to their deflination with all confisient expedition.

(Signed)

A true Copy. (Signed) R. E. Robert, Secry.

No. 6.

EXTRACT of a letter from Colonel James Morgan to Major William Wation, Commanding Officer, Camp. Third Brigade, dated Camp, December 28th, 1783, 8 P. M.

"Some time ago I wrote to Major MClary, who commands at Cawnpore, to give Colonel Ironfide every information neceffary upon his entering into the Dewab; and I likewife recommend it to you to give him the information when you thall have crofied the river, that you may have every intelligence to enable you to judge of the propriety of marching up on that fide, or of re-croffing at Currah, as Mr. Briftow, the Refident at Lucknow, has informed me that he has fome realou to fuppole that Almafs, the Anmil of Etayah and Cofah Diffricts, may be troublefome."

A true Extract.

(Signed) R. E. ROBERTS,

W. MCLARY,

Com⁸ at Cawnpore.

I am, &cc.

G. IRONSIDE,

Coll.

Secry.

No. 7.

To Colonel James Morgan, &cc.

Sir, I have the honour to inform you, that in confequence of my requisition to Sir John Cumming for a few artillery men, he has thought proper to fend me 20 Europeans and 40 Lascars, under the command of a fublitern officer.

Mr. Briftow has alfo, in confequence of my requeft to him for a few companies (if he deemed the Aumil hoffile) fent me a battalion from Khyrabad, Captain M'Leod's corps, and two companies of the third regiment, under command of Lieutenant Wroughton. This force I confider to be unneceffary, as the Aumil does not appear to me to entertain any defign dangerous to our government.

I have the honour, &c. (Signed)

H. Llovd,

(Signed)

A true Copy. (Signed)

Secry. to Col. Morgan:

(Signed)

Cawnpore,

27th Dec. 1783.

R. E. Roberts, Secry.

No. 8.

No. 8.

G. IRONSIDE,

Col.

To General Stibbert, Commander in Chief.

I advised you on the 27th instant of the intelligence I had received from the Resident at the Vizier's Court, concerning Almais Ally Cawn, and of the measures I had in confequence purfued.

After feeing all the ammunition difpatched from Chunar Ghur, I quitted that place myfelf, and shall rejoin the troops at Allahabad.

I do not conceive the apprehensions regarding Ahmass Ally Cawn are become realized. An officer who left Allahabad yesterday has informed me, that no notice of disturbances at Cawnpore had reached Allahabad when he left it.

The return of Major M'Clary's regiment to Cawnpore, by order of Colonel Morgan, together with a battalion from Kyrabad, a few companies from Lucknow, and fome artillery from Futty Ghur, difpatched to the fame place, at the defire of the Refident, will probably keep every thing quiet, and defeat any intention of Almass Ally Cawn, admitting that he has really formed any, to poffels himfelf of the magazine and ftores there, during the relief of the brigades.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

A true Copy. (Signed)

R.E. Roberts, Secry.

No. 9.

To Major William Watson, commanding in Camp, Third Brigade.

Sir,

I am favoured with your letter of the 29th inftant, and beg leave to refer you to my former letters, in respect to the boats, and the ground I thought best for you to encamp on.

Inclosed I have fent for your fatisfaction, a copy of a letter I have received from Major M'Clary, relative to Almafs Ally Cawn's disposition. My reasons for not mentioning to you any thing of the matter were, that I did not give credit to the reports I have heard of it, and did not choose to give alarm.

(Signed)

I am, &c.

December 30th 1783. Camp, Muti Ranca Talone.

> A true Copy. (Signed)

R. E. Roberts, Secry.

No. 10.

To Colonel Gilbert Ironfide, commanding the Third Brigade.

Lucknow, 2d January, 1784.

JAMES MORGAN,

Col.

Sir,

I am honoured with your letters of the 22d and 28th ult. I beg leave to offer my thanks for your attention to the intelligence I communicated to you concerning Almafs Ally Cawn.

The measures I recommended for the defence of the Cawnpore station have been attended with the defired effect; and I am affured by Major M'Clary, that he is under no apprehension of an at-tack. In confequence of his advices, I have requested him to order back the Refident's guard;

and at the requisition of Colonel Morgan, I have also defired he would direct the two companies of the third regiment to proceed to their station. The fituation of affairs between Almass and this Government is fail the fame; but I am under no apprehention of your meeting with any oppofition on your march.

> 1 am, &cc. (Signed)

Secry.

A true Copy.

(Signed) R. E. Roberts,

JOHN BRISTOW, Refident at the Vizier's Court.

No. 11.

EXFRACT of a Letter from Major William Watfon to Major Roberts; dated at Allahabad. January 2d, 1784.

" Ishmael Beg recommends my writing to Major MClary, to fend a regiment and fix gans " to meet us about 20 cols from Cawnpore."

EXTRACT of a Letter from Major William Watfon to Colonel Ironfide; dated at Allahabad, January 3d, 1784.

" As I heard Major Lucas's regiment was (fome days ago) at Berrares, I have wrote to him to " join with all convenient expedition; for Ifhmael Beg recommended it to me not to march with " only one regiment, but rather to fend for a regiment to meet us from Cawnpore, with fome " artillery ; but that does not feem to me at all neceffary, nor, I believe, in reality, does he."

EXTRACT of a Letter from Major William Watson to Major Roberts; dated Cawnpore, January 23d, 1784.

" One battalion of the ninth regiment (Major Cook's) came here when the alarm was about " Almafs, and has remained here ever fince. Captain Douglas commands the battalion." C. E. W.

True Extract.

(Signed) ' R.E. ROBERTS, Secy.

EXTRACT of a Letter from Colonel Ironfide to General Stibbert; dated Allahabad, 3d January, 1784.

" Enclosed I transmit copy of a letter from Major M'Clary to Colonel Morgan, in confequence " of which I shall order the ammunition brought from Chunar to be returned thither."

A true Extract.

(Signed) R. E. ROBERTS,

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EXTRACT of a Letter from Major Roberts to Captain Robert Dennis, commanding at Parroffu; dated Allahabad, January 4th, 1784.

Colonel Ironfide directs me to acquaint you, that it is his defire you do remain with your battalion at your prefent fistion until you receive further instructions; for he thinks it proper to carry the regiment Levintended to leave here half way, or as far as Currah, with him, until the arrival

of the brigade at Cawnpore, when that regiment will be returned to this flation, and your battalion be relieved, in conformity to whatever orders you have received from the commanding officer of your own brigade.

A true Copy. (Signed) R.E. ROBERTS,

No. 13.

(Copy) To Major William Watfon, commanding the Third Brigade.

Sir,

I have the honour to receive your letter of the 30th ultimo, and in reply, to inform you, that at prefent not any real diffurbance exifts. The Aumil of the Doab, Almafs Ally Cawn, is fupposed, from his conduct, to have refractory intentions to the Vizier's government; but in my opinion, only fo far as to lead him to quit the country. At any rate, fhould he have hoftile intentions, and draw near this station, my force is sufficient to repel any attack he may make. At present his chief force is twenty-five coss to the northward of this station, and there is not any of confequence between Allahabad and this place. Should any particular transaction take place, notice will be given you with all expedition.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

Cawnpore, January 3d, 1784.

(Copy) No, 14.

R. E. Roberts.

A true Copy.

EXTRACT of a Letter from Colonel Ironfide to General Stibbert ; dated Allahabad, 5th January, 1784.

In my letter of the 3d inftant, I advifed you, that in confequence of an address from Major M'Clary to Colonel Morgan, of which I enclosed a copy, advising of there not being the smallest appearance of diffurbances likely to be raifed by Almass Ally Cawn, it was my intention to re-turn the ammunition I had * near dispatched from Chunar Gur to that place; but being now informed by Ishmael Beg, and papers of intelligence, that the Aumil still keeps his force colle&ed together in the neighbourhood of Rampoor; and that he has been diffributing ammunition to his troops, I have altered that intention, and shall take one half of the cartridges with me, and leave the other half here for the use of the 14th regiment of sepons, which I have directed, con-formably to your inftructions, to relieve the battalions of the 2d brigade at this place, and at Salone. The leaving ammunition here is the more neceffary, as the guard in the fort of Choumdee is continually threatened by a confiderable armed force of banditti in the neighbourhood of it.

A true Extract.

R. E. ROBERTS, Secr.

W. MCLARY.

Secy.

(Copy) No. 14.

To Major McClary, commanding at Cawnpore.

Sir,

Colonel Morgan having made known to me that the regiment under your command was fent back to Cawnpore for the purpose of protecting that cantonment during the absence of a brigade;



and as that fecurity will, I apprehend, be effected when the third brigade reaches within the diftance of one march of that flation; you will pleafe, therefore, as foon as the third brigade does arrive within that diffance, to proceed to join the fecond brigade, in conformity to the orders of your own immediate commanding officer to that effect, unlefs you are of opinion, that your flay at Cawinpore, till the actual arrival of the third brigade there, be abfolutely expedient.

I am, &c.

(Signed) G. JRONSIDE, Col.

JAMES DUNN,

Major oth regiment.

(Copy) No. 15.

To Colonel Gilbert Ironfide, commanding in the Field.

Sir.

I had the honour of receiving your letter of yesterday's date.

When the difaffection of Almais Ally Cawn was fulpected, Mr. Briftow communicated his fears to Colonel Morgan, who was then near Allahabad, and to Sir John Cummings at Futta Ghur; but the first intimation I had of it at Cawnpore, was the return of Major M*Clary's regiment to that station.

After I had given up the command of the cantonments at Cawnpore to Major McClary, I received a letter from Colonel Morgan, directing me to keep the troops together, for that the infidelity of Almais Ally Cawn was evident, and that his intentions to feize on the magazine and park of artillery would be his grand object. In confequence of this information, I employed fome truity people, and from the intelligence which they brought me, I found there was nothing to fear from that quarter, and that the few troops that Almais had with him were employed in the collections.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

Lucknow, 18th May, 1784.

> (A true Copy.) R. E. Roberts, Secy.

> > No. 16.

EXTRACT from the Orderly Book of the 29th regiment, commanded by Major James Dann, from December the 17th to December the 28th, 1783.

Orders iffued by Major M'Lary, commanding at Cawnpore.

December 17th, 1783. R. O. The regiment to furnish two complete companies for picquet this evening.

Detachment Orders by Major M'Lary.

December 17th, 1783. The four eldeft fubiliterns to do duty as captains, and act as captain of the day. All picquets and guards to report to the captain of the day, who will pleafe to be attentive in going the grand round himfelf every night, and order vifiting rounds every hour, All rounds to be particularly careful in vifiting the magazine. The captain of the day will be pleafed to detach from the picquet, every night, two Jemmidar's parties, and four Havildar's parties, to take poft in the different roads and avenues leading to the cantonments; the advanced centries to be always ready loaded, and in cale of the approach of any body of troops, to give the alarm by dicharging their firelocks: The commanding officers of thefe parties to be particularly careful that no falle alarm may be given. The magazine guard to confift of two companies, with two guns, under the command of a fubaltern officer, who will pleafe to be particularly diligent for the prefervation of the magazine under his charge. The picquet to mount every evening half an hour before fun-fet, and to confift of two fubaltern officers, four companies, and two fix pounders, and to be under the immediate direction of the captain of the day. In cafe of an alarm, and the drums



drums beating to arms, all detached guards, the magazine guard excepted, to join their corps with the utmost expedition. The commanding officer will be pleafed to order the drums to beat to arms in cafe of the approach of any body of troops, or on any alarm. A company from the 34th regiment to march in the evening in order to reinforce the prefent guard over the magazine. The officer on duty at the magazine to be relieved every evening. All reports to be made to the captain of the day, who will report to, and receive his orders from the commanding officer. Lieutenant Burnett will be pleafed to order a proper proportion of ammunition with each gun, and allo as many Lafcars as can be fpared from the magazine and ftores, for the purpofe of working the guns.

December 18th. In cafe of an alarm, Lieutenant Burnett will be pleafed to take charge of the two guns flationed at the magazine; and Lieutenant Fleming will be pleafed to take charge of the fix pounders flationed with the 23d and 34th regiments, and whatever flores may be necessary, he will be pleafed to fend to Lieutenant Burnett, who will fupply.

20th. Lieutenant Turton will pleafe to do duty with Lieutenant Fleming, as an artillery officer, with those guns attached to the regiment.

22d. Captain M'Clode's battalion, and two companies of the 3d regiment, being arrived in camp, the officers and men are directed to be put on the rofter of duty.

23d. The picquet in future to confift of three companies and two guns, one company from each regiment, one from Captain M'Clode's battalion, one company from Lieut. Wroughton's to relieve, this evening, the company of 23d regiment, now on the magazine guard.

25th. The detachment of artillery having arrived, Lieutenant Spark will be pleafed to take charge of the fix fix-pounders, attached with the regiments.

28th. A company from Captain Douglass's battalion to mount picquet this evening, and for the future to take all turns of duty in roller with the other corps.

> JAMES DUNN, Major 29th regt.

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(A true Extract.) John Aflworth,

Adjutant 29th regiment.

To Colonel Sir John Cumming, commanding a Detachment on the Frontier Station.

Sir,

I enclose for your information a copy of a letter I have addressed to Colonel Morgan.

Lucknow, 71 December 1783. I have the honour, Sir, to be Your most obedient humble fervant, (Signed) JOHN BRISTOW, Refid^t at the Vizier's Court,

To Colonel Morgan, commanding the Troops in the Field.

Sir,

As I have firring reasons to doubt the loyalty of Ulmai's Ally Cawn, I am very apprehensive he may feize the opportunity which the departure of the brigade from Cawnpore prefents to him of throwing off his allegiance, and possibly make some attempt to posses himself of the artillery and stores left at that fiation: I therefore request you will favour me with your opinion, whether you think the force now left at Cawnpore, under the command of Major Dunn, is sufficient to enable that officer, should Ulmai's actually harbour any such design, to detend himself till reinforcements may arrive from the flations at Lucknow, Kyrabad, and Salone, or from Sir John Cumming's detachment, and supposing Ulmai's to bring with him to the attack, as I believe he readily might, a body of troops, artillery, &c. agreeably to the enclosed flatement—if you are of opinion that Major Dunn's prefent force is infufficient, I am further to request you will direct fuch an aug-



mentation to be made to it from your brigade as may effectually fecure him against any hostile attempt from the quarter above-mentioned.

I fhould have addreffed you earlier on this fubject, but it was only to-day that the intelligence reached me, from which I am led particularly to think the defection of Almafs probable. I hope indeed the beft; but it is neverthelefs neceffary to guard againft every poffible contingency. At the fame time, as the appearance of fulpicion or diffruit on the part of Government, with refpect to his good faith, might tend to confirm Almafs in his evil defigns, and accelerate a measure which perhaps is at prefent only in contemplation, I dare fay you will agree with me in opinion, that in recommending the utmost vigilance to the commanding officer at Cawnpore, &c. it is highly proper the motives inducing thefe precautions should be kept as fecret as possible.

Lucknow, 10 December 1783. I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble fervant, (Signed) JOHN BRISTOW, Residt at the Vizier's Court.

A true Copy. (Signed) T. Hill,

Affistant to the Refident.

STATEMENT of Almafs Ally Khan's Troops.

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Seffing Roy, Aumil Pephoond	200	1,000	2
Huffan Bucksh Cheeta, Fousdar Futtypore — —	400	1,000	4
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With Ulmafs at Lucknow	150	300	
Total —	5,000	9,000	40
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N. B. 20 pieces of the above belonging to the Nabob. 20 ditto ditto to Ulmaís.

(Signed)

JOHN BRISTOW, Refident at the Vizier's Court.

This Statement was transmitted to Col. Morgan by the Refident, under date 27th August, 1783, and no particular account has fince been received of the changes; but the Refident understands Ulmais has called in fome of the out stations: Since he went himself into the out districts nine hundred Turkfowars have joined him in addition from Lucknow; and he has also raifed, by his own authority, two troops of the Company's disbanded cavalry.

True Copies. .

(Signed)

RALPH BROOM, Secretary to Col. Sir John Cumming.

COPY of a Letter from Colonel Sir John Cummings to the Honourable Warren Haflings, Efquire, Governor General, &c. &c.

I have been honoured by the receipt of your letter of the 17th current, defiring to know whether any thing paffed within my knowledge or obfervation which indicated a defign in Ulmafs Ally Cawn to rebel against his Excellency the Vizier, and to feize on the magazine at Cawnpore.

In my letter to the Honourable Board, dated December 24th, 1783, I informed them of the cautionary fleps I had taken in confequence of the information I had received from the Refident. upon this head; at the fame time I observed, that I did not give entire credit to the report. I had not observed any part of Ulmais's conduct which could raife an apprehension of his having formed a defign to throw off his allegiance-neither could I think him to chimerical and weak as to flatter himfelf with hope of fuccels in an attempt to oppose the arms of the Honourable Company, or to feize on the magazine at Cawnpore. The only thing in his power was to withdraw himfelf from his Excellency's dominions, and even that must have proved very prejudicial to his interest : He would have experienced a humiliating change in fituation, had he relinquished the rank and authority he holds in this country to become a dependant on the few, or of Sin-dia, or any other chief in the neighbourhood. These reasons for differediting the information were firengthened by the report made of the force then with him, by fome hircarrahs whom I had occasion to fend into his camp : it did not appear to be greater than what usually attended him when he went on the bufinels of the collections. It firuck me at that time, that fome interefted perfons might have mifreprefented Ulmafs's conduct to the Refident : but though I gave very little credit to the information, yet, as it comes from the reprefentative of the Honourable Board, I thought it my duty to pay attention thereto, and to take every cautionary measure to prevent or defeat any attempt that might poffibly be formed, or even fufpected. The inclosed is a copy of Mr. Brittow's letter to Colonel Morgan, which was the principal ground on which I acted.

I have the honour to be,

Futty Ghur, 20th May 1784.

(Signed)

Honourable Sir,

Your most obedient fervant,

Sindia's Camp, 22d May 1784.

JOHN CUMMING, Col.

Honourable Sir,

I have had the honour to receive your letter of the 16th inftant.

In obedience to your commands, I begleave to inform you, that fince the period of Mr. David Anderson's letters to Mr. Briftow of the 29th of October and 12th of November, no facts have come to my knowledge tending to corroborate the fulpicion mentioned in them of the existence of any improper correspondence betwixt Almass Ally Cawn and Mahajee Sindia, or Cheyt Sing; and that as far as I am enabled to form a judgment from circumftances that have fallen under my observation in this camp, I am of opinion, that no improper correspondence or intrigue was maintained directly or indirectly by Mahajee Sindia with Almafs Ally Cawn, in or about the month of December laft. Permit me to lay before you fome circumftances, which having taken place at that period, will explain to you the grounds on which I have been led to form this opimion.

Early in the month of December laft I received private intelligence from Cawnpore and Lucknow, intimating a firong fulpicion that Almais was then carrying on fome dangerous intrigue with Mahajee Sindia, and that he intended speedily to quit the Vizier's dominions, and seek protection from him. From other fources of information, I had at the fame time reafon to believe that this intelligence, and chiefly the latter part of it, had gained a very general behef amongit the natives of the Vizier's dominions. But as no rumours or reports of this nature prevailed in this camp, and as my information was merely private, I did not think I had fufficient grounds to warrant my taking any public notice of it. I confined myfelf therefore to feveral private enquiries, and the refult of these tended to confirm me in a belief that there was no just foundation for the opinion of any improper connection or intrigue at that time fublifying between Mahajee Sindia

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Sindia and Almafs. I afterwards, however, received a letter from Mr. Briftow, which as it marked his belief in the intelligence I had received, feemed to require that I fhould lofe no time in obtaining fuch an explanation on this fubject as might one way or other remove all doubts with respect to it. Accordingly I represented this matter to Mahajee Sindia, through his minifter Bow Buckley, and the answer I obtained was such as to confirm me in the opinion I had be-fore entertained. I beg leave to refer you, for a knowledge of particulars, to the extracts of Mr. Briftow's letter, and my reply, which I have herewith the honour to transmit to you.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Honourable Sir, &c. &c.

(Signed) JAs. ANDERSON.

Signed) J. Palmer.

A true Copy.

EXTRACT from Mr. Briflow's Letter, dated 10th January, 1784.

Sir,

I have been favoured with your letters of the 25th November, and 20th ultimo, and 3d infant. Confidering the fubject of the latter as a matter of much importance, I shall communicate its contents to the Honourable Board; and when I receive their commands, will address the Vizier in conformity. I have informed the acting minister that the number of 50,000 Mahrattas will vifit Ellahabad this year, and requested he should furnish me with his opinion on the most eligible means of preventing undue exactions, and also obviate commotions natural on the affembling of fo numerous a body.

Other circumftances induce my caution; fuch as, the great power of Almass, the reputed accounts of his connection with Sindia, confirmed by the intelligence formerly conveyed to me by Mr. David Anderion, of meffengers continually paffing between them through Cheyte Sing; and by letters I have intercepted, it is certain Almafs has withdrawn his family and effects from Lucknow, and that Zime Ulabdeen, one of his principal Naibs, has fecured a retreat at Colpey for his family.

You will oblige me with your fentiments on these matters, and a communication of fuch facts as may have come to your knowledge.

EXTRACT from Lieut. James Anderson's Letter, dated January 18th, 178/. Sir,

I have had the honour to receive your letter of the 10th inftant; although I am no ftranger to the public reports which have fo generally prevailed of late concerning Almafs's intention of quitting the Vizier's dominions, and feeking refuge in this camp, yet the whole tenor of Sindia's conduct in his political connection with the English, having been fuch as to warrant the most perfect confidence in his good faith, I have never fuppoled that he would yield him protection, in virtual breach of a fpecific article of the treaty. The circumstances, however, mentioned in your letter, without fhaking my confidence in Mahajee Sindia, were, I conceived, fufficient grounds for my taking fome fteps to remove appearances of fo pernicious a tendency. I hinted, grounds for my taking tome neps to remove appearances of to perficious a tendency. If mitted, therefore, privately to Bow Buckfey, the univerfal prevalence of thefe reports; and though 1 af-fured him, from a thorough conviction of the flability of Sindia's friendfhip, I had never fuffered them to make any imprefilion on me, yet I fuggetted to him the propriety of giving me fome af-furances to prevent the bad effects of the general belief. Bow Buckfey gave me the fitrongeft af-furances that Sindia had never offered him protection, and most affuredly would not afford it to him in violation of his friendfhip to the English, and their ally the Vizier, in cafe he should attempt to come here. These affurances he has fince repeated to me in the name of Sindia, adding, that it was Sindia's intention to write immediately to Gungader Baba; prohibiting him to receive Almafs or his family under his protection.

True Extracts.

(Signed)

JAS. ANDERSON.

Agreed,

True Copies of the Enclofure in the Governor General's Letter to the Board, dated 20 June, 1784. E. Hay, Sec.



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Agreed, That the following letter be written to Colonel James Morgan.

Colonel James Morgan, commanding the 2d Brigade.

Sir,

Almafs Ally Cawn having been charged with having entertained a defign of rebelling against the Nabob Vizier, and of feizing the artillery at Cawnpore during the interval of the relief of the brigades, about the close of laft year, we defire that you will inform us whether any thing paffed within your knowledge and observation, which appeared to have a relation to fuch a defign, or to prove it. Fort William,

Secret Department, 13th July 1784.

We are, Scc.

Agreed, That the following letter be written to the Honourable the Governor General.

Honourable Sir,

We have been honoured with your two letters of the 20th June, and one dated the 27th of the fame month.

The Accountant at Lucknow has transmitted to us the accounts between the Vizier and the Company, adjusted to the 31st of May: we fent them to the Accountant General, and defired him to deliver his report on them; he has done fo in confequence, and we have the honour to enclose a copy of it. We beg leave to submit to you what the Accountant General suggests in it, with respect to charging to the Vizier's debit the expense of the two Russalahs of cavalry which returned with the Bombay detachment, and are now flationed at Cawnpore and Futtyghur, and to requeft, that when you have agreed with the Nabob upon the monthly fum at which is Excellency fhould be charged for these troops, from the time they croffed the Jumna, you will be pleafed to inform us of it.

A refolution having been paffed by Government, on the 24th June 1782, that his Excellency the Vizier fhould receive credit for half the original coft of the horfes belonging to the regiments of cavalry, which were formerly flationed in his dominions, beyond the line of guarantee, but were lately returned within the provinces, we have agreed to credit the Vizier at the fame rate for 524 horfes belonging to the 1st regiment of cavalry, detached on the fervice to the west of India, fuppofing, from the accounts of the Paymafter to the late Bombay detachment, that the regiment confilled of that number when it was fent on fervice; and we requeft that you will do us the honour of acquainting his Excellency the Vizier with this intention, and giving the neceffary directions on this fubject to the Accountant at Lucknow.

We beg leave to fubmit to you, whether it would not be proper to alter the directions which you have given to Mr. Wombwell, to adjust and fettle his accounts at the end of every month, with the acting minifler of the Vizier, and to interchange them under their respective feals and fignatures, by ordering that fuch interchange should not be final, until the accounts have been examined and reported on by the Accountant General at the Prefidency, to whom they are transmitted monthly, and received the approbation of the Board; as fuch examination and approval may have the good effect of correcting any errors that may accidentally be committed in the accounts, and prevent references to Government, on occafions which may be difputed by the Vizier's minister, after the accounts have been interchanged, in fo formal a manner as is intended between him and the Accountant at Lucknow.

In conformity to the define expressed in the fecond letter which you have favoured us with, under date the 20th ultimo, we have called upon Colonel Morgan for his information in respect to the defign of Almafs Ally Cawn, by flating to him the fame queftion that you have flated to Colonel Ironfide and Colonel Sir John Cumming.

We have the honour to be, with great refpect,

Agreed.

E. W.

I. M.P. J. S.

EXTRACT

Signed

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EXTRACT of Bengal Secret Confultations, 27th July, 1784.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following letter from the Accountant at Lucknow.

Sir,

Lucknow,

I have the honour to be, &c.

15 July, 1784.

(Signed)

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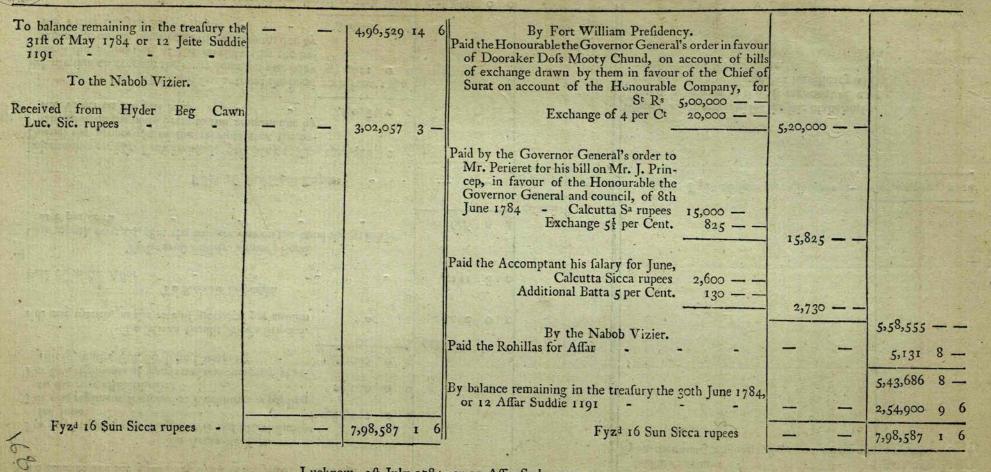
ABOB VIZIER in Account with the Honourable Governor General and Council, from the 1ft to the 30th of June, 1784, or from the 13th Jeite Suddir to the 12th Affar Sud. 1191. Cr

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REASURY ACCOUNT of the Accountant at Lucknow, from the 1st to the 30th June 1784, or from the 13 Jeite Sud. to the 12 Affar Suddie 1191.



Lucknow, 1ft July 1784, or 13 Affar Sud. 1911.

Errors excepted, (Signed) J. WOMBWELL, Accr.

Ordered, That copies of the foregoing accounts be fent to the Accomptant General for his information.

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EXTRACT of Bengal Secret Confultations, 27th July 1784.

Read the following letter from Colonel James Morgan.

Honourable Sir, and Sirs,

I am now honoured, by your letter of the 13th current, and in reply to it I beg leave to refer you to my letter of the 16th December laft, addreffed to your Honourable Board, on the fubject of Almafs Ally Cawn, and to my letter to Mr. Briftow, copy of which was enclosed to you in my letter above-mentioned; and I beg leave to refer you likewife to a letter of the fame date, which I fent to the commander in chief relating to the fame fubject, and which, as he informed me, was laid before you.

As my fentiments regarding Almass's disposition and intentions are contained and expressed fully in the above-cited letters, I have nothing to add now upon the subject.

But permit me to observe to your Honourable Board, that had I entertained the flightest fuspicions of Almass's being difaffected, or having finister designs, I should not have left any thing to chance, but should have remained at Cawnpore till the third brigade arrived there.

Calcutta, 15th July 1784.

I have the honour to be, &c. (Signed) JAMES MORGAN, Col¹ commanding 2d brigade.

Ordered, That Mr. Briftow be directed to inform the Board whether, during his Refidence at Lucknow, he had any other reafons than those which he communicated to the Board, for fuspecting the fidelity of Almass Ally Cawn to his Excellency the Nabob Vizier.

To the Honourable Warren Haftings, Efquire, Governor General, &c. Council of Fort William.

Honourable Sir, and Sirs,

1. As the Honourable Board feemed unable to reconcile the propriety or neceffity of the queffion which on the 13th inftant I had the honour to propose to them, with the annotation which the Accomptant at Lucknow has subfixed to the Vizier's monthly account current, in obedience to the 3d article of the inftructions, which on the 9th March lass I recommended should be transmitted to him, it becomes neceffary for me to explain those circumstances which have been fince made known to me, which rendered that deviation from the original proposition which I made to the Board on this subject, which may 'e observed on comparing the question submitted to them on the 13th instant, with the instructions transmitted to the Accomptant at Lucknow.

2. Colonel Charles Morgan having, in his general orders of the 13th December 1782, of which a copy accompanied my letter to the Board of the 24th February 1784, intimated that the Candahar chief, Abdul Rehman Cawn, was permitted to draught fuch horfes as he might require for the fervice of the corporated at the rate allowed, after the Reffallahs were compleated at the rate allowed by the Nabob Vizier, of 250 rupees for each horfe. I therefore concluded, that as there had not been any credit given by the Paymaster to the Bombay detachment for the fale of those horses, in any account which I had then received from him, that it might have been intended by Colonel Morgan to have been paffed in account with the Vizier; in which cafe it is obvious, that a fuitable deduction would have been requisite from the whole amount of the credit due to his Excellency for the horfes taken from him with the Bombay detachment, for what would have been in fact virtually returned to him; but having received from the military Paymaster General a copy of a letter which had been written to him on this fubject by Mr. Bayard, almost immediately after his return to Calcutta, which proving that the horfes taken by the Candahars had not been draughted by them in the manner prefcribed by Colonel Morgan's orders of the 13th December 1782, but that 151 of them had been purchased by these at public outcry, to the amount of so-naut rupees 21,155, with which the Paymaster had charged himself in his account for the month of August 83 (but lately received). I therefore concluded, that if any credit was to be given to his Excellency for the horfes taken with the Bombay detachment, it fhould be for the whole amount of the value of thele; and as I was not poffeffed of any fpecific order or directions from the Honourable



Honourable Board, which could enable me to appreciate thefe. I requefted to know whether I might extend the rule adopted by them on the 24th June 1782, for valuing the horfes with the 2d and 3d regiments of cavalry, when thefe were withdrawn from his fervice, to those with the 1ft, when the latter were taken with the Bombay detachment.

3. I truff that this explanation will obviate any incongruity which may appear between the fpirit of the quefiion fubmitted by me to the Board on the 13th inftant, and the obedience which has been paid to the 3d article of the inftructions which were, in confequence of my recommendation, transmitted to the Accomptant at Lucknow.

4. In my letter to the Board of the 1ft April, I fuggefield the apprehenfions which I then entertained of not being able to obtain any precife or accurate information refpecting the number of thefe horfe, for which his Excellency (hould be credited; and although the military ferretary, in obedience to the Honourable Board's order, fubmitted to me many of the monthly returns that had been transfinited by the officers commanding the detachment, and the acking Adjutant General furnished me with an extract from others, I perceived formany contradictions between the numbers stated by fome of thefe, and thole which, from a comparison of the cafualties and new purchafes made, it thould feem that they ought to have ftated, that I was necefficated to infer, that the number for which his Excellency thould have credit, might be ftated agreeably to what was charged for, as the pay of thole with the detachment, in the first month after its departure from the Owde province; and although I cannot conceive that the military Paymafter General, who will have to adjuff the account of thefe horfes on the books of his department, will not effect this with the utmolf circumfpection, a circumftance which fhould feem to preclude the neceffity of my adverting minutely to matters that may hereafter be more immediately within his official concern than mine, yet there are fome circumftances which occurred to me on an examination of thefe teturns, which it might be deemed incumbent on me to point out to the Honourable Board for their immediate information, thefe I fhall now ftate.

5. It appears, from the accounts of the Paymafter to the Bombay detachment, for the month of May 1778 that there were 524 horfes with this detachment when it marched from Futty Ghur: The Paymafter, in a letter to the military Paymafter General, dated 1 th May 1784, acquaints him that no purchafes were made to fupply the cafualties in the firft regiment of cavalry, until the year 1782, when Major Hawkins, by General Goddard's order, provided three hundred borfes, for which, at five hundred rupees each, he received one lack and fifty thousand rupees; and that in December 1782 the regiment was reduced by Colonel Morgan, and part of it formed into two reffullahs; that the remaining horfes were fold ar outery in the camp at Surat to the Candahar corps, and the officers and followers of the army; one hundred and fifty one of these horfes were fold to the former, for Surat rupees 21,155, and fixty-fix to the latter for 9,032, and that for both of these fums credit had been given in his account current for the month of August 1783.

6. It appears by the return for the month of November 1782, that there were 473 horfes multered on the laft of that month, and upon the extract of Colonel Morgan's general orders of the 13th December 1782, that Lieutenants Welfh and Ramfey were permitted to draught the number of horfes neceffary for forming their respective reffullahs (which I conclude, from the returns of the reffullahs, to be 232) for which, by those orders, they were to be held responsible to the Honourable Company in the average purchase of 300 rupees (of what species not mentioned) for each horfe, until the approbation of the Honourable the Supreme Council should be obtained: Whether this matter was referred to the Honourable Board and received their fanction, or any other determination passed thereon, is a matter which I must leave to their fecretaries to point out; it may however be thought proper that I shall observe to the Honourable Board, that I understand that these horfes have not yet been paid for.

7. Had Colonal Morgan fubmitted to the Honourable Board the account promifed them in his letter dated 23d March 84, it might have afforded fome information refpecting the difference between the number of horfes diffored of and thole borne upon the return on the laft day of November 1782; but as he has left Bengal without transmitting this account, I would recommend to the Honourable Board to direct application to be made to Captains Welfh and Ramfey, who now command the two refullabs formed from the late 1ft regiment of cavalry, for an explanation of this difference.

Fort William, Accomptant General's Office, the 20th July 1784.

A true Copy. E. Hay, Secy.

I have the Honour to be, with the greateft refpect, Honourable Sir, and Sirs, Your most obedient humble Servant, (Signed) W. LARKINS,

Acct Gen¹. EXTRACT



EXTRACT of the Secret Letter from Bengal; dated 20th August 1784.

2. On this day our Secretary laid before us a letter which he had received from the Accomptant at Lucknow, with fundry accounts, by which it appeared that his Excellency the Vizier was indebted to the Company, on the 31ft of May, in the fum of fyzabad 16 fun ficca rupees 52,43.891. 6.

4. A letter is recorded from the Accomptant General, in which he delivers his report upon the accounts received from Lucknow-it attends you a number in this difpatch. We have also the honour to enclose a copy of a letter which we received from the Governor General under date the 20th June, in respect to these accounts; and a copy of our reply to it. The Governor General informed us, under the fame date, that he had inquired into the charges preferred by Mr. Briftow, your late Refident at Lucknow, against Almais Ally Cawn; and conceiving that the faireft and beft way of coming at the truth of these matters, was to take the evidence of such gentlemen as were capable, from fituation, of giving him the most authentic information, he applied to Colonel Ironfide, Colonel Sir John Cumming, and Lieutenant James Anderfon, copies of whole letters, together with the Governor General's to them, he transmitted to us. The Governor General at the fame time fubmitted to us the propriety of calling upon Colonel James Morgan, who lately commanded your troops in the field, and was now at the prefidency, for his information, by putting the fame queftion to him that had been put to Colonel Ironfide and Colonel Sic John Cumming :- We acceded to the Governor General's defire, and feat the following queftion to Colonel Morgan for his reply to it :

" 5. Almafs Ally Cawn having been charged, with having entertained a defign of rebelling " against the Nabob Vizier his master, and of feizing the artillery at Cawnpore, during the in-" terval of the relief of the brigades, about the clofe of laft year, we defire that you will inform " us, whether any thing paffed within your knowledge or obfervation which appeared to have a " relation to fuch a defign, or to prove it."

18. A letter is received from the Accomptant General explanatory of the questions which he proposed for the Board's decision on them, on the 13th inftant, in respect to the accounts with his Excellency the Vizier. The enquiry recommended by the Accomptant General to be made of Captains Welch and Ramfay, in refpect to the fale of the horfes belonging to the cavalry of your detachment which lately returned from the Weft of India, was immediately ordered.

22. By the Nabob Vizier's account with the Honourable Company, recorded also on this day's proceedings, it appears that his Excellency's debt to the Company amounted to the fum of fyzabad fun ficca rupees 54,02,662. 4. 4, on the 30th of last June.

24. Colonel James Morgan has acquainted us, in reply to our letter to him on the 13th, that he entertained no fufpicions of the defigns of Almafs Ally Cawn to feize on the cantonments at Cawnpore about Chriftmas laft, and to throw off his allegiance to the Vizier; and having referred us to his letter of the 16th December 1783 for his fentiments of the rumour which then prevailed that fuch were Almass's intentions, we afterwards called on Mr. Briftow, to inform us whether, during his refidence at Lucknow, he had any other reafons than those which he communicated to us for fuspecting the fidelity of Almass Ally Cawn to the Nabob Vizier.

66. In reply to our orders of the 27th ultimo to Mr. Briftow, that gentleman acquainted us, that he had no other reasons for fuspecting the fidelity of Almass Ally Cawn, than those communicated to us in his letters of August 30, 1783, October 4, November 9 and 11, December 13 20 and 22, and January 6 and 11, 1784, which are already before your Honourable Court: Transcripts of these letters, and of Colonel Morgan's letter recorded on our proceedings of the 27th ultimo, have been transmitted to the Governor General.

EXTRACT of Bengal Secret Confultations, the 17th August 1784.

Read the following letter from Mr. Briftow,

To the Honourable Warren Haftings, Efquire, Governor General, &c. Members of the Supreme Council, at Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your commands of the 27th ultimo, and in reply beg leave to inform you, that I had no other reasons for fuspecting the fidelity of Almass Uu VOL. IV. Ally

Ally Cawn during my refidence at Owde, than those I have already communicated to your Honourable Board.—I take the liberty to refer to my correspondence at large on this subject, and in particular to my letters of the following dates:

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5th November 1782, 3oth August 1783, 4th October Do. 9th November Do. 11th Do. Do. 13th December Do. 20th Do. Do. 22d Do. Do. 6th January 1784, 11th Do, Do.

> I have the Honour to be, with the higheft Refpect, Gentlemen,

Fort William, 5th August 1784. Your most obedient humble Servant, (Signed) JOHN BRISTOW.

Agreed, That a copy of the foregoing letter, and of that from Colonel James Morgan on the tame fubject recorded on the proceedings of the 27th ultimo, be transmitted to the Governor General.

EXTRACT of Bengal Secret Confultations, 24th August 1784.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following letter from the Accomptant at Lucknow, and the accounts enclosed in it.

To Edward Hay, Efquire, Secretary.

Sir,

I requeft you will do me the favour of laying before the Honourable Board the accompanying Treatury and Nabob Vizier's accounts for the month of July.

Accomptant's Office, Lucknow, 7th August 1784. I have the Honour to be, Sir,

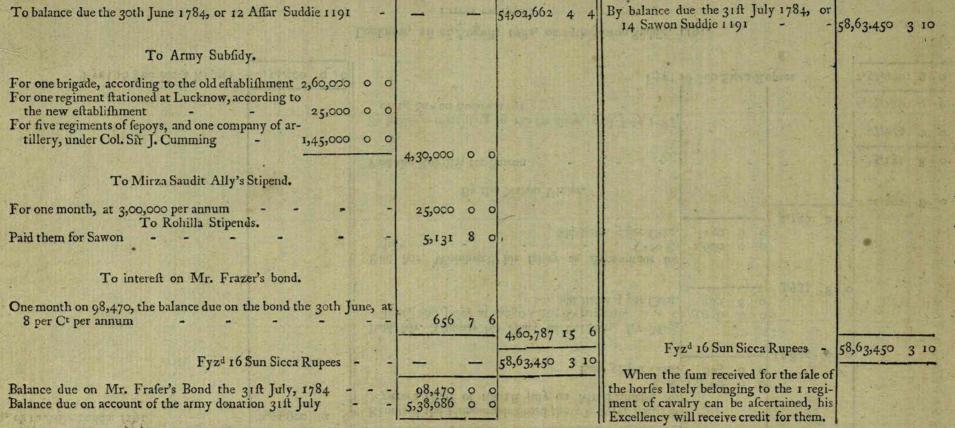
Your moft obedient, Humble Servant, (Signed) J. WOMBWELL, Accountant.

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NABOB VIZER in account with the Hon. Governor General & Council, from the 1 to the 31 of July 1784, or from the 13 of Affar Suddie to 14 of Sawon Suddie 1191.

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Lucknow, 1ft August 1784, or 15 Sawon Suddie 1191.

Errors excepted. I. WOMBWELL, Acct. (Signed)

TREASURY ACCOUNT of the Accountant at Lucknow, from the uff to the 31ft July, or from the 13 Affar Suddie to the 14 Sawon Suddie 1191.



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Errors excepted.

(Signed) J. WOMBWELL,

Accountant.

Ordered, That copies of the foregoing account be fent to the Accountant General.

Extract of Bengal Secret Confultations, 26th August 1784.

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EAD the following letter from the Honourable the Governor General.

Lucknow, 13th August 1784.

To Edward Wheler, Efquire, &c. Council, Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have had the honour to receive your letter of the 13th Ulto, accompanying a report from the Accountant General.

I have communicated to the Nabob Vizier the method propoled by the Accountant General for fettling the amount to be brought to his credit on account of the horles withdrawn from the temporary brigade, and fent on fervice with the late Bombay detachment, and I have directed the Accountant at this flation to conform to it, in adjufting the account betwixt the Honourable Company and the Vizier for the prefent month.

It appears, from a letter which I have received from the Nabob Vizier in anfwer to the one which I wrote to him by the late Refident of your defire of keeping up the two Roffallahs of cavalry, lately returned from the West of India, at the stations of Cawapore and Futty Ghur, and confequently that his approbation of the matter was neither afked nor obtained; under these circumftances, Gentlemen. I feel a reluctance in propofing to the Vizier to admit the charge of these Rossallahs in his accounts. The expence with which his Excellency is already charged has accumulated to fo large a fum, that it is only from the greateft and most hearty exertions of his minifters that I expect it can poffibly be liquidated within the term which has been prefcribed. In fact the refources of this count ry are inadequate even to the incumbrance which is now upon them-to increase it by charging his Excellency with the expence of two additional corps, which were never required or confented to, and which we ourfelves must be fenfible are not necessary for the protection of his dominions, would in my opinion be equally inconfiftent with policy and juffice. By increasing the difficulties we may leffen the zeal of his ministers; by advancing claims which at best are liable to difpute, we may prejudice the recovery of those to which our right has been admitted; and by over-ftraining our exactions from this country, we may reduce it to a flate of poverty, and render its dependence on us a burthen, inflead of a fource of relief to the Company. If this claim is to be made, it must be on the plea of conveniency to the Company alone, and not on the grounds of any treaty, or even of mutual expediency, or even of cultom. And if this plea should be admitted, what fecurity will the Vizier posies against the extension of fuch uncertain claims ?- he may apprehend that at a future period we may find it equally convenient to charge him with the expence of an additional brigade, or of our whole military establishment.

I think it neceffary to explain to you, Gentlemen, that the method which I have directed Mr. Wombwell to adopt, in adjufting the accounts betwixt the Company and the Nabob Vizier, at the end of every month, is not intended to preclude any corrections which may afterwards be made by the Board, or the Accountant General at Calcutta; it is intended to be an adjuftment only with the Accountant at this flation, in order that the Vizier and his miniflers may know from time to time, fo far as depends on him, the flate of their account with the Company; the neceffity of this measure cannot be more firongly pointed out than by referring your attention to the irregularity fo ftrongly exemplified in the flate in which I found the accounts at the time of my arrival, when the Vizier knowing that about 33 lacks had been collected by the late Refident during the fix months preceding his recall, imagined that fo much fhould have been brought to his credit with the Company, but on enquiry found that only 19 lacks had been inferted in his accounts.

Lucknow, 13th August 1784. I have the Honour to be, &c. &c. (Signed) WARREN HASTINGS.

Ordered

Ordered, That a copy of the foregoing letter be fent to Mr. Briftow, and that he be defined to acquaint the Board why he did not intimate to his Excellency the Vizier the Board's wifh, that the two Roffallahs of cavalry which returned with the detachment from the Weft of India might be kept up at the flations of Cawnpore and Futty Ghur. Ordered alfo, That Mr. Briflow be required to fend an immediate reply to the papers tranfmitted to him under date the 1ft of laft month, and with it a full explanation of the charges which remain to be accounted for as mentioned in the Governor General's letter of the 14th June, and its enclofures, reciting the authorities on which fuch explanation is founded.

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EXTRACT of Bengal Secret Confultations, 2d October 1784.

The following letter from the Accountant at Lucknow was received on the 15th Ultimo, and the bill which came inclosed in it was immediately fent to the fub-treasurer:

To Edward Hay, Efquire, Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit his Excellency the Nabob Vizier's account with the Honourable the Governor General and council, and my treasfury account for the month of August 1784.

You will also please to receive the enclosed draught of Mr. Percuet on Mr. John Prinsep of 5th August, for Calcutta Sa Rs 15,000

Accomptant's Office, Lucknow, 4th Sept^r 1784I have the Honour to be, &c. &c. (Signed) J. WOMBWELL, Acc.

Ordered, That the Accounts enclosed in the above letter be entered in the Appendix.

Read the following letter from the Accomptant at Lucknow :

To Edward Hay, Efquire, Secretary.

Sir,

I request you will do me the favour of laying before the Honourable Board the accompanying abstracts of my treasury account from the 1st of February to the 31 of August 1784, and of the Nabob Vizier's account from the 1st June to 31 August 1784.

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Lucknow, 17th Septr 1784.	(Signed)	J.	W	OME	WEI	LL,	Acct

Ordered, That copies of the accounts enclosed in the foregoing letter be fent to the Accomptant General, and that the originals be entered in the appendix. MABOB VIZIER in Account with the Honourable Governor General and Council, from the 1st to the 31st August 1784, or from the 15th Sawn Suddie to the 15th Raudon Suddie, or last Day of the Fusielly Year 1191.

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