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PREFACE

Why this book of historical documents ? Our intention is to provide students, researchers, general readers with the very basic raw materials of history. To readers it gives an opportunity to consult the original sources of history and draw their own conclusions about the events, institutions and ideas without their dependence on other people's interpretations. Thus they can afford to remain completely free from the influence of those historians who tend to distort facts to please their own fancies and eccentricities. We are, however, aware that the documents embodied in this volume alone cannot supply the seekers of historical truth with all the necessary information. Together with other cross sources and artifacts these documents may at best provide significant links with the events.

It is the credit of the Company's Government that they had meticulously preserved the proceedings of their day to day administration, particularly the official correspondence that passed between the Central Government and the local authorities. The correspondence between the Dacca Collectors and other authorities are now preserved at the Dacca Secretariat Record Room. The documents in this volume are selected from the copy books of correspondence preserved at the Dacca Secretariat Record Room.

In making selections of documents I was always confronted with the most difficult task. For, records are so voluminous and so varied in nature that it was really difficult to decide what to select and what not to. But I have always tried to select only those documents which throw light directly or indirectly on the spirit and motives of Government policies, social and economic problems of the district.

Records were copied in verbatim. The language was not modernized by making necessary alterations in punctuations, spellings and sentence structure. 'Sic' within parenthesis has been used where meaning of any individual word or sentence seemed

too confusing or misleading. The object behind was to provide the historical researchers with the 'untouched' original sources and the linguistic researchers with the samples of eighteenth century English in India.

For this work I wish to acknowledge my greatest indebtedness to the University Grants Commission for funding the Project. Without the Commission's generous grant this multi-volume project would never have been materialised. The late Professor Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury and Professor A. B. M. Habibullah, the former Chairmen of the UGC, had taken very active interest in this project. I express my utmost gratitude to both of them. I am equally grateful to all the Research Assistants whose services to the success of this project cannot be measured in words, particularly the services of Mr. Ratan Lal Chakraborty whose attachment to this project was no less sentimental than mine. My departmental colleagues were always eager to see this work come out as quickly as possible. I sincerely thank all of them for their good wish and co-operation. I am also deeply indebted to the staff members of the Dacca Secretariat Record Room. I thankfully remember the service of Mr. Sirajul Huq Mia who was so kind to type all the volumes of the project. Last but not the least I am thankful to the Dacca University authority for sponsoring this project and publishing the multi-volume report. I hope the publication of the remaining volumes will be expedited.

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INTRODUCTION

Main Events, 1784-1787

The three hundred and forty seven documents embodied in this volume begin from 1784 and end up in 1787. The volume begins from 1784, because records of earlier period are not available at our disposal ; and it concludes in 1787, because the volume becomes too bulky if we proceed further beyond. Besides the management question the two terminals are also of historical significance. The district was visited by a devastating famine in 1784, and again in 1787. All throughout this period Mathew Day was the 'Chief' of Dacca. On April 10, 1787 his designation was changed from 'chief' to collector (No. 231). Either as chief or collector we find Day as the supreme ruler of the district which then covered all of modern Dacca, Faridpur, Bakarganj, Patuakhali, Khulna, and parts of Jessore, Mymensingh, Comilla and Noakhali districts. In his correspondence with the various authorities are reflected the social and economic conditions of the district. He used to write to the higher authorities intimating the local problems and in return he received instructions from them. From these we may get a comparative picture of how the Company's district officers and Central Government looked at the local problems. We find that the district collectors tended to be influenced by local needs and peculiarities and the Central Government by the imperial exigencies.

There was very little rainfall in the autumn of 1784. Result was the partial failure of the principal winter crops. Scarcity began to be felt from early 1784. On 9th January 1784, Mathew Day, the Chief of Dacca, reported to the Committee of Revenue that his district was running short of food supply ; but in spite of the growing scarcity, grain dealers, Day reported, were exporting rice from the district to the tune of four to five thousand maunds every day (No. 1). Day said that in consequence of rice export the market price of rice had risen from 42 to 35 seers per rupee.

Mathew Day tried to face the grave food situation by laying embargo on rice export from the district. But the Committee of

Grain, the central body responsible for grain management, did not like Day's action, possibly because he acted without any previous consultation with the Committee. The Committee of Grain wrote, "We cannot approve of your having stopped the purchase of grain / for export /, and desire you will take off the embargo / you have put upon them" (No. 2). Mathew Day was, however instructed to fix up the minimum retail price of rice and advertise the measure by beating tom tom to the effect that "any person who shall attempt to sell at higher price than so authorised by government shall be liable to the confiscation of his grain and severe punishment" (No. 3). The chief was thus compelled to take off the embargo on rice export (No. 4). As a result food situation had deteriorated further. It was expected that the harvest of *aus* crops would help the food situation improve. But unfortunately an early flood had entirely destroyed the *aus* crops. The scarcity now turned into a real calamity after June 1784. All food grains disappeared from the open market. To avoid the excesses of the price control officers the grain dealers were compelled to go underground and thus "keep their shops shut all day and open them in the middle of the Night and give out small portion of rice" at an incredible price of 17 seers per Rupee No. (25).

On September 27, 1784 Day reported that the district was still under flood waters and that "there is now little or no more grain left in the different *parganas*" (No. 40). The hungry masses could no longer wait. They resorted to food riots. The grain *Golas* were looted when the merchants refused to sell rice at reasonable prices. (No. 44). To guard the *Aurangs* and market places sepoys were stationed. Peasants, artisans, weavers were selling their wives, daughters and sons in their struggle to survive. Portuguese slave traders were buying women and children and exporting them abroad as slaves (No. 75, 79).

From early 1785 the wrath of famine began to subside. But it reappeared in 1787. An untimely inundation had destroyed the principal *aman* crops (No. 263). From many *parganas* ryots had deserted because their houses were washed away by flood waters. Most affected were the *parganas* of Rajnagar, Kartickpur, Rasulpur and Salimabad. Ryots from these low lying areas mostly deserted in search of food and safety elsewhere. In this famine thousands of peasants, weavers and artisans died from starvation (No.

342). The two closely followed famines had reduced the population of the district so much so that greater part of the district fell out of cultivation. The fertile fallow lands quickly turned into deep jungles controlled by wild animals. Even on the "Suburbs of the city which for three or four miles/turned into/an impenetrable jungle infested by wild ferocious animals" (No. 181).

The two famines had not only emaciated the ryots but also impoverished the zamindar class as a whole. The ryots had lost their capacity to pay zamindari dues. The zamindars at first, tried to pay the public revenue by borrowing money from the *mahajans* at a very high rate of interest (Nos. 66, 88, 302). Later, borrowing also became difficult because of their diminishing creditability. Arrears were mounting in every *kist*. The zamindars and taluqdars were importuning for remissions and reductions of revenue. But Mathew Day was under strict orders to "take decisive measures for enforcing payment of the Revenue from all zamindars...without admitting any plea or excuse whatsoever" (No. 126).

From administrative point of view, the two decades—1770s and 1780s—were undergoing uneasy transformation from the Mughal system of Government to that of the alien British Rule. The transition was unsettling the traditional social structure. One prominent feature of the period was the rise of organised gangs of dacoits. Dacoity was not an unknown problem before. But since the establishment of British Rule the security of life and property was steadily deteriorating. The problem was in its height in 1780s. A new feature of the problem was zamindars' participation in robbery (No. 36). Reporting the growing menace of dacoits the "chief" reported in August that the "district has of late been terribly infested by dacoits, so much so, that it has not been but with the greatest risk, that travellers have been able to pass... the bandittee are now grown more desperate and daring than I have ever heretofore known them..." (No. 101).

The armed resistance of the *Fakirs* and *Sannasies* to the British Rule is another important feature of the politics of transition. In February 1784, the parganas of Mymensingh, Jaffarshahi, Alapsingh were invaded by about two thousand *Fakirs* led by Maznu Shah and his brother Musa Shah (No. 5). In October 1784 the *Fakirs* entered into pargana Silbari (No. 48). Sepoys and military forces

were dispatched to various strategic places to resist the *Fakirs* and *Sannasies*. In late 1785, Maznu Shah and the sannasies reappeared and laid their hold on parganas Alapsingh, Mymensingh, and Jaffarshahi. An army under Lt. Field was dispatched there, "to check the progress of Maznu Shah and prevent the country from suffering further from ravages of him or his adherents." (Nos. 118, 119, 120). In the face of successful operations of the Fakirs instructions came to local authorities to adopt "measures more effectual than those hitherto taken...against the inroads and depredations of Maznu Shah and his adherents" (No. 334). The suggested measure was to "employ spies at a monthly sum not exceeding sixty rupees in the most private and dignified manner to follow him, ascertain his Haunts his routes, and the mode in which he lives with a view to ascertain the possibility of apprehending him and his principal Attendants..." (No. 334).

The most complicated aspect of the Dacca economy was the currency system which was understood by the *poddars* and shroffs alone. Various kinds of currencies of various origins and values were simultaneously current in the district. The current currencies were Murshidabad Siccas, Calcutta Siccas, Patna Siccas, Dutch Arcot, French Arcot, English Arcot, and so on. Of all these current currencies only the Sicca variety was officially recognised and accepted at the treasury. But Sicca was not popular outside the city. In the *mofussil* Arcot Rupee, particularly French Arcot, was only the specie "in which all transactions are carried on and all purchase is made. It is also the specie received by the zamindars from the taluqdars and ryots, and in short the only rupee current in the mufussil" (No. 332). The zamindars used to collect rents in Arcot currencies and then changed them into Sicca currencies for payment of revenue to Government. The beneficiaries of such a system was the shr-off class. The Company's investment also suffered because weavers were reluctant to receive advances in Sicca currency. In order to bring buoyancy in the economy Day wrote the Board of Revenue to recognise all sorts of currencies existing in the money market. His suggestion was accepted by the Board and in July 1787 Arcot specie was recognised as a legal currency of the District (No. 267).

There were a few families of shroffs and bankers who used to control almost the entire money market in the district. The biggest of them were Krishnacharan Das, Manahar Prashad Das, Shibnath Prashad Das, and Gopal Das. They used to buy Bills of Exchange, Government securities of zamindars and farmers, received batta on exchange, lent money. As financiers they were so powerful that "every man engaged in commerce are at the mercy and discretion of this class of men" (No. 332).

SUMMARIES OF DOCUMENTS

To enable readers to use this book more conveniently and effectively, documents have been broadly classified under various subject heads, and then summarized.

CHAPTER ONE

NATURAL CALAMITIES, FAMINES. AND AFTER

SI. Number
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documents

- 1 9 Jan. 1784 Mathew Day to David Anderson
Grain supply in Dacca city is becoming scarce due to rice export from this district. Government intervention is sought to prevent more than normal export of foodgrains.
- 2 12 Jan. 1784 Charters and Croftes to M. Day
Since Dacca district was not much injured by drought, the Collector should not obstruct rice export from his district to other areas which suffered from drought and consequent scarcities.
- 3 13 Jan. 1784 Thomas Graham and others to M. Day
The Committee of Grain is not convinced of the Collector's arguments that there was scarcity of rice in Dacca. The Collector is directed to take the most effectual steps for preventing monopolies and hoarding. The maximum rate of the prices of food grains should be fixed up and got it publicised by the beat of tom tom.
- 4 29 Jan. 1784 M. Day to Thomas Graham
Embargo on rice movement is taken off,

25. 10 July 1784 M. Day to Warren Hastings
Governor General is informed of the loss of crops and consequent scarcity and high price of commodities. The loss was occasioned by flood waters.
26. 10 July 1784 M. Day to David Anderson
Situation is very alarming. "It is occasioned by the most sudden and astonishing rise in the waters as was ever heard in the memory of the oldest resident in this Division".
27. 10 July 1784 M. Day to Thomas Graham
Flood situation and its effects are reported. "The present alarming situation of this District is entirely owing to the sudden and uncommon rise of the water".
28. 15 July 1784 Thomas Graham to M. Day
To face the scarcity, Day is advised to "give public notice by beat of Tom Tom, that all traders in Grain who shall refuse to sell or to bring usual supplies to market shall have their property in Grain seized by Government".
29. 15 July 1784 Samuel Charters to M. Day
In the face of grave scarcity of grains, Day is advised to exert all his "influence to prevail upon the owners of Grain, to sell it in markets".
30. 16 July 1784 Edward Wheeler and ca. to M. Day
Day is advised to furnish the Board of Revenue with a price current of grain in the flood affected areas.
40. 27 Sept. 1784 M. Day to Warren Hastings
Inundation effects are reported. It is reported that "there is now little or no more grain left in the different Pargannas".

41. 1 Oct. 1784 M. Day to David Anderson
Considerable revenue arrear is reported. The last deluge destroyed the entire economy. Ryots have deserted their habitations to seek shelter elsewhere.
42. 4 Oct. 1784 A. Caldecott. to M: Day
Mir Golam Ali's petition. His Zamindari is ruined by the last deluge. He wants deduction of Jama in view of reduced resources.
43. 4 Oct. 1784 Thomas Graham to M. Day
Harvest is good, but price of food grain is still very high. Grain dealers are warned against hoarding.
44. 5 Oct. 1784 M Day to Thomas Graham
The state of economy is reported. Plundering grain shops in the city is being now stopped by stationing sepoys in the bazars.
45. 9 Oct. 1784 M. Day to David Anderson
Still there is scarcity of grain in Dacca. Large scale importation of grain is suggested by Day.
51. 4 Nov. 1784 M. Day to David Anderson
Parganna Daudpur is totally damaged by the late inundation. Most of the ryots have deserted it.
52. 4 Nov. 1784 M. Day to David Anderson
Day goes on to circuit tour throughout the district in order to obtain accurate information as to the losses caused by the late deluge.
58. 6 Dec. 1784 D. Anderson to M. Day
Day is advised not to entertain the farmers, pleas for reduction of jama. But some indulgence should be allowed to zamindars.

64. 13 Jan. 1785 J. Shore to M. Day
The damages caused by the late deluge is "much greater than was at first imagined".
75. 2 March 1785 M. Day to William Cowper
The Portuguese slave traders are buying children in this district for their export to foreign countries. People are selling their children because of the devastating famine. Thousands are dying from starvation.
79. 14 March 1785 William Cowper to M. Day
Day is instructed to stop the clandestine slave trade. Slave traders should be detained and brought to trial in the Fouzdari Adalat.
85. 19 May 1785 William Cowper & ca. to M. Day
The security of parganna Jalalpur has made pleas for remission of the balance due from him. Balance is said to have been caused by late inundations.
263. 14 July 1787 M. Day to John Shore
Reporting natural calamity and its effects on the economy. Untimely inundation has destroyed all standing crops. Prices of grains have "increased 300 or 400 per cent exceeding that of common years". Emergency supply of grains from surplus areas is demanded.
339. 14 Dec. 1787 Thomas Graham & ca. Board of Revenue to M. Day,
Grain duties suspended in view of scarcities. But the *Gunj* duties stay.

342. 20 Dec. 1787 M. Day, Collector of Dacca to John Shore, President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

Detailed report on the effects of the late inundation. Most parganas of the district were heavily damaged. Ryots have deserted from some worst hit parganas. Remissions of revenue demands are essential.

CHAPTER TWO

LANDED INTEREST, INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY

5. 5 Feb. 1784 Samuel Charters to M. Day
The Zamindars of Mymensingh seek protection from the Fakir raiders. Fakir 'Maznu Shah "is coming into Jaffarshahy with 2000 followers..."
6. 7 Feb. 1784 M. Day to Charters
Rupchand's agent complains of oppressions by the Khalsa Nazir's peons.
7. 13 Feb. 1784 M. Day to David Anderson
Zamindars' complaint of losses on account of Fakir raids is false. Such plea is advanced to get deduction at the close of the year.
8. 5 March 1784 M. Day to David Anderson
Petkerrah and Gangamandal Zamindars are not getting allowances from the izāradars of their zamindaris.
10. 25 March 1784 M. Day to D. Anderson
Dacca Zamindars are too poor to proceed to Calcutta and conclude the

settlement. In consideration of their general property an officer may be deputed to make settlement on the spot.

11. 6. April 1784 M. Day to D. Anderson

Many Zamindars "plead their inability to support and make good their present jumma", which they maintain, will bring "ruin to their zamindary".

- 12 8 April 1784 M. Day to D. Anderson

Zamindars and Taluqdars are not allowed to make settlement at Dacca. They are directed to proceed to *Khalsa* immediately. Jama Wasil Baki account is greatly lengthened because of the great number of petty taluq as lately made *Khariz*.

24. 8 July 1784 M. Day to D. Anderson

Cojah Michael, the 7-afnas zamindars of Parganna Dackin Shavajpur, petitions to release his *naib* from confinement.

38. 22 Sept. 1784 J. Shore to M. Day

Day is directed to supply an account of the *nowarah* lands as they stood before the resumption.

54. 22 Nov. 1784 J. Duhcan to M. Day

An *amin* is sent for the *batwara* of parganna Jalalpur.

55. 25 Nov. 1784 D. Anderson and Evelyn to M. Day

Day is asked to report whether the landholders will be ready to contribute voluntarily to the erection of magazines for grain.

66. 18 Jan. 1785 M. Day to David Anderson —
The landed classes of the district are almost ruined. If lenity is not shown in the collections of revenue from them, most of them will be deprived of their lands.
69. 25 Jan. 1785 D. Burges to M. Day
The question of putting Hoor and Sona Bibi in possession of their 4a. 1g. 3c. shares of parganna Sandip.
72. 16 Feb, 1785 M. Day to William Cowper
The Zamindari of Kanchanpur, the jama of which is 9295 rupees, must be sold for arrears of revenue. The Zamindari "indeed suffered in some small degree from the deluge".
76. 4 March 1785 M. Day to David Burges
Ryots have made representations against farmer's oppressions.
77. 4 March 1785 M. Day to David Burges
Search is being made to find out and apprehend those who absconded from the Zamindari of Sandip.
86. 25 May 1785 M. Day to J. Duncan
Tajuddin Mahmud's zamindari of Idrikkpur was sold for a balance of revenue arrears. The purchaser was Sheikh Rokunuddin who again sold it to Imanuddin Munshi.
88. 31 May 1785 William Cowper & ca. to M. Day
Revenue Board's remark on the petition of the zamindar of the 5 anna division of Tuppah Hazeradah. The zamindar is indebted to mahajans because of deficient wealth in his estate

89. 3 June 1785 J. Spothishwood to M. Day
The zamindars and chowdhuries of pargana Turruf and Adilpur complain of oppressions of their ryots by revenue farmers. They pray for removing the farmers and make settlement with them.
92. 9 June 1785 Samuel Charters & ca. to M. Day
Jalalpur is annexed to Dacca Collectorship.
- 93 11 June 1785 Samuel Charters & ca. to M. Day
Revenue Committee decides to make settlement with the widows of Mirza Ali and Mirza Baker Ali.
94. 30 June 1785 Samuel Charters & ca. to M. Day
Transmitting petition of zamindar Zahiruddin. Complaint against the farmer's oppressions.
98. 11 Aug. 1785 M. Day to Samuel Charters
Armed conflicts between various sharers of pargana Kartickpur. Many are killed in consequence. Division of the pargana is needed to restore law and order.
99. 18 Aug. 1785 Samuel Charters and ca. to M. Day
Partition of the Cartickpur Zamindari is sanctioned.
102. 1 Sept. 1785 J. Duncan to M. Day
Dispute over a *brahmutter* land.
104. 5 Sept. 1785 Samuel Charters to M. Day
Govinda Prashad, the farmer is unable to take possession of his farm of pargana Gopalpur due to the resistance of the chowdhuris.

110. 28 Sept. 1785 M. Day to J. Duncan
Petition of Mirza Zan, Zamindar of Dackhinshavajpur. He complains of injustice done to him by the collector.
112. 25 Oct. 1785 M. Day to Samuel Charters
Imamuddin, the zamindar of Rasulpur and Kartickpur, is dead. His 22-year son succeeds.
126. 26 Jan. 1785 William Cowper to M. Day
No plea on the part of zamindars for non-payment of revenue should be entertained. Decisive measures must be taken "for enforcing payment of the Revenue from all zamindars and other renters".
120. 6 Feb. 1786 J. Duncan to M. Day
Dependant Taluqdars' resistance to the zamindar of Eusufpur.
133. 3 March 1786 M. Day to J. Duncan
The name of Uday Narayan, the Chandradip zamindar is still on current records of the sheresta though he died thirty years ago.
136. 22 March 1786 M. Day to J. Duncan
Hastabud of $1\frac{1}{2}$ anna of Shaistanagar Division made. Gross *maffassil* collections appear to be Rs. 3808-2-2.
142. 14 April 1786 M. Day to William Cowper
Appeal of Mirza Zan against his malzamin Golam Ali for 1191 B. S. Net balance due from him is Rs. 23,677-10-3.
146. 8 May 1786 William Cowper to M. Day
In the management of his Jagir in Dacca, Sayed Muhammad Hussain

Khan, brother of Nawab Muhammad .
Reza Khan faces obstructions from
the officers of Government. It is
requested to enquire into his com-
plaint and report.

147. 18 May 1786 William Dawson to M. Day
Taluqdar Mustafa Quli's arrear.
Difficulties of collecting petty arrears
from petty Taluqdar living in remote
areas.
149. 30 May 1786 J. Evelyn to M. Day
Settlement could not be concluded
with the zamindars of Gangamandal,
Baldakh and Pitkara. *Sezvals*
should be sent to attach these mahals.
154. 8 June 1786 William Wroughton to M. Day
Sale of 9 annas division of Dackin-
Shahvajpur. Amount of sale is
wanted.
155. 10 June 1786 M. Day to William Wroughton
The 9 annas division of Dackin
Shavajpur was sold for Rs. 62500.
158. 13 June 1786 M. Day to J. Evelyn
state of pargana Pitkarab. Mirza Zan
was kept in family confinement for
nine years by his uncle Asadullah.
165. 20 June 1786 — to J. Stables
Widows of Mirza Baker Ali and
Mirza Ali complain of being oppress-
ed by Hussain Ali, the farmer of
their lands.

167. 26 June 1786 J. Duncan to M. Day
 Petitioner Tajuddin Mahmud, the late zaminder of a portion of pargana Idrikpur ; complains of being unjustly deprived of his lands. He narrates how he became a victim of collusions and intrigues between various zamindari and collectorate officers.
172. 10 July 1786 M. Day to J. Stables
 The sale of pargana Dackhinshahvajpur to Coja Michael should be revoked. The sale of the whole of the zamindari was not necessary for recovering the outstanding balances from Mirza Zan.
175. 15 July 1786 M. Day to J. Stables
 State of pargana Gangamandal explained. It is explained how ryots and Government revenues suffer under the uneven distribution of *kistibundis*.
176. 18 July 1786 J. Stables to M. Day
 The sale of the whole of the zamindari of Mirza Zan, the sharer of 9 annas division of Dackinshavajpur, is unwise and unjust. Only such part as would be enough to pay the arrears should be brought to sale.
179. 18 July 1786 J. Stables & ca. to William Wroughton
 Sale of Mirza Zan's zamindari. The Board decided not deprive the zamindar of all his zamindari. His private effects and lands contiguous to his abode are restored to him.

180. 21 July 1786 M. Day to J. Stables

It is explained why settlement was not made with Hussain Ali. Hussain Ali was an oppressor to the two widows and to the ryots. The widows are demanding *mōshaira* for nine months. Instructions from Board sought.

184. 27 July 1786 M. Day to J. Stables

Sale of pargana Dackin Shahvajpur. Day expresses sorrow for mishandling the affair of the sale of the pargana.

185. 28 Jnly 1786 J. Stables & ca. to M. Day

Directed to "enforce payment of the arrears due from Hussain Ali, to the widows on account of their allowance for last year...".

190. 5 Aug. 1786 M. Day to J. Duncan

Sale of Tajuddin Mahmuds share of pargana Idrikpur. The zamindar was frequently in arrears and in the habit of practising artful tricks with the collector.

194. 8 Sept. 1786 M. Day to J. Stables

Repeated notice is being given to Hussain Ali for the payment of *mōshaira* to the widows of the Baldakhal pargana. The widows are always complaining of the misconduct of Hussain Ali.

197. 19 Sept. 1786 C. Burrows to M. Day

Affray between the two zamindars of pargana Nurullapur and Jalalpur. Village peace is disturbed.

200. 10 Oct. 1786 J. Stables to M. Day
 Advised to prevent Hussain Ali "from collecting any new or unauthorised Taxes from the Ryotts, or otherwise oppressing the inhabitants of the pergunnah".
201. 19 Oct. 1786 M. Day to J. Duncan
 Contumacy of the zamindari *amla* is the reason for delayed reply.
202. 19 Oct. 1786 M. Day to J. Duncan
 Report on the complaints of the Taluqdars of pargana Gangamandal. Taluqdars do not hold any patta specifying the jama of his taluqs. The amount is particularised in the *taxeem sheristar* of the pargana.
207. Nov. 1786 W. Cowper to M. Day
 Zamindars of Nasserojaul appeal for an adjustment of their accounts with Coja Michael.
208. 27 Nov. 1786 M. Day to J. Stables
 Hussain Ali is confined in ordinary jail for his failure to pay his *kists* account the pargana Baldakhal. He is heavily indebted to moneylenders.
210. 11 Dec. 1786 B. Aplin to M. Day
 Petition of the zamindars of pargana Ramnagar. Report wanted. Zamindars complain that ryots are destroyed in consequence of farmers' oppressions.
212. 15 Dec. 1786 J. Duncan to M. Day
 A petition from the 9 anna zamindar of pargana Dackhin Shahvajpur. The zamindar narrates how he was unjust-

ly dispossessed of his zamindari. He claims that fictitious claims were made out against him.

215. 23 Dec. 1786 M. Day to J. Duncan
A report on the jagir of Mahammad Hussain. A fresh *hastabood* of the jagir is recommended. The original jama is Rs. 13,333-5-0.
216. 5 Jan. 1787 G. C. Mayer to M. Day
Jaynarayan Howladar's complaint that his superior landholder sold his effects and property for the alleged arrears of revenue. But the land on which revenue was charged was destroyed seven years ago.
217. 18 Jan. 1787 M. Day to J. Duncan
Sale of the zamindari of Mirza Jan. Zamindar's allegation of selling his estate for fictitious balance is challenged by the collector.
218. 19 Jan. 1787 J. Duncan to M. Day
Two reports to the Board of Revenue on the complaints of the ryots of Itchapur against their farmer Jessuant is removed.
221. 31 Jan. 1787 J. Duncan to M. May
Transmitting a petition of Krishna Chandra Datta of pargana Luckytha. Zamindar explains how his estate suffered under the past regimes. He seeks reduction of jama.
223. 13 Feb. 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Got Sadar Diwani Adalat's orders Gopal Krishna to get the possession of

the zamindari of Kartickpur and Sujabad. Various taluqdars are resisting.

224. 14 Feb. 1787 M. Day to J. Duncan
Wages of Ramluchan, the amin for *noabad* lands.
226. 9 March 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
The nature and disposition of the people are inclined to be oppressive and arbitrary. Unlawful imposition of taxes on the lower orders of landed interests are "not unfrequent". Measures suggested to stop such illegal impositions.
227. 9 March 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Mirza Assadullah's complaints against the collector are refuted. Assadullah's complaints are that he faced difficulties to collect revenues from the renters who are being encouraged by collector to become contumacious.
229. 29 March 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Further report regarding the taluqa in Kartickpur.
230. 3 April 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Acknowledging two decrees, one against the zamindar of Gangamandal, the other against Hussain Ali, the zamindar of pargana Baldakhal. Sale of Hussain Ali's share of pargana Baldakhal is not advisable.
334. 22 April 1787 M. Day to J. Duncan
Sale proceeds of a taluqa. Ram Kanai Ghoshai's clandestine dealings with Mr. Holland.

237. 30 April 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Muhammad Hussain, a jamadar, gets 100 bighas of lands.
238. 30 April 1787 M. Day to J. Buller
Measures suggested to apprehend Kalu, the dacoit leader.
249. 30 May 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
The partners of Rasulpur refuse to engage under the proposed jama of Rs. 26749. The pargana was advertised for farming. But none made any offer.
250. 30 May 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Adab Charan Das is nominated for the office of *diwan* to the Daeca Jalalpur Division. Approval of the nomination sought.
251. 31 May 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Sadar Diwani Adalat's decree relative to the Estate of the late Raja Rajballab. Means of "preventing the present manager from taking any advantage of this decision .
260. — M. Day to J. Shore
Roy Gopal Krishna, a partner of Rajnagar Zamindari died yesterday evening.
261. 9 July 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Refusal of a taluqdar to renew his engagement. Inability to pay the assessed revenue is the excuse. Taluqdar is absentee at Culcutta.
262. 9 July 1787 W. Wroughton to M. Day
Mirza Jan is at the Presidency to press his demand on the Board to

restore the whole of his zamindari to him. Pending such restoration temporary settlement with Coja Michael is recommended.

279. 21 Aug. 1787 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day
Instructed to see that farmers do not impoverish the country by augmenting the demands on the ryots General rate of assessment must not be infringed under any circumstance.
281. 24 Aug. 1787 B. Aplin to M. Day
Hussain Ali, the farmer of Baldakhal Pargana represents that his arrears were occasioned by repeated Government interference into his affairs.
282. 28 Aug. 1787 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day
Abuses that arise from the transfer of zamindari headquarters without the knowledge of Government.
290. 7 Sept. 1787 J. Mackenzie to M. Day
Explanations wanted on the sale of Idrikpur zamindari.
291. 8 Sept. 1787 G. C. Meyer to M. Day
Petition from Nitai Kanta Sarma complaining of the oppression and undue exactions of Ram Kanta Roy, a chowdhury of Bikrampur.
292. 11 Sept. 1787 Thomas Graham & ca. to M. Day
Kali Shankar Ghosal's petition to give him maintainance allowance or to make a *khud* bandubast with him.
303. 28 Sept. 1787 M. Day, Dacca Collector to J. Shore President & Members of Board of Revenue.

First and second sale of Idrikpur zamindari. Depreciation of the value of lands no factor for sales. Kanai Babu is the first purchaser. Second purchaser is Rukunuddin. Questions of *benami* deals and application of intimidations by interested parties.

310. 6 Oct. 1787 M. Day, Collector of Dacca to B. Aplin, Secy. to the Board of Revenue.
Mr. Day's answer to various points raised by Mirza Hussain Ali, the zamindar of a share of pargana Baldakhal.
316. 22 Oct. 1787 M. Day, Dacca Collector, to G. C. Meyer, Acting preparer of Reports to the Revenue Departments.
Neelkanta's petition against the oppressions of Ramkanta Roy, a Bickrampur chowdhury. Causes for such complaint explained.
317. 22 Oct. 1787 M. Day, Collector of Dacca to J. Shore President and Members of the Revenue Board.
Reporting frauds committed by two mohrers of pargana Bickrampur. To frustrate investigations now going on they have left the pargana and filed petitions to the Board complaining oppressions.
320. 1 Nov. 1787 Thomas Mottee and Edward Maxwell, Calcutta Police Office to M. Day, Collector of Dacca.
Twelve boys and twenty one girls ; who have been improperly brought from Dacca for the purpose of sale

in Calcutta, are sent back for their restoration to their parents.

322. 13 Nov. 1787 B. Aplin, Secy. Board of Revenue to M. Day, Dacca Collector.
Sale of Idrikpur zamindari confirmed.

324. 17 Nov. 1787 J. D. Paterson, Baldakhal Commissioner to M. Day, Dacca Collector.
Under general laws *ryots* are permitted to settle where they please.

325. 17. Nov. 1787 M. Day, Dacca Collector, to J. Shore, President and Members of the Board of Rev.

Management question of Rajnagar zamindari. Partners in favour of partitions. Advices asked as to the modes to be adopted for the partition. Rajnagar lands are mostly *neez taluqas* and *lakheraj*. Absolute measurement necessary in view of the intricate nature of land holding here.

330. 22 Nov. 1787 M. Day, Dacca Collector to Molts and Maxwell.

Measures to be adopted as regards the rescued kidnapped children.

343. 22 Dec. 1787 M. Day, Collector of Dacca to J. Shore, President of the Khalsa.

Complaints of taluqdars and renters of pargana Hussainshahi and Hussainpur. Landholders are not regulated by the *sodar jama* in their settlement with the under renters.

CHAPTER THREE

AGRICULTURE, TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

Doc. No.

14. 13 April 1784 M. Day to Hall
One thousand bighas of land are requisitioned to build a new Factory at Pattah Hat.
15. 15 April 1784 M. Day to Vansittart
A Bill of Exchange on the Bank of Bengal is transmitted.
16. 22 April 1784 M. Day to D. Anderson
Two Bills of Exchange are transmitted, one upon Satur Murahkawn and another on Joynarayan Ghoshal.
17. 27 May 1784 T. Graham to M. Day
Cultivation of *Bahade* or early harvest is very favourable. Collector directed to persuade landholders to promote early crops in view of frequent droughts.
21. 24 June 1784 T. Graham to M. Day
Duties on grain trade are reimposed.
22. 30 June 1784 M. Day to Francis Law
Collector wants to know the exact number of sepoy necessary to protect several Aurungs.
31. 16 July 1784 M. Day to W. Hastings
The Commercial Chief of Dacca is furnished "with the same number of sepoy as were before stationed at the several Aurungs".

39. 24 Sept. 1784 W. Barton and ca. to Thomas Graham
Due to inundation and scarcity of grain weavers are hard hit. Many weavers have deserted their habitations.
50. 26 Oct. 1784 W. C. Plowden to M. Day
Part of the salt manufacture is sold to Paniatty Alexander.
53. 8 Nov. 1784 to M. Day
Day is asked to issue *parwanas* to all landholders and izaradars requesting them to co-operate with the salt *beparis*. A list of *mulungees* is annexed.
56. 30 Nov. 1784 C. Burrows to M. Day
Golan Ali, banian of Burrows may be asked to return the sums that he drew in the name of his master.
57. 30 Nov. 1784 Henry Vansittart to M. Day
From Paniaty Alexander the sum of SRs. 6450 is received on account of sales of salt of Bhulwa.
59. 7 Dec. 1784 M. Day to Henry Vansittart
The sum of Rs. 21900 is paid on account of the sales of Bhulwa and Chittagong salt.
63. 4 Jan. 1785 Henry Vansittart to M. Day
Sale of salt to Alexander Paniatty.
67. 22 Jan. 1785 Henry Vansittart to M. Day
Sale of salt to Alexander Paniatty.
87. 27 May 1785 M. Day to W. Cowper
Zamindars refuse to contribute to the project of erecting granary in the Dacca Town. Establishment of gra-

naries at Government expence is proposed. It is also 'proposed to establish government controlled markets as a check to contrivance to raise prices artificially.

108. 22 Sept. 1785 Samuel Chartess to M Day
Investment in Dacca is suffering due to a want of money advances.
109. 26 Sept. 1785 Samuel Charters to M. Day
The commercial chief is supplied with Rs. 50,000 to enable him to carry on the company's investment.
128. 2 Feb 1786 M. Day to J. Duncan
Pekabi bazar belongs to Abul Khair, not to Meer Hussain.
199. 10 Oct. 1786 J. Duncan to M. Day
Ram Golab Roy complains that his allowance as a mint master of Dacca Chuckla was stopped unjustly. Report wanted from the collector.
204. 31 Oct. 1786 H. C. Plowden to M. Day
'List' of *mulunghees* who deserted from Chittagong and now residing in several parganas of Dacca district.
209. 28 Nov. W. Cowper & ca, to M Day
Notwithstanding the abolition of *chokies* zamindars are, still enacting *rahdari* and *chilunta* duties from merchants passing through their territories. The practice to be checked ruthlessly. Corporal punishment of offenders sanctioned.
219. 30 Jan. 1787 M. Day to R. Johnson
Transmitting a Bill of Exchange of S. Rs. 45000 on Ramdulal Bose and Balram Deb.

222. 5 Feb. 1787 M. Day to J. H. Harington
Demand draft in favour of the commercial Department for Rs. 281250.
232. 17 April 1787 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day
Asking for an account of *khalaries* and rate of rent of each khalaria along with the names of parganas and villages wherein they are situated.
233. 20 April 1787 W. Cowper to M. Day
Mode of investment. Bills on General Bank of India.
246. 19 May 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Proposal for the supply of cowries for Sylhet. People who have made the proposals are men of property, and have offered respectable security.
252. 6 June 1787 M. Day to R. Kennaway
Payment of revenue is made in Sicca currency. But the Arcot currency is used "in the general commerce of the district". Shroffs take advantage of the currency confusion.
253. 7 June 1787 M. Day to W. Farguharson
Expenditure incurred in re-establishing mint in Dacca.
266. 20 July 1787 B. Aplin to M. Day
The price current report should include the average price of every specie of grain produced in the district.
267. 23 July 1787 M. Day to R. Kennaway
Payment of revenue in Arcot specie introduced. The Dacca shroffs have "entered into a combination to

thwart and prevent my carrying into effect the receipt of revenue in the *Arcot* Specie in lieu of that of the *siccas*".

268. 26 July 1787 M. Day to W. Wroughton
Investment. Commercial Residents of Dacca and Laxsmipur to be provided with sums necessary for the advances of the present year. Payment in Arcot rupees.
- 269 26 July 1787 M. Day to M. Dawson
Asking to remit S. Rs. 50,000 as early as possible.
270. 27 July 1787 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day
Ascertaining rate of interest in each parganah.
271. 28 July 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Investment. Informing the measures to ensure investment.
272. 8 Aug. 1787 W^r H. M. Dowall to M. Day
Supply of Arcot Rupees of 50,000 from Rangpur arranged. Differences in value between various types of Arcot rupees pointed out.
273. 9 Aug. 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Contractor appointed to receive cowries from the collector of Sylhet.
274. 11 Aug. 1787 M. Day to Henry Scott
Supply of 162609 current Rupees in the Arcot specie. Various collectors have been requested to remit arcot currency. Dacca collections will be applied for the use of Dacca investment.

275. 17 Aug. 1787 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day

Investment at Luxsmipur Factory is said to be impeded due to the shortage of supply of money. Total amount required for Luxsmipur investment is Rs. 282550.

276. 21 Aug. 1787 M. Day to J. Shore

Time for *kist* payment is extended to fifteen days in order to save the renters from the impositions of the shroffs and other money lenders.

277. 21 Aug. 1787 M. Day to J. Shore

Benefits of receiving and reissuing Arcot currencies. The new mode has "proved perfectly agreeable to the commercial Resident, to the Weavers and Renters, who thereby save nearly 7 percent an arbitrary tax formerly levied from them under various applications by the shroffs..."

280. 22 Aug. 1787 M. Day to J. Shore

Informing Mymensingh Collector's remittance in Sicca specie in lieu of Arcot specie which is needed for the investment at Dacca and Luxsmipur. For Arcot exchange shroffs demand 7 p. c. batta on the sicca rupee.

283. 29 Aug. 1787 W. Hyndman to M. Day

Balance at Sylhet Treasury at the end of *Saun*. All *Cauns* sent to Dacca through contractors at the rate of 5 *cauns* 10 *puns* per *sicca* rupee.

284. 29 Aug. 1787 D. H. W. Dowall to M. Day

Considerable amount of French Arcot rupees may be purchased at Murshi-

dabad. The number of French Arcot rupees in circulation in Rangpur does not exceed 25000 or 30000 rupees.

285. 30 Aug. 1787 G. Hatch to M. Day

Hundi sent upon Krishna Charan Das at 10 days sight drawn by Pran Krishna Sarker for sicca Rs. 38000.

286. 31 Aug. 1787 G. C. Meyer to M. Day

It is directed "to ascertain the exact standard of the weight and measure in use throughout different divisions of these provinces".

287. 1 Sept. 1787 M. Day to M. Dowall

Collectors of Dinajpur, Rangpur, Murshidabad to supply 282550 Arcot rupees to answer the demands of Luxsmipur and Dacca Investment.

288. 7 Sept. 1787 M. Dawson to M. Day

House of Gopal Das's agent at Dacca will pay cash of sicca Rs. 50,000.

293. 12 Sept. 1787 G. Hatch to M. Day

In Dinajpur revenue payment is not made in Arcot rupee. Hence remittance in Arcot not possible.

294. 12 Sept. 1787 M. Day to M. Dawson

Supply of arcot rupee is wanted. Commercial activities of the company must suffer without sufficient supply of Arcot currency.

295. 12 Sept. 1787 M. Day to J. William

Requesting to keep an account of all the boats arriving at the city with

public revenue. This is needed to ascertain the amount of specie in circulation.

296. 16 Sept, 1787 D. H. Dowall to M. Day
Supply of French Arcot rupees from Rangpur is not possible within short period of time.
298. 19 Sept. 1787 M. Day to M. Dawson
Bill of Exchange on Gopal Das and Shibnath Das. The exchange between Dacca and Calcutta is $1\frac{1}{2}$ p. c.
299. 19 Sept. 1787 M. Day to D. H. McDowall.
Without adequate supply of French Arcot specie from Rangpur it will be impossible to give the necessary supplies to the Commercial Agents of Dacca and Luxsmipur.
300. 20 Sept. 1787 M. Dawson, Collector of Murshidabad to M. Day
Eleven and twelve sun sicea rupees of Murshidabad are not accepted in full value at Dacca where nineteen sun sicca is the full value currency.
302. 26 Sept. 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Rates of interests operating in the district investigated. "It appears that the rate of interest is regulated by the orders of Government so far as it extends to the rate exhibited in the Deed but at the same time I am well convinced that a much greater sum is invariably paid by the borrower, than subscribed to".

304. 28 Sept. 1787 T. Graham & ca. to M. Day, Collector, Dacca.

The chowdhuris of Bikrampur par-gana complain that the collector's diwan clandestinely farmed the par-gana and oppressed the people by imposing various taxes. They pray to conclude *khud bandubast*.

305. Sept. 1787 M. Day, Dacca Collector to J. Shore

Kafayet batta explained. This is the result of the most intricate currency system.

306. 2 Oct. 1787 M. Day to M. Dawson .

Information respecting the eleven and twelve sun sicca rupee not passing for full value at Dacca. Shroffs's levy of batta on them are arbitrary.

307. 3 Oct. 1787 M. Day to D. H. McDowall

Informing that the Arcot rupee is the current specie in Dacca. Supply of a sum of 100,000 of the Arcot specie is wanted.

308. 4 Oct. 1787 M. Day to J. Beb.

Amount required for Dacca investment.

309. 6 Oct. 1787 M. Day to H. Scott.

Investment requirements at Luxsmipur Factory wanted.

311. 12 Oct. 1787 J. Mackenzie & ca. to M. Day

A report on the currency system of the district wanted. The report to ascertain the volume of various currencies in circulation with the usual Bazar rates of *batta*.

312. 12 Oct. 1787 J. Mackenzie & ca. to M. Day
Investment at Luxsmipur Factory.
313. 14 Oct. 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Economic distress of pargana Nurrullapur. Huge arrears of revenue consequent upon inundations.
314. 19 Oct. 1787 G. Hatch to M. Day
Hundis from Dinajpur drawn by Jagannath and Manik Chand upon two Dacca shroffs, Monohar Das and Shiba Prashad Das.
315. 22 Oct. 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Petition of Kalishankar. No advantage derived by him from *Khass* management. The usual rate of allowance to dispossessed zamindars is 10 p. c. Formerly this allowance was permitted only when zamindari lands were farmed out.
321. 7 Nov. 1787 J. Fendoll to M. Day
Bill of Exchange drawn by Gopal Das and Kishore Das on Goawl Das and Shibnath Das for sixty thousand rupees.
326. 19 Nov. 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Report on the operation of the new system of receiving revenue collections at the Treasury in all species of currencies instead of only sicca rupees. The system benefits all parties with the exception of shroffs,
327. 21. Nov. 1787 M. Day to G. Hatch
Bill of Exchange on Krishna Charan Das for Sicca Rupees 50,000 is honoured in due course.

328. 21 Nov. 1787 M. Day to J. Fendoll
Bills of Exchange for Sicca Rs. 60,000 on various Dacca parties are honoured.
329. 21 Nov. 1787 M. Day to G. Hatch
Bills of exchange on various Dacca banking houses have been duly honoured.
331. 22 Nov, 1787 M. Day to Henry Scott.
Zamindars are warned not to take any such measure in relations to their *ryots* as would restrict the company's cloth investment.
332. 22 Nov. 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Report on the "various species of Rupees circulating throughout the District with the usual Bazar rates of *Batta* on each & ca. "It is explained how the existence of various currencies is causing impediments to normal economic activities.
333. 27 Nov. 1787 T. Graham & ca. to M. Day
Commercial investments at Dacca and Laxsmipur factories.
335. 8 Dec. 1787 M. Day to W. Larkins
Bills of exchange for the transportations of salt to Goalpara.
336. 12 Dec. 1787 J. Bebb to M. Day
Supply of current Rupees 1,80,611 asked on account of the Company's investment for the year 1787-8.
337. 12 Dec. 1787 H. Scott. to M. Day
Supply of current Rs. 2,04,851 asked for the Company's investment for the year 1788.

338. 13. Dec. 1787 M. Day to G. C. Moyer
Batchappy and *Paranch-takymehals* were originally created by Mr. Barwell when he was the Chief of Dacca. Officers attached to these mahals were appointed as checks upon the shopkeepers of the town.
340. 17 Dec. 1787 H. Scott. to M. Day
 Commercial investment for the year 1788.
345. 24 Dec. 1787 M. Day to W. Larkins
 • Commercial investment of 1788/9.
347. 30 Dec. 1787 Board of Revenue to M. Day
Kefayet batta. Its operation on the entire jama wanted.

CHAPTER FOUR

PROBLEMS OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Sl. No.

9. 18 March 1784 Samuel Charters and Evelyn to Day
 Collector is directed to make the revenue settlement for the year 1191 B. S. He is also desired to intimate the zamindars and Taluqdars that settlement would not be made with the defaulting landholders.
19. 4 June 1784 Evelyn to Day
 Revenue settlements of some parganas are made *Bandubast* and *kistbundi* accounts along with the securities of farmers are sent.

23. 1 July 1784 Samuel Charters to Day
Copy of Persian *amilnama* on lease is sent for the use of all zamindars and taluqdars with whom settlement has been made.
47. 14 Oct. 1784 J. Shore and Evelyn to M. Day
Day is advised to afford every possible assistance to Mr. Law, the commercial chief at Dacca.
49. 21 Oct. 1784 J. Shore to M. Day
Day is advised to collect revenue arrears and to transmit kistbundis of his district.
60. 7 Dec. 1784 D. Anderson to M. Day
The revenue balances in the district are Rs. 56819-3-3 for 1188 B. S. and Rs. 100336-0-16-1. for 1189 B. S.
61. 23 Dec. 1784 D. Anderson to M. Day
Day is directed to be extremely strict in enforcing the collections of the present *kists*.
62. 23 Dec. 1784 D. Anderson to M. Day
Regulations relative to appeals in revenue causes.
68. 24 Jan. 1785 D. Burges to M. Day
Many *Jereep*, amlas and amins employed for the measurement of Sandip pargana have absconded.
71. 15 Feb. 1785 M. Day to W. Cowper
Establishment of pyker and *barkanduzes* is required. "The numerous body of zamindars and Taluqdars under my superintendence require almost constant pressing for the regular discharge of their *kists*".

73. 17. Feb. 1785 W. Cowper and others to M. Day
Noabad Zamindars are entitled to the portion of Jowar Neelucky and Rajapur which composes the taluqa of Tanuram and Balram Sen.
81. 29 March 1785 M. Day to W. Cowper
Revenue balances at the end of chait.
84. 9 May 1785 T. Graham and Evelyn to M. Day
Day is desired to send an account of land sale that have been sold since 1781.
90. 9 June 1785 Samuel Charters and ca. to M. Day
Pargana Sandip is annexed to Chittagong Collectorship.
95. 5 July 1785 M. Day to Samuel Charters.
Taluqdari bandubust proposed. Some taluqdars plead inability to pay the assessed revenue. They want a new Hastabood.
95. 5 July 1785 M. Day to Samuel Charters
Settlement is made with the *taluqdars* of pargana Jalalpur on the same jama as last year (1191 B. S.). A fresh *hastabud* is ordered for pargana Bungralah and Mobutpur.
96. 21 July 1785 M. Day to Samuel Charters
Bandubust and *kistbundi* accounts for 1192 B. S. are sent. Temporary deductions have been allowed where losses in the last flood were very great.
97. 23 July 1785 J. Duncan to M. Day
Lists containing names of farmers and *mahals* are needed for the preparation of *ama'namah* for the settlement of 1192 B. S.

100. 18 Aug. 1785 Samuel Charters to M. Day
New *kistbundi* for Bykontpore zamin-dari is not necessary. Kistbundis for 1188, 1189, 1190 and 1191 are sent for comparison.
103. 2 Sept. 1785 J. Duncan to M. Day
Directed to transmit "a list of all the lands sold" so far by the authority of Government.
113. 17 Nov. 1785 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day
Cowries remitted from Sylhet to Dacca should be sold.
117. 23 Dec. 1785 M. Day to Samuel Charters
No remittance in cowry was made from Sylhet ever since 1781 when Sylhet was made independent of Dacca.
131. 23 Feb. 1786 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day
Huge revenue arrears are accumulated in Dacca district. Advised to take necessary measures to recover the revenue due.
134. 8 March 1786 M. Day to W. Cowper
Sale of lands for revenue arrears. "At the settlement every proprietor of land engaged that on his failing in two kists proportionate quantity of his Territory should be sold for the recovery of his Balance".
135. 12 March 1786 James Scott to M. Day
Collectors must explain in their reports to the Revenue Board as to the reasons for revenue balances in their districts,

137. 23 March 1786 M. Day to W. Cowper
Sale of land for default of revenue is considered to be the best method to make the zamindars pay their revenue.
138. 30 March 1786 W. Cowper and ca. to M. Day
Collectors should try to sell the private effects of defaulting zamindars rather than land "which in our opinion belong to Government".
141. 11 April 1786 M. Day to J. Duncan
When a zamindari is sold the purchaser usually gets the possession of *khanabari* as well.
143. 17 April 1786 W. Cowper to M. Day
Acknowledging Touzi for *Phagun* and requiring further explanation of balances.
144. 18 April 1786 W. Cowper to M. Day
The system of *muffassil diwans* is abolished. Native *diwans* are incapable of acting as checks on European collectors.
145. 18 April 1786 W. Cowper to M. Day
John Evelyn is deputed to Dacca "for the purpose of carrying into execution some Regulations . . ." which Mr. Day as collector failed to execute. Some resolutions on the Revenue Administration of Bengal.
148. 22 May 1786 J. Evelyn to M. Day
Directed to make settlement. Since the office of *mofussil diwan* is abolished "the ancient constitutional

check of the canongoes office may be pleased in a state of full and effectual operation . . .”

150. 1 June 1786 A. Seton to M. Day
Committee of Revenue is dissolved. Board of Revenue is formed. John Stables is appointed the first President of the Board.
151. 2 June 1786 — to M. Day
Revenue arrears. Zamindars challenge the validity of revenue demand on them.
157. 12 June 1786 W. Wroughton to M. Day
Notified about the institution of the Board of Revenue and its functions.
163. 16 June 1786—to M. Day
District Officers are advised to transmit translations of Bengali and Persian documents which are sent to Board for its consideration.
164. 17 June 1786—to M. Day
Collector of Bulwa is directed “to call upon the purchaser of the 9 annas division of Dunkin Savajpur to make the current years settlement”.
166. 21 June 1786 M. Day to J. Duncan
Sale of parganæ Dackhin Shahvajpur purchaser Coja Michael may be invested with necessary *sanad* from Government.
168. 28 June 1786 J. Stables & ca. to J. Evelyn
Settlement of Gangamandal and Pitcarah is revoked. For these two

parganas settlement should be newly made with Asadullah.

170. 3 July 1786 J. Stables & ca. to M. Day
Baldakhal settlement is not confirmed. Settlement should be made with Hus-sain Ali "on his engaging to continue to the widows of his late brothers, their *moshaira* and other privileges . . ."
171. 7 July 1786 J. Evelyn to M. Day
Settlement of Pitkara and Gangamandal is revoked. New settlement for these parganas should be made with Asadullah.
177. 18 July 1786 B. Aplin to M. Day
Present mode of land sale is defective. From now on all sales of revenue lands shall take place at the khalsa.
181. 23 July 1786 M. Day to J. Stables
There is no official waste land in the district, though everywhere there are jungles. Even in the "sub-urbs of the city which for three or four miles is almost an impenetrable jungle infested by wild ferocious animals. . ."
186. 1 Aug. 1786 J. Stable & ca. to M. Day
Evelyn's recommendation for the sale of Jalalpur Nowara as a means of making good the balance of last year due from it. Report on the matter wanted.
187. 1 Aug. 1786 B. Aplin to M. Day
Transmitting translation of an advertisement prohibiting alienating of Reve-

nue lands. District collectors are advised "to exert their utmost diligence and care to prevent the commission of this offence (of alienating revenue lands").

188. 3 Aug. 1786 J. Stables to M. Day

Zamindars are required to depute a vakil to attend at the Presidency. Zamindars paying revenue "above a lack of Rupees annually are to depute vakeels respectively and those whose several jummas amount to less than one lack are to depute a joint vakeel".

189. 4 Aug. 1786 W. Dawson to M. Day

Kannongoe Lackhinarayan pays revenue to two authorities for the same land. Board of Revenue may find out where lies the mistake.

191. 2 Sept. 1786 J. Duncan to M. Day

Requested to transmit the zamindari and kanungoe records of Baldakhal. It is also requested to "send an authentic state of the several aboab and Mathote used in the collection of revenue in Buldakhaul".

192. 2 Sept. 1786 J. Duncan to M. Day

To transmit a jama wasil report of the taluqa Salimandi in pargana Gangamandal for the years 1184, 1185, 1186 and 1187 "with the causes specified of any Encrease or diminution that may have happened in the said jumma during that time".

193. 8 Sept. 1786 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day

Concern shown for heavy arrears from pargana Baldakhal. Collector

is pressed to apply his utmost energy to collect the arrears.

195. 12 Sept. 1786 M. Day to J. Stables
Reasons for arrears in several parganas explained. Parganas in arrears are 2a. 7g. 2c. division of Salimabad, 5a. 1g. share of Sajadpur and Serampur khalsa.
205. 2 Nov. 1786 J. Duncan to M. Day
Asking for more accurate report on the various rates of *abwabs*, jama wasil baki accounts, etc.
206. 8 Nov. 1786 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day
All proposals for sale of lands of defanlters should be accompanied with full particulars of lands and explanations of arrears.
211. 14 Dec. 1786 W. Cowper to M. Day
Baldakhal balances. Hussain Ali's share of the pargana is not to be sold now. Renters are directed to pay their rents direct to the *sadar katchary*.
220. 30 Jan. 1787 W. Cowper to M. Day
Shore has joined as the Prsident of the Board of Revenue.
225. 20 Feb. 1787 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day
The Governor General in Council wants to know whether any new taxes have been imposed by zamindars or farmers.
225. 20 Feb. 1787 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day
The Governor General in Council wants to know whether any new

taxes have been imposed by zamindars or farmers, whether the zamindars have committed oppressions, etc. Information about the working of various regulations is also sought. Suggestions for improvement of system wanted.

228. 29 March 1787 M. Day to J. Shore

On the "propriety of allowing those zamindars, whose lands are situated at a distance from the collectors residence a further time than is now allowed for the payments of their kists. . ."

235. 24 April 1787 J. Buller to M. Day

Plunder of Haut Hajiganj allegedly by one Hully Fakir's gang. Hully Fakir claims to be the master of Phitkarah parganah. The Fakir makes conversion to muslim religion also. Earlier the Fakir demanded release of a slave detained in the House of Devy Singh Hazari.

239. 1 May 1787 W. Cowper to M. Day

Board of revenue gives detailed instructions regarding the settlement for 1194 B. S. Every individual settlement should be guided by local considerations.

240. 3 May 1787 M. Day to J. Shore

Revenue arrears for 1193 B. S. Huge arrears are due from pargana Baldakhal. The total balance is Rs. 4506. Sale of the farmers' lands and other property is suggested.

241. 3 May 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Parganas Baldakhal, Soosung Ramnut Gangamandal and Pitkarah are now transferred from Dacca to Mymensingh district. To recover the Baldakhal balance, sale of Hussain Ali's share of the pargana is only the possible means.
242. 5 May 1787 W. Wroughton to M. Day
On the readjustment of revenue jurisdictions between various collectors.
243. 9 May 1787 C. Burrows to M. Day
Readjustment of revenue jurisdictions. Jama wasil baki of transferred mahals sent.
245. 10 May 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Reporting the receipt of several parganas recently annexed to Dacca district.
247. 23 May 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Baldakhal balance. The pargana is annexed to Mymensingh.
248. 26 May 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Readjustment of revenue jurisdictions between several collectorships.
254. 12 June 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Account settlement. Modes adopted in the settlement of various parganas. Parganas with which settlements are made are Chandradip, Edilpur, Jalalpur, Bickrampur, Serampur, Shajadpur, Taluqa Jagamohan Mitra.
257. 20 June 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Account settlement for the year 1194 B. S. Parganas Rajnagar, and Buzurg-

umedpur are settled *khas*. Dackin Shahvajpur is settled with Coja Michael.

258. 4 July 1787 J. Duncan to M. Day

Jalalpur *nowarah* is sold at public auction. Purchaser is Busharan Nandi.

259. 5 July 1787 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day

Zamindars who refuse to engage themselves at terms offered must express their refusal in writing. Farmers of zamindari and taluqdari lands must pay reasonable *moshaira* to dispossessed landholders.

278. 21 Aug. 1787 W. Cowper to M. Day

Collector's monthly Touzi account should be accompanied by his explanation of outstanding balances and measures taken to recover those balances.

289. 7 Sept. 1787 T. Graham & ca. to M. Day

Henceforth, a fine will be imposed on those collectors who will default in sending the monthly Touzi account without assigning any reason.

301. 21 Sept. 1787 M. Day to J. Shore

Kistbundi explained. New mode of *kistbundi* will benefit all except shroffs and mahajans. Explained how the renters were exploited by shroffs under the old system of revenue payment. Measures taken to stop artifices on the part of renters.

341. 19 Dec. 1787 M. Day to J. Shore
Account settlement for the year 1194.
Reasons why some estates and mahals
are farmed out.
346. 29 Dec. 1787 T. Graham & ca. to M. Day
Day is censured for not being able to
reduce the revenue arrears. His
explanations for huge revenue arrears
are not accepted as valid.

CHAPTER FIVE

GOVERNMENT POLICY, ADMINISTRATION,
LAW AND JUSTICE

- | Sl. No. | Date | From | Subject |
|---------|---------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 13. | 12 April 1784 | Samuel Charters to M. Day | Sepoys sent to <i>mufassil</i> to help
revenue collections. Illegal <i>bata</i>
is exacted from the ryots. Such
exaction is strictly prohibited. |
| 18. | 3 June 1784 | Bakarganj Magistrate to M. Day | Faujdary establishments of Bakarganj
for May and June. |
| 20. | 23 June. 1784 | M. Day to W. Hastings | Dacoits apprehended by the officer of
Coia Michael are now under custody
in Dacca. |
| 32. | 29 July 1784 | M. Day to D. Anderson | People's practice to "specify a smaller
sum in their plaint, than the actual
Jumma of their land." |

33. 23 Aug. 1784 M. Day to W. Hastings

The Store Houses and Guard House in Dacca are in bad condition. Their repair is needed. "*The kella*h is an entire Ruin and unfit for any purpose whatsoever".

34. 23 Aug. 1784 M. Day to D. Anderson

"The *Kella*h of Dacca is entirely gone to ruin and unfit for any purpose whatever".

35. 6 Sept. 1784 M. Day to J. Duncan

David Burges is deputed to Sandeep as an Amin.

36. 7 Sept. 1784 M. Day to W. Hastings

Lives and properties of this district are unsafe. Dacoits are at large. Measures are suggested to solve the problem of dacoities.

37. 20 Sept. 1784 M. Day to Anderson

List of Company's covenanted servants employed in Dacca, and their particulars of employment.

46. 11 Oct. 1784 M. Day to W. Haverkam

Mathew Day's tenure as a chief of Dacca. Appointment took place on 15 December 1783.

48. 18 Oct. 1784 J. Shore and Evelin to M. Day

Maznu Shah "has entered the District of Silbari with an armed force".

65. 15 Jan. 1785 C. Purling to M. Day

The Dutch are admitted to the possession of their "settlement at Chinsura and several factories dependant thereon".

70. 31 Jan. 1785 T. Graham to M. Day
The Committee of grain is abolished.
74. 1 March 1785 M. Day to W. Cowper
Pran Krishna Chowdhury, the zamin-
dar of 2 annas Mehaur, is resisting
the collector's authority.
78. 7 March 1785 M. Day to W. Cowper
List of covenanted servants on the
Dacca establishment—their salaries
and positions specified.
80. 21 March 1784 M. Day to W. Cowper
Two companies of Sebandi corps
hitherto retained to protect the city
are now disbanded on the arrival of
Major Rawstorne with his regiment.
82. 14 April 1785 W. Cowper and others to M. Day
An account of establishment for the
district.
83. 25 April 1785 W. Cowper & others to M. Day
Magistrate is empowered to try petty
causes without referring to foudari
court.
91. 9 June 1785 J. Spottishwood to M. Day
The Governor General in Council
orders that "no *native* in actual
employ under the Committee of
Revenue, or under any Collector,
be permitted to bid, or become
purchaser at any sale of Lands, made
by the authority of Government".
101. 27 Aug. 1785 M. Day to J. Macpherson
The district is infested by dacoits.
Lives and properties have become
entirely unsafe.

105. 9 Sept. 1785 M. Day to J. Macpherson
Nabob Hasmat Jang of Dacca is dead. He left behind his two brothers, Syed Ali Khan and Muhammed Syed Khan.
106. 15 Sept. 1785 Samuel Charters to M. Day
Slave trade banned.
107. 19 Sept. 1785 G. Stibbart to J. Macpherson
Costs towards clearing a thick jungle and building a temporary cantonment thereon for a regiment.
111. 3 Oct. 1785 E. Purling & ca, to M. Day
Concerning a donation campaign. Donation money to be sent to Mr. T. H. Davis at Calcutta.
114. 19 Nov. 1785 W. Crowswell to
Crowswell confesses his guilt of accepting bribe.
115. 22 Nov. 1785 M. Day to S. Charters
Charges for establishing a cantonment for a regiment under Major Rawsterne.
116. 25 Nov. 1785 M. Day to J. Wilton
On French settlement at Chandanagar.
118. 5 Jan. 1786 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day
The zamindars of Alapsingh and Momensingh complain of Fakir Maznu Shah's invasion.
119. 10 Jan. 1786 M. Day to Captain Balfour
Request the captain to proceed to pargana Alapsingh and Mymensingh where Fakir maznu Shah is now collecting revenue as "sovereign".

120. 11 Jan. 1786 M. Day to Captain Balfour
Detachment to Alapsingh is sent under the command of Lietenant Field.
121. 15 Jan. 1786 W. Cowper to M. Day
Permission from the President of the Revenue Committee is necessary before the district officers leave their stations.
122. 20 Jan. 1786 M. Day to Samuel Charters
Day has issued necessary directions 'for a reinforcement of one Battalion from the Regiment at this station to be in readiness to move at a moment's warning'.
123. 20 Jan. 1786 M. Day to Charles Croftes
Croftes is informed that the 4th Dacca Regiment is ready to move to Chittagong at a moment's notice.
124. 20 Jan. 1786 M. Day to Captain Belfour
Chittagong is threatened by Arakanese invasion.
125. 26 Jan. 1786 W. Cowper to M. Day
A body of Sannassies have entered into Rangpur district.
127. 28 Jan. 1786 M. Day to Samuel Charters
The French factory at Jugdia is washed away by the river three years ago.
130. 15 Feb. 1786 C. Keating to M. Day
Foujdari establishment at Bakerganj.
132. 27 Feb. 1786 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day
Samuel Charters has resigned from the presidency of the Revenue Com-

mittee. In his place William Cowper is made the president.

139. 3 April 1786 W. Cowper & ca. to M. Day

Two regiments of Ramghar and Chittagong are disbanded. Perpetual grant of land at a nominal fixed rent is granted to disbanded commissioned and non-commissioned native officers.

140. 11 April 1786 J. Spottiohisood to M. Day

The native banians and other natives dress their private servants "in the same uniform as the Company's sepoy's and that they become in this dress the Terror of the common people". The practice must go.

153. 7 June 1786 To M. Day

John Stables takes over charge of the newly formed Board of Revenue as its President.

156. 10 June 1786 M. Day to Mous. Dayot

Potta of the French possession at Jugdia. The potta land is washed away by the sea. Custom duties on French-Gunj in Dacca.

159. 14 June 1786 M. Day to Henry Lodge

French land in Serampur. The land question should be "adjusted in such a manner as to prevent future disputes".

160. 14 June 1786 M. Day to W. Wroughton

Advising to settle the dispute over a French land situated in Serampur pargana. "This matter (should) be adjusted with French chief Mr. Dayot

in such a manner as to prevent future disputes'.

161. 14 June 1786 M. Day to J. Wilton.

Dispute over the French possession in Serampur pargana is solved.

162. 14 June. 1786 M. Day to J. Dayot

French land in pargana Serampur.

169. 1 July 1786 M. Day to J. Dayot

Question of French land in Serampur. Day confesses his inability to deal with the problem of customs duties on the inhabitants of French Gunge.

173. 11 July 1786 B. Aplin to M. Day

Directed to send a report as to the waste lands in the district and also the number of Europeans residing there.

174. 12 July 1786 J. Stables to M. Day

It is expected that collectors would promptly report upon all references made to them.

178 18 July 1786 B. Aplin to M. Day

Directed to assign 100 bighas of waste lands to a jamadar reduced from the 18th battalion of sepoys at a moderate fixed rate. The lands are not to be resumed on the death of the present incumbent.

182. 23 July 1786 M. Day to J Stables

Sending "a list of Europeans now in Dacca, specifying their occupation and time of Residence in India .

183. 25 July. 1786 B. Aplin to Day

Transmitting "an Extract of a provisional convention entered into between the viscount de Sonilac on the part of his most Christian Majesty and the Hon'ble Colonel Catheart on the part of the Governor General in council . . ."

196. 14 Sept. 1786 W. Cowper to M. Day

Acquainted that Charles Cornwallis arrived at Fort William on the 12th of this month and on that day vested upon him the office of Governor General of Bengal.

198. 28 Sept. 1786 B. Aplin to M. Day

Henceforth, the establishment cost of the magistrate at Bakerganj will be paid by the collector at *Buzurgumedpur*.

203. 27 Oct. 1786 W. Cowper to M. Day

Privileges of the French to hoist flags at any places where they have settled for the purpose of trade.

213. 18 Dec. 1786 W. Cowper to M. Day

Required to ascertain and report at what places in the district the French flags are now hoisted.

214. 21 Dec. 1786 W. Cowper to M. Day

Mahmud Hussain, who had several employments at Lucknow, is expelled from the vizirs territories. He wants asylum in the company's domain.

231. 10 April 1787 J. Shore & ca. to M. Day

Reorganisation of district boundaries.
Denomination of Revenue chief is

abolished. All district revenue chiefs will be known as collectors.

236. 24 April 1787 W. Cowper to M. Day

Terms and conditions of the post of collector and other officers. Zamin-dars "to state the names and duties of the several officers employed by them".

244. 10 May 1787 M. Day to G. Jones

Mr. Jones can come to Dacca and stay, but for that necessary permission from the Governor General in council is required without permit no European can live outside Calcutta.

255. 13 June 1787 M. Day to Mr. Dayott.

Requesting not to hoist French Flag at any French factory in the district.

256. 16 June 1787 M. Day to Edward Hay

Respecting the hoisting of French Flag. Defying Government orders French Flag is being hoisted at Sera-pur. A careful man is sent there to take the Flag down.

264. 18 July 1787 J. Duncan to M. Day

Informing the Governor General in council's resolutions as to the expected mode of conduct of collectors. Collectors are "restricted from the exercise of any trade directly or indirectly". Collectors are expected in consideration of their privileges and liberal salaries to remain above all types of corruptions.

265. 20 July 1787 W. Cowper to M. Day

Orders from the Governor General in Council fixing the "rate of commission to be drawn by the Collectors upon the Amount of the realised revenues of each Collectorship".

318. 23 Oct. 1787 J. Shore & ca. to M. Day

Directing, to ascertain if any land is held in their respective district by or in the name of the canungoes and to transmit the Board on account of the annual revenue of such land. Suggestions to make the canungoe system more useful asked.

319. 31 Oct. 1787 J. White to M. Day

Proposal to transfer the Foujdari adalat of Bakarganj to Dacca is inadmissible, but it is proposed to point out a more central situation.

323. 13 Nov. 1787 T. Graham & ca. to M. Day

Travelling allowances of Collectors.

334. 7 Dec. 1787 E. Hay to M. Day

Security measures against Maznu Shah and his followers. It is directed to deploy spies in most secret and disguised manner to ascertain the hideout of the Fakir leader.

344. 24 Dec. 1787 E. Hay to M. Day

Directed to make a list of Europeans not in the Company's service. No European not in the Company's service can reside in the mufassil without taking licence from Government.

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To David Anderson Esqr.

President and Committee of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen

The great quantity of Grain that has been transported from this district since the Order of Government for withholding the Duties thereon, has occasioned so great a Scarcity in this City as renders it necessary for some measures being adopted to prevent the Evil so much to be feared falling heavily upon the Inhabitants of this district. The City of Dacca is entirely different from any other. We have no public Graneries to have recourse to in case of necessity. The Inhabitants here live but from hand to mouth and supply themselves from the neighbouring markets, from the quantity daily brought for the current consumption of the City. For these three days past no Grain of any kind has been brought to any of the adjacent Villages and consequently the city is clamorous and almost outrageous so much so that I have been under the necessity of stopping all purchases for Grain till such time as the usual quantity shall be brought to the *Gunges* for the supply of the City. Having for the information of the Government endeavoured to ascertain the Quantity that has since the month of October last been exported from Dacca. It is computed at 100000 Maunds Boats from all parts are daily coming to this place solely for the purchase of Grain inclusive of which there are two Gentlemen under contract to Government for the supply of rice to the Westward endeavouring to purchase their Quantity which to the best of my knowledge is about three Lacks. The daily purchase and what is exported by petty merchants I compute to be from 4 to 5,000 maunds. In consequence coarse Rice has risen from 42-3 to 35 seer the Rupee and must still rise if Government does not interfere. I hope the above (...w. e.) be deemed sufficient to Authorize the Measure I have adopted and that you Gentlemen will be so kind as to favor me with any further Instruction you

may then requisite to ward off any Accident that may happen to the Inhabitants of this City during the dry season from the transporting of too great a quantity from this district.

Dacca
the 9th January 1784.

I am & ca.
Signed/ Mathew Day

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Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca

Calcutta 12, January 1784

Sir

We have received Your Letter of the 9th instant. The intention of Government in taking off the Duties upon Grain was to undergo the transportation of it, from the parts of the kingdom, which have suffered least from the drought to those where the scarcity is become great; free and easy, & as Your district has not been much injured, if at all, we cannot approve of your having stopped the Purchases of Grain in the Town of Dacca, and desire you will take off the restrictions you have put upon them; We are well assured there are great quantities of Grain in the district, you should make enquiry in what places it is deposited, and cause it to be brought to market which we hope will prevent the consequence you are apprehensive we have transmitted a Copy of your Letter to the Committee of Grain, from whom you will receive further instruction.

We are Sir,
Your most Obedient servant
Samuel Charters
C. Croftes.

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Fort William, Committee of Grain
13 January 1784

Sir

We have received Your Letter of the 9 instant.

We are at a loss to conceive how a City situated in the midst of a plentiful Country can be subjected to distress from a scarcity of Rice, its principal produce—we can ascribe it to no other cause than some interruption in the usual supplies from the circumjacent Purgunnahs, which by the Orders of the Governor General & Council and this Committee it becomes your immediate Duty to take the most effectual steps for preventing and obliging the Grain dealers and Landholders in the interior parts of the Districts to bring their Grain to Market. Whom should you find in any instances attempting to form Monopolies of Grain or to hoard it up with a view to enhance the Price or deprive the Markets of the usual and necessary Supplies, you will have recourse to the orders we have already given on this head and advise us of any Seizures You may make in Consequence with the proofs of the guilt of the Parties for our information and decision.

We are satisfied that the Scarcity could not have been occasioned by the very inconsiderable quantity of one lack of maunds which You mention to have been exported since the Embargo we therefore direct that you recall the Orders You have given and that you fix the Prices at which the different assortments of rice shall be sold on the Town of Dacca and its dependant Markets upon an average of the Selling rates for these last two months. This you will do in the most Publick manner and advertize the same by beat of Tom Tom declaring further that any Person who shall attempt to sell at higher price than so Authorized by Government shall be liable to the confiscation of his Grain and Severe Punishment, you will send us immediately information of the execution of these our Orders and transmit us a list of the Rates at which the different assortments of Rice are fixed.

We are Sir, Your Most Obt. Servants
Thomas Graham, George Cumming,
Thomas Law, G. Templer.

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To Thomas Graham Esqr.
President and Committee of Grain

Gentlemen,

I have in obedience to your commands of the 13th taken off the Embargo on Rice shall attend particularly to your orders for securing a constant and Daily supply of Rice for the consumption of the Inhabitants of this City I have now The pleasure to enclose you a price of the Different kind of Rice for the last three Months with the selling price of each as now fixed and publish by me.

Dacca
the 29th January 1784.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day. Chief.

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca

Calcutta February 5th 1784.

Sir,

Reve. Committ. Inclosed we transmit You Copy of a Petition presented by the Zamindars of Mohmion Sing (Mymensing) and desire that you direct the officer Commanding the Dacca *sebundi* Corps to detach such a force against Shau Mooznu, and his *Fackurs*, (Fakirs) as he shall deem sufficient to drive them out of the district, We also seem (sic) that you will give us regular information of any disturbance which may be created by any of those People in your district.



We are & ca.
Samuel Charters
J. Evelyn.

Vakeels of the Zamindars of Mohmonsing, Jaffer Shahy, and Sheirpours—

Shau Mosu Brother of Mujnoo Shau *Fackur* (Fakir) with a large force attacked the above *Pergunnah*, Plundered the *Ryots* and carried off their Effects. Ram Sing Subadar with some Sepoys went to Byganbarry in Jaffer Shahy to check these Depredations a skirmish ensued in which one of the *sepoys* was wounded and the *Fuckurs* retreated—It is now reported that Mujnoo Shaw is coming into Jaffer Shahy with 2000 followers in Consequence of which the *Ryots* have all fled to other places and the Revenue of Govt. will of Course suffer—I beg therefore you will please to send an Order to Mr. Day to bring these people to condign punishment that the Country may be no more disturbed by their depredations.

Signed/ G. Dandridge
P. and B. Fr.

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To Samuel Charters Esqr.
Superintendant of the *Khalsa*

Sir,

Some few days prior to the receipt of your Letter of the 23rd ultimo a complaint was preferred by the agent of Roop-Chund Dutt, son to the late company's *khozanchey* named Nittie of oppressions they had long laboured under from some peons holding a *Tullup* upon their Master. The enclosed is the particulars of every thing they have done, by which you will be able to judge of the propriety or impropriety of their conduct I have only to assure you that I have never confined or even attempted to exercise any Authority over them on a complaint being made that an additional number of peons had joined those absolutely deputed by the *khalsa* Nazeer I sent and inquired of them by what authority they acted, and received in reply the enclosed paper, which is said to bear the signature

of Goareebullah the *khalsa Nazeer* but as it will evidently appear to be no such thing I in consequence reprimended the person who issued this second Summons and who is a man stationed on the part of the *khalsa Nazeer* with Ramzeemul and recommended the *khalsa* peons either to accept of a *vakeel* and return, or to go to Moorshedabad where they would certainly find their *assamie*. This is all that passed between me and them what could have induced them to represent my having confined, them I cannot pretend to say but as the accusation is groundless I make no doubt of your doing me such justice as you may think me entitled to from the falsity of their Complaint.

Dacca
the 7th February 1784.

I am and ca.
Signed/ Mathew Day, Chief

P. S. Roopchund's Agent informs me that his *vakeel* Guddadier Tagore is now waiting at the *khalsah* to answer the complaints on the part of his master but the peons are still over his House which is on Expence of 7 Rupees a Day for six peons and they have now been here 12 Months 2 from the month of February last and 4 from the month of December 1783.

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To David Anderson Esqr,
President and Committee of Revenue

Gentlemen

About six weeks ago a Complaint was made to me by the *Naibs* of Momensing Jaffershy Shairpore and Alupsing respecting a Body of *Sunassees* that were about to enter their Districts Immediately sent orders to the company of Sepoys stationed at Bygunbarry to march and stop their entrance : this they Accordingly did : a fray ensued, and the *sunassees* retreated, since which nothing has been heard of them, the Assertion of

the *Naibs* respecting plunder, is false, the *sunassees* were repulssed before they entered either of the *Purgunnahs* and none of the *Ryotts*, as I can hear of have fled from their Habitations.

Ramsunder Palit is the *Maulzamin* for these *Mahls* and is I may be allowed an opinion has only delivered in a Petition as a plea for a deduction at the close of the Year.

Dacca
the 13th February 1784.

I am and ca.
Signed/ Mathew Day.

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To David Anderson Esqr
President and Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen

Inclosed I have the honor of transmitting you two petitions One from the Petekarra and Gungamundol zemindar and the other from Roopchund Dutt ; the Amount due from the Latter I see no probability of recovering unless he shall receive payment of the Decree, he holds against the above zemindaries and unless one of the *Mehals* are sold. It is utterly out of the power of the zeminder to answer the Demand if I may be allowed an Opinion, I should recommend a Sale of the zemindarry. They are both very much burthened and the zemindar is not equal to the management of either prior to the *Mehals* being given in Farm He was on a *khodbundbust* but falling short in his payments to Government. He desired of Ramjeemul to take his *Mahls* from him in *Dur Izzarra* which was done and at Mr. Shores Settlement Ramieemul had them continued to him for the three years. How far Ramieemul had adhered to engagement remains to be ascertained the zemindar is positive in his assertion of not having received the allowances agreed for He is at present in great distress and whatever you may be pleased to Determine upon respecting the zemindarry I must beg leave to recommend something being done for his present relief.

Dacca
the 5th March 1784,

I am and ca.
Signed/Mathew Day.

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Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta March 18, 1784.

Sir,

As the period for concluding a new Settlement of the Revenue of the districts under your charge is now arrived We desire you will give intimation to the Several Zemindars & *Talookdars* to appear at the *khalsa* either in person or by Authorized *Naib*, by the 1st of *Bysack* to conclude the Settlement of their respective Districts for the year 1191. We desire you will further intimate to them our resolution to exclude all Zemindars and *Talookdars* from the charge of their Revenue who are in balance, on Account the present year, and that we are resolved to Liquidate such balance by a sale of the defaulters Lands—As the acting President has already Applied to you for a particular *Jumma Wasool Baky* Account we expect to receive it daily.

We are & ca.
Samuel Charters
John Evelyn.

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To David Anderson Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue

Gentlemen,

In conformity to your directions of the 18th Instant I have issued the necessary orders for the Zemindars and *Talookdar* repair to the *Khalsa* by the 1st *Bysack*, they have in reply urged their inability of being in any shape able to bear the expence this will be attended with and from having no Agents at the presidency who could or would supply them with the money

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sufficient for their support during the time they might have to remain, they have in consequence earnestly entreated of me to receive and forward the enclosed petitions to your Board and at the same time to entercede and solicit a compliance with the prayer thereof Thoroughly convinced of the General distress and poverty of the Zemindars and *Talookdars* now paying at Dacca and their inability to support the Expence which must attend their journey to the presidency I beg leave to submit the matter to your consideration and to recommend some person being empowered to conclude the settlement on the spot for the ensuing year. I am preparing the *Jummah Wassool Bakee* agreeable to the directions I received some Days ago from the Acting President, many small Divisions having been carried to the *Khalsah* during the last 3 years which were at the settlement fixed for paying at Dacca will occasion a little delay in this Account I shall however expedite it as much as possible and when furnished will do myself the Honor of forwarding it with a full explanation of such Balance as may be due to Complete the *Jummah* of the present and preceding Years.

Dacca
the 25th March 1784.

I am & ca.
Signed/ Mathew Day

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To David Anderson Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have in conformity to your orders of the 1st Issued the publication for the attendance of the zemindars at the *khalsa* by the tenth of *Bysack* they have urged to me the impracticability of their being able to attend by that period and in consequence solicit the indulgence of the Board in being permitted to render their engagements for their ensuing lease at Dacca. They in general appear satisfied with the present assessment of their Lands. Some few plead their inability to support and make

good their present *Jumma* being with infallible ruin to their Zemindarry, In my own Opinion and from the local knowledge I have of the district in general a small deduction may with justice be allowed and should it be the pleasure of the Board to dispence with the attendance of the zemindars and they may be pleased to entrust me with the Business of the Settlement, I have only to assure them with my implicit obedience to all orders they may think necessary on the occasion at the same time was I to be indulged with a discretionary power respecting increasing or decreasing the present Rates as might be found just and equitable I might thereby be enabled to (. . . illegible) the settlement without any great deduction or loss to the Honourable Company & I might in all probability from being on the spot be of that assistance to the district in general which is from its present state in a great measure necessary.

Dacca

I am & ca.

the 6th April 1784.

Signed/ Mthew Day

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To David Anderson Esqr.

President and Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

In conformity with your orders of the 5th Instant I have this day summoned all the zemindars, *Talookdars* & ca. & ca. now paying (revenue) at Dacca before me and having advised them with your final determination on the subject of their petition to your Board which I had the Honour of forwarding you in my address of the 25th ultimo, I have in consequence given them peremptory orders for leaving Dacca immediately and repairing to the *khalsa* with all possible dispatch, they were very solicitous for being allowed a longer time than that now limited which from not thinking myself in any shape authorized to grant I of course denied them and insisted on their immediate departure.

They will no doubt to save themselves loose no time and I hope will arrive by the Ten or Twelfth of *Bysack* at furthest.

I have hastened the *Jumma Wussool Buakee* as much as possible and I beg leave to assure you there has not been any unnecessary delay in preparing it. The number of *Talooks* and small divisions which have in the last three years been made *kharize* has lengthened this account prodigiously and it has been entirely owing to this circumstance that I have not been able as yet to forward it, it is now nearly finished and by Sunday next I hope to have the pleasure of dispatching it both in Persian & English.

Dacca
the 8th April 1784.

I am & ca.
Signed/ Mathew Day

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta 12th April 1784.

Sir

Enclosed we transmit you an Extract from a Letter from the Hon'ble the Governor General & Council dated the 7 instant and desire you will make publication throughout your district prohibiting the Sepoys from exacting Batta and the officers of the Revenue from paying and that you shall take such measures as you shall think proper to carry the Orders of the Board into execution and we also desire that you will strictly adhere to the late Regulations as to the mode of deputing Sepoys into the *Mofussil*

We are & ca.
Samual Charters
John Evelyn

Extract of a Letter from the hon'ble Board
dated the 7 April 1784.

As we apprehend it to be too much the Custom of the Sepoys, when sent into the Country for the Purpose of enforcing the Collection of the Revenue to lay Contributions under the name of Batta for themselves, we think that this practice should be entirely discontinued and direct you to acquaint the several Chiefs and Collectors that they must prohibit it in future, and that any Sepoy being found guilty thereof will be severely punished.

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To Mr. Henry Hall
at Pattah Haut.

Sir

The Governor General and Council having thought proper to allot 1,000 *Begahs* of Land for the use of the Honorable Company's new Factory about to be built at pattah Haut I have to request your delivering that Quantity over to Mr. Rider or any Person he may think Proper to authorize for receiving. It being further the intention of the Governor General and Council that Revenues which the Land may now yield, shall hence forward be accounted for by the Board of Trade. You must be particular in ascertaining in whose possession the Land now is that the zemindars or *Talookders* may be accounted with hereafter. In case any Land in the delivering of the 1,000 *Begahs* should be private property or such as may not be cessed you will particularize the same that a fair valuation may be made thereof, that the proprietors may be indemnified accordingly.

I could wish you to be as expeditious as possible in furnishing this Business being desirous of informing the Committee of Revenue with my having executed their Orders.

I am & ca.

Signed/ Mathew Day.

Daeca
the 13th April 1784.

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To Henry Vansittart Esqr.
Comptroler of Salt

Sir

Inclosed I have the pleasure of transmitting you a Bill of Exchange on the Bengal Bank for the Balance of Cash in my hands being *Sicca* Rs. 21,442-10-9. I am sorry it has not been in my power to furnish you with it before but no opportunity till now has offered otherways I should have availed myself of it.

Dacca
the 15th April 1784.

I am & ca.
Signed/ Mathew Day

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To David Anderson Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen

I have the pleasure to transmit you herewith Two Bills of Exchange one upon Satur Murahkawn for *Sicca* Rupees Nine Thousand One Hundred and twenty two and the other for *Sicca* Rupees One Thousand upon Joynarain Gossaul.

Dacca
the 22 nd April 1784.

I am & ca.
Signed/ Mathew Day.

17

To Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Committee of Grain, F. W, May 27th
1784

Sir

As the season seems to have opened very favourably for the Cultivation of the *Bahade* or early harvest.

We are induced from a Recollection of the general scarcity of Grain which was experienced from a want of rain last Year to bring forward & repair the *poose* or latter harvest, to recommend that you give every encouragement and use every persuasion in your Power with the Landholders, to promote an increase of the Cultivation of the early Crops ; and that you inform us from time to time, what success attends You in this particular and of your general expectations as to the produce of the Grain in your district.

We are & ca.
Thomas Graham.
G. Templer

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Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Backer Gunge 3d June 1784.

Sir

I have this day drawn on you for the Fausdary Establishments of Backer Gunge for the Months of May & June 1784 and request that you will be pleased to pay their amount being S. Rs. 2820—to the Bearer Sisooram *Sircar* to whom I have delivered the Bills in duplicate agreeable to the usual forms.

I am & ca.
Sd/ Illegible
Magistrate.

M. Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Dacca June 4th 1784.

Sir

Accompanying I have the pleasure to send you the *Bundbust* and *Kistbundy* Accounts of this district for the Bengal Year 1171 in English together with the same in Persian and the other subsidiary Persian Accounts of the Settlement. The present Settlement has been made 5 years under the condition prescribed by the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council and upon the principles of the last *Bundbust* that is a *khas Buandbust* taking security from the Zemindars, a few plots only have been farmed—of these the *Pergunnah* Tirah is farmed upon a Yearly increase so as to recover at the end of 5 years the deduction given up on the *Jumma* which is 7000 Rs. The *Pergunnah* Homnabad is—settled at Yearly increase of 1000 Rupees for the three ensuing—3000.

In making the settlement I have given deductions in such places as appeared to me necessary and I have no doubt but the present *Jumma* will be realized with care to the people and satisfaction to you—Golam Alli has given a *Kistbundee* for the payment of his balance in one Year—and Zemindars of Hazarady has also given a *Kistbundee* for the payment of their balance in five years these *Kistbundeess* together with the *Duchaust Malzaminee* and *Cabooliut* to go inclosed—Orders for holding the *Muffusil* Pooneah have been issued—you will hold the *Sudder Pooneah* at the usual time and place—The collecting of the Revenue Remains with you and its being realized will depend upon your care and diligence and the manner in which is conducted. It is unnecessary to say much in this Subject and shall only caution you against two Artifices which I imagin will be attempted, one is the deputing *Amins* to make *Hustabood* of *Pergunnahs*. Applications of this kind above made with a view to obtain deductions and such inquiries ever attended with certain loss—The time for such applications was at making the Settlement, Deductions have been granted when necessary, and the Zemindar ought to fulfil the engagements they have entered into—the other, applications to change the present Security upon this I have only to Observe they

are such as the Zemindar purely give and if the Zemindars are desirous of changing them be careful to have their Accounts accurately adjusted before you commit to their removal without this precaution the Balance at the end of the Year will be involved in doubt and probably lost in Obscurity of intricate Accounts between persons equally interested in preventing their being Adjusted. If after taking this precaution you should remove any Security you will at the same time take care to make the Zemindary substitute some responsible Person in his place without these necessary precautions the removing a Security in the middle or latter part of the year will be attended with certain loss in the Revenue.

I am and ca.
J. Evelyn.

N. B. Bawannee Sarcar has given a writing making himself Responsible for the Revenue of the Mahls for which Godador Sen is security.

Becharram Muckerjee in like manner for those in the name of his son Sumboo Chund.

Radakissen for Birjomohor and Hurrykessen and Radamadob are joint Securities for Shaupore.

These papers go accompanying and should be carefully preserved.

J. Evelyn..

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To the Honorable Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General and ca. and ca.

Honorable sir

I have the Honor to enclose you two Letters lately transmitted me by the magistrate of the Bucker Gung Division. The Decoits alluded to in his Letter I have the pleasure to inform you

were apprehended by the Shickdar residing in the Mofussil on the part of Cojah Michael the 7 Annas zemindar of the Duck-insavegepore purgunnah who having on advice being given of their apprehension solicited a party of sepoys to receive them in charge and bring them from the *Mufussil* to the *Sudder* They were in consequence granted him and in a few Days they returned with twenty six Decoits. I immediately made them over to Mr. George Thompson the Acting magistrate to the *sudder* Division and he has caused the delivery of them to the criminal *Derugha* at *Dacca* with whom they now are.

The occasion of my troubling you with this address and enclosures is in consequence of a prohibition sometime since issued by the Honorable Board a copy of which I herewith have the Honor to enclose to the judges and collectors throughout the District against their corresponding amongst themselves and having acted in conformity there to in the present instance I have thought it incumbent in me to advise you herewith and at the same time convey the necessary intelligence respecting the Decoits in question.

Assadoulah & ca. mentioned in Mr. Keating's Letter to have made their escape from the sepoys is true. The circumstance was of course represented to the Commanding Officer of the *sebundee* on the return of the party who directed a court Martial in consequence and the sepoy's not making a satisfactory defence the court pronounced them Guilty passed sentence for a corporal punishment and Dismission from the service of the Honorable Company which has been enforced.

Bissesser Ghose taken from the mofussil being the collector of the Revenues on the part of the 7 annas zemindar The collections of that Division is totally stopped, I have therefore to request an order to the magistrate of the Backer Gunge Division for his release in case no charge of any Criminal nature shall have been made against him.

Dacca, the 23rd June 1784.

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I am & ca.

Signed/ Mathew Day

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Committee of Grain Fort William
24th June 84.

Sir,

We have to inform you that the Hon'ble the Governor General & Council have thought proper on the 18th inst. to restore their Resolutions of the 16th Oct. 83 suspending the Duties on Grain and to authorize the Collection of them throughout the provinces as formerly.

We are & ca.
Thomas Graham.
J. Muir.

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To Francis Law Esqr.
Commercial Chief at Dacca.

Sir,

In consequence of a Letter which I have received from the Governor General in Council directing that Sepoys be stationed at the several Aurungs, I have to request that you will inform me what number you think will be necessary for their Protections.

Dacca
30 June, 1784.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca

Calcutta July 1st. 1784.

Sir

Committee of Revenue. By order of the Hon'ble the Governor General & Council, We transmit you a Persian Copy of a Lease or *Amilnama* to be tendered to all the Zemindars and Farmers, with whom you made the present Settlement, and substituted in the Room of those *Amilnamahs* you may have given them.

As the Orders of the Hon'ble Board are express and positive We hope you will exert your utmost influence, and endeavour to carry them into immediate execution, in all cases, excepting when the Settlement has been made up on an increasing Jumma and these we direct you will report to us.

We are and ca.
Samual Charters
John Evelyn.

To David Anderson Esqr.
President & Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen

Enclosed I beg leave to send you a petition with a Translate delivered to me by Coja Michael the Zemindar of the 7 anna Division of Duckinsavagepore and as the absence and detention of the Naib from the purgunnah must materially affect the collection I have to request such measures may be taken to his release as you may deem necessary. The Zemindar has represented in his petition regarding the Dacoits is nothing more than truth they were brought to Dacca by the sepoys and made over by me to Mr. George Thompson the acting Magistrate and have since been sent to the Criminal Court for Trial, Mr. Keating therefore can have no cause for confining the Naib

and I am the more surprized at it as it is not many Days ago the Hon'ble Board forbid the Judges to seize any persons charged with the collections of the Revenues without previously acquainting them with the nature of the charge against them and as such orders have been given from a conviction of their necessity I flatter myself that measures will be taken to prevent their being again disobeyed.

Dacca
8 July 1784.

I am,
Gentlemen & ca.
Signed/ M. Day.

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To' The Hon'ble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General and ca, Council of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen

The situation of this Division and of the City of Dacca is become so alarming that I am under the necessity of laying the state of it before your Hon'ble Board and to request the Assistance of Government in an emergency of all other the most distressing a real and great scarcity of Grain I have hitherto from an unwillingness to create alarm withheld this Information whilst it has been my constant endeavor to supply the *Market* of this city with a sufficient Quantity for its daily consumption. As it will be necessary to state the causes of the present scarcity I beg leave to acquaint that there has been in many parts of this District a failure of three successive Crops the Rice which ought to have been reapt in November last by the too' early taking off of the Waters produced in the Higher Lands nothing but Straw the greater part of what Rice the Low Lands produced where the crop was abundently full and good has been exported and the people induced by the high price of Grain of every kind here / a price unknown for many years past / sold nearly the whole quantity remaining in the Province (...Illegible) for their future support to the May Crop. This

has been almost entirely destroyed by the sudden and uncommon rises in the water the Crops (a small one) cut down in many parts in July has also been carried off. The water being now higher all over this Province than it has ever been known at this season. The growing Crop which is cut down in general in October and November is buried many feet under water and as the water continues to encrease it is feared will be entirely or for the greater part destroyed.

Apprehensive of the Provinces being drained of Grain I did every thing in my power to prevent its being exported in the Month of January last I addressed the Committee of Revenue and Committee of Grain on the subject expressing my fears of this part of the country being hereafter reduced to scarcities by the large Quantities of Grain then Exporting; and also whilst I wrote to be favored with their Directions Stop all Boats loaded with Grain. They seemed under no apprehension of any calamity possibly happening and in consequence of what they wrote I permitted the Boats to proceed.

The Grain reaped in many proves in general sufficient for the consumption of the province its failure as well as the supply expected from the July Rice and the melancholy appearance of that now in the Ground being lost has raised such an alarm in the Minds of the People as is not easy to be described the Quantities of late brought to Market tho taken the utmost care of and sold in very small parcels under the Direction of persons appointed by me have by no means been sufficient to supply the demands of the people.

So great has been the rise of the Waters and so sudden that in the *Purgunnahs* to the Eastern part of this District many village have been carried off and in the Sylhet Province many hundred of it the Inhabitants have been drowned the Survivors are in the greatest want and I am apprehensive that much less will accrue to Government from the inability of these *Purgunnahs* to pay their Revenues.

A more distressing scene can hardly be conceived than what the whole face of this District now bears and in many parts of *Mofussil* Rice very coarse sells at 2 Rs. per Maund and in *Buldaçaul Purgunnah* where Rice generally sold at four Maunds

they are glad to procure 17 Seers for a Rs. This great scarcity in one of the most fertile *Purgunnahs* in this Division excited in me an uncommon concern to know the cause of it and upon Enquiry I was informed that the Farmer towards the close of last year finding Grain bore a great price took up his Rents in that which he exported and sold and did not leave a sufficient Quantity for the use of the Inhabitants. This I beg leave to lay before your Consideration and I beg leave also to observe that he appears to have been guilty of a very unwarrantable strictly of the Authority vested in him by Government.

In this City Rice where it can be had is sold for 17 seers a Rupee and many of the Natives have been absolutely for some Days without any kind of Grain for Food. This price disagrees so much with that sent down by me as the current price at the End of last Month that I deem it necessary to explain how so great an increase in Price should have happened In so short a time foreseeing the Scarcity but not thinking it so near I had regulated the Price at which Grains there at Market should be sold corresponding with that mentioned in the Price Current transmitted with the Accounts of last Month and being desirous of getting more brought to Market before the people in the City should take the Alarm and hoard up Grain or conceal it. This Answered so far that the persons I had dispatched into the Pargunnahs had time to send more up to Market before that in the Gunges about Dacca was expended but the alarm becoming now general neither that Remaining in the City nor that brought to Market has been sufficient to satisfy the people who apprehensive of a future Dearth, endeavor every one to procure and hoard up as much as possible and are willing to try it at any price. So great is their alarm of future Famine, The persons who have rice to sell notwithstanding all my endeavours to prevent it take advantage of this Terror they keep their shops shut all Day and open them only in the middle of the Night and give out small portions of Rice 1 seer at a time to each person. This contributes to heighten the fears of the people and has caused the price to rise with such astonishing rapidity—To remedy this as much as possible and to allay the fears of the people by their seeing a constant and large supply of Grain at Market Officers of Government accompanied with *Dustucks* are sent out into every Market and Gunge immediately

in the environs of Dacca to send in Accounts of such Grain as is lodged in Golahs and reserving sufficient for the use of the Inhabitants to dispatch the Remainder. By these and the other means I have taken I hope to prevent any Calamities from happening in this City for Want of Food. But I should have considered myself much wanting in my Duty not to have informed the Hon'ble Board with a matter of such Importance.

It shall be my utmost wish and endeavour to prevent any loss arising to Government from a failure in the collections, and constant study and care to provide for the sustenance of the people, but whilst I beg to be favoured with your commands in what manner to regulate my Conduct on this important Occasion, I beg leave to submit such measures as I am of opinion might tend to alleviate the distress of the Natives of this City.

As the Duties upon Grain have been laid on again so lately by Government, I would not wish to propose their being taken off but on account of the present scarcity, that a Bounty equal to the Duty levied shall be paid to all persons importing Rice into Dacca, and shewing *Rawannahs* for the same—that such persons as have no *Rowannahs* have no duties exacted from them by the Dacca Collector of Government customs nor be entitled to the Bounty above mentioned and as the Behar Province may not be in such immediate want that the rice now remaining here or what has lately been dispatched by the contractors may be brought to Market and sold on Account of Government, Indemnification being made the contractor this will afford in immediate and very substantial Relief there being a very considerable Quantity lately dispatched and more now loading at Narrain Gunge nor will Government sustain any loss by this. as Rice now bears a price here superior to what this rice will be delivered for at Patna, besides the effect of sending so essentially to relieve the Distress of the Inhabitants a consideration must superior to all Idea of a loss if any was to accrue to Government which at all events could be but trifling. There together with an Order that all persons who have concealed or hoarded up large Quantities of Grain to take advantage of the distress of their fellow subjects, shall bring their Grain to Market in pain of confiscation and Corporal Punishment will I hope bring forth Grain sufficient for our immediate wants and the high price given here for Grain will no doubt bring considerable Dis-

patches from other parts of the country to provide for the future.

I request the indulgence of the Hon'ble Board for my taking up so much of their Time, but as the Object is of such importance I was willing to state at large the Scarcity, its Causes, and what I have humbly presumed to offer to your Consideration as what appears to me most likely to palliate at least for a time this dreadful and threatening Evil.

10 July 1781

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To David Anderson Esqr.

President and Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

It is with great concern I find myself under the necessity of representing to you the present very alarming situations of this District. It is occasioned by the most sudden and astonishing rise in the Waters as was ever heard of in the memory of the oldest resident in this Division. Many villages to the Eastward with Inhabitants and cattle have been destroyed and I much fear unless a very sudden and favourable change does happen the District in general must experience the worst of disasters, The *Bhadun* Crop which was ready for reaping is in a manner destroyed and that of November is now many feet under water and must perish should it continue to rise and which from the season is to be expected The city and Inhabitants in general are under the greatest alarm and very clamorous particularly the poor. Merchants having grain have stopped the sale of it and I have had the greatest difficulty for some Days past in bringing a sufficiency to Market for the consumption of the city it is certain that an abounding quantity of Grain has been from this Division in the course of the last ten Months notwithstanding I am still of opinion that a sufficiency to prevent any immediate bad consequences may be still left to answer the consumption of the District in General for a few months but if the

Exportation of Grain is authorized and providence should not come to the relief of the country I am thoroughly convinced that the most dreadful consequences will infallibly come permit me therefore to solicit your Directions for my conduct and at the same time I make this request I beg leave to inform you that one of the contractors is now transporting a very considerable quantity of Grain to Patna which may I should suppose be detained here without any detriment to either the Company or Contractor quantity of Grain to Patna which may I should suppose be detained and by being *Golah'd* in the city might answer any emergency which may possibly arise.

Dacca
10 July 1784.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day.

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To Thomas Graham Esqr
President and Committee of Grain

Gentlemen,

It gives me great concern to be under the necessity of informing you of the present alarming situation of this District (which is) entirely owing to the sudden and uncommon rise of the water. The country in general is so much overflowed that the paddy which ought to be at this Instant reaping is several Feet under Water and must in the course of a very few days be totally destroyed. The November Crop Labors under the same disadvantages must also perish unless the waters shall subside in consequence of this and the sudden rise in the price of grain from the Merchants having stoped the sale of it till the impending Evil shall be determined I beg leave to submit to your consideration the necessity there is for measures being adopted as shall occasion a free importation and sale of Grain for the benefit of the Inhabitants in general throughout this District and also that as there are now great quantities dispatching by the contractors into the Behar Province.

Dacca
10 July 1784

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day.

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To Mr. Day

Committee of Grain, July 15th 84

Revenue Chief, Dacca.

Sir

We have received Your Letter of the 11th Instant informing us of an alarming inundation in the district under your Charge, and of the Serious Apprehension that have in consequence arisen for the Safety of the Paddy which you say at this instant be reaping, as well as for the November Crops.

After a year of such general Scarcity as has just elapsed we cannot but feel a Sensible Concern at any occurrences that may threaten danger to the ensuing harvests we are willing however to flatter Ourselves that a speedy fall of the Waters will obviate every fear which has been entertained, and that whatever Injury the Paddy that ought to be now reaping for the Tilla Crop may suffer, which bears but a very small proportion to the produce of the Year, no material damage will be sustained in the Crops of *Bheda Boos*.

We cannot help being surprized, after the orders given you in our Letter of the 13th January for procuring the free sale of Grain, and its importation for the Supply of the Principal Markets that you should have suffered the Merchants to have stopped the Sale, or that you should under the Existence of Such a circumstance have referred the Subject to our consideration thereby in a manner leaving the lives of the inhabitants of your district to the mercy of the Grain Dealers and submitting for a like period to a supercession on their party of the Authority of government.

We direct that immediately on receipt of the Letter you give public notice by beat of Tom Tom, that all Traders in Grain who shall refuse to sell or to bring usual supplies to market shall have their Property in Grain Seized by Government, and be liable to such other Punishment as the Circumstances of their offence may appear to deserve.

Upon the first instance that may come to your knowledge of infringement of these Orders we desire that they be enforced

and that you send us immediate information thereof with every particulars relative thereto.

We are and ca.
Thomas Graham
G. Templer.

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca

Calcutta July 15th, 1784

Sir,

Reve. Committ. We have been favoured with your Letter of the 9th inst. advising us of the inundation which has deluged your district, and the dreadful consequence as you apprehend from it.

As the Orders of the Board respecting the exporting Grain from one Province to another, still exists, We cannot take upon us to give you any orders on that point, but we have Referred Your Letter to the Board, and will transmit their Orders when received, in the meantime we hope you will exert all your influence to prevail upon the Owners of Grain, to sell it in the markets, and desire you will ascertain the amount and extend of the Damage done to the Country and the Situation of the people in the Mofussil, and inform us particularly of them, and every other information you can afford us on the Subject.

We are and ca.
Samual Charters
J, Evelyn

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of the Rev. Dept.,
Dacca.

Fort William 16th July 1784

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 11th instant.

We approved of your having given Us Information of the State of your division and of the Steps you have taken to prevent any further Calamity arising from the Inundation which you mention to have happened in it ; but We do not think it necessary to determine on any measures ourselves until we hear again from you upon this Subject, being in hopes that the Waters will have subsided ; in the meantime however, we desire you will furnish us with a price Current of Grain in that part of the Country which is said to have suffered most from having been overflowed.

We are and ca.
Edward Wheler
John Macpherson
John Stables.

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To The Hon'ble Warren Hasting Esqr.
Governor General and Council.

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs

In obedience to your orders under date the 25th of June. I have the pleasure to inform you that I have furnished Mr. Law the Commercial Chief of this place with the same number of sepoys as were before stationed at the several *Aurungs*.

I have the Honour to be
with Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs
Yours and ca.

Dacca the
16th July 1784.

Signed/ M. Day.

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To David Anderson Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue Fort William.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed I beg leave to send you a petition with the Translate, presented to me by Cojah Michail, zemindar of the 7 Anna Division of Duckinsawajepore Purgunnah, who being dissatisfied with a Decision of Mr. Keating's prays for an appeal.

I shall only observe the hardship, people may suffer, if a too strict attention is paid to that part of the *Adawlut* Regulations, Regarding causes appealable, as it is a frequent practice with these People to specify a smaller sum in their plaint, than the actual *Junma* of the Land, and this is done with a review of losing the Costs of suit, at the same time, it precludes the Defendant the Benefit of an appeal thus is the Institution of the *sudder Dewanny Adawlut*, Rendered in some Instance, of no use by a Trick of the Plaintiff's.

Dacca
the 29th July 1784.

I am
Gentleman
Yours and ca.
Signed/ M. Day.

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To The Hon^{ble} Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General and Council of Revenue at
Fort William.

Hon^{ble} Sir and Sirs,

I have the Honor to Acknowledge the receipt of your Letter with enclosures of the 10th Instant and beg leave to inform you of my having inconformity With your Commands, inspected the Store Houses and Guard House, at this station. Their condition is as bad as postsible and without some repairs they cannot much longer hang together. The estimate given of the Expencc nec

essary for their Reparation by Lt. Jackson—will be but barely Sufficient. The *kellah* is an entire Ruin and unfit for any purpose whatsoever, neither is there any other place belonging to the Hon'ble Company that will Answer, the purpose of Depositing the stores and ca. The expence on this score is in My Opinion unavoidable.

Dacca
the 23rd August 84.

I have the Honor to be
with Respect
Your and ca.
Signed/ M. Day.

34

To David Anderson Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have the pleasure to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 16th Instant. The *Kellah* of Dacca is entirely gone to ruin and unfit for any purpose whatever, It is therefore impossible to procure any Accommodation therein for the Arm Stores and ca. belonging to the *sebuncee* Corps at this station.

Dacca
23rd August 1784.

I am gentlemen
Your & ca.
Signed/ M. Day.

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To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
Preparer of Redorts of the Revenue Department
Fort William.

Sir

Inclosed is an account particulars of the Sums paid on account of *Aumeens* and other Expences attending the investiga-

tion at Shaistinagur, to advice having been received here of Mr. David Burges being deputed to Sundeeep. He is debited with the whole of the allowance to August 84 as *Aumeen* at Shaistanagur and is still paid at the same rate He should I suppose receive his Allowance as *Aumeen* at Sundeeep instead of Shaistinagur Mr. Lumsden having been deputed on the same service to the Latter in the course of last year.

Dacca

6th September 1784

I am

Sir

Your & ca.

Signed/ Matthew Day

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To the Hon'ble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General and ca.

Fort William

Sir,

It is with regret I find myself under the necessity of informing you of the enefficasy attending the present, and late system adopted for the protection of this District, and its Inhabitants. The country and people have for these some months passed suffered so much from oppressions and violences committed by a /bundittee/ commonly called Decoits / that it is not without the greatest risk and hazard of their lives and property, they can travel in any part of the Division. The cause I am of opinion arises from the zemindars to whom the charge and care of the country, is committed neglecting to pay that attention as the nature, and particular state of the country renders absolutely necessary.

It is by the late regulation prescribed that the usual and customary Thannahs shall be kept up by the zemindars of the District that each man is to protect his own limits and to be answerable for every depredation, which may may be committed within such boundary. Was the district in the hand and under the mannage-

ment of a few people as is the case, in all other Divisions ; the plan would be practicable but when it is considered that the District of Dacca is subject to the control of 4 or 500 different people, all independent and jealous of one another I may venture to advance the impossibility of the present system being attended with success or answering in any one instance the end it was intended to do especially when it is with greatest confidence I can affirm the zemindars themselves to be the Decoits, and of which a Robbery lately committed at one of the Companies *Aurungs* affords the most glaring instance as on the offenders being traced, it appeared that Ramcunt one of the *Choudries* of Edelpore was found with the stolen Goods Vizt. Companys cloths & ca. in his own house, and was beyond all doubt the Master and Protector of the Bundittee who committed the offence. I could enumerate many other instances of a similar nature which have happened within my own knowledge but as this Fact is notorious I will not intrude any further than barely submitting to you the necessity of adopting some Expedient for the protection of the country should you not think proper at this Time totally to change the system now established I would beg leave to suggest a plan by which the abuses arising from that system may in future in a very great Degree be prevented.

Previous to the Protection of the country being instructed to the zemindars each person under that description paid a Tax denominated *Abwool Phousdarry*, The amount of this Tax was proportioned to the Extent of the different zemindaries and was so very inconsiderable that it was scarcely felt by those who paid it Since the establishment of the system I allude to the levying of this Tax has been discontinued.

Now as I am persuaded there is not any zemindaries/except those who are themselves Dacoits or Receivers of stolen goods/ who would not cheerfully agree at this time to the revival of this Tax provided the prospect of security to his Ryots were held out to him I beg leave to propose that it be again levied and that the amount be appropriated to the maintainance of an Establishment for apprehending and bringing to Justice the Disturbers of the public peace.

As Robberies and Depradations are chiefly committed either upon the Rivers or by persons who land from Boats formed on a particular construction to evade pursuit I would recommend that a few boats of a similar Form properly manner be placed under the Directions of a European Gentleman appointed for that purpose that they be constantly employed increasing in the numerous Rivers by which this Division is interested I would also recommend that a small Establishment of *Choukydary* be put under the command of the same Gentleman and that these be employed for the same purpose on shore that the Boats being on the River's Decoits or others Invaders when apprehended may be sent immediately to the proper courts for trial. In the Event of this plan being adopted I beg leave to make you an offer of my services in Levying the Tax I have mentioned Exclusive of the pay which may be allowed the Gentleman employed in the service this Tax will I conceive be nearly if not fully sufficient to defray the whole Expences of the Establishment I recommend and the Gentleman who may be placed at the Head of it will of Course afford such assistance to the different magistrate as they may require or he may have power to grant of the sum necessary for setting this plan on Foot cannot I Conceive amount to more than one or two thousand Rupees at most as the purchase of a few Boats will be the only Expense attending the institution and the Benefit which will of course be secured to the District and its Inhabitants will employ compensate for any small Expense with which the out fit may be attended.

Dacca
the 7th September 1784.

I have the Honor to be
Hon'ble Sir & Sirs
with Respect
Your & ca.
Signed/M. Day

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To David Anderson Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentleman

In obedience to your Orders I now do myself the pleasure to enclose you an explanation of the Employments which occupy the Covenanted servants employed to this station.

Dacca
the 20th September 1784.

I am Gentleman
your and ca.
Signed/ Mathew Day.

List of the Company's Covenanted servants employed under the Revenue Chief of Dacca specifying their particular Employments.

Mr. David Burges — Head Assistant—Acting as *Aumeen* at Sundeep for the purpose of making a Division of the *Purgunnah*.

Mr. Joshua Williams 2nd— This Gentleman keeps a Register of the *Perwannahs* and *Dusticks* issued on the Business of the collections and has charge and Superintendence of the Records.

Mr. George Thompson 3rd—Persian Translator.

Mr. Rechard Warring 4th—Not yet joined ; but Will on his arrival be employed in copying the Correspondence monthly Rent Roll of the District and monthly Accounts.

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta Sept. 22d 84

Sir

Reve. Committ. We have received your Letter and Enclosure of the 8 instant.

We desire you will furnish us with an account of the *Nowarrah* Lands as they stood before the resumption made by Mr. Tyker, the particulars of these resumptions and the Sums paid by the *Talookdars*, with such other useful information on this Subject, as you can collect from the Records of your Office.

We are and ca.
J. Shore
J. Evelyn.

To Mr. Thomas Graham Fort William 24th Septr. 84
& ca. Members of the Committee of Grain.

Gentlemen

In a Letter received this day from the Chief of Our Factory Dacca the Situation of that Province for these three Months past is stated to us as unavoidably retarded the Business of the Hon'ble Company's Investment, the Waters having risen so high, that the country has been entirely overflowed, by which event many of the Weavers have been necessitated to quite their habitations and many others to live on raised Bamboos, this innundation has had the further effect of occasioning a scarcity of Rice into much as to yield Grounds for the apprehension of a famine, For two day preceding the dispatch of our Chiefs Letter, no rice being to 'be purchased and though so far advanced in the Season as September the Water not yet beginning to fall.

This intimation received from our Chief which relates to the purposes of your institution, we have thought necessary to communicate to you to adopt proper and effectual measures for averting the impending calamity.

We are and ca.
Signed/ William Barton and
Members and ca.

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To The Hon'ble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General & ca, Council of Revenue
Fort William.

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,

In obedience to your commands I have now the honor of transmitting a general *mofusel* *Purgunmahwarry* Account of the price of Grain throughout this District for the last four months vizt. from *Bysaack* or the 10th of April upto and of *Sawan* or 12th August I likewise have the pleasure of forwarding the price for which grain has sold at the *Gunges* in and adjacent to *Dacca* during the last five months. The *Daroghas* who were deputed for the purpose of ascertaining the enclosed particulars having reported that there is now little or no more grain left in the different *Purgunnahs* and from the country still continuing nearly in the same enundated state. The waters not having sufficiently subsided to afford any hopes of relief from the Crops in the ground I cannot but express apprehension for the people and inhabitants in general and in consequence beg leave to solicit such commands on the subject as you may think expedient.

Dacca
the 27th September 1784.

I have the Honor to be
with Respect
Hon'ble Sir and Sirs
your and ca.
Signed/ Methew Day.

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To David Anderson Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I herewith beg leave to enclose you my Toujee Account for the Month of *Bhadun*. The amount realized considering the unhappy state of the country has exceeded my expectation. The only *Pergunnah* any way in Balance are such as has absolutely been destroyed by the late deluge, a particular list of which accompanies this, and I am exceedingly sorry to say that a considerable Balance will inevitably stand against them.

The distress of the inhabitants exceeds all description. Was the Damage simply confined to the loss of their Crops, it might in a short time, be surmounted, but their (Illegible) and every (Illegible) they were possessed of is gone and the *Ryotts* driven to the necessity of seeking shelter in different parts—some gone to the Hills, others towards Chittagong and many to this City environs, so that the country is in a manner deserted and scarcely a cultivated spot to be observed. It is not at present possible to speak with one degree of certainty as to what will be the real loss, but from the different situation of the *Pergunnahs*, I am led to imagine that nearly, if not one half of the yearly *Jumma* will be defficient ; however, Gentleman, you may assure yourselves, use every pains in my power to realize to the utmost without distressing the *Ryotts* or any way endangering the Revenues of the succeeding year which any great severity on them at present will, I am of opinion, occasion.

Dacca
the 1st October 1784.

I am and ca.
M. Day

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta 4th October 1784.

Sir

Inclosed we transmit you a Copy of a Petition from Meer Golam Ally and desire you will inquire into the truth of the facts alledged in it and report to us Your opinion of the amount of the damages he has sustained and of the remission he in your opinion is justly entitled to.

We are and ca.
J. Shore
J. Evelyn.

Vakeel of Meer Golam Ally Zemindar of the 12 *Ana* Division and (Illegible) Ajarahdar of the 4 *Ana* division of *Pergunnah* Dawoodpore

The rents of *Pergunnah* Dawoodpore were settled at the *Sudder* at Rupees 3,87 an actual measurement of the *Mhal*. This Years the whole Crop of Grain has been entirely destroyed by the innundation from the Northern Mountains, many of the inhabitants were drowned and share that escapēd have escaped to the foot of the Roshundabad hills—There are only 11 Families remaining in the *Pergunnah*, and these from the difficulty of procuring provisions and the inhanced price of these are in the greatest distress—not a (Illegible) has been collected in the month of *Chyte* and the collection of the *Pergunnah* should be recovered in the ensuing Year, not more than half the *hustabood* of the present Year could be realized ; because the *Sudder Jumma* is regulated by the *Mofusil* Assets and when these assets fail from or hence are the Revenues to arise ? Or how is my constituent to make good his engagement with government ? tho Mr. Day be well acquainted with these calamities, yet he demands from me the Completion, of my engagements—I Therefore request to be allowed a Deduction of half the *Jumma* in consideration of the above Accidents ;

and that Mr. Day may be desired to receive from me a *Kistbundi* for the remainder.

A True Copy.

Sigd/ A. Caldecott.
Act, Asst.
P. Translation.

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To Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

C. of G. Fort William. Oct 4th. 84.

Sir

Finding the price of Paddy and Rice still to continuing high and that the markets have not experienced any material relief from the very plentiful Crop, we are led to believe that the Grain has in its first source of supply, and that the *Ryots* and Landholders being able to defray, the present demands of Government Rents from the Sale of a very small proportion of the produce have locked up the rest to order to ensure a Continuation of the exorbitant Profits they are now reaping. To the end therefore that some degree of check may be given to the uncontrolled exercise of such a pernicious a practice, and that in the midst of plenty the poorer of the inhabitants may be subjected to all the severities of a real Scarcity We direct that you Circulate *Perwannahs* throughout the districts under your Charge, to warn all Zemindars, *Talookdars* Farmers, *Ryots* and Landholders of every denomination and grain Dealers of every description against hoarding up grain and in particular the produce of the late Crop and to notify to them that whosoever shall be found to hoard up Grains and to evade Selling or bringing it to market or to exact an exorbitant Price shall have their Grain Seized and confiscated to Government, and be then themselves made a Public example of.

we are and ca.
Thomas Graham
G. Templer
F. Muri.

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To Thomas Graham Esqr.
President and Committee of Grain.

Gentlemen,

I have been duly favoured with your Letter and inclosure of the 1st. Instant.

In my address of the 10th July, I gave you information respecting the unhappy state of the District in consequence of the Deluge, and in your reply thereto - under date the 15th you were pleased to direct my strict adherence to your former order's these I have invariably attended to, and exerted my utmost ability to supply the city and its environs with Grain, by giving every encouragement and protection to the Merchants who have imported it.

As no material change has yet appeared in the state of the District. I had not any other Information, but what I had before submitted, to advise you of, had it been otherwise I should not have been neglectful in what I consider my Duty. How far the company's Investment may have suffered, or been delayed in the enterror parts of the District, from the Inundation. I will not pretend to say that many villages where the Cloths are manufactured; have been over flowed is certain and the Weavers must have been stopped in their work, but with respect to those manufactures who reside in the city, I do not suppose that any delay can have been occasioned from the same cause, or for want of Grain The Weaver's with the Inhabitants in general were about ten days since clamorous and troublesome on account of the Dealers having shut up their shops, this circumstance was not occasioned by any want of Grain in the city, but from the poor class of people insisting on having it at their own price and where refused the shops were plundered, complaints were made to me of this and in consequence I ordered a Guard of Sepoys for the protection of the *Bazars* at the same time making publications by beat of *Tom Tom*, that as there was no established selling rate for Grain, the Dealers were declared to have authority to sell at pleasure, and that any man who directly or

indirectly insisted on taking it otherwise should be punished. This had the desired effect and Rice was immediately produced in all the Markets for sale, and is now selling at 16-17 and 18 *seers* the Rupee, the general scarcity in the *Mofussil* will not allow of its being cheaper, till grain is imported from other Districts, or till the new Rice be brought to market which cannot be before the middle of December. The Crops in such *Pergunnah*s have not suffered are in a very flourishing conduct and sufficiently plentiful, I should suppose, to answer the consumption of the whole district till the month of April, when a fine crop is expected from the Lands now overflowed.

The enclosed Papers will inform you with the Price that Grain has been in the *mofussil* during the four months of *Bysaak*, *Jeyt*, *Assar* & *Sawun*, also the price it has sold for at the *Dacca* and the adjacent *Gunges* during the same Period and the Quantity imported by different People from the 31st *Assar* to the end of *Bhadun* the waters have not yet sufficiently subsided to allow of any accurate Estimate being made of the Damage sustained but the number of *pergunnahs* & *Talooks* which have suffered are about 120 and from their still continuing in an inundated state, the expected Crop, the greater part of which is paddy must have perished.

Dacca
the 5th October 1784.

I am
Gentlemen
Your & ca.
Signed/ Mathew Day.

45

To David Anderson Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen

The scarcity of Grain still continuing to be very distressive and as most of the quantity in this Province has been expended

I have great reason to apprehend that the inhabitants will soon be reduced to great want, unless this District receives plentiful supplies from the Neighbouring provinces. I therefore beg leave to submit to your consideration the taking off all Duties on Grain as I am convinced such a measure will tend greatly to the encouragement of its Importation and will I hope assist to alleviate the distress of the people.

Dacca
the 9th October 1784.

I am
Gentleman
Your and ca.
Signed/ M. Day.

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To William Haverkam Esqr.
Secretary to the Committee of Revenue
Fort William.

Sir,

I have received your of the 27th Ultimo and have to acquaint you in compliance therewith that my appointment to the Dacca Chiefship took place on the 15th December 1783 at which Period I had served the Hon'ble Company fourteen years and seven months to the Date of my appointment.

Messers Paxton and Cockrell are the two Gentlemen who I beg leave to tender as my securities to any Bond. It may be the pleasure of the Board to have encreated.

Dacca
the 11th October 1784.

I am
sir
your and ca,
Signed/ M. Day

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta 14th October 84

Sir.

Reve. Committ. We are Ordered by the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council to direct you to Afford every possible Assistance in your power to Mr. Law the Commercial Chief at Dacca.

We are Sir and ca.

J. Shore.

J. Evelyn.

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta 18 October 84.

Sir

Reve. Committ. We received advice that Meynzoshaw (Maznu Shah) has entered the District of Silbarris with an Armed force and desire that you will take immediate steps as far as you can to secure your district from his Depredations by Collecting the Sepoys distributed through the Country together and Stationing them when they may be ready to Act as occasion may Require either to secure your district or to Assist Mr. Champion should he apply to you.

We depend you will communicate to us regular and Accurate information of the motion of Mayzno Shaw and his followers.

We are and ca.

J. Shore

J. Evelyn.

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta October 21st 1784

Sir

We have received your *Touji* Account for the Month of *Sawun* As we cannot admit confinement of the *Shackdar* of the 7/16 Division of Duckin Savageport or any plea for the non-payment of the Revenues, We desire you will take such measures as you may deem necessary for realizing the amount as soon as possible.

You will likewise collect and transmit to us, as accurate Information of the loss sustained in the Districts under Your Charge from the late inundation, as you may be able to Obtain, and give every encouragement to the Zemindars and *Ryots* to return to the Cultivation of their Lands. At the same time we think it necessary to caution you in enforcing the demands of Government with lenity upon those Zemindars who from circumstances of distress may be entitled to this indulgence, not to admit this Plea for withholding the Rents of Government in any instance which the distress does not actually exist.

We desire you will immediately transmit to the preparer of Reports to the Revenue Department for the Current Year, and hereafter at the beginning of each succeeding one, the *kistbundee* of the Districts under your Charge written on General Letter Paper, that the *kistbundies* of the Provinces may be bound up in our Book.

We are and ca.
J. Shore.
J. Evelyn.

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca

Chittagong October 26th 1784

Sir

Having sold part of the Salt manufacture last year in this District to Mr. Paniatty Alexander, whenever we may offer to pay you any money on account of his purchase, I request the favour of You to receive the same and place it to the Credit of Henry Vansithert the Comptroller.

I am and ca.
W. C. Plowden.

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To David Anderson Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have been favored with your Letter of the 4th ultimo. enclosing a Copy of a Petition from Meer Golam Ally. The Zemindar to Dawdpoor, which from the best Information I have trouble to get contains nothing but Truth. This *pergunnah* has certainly sustained very great Damage by the late Inundation & will not I apprehend recover its cultivation for some time to come; most of the *Ryotts* having deserted it, in consequence of the loss of their Cattle & I do not think a compliance with the prayer of petition can be considered too great an Indulgence, being convinced that the state of his Lands entitles him to it.

I am
Gentlemen

Dacca
the 4th November 1784

Your most obedient Humble servt
Signed/ M. Day.

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To David Anderson Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen

In reply to your Letter of the 21st ultimo I have the pleasure to inform you that the zemindar of *Ans/7* Division of Duckun-savagepore has paid up his Balance.

I am now on the eve of my departure from Dacca to visit the Different *pergunnahs* of the Districts under my charge in order to obtain as accurate Information as possible, of the Loss they have sustained by the late Inundation, and shall on my return do myself the Honor the transmitting the same to you. This step which I flatter myself will meet with your approbation I have thought necessary from the impossibility of getting an account with that accuracy as the nature of the circumstance, from the situation of the country appears to me to require.

Dacca
the 4th November 1784.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
Humble servant
M. Day

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M. Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Jeynagur 8 November, 1784

Sir

I have to solicit that you will be so kind as to issue your *Perwannahs* to all the *Izeradaars*, *Talookdars* and ca. in your District, forbidding them to cancel or to withhold by force, any matter from the Contractors, but upon application being made to them on the part of the *Beparry* or Contractor, that they will immediately cause the same to be delivered up to them and further grant them such aid, as may enable them to discover such as may

have concealed themselves, and so behaves, that this business may be conducted with harmony and Order in the *Mofussil*, and neither the Peace of the individual disturbed, nor the Revenue of the Company obstructed.—I here annex You a List of the Names of the *Pergunnahs* from whence the *Mullengees* are collected.

I have and ca.
Signed/ (Illegible)

A List of the *Pergunnahs* whereon the *Mullungeys* are Collected in the 16 *Ana* Division, *Pergunnah* Salimabad—

For the 7 ana	1	Madarypore	1
Saidpore	1	Caleapore Ruttemdy	1
Bahadapore	1	Congeah Behadenagore	1
Sahazadpore	1	Chuknycandak	1
Aurungpore	1	Doucah Ruttemdy	1
Sastenagur	1	Soottanabad	1
Azimpore	1	Hoosunabad	1
Chenderdeep	1	Selimpore	1
Nazerpore	1	Suffipore	1
Chiriliah	1	Gurnonrdy	1
Moodoodeah	1	Sattapatty	1
Cuttwallyparry	1	Kiddippore	1
Hobibpore	1	* Gorrاندnatty	1
Fattaligungeapore &		Ramnagur	1
Mobbarruckaziah	1	Goutmangee	1
Pergennah Burmohem	2	Çadurabad	1
10 Ana	1	*Baycauntpore	1
6 Ana	1	Bmgrutah	1
Tuppa Burmohem	1	Jalapore	1
		Hiddiapore	1

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Khalsa 22d November 1784

M. Day Esqr.

Chief of Dacca.

Sir

Having received repeated complaints from Daby Churn, the *Aumeen* employed from my Office at Dacca, in making the *Batwarra* of Jellalpore & ca. amongst the partners of the various affected delays of the Parties in their attendaence on him, which prevents his being able to complete the Division intrusted to his Charges I beg the favour of You, as the Parties are I understand, all in the Town of Dacca, to send for the *Aumeen*, and afford him so far your countinane and support, as to oblige the *Zemin*dars to duly to attend on him, and to compleate with as much dispatch as possible that part of the *Batwarra*, which may yet remain unaccomplished.

I am & ca.
John. Duncan
P. R. R. D.

P. S. Sometime ago I dispatched from the *Khalsa* a *Mohrir* named Gunganarrain to expediate the Business in the hands of the *Aumeen*, and if you find this person better disposed than the *Aumeen* to complete the Business, you will of course give him such encouragement, as he may seem deservng of.

Signed/ (Illegible)

Calcutta November 25, 1784.

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

Reve. Commtt. We enclose the Copy of a Letter, which we have received from the Hon'ble the Governor General & Council.

We desire that you will communicate on the Subject of it with the several Zemindars and Landholders in the Districts under your Superintendence, and afterwards in the convey to us your opinion, stating the amount which we think it may be raised from them by voluntary contribution, for the purposes mentioned by the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council.

We are and ca.
D. Anderson
J. Evelyn.

Mr. John Shore
Acting President & ca. Members of the
Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen

It having been suggested by the Collector of Boglepore that a Voluntary contribution might be raised from the Zemindars and Landholders of his District sufficient to defray the expence of erecting in it Magazin for Grain on the same plan, as the one constructed at Patna, we desire You will Ascertain and Report to us how far such means are generally practicable in the other Districts of Bengal.

November 25, 1784.

We are & ca.
Warren Hastings
John Macpherson.
John Stables,

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Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca.

Calcutta Novr. 30th. 1784

Sir

Understanding that my Banian Golam Ally ; having been misled by the continuance of my name in the Salary Book of the Dacca Establishment, had ignorantly taken up the Allowance I draw as a member of the late Provincial Council for sometime subsequent to my Appointment to the Station I now hold. I had sent him direction long before the Receipt of Your Letter of the 18th Inst. to return whatever Sums he might have received from Your Treasury on the Above Account since the 25th March last the Day on which the Salary annexed to my present Office commenced. If he has not already obeyed my instructions a requisition to him from You to that effect will I make no doubt be punctually complied with.

I am and ca.
C. Burrows.

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca

Salt Office Novr. 30th 1784

Sir

I am advised that you have received from Paniotty Alléxander the Sum of SRs. 6450—on Account of Sales of salt of the Bulwa and Chittagong Division which you will be pleased to pay to Mr. John Johnson who will afford you a receipt for the same, and Your Receipt now in my possession shall be delivered to your Order.

I am and ca.
Henry Vansittart
Compt.

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta December 6th, 1784

Sir

Reve. Committee. We have received your *Towjee* Account for the Month of *Bahdoon* and *Assin*.

Whilst we admit the general principle upon which you found the necessity of relaxing your Demands for the Current *Kists*. We think it necessary to remark that we have not sufficient information before us, to ascertain the extent of this necessity ; and that we are of opinion that a distinction should be made, as it in fact subsists, between the *Riots* and *Zemindars* and *Farmers* ; We consider the latter as bound both by their engagements and in-Equity to make good, any temporary Losses that may Arise from accidental Circumstances particularly such of them as have had and enjoyed the Profits resulting from their engagements for a term of Years, as is the Case of most of the *Pergunnahs* under Your Jurisdiction.

We desire therefore that You will attend to this distinction in enforcing the Payment of the Current *Kists* and admit no suspension of Your Demands except in Cases of such obvious and real necessity, as render indulgence indispensable, and which We have to your description, desiring that in future they may be particularly specified and explained to us.

Every plea to indulgence should also be discouraged as far as possible, as there is no doubt, that every Renter will endeavour to avail himself of it as far as possible.

We trust that under the Limitation of these restrictions the present balance will in the Coarse (sic) of the succeeding Month, be considerably reduced.

We are & ca.
D. Anderson.
J. Shore.

59

To Henry Vansittart Esqr,

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 29th ultimo.

In lieu of 6,450 *Sicca* Rupees I have this Day paid into the Hands of Mr. John Johnson the sum of 21900—being in full of the Deposit with me—received on account of the sales of Bulua & Chittagong salt from Panoitty Allexander I have granted three seperate Receipts for this sum, which will be forwarded to you & when received I steem myself obliged by your returning them. I now enclose Mr. Johnson acknowledgement for the sum paid him on your account.

Dacca
the 7th December 1784.

I am
Sir.
Your & ca.
Signed/ M. Day.

60

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta Dec. 7th, 1784

Sir

Reve. Committee. We observe that the balance of the Several District under Your jurisdiction amounted to the Sum of Rupees 56,819-3-3 on Account of the Year 1188 and to the Sum of Rs, 1,00,336-C-16-1 for the year 1189.

We desire you will transmit us the particulars of the above balances, specifying the person from whom they are due, the names of the Securities, where they are and Your opinion how far the balance may be recovered, in whole or part, exerting your utmost endeavours for this purpose, should any measures Occur to

You by which this Object may be accomplished, you will propose them to us, we desire also to be informed if any, and what measures have been adopted for this purpose.

In order to enable us to adjust the claims on Account the *Barahassa* Rents for 1188 and 1189 we desire you will transmit us also, a statement of the Sums received by the different Renters from the Salt Office on this Account.

We shall hereafter send you Our resolutions more particularly on the Balances of 11 0 in the meantime we desire that You endeavour to recover them as far as possible proposing such measures as you may deem conducive to the end.

We are & ca.
D. Anderson
J. Shore.

61

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Daeca

Calcutta, December 23d, 1784

Sir,

Reve. Committee. As this is the most important period of the whole Year for collecting the Revenues, and the realizing of the Amount of the Settlement, must greatly depend on Your exertions at this time. We desire You will be particularly strict in enforcing the Collections of the Present *Kists*.

We are & ca.
D. Anderson.
J. Evelyn.

62

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta December 23d. 1784.

Sir

Reve. Committee. We enclose for your Guidance an extract of a Letter which we have received from the Hon'ble the G.G. & Council containing some Regulations which they have been pleased to establish relative to appeals in Revenue Causes, and we desire that you will Cause the Regulations to be published at the Principal *Cutcherry* of the Districts under Your Charge.

We are & ca.
G. Anderson
J. Shore
J. Evelyn.

Extract of a Letter from the Hon'ble the G.G. & Council under date the 17th December 1784 to the Committee of Revenue.

1st. That when the decree complained of does not exceed 1,000 Rs. the Appeal shall be heard by You, and not by G.G. & Council.

2nd. That when the Decree complained of does exceed the Sum of 1,000 Rs. the Appeal shall be heard by this Board, unless it shall be remitted You to decide on by the Special orders of the G.G. & Council.

3rd. That to render any Revenue Causes Appealable either to the Committee of Revenue or the G.G. and Council in their *Reve. Dept.* the Party desirous to Appeal must Signify his intention within ten Days after the passing the Decree by a Petition to the Chief or Collector on the Spot, or by Application to the Committee, or to this Board, according as the Amount of the Cause may render the Subject of the Appeal Cognizable by either.

4th. That on such party declaring his intention as above required, and giving satisfactory Security to abide by the Deci-

sion on his Appeal, the execution of the Decree of the Chief or Collector be suspended till the cause shall have been decided in the Superior Court.

A True Copy.
W. Haverkain.
Secy.

63

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Salt Office, January 4th 1785.

Sir

I have recieved enclosed from Mr. Plowden your Reciept of the 21st December 1784 for 10, 3 50 SRs. for Salt sold to Alaxender Peniotty, which Sum you will be pleased to pay to Mr. John Johnson, who will give you a Receipt for the same and Your Receipt shall be returned.

I am& ca.
Henry Vansittart
Compt.

64

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta 13th January 85.

Sir

Rev. Committee We have received your Letter of the 6th Instant and we are Sorry to find the damage sustained from the late Floods so much greater than was at first imagined, We shall

take Your Report into consideration at the Close of the Year, and at present desire You will use Your discretion in adapting the demands for Revenue from those *Pergunnahs* which have suffered ; to their Actual state and Ability to pay ; at the sametime hope, that upon more particular information which you may be able to Obtain during the Course of the Year, the loss will be found considerably less, than at present it appears.

We are & ca.
J. Shore
J. Evelyn.

65

Mr. Day Esqr
Chief of Dacca

Calcutta 15th January 85,

Sir

The Hon'ble the Governor General and Council having been pleased to direct, that the Dutch be admitted to the Possession of their Settlement at Chinsura and the Several Factories dependant thereon. This is to request that you will allow Mr. Fleyning, who is Appointed by the Dutch Governor and Council for that purpose to occupy the Houses and Factories belonging to the Dutch Company and Situated at Dacca, permitting them to exercise every priviledge possessed them before the Commencement of the War ; excepting hoisting of the Dutch Flag, which the Governor and Council of Chinsura have engaged not to do, until Time as the Definite Treaty of Peace between the English and Dutch Nations shall have been Officially received.

I am and ca.
C. Purling

To David Anderson Esqr.
President & Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen

The distress in which the failure of the late Crop & the great scarcity of grain has left almost every *Pergunnahs* under my superintendence, makes me consider it as an essential part of my Duty to pay the greatest attention to the representation of the Landholder and . . . as much as lays in my power to assist them in the payment of their Revenues, sensible that without indulgence and lenity from Government many of the Farmers will be totally ruined and the Zemindars reduced to want from their Lands being sold to liquidate Balance which must unavoidably stand against them at the close of the present years Collections, were their *Khists* to be regorously demanded, Induced by this motive only I take the Liberty to lay before you, solicitable as which have been strongly made to me by the Zemindars and their *Malzamins* and the different Farmers that they may be allowed a longer period than to the Month of *Boysack* for completing their payments and Engagments for the present year.

The pleas upon which they ground this request are in my opinion strong and substantial and I find that no years collections have been absolutely closed before the month of *Assar* and as these two additional months cannot I humbly presume be attended with any loss to Government and the measure if allowed will enable the different Renter to discharge the demands upon them with ease and advantage to themselves and the Country in general I beg leave to submit the reasons and the justice and expediency of them to your consideration.

They urge that from the great loss sustained by many and felt by all from the late extraordinary hight of the Waters that their Collections in the *Mofussil* have been by no means adequate to the discharging of their *Kists* that their Bankers or the merchants from whom they have been obliged to borrow money are considerably in advance for them and that without their further assistance it will be impossible for them to discharge the

present heavy *kists*. That the year / to the end of which the present Settlement is confined / being nearly elapsed the Lenders have refused supplying them with any further Sums until what they have advanced shall be paid. That the demands for *Poss* and *Maug* being heavy, will require the whole Amount which they can realize from their collections to make them good, particularly as they labour under a very heavy unaccountable imposition on the score of *Batta* levied by the *shroffs* and which as it calls for the interposition of Government and without redress will occasion a very severe loss to the *Ryotts* and ultimately to Government I shall also take the Liberty to state below and as it tends considerably to encrease the difficulties experienced by the zemindars will not be deemed I hope improper to form part of this address.

From the Accompanying statement of the use and fall of *Batta* during the last ten months it may be supposed that the zemindars Have experienced an advantage as the difference between *Sicca* and *Arcots* in which their *Mofussil* collections are received has been considerably lower than the established *Batta* this has not however been the case, The currency in the *Mofussil* all over this districts entirely in *Arcots* and these being of various kinds, many coined by individuals and many of various denominations and the battas fixed upon them by the villany of the *shroffs*, the knowledge and desimination of the different kinds of *arcots*, has become a profession unknown to every person but themselves. In consequence of the Mystery which attends this Business and the collusion among them all receipts or payments of money must pass through their hands, this enables them to levy an arbitrary *Batta* on all monies received from the *Mofussil* which must be necessarily exchanged before it comes to the Collectors *Cutcherry* and when the *Arcot* and *Sicca* Rupees in the *bazar* (as will appear from the accompanying statement) have been equal or from the deductions made by the money changers under the heads of short *Weight Cooticehullan* and *Bazar Chullan* both which are merely nominal and established by general collusion to assist their fraud, the Renters even then lost in the exchange of their *Cutch* *Amdannie*. This being the case I beg leave to request your attention to what must be their present hardships from the difference between *Siccas*

and full *Arcots* having been in the course of the present month 13 per cent which with the other makes upon an average a difference of 22 or 23 per cent and the Renters have been obliged to pay 122 and 123 *Arcots* Rupees as they received them from their *Ryotts* to realize 100 *Siccas* to discharge their Revenue.

I have done everything in my power to alliviate this loss but without Effect, tho' I have even offered to receive the *Arcot* as received from the *Mofussil* into the Treasury upon such terms as shall not cause any loss to Government and be a considerable saving to the zemindars and ca. They are afraid to adopt this measure because the time in which their *khits* become due being too early in the succeeding month to allow them sufficient Opportunity of having their collections in Dacca, they are generally obliged to take up money in advance and when their Revenues arrive from the *Mofussil* it is deposited at the Banker to discharged what he has lent, This throw the Landholder entirely in the power of the *Shioff* who estimates the *Arcots* has been received at pleasure and without the smallest danger of detection so firmly are they united in their endeavours to defraud the public.

I have therefore to propose to effect the abolition of this practice, to relieve the Renters of a very heavy increase in the sums they ought to demand from their *Ryotts* and to break the combination amongst the *Shroffs*. That the *kist* of each month may not be considered as due until after the 15 day of the succeeding one and the whole to be completely discharged by the 30th. This indulgence of 15 days will give the zemindars and ca. sufficient time to have their *Mofussil* collections at the *Sudd r* before they become due and will thereby emancipate them from the cruel and exorbitant Imposition of the *Shroffs* whilst at the sametime it shall be my business to prevent any loss arising to them by a rise and fall of Batta leaving it optional with them to pay in either specic the Revenues of Government and shall consider myself Responsible that the Revenues shall be regularly brought up and credited before the close of each succeeding month, unless in cases of real inability in which it may be necessary to apply to you. I shall also be carefull that no loss shall be sustained by Government on the receipt of *Arcots* and by Receiving them into the Treasury I am hopefull I shall be unable to reduce in time the currency to the *sicca* specic solely which is much wanted

and will eventually prove a greater Relief to the Farmer than he would experience were he even allowed a very considerable remission of Revenue.

The indulgences requested by the Farmer Zemindars and ca. being in my opinion so reasonable, so moderate and at the sametime every indulgence being absolutely necessary after what they have suffered I doubt not you considering their solicitations and granting their Requests as far as may in your Judgement appear consistent with their necessities.

Dacca
the 18th January 1785.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day

67

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca

Salt Office, 22nd January 1785

Sir

I have received inclosed in a Letter from Mr. Plowden your Receipt of the 18th January 1785 for 5590 SRs. for Salt sold to Alexandar Paniotty which Sum you will be pleased to pay to Mr. John Johnson who will return Your Receipt.

I am & ca.
Henry Vansittart
Compt.

68

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sundee, 24th January 1785

Sir

Many of the *Jereep*, *Amlahs* and *Aumeens* employed in this *Pergunnah*, having lately Absconded without having delivered in their Accounts, and being guilty of many irregularities, I take

the liberty of reinclosing you a list of their Names and places of Residence and request you will be a little Severe with the Zemindars and *Woodadars* in Orders that they may be apprehended and sent back to this place as soon as possible as by their Absence the Company have already suffered a great loss, and will sustain a much gréater if these People are not made to return to their respective Duties.

I am and ca.

D. Burges.

69

Mr. M. Day

Sundee, 25th January 1785

Chief of Dacca

Sir

Sometime ago Godadar Ghose the Collector of 4a. 1g. 3c. Zemindary of Sundee, delivered me a Petition with Your Signature specifying that the *Talookdars*, under his Management were not regular in their Payments and Soliciting my Assistance upon which Account I had the Parties before me.

The Zemindar Alleges that there was a balance of 3,000 Rs. & the *Talookdars*, that they had already paid more than the years *Bundubust*, tho' some months were yet unexpired, and demanded an enquiry into their Accounts, but that being a work of time and apprehending that it might be demanded with a view of retarding the Company's dues, I paid no attention to their Clamours on the occasion but insisted on their immediately paying up the balances, as stated by your Collector, with a promise that after the Collection was allowed to be complete, if they could prove an overplus it should be restored to them or Credit given for it is the ensuing years which I hope you will confirm. As my Orders have been strictly adhered to ; the Zemindars in future can form no just plea for failing in their *kists*,

As I have received Orders to put Hoor and Soonah in possession of their Shares of the 4a. 1g. 3c. Zemindary of this *Purgunnah* Decreed to them by my predecessor Mr. Duncan and Confirmed by the Committee of Revenue agreeable to the Mahonutan low I request you will issue a *Hookumnama* to Godadar Ghose and his Agents, that they together with the Agents of Phool, Hoor and Sonah Beeby—may attend to the dividing of this Zemindarry without delay and so that the separation may take place, the more so as Phool Beeby under various pretences has hitherto had art enough to prevent its operation and is now devising other Scheme for its retardment.

I am and ca.
D. Burges.

70

Fort William, Committee of Grain.
31st January 1785.

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

We transmit You Copy of Resolution of the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council respecting the Committee of Grain for your information and have to request that in conformity there to after the 1st next March you address your Correspondence to the Presidency.

We are and ca.
Thomas Graham.
Henry Vansitartd.

Copy of a Resolution passed by the Hon'ble Governor General and Council in their Secret Department of Inspection the 20th December 1784 and 27th January 1785.

The objects proposed on the Establishment of Committee of Grain have now been answered, and the necessity that during

the Establishment in its present extent no longer exists. The Board have satisfaction in having from the Governor General, who acquaint them upon and undoubted Authority, that the Natives in general Acknowledge with Gratitude the Obligation they owe to the Government for their timely and effectual interposition to them from the dreadful effects of a famine, and that the Establishment of the Committee has contributed to rescue many thousands probably from misery and destruction, the Board can't but feel the most sensible Pleasure in contemplating the beneficial effects of this Institution, and, as the same necessity required its Formation, may again exist, as an Office of this can only Act with advantage and efficacy from experience and as that experience can only result from a constant and permanent operation it is resolved that a partial Abolition may be made of this Office. The Board being convinced that the company must Approve the continuance of an Establishment that (. . .) he for its Object the preservation of the Lives of its Subjects.

Agreed therefore that the Establishment of the Committee only be abolished, but that the President of it do still remain invested with the same Power and Control. That the Committee not and under such further Regulations as the Board may deem hereafter necessary—To Assist him in discharging the duties of his Office One Assistant and One monthly Writer will be sufficient

A true Copy
Robert Holland
Secy.

A true Copy
Signed/ E. Hay
Secy

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To William Cowper Esqr,
Acting President and Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen

I have the Honor to acknowledge your Letter and enclosure of the 4th Inst.

The abstract for the month of February being the only month due to the *Sebunde* corps at this shall in obedience to

your commands be immediately issued to the Commanding officer. The orders laid down in the Hon'ble Boards Extract respecting the Regiment directed for duty at this station shall be invariably attended to I must however beg leave to observe that an Establishment of *Pykes* and *Burgondosses* will be absolutely necessary to me in the Business of my Collections. The numerous Body of zemindars and *Talookdars* under my Superintendence require almost constant pressing for the regular discharge of their *kists* and without deputations from the *Sudder* in which service the *Sebundees* have heretofore being occassionably employed I shall find a difficulty and a delativeness in realizing the Demand on the party of Government which ultimately may prove detrimental to the Revenues. It being a part I believe pretty well established that a Balance once incurred is seldom recoverable but by measures the most rigorous. The party of men prescribed and limited for Detachment from the Regiment far exceed the number necessary for this Business and to employ regular Troops in the Exercise of this Duty, would not I should humbly presume meet the approbation of the Hon'ble Board Peons, *Burgondosses* and *Pykes* are fully adequate to the discharge of the immediate service, and the Expence attending such an establishment will I flatter myself be found compatible with the advantages attending their presence. The Sum of one Thousand Rupees per Mensem will employ a sufficient number of these men, who will in every respect answer the purposes for which the late *Sebundee* were established, with respect to the collections, and the Regiment at the station will ever be complete & ready for such service, where large Detachments or the presence of the whole Body may be necessary I beg leave to submit the above to your consideration, and to solicit such an allowance for Peons, *Burgondosses*, and *Pykes*, as you may adjudge sufficient for the occassion.

Dacca
the 15th February 1785.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day

72

To William Cowper Esqr.

Acting President & Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen.

I beg leave to submit to your determination the expediency of selling the Zemindarry of Kunchonpore. The *Jumma* of which is 9,295 Rs. The Balance due to the end of *Poos* is 4,060 Rs. The Zemindars have shown every contumacy to the many orders I have issued for their appearance, they have not paid a Rupee Revenue since the month of *Assar*, when the sum remitted was only 2700 *Arcot* Rupees of Sorts. The *Kist* for *Bhadon* and *Assin* being 2,025 has been advanced by the Security from which time no further payment has been made. The Lands indeed suffered in some small degree from the deluge but if allowed the indulgence of one *kist* it will be in my opinion fully adequate to the damage their Lands have sustained and the Balance ought most certainly to be made good. However from the Disposition of the Zemindars I see no prospect but the alternative now submitted by which it can be effected and in consequence can but recommend the same your final decision.

Dacca
the 16th February 1785.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day.

73

Calcutta 17th February 1785.

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

Having this day decided that the Noabad Zemindars are intitled to the portion of Jowar Neelucky and Rajapore and ca. which composes the *Talook* of Tanuram and Bulram Sein the same

having been formed to belong to *Pergunnah* Noabad by a decree of the Provincial Council at Dacca we have directed the Preparer of Reports to put the Zemindars of Noabad into possession of the said Lands and desire You will Afford him such assistance as he may require to execute this Orders.

We have also referred the other Articles of Complaint preferred by the Cossepore Zemindars against those of Noabad and vice versa to the Preparer of Reports with power to depute and *Aumin* into the *Moffuseil* should he find such measure necessary and we must also desire that You afford Mr. Duncan such assistance as he may require to enable him to execute this part of the Commission.

We desire you will send down Bishenaut Chowdry without delay, agreeable to our desire of the 23d December last.

We are & ca.
William Cowper
Thomas Graham
Charles Crofts
J. Evelyn.

74

To William Cowper Esqr.
Acting President of the *Khalsa*.

Sir,

I duly Received your Letter of the 17th Ultimo and to enable you to judge how far the assertion contained in the Petition which Accompanied it of my having without Reason sent *Seapoys* into the 2. *Annas* Division of *Mehaur* is founded on fact ; I herewith transmit you the Original petition of Complaint against Prann Kissen Chowdry of that Division together with the Deposition of the Peons representing the Manner in which my Summons sent in consequence of that Complaint was treated, notwithstanding the contempt shown to my Authority in this instance I forbore sending

an Armed Force until oblige to it by a Repetition of the same treatment to other Peons, and I then sent four *Seapoys*, but these instead of being able to enforce obedience were put into Confinement and treated with the utmost Severity, as will appear by the enclosed Testimony of the peon who Accompanied them and who was also in confinement with them such defiance to my Authority and disobedience to the Orders of Government will not/ Hope, go unpunished. As it is public throughout the District and if an example is not made of the Offender, every other Landholder will pursue the same contumacious conduct, which cannot but prove very detrimental to the Revenue.

The Grievance complained in the petition still exists and unless some mode is adopted for redressing this and every other oppression of a similar nature which may be committed by the dependant of the *Huzzoory Mhals* on the Landholder of my Division, My collections cannot but be deficient From the contigiousness of many of the *Huzzoory Purgunnahs* to those under Me, their Complaints are and must be very frequent, and not conceiving it to be the Intensions of the Committee, that they should be carried to Calcutta for Investigation as from the very distance, the party aggrieved would thereby be subjected to great Inconvenience and often times to an Expence exceeding the Sum complained for, both my predecessor and myself have hitherto take cognizance of them but since I find that my Interference is constantly made a plea for their Balances, I shall hence forward decline taking notice of them, with an express Authority, and provided it should not be thought proper to vest with me the power of deciding upon them I beg to be honoured with your commands for my future guidance.

Dacca,
the 1st March 1785.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day

75

To William Cowper Esqr.

Acting President and Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

Intelligence of a very serious nature having been given me respecting a Trade which has lately been established between the Low castes of Portuguese at this place and those of Calcutta, Chensurrah and other Foreign Settlements I beg leave to submit the particulars to you and to request such interference as may prevent and put a final stop to its Existence The nature of which cannot but ultimately prove of the utmost Detriment to Government.

The long continued distress this District has laboured under from a General scarcity of Grain and the failure of Crops in consequence of the late Deluge has reduced its Inhabitants to the lowest pitch of misery and distress the poor and the lower class of people to secure to themselves a Subsistence are reduced to a Sale of their children and many hundreds have been purchased I find in the interior part of this District by persons deputed from this place by the aforementioned people, and immediate Dispatched for Calcutta and its environs they are for the most part Landed in the Foreign Settlements, from whence I am given to understand they are embarked on vessels to different parts at this time many Boats are between this and Calcutta by the Sunderbund ; loaded with children of all ages. The Hon'ble Mr. Lindsay, who arrived on Friday last informed me that he met above a hundred. To prevent and save the poor wretches from Transportation and slavery, will be the wish of every one. The most apparent method by which this can be effected is for orders, to be issued to the Custom Master's to secure all Boats, as they arrive laden with children and by so doing it may be the means of tracing the concern to the principal who as acting in open defiance of the public & long established orders of Government may be brought to justice, I have on my own part adopted every possible means to Stop the continuance of it by placing Boats and people at all the outlets of those parts from whence they are brought with directions to seize all such so laden, and to bring them to the City

at the same time I thought it necessary on a supposition, that many might be secreted in the Town, to cause a general search, throughout the *Barzars* and private places, for children brought from the *Mofussil*. My suspicion was not ill grounded this morning 42 from 2 years and upwards as far as 6 years were produced with the people, who had them for sale. I have in consequence ordered them into confinement till such times as I can receive your orders on the subject. The children are object the most striking and can barely be said to have life, I have ordered them to be taken care of and mean as soon as their place of Residence can be ascertained to return them to their Families with any further assistance. Your Board may think necessary I beg leave further to trouble you on a subject equally alarming with that just mentioned. From the long Scarcity and high price of Grain throughout this District, and the total want of it in the Eastern part of the Division many hundred I may say thousands of unhappy wretches are now lying on the Banks of the Burhampoter some in the agonies of Death, and other emaciated by Famine hardly strength to cowl along imploring the assistance of passengers. From the best Authority I am informed that spectacles so shocking, The Eye never behold. The price of Grain in those parts is from 20 to 25 seers for the Rupee, but these poor creatures reduced to skeletons by long fasting are incapable of manial Labour & have not where with purchase.

To Effect & afford every relief in my power to the people in question, I have dispatched a Quantity of Rice under the charge of Proper people, to be boiled at different places, & daily distributed to the unfortunate. The Gentlemen & principal Inhabitants have contributed towards the Expence & the amount already & what I flatter myself will be subscribed, may in a great measures be sufficient to answer my wish. In the Events of its not proving so I hope the Board will be Pleased to indulge me with a Discretionary power of making up the Deficiency at the public Expence.

I am & ca.

Dacca
the 2nd March 1785.

Signed/ Mathhew Day.

76

To Mr. David Burges
Commissioner at Sundeep

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 25th January. Any representations the *talookdars* Ryotts or others may, have to make for undue exactions on the part of the security for the 4-1-3 share of Sundeep will be attended to & justice done them.

Inclosed is an *Hookamnamah* to the *umlah* of the above Division Directing their attendance on you for the purpose of making the *Butwarrah* as directed.

Dacca
the 4th March 1785.

I am & ca
Signed/ M. Day

77

To Mr. David Burges
Commissioner at Sundeep

Sir,

I have in consequence of your Letter of the 24th January issued the necessary order for the appearance of such people employed in the zemindarry of Sundeep as are said to have absconded and shall as the necessity may appear direct their immediate return to their respective stations.

Dacca
the 4th March 1785.

I am & ca
Signed/ M. Day

78

To Mr. William Cowper Esqr,
 Acting President and Committee of Revenue
 Fort William

Gentlemen.

In compliance with your commands of the 3rd Instant I herewith beg leave to enclose a List of the Covenanted servants on this Establishment specifying their salaries & establishment each is & was in the Receipt of on the 1st January 1785.

Dacca
 7th March 1785.

I am & ca.
 Signed/ M. Day.

List of the Company's Covenanted servants employed under the Revenue Department at Dacca, specifying their salaries & establishment as they stood on the 1st January last.

Mr. Mathew Day	Chief		
Salary	.....	1200	
House Rent	.....	300	1500

Mr. David Burges	Head Assistant Acting as Aumeen at Sundeeep for the purpose of making a Division of the <i>Purgunnah</i>		
Salary	.....	500	
Extra allowance as <i>Aumeen</i>		1,000	
Allowance for Establishment		300	1800

Mr. Joshua Williams	2nd		
Salary	.....	400	

Mr. George Thompson	3rd		
Salary	.....	300	

Mr. Warring	4th Assistant		
Salary	.....	300	

Mr. James Hunter		
Allowance as Surgeon	300	
House Rent	150	
Allowance for servants	144-2-10	
Medumis and shop servants for the		
<i>sebundes</i> corps	144-2-10	
	738-5-0	
Mr. 'Carstairs'		
allowance as assistant Surgeon	120	
House Rent	60	180-0-0
Sicca Rupees 5218-5-0		

Dacca
the 7th March 1785.

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Calcutta 14th March 1785

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

We have received Your Letter of the 2nd insttant & highly Approve the Steps You have taken to stop the pernicious Trade now carrying on in your Districts We desire you will also use your utmost endeavours to apprehend those wh^o are engaged in it, and cause them as spon as taken, to be prosecuted in the Court of *phoujdary* *Adawlets*; should the *phoujdar* however refuse to receive and bring the Aggressors to trial, We request that you Aprize us of such refusal detaining them in custody until You shall be furnished with our further directions respect of them.

We are & ca.
William Cowper
J. Evelyn.

To William Cowper Esqr.

Acting President and Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to advise you that, Major Rawstorne arrived this Day with his Regiment, and in consequence I have in obedience to the order of Governor General and Council disbanded and discharged the two Companies of the *Sebundee* Corps of the 1st Instant for the Temporary (. . . illegible), and protection of the City, The whole of the Late Corps is now intirely discharged.

Dacca
the 21st March 1785.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day

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To William Cowper Esqr.

Acting President and Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

In obedience to your command of the 10th Instant I now have the pleasure to enclose you the account there in. required. The Amount due to the end of *Choit*, is 3,14,338-8-8-3 ; 1.96,201 of which is occasioned by the loss sustained in the Different *Purgunnahs*, by the deluge the Balance of 1,18,137-8-8-3 will be recovered by the 3rd of *Boysack* 1192.

Dacca
the 29th March 1785.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta, April 14th 1785.

Sir,

Reve. Committee. Inclosed we transmit you an Account Establishment for your District, to take place from the 1st of next Month and desire You will regulate Your Establishment and disbursement agreeably there to from the above mentioned period.

We are and ca.
William Cowper
Thomas Graham
J. Evelyn.

Establishment of the Chief of Dacca			
Charges Collection.			
The Chief	1200		
House Rent	300	1500	
Head Asst. Salary and House Rent		500	
2nd do do		400	
3rd do do		300	
Surgeon	300		
House Rent	150		
Medicines	144-2-10		
		594-2-10	
Asst. Surgeon	120—		
Housen Rent	60—	180	
<i>Dewans Office</i>			
<i>Dewan</i>	150—		
<i>Naib</i>	75 —		
<i>Sherishtadar</i>	50—		
15 <i>Mohurriers</i>	125—		
Persian and Bengal Accountant	50 —		
<i>Vakeel</i>	75—	525—	

Moonshey's Office

1 Head Monshy	35—	
2 Inferior Do	30—	
3 Bengal Do	40—	105—
	—	4104-2-10

Nazeers Office

1 Nazir	30—	
1 Naib	30—	
Dufier bunds and Farashes	24—	
Peons	30—	114—
	—	

Treasury Office

1 Cazanchy	40—	
2 Muhurrers	25—	
1 Podar	10—	
1 Pyke	10—	95—
	—	

Charges General

Rent of a Treasury house	100—	
Ditto of a Cutcherry and Public Offices	130—	
Cutcherry Contingencies	100—	
Expences of lightening the Hosseindalan during the Ceremoney of Mohurum SRs. 2,500 or Month	208-5-6-2	
Diet to prisoner estimared at P. Month	600—	
Charges transporting Treasure P. Month	80—	
Hoondean the Rate-allowed is 1 %Pct estimated at P. Month	900—	
Poonah charges per Amount to Rs. 2 or P. Month	8-5-6-2	
Treasury Door Keeper	4—	
Premium for killing Tigers each head	10—	
	—	

	Per Month	2140-10-13
Charges Zemindary as per former	Establishment	
	Per Month	10972-1-8-2
	Total Sicca Rupees	17425.14.11.2

Fort William,
14th April 1785.

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta 25th April 1785

Sir

Reve. Committee. We transmit you the Copy of a Letter we have received from the Secretary to the Hon'ble Board and have to request that you will make their Orders Public through out the District under your Superintendance.

William Cowper
We are and ca.
Thomas Graham
C. Crofts
J. Evelyn.

To William Cowper Esqr
and ca. Members of the Committee of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council to acquaint You that for the more speedy and effectual Administration of Criminal Justice they have thought proper to invest the Magistrates with powers to hear and determine without

any Reference to the *Fousdary* Court all prosecutions for petty Offences such as abusive Language inconsiderable Assaults or Affrays pilfering and the like; but that in all Cases effecting either the Life or limb of the party accused or subjecting him or her to imprisonment for any time exceeding the space of 4 Days or to Corporal punishment exceeding fifteen Rattans the Magistrate do proceed According to the existing Regulations to remit the Cause to the hearing and determination of the Established Criminal Courts.

Reve. Dept.
Fort William
15th April 1785.

I am and ca.
Signed/ W. Webber
Secy.

84

Mr. M. Day

Calcutta' May 9, 1785.

Chief of Dacca.

Sir

Reve. Committee. We desire you will prepare and transmit to us an Account of all the Lands that have been sold in Your District since the 1st February 1781—Specifying the Sums for which they have been Sold names of the Purchasers and the Remissions of Revenue if any since the Sale, together with the reasons for selling such Lands—

Thomas Graham
We are & ca.
J. Evelyn.

85

Mr. M. Day

Calcutta May 19th, 1785,

Chief of Dacca.

Sir

Reve. Committee. The Security for Jelalpore having made pleas for remission of the balance due from him, Account the Revenue of Jelalpore, in consequence of the Damage said to be sustained from the late inundation, and a local Investigation being necessary to ascertain the real amount of this damage, and to make the Securities and Zemindar's *Wassillaut* for 1191 with every degree of exactness, we have thought it expedient to refer this business to you, and we rely upon your exertions to procure us an exact Account of the Aforesaid damage and of the Amount revenue Collected, either by the Security or by the Zemindars and every other information decide upon the Securities which may be necessary to enable us to plea for remission and to ascertain the exact Amount which in justice he ought to be compelled to pay.

We have informed the Security of this Resolution and transmit you copies of the Account he has delivered into our Committee.

We are and ca.
William Cowper
Thomas Graham
C. Croftes
J. Evelyn.

86

To Jonathon Duncan Esqr.

Preparer of Report of the Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have been duly favoured with your letter of the 12th Instant enclosing Copy of a Petition from Taujuddeen Mahmmed the Zemindar of Idrackpore.

I can give you no other Information regarding the subject of his Complaint, than that his Lands were sold for a Balance of Revenue, but not until every other means had been tried, & every lenity shown him, no less than five Publications having been issued before the sale Actually took place. They were sold to the highest Bidder Sheik Rokunnudden for *Sicca* Rupees 5501 and have since been resold by him to Emamodden Moonshee one thousand Rupees of the purchase Money was appropriated to the discharge of the Balance due to Government and the Residue Remains a Deposit in the Treasury and will be paid Taujudden, whenever he may think proper to make application for it. Howfar Emamuddeen was the cause of the sale by oppressing his *Ryotts*, I cannot pretend to say, but no complaint of such oppressions was made to me, or it should have been attended to.

Dacca, 25 May 1785.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day.
Chief.

87

To William Cowper Esqr.
Acting, President and Committee of Revenue.

Fort William

Gentleman

Agreeably to your Orders contained in your letter under date the 25th November last I have communicated with the Zemindars on the subject of erecting a Granary in this City and am sorry to inform you that they have all declined contributing anything towards the Expence of it, upon the plea of inability. However it should be the pleasure of Government to erect one for the present at their own Expence, I beg leave to recommend a plan by which I think they may reimburse themselves in the course of a few years, and which if carried into execution, will tend greatly to the relief of the Inhabitant by Rendering ineffectual the combinations among the Grain Dealers, so frequently practiced to raise the price of that article.

In the Town of Dacca and its environs there are a number of petty *Gunges* the proprietors of which, exclusive of the outrages they commit in stopping every Merchants Boat and obliging them to sell their Merchandize at whatever price their *conscientious Darogha* is pleased to fix upon it, are ever contriving schemes to the great Grievance of the Inhabitants in general and the poor in particular to raise the price of every necessary article of Life for their own immediate Advantage. To remedy this Evil and to afford the Inhabitants an opportunity of purchasing these Necessaries at a fair and equitable price, as well as to have the city plentifully supplied with them I propose that all these *Guuges* which pay no Revenue to Government/ be abolished and that in their stead there be a Capital one established on the part of the Hon'ble Company, subject to an increasing Rent. This Gunge or Market will be superintended by an Officer of Government, whose Business it will be to regulate the prices of each Article to take care that no Oppression is committed, and that the Merchants carrying Goods there for sale receive the full and just value for them. By these means the Gunge will flourish and in the course of a few years yield a very handsome Revenue to Government, and as it is a plan propos'd for the Benefit of the people in general, the Interest of a few private Individuls may I think, without any impropriety be sacrificed.

Dacca
the 27th May 1785.

I am
Gentlemen
Your & ca.
Signed/M. Day

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta May 31st, 1785

Sir

Reve. Committee, Inclosed we transit you Copy of a petition Which has been presented to us by the *Ghomastah* of the

Zeminder of the 5 *Anna* Division of *Tuppah* Hazeradah; together with our Resolutions upon it, which desire you will carry into execution.

We also enclose a *Perwannah* to the Zeminder, directing his Attendance on you, for the purpose expressed in the resolution.

We are and co.
William Cowper
Thomas Graham
C. Croftes
J. Evelyn.

Copy

Goury Persaud *Gomastah* of the Kellan 5 *Annas* of *Tuppah* Hidgradee.

This is my Employers Zemindarry the increase which was laid on the District in 1188 was never realized, and my Constituent is heavily indebted to the Mahojens; in the Month of *Assar* 1191 B.S. there was a Considerable inundation in the District which made the *Ryotts* desert so that there is no Prospect of realizing the Revenue of the ensuing year, notwithstanding my Constituent has sold all his Effects and borrowed from Mahjens he has never been able from the want of assets to pay up the Balances of Government, I beg therefore you will assess the *Pergunnah* and conclude a *Bundabust* proportionably.

Signed/ D. Dandridge
P and B Tr.

A true Copy
James Spottiswood.
Sub.Secy.

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Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta June 3d. 1785

Sir

Reve. Committee. I am directed by the Committee of Revenue to send you the inclosed copies of two petitions from the *Naib Zemindar of Pergunnah Turroff*, and *Ram Bullub Chowdries* of *Adilpore*, and have to request that you will take the merits of them into consideration with respect to their Request for a *Khod Bundabust*, you will act by them in the Spirit of the Boards Orders, respecting the Settlement, transmitted to You in the Committee's Letter of the 12th may last.

I am Sir & ca.
James Spottiswood
Sub. Secy.

Copy

Petition of Juggunnath, and Anind Ram Naib Zemindar of *Pergunnah Torroff*.

In the beginning of the month of *Bysack* of the Bengal Year 1191, The Zemindars of *pergunnah Turroff* in Dacca *Chucklah* agreeable to the Orders of the *Huzoor* sent us to Calcutta to conclude the Settlement, and on our arrival here we waited on Mr. Evelyn and paid our arrears of Revenue by means of the Banker Jaggernaut, with whose Security also the new Settlement was made with us, and having executed the usual Engagement and received a *Sunnud*, we returned to Dacca; but previous to our arrival there the above Gentlemen had visited it and Rada-kesson a Banker who had followed that business some Years in Our *Pergunnah* and taken undue sums of money to a large amount, on his representation of a Claim for Debt, and by his intrigues with the Collector, obtained the Farm of our *Pergunnah*, and having taken possession of it, resumed all our free Lands,

Nankar, and ca. Collected an assessed Revenue from them, besides which he also forcibly annexed to his Farm our *Zemin darry*, attached to Sylhet District from the above *pergunnah* and his Farm. Our Principals were reduced to extream (sic) distress and in the Month of *Assar* of the above Year, sent Ruttun Bullubh to the Presidency as their Vakeel, who delivered a Petition for Translation when sickness obliged him to return him. They have now sent us to Petition, the Board, that the above *Pergunnah* may be made *Huzzoorer* and having from us received good Security, the Revenue may be settled with them, that being freed from the Oppression of the *Mofusil*, which it is difficult to make known to the Board they may apply themselves to realize the Revenue of government we shall receive much injury from Paying our Revenue in the *Mofusil* you are the Rulers of the Country and administrator of Justice.

A true translation
A true Copy

A true translation
Signed/ J. H. Harington.
James Spottiswood
Sub. Secy.

Copy

Petition of Ram Bullubh, Kishen Bullubh and Nur Singh Ray Chowdries.

Pergunnah Adilpore and ca. in the Dacca District has from Ancient time been our hereditary Zemindarry, and we have always ourselves paid the Revenue of Government "till the Bengal Year 1188, when Manick Ram Bhose took in Farm for 3 Years, in the name of Kasheenath, and made large undue exactions from the *Ryots*, by every oppression and unlicensed exercise of Authority which ruined the Country and caused the *Ryots* to Abscond Last Year, his Lease expiring at the end of 1190, we complained of the farmers Oppressive Conduct and applied for the Settlement, but the adversity of the times prevented our Success and the farmer took a lease of another year, which has compleated

the plunder and Ruin of the Country—This Lease being also now expired, We request that having given good Security for the Revenue we may be favoured with the Management of our Hereditary zemindary, and in the meantime, till the Settlement is formed, we hope for a perwannah giving us encouragement, and removing the Farmer, that we may apply Ourselves to the Cultivation and population of the Country.

A true Copy
James Spottiswood
Sub. Secy.

A true translation
Signed/ J. H. Harington.

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Calcutta, June 9th, 1785.

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca,

Sir

Reve. Committee. The Hon'ble the Governor General and Council having been pleased to annex the whole of Sundeeep to the Chittagong Collectorship, we desire you will direct the Zemindar of the 4 *ans* Division now under you, to attend the Collector, and that you will also furnish that Gentleman with all necessary Papers and Accounts relating thereto in Your *Sheristah*.

We are & cr.
Samual Charters
William Cowper
J. Evelyn
Calcutta June 9, 1785

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Mr. M. Day

Chief of Dacca

Sir

Committee of Reve. I am directed by the Committee of Revenue to transmit you the enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council, to which they request Your strict attention, and that you will make it as public as possible throughout your District.

I am and ca.
James Spottiswood
Sub. Secy.

Extract of the proceedings of the Governor General and Council of Revenue dated the 6th June 1785.

Ordered that no Native in Actual Employ under the Committee of Revenue, or under any Collector, be permitted to bid. or become purchaser at any sale of Lands, made by the Authority of Government.

A true Extract
James Spottiswood
Sub. Secy.

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Calcutta 9th June 1785.

Mr. M. Day

Chief of Dacca.

Sir

Reve. Commee. We have already issued to you, our Orders respecting Jelalpore. We have now to inform You that we have

thought proper to annex the Collections of this District to Your Charge and direct that You conclude a *Mofusil* Settlement with the Talookdars.

We are and ca.
Samual Charters
William Cowper
J. Evelyn.

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Calcutta June 11th 1785

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

Reve. Committee. Enclosed we will receive Extract of our proceedings of this day and a Petition from Mirza Hussain Ally Zemindar of the a. 2. g. 13. c. 1 Division of the *Pergunnah* of Buldakhal, whereby you will perceive that we have assented to his request of paying his Revenue at the Presidency.

We are and ca.
Samual Charters
Thomas Graham
J. Evelyn.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Committee of Revenue under Date the 11th June 1785. Bauldacaal.

The Committee adverting to the Papers entered on their proceedings of the 3rd Instant relative to this District, and to the Opinion they then hold of the Native of the Complaints against Ramjumull the Farmer, furnishing Sufficient Grounds to Authorize their Annulling his lease, and making the settlement with the Zemin-dars and Ramjumull being by the proceedings of the 26th ulto,

deemed for reasons then stated; undeserving the favour of Government.

Agreed the proposals of the Zemindars of Buldacaal entered on the proceedings of the 3rd Instant be accepted; Dulabram the *Mofusel Naib* and Seerymunt the *Sudder Naib* attending on the part of the Widows of Mirza Ali and Mirza Baker Ali, produce their respective *Chariteannamahs* under the Seals of their Constituents.

Being Men of known good Character, and from their long Employment in the Affairs of the Zemindarry, will qualified for conducting the Business of the Collections.

Ordered that they jointly execute the usual engagements on the part of the Widows for the present Year's Revenue, and that they also execute a separate engagement binding themselves to make good any balance by the Sale of their Effects and (. . . illegible) property.

The Committee adverting to the Petition of Mirza Hossain Ali recorded on the proceeding of the 3rd June requesting, that as 13 *Annas* 6 *Gs*, and 3 *Cowries* of the Revenues of Buldacaal are now paid at the *Khalsa*, he may be permitted to pay his proportion of 2-13-1 also at the *Huzzoor*.

Agreed Mirza Hussain Ali's request be complied with and that his proportion of the Revenue lease of Buldacaal be annexed to the *Huzzoorry* Collections and struck out of those of the Dacca Divison

Ordered that Mirza Hussain Ali execute engagements for his proportion of the Zemindarry of Buldacaal.

Reve. Committee
A true Extract
James Spottiswood
Sub. Secy.

Mr. M. Day

Chief of Dacca.

Calcutta 30th June 1785

Sir

Accompanying we transmit you a Petition delivered to us by the Ghomastah of Zeheruddin which we desire you will inquire into and Report the result to us.

We are and ca.
Samual Charters
Thomas Graham
C. Croftes
J. Evelyn.

Copy

Herrinarain Ghomastah of Zeheruddeen and Zumner and ca.
The 5 Annas Division of Russoolpore and ca. and the 4 Annas Division of Cautickpore and Shepabad stands in the Serishtah of the Dacca Zellah in the name of Zehuruddeen; and another equal Division of the same Pergunnah, in the name of Zumner Hossain Hosamuddeen and the remaining 6 and 8 Annas Division of these Pergunnahs are in the name of Emamuddin. The Mofusil Collections are made jointly, and the Malguzarry of their respective Shares according to the Butwara are paid to the said chuckla. Emamuddeen took the whole into his hands and made three Zillahs, he gave two of them in Farm to my constituents, who, being without remedy, farmed in the names of their Ghomastahs, with their own personal Security. He also farmed the Zillah of Cautickpore Myheddinpore Edrackpore and Tuppa Hazirpore the most profitable Mahals, in the name of his Gomastah Ryomuddeen. He never pays my constituents the Sums he is indebted to him, but when he pleases, sometimes withholds payments for a long time and thereby greatly distressing my constituents. He makes a great deal of money by (illegible) of

Deductions and by selling Betelnut at a very high price. He brings about by bribes and dowries for improper marriages amongst people of different casts; and by this Conduct has destroyed the country. Having given Mr. Day due information my constituents made over their 10 *Annas* Division to Petembur Sein, and their 8 *Annas* to Hirduram Hurroee, and farmed it, Mortgaged to Kissonder Surma, with an intention that the Old balances should be liquidated, the Current Revenue Realized, and themselves released from the Oppressions of Emaumuddeen, proper people were accordingly sent into the *Mofusil* to take possessions but they were opposed by Emaumuddeen who wounded several and refused to give possession. We therefore beg that You will Order Mr. Day to Receive the Revenues from the *Ijardars* above mentioned, and not suffer them to be opposed or interrupted in the Business of their District.

Signed/ G. Dandridge. P & B Treasury.

Reve. Committee, A true Copy.

A. Seton.

Acting Secy.

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To Samuel Charters Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue

Gentlemen

Having in conformity to your orders of the 9th ultimo respecting Jelalpore, caused the attendance of all the *Talookdars* for the purpose of engaging with them on a *Talookdary Bunde-bust* for the Current year and likewise to ascertain the exact amount paid up by them during the year 1191 B. S. I have to inform you that those of Jelalpore, Bungralah and Bahadornagur, have engaged on the same *Jumma* as Last year. Those of Mobutpore plead inability in consequence of their late sufferings and solicit a *Hurt* of their Division. I have in consequence attached the *Lands* and shall as far as may be possible ascertain

the *Jeydaad* or the real amount of the *Mofusil* assets and make the settlement agreeably thereto.

The *Talookdars* are now delivering their respective *Wassilaut* for the year 1191 but as it will be necessary (illegible) I can ascertain and report with accuracy upon the point to be ascertained that Ram Rutton Sein who was the acting agent on the part of the *malzamin* in the *mofusil*, with the zamindars *Naibs* Kissen Govind, Kessen Cannt, Nursing, and Ram Manick, should be present. I beg leave to request to you to direct their attendance on me as soon as possible. These people are now in Calcutta and will if not prevented, endeavour to delay their departure all in their power.

Dacca
the 5th July 1785.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day.

96

To Samuel Charters Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen

I have duly received your Secretary's Letter of the 14th Instant, and in obedience to your orders contained therein have now the pleasure to transmit you herewith the *Bundabust* & *Kistbundi* Accounts in English and Persian for the Bengal year 1192.

In making the settlement it has been my study to adhere closely to the orders of the Court of Directors and conformably to the 39 clause of the late Act of Parliament nevertheless it has been impossible to prevent a Deviation therefrom in several Instance; My reason for which and the Particular situation of the Lands or *zemindarrys* in which these alterations have taken place

are stated at large in the Proceedings which I conceive it necessary to keep and which I intend shall be forwarded in a few days.

The calamity of last year and the great distress to which many of the Inhabitants were reduced and which time only and the help of Government can recover made deductions from the former *Jumma* absolutely necessary, but in this I have been particularly attentive that they should not be allowed but where the real Loss had been great and the circumstances of the Parties required it. This must be considered only as Temporary and these deductions will of course be resumed as soon as the Lands are restored to their former state,

Dacca
the 21st July 1785.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day.
Chief

97

Khalsa; 23d July 1785.

Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

To enable me to prepare the *Amlnamas* for the present years Settlement, I request you will immediately send to me English and Persian Lists of that part thereof concluded by you, comprehending the names of the *Mhals* and of the Renters, whether Farmers or Landholders, and the *Jumma*; and in case, all your settlement be not yet concluded, I beg you will transmit me such part as you have made, and the residue with as little delay as possible.

I am and ca. st
John Duncan. 21.
P. R. R. D.

To Samuel Charters Esqr

President and Committee of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 30th June last, enclosing the petition of Hurrarain Gomastah of Zairuddeen, Zumer Hossain, and Hossinuddin, and have now the pleasure to enclose you a Copy of the Proceedings and Decree of the Provincial Council of Dacca on the Division of the Cartickpore and ca. Lands belonging to the Family which having been amicably adjusted amongst themselves rendered at that time an actual Division of the Lands unnecessary. Since the passing of this Decree mutual Disagreements having happened between the Partners they entered into the extraordinary measure of farming each other shares and in consequence of their lenity endeavoured each to distress and molest the Ryotts and Talookdars of their antagonists, who by this means came into their power—a measure which if continued would have totally ruined the *Purgunnahs*: In this Course of last year Zairuddin Zummeruddin and ca. mortgaged their shares to Roy Gopaul Moddun continual disputes took place and in the month of April last Gopaul Kissen is represented to have sent a large Body of Men into the *Purgunnah* of Cartickpore between whom and Emomoudden's people a Battle was fought and many people killed and for which I am informed Gopaul Kissen is now prosecuted in the *Phousdarry Adawlut* at Bauker Gunge.

The Disputes having arisen primarily from no actual survey and Division having been made in the Lands by which each Partners property would have been ascertained, I earnestly recommend that an assistant be appointed to make this Division and to preclude in the meantime all occasion for Disturbance, I have after making the settlement for the Current year, with each of the Partners, meaning thereby, to Convince them that their respective Rights should be taken particular care of, invested the management of the Lands in the hands of Emahmuddin the Eldest branch of the Family until the Division should be made this I was led to do from an idea that greater attention would be paid to the welfare of the Inhabitants by a Person whose Interest is so materially

concerned in the whole, and whilst he knew not on a Division what parts would fall to his share, it was materially for his benefits to manage the whole better than might have been expected by any person appointed by me to collect the Revenues for a few months; and untill the matter for which Gopaul Kissen is now trying was determined it appeared still more improper to vest the Lands in the other partners, who in consequence of having mortgaged them must have immediately delivered over their Authority to the Agents or *Gomastahs* of Gopaul Kissen.

I can therefore only at present submit the property of such conduct to you and request your permission to depute one of my assistants to make a final adjustment, which being made, the petitioners will again be reinstated in their former Rights, and all future cause of quarrel be removed.

Dacca
the 1th August 1785.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

99

To Mr Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Reve. Committee. We have received your Letter of the 11 Instant inclosing Extract from the proceedings of the Provincial Council of Dacca containing their Adjustment of the respective Shares of the Partners of the Lands of Carticpore and ca. and Requesting our permission to depute an Assistant to make a Division of the Land agreeable thereto—

We are well satisfied of the goodness of the principle upon which you propose to render the above Adjustment of the Provincial Council of Dacca effectual but as the Steps you have already taken for the Management of the Zemindarry and to secure the regular Payment of the Revenues preserving as they do the

Respective Rights of the Partners are also well calculated to prevent for the present a Continuation of those Disputes equally prejudicial to the interest of the Parties and the welfare of Districts we think it best to defer entering upon the Business of a Division until the close of the Year where it may if necessary to be carried into Execution without any Risk of prejudice to the Collection which we Apprehend might be impeded by the adoption of such a Measure at this Season.

Calcutta
the 18th August 1785

We are
sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Samual Charters
W. Cowper
Thomas Graham.
J. Evelyn.

100

To Mathew Day Esqr
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

I have received your letter, of the 15th ulto. with the Enclosure.

The Zemiendar of Bykontpore having affirmed that the *Kistbundee* which he was desirous of executing corresponded with that which was Settled by Mr. Shore for the Year 1188 and by Mr. Evelyn in the year 1191 I referred to the Khalash Records and now transmit you a Copy *Kistbundee* which these Gentlemen confirmed and unless the Responsibility of the Zemeendar is doubtful or some other causes exist which I am unacquainted with I cannot see any necessity for compelling him to execute or new *Kistbundee*, to which he so Strongly objects and declares his inability to Comply with it does not Appear either that the

Zemindar is in Arrears of Revenue or has Conducted himself in a Manner any Degree Contrary to the Tenor of his Engagements.

Khalsa

August the 18th 1785.

I am
sir,
Your Obedient
Hon'ble Servant
Samual Charters
P. L. M.

Translation of the *Kistbundee* of *Purgunnah* Bykontpore for 1183, 1189, 1190 & 1191 as registered in the Khalsah.

Months	Kistbundee of 1188 made by Mr. Shore.	Kistbundee of 1189	Kistbundee of 1190	Kistbundee of 1191 B.S. made by Mr. Evelyn.
Bysack	527	527	527	527
Jaite	527	527	527	527
Assar	1083	1083	1000	1083
Saw wun	1598	1598	1355	1598
Bhadoor	3098	3098	3292	3098
Asin	3559	3559	3000	3559
Kattick	8640	3110	3000	3110
Augun	7140	8640	10000	6640
Poose	3110	27110	2500	6110
Maugh	3043	73073	2500	3048
Phaughun	3044	3044	4000	3069
Choite	4860	4860	8528	7860
Total	40229	40229	40229	40229

Signed/

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To The Hon'ble John Macpherson Esqr.
Governor General and ca. and ca.
Fort William.

Hon'ble Sir

My District has of late been terribly infested by Deco-its, so much so, that it has not been but with the greatest risk, that Travellers have been able to pass and redress, Exclusive of this the Revenues are Impeded from the Danger which attends the passage from the Interior parts of the Country to the Sudder or City.

This Bandittee are now grown more desperate and daring than I have ever heretofore known them the presence of an European was formerly sufficient to deter and prevent their suffering any Molestation whatsoever They have however now got the better of the Ideas they originally might entertain of any such respect being due and are now indiscriminate in their attacks, a few days ago an European Mr James Duncan was stopt (sic) on his return to Calcutta from this place, He has luckily escaped with Life but is far from being recovered of the wounds received. Inclosed I have the honor to transmit you a relations of fact as stated by himself, which will convey a more striking Idea of the pitch to which this class of people is arrived—than I might possible be able to represent. The circumstance has created a general alarm throughout the Division and the zemindars Talookdars and ca. and ca. have declared their Inability to support and protect their Different Mofussils — under the present system adopted for the protection of the District. I have thought it my Duty to make you these representation and at the same time to solicit the adoption of such measures, as may in your Judgement appear necessary and effectual for the security of the Revenues and protection of the Inhabitants.

I have the Honour to be with great Respect

Dacca
the 27th August 1785.

Hon'ble Sir
Yours and ca.
-Signed/ M. Day
Chief,

102

To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Enclosed I transmit you the Copy of a Petition presented to me on the part of Bholanaut Bhuttacharège inhabitant of Mitra in your Division Complaining against Hurry Keshen Ghose and Moorledee Gomastah of Rajechunder Roy Chowdry for Molesting him in the Possession of Some Bennooter (Brahmutter ?) Land and exacting a Revenue from his former I beg leave to refer the Complaint to you for enquiry and redress.

Khalsa
the 1st September 1785.

I am
Sir
Yonr most Obedient
Humble Servant
John Duncan.
P. R. R. D.

103

To M. Day Esqr,
Chief of Dacca

Sir,

I request you will prepare, and transmit to me as Soon as possible in English & Persian a List of all the Lands Sold in Your Division for Balance or otherwise by the Authority of Government from the most Remote period to which your Records refer down to the end of the last Bengal Year distinguishing the name of the Mehal that of the former Proprietor the Governments Jumma at the Time of the Sale and the Price at the outcry.

Khalsah
the 2d Sep. 1785.

I am sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant.
John Duncan.
P. R. R. D.

104

To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Reve. Committee. Enclosed we transmit you Copy of a petition from Govind Pershaud Farmer of *Pergunnah* Gopaulpore by which you will perceive that he has not yet been in Possession of the Management of the District in Consequence of the Disputes which prevail Amongst the Choudries in those parts We therefore Direct that you furnish him with such Assistance as you may Judge Necessary for the Purpose of Establishing him in the Farm and enabling him to Carry on the Publick business undisturbed.

Calcutta
the 5th September 1785.

Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Samual Charters
Thomas Graham.

Copy

Govind Pershaud

The Farm of *Pergunnah* Gopaulpoor has been bestowed on me; yet my Officers have never been able to Obtain Charge of the *Mufussil* owing to the Disputes which took Place last year between the *Chowdries* of the 4 *Annas* Division of the *Pergunnah* and which now exist between the latter and the *Chowdries* of Bulluah. I request therefore that a Company of Seapoys may be Sent to Apprehend, the Refractory Zemindars or that some other Measures may be adopted for putting a Stop to their Depredations otherwise I shall beg leave to Relinquish the Farm of the *Pergunnah*.

A true Copy
A. Seaton.
Act. G. Secy.

Signed/ A. Caldecott.
Asst. P. Translator

105

To The Hon'ble John Macpherson Esqr.

Governor General & Council at Fort William,

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs,

I am very sorry to advise you of the Death of *Nobob* Husmut Jung of Dacca. He died on the 1st Instant at Moorshidabad to which place He retired about a month since in the hopes of reaping some benefit from the change of Air.

There now remains of this Family, Seyed Ally Cawn and Mamomed Sied Cawn Brothers to the deceased with their Families. The late *Nobob* Husmut Jung not having left any Issue, I request to be honored your commands Respecting the future payment of the monthly stipend of 6000 Rs. allowed by Government to the late *Nobob*, for the support of himself and Family.

I have the honour to be with Respect
Hon'ble Sir and Sirs,

Your and ca.

Signed/ M. Day Chief

Dacca

the 9th September 1785.

106

To Mr. M. Day

Chief of Dacca

Sir,

Reve. Committee. Having Submitted to the Hon'ble Board a Copy of your letter to us of the 2d of March last respecting the illicit Traffic carried on in children we now transmit you Enclosed an Extract of the Boards letter in Reply to which we request your most particular Attention.

We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Samual Charters

Thomas Graham.

Calcutta

the 15th September 1785

Extract of a letter from the Hon'ble Board to the Committee of Revenue Dated 9th September 1785.

We Approve of the orders issued by you to the chief of Dacca and direct that in future the utmost Diligence be used to prevent the Trade of children being Carried on and altho from the present Abundance of Grain we have no reason to Apprehend the Continuance of it we have nevertheless furnished the President of the Department of Customs with the Directions requested by the Chief of Dacca.

Reve. Committee.

A true Extract
A Seton.
Act. Secy.

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To the Honorable John Macpherson Esqr.
Governor General and ca. Members of the Supreme
Council, General Dept.

Gentlemen

With my letter to your Hon'ble Board of the 15th since last I laid before you one Addressed to me by Major Rawstine Stating the Necessity of Clearing away a spot of Ground at Dacca for the Encampment of his Regiment and Acquainting you that I had Authorised the Erection of temporary building for the preservation of the Arms Stores and ca. and Bungalows for the sargeonts the Accompanying bill is for the Expences thereby incurred which I have Countersigned Being at that time in the Commander of the Army and which I beg leave to recommend to the Board to be passed.

Fort William
the 19th September 1785

I have and ca.
Signed/ Gt. Stibbort

Reve. Department
A true copy
Signed. B. Alpin
Acting Secretary.

Copy

The Hon'ble Company

Contingent Charges to the 27th Regiment on the Command for the following Work, people Daily Labours and Materials in clearing away a thick Jungle of and large Trees leveling the grounds of an Extent Sufficient to the Cantonment of a Compleat Regiment of sepoys with its bazar and Camp Followers Erecting 12 plus of Arms a Quarter and Rear Guard with Bungalow for 2 surgeons and 4 surgeons and Erecting an Hospital for the sick.

Agreeable to instructions from the Commander in Chief paid 367 Coolies which were Employed in the several and all purposes from the 15th May to the 30th June both days Inclusive being 47 Days. @ 2 annas.

Arms	... ..	2156-2-
Paid 57 Beldaro .. for do @ 2 annas	... ..	334-14-
Paid 65 Tabbeldors and Carpentors for do @ 3 Ans...		304-11-
Straw and Matts for the Different Buildings	... ..	321- 5-
Bamboo for Ditto	... ..	470- 0 -
Twine for Ditto	, ,	25- 8-
2 Mattes and 73 Grammes for Ditto		
@ 3 and 2 Annas		434- 0 -

Total S. Rupees 4246- 8
Signed. Edward Rawstine
Major Commanding the
7th Regiment of Sepoy.

Reve. Committee.
A true copy.
Signed. B. Alpin.
Acting Secy
Reve. Committee.
A true copy.
James Spottishwood.

108

To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

The President of the Board of Trade having represented to us the Extreme Difficulty with which the Company's investment is carried on at Dacca from a want of Money advances & the Probability of a failure there in a very alarming Degree being the Consequence we have therefore agreed to grant a bill for Rupees 50,000 upon your Treasury in favour of the Commercial Chief of that Station and direct that with the Single Exception of the Amount on his Bill you consider our Orders of the 19th Instant as in full force and that after Discharging the Amount you Accordingly remit your Balance of Treasury to the Presidency with all possible Expedition.

Calcutta
the 22d September 1785.

We are Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Samual Charters
Thomas Graham.

109

To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

The President of the board of Trade having again represented to us the Necessity of being Supplied with a further Sum of Sixty Rupees, 50,000 to enable him to Carry on the Company's Investment we have Accordingly granted him a bill on your Treasury for that Amount in favor of the Commercial Chief of your Station which we direct you will Discharge in the same manner as that ordered in the 22d Instant.

Calcutta
the 26th September 1785.

We are
Sir.
Your most Obedient Servants
Samual Charters
Thomas Graham.

To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Preparer of the Reports of the Revenue Department,

Sir

I was duly favoured with your Letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing a Petition from Mirza Jaun Zemindar of Duckinsavagepore. What Mirza Jaun motive could be for objecting to have the *Wassalut* account of Golaum Ally his security, adjusted by me, I really cannot pretend to say, but I flatter myself that on perusing the accompanying papers you will agree with me that his fears/if he had any /of my doing him injustice have been entirely groundless.

By the account No. 1 which is drawn out agreeably to the report of the *Aumeen* deputed by me on the Zemindar's *Durkaast*, you will perceive that the total sum asserted by the zemindars to have been collected from his zemindarry, including the *Talook* Abu Robewollah, during the sezawally & *Malzamin* of Golaum Ally is Rs. 62504-7-4 and that sum credited by the different *sigdars* during the same Period is Rs. 52403-2-2 so that it appears a difference in the two accounts of Rs. 10101-7-1-2 for which the zemindar, now demands credit to be given him, but of this difference, it appears from papers found in the zemindar's own possession, that he himself collected, and expended as per Particulars specified in Account No. 2 Rs. 4420-12-15-1 and that he was omitted to give the *sigdar* Credit for a further sum of Rs. 1998 paid by him on account of his the zemindars Debts. These two sums therefore being credited from the total difference reduces to Rs. 3682-10 6-1. The particulars of which are mentioned in the general Account No. 1. and as it appears to me that the whole or greater part of this last sum has been expended to facilitate the collections, such as pay to peons and other unavoidable charges, which are usually carried to the Debt of the zemindarry, I do not think that the *sigdar* or *Malzamin* is in strict justice answerable for them, and have therefore not credited the zemindar for the amount, but from the enclosed Accounts of the different *sigdar*, there appears a balance of Rs. 900-7-3 due to him which is to be deducted from the amount of my Decree and the remainder I have not a doubt but you will find to be justly due to the *malzamin*, &

I must here observe that of the Rs. 900-7-3 above mentioned, the Balance of Colly Senker *Siqdar* account amounting to Rs. 623-9 has been remitted since, I passed the Decrees, consequently there is an Error in my Judgement of about 270 Rs. only, which considering that I had not at the time the necessary Papers before me is a mere trifle and could not well be avoided.

Dacca
the 28th September 1785.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day.
Chief.

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To Mathew Day Esqr
Dacca.

We have been honoured by the Receipt of your Letter of the 26th August last informing us of your having received our Letter of the Resolution which passed at the Meeting of the Buterh Inhabitants of Calcutta and which you have been pleased to assure us meet with your hearty Approbation. We beg leave to express the Sincere pleasure which your Sentiments Afford us For your satisfaction and that of the Gentlemen at your Station we think it necessary to Acquaint you that we have Received Similar assurances of an unanimous Concurrence from the Other Subordinate Station both Civil and Military and Likewise from the Presidency of Madrass the Grand Jury of that City having followed the Example of Calcutta in Requesting their Sheriff to convene a Meeting of the British Inhabitants for the same Constitutional purposes as had influenced our of the 25th of July last.

Petition to the King and the two Houses of Parliament having in Conformity to the 8th Resolutions of the Inhabitants of Calcutta been prepared by this Committee they were on the 8th ultimo Read to a numerous and Respectable Assembly and unanimously Approved of they now lie for Signature at the Hermonic Town in

Calcutta at the Same time in Conformity to another Resolution a Book was opened for Subscriptions in which very liberal donation have already been Subscribed.—Agreeable to our intentions which we had the Honour to Communicate to you in our Letter of the 25th of July laid two letters of the Petition will be forwarded under cover to your address by Mr. Callinson at Baulleah—all which we Request you will submit for the Perusal and Signature of the Gentlemen at your Station in the Manner which you may deem most Eligible and afterwards Transmitt them to *Khalsa* Leeke Esqr, Tipperah, or his Assistant.

As it is our Opinion a Matter of importance that the Petitions should not be made public before they are presented we beg leave to Speak your Caution to Prevent Copies or Extract of them from being taken.

Whatever Sums of Money the Gentlemen at your Stations may be pleased to Contribute towards the defraying the Expences which must unavoidably attend the Prosecution of this Business we Request you will take the Trouble of Collecting and Remitting as early as convenient to T. H. Davis Esqr. at Calcutta who is appointed by this Committee to Receive the Same.

We should be Obliged to you to Expediate the Petition it being our Inhabitants to Transmit them to England with the Original Signature at as Early a period as possible.

We have the Honor to be Sir
Your Most Obedient H^{ble} Servants

Calcutta

October the 3d, 1785

E. Purling

J. Evelyn.

John Duncan

William Scott.

P. Dutt.

Henry Vansitart

John Bnsteric

Peter Murson.

112

To Samuel Charters Esqr.

President and Committee of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen.

I am sorry to inform you with the Death of Imaumo'deen zemindar of Russelpore and Cartickpore and to whose charge the management of these lands were committed at the late settlement for the Current year. He has left a widow, one Daughter, 10 years old, and 3 sons—The Eldest 22 years of age, the second 16 and the third 4.

To prevent as far as possible any Deficiency in the Revenues of these Lands on the present settlement from this accident I have directed the Eldest son of the deceased jointly with the Naibs of his Father to continue the management of the lands and procured in realizing the *Mofusil Kist* agreeably to the *Kisthundeas* settled by the Deceased with his under Tenants and on no account to make the least innovation therein. The Revenues are paid in full, to the end of *Bhadun*. The Balance to complete to year will I have no doubt be regularly paid agreeably to the *Kisthundee*.

I have likewise to advise you with the Death of Sonawollah, One of the Partners in Jelaulpore. He has left a widow and two Daughters to the latter prior to his Death. He bequeathed by will his share of the zemindarry, being 3 Annah 7 Gundah Proportion, Decreed to him by the Governor and Council in 1780.

This share with the rest of Jelaulpore is under a *Talookdarry Bundabust*. The Demise of the Principal cannot in any Respect interfere with the Collections for the Current Year.

Dacca .

the 25th October 1785.

I am and ca.

Signed/ M. Day

Chief

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To Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

Inclosed we transmit you copies of a Report and Account of Remittance from Sylhet to Dacca from the year 1784 delivered to us by the Accomptant General and deisre you will immediately Cause the *Cowries* to be Sold and the Amount Brought to Credit as desired by the Accomptant.

Calcutta
the 17th November 1785

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
William Cowper
Thomas Graham.

Copy

To Samuel Charters Esqr.
President & Members of the Committee of Revenue.

Gentlemen

There Appearing a Considerable Balance due from the Dacca Chiefship amount remittances of *Cowries* from Sylhet I beg leave to lay before you an Account shewing the Amount due to the end of September 1785 and to Request you will issue the Necessary Orders to the Chief of Dacca to dispose of the *Cowries* thus Received into his Treasury and to bring the produce of the Sale to Credit of General Books of the Revenue Department.

Fort william
31st October 1785

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient H. Servants
Signed/ Richard Johnson.
James Spottiswood,
Revenue Committee.
A true Copy.

114

My dear Sir

I hope you will pardon the liberty I take in Sending you the enclosed which is from a Zemindar belonging to the 12as. 2.g. 2.c. share he has been tormenting me almost ever since my Arrival but Never could prevail as I was afraid of Offending you but this Morning Accompanied the Chit with a bag which Seems to Contain a good Sum I could not withstand the temptation and if I have been guilty of an impropriety I hope you will excuse me, I will be exceedingly Obligated to you to send an Answer by the Return of Dauk to the enclosed as I have partly promised the man you will perhaps make Something by it. Pray Don't Send it to the Committee for fear of my being guilty of an impropriety and by that means get myself into a disagreeable Search.

Bullooah
19 November 1785

I am Dear Sir
Your very Obediently
William Crowswell.

115

To Samuel Charters Esqr.
- President and Committee of Revenue.
Fort william.

Gentlemen

I was duly favoured with your letter and Enclosures of the 7th Instant.

There being no clear spot of sufficient extent to encamp a Regiment upon in the vicinity of the city, but such as during the Rainy season is entirely Overflowed, the Expence incurred by Major Rawsterne in erecting Banglows and levelling the ground and ca. for the accommodation of his Regiment was I conceive indispensibly necessary, and from the very great labour with which it was attended and the number of Buildings necessarily erected. I should presume that the amount charged by him does not exceed the actual cost.

Dacca
the 22nd November 1785.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

116

To John Wilton Esq.

Commissary at Chandunagore.

Sir

Accompanying I beg leave to send for your perusal, Copies of several Letters which have passed between Mr. Champigny and me on different subjects—I should not have troubled you with those regarding the Prostitute, had not the great stress which Mr. Champigny in his last letter, says in that transaction, which might led you to emagine that I had suffered or conceived at an oppression committed by my servant rendered it as I Conceive absolutely necessary.

As you will be able to learn from the Correspondence the cause of the dispute regarding Serampore, it is unnecessary for me to say anything further on the subject, than to observe that what I have mentioned to him in my letter of the 18th is agreeable to the information given me by the zemindar Mirza Jaun in whose zemidarry the land is situated and from whose Ancestors the French obtained the *Pottahs* for it I have again examined him regarding the claim in question and to enable you finally to adjust it with Mr. Dangerdux, herewith send you a Copy of the Examination, and as Mr. Champigny in his letter says that the original grant is among the records at Chandernagore, you will be able to see from that whether and what Revenue the French engaged to pay the zemindar first.

It is evident that the Intention of the French in taking this Land was for the purpose of Trade and not to receive Revenue from it, and as there is still sufficient Ground to answer every purpose of their Trade, they cannot I Conceive have any claim to the *Bazar*, particularly as it was erected by the zemindar, at a very great Expence, after the French had quitted the Place. I must beg your most particular attention to this claim made by the French, not only because the zemindar will be a great sufferer by its being given upto them, but that the French having any interference in the Revenues will be the cause of constant disputes between their agent and the Peons charged

with the collections, Customs and the Administration of Justice on the part of the English Government.

With regard to the Complaint made against Durprarrain Roy, I must beg leave to refer you to his Declaration made upon Oath, which goes enclosed—accompanying with a Translate.

I must depend upon you Sir, to represent in proper terms to Mr. Dangerdux the very great Indelicacy of the slite of Mr. Champigny's last letter to Me, in which he not only ascribes everything I have said or done to bad motives, but has actually accused me of exercising my Influence to obtain false Evidence.

Dacca
the 25 November 1785.

I am
Sir,
Your & ca:
Signed/ M. Day, Chief

117

To Samuel Charters Esqr.
President and Committee of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen

I am, duly favoured with Letter and enclosers of the 17th Ultimo. The *Chucklah* of Sylhet was separated from Dacca in the year 1781 and the Hon'ble Mr. Lindsay appointed Collector independent of this Chiefship, since which period no Remittances of *Cowries* or Ready Money Account the Revenue have been made from Sylhet to the Dacca Treasury.

The Amount of *Cowries* remitted prior to this period amounting to Rupees 64,350-12-10 remains due from the Estate of Roopchund Bazanchy, the rest of the Balance the Hon'ble Mr. Lindsay is accountable for. Inclosed is an abstract of the account particulars of the above Balance, as it is stated in the Records Division.

The sum due from the Estate of Roopchund is not reasonable by any other means than enforcing payment of the sums due his Estate from many of the zemindars in this Division—the sum claimed by the Heirs amounts to Rs. 400000—156389-6-11 of which has been long since decreed to him on the adjustment made in the time of the Provincial Council, none of which has been as yet realized. The Family is in great Distress and have it not in their power to Liquidate the Demand due to Government, unless some measures are adopted for the recovery of the sum due from the Different zemindars of which the enclosed is an account particulars of the sums already Decreed.

Dacca
the 23rd December 1785.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

118

To Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

In Consequence of a Petition from the *Vakeels* of the zamindars of Alopsing and Momensing representing that Majnoo Shaw and the *senassies* have Received their depredations in those *Purgunnahs* We direct that you immediately detach thither a sufficient Military Force to Check the Progress of Majnoo Shaw and prevent the Country from suffering further from Ravages of him or his adherents.

For your further information we transmit you enclosed a Copy of the Duplicate of the Petition which has given Rise to their directions.

Calcutta
5th January 1786.

We are Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
William Cowper
Thomas Graham.

Copy

Wakeels of the Zaminders of *Purgunnah* Alapsing and Momen-singh.

In Consequence of the Repeated Incursions of the *Senassèis* and Mujnool Shaw into our Constituent Zemindaries Messers Hatch and Lodge were successively stationed at Bygunbaree with 200 Sepoys to protect the Country and to adjust some unsettled Claims of the Mahajuns upon our Constituents both of which Objects after they laid affected they returned to their stations leaving the Sepoys for the protections of the *Mufusil*—But as in consequence of the Orders of the *Huzzoor* the Sepoys have this year been recalled the *Senassèis* and Mujnool Shaw have renewed their depredation and Carried off large sums of Public Revenues. We therefore request that Mr. Day may be directed to station 100 Sepoys in Our Constituents *Purgunnah* to Repell the Incursion and to afford Confidence and Protection to the *Ryotts* in the Cultivation of their Lands and the Payment of their Rents (sic).

Signed/ A. Caldecott.
Asstt. Persian Translator
Revenue Committee
A true Copy
A Seton
Acting Secretary,

119

To Captain Sir Patrick Balfour
Commanding the 4th Regiment of Sepoys, Dacca.

Sir

The Committee of Revenue having directed me to detach a Military Force to Bygun-Barry for the purpose of protecting the *Purgunnahs* of Momunsing Aloffsing and Jaffershye from the

Depredation of the *Senassies* and a man named Mudjenoo Shaw, who are now represented as being in the above *purgunnahs* plundering them of public Revenue.

I have in consequence to request you will be pleased to direct a Company under the Command of an European Officer to proceed with all possible Despatch and there to afford every assistance to the zemindars, Renters *Ryotts* in the cultivation of the Lands and in the payment of their Rents to Government, and prevent the Country from suffering further from the Ravages of Mudjenoo and his Adherents.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your & ca.

M. Day, Chief.

Dacca

the 10 January 1786

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To Captain Sir Patrick Balfour
Commanding 4th Regiment of Sepoys.

Sir

Inclosed I have the pleasure of sending you *Parwannahs* to the zemindars of Momunsing and Allepsing directing them to afford every Assistance to Lieutenant Field and his Detachment in their power.

I likewise send a person belonging to the zemindars as a Guide to the Detachment.

I have the Pleasure to be

& ca.

Signed/ M. Day, Chief

Dacca

the 11th January 1786.

121

To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

I am directed by the Hon'ble the Governor General to inform you that if at any time you should find it necessary to quit your station it is his pleasure you should in future Address the President or Acting President of the 'Committee for Permission to do so and that all Application for leave to Resign the service are to be made thro' the Channel of the Committee.

Khalsa
the 15 January 1786

I am Sir,
Your Most Obedient servant
Sd/ William Cowper
Illegible.

122

To Samuel Charters Esqr.
President & Committee of Revenue Fort William.

Gentlemen

I beg leave to enclose you a Copy of a Letter I have just received from Mr. Croftes Chief at Chittagong and to inform you that I have in consequence issued the necessary Directions for a reinforcement of one Battalion from the Regiment at his station to be in readiness to move at a moments warning.

From the Tenor of Mr. Croftes Address as I deemed as compliance on my part a Duty incumbent not knowing the ill consequence that might attend any delay in giving that timely & expeditious assistance to Major to Ellerker's Detachment, that may possibly be necessary. I flatter myself, the measure will meet with your approbation.

Dacca
the 20th January 1786.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day

123

To Charles Croftes Esqr.
Chief at Chittagong.

Sir

I am just favoured with your letter of the 16th and shall give the necessary directions for the Detachment from the 4th Regiment to be in readiness to move at a moments notice. I shall likewise take Care that a sufficient number of Boats are in readiness for transporting it—on your notifying the necessity of its departure from hence to join Major Ellerker.

Dacca
the 20th January 1786.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day, Chief.

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To Captain Sir Patrick Belfour
Commanding the 4th Regiment of Sepoys at Dacca.

Sir

By a letter just Received from the Chief of Chittagong, It appears the Arracanese have threatened an Invasion of that District and in fact have already commenced hostilities on the Frontier of the Hon'ble Companys Territories that in consequence Major Ellerker is on the Eve of his Departure with his Regiment. But the uncertainty of this Detachment being sufficient to repel and prevent any encroachment of the Arracanese, Mr. Croftes has deemed it necessary to make his application for a Reinforcement from the Regiment at this station to be in Readiness to move at a moments warning—I have in consequence to request you to give the necessary orders for a Battalion from your Regiment to be ready for this service—and as it will be necessary in the Event of this Assistance to Major Ellerker being requisite that it should be afforded him with all Despatch possible. The Detachment must

proceed by water—I have likewise to request you to inform me what the same number of boats will be necessary ; what may be preferred and kept ready.

Dacca
the 20th—January 1786.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day, Chief.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Having Received Advice from the Acting Collection (Collector ?) of Rungpore that a body of *Senassies* has entered that Province we think it Necessary to inform you of it to put you on your Guard in case they should proceed towards your Districts.

Calcutta
the 26th January 1786.

We are
sir
Your Most Obedient servant
William Cowper
Thomas Graham,

126

To Mr. Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

In your *Toujie* Account for *Aughun* you Assign the Article in the *Zemindars Cabooleats* by which they engaged to execute Interest Bonds for the Amount of whatever Balance they might owe at the end of the Year as the cause of the Extraordinary Balance

of your *Toujie* as this is Evidently a more subterfuge in the zemindars we are greatly surprised that you should admit it as a plea for their beholding their Province or that you should even suffer such an excuse to be urged to you We must therefore positively direct that you immediately take decisive measures for enforcing payment of the Revenue from all zemindars and Other Renters in your district Without admitting any plea or excuse Whatsoever.

Calcutta
the 26th January 1786.

We are Sir
Your Most Obedient servant
William Cowper
Thomas Graham.

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To Samuel Charters Esqr.
President & Committee of Revenue Fort William.

Gentlemen

Mr. Thompson the Assistant when I deputed to Jugdia in consequence of your letter of the 19th ultimo having returned and delivered to me his report I have to inform you that the French Nations occupied for their last Factory, the whole of which with the rest of the villages in which it was situated it appears was carried away by the River about three years ago. It also appears that this land was not (. . . Illegible) property of the French, but only rented upon a *Talookdarry Pattah* and for which they paid to the zemindars an annual Revenue of of Rupees 99-5-16.

Dacca
the 28th January 1786.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day

128

To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Preparer of Reports of the Revenue Department.

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 20th Instant enclosing a petition from Abul Khair claiming his right to Rekubibazar. I sometime ago made an enquiry into the subject of his grievances which being well founded as far as related to the *Bazar* in question I granted him a *negabund* for the protection of his *Riotts* and ca. It appeared that Abul Kheir wished and indeed has established addition to his *Bazar* or *Haut*, by which a *Jummie Haut* belonging to Meer Hossin was totally destroyed. I therefore directed, that no *haut* should be allowed but that the Merchants and ca. should be at liberty to go as heretofore to *Rekabi Bazar* or Meer Hossain's *Haut* and published the same in the *Mofusil* by beat of *Tom. Tom.*

Dacca
the 2nd February 1786

I am and ca.
Signed/M. Day
Chief.

129

To M. Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

The Committee of Revenue having Referred to me for Enquiry the Petition of which I now Enclose a Copy I beg leave to Request of you to Afford me such Information on the subject of it as your Records may continue and am.

Khalsa
the 6th February 1786

Sir
Your Most Obedient Humble servant
John. Duncan
P. R. R. D.

Copy

Vakeel of Shack Abdul Khan *Chowdry* of 'Es'oo'fpoore.

Tuppah Esoofpoor my constituents Zemindarry situated in the Dacca District pays its Revenue at the *Khalsa* tho' no *Russud* has been assessed on the *Talookdars* who pay their Rents Agreeable to the Hustabood, since the Accession of my constituent to the Zamindarry which Took place about 18 years ago yet Mahomed Sayheed a *Tallokdar* complained to the Chief of Dacca that an increase had been collected from him and collusively obtained the sum of 1975 Rupees to be Refunded to him by my *Gomashtah* notwithstanding it had been collected from him Eighteen Years Necessity.

Encouraged by his Example and success, Wauka Reza Chaudram, and other *Talookdars* having refused to pay the Amount of their Respective Assessment I procured a *Dustuck* against them but they found means to prevent the Peons screwing it upon them.

I therefore request that another *Dustuck* May be issued to summon them to Calcutta for the purpose of Enquiring into their Complaint and for obliging them to pay up the Balance which may on a fair and partial Adjustment appear to be due from them. I likewise hope the Committee will write to Mr. Day to Assist the Peons in scoring the *Dustick* and to Enforce the Obedience of the *Talookdars* to their content of it.

Sd/ A Caldecott
Acting Assistant
Persian Translator.
Revenue committee
A true copy
Sd/ James Spottiswood.
Sub. Secretary.

130

To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

I have this day drawn on you for the *Foujdary* Establishment of Backer Gunge for the Month of December 1785 and January '86 and Request you will be pleased to pay their Amount being Sicce Rupees One thousand and Eight Hundred and Seventy to the Bearer Bullram Ghosal to whom I have delivered the bills in Duplicate Agreeable to the usual form.

I am

Sir,

Backer Gunge
the 15th February 1786.

Your Most obedient Humble servant
Signed/ C. Keating
Magistrate.

131

To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

We have obsered that the Balance in your *Toujie* Account for *Poose* is stated to be 189933.5.15 and that you Refer us to what you urged in your *Toujie* Account for *Aughun* in Explanation of the granted part to this Balance From which We Conclude you could not then received our letter of the 26th Ultimo.

We doubt not however it has since Reached you & trust that in Consequence of the direction there is contained you have adopted the Necessary Measures for realizing the Amount due.

We are Sir

Calcutta
the 23rd February 1786.

Your Most Obedient servant
William Cowper
Thomas Graham
John Mackenzie.

132

To Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

We think it necessary to acquaint you that the Hon'ble Governor General and Council of Revenue have been pleased to Appoint Mr. William Cowper President of this Committee and that Mr. John Mackenzie has succeeded to a full Seat and Voice in consequence of the Resignation of Mr. Charters We have further to Acquaint you that the Hon'ble Board have also Appointed Mr. Richard Johnson a Member of our Committee :

Calcutta
the 27th February 1786.

We are Sir
Your Most Obedient servant
William Cowper
Thomas Graham
John Mackenzie
William Johnson.

133

To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
Preparer of Reports of the Revenue Department.

Sir,

I am favoured with your Letter of the 18th Ultimo upon enquiry and examination of the Records of this District I find that the name of Oody narrain still continues in the *Sereshter*, as the zemindar of *Purgunnah* Chunderdeep that upon his Death, the charge of the zemindarry was given to his eldest son Luckynarrain and upon the Death of this last Person which happened in the year 1780. My Predecessor Mr. Holland gave charge of the *Purgunnah* jointly to the widow of Sheevnarain and his young (. . . Illegible .) son, under the name of Doorga Koernarrain as you will an (. . . Illegible) perceive by the enclosed Copy of his

sunnud. Tho' Oodcynarrain has been dead upwards of 30 years alteration has been made in the *Sereshter*, nor have the present Possessors any other *sunnud* granted by Mr. Holland.

Dacca
the 3rd March 1786.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day.

134

To William Cowper Esqr.
President & Committee of Revenue Fort William.

Gentlemen,

Having adopted every possible means for the recovery of Balances due from many of the Zemindars under my Superintendence without effect I have been necessitated as my only alternative to publish their Lands for sale the enclosed list particularizes the lands with the names of the proprietors the Amount due from each and the Number of *Kists* they are in arrears.

At the settlement every proprietors of Land engaged that on his failing in two *Kist* proportionate quantity of his Territory should be sold for the recovery of his Balance, and as they have not any just pleas to advance for the Deficiency, their separate *Jummahs* being no more than the Lands are capable of yielding without the least oppression to their *Riotts*, I have to hope the measure I have adopted for the recovery of the Amount due will meet your sanction and approbation. The publication issued for the sale is limited to the 15 *Choit* at which period such zemindar as may not have paid up their Arrears a proportionable quantity of their Lands will be sold to the best bidder in liquidation of the Amount due to Government.

Dacca
the 8 March 1786.

I am & ca.
Signed/M. Day Chief.

To M. Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

I am directed by the President and Committee of Revenue to transmit you the enclosed Copy of an Extract from a letter from the Secretary to the Hon'ble Board for Your information and guidance.

Calcutta
13 March 1786

I am sir
Your Obedient Humble Servant
James Scott
Secretary,

Extract of a Letter from the Secretary to the Hon'ble Board dated 10th March 1786.

I am likewise to inform you that the Board have made it a General Regulation that Every Chief or Collector of Revenue whose Collection shall fall in arrears be immediately called upon by you for a state of his detail Collections up to the latest period with his Reasons for any Arrears that may Exist there in where upon if the Reasons to Assigned shall not Appear to you fully satisfactory you are directed and Required without any previous Communication with the Board to recall such chief or collector to the Presidency taking at the same time Necessary precautions for securing the Revenue and on the Arrival of the Party at the Presidency You are to Report the case at large to the Board and wait their Orders.

Revenue Committee
A true Extract
James Spottiswood
Sub Secretary.

136

To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Preparer of Reports of the Revenue Department.
Fort William.

Sir,

I have now the pleasure to enclose you the papers of the *hustabood* of the Division of $1\frac{1}{2}$ Annas of Shaistenagur the Gross collections of the *Mofussil* appear to be 3808-15-2-2 which allowing for the exchange to bring them to *Siccas* will yield about 3000 from which charges zemindarry *Mofusil* charges, & *Maulzaminnie Russud*, with Zemindars *Moysarah* will reduce the Amount to about 2000 the *Sudder Jummah* is 1462 the balance being 538 Gocul Chartterjea has a pospect of receiving this sum yearly in liquidation of his demand allowing no deficiency to exist in the Annual collections.

In reply to your letter of the 1st of March enclosing the petition from Gocool Chatterjea I have to observe my sole reason for *Burkhust* the *sezawel* was on Account of his not having made any remittances to *Sudder* for five Months & to secure the collections, I had no other alternative than comitting the Division in question to the *Malzamin* for ther shares. The amount said to have been paid to Manick Bose by the *Sezawell* is totally without foundation a *Waslout* has been presented against the *Sezawell* by the partners of this share and the sum of 1300 Rs. laid to his charges. I have called on him for his answer as soon as obtained the necessary Measures shall be adopted to oblige him to Refund any sum which shall appear against him.

Dacca
the 22d March 1786.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day.
Chief.

To William Cowper Esqr.

President & Committee of Revenue, Fort Willam.

Gentlemen,

I am duly favoured with your letter of the 16th Instant enclosing Purwannahs on the difference zemindars & Tolookdars now in Arrears.

In obedience to your commands I have this day issued the same with positive assurances that your orders will be in default of disobedience carried immediately into Execution. I hope their intended effect may be produced at the same time I consider it my duty to advise you from the very thorough knowledge I have of the Dacca Renters, the doubts I have of these Orders proving effectual the zemindars have already made good their own *Mofussil* collections but withhold their dues to Government in the hope that Balances will be carried on & the time for the payment of them extended to the next year attaching their Land is a maxim they have frequently experienced and as long as they suffer no further punishment the same indifference will exist in them respecting their payment no lenity during my intercourse with them, but an absolute sale has ever yet produced the full discharge of a Balance the sale of a very small proportion of any one Persons Lands as convinced the rest of their folly and produced an immediate payment of their Balance.

This being the case I have to submit to your determination how far you may be pleased to Authorize my adopting this Measure, should the present Order prove ineffectual.

I am & ca.

Signed/ M. Day Chief.

Dacca

the 23d March 1786.

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To W. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

We have received your letter of the 23rd Instant.

From the observation you have entered into on the subjects of selling the zaminder's Lands as the only effectual mode for the recovery of the Balances due from them We apprehend that you have not clearly understood our orders in our letter of the 16th March which were Expressly to Attach their property in case they did not pay up their Balances in five Days. By property We meant their personal private property, Houses, goods & ca. and which we consider as a much more effectual Course than the sale of Lands which in our opinion belong to Government.

Calcutta
the 30th March 1786.

We are
sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed. William Cowper
Thomas, Graham
John Mackenjie.
R. Johnson.

139

To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Rev. Committee. Accompanying we transmit you a Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Secret Department of Inspection, and desire you will inquire and report to us what quantity

of waste Ground in your District can be appropriated to the Service
Ordered by the Board.

We are
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed. William Cowper
Thomas Graham
John mackenzie.
R. Johnson. —

Calcutta 3rd April '86.

William Cowper Esqr.
President & ca. & Committee of Revenue.

Gentleman,

The Hon'ble the Governor General and Council having thought proper to Resolve on disbanding the two independent Regiment at Ramgur, and Chittagong, and on Reducing nine *Jamadars* from each Regiment of Sepoys they have further agreed that the native Commissioned and non-Commissioned Officers reduced by these Resolutions shall have waste Lands allotted to them in such proportions as were allowed in the Bauggulpore District to Invalid Officers Vizt.

To a <i>Saubahdar</i>	....	200 Begas
<i>Jamadar</i>	....	100
<i>Havildar</i>	....	60
<i>Naick</i>	....	50

The Lands are not to be resumed on the Death of the Commissioned or non-Commissioned Officer but it is to be left to the option of his Family to receive a perpetual Grant of them at a moderate fixed Rent to be determined by the Collector,

The following is the number of native Commissioned and non-Commissioned Officers for whom waste Lands are to be provided.

Chittagong Regiment

10 *Soubahdars*

20 *Jemadars*

40 *Havildars*

40 *Naicks*

Ramgur Regiment

10 *Soubahdars*

20 *Jemadars*

40 *Havildars*

40 *Naicks*

Besides 270 *Jemadsars* reduced from the Regiments of Sepoys.

It is the Board's pleasure that you report to them where waste Lands can be most conveniently Allotted to these several descriptions of native Officers with respect to those of the Ramgur and Chittagong Regiment Waste Lands are to be granted to them as near as possible to the stations to which they have been respectively attached.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen

Your Most Obédient Humble servant

Signed/ E. Hay

Secretary

Revenue Committee

A true Copy

Signed/James Spottiswood

Secretary.

140

To Mr. M. Day

Chief of Dacca.

Sir

Rev. Committee I am directed by the President and Members of the Committee of Revenue to transmit you the accompanying Extract of a Letter from the Hon'ble Board, for Enquiry and Report

Calcutta
the 11th April 1786.

I am Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed/ James Spottishwood
Secretary

Extract of a Letter from the Secretary to the General
Department under date the 3rd April 1786.

It having been represented that a practice has gradually cropt in amongst the Banyans and other natives of dressing their servants in, or merely in the same uniform as the Companys Sepoys and that they become in this dress the Terror of the Common people, and often Commit most Oppressive Acts for which the companys Sepoys bear the Odium—The Hon'ble Board desire that circular letters be issued throughout the country to prevent this practice.

I am further to communicate to you that it is the wish of the Hon'ble Board to obtain a Correct list of all the Europeans throughout these Provinces, their place of abode, occupation; and time they have resided in India which they desire you will cause to be prepared as expeditiously as possible, the Superintendants of Police have been directed to prepare a List of those residing in and about Calcutta.

Revenue Committee
A true Extract
Signed/ James Spottiswood
Secretary.

141

To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Preparer of Reports of the Revenue Department Fort William.

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 4th Instant. It is ever been usual in the sales of Zemindarry & Chowdry for the purchaser to take possession of all *Khannahburryi Neez Talooks*, possessed by the Original Incumbent, where Sales of proportions have been only made a proportionate part of the *Neez Talooks* & *Khannahburrys*, are considered the property of the purchaser, but to prevent the confusion that would attend any Division in *Khannahbarries* the zemindar or proprietor in general makes the purchaser an allowance from the *Malguzarry* Lands Remaining of the share in his possession.

Dacca

the 11th April 1786.

I am, & ca.

Signed/ M. Day.
Chief.

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To William Cowper Esqr.

President & Committee of Revenue Fort William.

Gentlemen

The Preparer of Reports having under Date the 23d March transmitted me your final Determination on the Appeal of Mirza Jawn against his *Malzamiu* Golaum Ally for 1191 B. S. whereby the Nett Balance declared due is Rupees 23,677-10-3. He has advised me that it is your Order that payment of the said Amount shall be enforced and that Sum to call on the zemindar for a Security for the liquidation thereof by Reasonable Instalments and in the Event of his inability or unwillingness to give Security His rent free Lands if He possesses any, are to be appropriated to the Discharge of the Debt and should this mode prove ineffectual to make

by Application to you for further Instructions, without which no Sale of any part of the zemindarry is to be made.

In Obedience with this Order I have called on the zemindar for a Security, which he declares himself unable to give the Amount of his *Lackorage* Lands and *Khannabarry* is about 2000 exclusive of this there is nothing else to liquidate the Demand against him, I have therefore to Request your further Orders Respecting the mode you may be pleased to Authorize for the Recovery of the Debt due the *Malzamin*.

I beg leave to observe that Mirza Jaun is in Balance for the last year 1192 the Sum of 8163-12-18 after giving him Credit for his *Kil'ary* Rent. To Secure this I have attached what private property was to be found and which will not prove Sufficient to liquidate the Balance. As from the Estimate (. . . Illegible) the Effects seized they will not yield above 1000. The Jewels and other Valuables He is said to have possessed to the Amount of 12 or 14000 Rs. is already in mortgage to different Merchants in the city, I beg to be Honored with your Commands Respecting the Measure to be adopted for the Recovery of the Balance.

Dacca.

14th April 1786

I am and ca.

Signed/ M. Day

Chief.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Rev. Committee.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 26th Acknowledging ultimo covering your *Toujee* Account for Tojee for *Faugun*, and confess ourselves surprised at your Phaungon and having omitted to accompany the very considerable Balance (Rs.181345-12-182) of that account by a satisfactory Explanation of its nature and further ex-

planation of
Balances.

causes, as also of the measures adopted by you for its Recovery ; especially as you cannot but be aware that the strictness of the present Regulation relative to Balances, Obliges us to hold you responsible for the Amount of such as you do not account for in the Explanation that should ever accompany your Toujee Account.

We direct that you immediately furnish as with a full and clear Report upon the Balance that may still remain unliquidated, and that you exert yourself in endeavouring to effect the Realization thereof, we should be sorry to see ourselves reduced to the disagreeable necessity of deputing person from hence to make the *wassilaut* of the District under your charge.

Calcutta
the 17th April 1786.

We are & ca.
Your Most obedient servant
Signed/ William Cowper
John Mackenjie.

144

To Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Revenue Committee.

Sir

The Hon'ble Governor General and Council having thought proper to order the Abolition of all the *Mofussil Dewans*, we direct that you dismiss yours at the end of the present month—

Enlosed we transmit an Extract of the Proceedings of the Hon'ble Board under Date the 7th Instant, containing their

Resolutions upon this subject, to which we desire, you pay the most particular Attention.

We are

Sir,

Callutta

the 18th April 1786.

Your Most Obedient servant

Signed/William Cowper

John Mackenzie.

Copy

Extract of the Proceedings of the Hon'ble the Governor
General and Council Dated the 7th April 1786.

Read the Proceedings of the Committee of Revenue composed of the Governor and Council under Date the 14th May 1772.

The 7th Article of Resolutions passed in that Committee established that "a fixed Dewan shall be Chosen and nominated by the Board who shall be joined with the Collector in the Superintendency of the Revenue that he shall keep separate Accounts of the Collections according to the established forms of the Country Countersign all orders Circulated in the *Mofussil* all receipt granted to the farmers and all Invoices and accounts transmitted to the *Sudder*—

The Expediency of this Regulations is remarked upon at the time by the committee, and altho' they doubt of its immediate Efficacy as a check on the collectors, they think that it will be a certain means of counteracting that improper Influence which the Banyans of the collectors are ever eager to assume in the management of their Employ and that it will provide against the Loss of Rents and confusion of Accounts which the frequent removal of the collectors would otherwise unavoidably Occasion.

The Board considering these Reason and adverting to the Great charge and further Experiment which has necessarily been

generally acquired in the Business of the collections by the Company's servants during an Elapse of 13 years ; are of opinion that the attainment of the first of the objects which the appointment of *Dewans* held out namely their operating as a check on the Collectors is by far the principal Consideration that then could have led to such an Establishment of the Acquisition of that object the Committee then however greatly doubted and many years Experience has shown it to be fallacious, nor can it now be doubted that this Expedient of a Native Dewan is just as fit to serve as a Clock to as it can be to Operate as Check on any European Collector, the next consideration vizt ; the counter action of the Influence of the collectors Banyans is more Importance but the constitution of the chiefs and collectors of Revenue and the solemn Oaths by which they have become late be bound by an act of the Legislature of their country may it be hoped when aided by other Precautions be relied on as a security against the under Influence of the Persons here referred to, the 3rd and last object for establishment of *Dewans* may the Board think be easily attained by subsidiary Regulations.—

On the whole, the Board do not think real utility of the system of provincial *Dewans* can under the present circumstances of this Government, when every possible Retrenchment is called for and enjoined by the company's Orders compensates its Expence which according to the Information received from the accountant general to the Revenue Department Amounts per Annum to Rupees 42,000.

Agreed, therefore, that the Native *Dewans* be struck off and disallowed from every station where a Revenue Chief or Collector is or shall be appointed and that the sole charge and full Responsibility of the revenues and of the due Execution of the said Offices of Chief and Collector be vested solely in such Chiefs and Collectors respectively under the following Regulations.

1st—That they be in every Case strictly prohibited from making use of the agency of their private servants whether Banyan or others in the discharge of any part of their public duty, The Board Expecting and requiring that in all cases they shall themselves stand forth, and act as the only empowered agents of Government in their several stations making use as they may Occasionally require of the inferior public servants now allowed them.

2nd—That appointment and dismissal of those servants be vested in the Chiefs and Collectors respectively, with this provision ; that they transmit regular Lists of the names of those they shall so prefer to the Committee of Revenue, and give notice of all subsequent dismissions and Appointments and Employ none but such public and Registered Officers in any respect in their Official Capacity nor any plea or pretext confer on any such public officer or servant any private or personal trust in regard to his personal concerns being hereby declared that every such doubt and blended appointment shall subject each Chief or Collector to the loss of his Office or to such other mark of the Boards displeasure as may appear adequate.

3rd—That to provide against the loss of Rents and Confusion of accounts from any Chief or Collector being permitted to resign, it be and it is hereby made a standing Rule of the service that no Chief or Collector shall be permitted to Depart from his station till either he shall have delivered over, Complete Charges of his trust to this successor or to his Assistant which shall be signified by Letter from such successor, assistant before the Chief or Collector shall be Depart from his station, and this Regulation shall on no account be dispensed with, unless, by express permission of the Board to be separately granted for any particular Case that may require it.—

4th—That the Chief or Collector shall transmit Monthly along with his English Treasury and *Touzee* Accounts Persian Counterparts thereof under his official seal and signature to be desposited among the Native Records of the *Khalsa*.

Revenue Committee
A true Copy
Signed/ A. Seton
Assistant Secretary.

Revenue Department
A true Extract.
Signed/ B. Aplin
Secretary.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Revenue Committee.

Sir,

Having deemed it expedient to depute Mr. John Evelyn one of our Members, to Dacca for the purpose of carrying into execution some Regulations the particulars of which are fully specified in the accompanying Extract of our Proceedings of this days date we direct that, upon that Gentleman's arrival, you give him every assistance in your power both with respect to making the allotment and concluding the settlement, that you furnish him with all such Papers and ca. from amongst your Records, as he may require and communicate to him such Information relative to the objects of his commission, as your local knowledge may enable you to impart, and in every respect consider yourself as under his orders during the operation of his commission.

We are

Sir.

Calcutta
the 18th April 1786.

Your Most Obedient servant
William Cowper
John Mackenzie.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Committee of Revenue under Date 18th April 1786.

Extract of a Letter from the Hon'ble Governor General and Council to the Committee of Revenue under date 7th April 1786.

“you will on proceeding upon the ensuing years settlement, divide out the *Huzzoory Mehals* into Collectorships, in such manner, that no one Collectorship shall exceed in *Jumma* the sum of Eight Lacks of Rupees unless in cases where the division of a Zemindary would thereby be occasioned.”

“We authorise you to proceed on the settlement of the Bengal year 1193 as soon as you think proper, adhering to the Instructions of last year together with those above given you.”

Committee “On the subject of the Boards Orders for a
Resolutin division of the *Huzzoory Mahal* into Collectorships;
on Boards the Committee determine on the following arrange-
Letter. ment at the best vizt.

Resolution —Agreed that the divisions of Moorshedabad
and Calcutta be subdivided into 11 Collectorship
Vizt :

Moorshedabad/proper/

Rajeshahy

Nuddëa

Futeh Sing

Mahomed Shahy

Silberris and ca.

Luskerpore

Jessore

Houghly

24 Purgunnahs

Town of Calcutta

Do— Agreed, that the above be securely composed
as far as situation may admit of the *Mehals* detailed
in the plan now laid before the Committee by
the President.

Resolution— Agreed, that the Dacca district be parcelled
out into 4 Divisions, the *Jumma* of each
of which to be fixed, as nearly as possible at the
amount prescribed by the Hon'ble Board.

Resolution— Agreed, that the Committee charge themselves
with the arrangement of the zemindarry of Nuddea
and that of the Collectorships of Houghly

24 Purgunnahs | in the Calcutta Division
and the Town of Calcutta |

Resolution— Agreed, that two members of the Committee, be severally deputed into the Divisions of Moorshedabad Dacca and Calcutta for the purpose of Making the Allotment of the Remainders as it is urgent from the nature of such allotment that it cannot be made with accuracy except by a local Investigation.

Resolution— Agreed, that the Members so deputed be likewise empowered to make the settlement of these Districts respectively, either immediately themselves or under the Controul (sic) and Inspection thro' the Agency of the Gentlemen who already are, or may hereafter be, appointed to take charge of the Collectorships.

Resolution— Agreed, that Mr. Evelyn be requested to undertake the Allotment of the Subdivisions of Dacca, and of the Collectorship of Jessore in the Calcutta Division.

Revenue Committee.

A true Extract

A. Seton

Assistant Secretary.

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To Mr. Mathew Day

Chief of Dacca

Sir,

Enclosed I have the pleasure to send you a petition from Sayed Mahamed Hossain Khawn Brother of the Nawab Mohmid Rezah Khawn, stating some obstructions he meets with in the business of his Jagheer in the Dacca province from the Officers of Government, I request you will enquire into the nature of the

Circumstances obliged, and grant him such assistance as he is entitled to in Justice & Equity.

Khalsa

May the 8th 1786.

I am

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Humble

Servant

Signed/ William Cowper

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To Mathew Day Esqr.

Chief of Dacca,

Sir,

A balance of *Sicca* Rupees seventeen is due from Mustopha Cooly *Talluckdar* of Bowaul, who resides near Dacca & pays considerable Revenue to you I shall therefore esteem it is a very particular favor if you will immediately oblige him to pay the Amount to you, & advise me of the Receipt thereof, my situation is particularly Relative to these small *Talluckdars*, their lands and residence lay remote, they withdraw their *vak-eels* and leave me no means of collecting from them what is due to Government, a number of small sums when added together from a considerable balance, this is the case at present with my Division, which will account to you for my anxiety about this trifle,

I am

Sir,

Moorshedabad

the 18th May 1786.

Your Obedient Servant

Signed/ William Dawsan.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Having formed the Division of this Province I have now the pleasure to enclose you a list of those *Mehals*, which compose your District together with copies of the other Division...you will be pleased to issue *Perwannahs* to the zamindars and other land holders separated by this partition from your Division directing them to attend the Gentlemen in charge of the other Divisions respectively—you will also proceed immediately to make the settlement of the *Mofusiel Mehals* in your District for present Year in conformity to the instructions you received for the making the late settlement and those with which I was furnished by the Committee upon my present deputation a Copy of which goes enclosed—I request you will Report to me from time to time the progress you make in this business and furnish me with your accounts settlement and *Kistbundy* when completed I shall hereafter transmit you the same accounts for the *Huzoory Mehals* in your District the necessity of realizing the Balances of last year must be too apparent to require any exhortation from me—

The Hon'ble the Governor General and Council having abolished the Office of *Mofusill Dewan* and ordered that the ancient constitutional Check of the *Canongoes* office be pleased in a state of full and effectual operation I transmit you a Copy of their Resolutions and Recommended your paying particular attention to them—I also send you a Copy of the *Perwannah* I have issued to the Naib *Cannongoes* upon the subjects.

I am
Sir,

Dacca
the 22nd May 1786½

Your Obedient servant
Signed/ J. Evelyn.

To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Not being able to form a settlement Gungamunda and Pitkara, for Hossen Ally and Mirza Ally's shares of Buldekaul I find it necessary to deliver over charge of them immediately to you and request you will take such measures as your local knowledge and long experience shall suggest for securing the current years Revenue of these *Mahals*—inclosed are Copies of 2 Petitions from Hossain Ally and the Widow of Mirza Ally which I send merely for your information—the settlement of Bawker Ally's share of Buldekaul has been already made with the widow, and is not to be altered I also enclose you a *Perwannahs* to the *sezawafs* whom I have deputed to attach the above *Mehauls* directing their obedience to your orders these men you will continue or dismiss at your discretion—it is probable that both Assedullah and Hossain Ally have anticipated part of the Current Years Revenue, it will be necessary to ascertain this point and I recommend your investigating it with all possible accuracy Assedullah is already confined in your prison for the Balance of last year—

You will cause the attendance of the other *Amlah* when necessary.

Dacca,
the 30th May 1786.

I am and ca.
Signed/John Evelyn

To Mathew Day Esqr
Chief of Dacca

Revenue Board Sir,

The Hon'ble the Governor General and Council having been pleased in conformity to orders received from the Hon'ble the

Court of Directors, under date the 15th of September 1785 to dissolve the Committee of Revenue, and to constitute a Board of Revenue in its Room, of which John Stables Esqr. has been appointed President, and Messrs William Cowper Thomas Graham, John Mackenzie, Richard Johnson, and Jhon Evelyn, Members, to be Resident at the Presidency, I have the Boards directions to inform you, that you are to continue in your present charge, and to consider the Established orders of the late Committee for your Guidance, in full force to correspond with this Board in future.

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Signed/ A. Seton

Assistant Secretary.

Calcutta

the 1st June 1785.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.

Chief of Dacca

Sir,

Upon my calling upon the zamindars of Nusserojoul to liquidate the Balance which now appears outstanding from them they plead that is Justly Due from them, that they actually paid to Cojah Mykel the whole Amount of their Revenue for the time he acted as *sezawall* to their *purgunnah* and that the present Balance has arisen from his having (...Illegible) and applied to his own use—a part of the Publick Revenues from the Mofussil to this Cojah Mykell Replies that this Accounts with the zemindars were finally adjusted before you, upon his being removed from his Office and as he rests his defence, upon that Adjustment. If any such has taken place, I Request you will be pleased either to order one of your *sherishtadars*. *Mohoreers* to attend me with it or Communicate yourself the substance of it.—

I am Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Dacca

the 2nd June 1786.

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To John Evelyn Esqr
at Dacca.

Sir

I beg leave to send you enclosed copy of an order lately received from the Committee of Revenue respecting the sales of the Lands in the 9 Annas Division of Duckinsavazepore and to inform you with my having in Obedience therewith carried the same into Effect. The Lands having in virtue of a Publication issued for 23rd *Joyte* or 3rd June been publickly sold at auction & bought by Coja Michael the 7 annas Zemindar of Dackinsavazepur.

I have this Day advised the Committee of Revenue with the Sale of the Lands in obedience to their Orders of the 15th ultimo at the same time have deemed it necessary to convey the intelligence to you With the View that such Orders may be issued respecting the Engagement for the Current Years Revenue as may appear to you necessary.

Dacca
the 6th June 1786.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

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To Mr. Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

In consequence of having this Day taken Charge of the *Khalsa* as President of the Board of Revenue, I think it necessary to inform you that all the Orders and Regulations Respecting the *Khalsa* made by the late Committee of Revenue or their Presidents are to continue in force as heretofore, unless it should hereafter be found expedient to make any Alteration in them of which you will Receive due Intimation.

Khalsa
the 7 June 1788,

I am
Sir.
Your Obedient Servant.

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To Mathew Day Esqr,
Chief of Dacca

Sir,

Mr. Evelyn having notified to me the sale of 9 annas Division of Duckinsavazepore, and directed me to apply to you for every necessary information Respecting that *Mehal*—I beg you to acquaint me, what is the amount of the sale, and whether the whole is to be paid at once or by monthly instalments.

I also beg the favor of you to direct Cojah Michael to pay the amount to me that I may deduct there from the Companys Balance and pay the Debt due to Golam Ally upon his applications.

I am

Sir

Dacca
the 8th June 1786.

Your most Obedient Servants
Signed/ William Wroughton.

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To William Wroughton Esqr.

Sir,

I have the favour of your Letter of Yesterday and have now the pleasure of sending you the Balance of Revenue due for the year 1198 B. S. from the 9 *Annas* Division of *Purgunnah* Duckinsavazepore. It was sold on the 23rd of *Jeyte* or 3rd of June in virtue of an Order of the 15th ultimo from the Committee of Revenue and bought by Cojah Michael for Sicca Rs. 62,500.

Having addressed the Committee on the Subject of the Sale specifying the Amount of the purchase I must in consequence wait their commands before I can take upon myself to issue further Orders respecting the Amount.

I am & ca.

Dacca
the 10th June 1786.

Signed/ M. Day

156

To Mousr. Dayot
Chief at Dacca

Sir,

Having in consequence of the Instruction you Yesterday did me the honor of delivering from Mr. Wilton under date the 29th of March last particularly compared the Original *Pattah* you left with me respecting the possession at Jugdia enjoyed by the French Nation prior to the late War, with the Translate of the same enclosed in my orders and finding the same just and Exact I have the pleasure to inform you that no objection now exist to prevent your making a purchase of an equal Quantity of Land in any part of this District in lieu of that destroyed within these few Years by the Sea at Jugdea at the same time I must beg leave to inform you, that should your Choice of the spot come within the boundary of the Division to which my present superintendence is limited I shall be ready in giving you every assistance in my power to Effect the same if on the contrary, it should happen to fall within the Jurisdiction allotted to any of the other Gentlemen now superintending the Collections of this District, I beg to refer you to them for such assistance as may be necessary.

With respect to the Land at Sirampore that *Purgunnah* being now under the controul of Mr. Henry Lodge I have made my application to him for the necessary *Purwannah* to the Zemindar, directing him to provide another Situation for the Residence of the agent now there on the part of the Honorable East India Company & to consider the spot on which the former Difference arose as part of the Territory in your Possession as soon as I shall have received the same I will do myself the honor of transmitting it to you.

As Mr. Wilton in his instructions does not mention the *Gunge* at Narandy commonly known by the name of French *Gunge* as being exempted from the Duties of our Government I cannot take upon myself to authorize any such measure, and I have further to observe In the Event of Orders being hereafter issued on this point it will be necessary for the Custom Master for the

Dacca Division to be advised therewith. It being a Distinct and separate Department to that I have the Honor to Superintend.

I have the pleasure to return you enclose the Original *Pattah* for Jugdea and have the Honor to be.

Sir,

Your and ca.

Signed I M. Day.

Dacca

the 10th June 1786.

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To Mathew Day

Chief of the Revenue Department at

Dacca.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council to notify to you the Abolition of the Committee of Revenue, and Establishment of a Board of Revenue for the administration, settlement, Collection and Receipt of the Revenues together with the controul (sic) of the several Officers concerned therein upon the foundation and Principle of the late Committee whose functions are now to be exercised by the newly instituted Board of Revenue.—

I further notify to you that John Stables Esqr has been appointed President and Messrs William Cowper, Thomas Graham John Mackenzie and John Evelyn Members, you are therefore required to correspond regularly with the said Board, which is to be fixed at the Presidency and to obey all orders and Instructions that shall issue from it in like manner as those of the late Committee of Revenue.

I am

Sir, and ca.

Revenue Department

Council Chamber

the 12th June 1785

Signed/ William Wroughthton.

Secretary.

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To John Evelyn Esqr. Dacca.

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of Yesterday enclosing a *Derkaust* from Ramrutton for the *Mhalzamin* of *Pergunnahs* Gungamundal proper and Pitcarrah.

Copies of the 39th article of the late Act of Parliament and the Orders of the Hon'ble Court of Directors having been transmitted to me by the Committee in their Letter under date the 12th May 1785 for my guidance in making the Settlement of last year, & an attention to them having also been recommended in your Letter upon the Subject of the present years settlement, in order to act conformably to the said article & the orders above quoted, which direct that all zemindars are to have the preference in the Engagements with Government for their Lands I enquired upon receiving charge of the above *Mhals* from you for Mirza Jaun the zemindar of Pitcarrah and learning that his uncle Assahdullah had him in confinement at his own House, Ordered his immediate release and made him an offer of his Lands upon the Jumma of last year being Rs. 81,296 which he agreed to and a settlement was accordingly concluded with him. He has in consequence been put in Possession of his *Purgunnah* and from his fair and unblemish character & the sense he appears to have of the Justice here done him in restoring to him his zemindarry and releiving him from the Hardship he suffered from his uncle who has held him under restraint for these 9 years past and from a state of affluence reduced him to Indigence and want, I have not a doubt but that with proper Support and Encouragement he will make good his Engagements and that his utmost Endeavours will be exerted from the improvement of the Lands I have therefore every reason to hope that the measure I have adopted with regard to this *Mhal* will in the end prove beneficial both to the Country and Governments & having been guided in my conduct by the before mentioned Orders, I flatter myself it will meet your approbation.

Assadullah the zemindar of Gungamundal proper, having evidently shown his incapacity to manage it, I shall have conceived a Deviation from the General Orders in respect to this *Mhal* justifi-

able and would certainly have given the *Purgunnah* in farm as the most likely means of securing the Revenue of it to Government, but no person being willing to take it upon One Years Lease and not being Authorized myself to give it upon a longer, I have as my only alternative attached the Lands and directed a *Mofussil* Settlement to be made with the *Talookdars*, and by this measure hope to realize the whole of the *Jumma* allowing Credit to the renters for such parts of this years Revenue I am as informed have been collected in advance by the zemindar in order to enable himself to Reduce the last 6 years Balance.

Dacca
the 13th June 1786.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day.

159

To Henry Lodge Esqr.
Collector of Buzorgomedpore.

Sir,

The *Purgunnah* of Serampore being now under your superintendence, I have herewith the pleasure to enclose for your information an Extract of a Letter I have received from Mr. Willton, commissary on the subject of a claim the French nation have to some Land in that *purgunnah* and request that you will take the necessary steps to adjust the same with Mours Dayot the French Chief as speedily as possible.

It appearing from enclosed Extract to be the wish of Hon'ble Board that this matter should be adjusted with the French chief in such a manner as to prevent future disputes, I would recommend that the spot of Ground at present occupied by the Hon'ble Compancy's *Gomastah* and upon which the former dispute arose be given upto him and that the zemindar be directed by *purgunnah* to put Moust Dayot in possession of the formerly delivered over by his Naib Mours Champigny acknowledged the place in

question to have formerly been in the possession of the French nation, and conceiving that another spot may be allotted to the Hon'ble Company *Gomastah*, without subjecting him to any inconvenience or the zemindar to any Loss.

Dacca
the 14th June 1786.

I am and ca.
S/ M. Day Chief.

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To William Wroughton Esqr
Collector at Bullooah

Sir,

The *Talook* of Rubbeebullah in *Purgunnah* Serampore now under your Superintendence I have herewith the pleasure to enclose for your information Extract of my Instructions received from Mr. Wilton Commissary on the Subject of a claim the French Nation have to some Land in that *Talook*.

It appearing from the enclosed Extract to be the wish of the Hon'ble Board that this matter be adjusted with the French chief Mr. Dayot in such a manner as to prevent future Disputes I would recommend that the spot of Ground at present occupied by the Hon'ble Company's *Gomastah* and upon which the former Dispute arose, be given up to him and that the zemindar be directed by a *purwannah* to put Mours Dayot, in possession of the Land formerly delivered over by his *Naib* to Mours. Champigny I am induced to recommend this, from the zemindars *Naib* having acknowledged the place in question to have been formerly in possession of the French Nation and conceiving that another spot may be allotted to the Hon'ble Companys *Gomastah* without subjecting him to any inconvenience or the zeminder to any loss.

I shall be obliged, by your furnishing me, with a Copy of any Order, you may Issue to the zemindar on this Subject, that I may in conform with my promise to Mours. Dayott chief at Dacca forward the same to him.

The *purgunnah* of Jugdea being likewise under your superintendence I have for your further Information, the pleasure of enclosing you an Extract of my Orders from Mr. Wilton, Commissary, with a copy of the Original *pattah* and translate therein alluded to that you may in the Event of any application being made to you on the part of the French Nation by Monsr. Dayot be informed with the pleasure of the Hon'ble Board on this Subject.

Dacca
the 14th June 1786.

I am sir
Your & ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

161

To John Wilton Esqr.
Commissary at Chandernagore.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Commands by favor of Monsr. Dayot.

Having to the best of my ability accommodated the Difference which existed on the Serampore Business, as finally to conclude on the delivery of the French possessions in this District, with as little inconvenience to all parties as possible I must beg leave to refer you to the mode adopted for this purpose to the enclosed Letter.

The *purgunnah* of Serampore is under Mr. Lodge, I have therefore addressed him for the necessary *purwannah* to the zeminder. By his answer the Land in question it appears falls under the Superintendence of Mr. Wroughton to whom I have in consequence written, a Copy of my Letter to him I herewith have the pleasure to enclose with that to Mr. Dayot and Mr. Lodge, I have not as yet been favoured with an answer from Mr. Wroughton but as soon as I shall have received it will do myself the honor of advising you. The French chief Monsr. Dayot is I believe perfectly satisfied with the measure on the part of his nation and the very little or no inconvenience which will attend

the removal of the *Gomastah* to the Honorable Company affairs will I flatter myself secure me the approbation of the Honorable Governor General and Council for my mode of Conduct in this Business.

The only point now to be finally determined is respecting their Gunge Narandy Commonly called the Frech gunge in the Town of Dacca being as expressed in Moursr. Dangereuse Letter of Instructions to Moursr. Dayot exempted from Duties; Not thinking myself empowered to decide on this point I have as you will please to observe in my Letter to Monsr. Dayot advised him therewith.

In the event of Orders being hereafter issued on this subject it will be necessary for Mr. William the Dacca Custom Master to be particularly advised.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Dacca,
the 14th June 1786.

Your most Obedt. Hble. Servant
Signed/ M. Day Chief.

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To Joseph Dayot Esqr.
Chief at Dacca.

Sir,

I have this morning being favored with an answer from Mr. Lodge on the Subject of the *Purwannah* to the zeminder of Serampore, He informs me the Land in question is not under his Division it being in the *Talook* of Rubeebaulah some times since separated from the *Purgunnah* of Ducknousavagepore which is now included in Mr. Wroughtons Division, to whom I have this day made the same application as to Mr. Lodge respecting the Ground in question and will on the receipt of his answer do myself the pleasure of acquainting you therewith.

I am
Sir, and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

Dacca
the 14th June 1786.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.,
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Revenue Board. Great delay having been Occasioned to the Dispatch of the current business of the Department by several of the Chiefs and Collectors neglecting to Transmit Translations of the Bengal and Persian papers which they have submitted to the Consideration of the Board I have the directions of the latter to inform you that with a view of Removing these impediments in future they have been pleased to make it a standing Rule that all papers Transmitted them in the Country Languages by any of the chiefs and Collectors shall be Accompanied with English Translations and to desire you will pay strict Attention.

Calcutta
the 16th June 1786.

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

164

To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 16th Instant with enclosure and have written to the Collector of Bullooah to Call upon the purchaser of the 9 *Annas* Division of Dunkin Savajepore to make the Current years settlement—you will be pleased to furnish that Gentleman with all necessary Accounts Respecting this *Mohal* upon his Application.

Dacca
the 17th June 1786.

I am
Sir.
Your Obedient Servant

165

To John Stables Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue:

Fort William.

Gentlemen

Enclosed I have the pleasure of transmitting you two Petitions accompanied with Translate from the Widows of Mirza Baker Alli & Mirza Alli Zemindars of Buldakhaul complaining of the injustice and violences committed by Hussain Ally during the time their Lands were under his Management and request to be favoured with your Orders thereupon.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen

Dacca

the 20th June 1786.

Your Most Obedient
Humble servant

166

To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Preparer of Reports of the Revenue Department.

Sir,

In Obedience to Orders received from the Committee of Revenue under date the 15th of May directing the sale of the Duckinsavagepore Lands for the Balance of 1192 as likewise for the Amount due the security Golaum Alli for Revenue paid by him account the *Jummah* 1191, I am to inform you with my having made the sale Agreeably to a regular publication for the same on the 3rd of June or 23rd of Joyte.

Having delivered to the purchaser Coja Michael the necessary voucher in conformation of his purchase I have herewith the pleasure of enclosing you a Copy thereof and to request you will be

pleased to forward to me the necessary *sunud* from Government, that the same may be delivered to the purchaser.

Dacca
the 21st June 1786.

I am
sir,
Your and ca.
Signed/ M. Day

167

To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Enclosed I transmit you a representation delivered into the *Khalsah* on the part of Taujeddein Mahomed late Zemindar of a part of Edrackpore, containing his objections to the late sale of his Lands. The principal sums to consist in the sale having been made before the end of the year, for which you can, no doubt assign a sufficient reason.

On the whole, I submit to you the propriety of your transmitting me such remarks as you, may think necessary in reply to the late Zemindars Observations, that the latter may not appear without your explanation.

Khalsa
the 26th June 1786

I am sir, your obedt. Humble servt.
Signed/Jonathan Duncan,
P.R.R.D.

Copy

Translation of the reply of Taujeddein Mahmed to the letter of the Chief of Dacca.

The Zemindarry of the *Purgunnah* of Edrackpore has descended to me from my Ancestors. Moonshy Imaumeddein, however,

who is an inhabitant of Caurtickpoor, unjustly took possession of it by force in the Bengal Year 1165, and seized all my property and effects and the papers relating to the zemindarry, In 1186 the Provincial Council decreed a 5 *Ans* proportion to me, which was originally my own immediate share, and established me in possession ; Moonshey Imaumeddein nevertheless retained the effects and papers and the profits of the portion in his own hands, and again laid waste my lands with his Gomastah whom he employed in the Country. Independent of this his Naib in 1188 offered an increase of 1000 Rs. over and above the Settlement of the late Committee of Revenue for the Farm of my share, and laid me under the necessity of making the same offer under the apprehension of his existing his (... Illegible) Mohtedy, one of his *Gomastahs*, with a large (... Illegible) of his people came into the Country, and having severely beat my *Gomastah*, plundered him of all the Revenue that had been collected, expelled my *Roytts* from their habitations in consequence of which a Balance of 1100 Rs. accrued in my Revenue, and in Poose following Mr. Day issued an advertisement for the sale of my zemindary ; and notwithstanding I paid down a part of the Balance, and procured bills payable in five days for the Remainder, the Chief was resolute in selling it, and proceeding to the auction room, began the sale. The *Gomastah* of Imaumeddein was very solicitous to buy the share, which was however, purchased by Kunnoy Baboo for 14,051 Rs. on the 10th of the above month on the 22nd following I paid the sum of 1100 Rs. being the Account of the balance, to Kunnoy Baboo, and procured the sale to be annulled. On the same day I presented a petition to the Chief complaining of the oppressions of Moonshey Imaumeddein, informing him that the Latter s *Gomastah* had confined my *Gomastah* in irons in his own house and seized all the Revenue which had been realized In consequence of which the above Gentleman dispatched a *sezawal* to collect in the rents, and a Sepoy with Hircarrahs to inforce reparation of the outrages committed by his *Gomastah*. The agents, however, of the above Monnshey fixed on Mr. Day's *Dewan* for the *Sezawoulship* of their Constituents lands, and procured the removal of the Sepoys and ca. by which any redress or reparation for the outrages of the *Gomastahs* was entirely precluded. After this the Moonshey Gomastah and Zehureddin, Mahmed Hoyaut, and Mahomed Roshen through

the above Dewan and Ram Churn and Sheick Rokuneddein Mr. Day's officers, having presented in conjunction written proposals for a bribe to that Gentleman ; again in the month of Faugun caused an advertisement to be issued for the sale. Mahmed Hayaut on this cause to me, and applied for the Farm of my lands, offering to deliver in a bill for the account of my balance amounting to 1000 Rs. on which condition I accordingly gave him a lease for the farm, and desired him to enter into the usual Engagements, which he promised to do the day, following, notwithstanding that he had not discharged the balance, but had hastened the sale that very day. During the Auction the Agent of Zemiereddein, named Bungoybuddin bid 8000 Rs. for which, as the sale originated from the intrigue of Monshy Imaumeddein, be caused him to be put into confinement and carried the sale in the name of Rokuneddein for the Sum of 5501 Rs. I afterwards asked Rokuneddein whether he has purchased my Zemindarry on his own account and he told me that he had no real concern in it ; for that Mahomed Hoyatt and the other Gomastahs of the Moonshey had taken it by a (. . . Illegible) in his name, and had given in a bill for 4000 Rs. to cause the sale, adding that if I could advance this sum the auction might be reversed, but that otherwise my Zemindarry would pass over from his name to that of Monnshy Imaumuddin, I also expressed my surprize to Mahmed Hyaut that notwithstanding he had received a lease from me on condition of discharging the balance, he had promised a bill of 4000 Rs. as a bribe, and occasioned the Sale. In reply to which he assured me that he delivered in a bill for 1500 Rs. but that 2000 Rs. more were demanded from him I communicated this to Ruckonoddein, who told me that the Bill for 4000 Rs. which they had given under their own Signatures was in his possession. I beg leave to add that the above Moonshey had previously detained Kymeddein and Ram Chundr Dass (who were indebted to me 2000 Rs. for a balance in their Revenue) on evasive pretences in his own house and had thereby left me in balance, after which he thus collusively caused my Zemindary to be sold at auction on the 14th Faugun, notwithstanding that three months remained of the time for carrying on the Collections to complete the Year, and purchased it himself ; and now that I have preferred my complaints at the Presidency, he is laying waste all

the country I therefore beg that he may be summoned to the *Khalsah*, and Justice administered accordingly.

A true copy of the Translation.

Signed/ W. Edmonstone.

Asst. P. Rt.

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To J. Evelyn Esqr.

Sir,

We have received Your Letter of the 14th Instant, with its Enclosures,

Referring to our Proceedings of the 7th Instant we see no cause to alter our resolution regarding Gunga Mundel & Pitcarrah and now accordingly confirm them. You will therefore revoke the Settlement that has been entered into by Mr. Day with Mirza Jan for the Pitcarrah *Pergunnah* and Order him immediately to conclude a Settlement with Assad Ullah for Gunga Mundel and Pitcarrah for the present Year under the Security of Ramrutton Tagore on his performing the other conditions contained in our former Orders to you on this Subject of the 7th Inst.

Calcutta
28th June 1786.

We are & ca.
Signed/ John Stables
W. Cowper
J. Mackenzie
Rd. Johnson

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue to Mr. John Evelyn dated the 7th June 1786.

“Respecting Gunga Mundal I have the Boards orders to transmit you the enclosed proposal of Ramrutton Tagore offering himself as security for the Zemindar provided the Settlement of

Gunga Mondal and Pitkera be concluded with him on the terms of last Year as also upon that condition to pay up the Balance within 15 days from the date hereof "As the Board are of opinion that the accepting this offer affords the Readiest means of Recovering the Balance in Question they Request you will conclude the Settlement with the Zemindar upon the terms of last Year under the Security of Ramrutton provided the later pays up the balance at Dacca by the 15th Instant agreeably to his engagement.

Signed/ B. Aplin Secty.
A true Extract
Wm. Guire.

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To Joseph Dayot Esqr.
Chief at Dacca.

Sir,

I have the pleasure of your Letter of the 30th I am sorry it is not in my power to reply so decisively as I could wish to the subject of Serampore. I have repeated my request to Mr. Wroughton for an answer to my address on the subject and as soon as it shall come my hands will do myself the honor to inform you with the contents. With respect to the augmentation of the Duties of which the inhabitants of French Gunge have complained to you I have it not in my power from the Department being totally independant of authority in any shape to redress.

Dacca
the 1st June 1786.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient and humble
servant
Signed/ M. Day.

To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,
Rev. Board,

We have received your Letter of the 20th, ultimo which the Petitions accompanying from the Widows of Mirza Ally and Mirza Bawker Ally—we have also received your account Settlement for 1193 transmitted by Mr. Evelyn, on referring to which we perceive You have concluded a Settlement for 5-6-7 portion of *Pergunnah* Buldacaual with the Widow of Mirza Bawker Ally and that You have taken the two remaining shares of Mirza Ally's Widow and Hussain Ally into Your own Charge, with an intention of making a *Hustabood*, estimating the amount to be expected from them at 70,726 Rs. only, which is a reduction upon the *Jumma* of last Year of no less a Sum than 50,000 Rs.—To secure Government from the heavy loss that would follow from our confirmation of this arrangement of the Baldacaual *Pergunnah*, we have been induced to accept proposals tendered by Hossein Ally, (who had the management last Year and paid the Revenue without a Balance) to take the whole Zemindarry for the present Year at the jummah of 1192, on his engaging to continue to the Widows of his late Brothers, their *Moshaira* and other prevelages which they were entitled to by engagements subsisting between them during the last Year, for the due performance of which as well as make good any eventual Balance to Government. It is stipulated that his own share alone of the Zemindarry shall be responsible for any failure—You will receive more particular information of the engagements entered into by Hossain Ally from his *Cabooleat* and *Kistbundee*, which are enclosed duly executed You will therefore, of course on the receipt of this immediately invest Hossain Ally or his empowered Agent, with the Charge of the Zemindary, giving him credit for what has already been collected by the widow and Your *Aumeen*.

We are Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed/ John Stables
John Mackenzie
Rd. Johnson.

Fort William
the 3rd July 1986.

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To Mathew Day Esqr;
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Accompanying I transmit you a copy of a Letter from the Board of Revenue—directing the Settlement which you have made of Pitcara with Mirza Jaun to be revoked and one to be formed for the present Year for that *Pergunnah* and Gunga Mundall with Assed Ullah under the security of Ramrutton Tagore on his performing the Conditions contained in the Boards former orders to me upon the Subject Copy of which I have the pleasure to enclose you and request you will carry the Boards orders into execution with as much expedition as possible.

I am

Sir,

Dacca
the 7th July 1786.

Your most Obedient Humble Servt.
Signed/ J. Evelyn,

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To John Stable Esqr.

President & ca. Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 12th ultimo.

From the very Ruinous state of the 9 Annas Division of Duckeensavagapore and the general price of Land in this District I had every reason to conclude that it would not have sold for more than the Amount of the Debt which equaled One Years *Jumma* and I am still convinced it would not but from

the well known determination of the purchaser, who is a man of large private fortune, and the proprietor of the other share, to purchase it and from this circumstance he was run up at the sale by persons expressly sent to a sum much exceeding the real value of the Lands. This and the General Manner in which your Order was warded will I hope Acquit me in the Opinion of the Board of having given too great a latitude to it or of deviating from any General and Established Regulation.

Immediately on the Receipt of your Letter under date the 12th ultimo (which I must beg leave to observe did not reach me till the 1st Instant) I sent for the purchaser Cojah Michael and made him acquainted with your orders, and in answer received from him the enclosed petition which being a refusal to comply therewith I have thought necessary to transmit it to you not knowing howfar I may be justified without being specially Authorized in dispossessing a man of Lands which he has purchased at a public Auction made under the sanction of public Regulations and your special Orders and for which he has paid the full amount of the purchase.

If after the circumstance I have stated, and On consideration of the purchaser's objections stated at large in his petition you should still think it necessary to confirm your former Order, I must beg to be favoured with your Instruction regarding the mode to be abopted to compel his Obedience.

Dacca
the 10th July 1786.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,
Rev. Board.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to call on You for an immediate Reply to the Orders of the late Committee of the 3rd and 11th April last for reporting to them the Quantity of

Waste Lands in Your District and number of Europeans residing therein, and to express to You the Boards surprize at Your having so long neglected to furnish the information required.

Calcutta,
the 11 July 1786.

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
Signed/ D. Aplin
Secty,

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To Mr. Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Having Occasion to observe that Several Chiefs have for sometime past been inattentive to many Pétitions that have been referred to them from the *Khalsah*; I take the earliest opportunity to inform You that I shall expect a regular and timely Report upon all References I may find it necessary to make to You from this Department, and that not less for the credit of Government than for the Sake of Justice to Individual. I shall be under the necessity of taking proper notice of any failure on Your part in so Material a point of Your Publick Duty.

Khalsa
July the 12th 1786

I am and ca, and ca.
Signed/ J. Stables.
P. R.

To John Stables Esqr.

President and ca. Members of the Revenue Board.

Gentlemen

I have now the honor to inform you that agreeably to your Orders conveyed to me through Mr. Evelyn I have revoked the Settlement of the Gungamündul and Pitcarrah *Purgunnahs* made by me and concluded me upon the terms of last year with Assahdoulah taking on the part of Ramrutton Tagore the Security of Ram Conny who is his avowed Agent and had special powers from him to sign the Engagement, and who has also delivered to me a part payable in twenty Days for Rs. 18250-5-the Amount Balance to complete the *Jummah* of last year.

I beg leave to observe to the Board that the *Kistbundee* executed by the zemindar for last year and the one formed by me this year for his Mahls differ very much, mine being conformable to *Mofusil* collections making the same payable at the *Sudder* of last year the reverse making the heavy *Kist* payable in those months when the least is collected; by which the zemindar becomes possessed of great part of the Governments Revenue which instead of keeping to pay up the Remainder of his *Kists*, he either squanders away or appropriates to the discharge of his private Debts, and have a Balance is incurred at the close of the year which he has no other means of paying up but that so destructive and ruinous to the Country and oppressive to the *Ryotts* forestalling the succeeding years Revenues.

I have thought it necessary to acquaint the Board with this, as the Security has objected to my *Kistbundee* from a motive I apprehend to avail himself of the other to secure his own Debt which including the Balance before mentioned I understand from his Agent amounts to Rupees 58250 and as the whole of the Debt was actually incurred in the Course of last year, it must have arisen either from the incapacity of the Lands to pay their Rents or unwarrantable Extravagance on the part of the zemindar; I am led to believe it has arisen partly from both causes. particularly as the zemindar exclusive of this Debt is and

with some grounds of truth charged with having forestalled and appropriated to his own use from the two *Purgunnahs* near 40000 Rs. of the present years Revenue, how far therefore the security can repay himself and Fulfil his Engagement with Government without future detriment to the *Mahls* I beg leave to submit to the Judgement of the Board and for their Information herewith enclosed Copies of both *Kistbundeas* and request to know according to which the two. I am to recover the Revenues.

I much also request to be favoured with the Boards Orders regarding Mirza Jawn the zemindar of Pitkarrah, who has applied to me for the usual *Moshaira* allowed to all other zemindars in his predicament for the Support of himself and Family and as no Provision has been made for this Maintenance in the Engagement with Assdullah, I do not think myself Authorized to grant it without a Special Order.

Dacca
the 15th July 1786.

I have the Honor to be
& ca. & ca.
Signed/ M. Day, Chief.

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To Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

Rev. Board. We have received Your Letter of the 10th Instant covering a Petition from Coja Michael, the late purchaser of 9 *Annas* share of Duckensabazpore.

We are sensible that the execution of our Orders of the 12th Ultimo will in some degree prove a hardship to the Petitioner as he conceived himself to be the purchaser of the whole zemindarry and has since acted under that persuasion tho' if he has really paid more than the Just Value of the lands, he will have no cause to be dissatisfied at the Bargains being uncircumscribed, at all Events however, the zemindar we think would suffer a much greater hardship in being deprived of the whole of his Zemindarry,

contrary to Established usage, to answer demands which the Sale of a part only will enable him fully to Discharge we have therefore, on Mature consideration, resolved to limit the Sale made by you on the 23d Jyte last to such a portion of Mirza Jaun's Zemindarry only, as according to the Rate at which the whole was sold to him, will satisfy the Demands of Government, and the sum awarded by the late Committee of Revenue to the Malzamin for 1191 (after appropriating the private property of the Zemindar, as previously ordered) and to restore the Remainder to the Zemindar, returning, of course, a proportionate amount of the purchase money to Cojah Michael, we have instructed the Collector of Bellua to which District the Zemindarry now belong, to enforce this our Resolution in a Manner the most impartial to both parties by making a fair Division of the Lands; fertile and unproductive, preserving to the Zemindar his place of abode and cuntry Contiguous; and also to adjust between them the Accounts of Revenue Collected, both in this Year and the last, if it be proved that the zemindar forestalled the Collections by *Haulbunjeem*, You will therefore furnish Mr. Wroughton with every information on the Subject to enable him to carry our Instructions immediately into execution, we are sorry to add, that if by this arrangement, any loss shall be ultimately sustained by either of the parties, we must hold You responsible for the same; being fully satisfied that the late Committee Order of 15th May did not authorize Your disposing of a larger portion of the Zemindarry than what proved sufficient to discharge the Specified demands, for the payment of which the Sale was directed. We cannot agree therefore that the purchase has been made under the sanction of the Committee's Order, but under a mistaken construction of it neither under any publick regulation, It being totally Opposite to the General Usage at the *Khalsah*.

Calcutta
the 18th July 1786.

We are Sir,
Your & ca.
Signed/ John Stables
Wm. Cowper
John Mackenzie
Rd. Johnson;

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

Revenue Board.

The President and Members of the Board of Revenue considering the present mode of making Sales of Zemindarry Lands for Balance of Revenue in the District where the Lands are Situated to be liable to many Objections which will be removed by making the Sales under their immediate inspection at the *Khalsa* I have their directions to inform you that they have determined in future all Sales of Zemindarry and ca. Lands whether account Balance due to Government, or otherwise shall be made at the *Khalsa* in Calcutta by the Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Department which resolution you are desired to Publish in the Country Languages throughout the District under Your Charge.

Calcutta
the 18th July 1786.

I am Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
Signed/ B. Aplin Secy.

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To M. Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.
Sir,

Reve. Board.

Tho you have not yet reported on the Quantity of Waste Land in Your District, as directed by the late Committee, on the 3d April last, The Board of Revenue take it for granted that your District contains sufficient for the following purpose, and have directed me to desire you will assign 100 *Begahs* of Waste

Lands to a *jemadar* reduced from the 18th Battn. of Sepoys named Mahmed Hossain on this application for the Same,—The Lands are not to be resumed on the death of the present Incumbent, but it is to be left to the option of his Family to receive a perpetual grant of them at a moderate fixed rent to be determined by the Collector.

Calcutta
the 18th July 1786.

I am & ca.
Signed/ B. Aplin,
Secy.

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To Mr. William Wroughton
Collector of Belluah.

Sir,

Rev. Board. On the 23d Jeyte last the Zemindarry of Mirza Jaun 9 *Annas* share of Duckeenshabazpore, was sold at publick auction by Mr. Day to Cojah Michael, the Proprietor of the remaining 7 *annās*; or 62500 Rupees. This sale was ordered on the 15th May by the late Committee of Revenue, to discharge a Balance due to Government, and a sum awarded to the *Malzamin* of the said zemindarry for the Year 1191, which demands amounting together to a considerably less sum than what the Zemindarry has sold for. We have thought it equitable to alienate from the Zemindar such a portion of his Zemindarry only as will discharge these claims, (after appropriating his private property in the first instance) and to continue him in possession of the remaindar. We have therefore instructed Mr. Day to furnish you with every information regarding this sale, and desire you will immediately proceed to make a fair division of the Zemindarry between Coja Michel and Mirza Jaun, distributing impartially the fertile and unproductive lands, and preserving to the zemindar his place of abode and lands, contiguous-yon will continue to Cojah Michael such a portion of the Zemindarry, as according to the rate at which the whole was sold to him on the 23d Joyte, will satisfy the demands

of Government and of the *Malzamin* for 1191 (After the appropriation of the Zemindars private property which Mr. Day was previously instructed to apply to these purpose) and the remainder you will restore to Mirza Jaun, the Zemindar—Cojah Michael having obtained possession of the whole Zemindarry, and consequently paid a part of the present Year's Revenues, you will, of course give him credit for the same, and we desire will in all other respects make a fair adjustment of accounts between the Purchashr and the zemindar returning to the former a part of his Purchase money, proportionate to the lands resumed ; and debiting the latter for any *Halbnnjit* or anticipated Collections, that may be established by proof—Having thus fully instructed, you as to the mode of Executing our orders, we refer you to Mr. Day for every other necessary information which he has been directed to communicate to you without loss of time and we rely on your exertions and utmost attention to prevent any discontent or loss to either of the parties from this arrangement.

We are

Sir

Your most obedt. servants

Signed/ John Stables

Wm. Cowper

John Mackenzie

Rd. Johnson

Calcutta
the 18th July 1786.

A true copy
W. Wrongthton
Collector,

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To John Stables Esqr.

President and members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

I was duly honoured with your Letter of the 3d Instant, but was prevented by the absence of Hossain Alli and the non-attendance of his agent from carrying into execution the Orders

contained in it till yesterday, when the latter was invested with the charge of the Buldahakll *Purgunnah* agreeably to the Engagement of the Principal with the Board.

From Hossain Alli's Conduct in the management of this *Mhal* last year and the unwarrantable acts of Oppression committed by him, together with the enormous debt of Rs. 65000, incurred with the Merchants to enable him to pay up his Revenue I did not think I could with Security to the Governments Rents or injustice to the Widows continue him longer in the management of the whole *purgunnah*, nor indeed was it altogether in my power the settlement for Mirza Bawkers share having been made with the Widow by Mr. Evelyn previous to the *Mhal* being delivered over to me and Hossain Allie and the other Widows refusing to engage for their own particular shares unless, this was included on a very heavy Deduction granted them in the *Jumma* of their Divisions I have no other alternative than an attachment of the Lands upon as estimated *Jumma*, till such time as the real and true State of them could be ascertained by an *Hustabood*. This will I hope justify my conduct in regard to this *Mhal*, to the Board and free me from the imputation of having unnecessarily given up any part of the Government Revenue.

The Widws having applied to me for the 9 months *Moshairâ* due to them from Hossain Allie on account of last year, I must request to be favoured with the Board's Orders On the Subject, and their Stipend being all they now have to subsist upon, I hope the Board will also be pleased to empower me to secure to them the punctual payment of it in future, as by the Tenor of Hossain Allie's *Cabooleat* he may withhold the payment of it till the end of the Year, in which case the Widows will be reduced to the necessity of borrowing for their immediate and necessary Expence.

Dacca
the 21st July 1786.

I have the Honor to be & ca.
Signed/ M. Day Chief.

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To John Stables Esqr.

President and ca. Members of the Board of Revenue.
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

With a view of ascertaining for the Information of the Board with as much accuracy as possible the quantity of waste Land in my District, immediately on the Receipt of their Orders under date the 3rd April last, I issued a *Perwannah* to all the Zemindars, requiring them to report to me without Delay the state of their several zemindaries in order to enable me to judge what quantity of their Lands could be allotted to the purpose intended by the Board, with the least Injury to them, and I am sorry that (no return having yet been made to my *perwannah*) I should, after so long a Delay be under the necessity of making my Report general and to found it upon my own knowledge acquired by a Residence of 15 years in various parts of the District.

I believe there is no District in the three Provinces of Bengal, Behar, and Orissa, that has made Jungle and Waste Lands in it, than the Dacca, but the whole is claimed as the Property of Individuals who tho' they receive no profit from it, and are too indolent themselves to make it productive of any, will not suffer others to bring it into a state of cultivation without some recompence, and so very tenacious are they of it that even in the Suburbs of the City which for three or four miles in almost an impenetrable Jungle infested by wild ferocious animals, a man cutting down a single Tree will be sued by the proprietor Damages; the Board cannot therefore I apprehend carry their laudable plan as far as it regards this District into execution, without creating great Dissatisfaction, but as the clearing away this immense tract of Jungle and cultivating the waste Land about Dacca, cannot fail of being productive of great advantage both to Government & the proprietors, as well as tend to render the place more Healthy I beg leave to offer it as my Opinion that the Prejudices of a few Individuals should be no impediment to the adoption of a plan, which has for its object, the Benefit of the Community at large & as the Board concur with my Opinion, I will with their

permission order a Survey and measurement to be made of the Waste Lands, this being the only mode by which the quantity can with any degree of accuracy be ascertained.

Dacca
the 23d July 1786.

I have the Honor to be
and ca. and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

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To John Stables Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit you a List of Europeans now in Dacca, specifying their Occupation and time of Residence in India ; Exclusive of these I understand there are many other in the interior parts of the District, but these being of the lowest class, who follow no particular Business and have no fixed Residence, it is out of my power to inform the Board of their names or Numbers.

Dacca
23rd July 1786.

I have the Honor to be and ca,
Signed/ M. Day, Chief.

List of Europeans residing in Dacca.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Time of Residence in India</i>
John Philip Gardener—	Merchant	2 years.
William Tutin	—late Surgeon of the Henching broke Indiaman	4 do

Archibold Burnete	—Merchant & writer to M. Day.	15 do
Mathew Louis	—Merchant—	9 months.
John Dunn	—Coachman to M. Day.	6 years.
Thomas Crichton	—Pilot to the Hon'ble Company.	20 do
James Smith	—Shop Keeper	1½ do
John Evans	— do	... 7 do
Thomas Cook	— do	... 8 do
William Vincient	— do	... 4 do
Bornaby. Mc. Collum	—Merchant	...20 do

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To Mr. Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Reve. Board. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you herewith an Extract of a Provisional Convention entered into between the Viscount de Souillac on the part of his most Christian majesty and the Hon'ble Colonel Catheart on the part of the Governor General in Council to which you are directed to conform and as it is the wish of Governor General and Council to carry the purposes of it into liberal execution it is their positive orders that you do not occasion and impediment to the due accomplishment of it under pain of their Censure.

Calcutta
the 25th July 1786.

I am and ca.
Signed/ B. Aplin
Secretary.

Extract of a Provisional Convention entered into between the Viscount de Souellae on the part of his most Christian, majesty and the Hon'ble Lieutenant Colonel Catheart on the part of the Governor General in Council Recorded on the Proceeding of the Board of Revenue the 25th July 1786.

Art—19. All the Inhabitants whether European or Natives of the French Establishments Factories and houses of Commerce as well as of the Territory annexed to them shall be under the Protection of the French Elag and Subject to the French Jurisdiction.

Art—20. The Chiefs of Factories and other French Establishments shall enjoy the Privilage of recovering the Debts and Balances due by the Weavers or other Manufacturers as also by the *Delolls* employed by the French altho they may reside beyond the bounds of the said Establishments with this Restriction however that if a *Delol* should have contracts with more than one European nation at the same time he must in that Case only be proceeded against before the ordinary Jurisdiction of the Country.—

Art—21. In whatever French Factories in Bengal the *Dewans* or the Chiefs may have exercised a Jurisdiction over their *Ryots* between the Years 1765 and 1778 tho' the Territories Inhabited by the said *Royotts* may be beyond the Bounds of the said Factories the said Custom of Jurisdiction shall be continued that is to say there shall be no Innovation in this respect.—

Art—22. Natives who being pursued by the Government of the Country for Crimes misdemeanors or debts shall take refuge in the French Factories shall be delivered up by the Chiefs of these Factories when claimed by the said Government but the said Chiefs shall have a right to give Protection to Europeans in similar Circumstances.

Art—23. In Cases where French Subjects shall be accused of outrage against natives of the Country, they shall be delivered over by the Officers of the Government to the nearest French Chief who shall examine the accusation and proceed according to the Exegency of the Case of a French Subject should have Similar Cause of Complaint against a native of the Country the Cause of the said native shall be tried in the Courts of justice of the said Country proved that these Causes occur beyond the Bounds of the French Territory.

Art—24. The other Customs whether relating to Civil or Criminal matters which have not been mentioned in the Proceeding articles shall be continued in full force and as they were practised before the last War.

A true Extract
Signed/ J. Lumsden
Sub Secy.

Revenue Board
A true Extract.
B. Aplin. Secy.

184.

To John Stables Esqr.
President & ca. Members of the Revenue Board
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I am duly favoured with your letter of the 10th Instant and agreeably to your Orders shall furnish Mr. Wroughton with the necessary Information to enable him to carry your Instructions Regarding Duckensavagepore into execution without delay.

It is with much concern that I find, I have incurred the Boards displeasure by my conduct in this Business and that I should be deemed by them responsible for Loss that may ultimately be sustained by either of the Parties in consequence of the (...illegible).

I can only beg leave to assure you Gentleman that from the very ruinous state of the *Purgunnah* it was impossible for me to judge what part of it would produce the Amount for which the sale was directed, and that had I not conceived myself authorized by the Board's order to sell the whole, I certainly should have not done it. Having acted to the best of my Judgement, I flatter myself the Board will be indulgent as to consider the

act in favourable light and thereby free me from the Imputation of having in any disgrace wilfully mistaken their Orders

Dacca
the 27th July 1786.

I have the Honor to be and ca.
Signed/ M. Day Chief.

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To Mr. Matthew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Reve. Board. We have received your Letter of the 21st Instant and desire you will enforce payment of the Arrears due from Hossein Ally, to the Widows on account of their allowance for last Year; also take proper measures for securing them regularly monthly, in receipt of the Stipend which the zemindar has bound himself to make them during the present year.—

Calcutta
the 28th July 1786.

We are
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servants
Signed/ J. Stables,
Wm. Cowper
John Mackinzie
Thomas Graham.

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To Matthew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Mr. Evelyn having recommended the sale of Jelalpore *Nowarra* as the only means of making good the Balance of last

year due from it, We have obtained the Hon'ble Boards authority for this measure; but in compliance with their instructions, are desirous of ascertaining previously—whether the *Talook* was held during 1192 by the 3 partners Kiritram, Ramdhun and Omer-narain, Jointly, or otherwise and if the former, Kiritram has ever, and at what period obtained possession of the Share decreed him by the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council on the 6 February 1784, since it would not be equitable to make a Sale of his Rights for the mismanagement of his partners—These circumstances, your Local Superintendence will enable you to ascertain with precision, and we desire you will lose no time in communicating to us the result of your inquiries.—

Dacca
the 1st 1786.

We are
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. servt
J. Stables
Wm. Cowper
Thomas Graham
John Mackenzie
Rd. Johnson.

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To Matthew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca,

Sir,

Reve, Board. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you herewith Copy of an advertizement prohibiting the alienation of Revenue Lands accompanied with a Persian Translate thereof and to desire you will make it as public in the several Languages intelligible to the Inhabitants of the Districts under your Charge.

Calcutta
the 1st August 1786.

I am and ca.
Signed/ B. Aplin. Secy.

Translation of an advertizement prohibiting the alienation of Revenue Lands.—

To the Zemindars, *Choudries*, *Talookdars* and *Mocuddims* within the Provinces of Bengal Behar and Orissa, Be it known.

Whereas, notwithstanding the repeated orders of Government prohibiting the alienation of Revenue Lands, this illegal practice is still understood to be carried on The Board of Revenue have therefore Instructed the Gentlemen appointed to Superintend the different Districts, to exert their utmost diligence and care to prevent the Commission of this offence ; and they again strictly enjoin the Zemindars and other Landholders of the said Provinces on no account who soever to alienate or transfer by Sale, or otherwise, a Single Particle of the Revenue Lands under their charge, nor to suffer any *Naiib*, *Gomastah*, *Mocuddim*, *Patwarry*, or other person, without the express authority of Government.

If after this repeated warning any Zemindar, *Choudry*, *Talookdar* or other Landholder is found to deviate from these orders, his disobedience will most assuredly be attended with dispossession from his Lands, or with such other exemplary punishment as shall be judged adequate to his offence.

Board Revenue
A true Copy
A. Aplin.
Secy.

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To Mr. Matthew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Rev. Board.

We desire you will communicate to the Zemindars of the different Districts under your Superintendence that they are henceforward required to depute a *Vakeel* to attend at the presidency

for the purpose of making such representations to Government on their part as their affairs may require or of affording the Board such Information as they may on particular occasions be in want of and in order to render it as little burthensome to them as possible we further desire you will acquaint them, that such zemindars only as pay above a Lack of Rupees annually are to depute *Vakeels* respectively and those several *Jummahs* amount to less than one Lack are to depute a joint *Vakeel*—

We are

Sir,

Calcutta
the 3rd August 1786.

Your Most Obedt servants
J. Stables/Wm. Cowper
Thomas Graham
John Mackenzie,

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To Matthew Day Esqr.
Chief of Daccá.

Sir,

Enclosed I have the pleasure to send you a petition from the *Cannongoe* Lucksminarain who represents that you demand the Reventu of Muchimabaud and Dukwa Pulkah from him I have the pleasure to acquaint you that these *Mohauls* are placed under me by the late allotment made by Mr. Graham I apprehend some mistake has happened and that the same places have been allotted to us both, should be the case a reference to the Board of Revenue can only decide the question at present the *Cannongoe* has paid his Revenue twice, once to me and again to you (sic).—

I have the pleasure to be
with regards

Sir,

Moorshedabad
the 4th August 1786.

Your most obedt. servt.
Signed/ Wm. Dawson.

To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Preparer of Reports of the Revenue Department.

Sir,

I was duly favoured with your Letter of the 26th June last, Accompanying Taujddin Mahmud's observations on any reply to his Complaints regarding the sale of his Lands in answer to which I must beg your Attention to the following facts.

In the Bengal year 1188 Mr. Shore fixed the Revenue of Taujuddien Mahmud's share of Idrackpore at Rs. 5364 and in the following year Mr. Holland granted him a Deduction from that *Jumma* of Rs. 1000 notwithstanding which he failed in his payments and Mr. Holland was in consequence under the necessity of advertising his Lands for sale at two different times vizt. on the 12 and 29 November 1783 no attention having been paid by the zamindar to these publications for sale and the Balance increasing, Mr. Hunter then Acting Chief issued another order which being likewise disregarded by the zamindar a fifth advertizement was made by me allowing him to 20th December or the 10th of *Pous* to pay up the arrears due to Government, which being also disregarded the Lands were accordingly put up to auction, and purchased by Counie Gossaul, who soon after made them Over to the zamindar upon receiving from him a Bond for the Government's Balance and which had been taken from the amount purchase. In the two following months, he fell in Balance again Rs. 1000 being two *Kists* in consequence of which his lands were again advertised for sale by me on the 18th February or 10th of *Faugun* and the arrears not being paid withip the time specified in the advertisement or any tender of it made the Lands were once more disposed of by public Auction and bought by Rookunddeen and afterwards as I understand resold by him to Mooneer Warris Tyzuddin, zamindar of Cartickpore.

The above is a real state of Facts which the enclosed Copies of the several Publications will testify and in respect to the objection of the sale having been made before the year was expired I can only in answer observe that it has ever been

customery in this District (and I am ignorant of any public order or regulation prohibiting it) to dispose of Lands when they fall two or three *Kists* in arrears as was the case of the Person in question and I beg leave to submit it to you whether it was probable that a zemindar who as appeals from the above had in the course of 10 months paid one half of his *Jumma* only could possibly have made good his Balance at the close of the year without committing unwarrantable oppression upon his *Ryotts*, and thereby (. . . illegible) the Revenues of the succeeding year. I flatter myself that this will acquit me of the charge of having acted with rigour towards him and satisfy you that every lenity and Indulgence the care would allow was shewn him.

I cannot pretend to say what Collusions there may have been between the purchaser and the Person now in possession of the Lands and not being prey to the acts of the persons said to have been concerned, I am in consequence not responsible for them. From the long intercourse which you have had with the natives, you cannot I am sure be unacquainted with the Arts and Chicanery used by them on every occasion, and of the almost impossibility to tracing them, such as have come to my knowledge I have invariably put a stop to as far as laid in my power and which I should have done in the case in question had I been apprized of any, being used, I shall only further add that my sole object in making the sale of *Taujeddens* Lands was the recovery of the Balance due from him to Government and should therefore hope my conduct in this Instance will not be subject to any Censure.

I am and ca.

Signed/ M. Day, Chief.

Dacca
the 5th August 1786.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

I request you will transmit me as soon as possible the zemindary and *Canongou* Records of Bulda Khaul the *jumma*, and

Wussool of the Separate *mozahs* of Shahpore, and Demla the farm of Maazum alias Chaund Shareef for 1184, 1185, 1186 and 1187 for Shahpore for the following years 1188 and 1189.

I request also to send me an authentic State of the several *aboab* and *Mahtote*, used in the Collection of the Revenue in Bulda khaul from the Period of the Company's *Dewanny* to the present date.

	I am Sir,
<i>Khalsa</i>	Your most obedient humble Servant
the 2d September 1786.	Signed/Jonathan Duncan P.R.R.D.

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To Mathew Day Esqr
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

I request you will procure and transmit to me with as little delay as possible the authentic *Jumma* payable to the *zemin-dar* by the *Talookdar* of a *Tallooka* of *Seleemaddy* in the *Tuppeh* of *Shareefpore* in the *per unnah* of *Gungamundal* together with the *wassool* or collections thereon for the Years 1184, 1185, 1186 and 1187 with the causes specified of any Encrease or diminution that may have happened in the said *jumma* during that Time.

I beg to be furnished with a similar account of *jumma* of the *Talooka* of *Kerparam* in the same *Tuppah*.

This ascertainment of the *jumma* and *Wassool* or Rental and Collections should be as accurate as possible, and taken both from the *zemindary* and *canongou* accounts, as it is to assist me in reporting to the Board of Revenue on complaints preferred by the *Talookdars* in question for over exactions alleged to have been made from them by *Ramjee Mull*.

The complaining *Talookdars* have I find, hardly any vouchers to produce here, to ascertain their *jumma*, nor any receipts to,

fix their payments. This they pretend to account for by alleging that it is not the custom of Gunga Mundel for the *Talookdars Pottas* to specify their *Jumma*, or receive Receipts for their payments I beg to know from you whether all this be true, or how for it may be so and also in what manner the *Jumma* of the *Talookdars* is ascertained in your *Dufter* at Dacca if their *Pottahs* do not specify it.

I however send you enclosed Copies of the vouchers produced by the *Talookdars* in question signed, as they say, by Rogoram the Zemindars *Naib* of the *Pergunnah*, and beg the favor of you to ascertain whether these vouchers can be esteemed authentic, which you may, I should suppose, fix by the Report of the present officers of the *Pergunnah*.

I am Sir,

Khalsa

the 2nd September 1786.

Your most obedient humble servant

Signed/ Jonathan Duncan, P.R.R.D.

P.S. I must also trouble you for an authentic List of the several *aboab* and *mothote* current and established in the *mofussel* collections of Gunga Mundel upto 1187 including what the zemindar may have collected for his private advantage.

J.D.

Extract of a Letter from the Hon'ble Governor General and Council Dated the 4th September 1786.

Altho' the *Talookdars* of Pookerea who are Charged with being the aggressors in the affray with the Inhabitants of Momen-sing might not be regularly amenable to the *Foujedarry Adawlut* at Dacca it was still in the power of the Parties agreed to have themselves made the necessary application to the magistrate of the Griminal Jurisdiction of Moorshedaba^d to which they are subject and there is still no reason to doubt but they can readily procure the necessary process to be issued on their thus using the regular and prescribed means without any extraordinary

Interference on our part in the administration of Justice, which we naturally wish to avoid in all Cases where it may not prove essentially necessary with respect to the disputed Boundaries which have occasioned this affray we are not insensible that the Provision contained in the judicial Regulations which confines the Cognizance of all such Causes to the ordinary jurisdiction of the *Adawluts* may when the matter in litigation rests between two considerable zemindars each subject (as we understand the present case to be) to the local jurisdiction of a separate Court prove inadequate to the maintenance of a due Course of justice of and in such Cases, we therefore authorise you, whenever you shall yourselves be of opinion that your Interference is necessary for the peace of the Country, the due and effectual dispatch of Justice and the Security of the Revenue under your Charge to Cause the Enquiry to be made and reported on for your decision, which is to be final unless appealed from to us within the period limited by the Judicial Regulations.

Revenue Board
A true Extract
Signed/ B. Aplin, Secy.

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To Mr. Mathew Day Esqr.

Chief of Dacca.

Reve. Board. we have received your Letter of the 28th July accompanying your *Toujee* account for the month of *assaur*.

We observe with concern, so heavy a Balance outstanding against Buldacaull, but we rely upon your assurances, that it will be realized with the ensuing *Kist*.

In short we consider you as immediately responsible for the collection of the Revenues under your Charge as it is upon

you, that we must rely for exacting the most rigid adherence from the zemindars and ca. to their respective Engagement.

Calcutta
the 8th September 1786.

We are Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Signed/ William Cowper
Thomas Graham
John Mackenzey
J. Evelyn.

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To John Stables Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentleman,

In obedience to your Commands of the 28th of July last, I have repeatedly called on Hossain Ally for the payment of the *Moeshaira* to the Widows of the *Buldakhaul purgunnah*, on account of last year. as well as that due for the Current, I have not till yesterday been able to bring him to any kind of adjustment on this Head and that now tendered appears so vague and contrary to the spirit of his Engagement with the Board on being charge the whole *purgunnah* for this year that I think it my duty to submit it to gentlemen for your further orders particularly as the widows are by no means Satisfied with Hossain Ally's proposal

The sum due to them to the end of Sawon 1193 amount to 11250 Rs. to liquidate which Hossain Ally has made the following tender — three parts — one at sight for 1500 — the other Two payable the 10th of Assar or 22nd September. One of them for 1000 Rs. the other for 1500 in all 4,000 Rs. that being the balance due them account of last year excepting the sum of 2250

Rs. For discharging the Moshaira account the current year. He proposes to make his first payment at the end of Cartick or 12th November for month of Bysack, Joyst, Assar and Sawon. At the end of the month of Augun or the 12th December. He proposes to pay them for the month of Bhadun, Assin, and Cartick and after that to pay monthly in Pous account of Augun. in Maug for Pous in Faulgun for Maug and in that manner to the end of Bysack—or close of the current year. The widows ground their objection to this mode on their immediate present distress that having received rarely any assistance for the support of themselves and Families—for 17 months last, past and that in the course of last year when their daily support was absolutely at a stand for the want of a little ready money and tho' much was due them from Hossain Ally account their *moshaira*. His Naib instead of making them a Payment on that account objected and obliged them to borrow of him the sum of 300 Rs. This circumstance I never heard till yesterday when before me, made a formal Demand of this sum, desiring credit might be allowed his master Hossain Alli for the same. The Widows further urge an objection to the sum now offered, not even equaling the Balance due to them for 1192 being 2250 Rs. difference to this Hossain Ally observes that he has a Revenue account to adjust with Dulerbram the widow's Naib account the Neez Talook of last year, and that any Difference which may appear due shall be paid. The widows make no objection to this but solicit an immediate adjustment, and that what may be due them exclusive of this be paid agreeably to the Engagement made by Hossain Ally with the Board.

I have the Honor to be
and ca. and ca.

Signed/ M. Day Chief

Dacca

the 8th September 1786.

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To John Stables Esqr.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter and enclosure of the 29th ultimo.

The Balance due from the Different parties in the 2-7-2 Division of Selimabad account the year 1192 was solely occasioned by the contumacy of the zamindars their security from the close of the settlement for that year regularly represented on the demand of the monthly payments being made on him. The inattention & ill conduct of the partners every assistance that was in my power was given him & notwithstanding my real orders for the appearance of the zamindars at the *Sudder* they were disregarded & regularly on any *Dustuck* being issued on them on the Securities *Durkaust* absented themselves from their *mofussil* and were not to be found (sic). The security frequently desired to be relieved from his Engagements, that meeting with no assistance from the zamindars his Credit was exhausted with his merchants and he could not provide any more cash. account of the Revenues, I did not however release him from his Engagement with Government and regularly made my Demands on him for the *Kists* as they become due and which he as regularly declined in consequence he was committed to a prison. In my Explanation of the Balance on my *Toujee* for the month of *Choitt* 1192, I then did myself the honor of notifying the necessity of a sale as the only certain mode of bringing the zamindars to a proper sense of their Duty and securing the Revenue to Government. In reply to which the late Committee of Revenue were pleased on their Letter of 16th March 1786 to direct in lieu of a sale—the attachment of the zamindars private property and for which purpose orders were transmitted under the signature of the President of the *Khalsa* Dated the 16th March 1786—at this time and not before a *sezawall* was Deputed into Selimabad, who on his arrival informed me by letter, that the zamindars with their *Amlah* had absconded and no one was to be found. I gave him direction to remain, and trace the private property of the

parties : to attach the same and make what Collections in the *mofusils* account 1192 he might be able—shortly after this I received Orders for making the Lands Over to the Collector of Boozergomedpore my *Jummah Wassil Bawkee* was delivered to Mr. Evelyn who transmitted it to the collector enclusive of the Balance now due to Government from this Division, account the Bengal year 1192, The *Purgunnah* stands indebted to the security in the sum of Rs. 13803 for Revenues paid to Government. The parties equal to the Discharge of the whole—but unless brought to it under the apprehension of loosing their Lands, will not pay it

With Respect to the 5-1 Division of Sazadpore and the 3 annas share the Balance has arisen on the same Ground as that of Salimabad—every severity to enforce payment was adopted but I am sorry to observe without effect—in proof of the contumacy of this zamindars they attempted the same trick in 1191 withholding their rents for the best part of the year, & until I issued an order for the sale in the month of *Choitt* could not secure payment, even then they did not make an offer till I was on the Eve of selling, at which moment a ready money *Qaut* for the full Balance was delivered.

The Balance against the 1a. 4g. and the (...illegible) *Gundahs* share is occasioned by a Dispute between the parties who hold two Different Decrees one was granted by the Provincial Council under Date the 21st September 1780 allowing to the five parties an equal proportion of 6 *Gundahs* each Raje Chund dissatisfied represented his grievances, some time after & obtained another Judgement at the Backer Gunge *Adawlut* since which time the parties have been continually in dispute & the *mofusil* in a manner laid Waste. My settlement is agreeable to the Judgement given by the Provincial Council but the major part of the partners are prevented from making good their collections by Bose Chund to whom a greater share is awarded by the subsequent Judgement at Backor Gunge than that given him by the provincials Decision on this account the Balance is outstanding.

The Balance against Serampore *Khalsa* irrecoverable, this *Purgunnah* was attached by order of the late Committee of Revenue under date the 23rd May 1785 in consequence of a claim made by

Cojah Michael the security for 1191 of Rs. 8562-4-7-2. The nett produce of the Lands agreeably to the *Joydand* of which herewith have the pleasure of transmitting you a true copy amounted to Rupees 4177-11 being and 7115-5 Rs. short of the *Jumma* at which it stood rated in 1191 and in consequence of which the *Malzamin* become so great a Creditor Having finishing the adjustment between the zamindars and Cojah Michael as directing in the *Mazorlee* Office. I herewith beg leave to inclose it to the Determination of the Board.

Dacca
the 12th September 1786.

I have the Honor to be
and ca. and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

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To Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Reve. Board. In obedience to the Commands of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and Council, we have to again acquaint you that the Right Hon'ble Charles Earl Cornwallis arrived at Fort William on the 12th of this Month and on that day took upon him the office of Governor-General of Bengal in conformity to the Appointment of the Hon ble Court of Directors.

Calcutta
the-14th September 1786.

We are
Sir,
Your most obedient servants
Signed/ William Cowper
Thomas Graham
J. Mackenjee
J. Evelyn.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Accompanying I beg leave to transmit you an *arzee* which has been permitted to me by Ramanut the *Vackeel* of the *zemin-dar* of Noroullapore complaining against Radakissen a Farmer and several other persons belonging to the *pergunnah* Jelalpore in your Division for having in a turbulent manner entered with a number of followers the village Kolly Dheo and causing great disturbance by seizing and carrying away by force three men inhabitants of that place. A *Soorathal* containing an account of the fray which is said to have been omitted to paper at the time it happened accompanies the *Arzee*. As the defendants are under yours and independent of my authority, I take leave to refer, the matter to your inquiry and the complainants to you for such redress as their case may seem to remit.

I am

Sir,

Momensing
Cutcherry
the 19th September 1786.

Your most obedient Servant
Signed/ C. Burrows
Collector, Mong.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Revenue Board. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the Establishment of the Magistrate at Buckergunge is in future to be paid by the Collector at Buzoorgomedpoor.

I am

Sir,

Calcutta
28th September 1786.

Your most obedient Servant
Signed/ B. Aplin
Secy.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

I transmit to you the Copy of a Petition from Ram Golaub Roy and request you will acquaint me with the Grounds of his Assertions relative to the mint, and concerning the distress he now represents himself under for the Information of the Hon'ble Board.

Khalisa
the 10th October 1786.

I am Sir,
Your Most Obedient H. Servant
Signed Jonathan Duncan
P. R. R. D.

Translation of a Petition Gulaub Sing.

The business of the mint of the Dacca *Chucklah*, was granted me by the Governor General in the Bengal Year 1188 and I received the necessaries for it from the *Serafa* Mehaul (*Assay Office*) and *Badilah* Mehaul (an office for providing Silver embroidery) It is now two Years, that Mr. Day has Stopped my allowance, and that of the Officers ; which has reduced me to the utmost poverty, and distress, so that I am at a loss for my Daily sustenance I request that master Day may be directed to restore me my usual allowance and I shall pray and ca.

N. B : The whole allowance is Eighty seven Rupees per month.

A true Copy
G. C. Meyer, Acting P. R. R. D.

Translation.
Signed/ J. H. Harington.
Pers. T. Re. D.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca,

Sir,

Revenue Board. We have received your Letter of the 8th ultimo on the subject of the Distress of the Widows of the late Zemindars of Buldacaül, in consequence of the Non payment of the *Moshaira* due to them by Hussein Ally.

In order to relieve their Distress we direct that you require immediate payment of the *Moshaira* from Hussein Ally due Account the Current Year and in case of his Non compliance that you deduct the amount from his payments of Revenue ; which made you will continue to pursue as long as the Lands of the Widows remain under the Management of Hussein Ally.

We also direct that you prevent Hussein Ally from collecting any new or an authorised Taxes from the *Ryotts*, or otherwise oppressing the Inhabitants of the *Pergunnah*.

We are

Sir,

Calcutta
the 10th October 1786.

Your most Obedient Servants
Signed/ J. Stables.

W. Cowper

Thomas Graham

J. Evelyn.

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To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Preparer of the Reports to the Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have been prevented by the contumacy of the Zamindars *Amlah* of the *Purgunnah* of Buldekhell from making a more early reply to your Letter of the 2nd ultimo till now, & it has not been

without difficulty and some severity that, I have at length procured the necessary papers and accounts you have required. I have annexed a list of the several accounts enclosed and hope they will prove such as you wished. Against each article is placed the Gross sum collected annually by the zamindars—amongst which are the articles of *mathote Gerduarry* and *Gundee* collected in the Buldakhall *Purgunnah*.

Dacca
the 19th October 1786.

I am Sir,
Your and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

P. S.

No. 1. *Bundabust* of the *Purgunnah* Buldakhall for 1193.

No. 2. Do of the Mouza Shawpore and Dumdah made by claims
Sherief Izaradur from 1186 B. S.

No. 3. Dakhellah of the Mouza for that year.
Signed by Mirza Hossain Ally.

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To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Department.

Sir,

I should not have delay'd so long my reply to your Letter of the 2nd ultimo had it not been for the contumacy of the Zemindars *Amlahs* of Gungamundul,

I have now the pleasure to enclose you the Jumma payable by the *Talookdar* of Seleemaddy in the Tuppah of Shareefpore in *Purgunnah* Gungamundul to the Zamindar with the account realized for the years 1184—1185—1186 and 1187 as likewise a similar account to *Talooka* of Kerparam in the same Tuppah.

It appears that an increase was demanded by the zamindar for the year 1186 but the *Talooks* not being equal to the amount so demanded the zamindar relinquished the Claim, incurring a Balance even on their Original *Jummahs*, which appear to have been occasioned from the encrease demanded, the *Talookdars* having absconded for some time in consequence, to make their representation at the *Sudder*.

It appears that no *Talookdars* holds any *Pottah* specifying the *Jumma* of his *Talook* from the zamindar, as the amount of each *Talook* is particularised in the *Tuxeem Sherister* of the *Purgunnah* and to which a reference is *invariably* made on all complaints of the *Talookdars* for any exactions of the zamindar or his *Amlah*, they the *Talookdars* delivering their *Wassalut* (sic).

The vouchers delivered to you I find correspondence with the zamindars *Sherister* and are therefore just, and have the pleasure to return them.

I enclose agreeably to your desire an authentic List of the *Aboab* and *Mahtoot* current established in the *Mofusil* Collection of *Purgunnah* *Gungamundul* up to 1187 exclusive of which nothing has been taking by the zamindar for his own private advantage.

Dacca
the 19th October 1786.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

- No. 1. *Bundabust* of the *Tuppah Shareefpore* and *Purgunnah* *Hazar Chowdah* signed by the zamindar for 1193 B. S.
- No. 2- *Jumma Wassil Bawkie* of *Hawallah Kerparam Jumma* *Bhowanny Persaud* of *Talook Callechund Mouza* *Salemaddie* signed by the zamindar for 1183, 1184—1185 1186 and 1187.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief at Dacca

Sir,

Reve, Board. We transmit for your information and Guidance the Enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and Council relative to the Privilege of the French to hoist Flags at any Place where they have Settled or may Settle for the purpose of Trade.

Calcutta
the 27th October 1786.

We are
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants
Signed/ W. Cowper
Thomas Graham
Rd. Johnson
John Evelyn.

Extract of a Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and Council in their Secret and Foreign Department dated the 13th of October 1786, and recorded the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 27th of the same month.

A Question having come before us in respect to the Privilege of the French to hoist Flags at Maulda and Chittagong we have evidence before us which we deem incontestable that the French had no right to hoist Flags at these places before the last war ; and as we have found ourselves required to pronounce whether this Privilege should be allowed them at any places where they have settled or may settle for the purposes of trade ; we have resolved that the Flag of his most Christian Majesty be hoisted at any place at the five original Factories belonging to the French at Chandernagore, Dacca, Patna, Cossimbuzar and Ballasore, and at that Factory which have been permitted to establish in lieu of Jugdea that the Houses of Trade and other Agencies such as those at Soopore Kerpoy, Canicola Mohunpore, Serampore Chittagong and Maulda & be considered as subordinate to the

said Original Factories and that Flag be not permitted to be hoisted at any of them. We have therefore requested that French agent to discontinue the use of hoisting the Flag of his most Christian Majesty at any Places excepting those at which they are permitted to be hoisted by this Resolution. The Revenue Chiefs and Collectors under your immediate authority are to be acquainted with this order, but instructed at the same time, in the Event of the French not acceding to the spirit of it not to proceed to the last extremity by taking down Elags where Flags have been improperly hoisted, but after formerly remonstrating against this practice, wherever necessary, to report to us thro' you the Instances in which the Remonstrances are found ineffectual, and wait our orders for their further guidance.

Revenue Board
A true Extract
Signed/B. Aplin
Secy.

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To Mathew Day Esar
Chief of Dacca

Sir,

As I am now engaged in making the usual advances for the ensuing year, and find that several *Molungees* belonging to the Chittagong Agency have lately left the District and taken up their Residence in the pergunnas of Amirabad and Biderabad which I understand are included under your Chiefship, shall be obliged by your granting me perwannahs to the zemindars of those pergunnahs directing them not to give protection to these molungees but to cause them to be Delivered to my people on application, who will point out their persons: otherwise the Salt Manufacture must suffer very considerably for want of their

Assistance. The number who have absconded being very great as will appear by the enclosed list which I send for your information.

I am
sir

Chittagong
the 31st October 1786

Your Most obedient H. Servant
Signed/ H.C. Flowden.

Names of the molungees absconded from the Chittagong Agency and taken up their Residence in the pergunnahs of Amirabad and Biderabad.

In the pergunnah of Amirabad.

Gansey	Aubeez
Bolleah	Moah Gauzy
Becha Gauzey	Nonoo lonoo
Wauz	pocha
Boxiah	Aushock
Annah	panchoo
Ashrott	Jaibullah
Gooichaund	Mautoo
Tonoo	Attaullah
Pocha Gauzey	Monoo
Degur Pocha Gauzey	Mlddah Gauzey
Donnis	Joorah Gauzey
Manullah	Onooah
Bhongoo	Bongoo
Shookiah	Ohaid and Nonoo
Sonna	Churoo
Alley mahomed	Aunoo
Degur Ally Mahomed	Monoo
Toofaney	Dannis
Monnah and Monullah	Nonoo

Toib Sirdar	Teencorria
Tonoo & Monoo	Dhon Gauzey
Jeebon	Dannix
Dannis	Becha Gruzey
Causey	Coobir
Ashoo	Attahullah
Gofooa and patooa	Mahomed Gauzey
	Sonnaullah
In the Pergunnah of	Monoo Gauzey
Biderabad.	Becha Gauzey
Bansey	Rofee Jeebon
Cansy	Banseeach
Cootub	Canroo
Aushock	Bodee and Nudeah
Audor Gauzey	Poncha and Becha
Bansey	Goyaus
Audoo	Panchooa
	Gosnah
	Zonooah
	Sedoo

To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

, Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 19th October with the accounts of Bulda Khaul, and am sorry that they are not yet Sufficiently explicit to enable me to make a Satisfactory Report for 2 Reasons 1st Because Maizeem Shereef insists, that the Paper of which you have sent a copy, from an original, Said to be under

his Signature, is not an accurate, or true Copy or such as he ever signed, I am therefore under the necessity of requesting you will enclose to me, the original to which his Signature is affixed.

2ndly you have not Sent me any Statement of the Rates of the *aboab*, and *Khercha* & ca. as Collected in Buldakhal, which is absolutely necessary for my Information I request also, that you will distinguish them in the different Rates of Pur, and neem Dustoor, or any other Distinctions, that may exist in the Mofussil.

3rd I beg you will be careful to Specify in your account the dates of the Introduction of each Separate article of the *aboab*, and *Khercha*—

4th I request you will send me the Separate Jummah Wassil Bakey accounts of Shahpoor and Damla, for as many years of Maizum Shereefs holding these villages as you can procure them, what I want being to distinguish the Component parts and the Separate Agreegate of the Jummah of each, as paid by that person whereas I have now only the agreegate of both united.

While Maizum Shereef is obliged to attend here for the decision of this part of his former Complaints he remonstrates that his affairs in your Division are suffering greatly, by his absence ; I therefore think it particularly incumbent on me, to recommend his Situation to your attention, as contained in the accompanying Petition under the following Heads.

1st He complains, that he cannot obtain the Execution of a Decree, passed, in his favour by Mr. Holland, your Predecessor on the 30th of October 1782, as per Copy which I enclose you—I request you will let me know—what obstacles prevent it and if now exist, that you will proceed to execute it.

2d That Dorlubram the *naib* of the *pergunnah*, is oppressing his agents, by making undue Exactons from them for his Revenue.

I beg you will attend to this man's enclosed Representation and favor me with all the Information required in this Letter as speedily and with as much Detail, accuracy, as possible.

I am

Sir,

Khalsa

The 2d November 1786.

Your most Obedient Servant

Signed/ Jonathan Duncan, P.R.R.D,

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca

Sir,

Reve. Board The Hon'ble Board having desired that in all future applications for their sanction to a Sale of Land, we will accompany them with full explanations of the particulars of the Districts names, and Situation of Renters in arrear so as to enable the Hon'ble Board to judge in what cases it may be expedient to enforce the general regulations or to modify them we expect if on any occasion, you shall find it necessary to propose to us a Sale of Land for the liquidation of Balances that your proposal be invariably Accompanied with the explanations desired.

We are

Sir,

Calcutta
the 8th November 1786,

Your most obedient Servants
Signed/ W. Cowper

Thomas Graham
Rd. Johnson
J. Evelyn.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Reve. Board. An appeal having been made to us by the Zeminders of Nusserojaul from adjustment and Decision Passed upon their Accounts with Coja Michael we desire you will

report to us the Grounds and date of your Decree — Enclosed we forward a Copy of the Petition for your information,

We are

Sir,

Calcutta

the 23d November 1786.

Your most Obedient Servants

Signed/ W.Cowper,

Thomas Graham

John Mackensy,

Rd. Johnson.

Petition of the Zemindars of Nusserojaul.

In the Bengal year 1192 your Petitioner engaged for the above *Purgunnah* upon a *Khode Bundabust* and on the 12th Assar following Cojah Michael being appointed *Sezawal* by Mr. Day deputed Rada Moudhoo as *Sickder* into the *Mofusseel*, who collected the Sum of 36,566 Rupees to the end of Maug out of which only 18,170 SRs. was paid in at the *Sudder* the Remainder having been embezzled by Cojah Michael a considerable Balance having in consequence occurred. Cojah Michael was dismissed by Mr. Day and Ram Gutty appointed *Sezawall* in his room your petitioners upon this preferred a complaint to Mr. Day which was referred to the examination of *Mutsudd-ees*, but no investigation ever took place in the presence of your petitioners and in what manner it proceeded or what report was made they are entirely ignorant, a Balance of 5,938 was decided to be due from their *Pergunnah* for the recovery of which severity is inflicted on them but they are unable to discharge it your petitioners therefore pray their Wassaulut and the former *Sezawalls* *Jumma Kurutch* may be investigated, an adjustment formed and the Balance demanded from him in order that they may be released If the Balance of last shall not be proved to be due from him your petitioners will pay it without objection.

Revenue Board

A true Copy

Signed/ B. Aplin, Secy

To John Stables Esqr.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I am very sorry to inform you that my utmost endeavours Prove ineffectual in realizing from Hossain Ally the regular payment of his *Kist* Account the *Purgunnah* of Buldakhaul I have confined him in my common Jail and threatened him with condign Punishmenn — but all in vain. He is now in Balance 40750 Rs. being the amount of his Kists for Assin and Cartick and totally incapable of giving me the least satisfactions for the payment of them. His only plea is that when He engaged for the settlement He had been given to believe by his Naibs and the shroff with whom he had dealt for these two years back that he should have their assistance, but they have disappointed and deceived him, that the state of the Lands will not admit of regularity without such assistance. I have questioned him as to the cause of his Shroffs failing him in their promise. His reply to which, is, that being already indebted to them very considerably and not having had it in his favor to liquidate any part of their Demands they have stopped.

This being the case and well knowing that his Circumstances including the share of the zamindarry will not more than equal the sum now due, I have thought it indispensibly my Duty thus to report upon the Balance and to request such orders as you may deem most Expedient for securing as much Revenue from the Mofusil as possible without further detriment to the Lands or Renters, during the remainder of the year.

The Mofusil Kists of the Buldakhaul Purgunnah from Aughun to the month of Choitt is only Ten Thousand Rupees each month. Allowing Hossain Ally not to have collected beyond the month of Cartick, a circumstance I have directed to be ascertained, and making allowances for the present situation of the purgunnah out of the 50000 Rupees which it ought it in full Cultivation to produce about 30, 000 Rupees may possibly be secured without

risking further desertion of the renters. This sum with the Amount paid by Hossain Ally on account of the present years Jummah vizt. 63, 000 Rs. will make the nett sum of 93,000 in part of the Jummah when the Balance to complete his Engagement will be eighty Thousand, exclusive of the Widows Moshaira amounting to 8000 Rs. To replace which Hossain Ally has his own 2 annas share, and which to the best of my Judgement will not yield at Public sale more than 30,000 at the utmost. He has likewise a Gunge, and Garden, on the former he squandered a large sum of money last year, but it does not yet afford him any Revenue and consequently will produce but little. The latter is estimated at about 800 or 1000 Rupees This Exclusive of his wearing apparel in the whole of his Property.

The Board from the above I hope will be enabled to Judge how far it may be expedient to continue him longer in charge of the Purgunnahs. I have had repeated complaints of his Exactions and which I have never failed in redressing to the utmost of my Power but in spite of my constant Injunctions to him and the Purgunnahs issued by your sanction prohibiting any additional Taxes being laid on the renters, He has I am informed absolutely Levied a Mahtote of 2 Annas from many of the Ryotts, allowing this Intelligence to be well grounded. Hossain Ally or his naibs must have secreted a part of the Amount realized, either for his own Account or for the discharge of his former debt. I have therefore deemed it expedient to depute an Aumeen simply to ascertain the real Amount which has been collected since the close of the settlement, without interfering in any shape in the collections. This Gentlemen I hope will meet your approbation. The moment it comes to my hands, I will do myself the Honor transmitting it. In the mean while I beg to be favoured with such Orders, as the Board on their Judgement may deem necessary.

I have Hossain Ally under close confinement in my Jail, and his Sudder Naib in the Charge of peons.

I Have the Honor to be
Gentlemen

Your and ca.

Signed, M. Day
Chief.

Dacca

the 27th November 1786.

To Mr. Mathew Day

Chief of Dacca

Sir,

Reve. Board. Having received Information that not Withstanding the repeated Orders of Government for abolishing all Chokies and *Phandees* for the Collection of *Rahdarry* and *Chilunta* Duties; such Exactions are still continued, and particularly on Goods transported by Water carriage in different Districts, to the great Vexation of Merchants and Injury of Trade, We think it necessary to emppower you, in case of any future Exaction whatsoever, under the general Denomination of a *Rahdarry* or *Chilunta* Duty, on proof, as well to oblige the immediate offender to refund the Money exacted, as to inflict corporal Punishment on him, on the spot where he shall make such Exactions ; And having done this we desire you will immediately communicate to us the Name of the Person in whose Territory such offence shall be committed, when, whether, Zemindar, *Chowdry*, Talookdar or other Land-holder he will be punished, as declared in the enclosed Publication, which we desire you will make as publick as possible in your District, translating it (if the accompanying Persian and Bengal Versions are insufficient) into every other Dialect necessary for the general Information of the Inhabitants.

Having thus rested you with a Power of Punishment, we look to you for the compleat Suppression of the pernicious practice above recited, by the most active and constant Vigilance, which, if exerted, cannot fail to ensure Obedience to the Orders of Government.

We are

Sir,

Calcutta

the 28th November 1786.

Your most obedient servants

Signed—W. Cowper,

Thomas Graham

John Mackensey,

J. Evelyn.

Whereas

Notwithstanding the repeated Orders of Government for abolishing also *Chokies* and *Phandees* for the Collection of *Rahdarry* and *Chellunta* duties such as *Gullee Mangun*, *Manje Sellamee* & ca. Yet some persons are Still so hardy as to disregard these Orders, as well as the authority of *Kawannahs* and venture to extract money from Merchants to the great injury of trader.

It is therefore hereby publickly notified and declared, that the Board of Revenue have delegated to the several Revenue Chiefs and Collectors, the power vested in them by the Hon'ble Governor General and Council Namely, in case of any future exaction whatsoever under the general denomination of *Rahdarry* or *Chellunta* duty no proof thereof as well to oblige the immediate offender to refund the money exacted, as to inflict corporal punishment on him, on the spot where they shall make such exactions and the Zemindar, *Chowdry Talookdar*, or other proprietor, of the land in which such offence shall be committed will be punished by a confiscation of the whole or part of his lands by the Right Hon'ble of the Governor General and Council according to the degree of the offence nor will the plea of ignorance on any occasion be admitted except in the cases of Minors, Women, or persons otherwise incapable of acting for themselves, in which instances the actual Managers will suffer such punishment as the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and Council shall deem expedient, Let all land holders and others know this to be a positive Ordination and act accordingly.

Reve. Board

A true Copy

Signed/B. Aplin

Secy.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Rev. Board. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you the accompanying Copy of a Petition which has been Presented to them on behalf of the Zemindars of the *Pergunnah* Ramnagore and to desire you will Enquire in the Circumstances therein setforth and afford the Petitioner such redress as he may appear to be entitled to.

	I am
	sir,
Calcutta	Your most obedient Servant
the 11th December 1786.	Signed/ B. Aplin
	Secy.

To the Hon'ble John Stables Esqr.
President & ca. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Most humbly Sheweth

The Humble Petition of Kessenchund Doss,
vakeel to the Zemindar of the *Purgunnah*
Ramnagore.

That the Zemindary Aforesaid formerly remains in the Name of Ramdass Sean and Norsing Sean Choudoories, and the Revenues of which for the years 1191 and 1192 paid to the Collector of *Huzoor Tousel*, thro a Security Named Ram Soonder Paulit.

In the beginning of the present year Mr. Evelyn went up to Dacca, for the Settlement of the Revenues of that District, in a few days a Naib belonging to the above Zemindar Proceeded to Dacca and on whose arrival there the Security Aforesaid Confined him under the custody of ten Peons, and beated him Severely upon an unjust Demand Saying that he has lent Cash by Supplying the Revenues, in the above two years and forcibly taken a proposal

from said *Naib* in the name of the Security Aforesaid and on Submitting it to Mr. Evelyn farmed the *Pergunah* in his own name, which done without the knowledge of your Petitioner's Conseti-
 uent; The said Ramsoonder Paulit Sent his people to the *Muff-
 essal* and Seized the Zemindars House also forcibly began to
 Collect the Revenues from the respective *Muffessal Royts*, more
 than their last *Malgoozary* by beating them enough, your Petiti-
 oner begs leave to represent that the *Royats* are Greatly distre-
 sed by the said Ramsoonder Paulit, for who used to Collect the
 Revenues for whole year within the time of 6 Months which, gre-
 a'ly disturbed the *Royts* to runaway from their respective Inhabitants
 (sic).

Your Petitioner further begs leave request that though the
 said Ramsoonder has Collected the due revenues for whole year
 yet again, began to Collect some above rents from the Poor *Royats*
 by selling their houses & ca. for his own benefit.

Therefore your Petitioner Humbly hopes your honorable Board
 will be so favorable as to issue an Order to Mr. Day the Chief
 of Dacca to Order a *Nagabond* to be Conveyed to the *Muffessal*
 that the said Ramsoonder may not be permitted to Collect the Rev-
 enues from the *Royats* more than their last Supplies.

And your Petitioners as
 in duty Bound shall ever pray,
 Revenue Board
 A true Copy
 Signed/B. Aplin
 Secy.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
 Chief of Dacca

Sir,

Reve Board. We have received your Letter of the 27th Ultimo,
 relative to the Balances of Buldacaal,

We do not at the Present Season of the Year, think it advisable either to authorize a Sale of Hussain Ali's Share of the Pergunnah, or to render the Collections *khass*, but in order to prevent Embezzlements and Misappropriations of the Revenues, we direct that you call upon the Mofussil Officers and the several Renters holding of the Zemindari to pay their Rents immediately into the Sudder Cutcherry; informing them at the same time, that Dakhelas or Receipts will be then granted to them for the Sums paid by them respectively, under the joint Signature of yourself and the Zemindar -- you will also direct them to accompany their Remittances by regular Chelauns, that they may be compared with the Receipts on adjusting their Accounts at the Close of the Year.

We desire that you circulate a Perwannah throughout the Zemindarry notifying this to the several Renters and Mofussil officers thereof: and further informing them, that no Payments made subsequent to the Publication being issued, will be carried to their Credit unless they can produce the prescribed Receipts.

We flatter ourselves that; by the Adoption of these measures, Government will ultimately suffer the least Loss from the Buldacaal Balances. The particular mode of Carrying them into the most effectual Execution, whether in person or by Deputation we leave to your Discretion and local knowledge.

We are

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants

Signed/ W. Cowper

Thomas Graham

John. Mackensey

Rd. Johson,

J. Evelyn.

Calcutta

the 14th December 1786.

the Khalsa have passed a Decree for 23000 Rupees and sent word to the Collector of the said District, wherewith the Constituent being obliged and attended to Mr. Day by prejudice of the aforesaid Shack Golamally sent ten Peons to the Constituents House and whatever Effects and Things & ca were in the parts private and Publick of the said House they gathered and kept into outwards Rooms and locked it off with a Seal of Mauneeck Ghose and Kept 8 peons for taking care of (...illegible) for the unjust Balance of 8,1,76, Rupees, an advertizement having been affixed in 5 days to Sale up the zamindary at public outcry whereupon the said Constituent being obliged and therefore be given a *Paut* or Bill of money to Mr. Rotton for the said Balance who accepted it and wrote to Mr. D. But by means of Coja Mikeel and Shack Gollamally the Gentleman Since disapproved the same Letter, and so the Gentleman forcibly and wrongfully has sold the whole Division of 9 annas to Coja Mikeel for 62500 Rupees and in consequence your petitioners beg leave to explain, that formerly by this kind of prejudice the said Shack Gollamally has Bereaved 7 annas Division of the said zamindary. The Constitnt for the 9 annas Division a Petition has presented to Committee and issued *Hukumnaumah* to Mr. Rotton then Collector of the District, ordering him to Put the Constituent in Possession of his Inheritance zemindary why then demanded the said Balance of 8166 Rupees and the Constituent was already to pay up the Balance, But on the Prejudice of the said Gollamally with Mr. D. the Gentleman Demanded, Shack Gollamallys demands and yet the Constituent agreed to make a *Kistbundee* of the Decree, and so brought one Ramkissore Bose to be his Security for and Mr. Rotton Accepted it and at last by means of Mr. D. the Gentleman not taken Security and given Possession to the Constituent, and from that Time the said Gollamally Possessing and enjoying of the Constituents Inheritance zemeindary. Therefore your Honour out of mere goodness will be pleased to take this hard case into your consideration generously as to Render the Justice to your Poor petitioners.

And your petitioners as in duty
Bound shall ever pray.

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To Mathhew Day Esqr
Chief of Dacca

Sir;

A Petition, of which the enclosed is a Copy, having been referred to me by order of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General I send it to you ; and request you will be as particular as possible in your answer to the Several Assertions in it, especially that part which asserts that a fictitious Balance to the amount of Rupees 8166—was made out against the Zemindar as a part of the claim for which his zemindarry was sold ; and lastly I wish you to inform me, Why Land to the value of more than the acknowledged Demand against him was disposed of.

I am

sir,

Your most Obedient Humble

Servant

Khalsa

the 15th December 1786.

Signed/ Jonathan Duncan

P. R. R. D.

To the Right Hon'ble Charles Earl Cornwallis Esqr.
Governor General of Fort William in Bengal & ca' & ca' & ca

The Humble Petition of Ramcanth

Naib and Kableram advocate of

Mirjah Jaun Zemindar of 9 *Annas*

Division of Pergunuah Deken Saha Bazpoor.

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners most humbly beg leave to represent into your Honour, that your Petitioners Constituent by the Public Settlement of the *Khode Bundbust* of the Year 1192 was renting his Zemindarry and Mr. Day without any reason for-

cibly appointed Radanath Mokerjih as a *Sajawal*, and sent Durponarain Roy in the *Moffosel* and collected in the rent till the Course of month of *Bhodoh* of the Aforesaid Year and has wrongfully not placed three thousand Rupees of the Collections to the Government rent's account and so made out a false Balance of the said three thousand Rupees Due to the Hon'ble Company and by this means had confined the Constituents *Naib* and released him by taking Lalla Pautnee Mull as a security of him, after which three thousand & five hundred rupees out of the amount the said Lalla Pautnee Mull having paid in the rent, has forcibly not allowed to the Government rent of the said Zemindary and also quitted the said Security and granted a *Sezawally Sunnud* to Mohomed Jauker and delivered the Management of the Zemindary to Nooralla Moonshee and also has not allowed two thousand Rupees of the *Paut* or Bill given by the hand of the *Sezawal* and Moonshee Mr Day and his *Mutsudies* making in all amounted to 8400 Rupees have not allowed to the Government rent and so they wrongfully made out a Balance of 8166 Rupees Due from the Constituent and demanded the same afterwards the Gentlemen without giving any notice to the Constituent and the Aforesaid Moonshee, forcibly appointed Lall Bahary Mojoomdar as a *Sejawal* and Seized the zamindary by sending him in the *Mofusail* as in the Year 1191 Shack Golomally was *Sejawal* and Security of the said zamindary, and without making an Enquiry into his *Wassilat* or account of collections of the Year 1191 Mr. Day by means of the said Shack Golomally has unjustly passed a decree for 24000 Twentyfour thousand Rupees whereupon the Constituent represented his objections to, on which case one Ram Mohun Dewan was sent in the *Moffossil* and brought a perfect account of *Wasselat* or Collections for the next Year of the zemindary, and by the face of the said account not appearing the beforementioned large sums of money due from the constituent but Mr. Day did not take it into his Judgement. At last the Constituent by his *Vakeel* made his Complaint to the Khalsa and where with the Decree was brought to the *Huzoor* and produced usual *Wassilat*, since on the Constituents misfortune his said *vakeel* fell in very sick and so he without giving notice went to his House for recovery of his Health, after this, on the misrepresentation of the above named Sacks *Vokeel* Gentlemen of

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca

Sir,

Reve. Board. We desire you will immediately ascertain and report to us for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and Council at what Place in the Districts under your Superintendence French Flags are now hoisted.

We are

Sir,

Calcutta
the 18th December 1786.

Your most Obedient Servants

Signed/ W. Cowper

Thomas Graham

John Mackenssey

Rd. Johnson

. Evelyn.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca

Sir,

A Man named Mahomed Hossein who had several Employments at Lucknow having been expelled from the Vizeers country for improper Conduct and afterwards resident within the Dominions of the Marattas intends to Repair, as the Nobob Vizeer understands to the Territories of the Company, we are to desire you the Directions of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and Council not to show him any Countenance nor have any Communication with him, and not to afford him any other protection than a man taking Refuge in the Companys Territories is of Course and of necessity to receive. This Order

is not to apply to you only, but to the several Servants of the Company and others dependant on them,

We are

Sir,

Calcutta
the 21st December 1786.

Your most Obedient Servants

Signed—W. Cowper

Thomas Graham

John Mackensy

Rd. Johnson

J. Evelyn.

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To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have now the pleasure to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 14th ultimo, on the subject of Mahmed Hossain Khauns Jaguir and to inform you that having agreeably to your desire made the proposal to the Zemindars of *Purgunnah* Bawal of the Rentals being fixed at the Sum claimed by the *Jaguir-dar* they have declined it, asserting that the Lands from which it is to be paid do not yield so much, and willing by submitting to a *Hustabood* of the produce being made whenever it may be the pleasure of Government. I would therefore recommend that the *Hustabood* be entered upon immediately and to prevent the *Jaguir-dar* from suffering any Loss or trouble in the Collection of the Rents, I would propose that at the next Settlement it be rated at its actual produce and included in the Zemindars *Tahud* with their *Jumma* to Government from whom the *Jaguir-dar* may receive the Amount by Instalments. I am induced to Recommend this Measure being fully convinced that while the *Jaguir* remains under the Management of Mahmed Hossain Kawns or his Agents the Zemindars will never want a plea for withholding payment of his just dues.

The following will I hope fully explain to you those parts in my former statement of this *Jaguir*, to which you have desired an Explanation

The *Jumma* Stated to Amount to Rs. 13,333-5 was the Original *Jumma* of the *Jaguir* granted to Mohmed Hossain Kawn & Meer Jafaur jointly known by the name of *Toomahree* the former's proportion of which was Rs. 8333-5 and the latter Rs. 5000. In the Bengal Year 1152 on a Complaint being preferred by the Zemindars to Meer Habbeeb the then *Naib* of Dacca a Measurement of the Lands allotted for the payment of this sum was made & the produce proving no more than Rs. 7001 it was in consequence reduced to this sum being the *Tuxeesh Jumma*. In the following year /1153 B. S/ an Increase was however put upon it by the said *Naib* of Rs. 500 for the *Jaguidars* and a further sum of Rs. 186-11-10, as I am given to understand for their Establishment of servants & ca. these sums making together Rs. 7687-11-10 being the Amount now claimed. Of this last Mahmed Hossain kawn's proportion was Rs. 5687-11-10 & the Remaining Rs. 2000 that of Meer Jaffur which I am informed was joined to the former's share in the Bengal Year 1171 by whose orders or what Authority I cannot learn.

With regard to the Amount claimed by the *Jagirdar* under the Head of *Aboab Foujedarry*, the Bikrampore Parganah formerly stood cessed on this Account at the sum stated by you Rs. 1304-14-6 but this never was Realized as far as I can learn and as you will perceive by the Accompanying *Jumma Wassil Baukee* for the last ten years past, A further obstacle to the Collection of it now exists, which is the Numerous sales of Lands Originally belonging to the *Purgunnah* made since that period, and many of which have since been altogether separated from it. The *canongoe Mohrers* and the Zemindars *Amlahs* being principally concerned in those purchases renders it not only impracticable for me to trace the *Tuxeem* of the *Purgunnah* but difficult to realize the *Jumma* payable to Government, the purchasers positively declining to point out the Lands they possess in consequence of their purchases whereby a fair estimate might be formed and persisting in paying no more than their

different *Chawallahs* stipulate, which barely equals one half of the *Jumma* of the Lands they possess ; the only possible Mode therefore of securing to the *Jaguirdar* the full amount of his *Jaguir* and Relieving the few original *Talookdars* of the hardship they at present labour under in Paying Rent for Lands which they in reality do not hold, is an order for such portions of Lands as have been sold and separated from the *pargunnah* to be reannexed to it and ca. *Hustabood* made of the whole. By this the true produce of the Lands will be ascertained and each proprietor equitably cessed.

The sums stated by you for Doorgapore and *Talooka Rauj Kessen Sein* are just and may I should think be included with the Government *Jumma* in the Landholders *Tahud*.

Dacca
the 23rd December 1786.

I am and ca,
Signed/M: Day
Chief.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Inclosed I transmit you a Copy of a Petition from *Jynarain Howalader* of Bickrampore Complaining against Ram Bhudder his superior Landholder for unjustifiably selling his Effects and property as he Alleged for the rent of his Lands notwithstanding that they were as he further asserts, destroyed by the encroachments of the River seven years ago I request you will afford him such redress as he may appear entitled to. and am.

Khalsa
the 5th January 1787.

Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Signed/ G. C. Mayer
A. P. R. R. D.

To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Department.

Sir

I have to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 15th ultimo enclosing copy of a Petition from Mirza Jaun on the subject of the sale of his Zemindary, To render my reply as complete as possible & that the whole matter may be brought at once to view I have deemed it expedient to transmit to you copies of my Correspondence Respecting the Sale as likewise an Authenticated Account of the Revenues paid Account the 9 *Anna* share of Dackensavgepore, from my first taking charge of my office which will clearly demonstrate how far any Dependence is to be placed on my having/as stated by the petitioner/ deprived him of his Zemindarry on a fictitious Balance.

The occasion of the Amount which the Land brought so far exceeding the sums due to Government & the *Malzamin* is particularly specified in my Letter of the 14th April 1786 to the Committee of Revenue. Had not the same been adopted I can venture to assure you from the thorough knowledge I had of the state of the Lands They would not have yielded one half of the sum in proof of which the bidders at the sale excepting the Purchaser did not offer beyond thirty thousand.

In proof that I was willing to afford the zemindar every opportunity of preserving his lands by the payment of the Balance on Account of 1192 & providing for the payment of his Debt due to the security for the Revenues advanced by him Account - 1191, I attended to all his requisitions for prolonging the periods at first fixed on for the sale and did not inforce the order of Government till Mr. Wroughton into whose *zillah* the *purgunnah* was placed on the General Arrangement of this District absolutely informed Me by *chit* that he saw no probability of recovering the Amount Balance and must therefore leave the zemindar to his Fate. It may be necessary to add the occasion of Mr. Wroughton's note on the subject. The zemindar when removed to his Authority naturally made his applications to the Gentle-

man, who willing to give him every necessary assistance informed me from time to time of the Assurances he received for the payment of the Balance desiring in consequence a prolongation of the period fixed. I completely attended to them and did not proceed to the last extremity till such times as I have before mentioned Mr. Wroughton informed me He had no hopes of Issuing the Amount to Government. This to myself was perfectly clear from knowing the state of Mirza Jauns circumstances. His credit with the different Merchants had been some time exhausted, Many of whom at this day terribly distressed Account their Dues from him. Still I considered it but an act of Justice to allow him every opportunity of saving himself.

I often forward him of the consequence that must inevitably attend him, in continuing his Dissipations and strongly recommended his looking more into the Management of his own affairs but he was totally deaf to all Arguments I advanced. The people to whom the Management of the lands was entrusted by himself took care to supply all his wants and naturally at the same time did not forget themselves, by which means (... illegible) Division was in a very short period totally laid waste, by oppressions of every denomination and lately became an assylum only for Decoits, to which is to be ascribed the unfortunate and untimely end of Lieunentant Donald on his way from Calcutta.

Dacca
the 18th January 1787.

I am and ca:
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca

Sir,

I enclose for your information, the copies of 2 Reports made by me to the Committee and Board of Revenue on the Compla-

ints of the *Ryets* of Itchapoor against their Farmer Jessuant Accompanied by Copies of the orders passed thereon—1st by the last Committee and recently by the Board of Revenue the Execution of the last part of which by Removal of Iessuant I according to their Directions now Commit to you.

I am
Sir,

Khalsa
the 19th 1anuary 1787.

Your most obedient Servant
Signed/ Jonathan Duncan
P. R. R. D.

Extract from the Resolution of Board of Revenue of the 29th of December 1786.

1786
23rd Jul,
7th Nov.
Ryoytts of
Itchapoor.

The Board taking the above reports into Consideration.

Agree on the Ground of the *Canongoes* opinion enclosed in the reports of the 23rd July both from a Conviction of its Justice, and from the propriety, and necessity of it, as an example to deter others from such Conduct, that the Farmer be dismissed and the Preparer of Reports advised accordingly ; and directed to send the necessary orders to the Collector of the Division.

A true Copy
Signed/ G. C. Myer
Actg. P. R. R. D.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Committee of Revenue dated the 9th January 1786 on report from Preparer of Reports dated the 19th .. 1785 on the Complaints of the Itchapoor *Riotts*.

Art 1st... ..

Committees Resolutions
Dismissed,

Do 2d *Mathote*. ... Ordered the amount exacted from the *Ryets* be restored to them by the Farmer and that the zemindar refund what he received from the Farmer on this account and the Tax be finally abolished.

Article 3d. 4th and 5th—No orders necessary.

Do 6th ... Ordered the Grant be annulled and the land brought into the *Jumma-bendy*,

Do 7th 8th, and 9th ... Orders unnecessary.

Article 10th Cutting-Trees— Altho the *Ryets* do not appear to have sustained any injury from the Farmers Cutting *son* Trees yet in doing so he has acted contrary to the ancient established custom of the Country.

Ordered he be severely reprimanded for having cut down those Trees and prohibited cutting any in future under the penalties of fine and corporal punishment.

Do 11th ... Orders unnecessary.

Do 12th ... Ordered the Farmer be positively enjoined to settle the accounts of the *Ryets*, and give them the customary discharge.

Do 13th and 14th— Orders unnecessary.

Revenue Committee

Signed/ James Spottishwood

Asst. Secty.

The Preparer of Reports having long been molested with the complaints of some *Ryets* of Itchapoor under Rokunpoor was at length induced to send an *aumeen* to make some Enquiry into the Grounds of their alleged Grievances the result of which will be found in the accompanying abstract which is submitted to the Committees Consideration for their Decision and orders.

Khalsa
the 19th December 1785-

Signed/ Jonathan Duncan
P. R. R. D.

Abstract of *Aumeens* Enquiry at Itchapoor.*Articles of Complaint.**Aumeens Investigation.*

1st—Chuckla
Khercha or Mis-
cellaneous public
charges in the
country.

The levying of this Tax and fixing its amount used to be left to the discretion of the *Ryets* but from the time of the farm of Ramdellob who preceded Joss-munt the present-farmer it has been incorporated with the *Jummah* or General Rental. The farmers *Pottah* is for 15 Years and bears date 24th of *phalgun* 1187 Bengal Style the *Jummah* being 385 exclusive of serinjamy.

2d *Mathote*

It appears that of an Encrease of 150 Rs. which the farmer agreed to pay to the Zemindar 125 Rs. have been levied by this *Mathote*. The Farmer represents that this Encrease was laid on him by a particular order (which he produces) from the zemindar dated 29th *Chyete* 1191 setting forth that the farmer had represented to him that the *Ryets* refused to pay the 150 Rs. of *Sudder* Encrease which they had usually done therefore this order requires them to pay the same as usual—The *Ryets* allow that this Encrease has been demanded and sometime exacted from them since 1188 but as this mode of raising the Governments Encrease of that year on the *Ryets* is contrary to the Regulations of Government the preparer of Reports has no doubt but the Committee will disapprove of this article and order the amount may have been exacted to be refunded both to the farmer and the *Ryets*. There is no provision in the *Pottah* that the Zemindar shall during the Term of it throw any Encrease on the *Ryets*.

3d Dispossession
from *Jungleborrv*
houses.

This the farmer appears only to have done when the *Jungleborrv* or the original *Ryets* deserted their Habitations and left them totally unoccupied in this respect therefore no Oppression is proved.

4th for exacting
unjustly Peons
Charge.

This is not clearly proved,

5th for attacking
the *Ryets* houses
in the Night time
and dishonoring
their families
and for shutting
up other *Ryets*
families in their
own Houses and for
selling the Houses
of those that deserted.

No proof of this was adduced but from the ploodings of the Parties appression does seem to be implied on the farmer.

6th For alienating
17 Spots of Revenue bestowed those 17 Spots of Land (formerly Land and collecting belonging to Manaje Nundy) on his (the the Revenue there- said farmers) Brother Bhowanny Pershaud of along with the as *Bermooter* as per Grant thereof which he exhibits specifying it to be Revenue Land fallen waste dated 23d of *Phalgun* 1189 The Petitioners being asked what prejudice accrued to them from this Grant they represented that they were heretofore Possessors and occupiers of this very Ground altho since the year of the famine it had fallen wasted as far as the Imperfection in the *Aumeens* Enquiry can guide an opinion on this appears to be really the case. The Complaining *Ryets* never had *Pottahs* for his Ground which was *Kah-mar* or immediately belonging to the Zemin-
Birmooter.

The farmer owns that the Zemindar has

tional Grievance to them in the alienation of this Land arises from the Consideration that in case of the General Revenues falling short that they are all of them obliged to make it up by *mathote* an assertion which the farmer denies but (as seems to the Preparer of Reports) with less Probability than attending the *Ryets* affirmative. In fact it is Government perhaps that has the greatest right to complain of this alienation and when it is farther considered that this Grant was made to the farmers brother during the period of the farm, the Committee will on the whole think it perhaps sufficiently exceptionable whether considered as treating on the Rights of Government or on three of the *Ryets* or on both together to annul—but this is now submitted to their better Judgement.

7th For the farmers siezing on the *Ryets* Provisions and necessaries collected for Celebrating their Parents obsequies

This was deemed by the farmer and It is only proved that the farmer did confine a shaving barbar with intent to impose a fine of 15 Rupees on him for some offence incident to his professession but that this fine was either to be raised from the necessaries collected for his Parents obsequies, or was at all exacted does not appear.

8th For the farmer interfering insolicited in the *Ryets* disputes of exacting fines.

This not proved.

9th For turning Revenue Land in to *Bermooter* after having given it in lease to *Ryets*.

This not proved.

10th For cutting down and selling the trees in Jungle Gerdens inviolating of his agreement with the Zemindar.

It is proved that the famer has cut down some Trees but not to an extraordinary degree neither does it appear what immediate Right the Ryets have to prefer this Complaint tho a remote Interest they may have.

11th For the Farmers removing the *Cac-hery* from its anti-ent site to his own house within the farm to the Ryets great disgrace as they assert.

This Complaint seems too frivolous to merit Euquiry.

12th That the Farmers has never since the beginning of his farm given them Release and annual statements of their accounts.

It appears that whilst *Raumolochun* was the farmers Collector these Releases and accounts were given but since then they have not nor have the Ryets accounts been adjusted for these 3 years.

13th That the farmer injured them in the Zemindars opinion and has forced them by Imprisonment to subscribe to such Taxes as he thought fit.

This not proved.

14th That they cannot submit longer to the farmer Jesm-unts authority and request any other may be appointed.

That these are the interested suggestions of a few Ryets not worthy to be attended to.

The preparer of Reports to the Revenue Department having communicated to the Complaining Ryets of Itchapoor the orders of the late Committee of Revenue of the 9th of January 1786 on their 14 heads of complaint against their farmer they have never since ceased to molest him to obtain the dismissal of the said farmer, insisting (as noticed in the last Report) that they cannot now live under his management the more especially as by thier having publicly complained Against and in some instances convicted him of oppression they will hereafter should be permitted to remain in possession be much more liable to the Effects of his Resentment.

To satisfy the Petitioners and to ascertain the Custom of the Country in similar Cases the Preparer of Reports put a Question to one of the *Canongoe* of which and of the answer he herewith submits Translation to the Board of Revenue referring for the several Articles charged against the farmer and the few of them in which he stands convicted of oppression or Irregularity to his former Report recorded on the Proceedings of the late Committee above mentioned.

Whatever orders the Board may think fit to issue on this Subject should be communicated also to the Chief of Moorshidabad under whose immediate management this *Mehal* is as dependency of Rookunpoor.

The above Question to the *Canongoe* was put to the *Naib* of Mehindernarain because the other *Canongoe* is a party in the Cause, being the Zemindar of the place.

Whether the Board think fit to dismiss the Farmer or not it would perhaps be advisable to send a Copy of this and of the former Report and papers to the Chief of Mourshedabad with directions to restore every article in the management of the Revenue and interior policy of the place to the state they were in the year before the farm of Ram Dellol the immediate predecessor of Jossmund the present farmer, The Grounds of this

suggestion will appear from the Report first delivered on the subject.

Khalsa
the 23d July 1786.

Signed/ Jonathan Duncan
P. R. R. D.

Translation of the Report of Mehindernarain Sing *Canongoe* in answer to the Question stated to him on the 7th of June 1786.

Qn. In case that *Ryots* preferred any Complaints against a Farmer during the Term of his Lease for oppressions said to have been Committed by him, and that out of ten or twelve articles of Complaint three or four are proved on him and further that the *Ryots* are dissatisfied with the continuance of his Farm in this Case is it proper according to the *Raj-ul mulk* or Custom of the Country to deprive him of his Farm or to remove the grievances which may have been suffered by the *Ryots* from him,

Answer. If any oppressions are proved on a farmer during the period of his Lease, on the Complaint of the *Ryots*. and the latter Are in consequence dissatisfied with the Continuance of his Farm, it is proper both to inflict on him a Suitable punishment and to deprive him of his farm,

The 19th of June 1786
or 8th of *Assar* 1193.

Signed/ Mehindernarain Sing
Canongoe.

A true Translation

Signed/ G. C. Meyer

Asst. P. R. R. D.

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To Richard Johnson Esar.

Accompt. General to the Revenue Department.

Sir,

In obedience with the orders of the Board under date of the 18th Instant I have now the pleasure to transmitting you a Bill of Exchange for *Sicca* Rupees 45000 drawn by Kessen Chund Dass Poddar on Ram dololl Bhowse & Bulram Deb.

Dacca
the 30th January 1787.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day, Chief.

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To Mr. Mathew Day

Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Reve. Board We transmit you for your information and Guidance the enclosed Copy of a Letter Received from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council and have to acquaint you that Mr. Shore has this Day in consequence taken his Seat at our Board as President.

Calcutta
the 30th January 1787.

We are
Sir.
Your most obedient servants
Signed/ W. Cowper
Thomas Graham
John Mackensy
Evelyn.

To William Cowper Esqr.

Acting President and ca. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen.

Reve. Department. Mr. Stables having resigned his station of a Member of this Government and hereby vacated the office which he held of President to your Board we have now to acquaint you that the vacancy thereby Occasioned in the Governor General and Council has been this day filled up by the succession of John Shore Esqr. according to the Provision Contained to that Effect in the last Commission of Government from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors—

Mr. Shore having upon his Promotion been Requested us to Accept of the Vacant Station of your President has Agreed to take that Charge upon him in Consequence of which we have this day Appointed him President, of the Board of Revenue Accordingly.

We are

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient

Fort William

the 22d January 1787.

Signed/ Cornwallis

Charles Stuart.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.

Chief of Dacca.

Enclosed transmit you a Copy of a Petition Referred to me by order of the Governor General, from Keshen Chund ; and Request you will favor me with a Copy of Proceedings as may have been held the Subject, by the late Provincial Council of Dacca.

I am,
Sir,

Khalsa

the 31st January 1787.

Your most obedient humble Servant

Signed/ Janathan Duncan

P. R. R. D.

To the Right Hon'ble Charles Earl Cornwallis
Governor General & ca. & ca.

The Humble Petition of Kisen Chund Datta of
Pergunnah Luchytha in the Distict of Dacca.

Sheweth,

That the Zemindarry of the aforesaid *Purgunnah Luchytha* and the *Dufter Chowdry* was your Petitioner family property in the Bengal year 1161 late Raja Razbullobh of Raznagore did forceable by influence of this office as Dewan of the *Najib* Subah got *Coulah* or Deed of sale from your Petitioner without paying least value for the said Zemindarry and *Dufter Chowdry*.

That in the Bengal Year 1163 your Petitioner late father Sibpersaud accompanied Your Petitioner went Moorshedabad and lodged a Complaint to late Rajah Mohure Paul, who having summoned the said Raja Razbullobh, investigated the matter and was well Convinced with proper Truths that the said Rajah forced the deed of sale from your Petitioner without paying least Value and Convicted the said Rajah Raz Bullobh Ordering him to give back your Petitioner property which had forceably taken possession.

That the said Rajah in Collusion did not Restore the possession of your Petitioner whole property the said *Talook* but a part as four Villages as a small *Talook* independance of his Zemindary Reznogore of which he settled very heavy *Zummah* or *Hustbood* Assessing *Zummah* for every Tax and increasing ground thereof, to the Amount of 2229-7.

That in the Bengal year 1170 your Petitioner made again his representation to *Nabob Moorzapurgung* who summoned the Rajah Gunga Doss the son and then Representative of the said Rajah Razbullobh and investigated the matter but through the influence of Gonga Doss only, relief your Petitioner obtained a Abatement of the *Zummah* into 1728-7—but a few Year after again Required 2200 Rupees.

Your Petitioner of last made his Complaint to late Mr. Ducarell in the Bengal Year 1180 the then superintendant of

Kha/swa who referred the matter to the Provincial Council at Dacca who Required your Petitioner Case, your Petitioner delivered his case of which the said Rajah Gunga Doss; gave no Answer, nor any force made him for that purpose.

That your Petitioner humbly Represent that the said Zemindar Raja Doss not allowed in deduction over flowed Land, inundation also forceably took possession the land is embanked by all means your Petitioner is greatly injuries (sic).

That your Petitioner further presents that Roy Gopaul Kissen the present Zemindar succeeded to the Gunga Doss as his Second brother unjustly Assessed further 409 Rupees together made Gross Zuma 3616 of the Talook 4 Villages of your Petitioner which he the said Gopaul Kissor very improper means by beating your Petitioner and Saling (sic) his property Received at present your Petitioner is Reduced into poverty he is Retired from this Country not withstanding your Petitioner Complain is that the said Raja Razbullobh in his life time very unjust means got did of Sale for your petitioner said Zemin-darrys purgunnah Luckeyjura as before dated and a part of which was Restored, your petitioner 4 Villages as Tallook upon which great Assessment made frequently as before stated of which your petitioner is also out of possession, at present and he is Reduced into the poverty by the injuries of the Raiah Razbullobh and since of his Death by his Heirs (sic).

Your petitioner most humbly prays may it please of your Lordship to order Mr. Jonathan Duncan to investigate the matter whose Report your Lordship will be Convinced to decided your poor petitioner Complain (sic).

And your petitioner as in duty bound shall Ever Pray.

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To J. H. Harrington Esqr.

Sub Account. to the Revenue Department

Sir,

I have to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 9th ultimo Directing me to retain Balance of my Treasury for the Month of January for the purpose of Answering Draft about to be drawn in favor of the Commercial Department for 281250 Rs.

Having prior to the Receipt of this order remitted my Balance by a Bill on Ramdololl Bhose & Bulram Deb for the sum of 45000 *Sicca* Rupees I shall have it only in my power to honor the Draft from the payment which may be made me by the Collectors of Momensing Belluah & Buzergomedpore & from the Amount Balance of my Estimate of Receipt & Disbursement for the Month of February which will be about 20,000 Rs. which I shall reserve for the purpose of Answering any Demand that may be made on me.

I am

Sir

Dacca

Your most Obedient Humble servant

the 5th February 1787.

Signed/ M. Day. Chief.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Member of the Board of Revenue Fort William.

Gentlemen,

Gopaul Kissen having some days ago presented a Judgement from the *Sudder Dewanny Adawlut* according to him the Zemindarry of Cartickpore and Sujabad with directions for possession being immediately given to him I have the Honor

to inform you of my having in obedience therewith issued the Necessary *Purwannahs* for the purpose With the view of rendering the late Incumbants free and independant of Gopaul Kissen in consequence of their fixed and determined Enmity to each other and to put a total stop to any further depredations being committed by either, I beg leave to submit to my the propriety of confirming the *Kharedge* made of the *Moonshees Neeze Talooks* and *Khannahbarry* prior to his having obtained the possession of Cartickpore and Sujabad, on the payment of the Balance due to Government in the year 1193.

Gopaul Kissen lost the *Zemindarry* of Cartickpore and Subjabad in the year 1169 in the Year 1170, the Management was given to one Golaum Hossain, during which period *Talook Jaun* Mahmed Laskar was separated. In 1171 the Management was given to one Mahmed Alje, in that Year *Talooks* Jackeeuddee and Shaik Adeeb were separated from the *Purgunnah*, which with the other paid direct to the *Sudder*. In 1193 Moonshee Emaumuddee son of Jaun Mahmed Lascur obtained a *Dewanny Sunnud* under the Signature of Mahmud Reza Khawn, for the *Purgunnahs* of Cartickpore and Sujabad, but has not from the period of obtaining the *Zemindarries* to the present time ever (...illegible) the *Neez Talooks* inquestion, they still remain separate and distinct in the *Sudder Sherester* Gopaul Kissen now claims these *Talooks* as forming a part of the said *Zemindarry* at the time of His possession and that he has a right to them, inconsequence of being reestablished in the *Purgunnah*, I have therefore to Request your Orders on the subject and to inform you, that in the Interim, I have Ordered a *Negabund* into the *Purgunnah* to prevent any disturbance which might otherwise have happened, till you may be pleased to determined the point in question.

Possession of the Remaining Lands under Cartickpore and Sujabad is given to Gopaul Kissen, agreeably to the Judgement of the *Sudder Dewanny Adawlut*.

I have the Honor to be and ca.
Signed M. D. Chief.

Dacca
the 13th February 1787,

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To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Department

Sir

Ramlochun your Aumeen for the Niabad and Cosseepore Business has requested my forwarding the enclosed Letter to you on the subject of the Allowance due him Account Wages and ca.

As the Cossipore Chowdries suffer very much from not having obtained the possession of the Lands the Nibad Zemindars have deprived thereto I will be obliged by your issuing such orders as may be necessary on the subject so as I may be enabled to Recover the Balance withheld by the Cassipore chowdries, on the plea of their not having their full possession.

Dacca

the 14th February 1787.

I am and ca.

Signed M. Day

Chief.

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To Mr. Mathew Day

Chief of Dacca

Sir

In Conformity to the Orders of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Couucil aud as preparatory to the ensuing Years Settlement we direct that you communicate to us without loss of time such information as you may have obtained on the following points Vizt.

Whether any new Taxes have been imposed by the Zemindars or Farmers under their Authority during the last years.

Whether the Zemindars Farmers or Renters under your Authority exercise any Oppressions which require the Interference of Government to correct and prevent,

You will also communicate to us such observations as may have occurred to you from experience of any Imperfections in the System of Collections as exercised by the Renters under your authority together with such Regulations as may have been suggested to you for the Correction of existing Abuses or for the Prevention between the Head Renters and others of inferior Denominations of Oppressions on the one side and Frauds and Collusions on the other.

We particularly enjoin you to give a constant attention to these directions in order to the future Establishment of general and permanent Rules for the Management of the Collections in the *Mofussil* but the information above required must not be delayed on this Account as far as you are enabled to furnish it but be transmitted to us if possible so as to arrive by the 1st of Chyfe or 15th March next.

This performed you will forthwith prepare and transmit to us Forms of *Kistbundles* for the Districts under your Superintendence adopted to the Periods of Realizing the Collections in the *Moffusseel* so that neither the period of payment be unnecessarily protracted nor the Renters put to inconvenience by premature and unreasonable Demands.

You will next give your attention to the preparative of an Account of all *Zemindars*, *Talookdars*, *Jaghiirdars* or native Landholders of any other Title or Description, who since the Companys Occasion to the Dewanny may have been absolutely deprived or shall for any temporary purpose stand Dispossessed of their Lands with the quantity of the Land or the Amount of its *Jumma* the date and reason of the dispossession and such other Explanations as may seem necessary for affording us the clearest information on this subject.

Lastly we desire you will obtain and furnish us with an History of the several *Zemindars* in your Districts commencing at the first Establishment of the *Zemindarry* and tracing it though all its successions Defalcations and, Annexations to the present time- particularizing those instances when any deviation may have taken place from the Established Rules of Success-

ion, the Causes of such deviations as far as you may be enabled to assign them and the mode of .Reasons of the several Annexations and defalcations, should there be any *Canongoes* in your Distict independent of the *Sudder Canongoe* at the Presidency. We desire you will procure and transmit a similar narrative from them.

Calcutta
the 20th February 1787

We are
sir,
your most Obedient Servants
Signed/ W: Cowper
Thomas Graham
Rd. Johnson.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue Fort William

Gentlemen

I have the Honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 10th ultimo Requiring to be informed first "whether any New Taxes have been imposed by the Zemindars or Farmers under their Authority during the last 3 years and secondly "If the Zemindars Farmers or Renters under my Authority exercise any oppressions which require the interference of Government to correct and prevent.

To the first Question I can only answer that no new tax has been levied to my knowledge nor do I know that Oppressions upon the inferior Renters are common the few Instances that have been made known to me I have invariably redressed upon proof being established and punished the offenders, but from the Nature and Disposition of the people inclined to be Arbitrary and oppressive and no Regulations existing whereby such grievances can without great difficulty be proved, I am led to believe that they are not unfrequent and as all oppressions upon the inferior Landholders must evidently tend to the discouragement of Agriculture, and consequently prove to the

Revenues of the country, I beg leave to submit a plan to the Board which if adopted will I think in a great measure put a stop to such oppression being exercised in this District in future. I propose—

1stly—That each Zemindar after having made his settlement with his Renters, shall transmit a particular and attested Account of such settlement to the Collector, specifying their Names, the Quantity of Lands they respectively hold, and the Amount *Jumma* to be paid by each that with this Account, they be also directed to transmit attested Copies of every *Pottah*, and *Cabooleat* given to and by the Renters.

2ndly—That every Zemindar or Farmer having charge of a Zemindarry. be strictly enjoined to grant a *Dackelah* or Receipt for every payment made by the Renters who upon refusal to grant such *Dackelah* or Receipt shall be empowered to withhold his Rents or to pay the same immediately to the Collector and Receive from him a *Dackelah* or Receipt for the Amount.

3dly—That attested copies of these *Dackelah* or receipts shall Accompany each *Chellan* or Remittance from the *Mofussil*, and where *Kist* proves deficient, that the Zemindar or Farmer shall be directed to insert the Names of each Renter, from whom such deficiency is due that the Collector do hereupon issue his Summons for the Appearance of these Renters and enforce Payment of their respective Balances.

By this Mode the Collector will be furnished with means to prove any oppression on the one side and fraud on the other, and the punishment consequent to detection will I flatter myself in a short time put a total stop to practices so injurious to the Revenues, at the same time it will prevent Embezzlement on the part of the zemindar or his officers.

I am preparing forms of *Kistbundies* which I shall do myself the Honor to transmit to the Board in a few days Together with the Account Required of the Zemindars.

Dacca
the 9th March 1787.

I have the Honor to be and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

To John Short Esqr.
 President & Members of the Board of Revenue Fort
 William.

Gentlemen,

I have now the Honor to Acknowledge the receipts of your Letter under date the 13th ultimo enclosing two petitions presented on the part of Mirza Assadullah, containing allegations against me in my official capacity.

Having attentively perused these petitions, I must observe that the charge as far as they regard me may be comprised in the few following words "that the *purwannahs* issued by me have been attended with ill consequences in the *Mofussil* and injured his collections".

In reply to this I must first beg leave to remark that two of the *perwannahs* were issued solely with a view of carrying into execution the orders of the Board under date the 10th October last. The first of these addressed to the petitioner directed him to pay a monthly allowance of Rs. 500 per Month to Mirza Jaun from the time of concluding the settlements with Assadullah.

The second addressed to the Renters in general directed them to pay their just Revenue to Mirza Assadullah Agreeably to the settlement made with him by your Board, and at the same time forbid the payment of any *Mahatoot*, or additional Tax, noticing that if any such was demanded or exacted from them, upon application they would be redressed.

I must confess Gentlemen that I do not see the smallest impropriety in either of these orders, nor can I conceive that they could possibly be attended with the consequences asserted by the petitioners. If the Renters were really induced by these Orders to abscond or to withhold the payment of their just Revenue it surely was his duty to make representation of it to me, or to your Board, when steps would have been taken to prevent it, but no such complaint was ever made and notwithstanding his rea-

diness to impute the whole of his Loss to my conduct, he cannot accuse me with having at any time refused to give him every proper assistance in the collection of his just Rents. The fact is otherwise and so far from these *perwannahs* having had the effect alledged by the petitioner, I can venture to assist that they have not even secured the renters from oppression with which Intention they were issued In proof of this assertion, I enclose for the Information of the Board an account of the Collections of six *Talooks*, accompanied with attested copies of their original *potahs*, by which it appears that upon Rs. 1,064-15-10 their total *Jumma*, an increase of no less than Rs. 936-15-8 has been collected. If this account is disputed by the petitioner. The *Talookdars* are ready to produce incotestable proofs of the payments and I dare say many others would be glad to have opportunity of proving similar grievances, & who at present are prevented from preparing their complaints being under restraint to very little credit do I give to the assertions of Assadullah that I rather believe the *Pitcarrah purguunnah* to have paid a principal part of the Gungamundul Revenues, and that the amount which he is now in Balance; is due from that *perunnah* alone. I am led to imagine this from the very ruinous state of the Lands & the immense debt which the Zemindar has contracted in the preceding years to his *Mhalzamin* & others to pay up his Revenue to Government. This may however, be easily ascertained by the Board either by the process of a *Wassilut* or a Deputation to the Spot to ascertain the exact Amount collected from the *pitkarrah pergunnah* during the present year & should a measure be adopted I need not I hope point to the Board the absolute necessity of such Deputation being made totally independent of my authority since it is too evident that while my conduct stands charged by the petitioner with havtng been studiously calculated to occasion an ultimate sale of his Zemindarry & to ruin him, it would be improper to entrust the Execution of an order of that nature either to me or person acting under my authority and I therefore beg that it may come immediatly from the Board.

With regard to my having described Mirza Jaun in the first *perwannah* as the son of Abdool Hussain as mentioned by the petitioner before that fact have been decided on or scarcely discussed by your Board" I hope to serve that it had been

proved to my entire satisfaction long prior to the date of the *perwannah* or I should have been unpardonable in making settlement with him I must further remark that the order for a monthly allowance to be paid him implied the Fact to have been established to the Boards satisfaction likewise and that the *perwannah* signed by the acting president & sent to Mirza Jaun informing him to the said order gives him the same description as the *perwannah* itself will shew. For my own part I have not the smallest doubt of Mirza Jaun being the son of Abdool Hossain and as such the lawful Zemindar of *pitcarrah*. It is a fact well known to all the Inhabitants of rank in this Citdy and various papers now among the records of this District/particularly the Talooks for several years subsequent to the Death of Acca Nubbi will prove that Assadullah never considered himself the proprietor but merely the Mhalzamin or *surburr-ukar* of the *pergunnah* this the enclosed copy of a petition & Translate the original of which was delivered to the Council some years ago and is now in the Records, will shew; From this petition it is to be presumed either that Assadullah is not the zemindar of the *pergunnah*, or that it was delivered to answer the temporary purpose of relieving himself from the Demand alluded to in it, if the latter, it will evince to the Board the character of the man, & that his assertions are under serving of Credit.

I have been thus explicit in my answer to this charge not only because I conceive it to be of a nature which required a particular reply, but also with the Intention to convey some information to the Board regarding Mirza Jauns claim to the zemindarry & thereby prevents them from being misled by the representations of his opponent.

I have already taken up too much of the Boards time, in answering ill grounded charges to be particular in my reply to those contained in the second petition, I shall therefore content myself with observing that the *perwannah* therein alluded to was issued in consequence of no attention being paid by the petitioner or the officers on his part in the *Mofussil*, to the former one, which evidently appeared from the complaints of the Ren-

ters, whose petition with a Translate I did myself the honor to forward to the Board in my Letter of the 4th January last.

I have the Honor to be & ca. & ca.
Signed/ M. Day Chief.
Dacca
the 9th March 1787.

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To John Shore Esqr.
President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have now the Honor to enclose you forms of *Kistbundee* for my division Adopted to the periods of Realizing the collections in the *Mofussil* I beg leave to Recommend for the Next settlement.

At the foot of the Account I have submitted to the Board the propriety of Allowing those Zemindars, whose Lands are Situated at a distance from the Collectors residence a further time than is now allowed for the payments of their *Kists* and thereby preclude the necessity which they will otherwise lay under of having Recourse for assistance to Merchants whose exorbitant Rates of Interest and impositions have hitherto been a grievous burthen to them.

The History of the zemindars and other Landholder in my division I hope to be able to forward to the Board in the course of a few days.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Dacca
the 29th March 1787. Chief.

To John Shore Esqr,

President and Members of the Board of Revenue,

Gentlemen

I have now the honor to reply to your Letter of the 23d ultimo requiring further information regarding the Talook in Cartickpore claimed by Gopaul Kishen.

The Talook called Jaun Mahmed the name of Imamudden's Grandfather/ Appears from the shereshter of this district to have been separated so long ago as the year 1170 from the purgunnahs of Cartickpore and Bickrampur to which it was prior to that time dependant it was originally a Nowarrah Menals and since the period above mentioned here, as the zemindar alleges, paid its revenues separated.

Talook sheik Sekherudden, was formerly by the present possessor's Brother Imamuddin when Hadjee Mohmed Hossain haq charge of the Cartickpore Zemindarry, which is now upwards of 30 years ago, and in the Bengal year 1171 it was separated from Carrickpore by Mirza Mahmed Ally then *Wadudar* and from whom Gopaul Kissens Father made his purchase of the Zemindarry in question. In this Talook is also included that of Golaum Nabbie claimed by Gopaul Kissen which was separated at the same time.

Talook sheik Adum whose son married Monnshee Imamuddin's sister devolved to her on her Husbands death and after her decease to Mounshee Imamuddeen this was likewise as the present possessors assert separated in the Bengal year 1171 and has remained so ever since that period.

From the great distance of time since these Talooks were separated it is impossible to trace the real causes which led to them but like all other separations of Land, I imagine they were made in consequence of complaints of oppression and Exactions committed by the persons to whom they at that time paid their Revenues and from the Enmity which still exists between the parties it is my Opinion that their containing inde-

pendent of Cartickpore is absolutely necessary for the tranquility and welfare of the country which will otherwise most probably suffer in its Revenues by their disputes.

Dacca
the 29th March 1787

I am and ca.
Signed M. Day
Chief

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have the Honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 23d ultimo enclosing two Decrees, one against the zemindar of Gungamundul, the other against Hossain Ally the 2a. 13g. 1k. Zemindar of Purgunah Buldakhaul.

In obedience with your commands, I have issued the necessary *perwannahs* on the parties demanding the amount of the two Judgements and will do myself the pleasure of addressing you as soon as possible with the Receipt.

In further compliance with your Orders "directing to be informed how far the enforcement of these Decrees by a sale of these Lands may prevent the liquidation of the Revenue of Government Account the present year, I beg leave to inform you that with respect to the Gungamundal Purgunnah a sale cannot in any shape be attended with a Loss to the Government Revenues for the current year there being a public security to have Recourse to in the Event of the Zemindars inability.

With respect to the Purgunnah of Buldakhaul a sale must be attended with a certain and heavy loss to Government as the Balance that will remain after allowing for the expected

Remittance between this and the close of the year, will stand at about 8,0000 Rs. For the recovery of which there is no other resource but the produce of a sale of the 2a 13g. 1k. share of the Purgunnah Buldakhaul, with the Amount the private-property may yield. The produce of which with the share of the Purgunnah I must fear will prove very inadequate to the demand the Government have against Hossain Ally, Account his deficiency for the Current year.

Dacca
the 3d April 1787

I and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

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To Mr. M. Day
Chief of Dacca

Sir,

The Right Hon^{ble} the Governor General, in Council having thought proper to form a new arrangement of the country into Collectorship has nominated you to the charge of Dacca, altered by additions and separations, as specified in the Enclosed English Abstract, and Persian Account Particulars—

We have written to Messrs Lodge, Dowson, Wroughton, Burroers, Henckell and Sherburne to deliver over to you such of the annexed Mehals as were under their Superintendence Respectively, with an Account particulars of the *Jumma* Receipts and Balances for that Bengal Year 1193 and all records relating thereto in their possession also to grant receipts to all the Sudder Renters corresponding with the *Wasool* of their *Jumma* *Wasil* Bakee Accounts—that there may be no dispute regarding the Stated Balances.

In like manner we direct that you immediately prepare separate *Jumma* *Wasil* Bakee Accounts of the Districts appearing by the enclosed Abstract to be transferred from your Superin-

tendance to Mr. Wroughton, now Collector of Mymensingh, and to the Collector of Jessore to whom you will transmit Copies thereof accompanied by all records in your possession and such Explanation as may enable them to realize any Balances that may be outstanding at the close of the year, furnishing copies of the Accounts also to us, that we may have the means of issuing such Orders as may be necessary for the same object ; and granting receipts to the Sudder Renters corresponding with the Wassôdî of your Jumma Wasil Bakee Accounts for the purpose aforementioned.

You will at the same time inform the above Gentlemen that you have made over to them the charge of the Districts transferred, and Acquaint the several Renters that they are placed under the authority of each respectively ; of which also you will transmit information to us.

We have an Establishment for your Collectorships under consideration and shall transmit it, as soon as prepared.

We enclose for your information and guidance Extract of a letter from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council and in consequence of his permission to recommend a Dewan to be stationed with you, subject to our confirmation, We request that you will immediately nominate a person for this Office, for our Approbation and confirmation.

The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, in consideration of the entire similitude of power and Authorities vested in the Gentlemen, now to continue in Charge of Collections having been pleased to abolish the Denomination of Revenue Chief as distinguished from the Station of Collector, the latter will, in future be your designation.

We are

sir,

Calcutta

the 10th April 1787

Your most Obedient Servants

Signed/ J. Shore

Thomas Graham

John Mackenzie.

Extract of a Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council Dated the 5th February 1787.

The Courts of Directors having determined that it will tend more to Simplicity, Energy, Justice, and Economy to reinvest the provincial Chiefs or Collector with the Superintendancy of the courts of Dewanny Adawlet it is our Resolution that this Determination shall take effect from the Commencement of the ensuing Bengal Year 1194.—The Collectors are to continue as at present to act under your immediate Orders in all Revenue Matters, and to correspond with us on any Subjects relating to the Administration of Justice, or the General Government of the Country.

In order to prevent the Interference of private Banyans or agents of any Denomination who have no official Employ or Responsibility, as well as for other Considerations the Court of Directors have ordered that official Dewans shall be stationed with each collector from the principles of the regulations of 1173—We deem it advisable to permit the collectors to recommend the persons Stationed with them as Dewans, subject however to your confirmation under this special Restriction, that the Persons so recommended by them shall not serve them as their private Banyans, or any private capacity.

It is not our Meaning that the Dewans are to hold or exercise any Authority independant of the collectors but in all respects to act under their immediate Orders and control.

The power of apprehending it Criminal cases which by the Regulations of justice is vested in the judges of the Adawlut in their capacity of Magistrates will of course be transferred to the collector in his judicial capacity.

Revenue Board

A true Extract

Signed/ B. Applin

Secy.

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To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

Reve. Board We request that you call on the several zemindars and other Landholders in your Division, for an Account, under their Signatures the number of Khallaries, and rate of each Khallary or Toffaul within their respective Districts the Names of the Purgunnahs and villages wherein they are situated the annual amount of Khallary Rents the Amount that they have received from the Salt Agents and Salt Workers and the Balance due, for the Bengal Year 1193. This Account we wish to be furnished with as soon as possible, and afterwards with similar Accounts for the Years 1188, 89, 90, 91 and 92 as soon as they can be obtained.

Calcutta
the 17th April 1787.

We are, sir,
Your most Obedient Servants
Signed/ Wm. Cowper
Thomas Graham
John Mackenzie.

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To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council having resolved to continue the mode of making Advances for providing the Hon'ble Company's Investment pointed out to you in our letter of the 6th February last—

We have it in Command from his Lordship in Council to direct you to issue to Mr. Nicholas Grueber Agent th

the Sum of Current Rupees 69, 722-14-11 for which Amount you are to receive from him Post Bills payable by the General Bank of India on the 1st of June next.

Calcutta
the 20th April 1787.

We are, sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
Signed, Wm. Cowper
Thomas Graham
John Mackenzie
Rd. Johnson.

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To Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dept.

Sir

I am duly favoured with your Letter of the 2nd Instant I have made every enquiry respecting the disposal of the Amount Balance supposed to be in deposit in my treasury Account the sale of the portion of Tonah possessed by the late Talookdar Godadhar. The late Dewan Ray Hurry Mullick, is the only person any ways acquainted with the circumstance and by his Report, it appears that it never was the custom at that time to bring the Amount sales of any portion of Lands disposed of by public sale account the Balances to Government, to account in the public cash, any further then the sum in Balance to Government. The Residue when any remained, was kept in deposit, till called for by the proprietor of the Land so disposed of.

I am sensible that my predecessor would not knowingly have authorized the payment of this sum to any other person but the zemindar himself and the same could not have been effected, but by clandestine Means. The following Circumstance will substantiate this assertion. Ram Conny Gossaul had a claim of 640 Rs. on this said Gudadhar had Repeatedly made appli-

cation to Mr. Holland, for the payment of it from the cash in deposit, He invariably objected, observing that he could not do it, 'unless' publicly Authorized. In consequence Ram Conny Gossaul Represented the Circumstance to Mr. Duncanson, then Judge, It being on his Judgement that the above sum was declared due to Conny Gossaul. Mr. Duncauster therefore addressed Mr. Holland, a copy of which letter I here enclose, was considered as sufficient Authority by Mr. Holland, and will account for the payment of so much of the Balance of the Deposit.

With respect to the Balance It appears very clearly to me that the Order must have been clandestinely procured from Mr. Holland, and the person then acting as Treassurer Vizt. Hurry Mullick ought in Justice to be made accountable for the same. It being evident from Mr. Holland's objection in the first Instance to the payment of any part of this money without public sanction for so doing, that he never would with his own knowledge have put his signature to the order now in Hurry Mullick's possession, and that it could only have been obtained by mixing it with other Orders, brought for signature in the course of Business and which He must have inadvertently signed without first Revising the same.

Dacca the 22nd April 1787

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To Mr. Mathew Day Esqr..
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

The *Haut* Haudjee Gunge, a market in this Province, whose Situation is contiguous to the *Purgunnah* of Phitkerrah, dependent on your Division, having been enter'd in the Middle of

the Night of the 5th Instant, entirely stripped and plunder'd and in any Person, residents thereof, and others, most desperately Wounded, I beg leave to Apprise you thereof, and to enclose you herewith some Depositions which not only relate to the Affair of the Robbery but also tend to throw a strong Suspicion On certain Persons as having been concerned in this Business, Viz: On one Village a *Fuckeer* and his Gang who have lately embodied themselves into a strong Party, giving out that they are the Gerdewours of the Phitkerrah *Pergunnah*.

Permit me to acquaint you that by what I have been Able to learn, this Hullye *Fuckeer* has lately made himself the Terror of the Neighbourhood, that his name is notorious as a Dekoit, and in deed the letter he has wrote to Davy Sing Hazary and Message he has sent me, as specified in the Deposition of Daunish Roybaunseah/Traslations of which Accompany herewith/seem to corroborate what Fame hath already reported about him.

Davy Sing Hazary informs me that Radah the Person whom Hullye *Fuckeer* represents to have made Complaint to him aginst the aforesaid Hazary, is this: the Hazary's Slave, having been purchased by him twenty Years ago for 30 Rs. from one Rajaram Nundy an Inhabitant of Chittagong, and that since this Radah has been in the family of the Hazary. The latter has married him to a female slave, his purchase, also by whom Radah has two Children Vizt. One Son and one Daughter, that this Radah, who was originally an Hindoo, has only eloped from the Hazary within this Month, and he the Hazary understands that having now enlisted himself amongst the Troop of the Aforementioned Hullye, he has become a Convert to the *Mussulman* Religion.

I beg the Favour therefore of your *perwannuh* to prevent any hindrance from the *Amlah* of the Phitkerrah *pergunnah* under whose protection, and in whose Pay, I understand him now to be in the Apprehension of him/Hully / there being I conceive sufficient Grounds for securing him, from what has been deposed by Daunish, and *Leshkerry* Raybaunseahs.

As Hullye *Fuckeer*, with part of his Gang, remains some times at Paunchpocarah, I apprehend that it will be necessary

that the Operation of your *Perwannah* should extend also to the *Almah* of that *pêrgunnah*.

Besides Hullye *Fuckeer* there are I understand two other principal *Sirdars* belonging to his Gang, Vizt. Muttee Oalah the Son in Law of Hullye and another Mullee-alah, a Duffadar, Hullye himself was not present at the Plunder of the *Haut*, but the above mentioned Persons it is said were there, and came upon Tazian Horses this Piece of Intelligence was received by a servant of mine, whom I had instructed to keep a lookout for the Discovery of these People, and he tells me that he got it from one Hunneef a disaffected Roybaunseeah, in the Service of Hullye—I am given to expect this that Hunneef will come to me in a few Days, if so I will forward you such further Information as I may be able to acquire—

I have the Honor to be

Sir,

Tipperah
April 24th 1787.

Your most Obedient humble servant
Signed/ John Buller.

Tránslátion of *Zebbaunbundy* of Daunish, Rôybaunseeah under Punnah, *Jèmmèdar* of the Jail of the *Pûrgunnah* of Rôshnábad Tipperah.

I was carrying my master's Dauk Letters towards Dacca, In my way in the midst of the *Jheel* Phillunkeer, on the Banks of the Goomty River, and near unto Paunchpocareah, I was seized by eighteen *Dekoits*, who having secured me took me to the Eastward about the Distance of four Gurrys of way. I endeavour'd as much as I was able to extricate myself from them, and proceed on my Journey to Dacca, but upon my Attempting it, They drew their *Talwaurs*, Spears and knives and threaten'd to murder me if I did not engage to take a Letter from them immediately to Commillah to be delivered to Davy Sing Hazary. They Afterwards put a Letter for the Hazarry afore-said into my Turband which, fearful of my life, I took charge

of and under pretence of returning with it to Commillah direct, I proceeded to Dacca by a Different Route; upon my Return from Dacca I avoided coming the Common Road, but came by Nossimnagur and Guffer Gunge. These Dekoits also informed me that if any of my Masters Dawk Horcarrahs came near them in their way to and from Dacca, they would murder every one of them, I am not Acquainted with the name of these Decoits but only know that they are of the Gang of Hullee *Fuckeer*.

A true Translation
Signed/ Henry Buller.

The *Zubbaunbundy* of Leshkerry Roybaunseeah, under Sunnau Jammedar of the Jail of the Purgunnah Roshnabad Tipperah—

I was on my way to Doudcondy with some Letters from my Master to Captain Hills. On my return from thence I fell in with Hallauee *Fuckeer* at Paunchpoucreah. The *Fuckeer* Aforesaid asked me to whom I belonged. I answer'd I was employed as a Roy baunseah in the Service of the Resident of Tipperah he then told me to Acquaint my Master that if he would not give him fifteen hundred Rupees, He, the *Fuckeer*, with his Gang would plunder and lay waste the whole Province, He further said, that there was then a Quantity of Water On the Ground, which render'd such Incursions inconvenient, but that as soon as ever It dried up Sufficiently, he should immediately put his Threats into Execution.

A true Translation
Signed/ Henry Buller

The Z mut Inhabitant of the Village Choorahtully in the Pergunnah of Mhaircool dependancy on the Chcuclah Roshnabad Tipperah taken the 6th April 1787.

On Thursday the 25th of the present Month *Chyte* I went to Hadjee Gunge *Haut* to dispose of some Molosses and Rem-

ained at Night with an Intention of Sleeping at the house of one of the *Moodies* in the *Haut* aforesaid. At Midnight or thereabouts a Banditti of Robbers Amounting in number to 150 more or less, enter'd in a tumultuous manner and with lighted torches the *Haut* Aforesaid from the Southern Quarter, and began upon a General Plunder, Most of the Merchants and the People belonging to the *Haut* were at this time asleep. but being frightened out of their Sleep by the Noise made by this Rabble, they got up and hurried away to Conceal themselves. I also Amongst the rest was taking my Departure with all possible Speed but happening to meet with one of these Robbers as I was going out of the door of the *Moodies* House, He gave me several violent Cuts on the Head and other places with a dragon *Tolwarr* with which he was Armed, the Wounds of which are evident upou my Head, Arms and Fingers of my left hand, these Robbers completed their Business with Plundering the Shops and houses of the people belonging to the Aforesaid Haut my loss was as follows Vizt. One *Kummerbund*, One Turban and one small piece of Cloth, and four Annas worth of Cowries. They took their Departure with lighted Torchcs, and went afterwards (sic) a Village called Attybapore, where having arrived, they extinguished their Lights, and where they went Afterwards I know not.

A true Translation
Signed/ Henry Buller.

Translation of a Letter from Hulle *Fekcer* dated 6th *Byssack* 1194 B. S. to Davy Sing Hazarry, and brought to Davy Sing by Daunish Roybaunseah.

After the usual Compts, one Sadah, a Slave, has made a Complaint to me, that you detain in your House his wife and Children, I require therefore that your send them to me, in failure whereof, I shall come with my Gang, break into your house, and forcibly take them away, I have wrote these few lines therefore to give yau Notice.

A true Translation
Signed/ Henry Buller.

The *Zubbaunbundy* of Ibrahim Inhabitant of Kunverraah in the *Pergunnah* of Mhaircoel dependant on the *Chucklah* of Roshnabad Tipperah, taken on the 6th April 1787.

On the 25th of the Month of *Chayt* 1193 B. S. I went to Hadjee Gunge *Haut* to dispose of some Molasses and at night took up my Residence at the House of an Oilman who lived in the aforesaid *Haut*, About 12 O'clock or Midnight, a Bandittee of Robbers Amounting in number to about 150 persons, with lighted Torches enter'd the *Haut* aforesaid, and Began to plunder in every Quarter; they laid hold of me when in the Oilman's House and demanded my Money, I told them that I had none, not having them disposed of my Molasses, Two or three of them fell up on me and I received two Wounds from their *Talwaures*, Vizt. One on the Forehead, and one in my left side, cut in this manner I fell down bleeding on the Ground, but recovering myself a later & finding an opportunity, I got up and hasten'd out of the *Hauts*. These Robbers after having plunder'd the *Haut* went towards the Villages of Attybarpore and Baggyserah where they Committed the like Depredations and afterwards went away I know not where. My loss was one cross *Hookah*, and covering of which Cloth one *pukty*, one *Dooty*, one *Komerbund*, One Turband One *Chuddah*, three Rupees of Couries.

A true Translation
Signed/ Henry Buller.

The *zubbannbundy* of Mooturam Joogee Inhabitant of the Baydy Chur, in the *Pergunnah* of Mhaircool dependant on the *Chucklah* of Roshnabad Tipperah, taken on the 6th April 87.

On the night of Thursday the 25th of the present Month Choyte, myself and Family went at the usual hour to rest after eating our Suppers, about 12 O'clock at night One Neychand a neighbour of ours and who had come to Hadjee Gunge *Haut* to dispose of some Molasses came to my house with a View of remaining there the rest of the Night, having Stay'd too long at the *Haut* to go home, myself and Family having been waked by the arrival of the Aforesaid Person we shortly Afterwards discovered

a number of People, who turn'd out to be Decoits, advancing towards the North with lighted Torches, I ran out of Doors and saw that there was one house on fire in the Haut aforesaid, upon which I conjectured that the Robbers having plundered and stopped the aforesaid Haut were coming away, I return'd immediately to my own house and Mentioned the Conjecture which I had formed, I also removed Several of my things out of the House when Shortly after the Robbers Aforesaid having come up rushed into my house and began to plunder it of everything it contained, One of the Robbers made a Stroke with his *Tolwaurs* at my Son Sunkeer, and cut him thro, the right nostril of his Nose down to the Lip, after having Stripped my House of a Number of Articles as per separate List, they set fire to it, and burnt it Afterwards they proceeded and plundered the remaining houses of the Village aforesaid, and also of the Village of Allybarpore, and having wounded a number of Persons with their *Tolwars*, Spears, and Roybaunseas, they made off with their Booty. Being asked what number of Robbers there were, he says that about twenty enter'd, his house but that he cannot tell what number there were of them in all, and that when they went away they all went to the west, towards that pitkorrah Purnnah.

A true Translation
Signed/ Henry Buller.

The following is a short Account of the people who were wounded by Decoits at Hudjee Gunge—Mirzapore Haut on the 5th April 1787.

Paunch Cowrie Putnee, from Baugmarrah in the Humina-bad pergunna was desperately wounded so as to be even now in the most imminent Danger from a Cut of cross the back of his left hand, which will most probably deprive him of the use of it hereafter, the Tendons being entirely divided, and the Small Bones of the Wrist considerably injured.

Ramnaut, Royatt from Serwutty in the pergunnah of Mhair-cool, was on the same day severely wounded in the forehead, left Shoulder, right hand, by some of the above Gang.

Mehtaub, a *Ryott* from Bassguddah, in the *Pergunnah* of Mhaircool, was severely wounded in the head by the stroke of a *To/waur*, which cut off two Small portions from the left parietal Bone. he had a spear also thrust into his left leg which caused a dangerous Abscess.

Maunick, a *Ryott* from Llkurreah. in the *pergunnah* of Bogassur, received a severe stroke across the left arm a little above the Elbow, which cut him to the bone by one of the same party of Decoits.

Shah Mahommed, a *Ryott* from Bassguddah, in *pergunnah* of Mhaircool, received at the same time Several desperate Wounds Vizt. One on the hind part of his head, one on each Shoulder and another across the back.

There was besides these another Persons, whose name I do not recollect, that was cut through the right Nostril and upper lip, he was also wounded by some pocrited Weapon in the face.

All these unfortunate people are now nearly Recovered of their Wounds except Paunch Cowrie, who having gone home After he was dressed did not return again till a Mortification had taken place, from the want of proper Attention to his Wound while he remained his Huat.

Tipperah April 23d 1787.

Signed/ John Corse
Asstt, Surgeon.

A true Copy
Signed/ Henry Buller

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To Mr. Matthew Day
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

Reve. Board Enlosed we transmit you an Establishment which has been approved for your Collectorship by the Right Hon'ble

the Governor General in Council to commence from the 1st day of May.

Your personal Salary is exclusive of such Commssion as may hereafter be allowed, but includes the consolidated Allowance of Judge Magistrate and Collector, and to this has been added 150 Rupees per Mensem for House, Office, and Cutcherry rent, in consideration of which those Collectors who are in the occupation of buildings belonging to the Company, either for their residence or public duties, are to keep them in a due state of Repair.

Mr. S. Middleton has been appointed Senior Assistant at your Station of the second Assistantship Not yet filled up/and their Salaries as fixed by the enclosed Establishment include all Allowances whatever, that might in any Respect be claimed by them, as annexed to their Rent or otherwise, that for a Moonshy, and the usual travelling Charges excepted, which remain liable to the existing Regulations.

Assistant employed on occasional Deputations previously authorized by us will be allowed to draw twelve *Sicca* Rupees per diem exclusive of their fixed Monthly Allowance to defray their extraordinary Charges, during the period of their Deputation.

Mr. Stark has been continued by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council to Act as Surgeon and Mr. Davidson as Assistant Surgeon at your Station.

We transmit you an Abstract Statement of the Establishment of Zemindarry Charges hitherto allowed, and desire you will call on the zemindars to State the names and duties of the several officers employed by them, and to transmit the Lists and Answers delivered by them respectively with Translations accompanied by such proposed Establishments, as you shall deem sufficient for each.

Calcutta
the 24th April 1787.

We are
Sir,
your most obedient servant
Signed/ Wm. Cowper
Thomas Graham
John Mackenzie
Rd. Johnson.

Proposed Establishment for 87/8 or Bengali Year 1194

Dacca and Buzurgomedpore.

Charges Collections

Collector	...	1500
House and Cutcherry Rent	...	150
Head Asstt. and Register for Salary and H. Rent		500
Second do do do		400
Surgeon	...	—

Native Establishment

1. Dewan	...	250
1. Sheristadar or Peshcar	...	50
3. Mohurrers Persian	...	80
3. do Bengal	...	60
2. Persian Monsbees	...	65
2. Kazenchys	...	25
3. Moheers do	...	30
3. Poddars or perkias	...	25
1. Nazir	...	15
1. Naib	...	10
10. Peons	...	31
2. Duftories	...	8
2. Feraush	...	8
1. Kahsobe	...	3
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Reve. Board
A true Copy
Signed/ B. Aplin
Secy.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 23rd ultmo enclosing a Copy of from the adjutant General on the subject of one Mahmed Hnssain a *Jamautdar* in the 18 Battalion of Sepoys, who by the late Regulations from his becoming as Supernumerary was entitled from his Rank to 100 *Begahs* of waste Lands.

I beg leave to inform the Board that I had the honor of Acknowledging their Orders in his subject under date the 23d of July last, Copy of which I have now the pleasure to enclose, But not having been favoured with the Boards determination respecting the claims of the different Zemindars and landholders to the Jungul and Waste Lands. I have been necessarily prevented from putting Mahmed Hossain in possession of the Quantity of Land, the Board were pleased to allot to his Rank.

I have further to inform the Board from what I could collect from the *Jemautdar* in question, that his object in fixing on this division for obtaining his portion of Land was not confined to the *Jungle Burrie* Lands. His family it appears are in possession of a small *Mirass* under *Talook* Sereechochubdoss in *pergunnah* Goonanundee and to this his wish was to have 100 *Begahs* of cultivated land added and allotted to him I give him for answer that this was impracticable, that the orders of the Board, were for Jungul Lands, but as the Zemindar and other Landholders considered them as their Right, I could not enforce the orders in his behalf till such time as I should receive further Orders on the subject and in my Reply to Captain Thomas Harricott Brigade Major at Burruchpore under date the 27th November last a Copy of which I likewise beg leave to enclose I informed him that having submitted the particulars touching the Waste Lands in this district to the Board, I had

it not in my power to make over their quantity of Land directed to Mahomed Hossain till I should be honored with your determination.

Dacca the 30th April 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed. M. Day
Chief.

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To John Buller Esqr.
Resident at Tipperah.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter and enclosures of the 25th Instant.

The enclosed Perwannah to the zemindars & Umlahs of the several Purgunnahs in the environs and adjacent to your Residency will I hope afford and enable you to lead that part of the District of the Bandittee with which it is infested. Their Head Kallu has I am given to understand been very troublesome of late to many zemindars & others but from his having no fixed place of Residence it would be in vain to detach any force from this in search of him at this advanced season.

The approaching Rains will oblige him to retire to his place of residence I have therefore particular attention being paid by all zemindars under my authority with respect to his Motions and that the same be reported to me in which case should he and his Gang escape your research I may possibly from being informed with his resort have an opportunity of surprizing him in the Rainy Season.

Dacca
the 30th April 1787.

I am & ca.
Signed I M. Day
Collector,

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To Mr. M. Day

Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Board of
Revenue
directs
the settle-
ment for
1194 to be
concluded.

We have Received your letters of the 9th and 29th March, and having taken into consideration the Settlement of the District under your Charge for the Year 1194 We have agreed on the following Instructions for your guidance.

Many of the Dacca Zemindars being *Talookdarry Mehals*, in which the Proportion of Lands held by zemindars as their own, is very small in comparison with the Remainder of the District, such as Jelalpore and Bickrampur in particular In Districts under this Description, two modes Occur for Making the Settlement as most obvious and easy for the Renters.

To make a Settlement with the zemindar for the whole *Pergunnah*, or to make a Settlement with the zemindar for his own lands only, and with the *Talookdars*, through the Means of a responsible *Arzamin* for their land.

The former you will adopt where the zemindars have made good their engagements for the past Year without exercising oppressions upon the *Talookdars*, the latter wherever the reverse has prevailed or when the zemindars are unequal to the Management of so extensive a trust.

In 1193 a deduction was granted to the zemindars of Jelalpore, on account of losses sustained by inundation—the whole of this may perhaps be recovered to Government this year; but, at all events We direct that 15000 Rupees be resumed in part of the Remission having good information of the Ability of the District to bear it :

The zemindarry of Tuppeh Nazirpore, being we understand in an unsettled State, from the variety of Interest arising in the Discendants of Imaum-udeen the late zemindar, who left a Widow and Eight Children by other Women ; for the Settlement of this *Mehal*, we direct that Engagement be executed in Imaumudeens name, on the part of his Widow and that Keurelram the former Naib, or some other Persons of Ability, and trust worthy, be appointed Manager, binding himself by engagements to be Answerable in his person and property for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed on him.

If however this cannot be effected. we direct that it be formed. under good Security, and that a separate Provision be stipulated with the Farmer, for the Maintenance of the family of Imumudeen.

The Zemindars of Edilpore have generally proved refractory or trouble some, and this consideration induced Mr. Shore, when at Dacca in 1781 to farm the District to Manick Bose. If however the zemindar have amended their Conduct, We direct that you restore them to the Management of their Lands, if otherwise we authorize you to let the *mehal* to farm.

The Zemindar of Chunder Deep, Durga Khoor Narrain has, we understand, a Son, the ostensible successor to the zemindarry named Durga Narrain. The Mismanagement of the *Naibs*, which had nearly produced the ruin of the zemindar, induced Mr. Shore, in 1188 to let the District to farm, we now wish the Settlement to be made in the Name of the zemindar, giving the Management to a responsible *Naib* ; in the same manner as directed in the Case of Nazirpore, or if this be impracticable with a farmer under a similar stipulation for a Provision for the Zemindar, in the latter case however we expect an increase of

Revenue, and you will authorize the Farmer to resume the *Hissajaut* Lands.

Understanding that Doorganarain is a Young Man of a very great natural Capacity, but that no care is taken of his Education, his Mother being of an indifferent Character, We desire you will endeavour to have the Necessary Measures taken for his improvement.

A Decree has lately been confirmed in Appeal in the *Sudder Dewonny Adawlut*, Respecting the zemindarry of Buzoorgomaidpore by which it is now settled in equal proportions between five Proprietors ; but the Management of it, the *Sudder Adawlet* have referred to the Decision of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council Under these circumstances we decline at present sending you any instructions on the Subject of the Settlement, and desire only you will take care that no Anticipation or misappropriation be made of the Revenue.

In Serampore Remission of 7290 Rupees were granted in 1192 on account of Inundation—some part of this we think may now be brought to public Account—as well as of the last Year's Remission of 3000 Rupees in Selimabad where we understand one *Aumeen* is now employed in investigating the Resources.

With respect to the remaining *Mehals*, the Settlement in every practicable instance is to be made with the zemindar, but as various objections may be against a zemindar, which render a deviation from this General Rule in their favor, indispensable, such as incapacity from age, Sex, or Lunacy Contumacy, or Notorious profligacy a character, we authorize you to exercise a descretion in the Choise of the Persons with whom the Settlement is to be made where such Objections exist, subject nevertheless to your Revision & Controul.

In such instances a discreet and Respectable Relation by way of Guardian or Dewan is to be preferred before any temporary Farmer, or servant of Government but we know that there are great difficulties in the Matter, and that Cases may occur in which the letting the lands to a Farmer, is the only means of Securing the Revenues of Government, and preserving the Inheritance of the zemindar inviolate, you will therefore, where such Cases do occur Regulate your Conduct by the exigency of the Case.

But wherever these deviations from our Orders or Recommendations take place, you will be careful to Record them, as well as the Reasons, on which they are founded, for our Information.

With Respect to the *Jumma* of the ensuing Year we leave it to you to fix the Amount payable by the respective Renters. In general, we believe it may be presumed that the Renters of the Dacca province are not heavily Assessed, and if the Information which we have received upon the Subject be well founded. some of the Districts are capable of an increase without burthening the Renters or Obliging them to make new Assessments upon their Ryotts—But if, in any Case. a remission upon the *Jumma* Appear indispensable, we direct that the Reasons be particularly Stated for our Information, and that no Settlement with such Remissions be deemed confirmed until it has been Reported to us, for our sanction.

We approve the Regulations proposed by you in your Letter of the 9th March and authorize you to adopt them as follows.

That each zemindar of Farmer having made his Settlement with his uuder Renters shall transmit a particular and Attested Account of such Settlement to the Collector and of the *Kistbundies*

of under Renters together with Attested Copies of the *Cabooleat* and *Pottah* given to and by the Renters.

That every zemindar and Farmer having charge of the Collections shall be strictly required to grant Dakalas or Receipts for every payment and enjoin the same to the under renters. That in Case of Disputes respecting Sums paid, a disobedience of Orders proved against the zemindar or Farmer in this Instance shall be deemed a sufficient Ground for deciding against him.

That Copies of all such Receipts be lodged in the Head *Cutcherry* of each zemindar or Renter to be produced when required.

The Kistbundee transmitted by you having been approved, you will regulate the Payments for the present year Accordingly.

Since a Distribution of the Dacca Divisions on the 10th Ultimo. Mr. Wroughton has required that the Shaistenagur Mehal on the side of Bellua Rated at SRs. 3414 may continue annexed to his Collectorship, it being contiguous to Luckypore and the only Mehal included in your division to the Eastward of the Magna proposing in exchange that the Talook Abu Rubbee Ulla, which is the only Mehal now under him to the Westward of the Megna, may be placed under your Superintendence.

This Consideration have induced us to comply with Mr. Wroughton's request, and you will accordingly inform the Renters of the Shaistanagur, as Mr. Wroughton will those of Talooks Abu Rubbee Ulla.

Having finally concluded the Settlement according to the above Instructions, you will transmit the usual Accnunts Settlement and *Kistbundie* in English and Persian, distinguishing in the former

the Zemindars, Farmers and Securities in three Columns and in a fourth the *Jumma* of 1193.

Calcutta
the 1st May 1787.

We are
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed/ Wm. Cowper
Thomas Graham
John Mackenzie.
W. E.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

Board of Revenue Establishing Balances of 1193. Since the close of my *Toujee* for Month of *Chaitt*, The security Agents for the *Purgunnahs* of Gungāmundel and *Pitcarrah* has reported to me the full Balance to complete the *Jumma* of these *Purgunnahs* for the year 1193 as paid at the *Khalsah*, in which case the sums now due, and deficient from Division under my Superintendence account the last year, are as follows.

From Buldācaul	...	94,506-0-0
„ Cosseepore	...	528-0-0
„ Nursing Gungadhor	...	447-0-0
„ Govindpore	...	375-0-0
„ Bykuntpore 2 <i>Ans.</i>	...	350-0-0
„ Jozzomohun Mitre	...	333-13-0

The deficiency in the small *Talooks* above mentioned is occasioned from the following causes,

Purgunnah Govindpore rendered incapable of yielding the *Jumma* at which it stands from a large portion of the *Talookdar's* Land having been taken in, by the River Magnah. Talook Jogomohun Mitre. This land is taken up for the use of the Regiment and Contonement.

Talook Nursing Gungadhur from the same cause as that of Govindpore.

Purgunnah Cossiepor—arises from a Difference existing between the zemindars of the *Purgunnah*, and the *Chowdries* of *Nowabad*. The point is under discussion by Mr. Duncan and the Balance is not recoverable till Judgement shall be pronounced when one or other of the parties must make the amount good the pretext being for land alledged to be in the possession of the *Nowabaud Choudries* which in right belongs to the Cossiepor *purgunnah*.

Bykunt pore 2 Ans. This Balance is withheld by the zemindar on a plea which to the best of my knowledge is well founded Vizt. That his partner the 14 Annas zemindar has deprived him of a proportion of his Territory and for which he is now prosecuting him in the *Adalut*, and declares himself incapable of answering the amount till the point shall be determined.

The Balance of the two last mentioned is therefore in train for recovery the residue from the other three then stands at 1155 Rs. and which from the causes particularized as I fear irrecoverable.

From the *purgunnah* of Buldakhal the sum of 94,506 Rs. is deficient and the only possible means to secure any part of it, depends on the pleasure of the Board. The Manager having made him

self responsible for the same by the Tenor of his *Cabooleat Vizt.* That his private property with his own share of the lands should be considered as a security to Government for such Deficiency as might arise on his management for the Year. It is the only resource from whence any part of this very heavy Balance can be secured and the produce from the depopulated state of the lands will I much fear prove very inadequate to the sum is Demand against him.

Dacca
the 3d May 1787.

I am with Respect and ca. & ca
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

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To John Shore Esqr.
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant enclosing an extract of a letter from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, under date the 5th February 1787.

Having an obedience with your commands transferred from my Collectorship the *purgunnahs* of Buldakhal Soosung Ramnut, Gungamundul & Pitkarrah. to Mr. William Wroughtton now Collector of Momensingh. I beg leave to enclose copy of my *Jum-mah Wassil Baukee* of the said *Mehals*.

With respect to the Balace against Buldakhal there is no possible means of recovering the same, but by a sale of Hossain Allies own share of the *purgunuah*, Vizt. 2-13-2 of what private

property he may have. I had every Reason to hope that a further Remittance would have made from the *Mofussil*, but unfortunately the late bad weather has totally stopped all collections for the present, the whole *purgunnah* being entirely under water from the very heavy & uncommon fall of Rain at this season, and the first Crop commonly known by the name of *Borro Fassil*, will I much fear be totally lost.

Talook Jadooram directed to be transferred to the Jessore division, I cannot trace in the Tuxeem of the Nuldee *purgunnah* the only *Talook* bearing the *Jummah* of 9 As./that being the sum particularized/is written in the name of Poran Kissen Doss, Mozafur Mudden Luscar Mouza Bhattungah, and with which Joddoram has no connection I therefore conclude that it is mistake, if not I must beg the Board will be pleased to direct the *Talook* being particularized, and the same shall be immediately made over to the Collector of Jessore.

The Ruinous state of the Buldakhal *Purgunnah* calling for the particular attention of Government without which I must fear it will (...illegible) away to nothing I think it is my duty to submit to the Board as the only mode left to recover the cultivation and thereby secure the original *Jummah* of this *purgunnah* to the Hon'ble Company. For Government to keep these Lands under Khas for the term of 1, 2, 3 and 4 years on a regular and easy annual encrease by which mode in the space of 3 or 4 years, I have not the smallest doubt but the *purgunnah* may be brought to yield its original *Jummah*. To effect this every encouragement must be given to the cultivation of the Lands, and *pottahs* engaged in, with the several Renters for a limited period, if not however less than 4 years, with positive assurance of the same being conclusive as long as they shall make good their Engagement to Government with respect to the Gungamundul *Purgunnah*, I must beg leave to point out the same mode as the only positive and certain method left for the recovery of the lands and securing the permanent and original Amount *Jummah* to Government. This *purgunnah* being in a very uncultivated and depopulated state. The *pitcarrah* *purgunnah* has suffered in some

small degree during the last year but not so much as to render any deduction, or new mode of collection Absolutely necessary,

Dacca

the 3d May 1787.

I am and ca.

Signed/ M. Day

Collector.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.

Chief of Dacca.

Momen Sing

the 5th May 87.

Sir,

I have been honoured by the Receipt of your Letter of the 3rd Instant transmitting the *Jumma Wassil Bauky* of Bulda¹ Khal, Gunga Mundul Pitkarrah, and Kismut Pergunnah Soosung three Mehals that have been Annexed from your division to the Momun Sing Collectorship—together with the Correspondence and Orders that have passed Respecting those Pergunnahs.

Being directed to give over Charge of the Dukeen Savazpore and Bycunt pore Pergunnahs to you, I have herewith the pleasure of forwarding the *Jumma Wassil Bauky* of those Mehals, together with the Correspondence and orders that any way Concern them Having furnished the Zemindars with proper Respects, and directed the *Sudder Aumlahs* to attend your in future, I mean this day to advise the Boare thereof.

The Shaistanagur Mehal which I was directed to give over to you, I have addressed the Board to retain possession of, it being the lands about Luckipore, and in lieu thereof have Requested, permission to make over Talook Abū Rubbe² Ullah, which was formerly Annex'd to Dukeensavazpore, and only become Separated from it, in Consequence of the Sale of Mirza Jeans portion of that Pergunnah.

I beg leave therefore to postpone transmitting you the Accounts and Records of either of those Mehals till the Board of

Revenue. have been pleased to comply with or Reject my request—

I am, Sir, your and ca,
Signed/ Wm. Wroughtton
Collector.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

In obedience to orders received from the Board of Revenue I herewith transmit you a *Juuma Wassil Baukee* of the Momen-singh District and now beg leave to deliver over in charge to you such of the Mehals as have been by the new Arrangement annexed to your Collectorship by the *Jumma Wassil Baukee* you will perceive that the Amount of the settlement made for the year 1193 is completely realized having committed to Mr. Wroughtton the whole of the Records that were in my possession and Requested him to furnish you with whatever papers you might require relation to that part allotted to your Superintendence any application to him to that effect will be readily complied with.

Dacca
the 9th May 1787.

I am sir,
your most obedient servant
Signed/ C. Burrows
Late Collector
Momensing.

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To Mr. G. Jones.

Sir,

I have received your letter notifying your arrival in this City, I have no objection to your remaining, but at the same-time think it necessary to inform you that you must Report yourself agreeably to the public Orders of Government mentioned in the India Gazette and obtain a permission for Residing out of Calcutta From the Right Honble the Governor General.

Dacca
the 10th May 1787.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To John shore Esqr.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen

Mr. Lodge having this day in conformity with your commands of the 10th ultimo delivered over the charge of the Buger-gomedpore Zillah, with the several records relating thereto I beg leave in consequence to report myself in charge of the same.

I have likewise received charge from Md. Henschell Collector of Jessore and from Mr. Sherburne late Collector of Mahmedshy The *Mhals* transferred by the late Arrangement from these Divisions, to that of Dacca Jelalpore.

Mr. Wroughton has also made over the Purgunnahs of Duckensavagepore and Bykunt pore from his division, the Pergunnahs of Shastenagur, I have not as yet received from him, He having submitted to the Board the propriety of this Purgunnah

remaining in the Momensing Division from its Vicinity to the lands about Luckypore and Belluah, and has proposed the Delivery of Abu Rabiullah, as laying contiguous to the Purgunnah of Serampore, which is under the Division of Dacca Jelalporè in lieu of the other as soon as the Board shall be pleased to determine which of the two is to be transferred Mr. Wroughton informs me shall be immediately complied with.

Mr. Burrowes late Collector of Momensing has also delivered to my Charge of the Purgunnah of Noorollahpore agreeably to the Boards Orders of the 10th ultime, Excepting the samll Talooks, directed to be transferred from the Moorshedabad Zellah which will I imagine be received in a few days I have the honor to inform thé Board with my being in charge of the Dacca Jelalpole Division allotted to my Superintendence by the late Arrangement of the Right Ho,nble the Governor General in Council.

The only Banlance Account the Revenues of the last year from the several Mehals transferred to the Division now in my charge is Exhibited in the Jummah Wassil Bawkee of the Buzergomedpore Zillah, and stands against the Purgunnah of Ragenagur, the sum to be Received is twenty nine thousand Seven hundred and twelve and Six Annas, I have issued the necessary Orders for the Personal attendance of thé Zemindar at the Sudder and shall adopt the necessary Measures for the recovery of the Same.

Dacca
the 10th May 1787.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M Day
Collector.

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To John Shore Esqr.
President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,

Having agreeable to your Orders under date the 27th ultimo issued the Publication directed Respecting the Sylhet

Revenue *Cowries* I have now the pleasure to enclose you the only two Proposals with their Translates that have been in consequence given in.

The people who have made the proposals are Men of Property, and have offered Responsible Security, Should their Terms be Accepted of.

The Offers appear to me Rather low but the fluctuation of the Market at Daeca, the expense and risque attending the keeping them where House Rent is so high, are I suppose the only Reasons why more favourable offers have not been made.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen

Yours and ca.

Daeca

the 19th May 1787.

Signed/ M. Day. Collector.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I am favoured with your Letter of the 11th Instant on the Subject of the Balance due from Buldakhal.

The *Wasselaui* Accounts of this Purgunnah required by the Board in their Letter of the 20th March last, should have Accompanied my former Letter had they been then complete.

The Mehal having since been annexed to the Momensing Division, I did in consequence direct the *Ameen* deputed for the purpose of making the *Wassilaui* to transmit the Accounts to the Collector of that Division and to obey all such Orders as he may receive from him.

I am and ca.

Daeca

the 23d May 1787.

Signed M. Day

Collector,

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen

Mr. Wroughton the Collector of Momensing having agreeably to your Orders made over to me the *Talook* Abu Rubbie ullah in lieu of Shaestanagur, I herewith transmit you a Copy of the enclosed and beg leave to request the favour of your Instructions regarding the Settlement of that *Mehal* for the present year, as also for the Recovery of the Balance now due from it, should the Board consider the Reasons assigned by Mr. Wroughton insufficient to entitle the *Talookdar* to a remission of it.

The Naib on the part of Mirza Jaun having peremptorily refused to engage on a greater *Jummah* than the Amount Exhibited in the enclosed *Jummah* Wassil Baukie, realized by the *Sezawall* 3221-1-9 which is short of the Original *Jummah* on the Sum of 7683-6 I in consequence have made publication that proposals will be Received for the Farm of it, but as yet no tender has been made.

I must further beg leave to trouble the Board on the subject of Purgunnah Duckensavagepore As it does not appear from any Correspondence transmitted me by the Collector of Momensing whom this *Mehal* was under prior to the late Arrangement that your former Orders Regarding Cojah Michael's purchase of the 9 Annas Division of this Purgunnah have either been revoked or carried into execution, I am therefore at a loss with whom to make the settlement for the present year until I am honoured with your commands whether those Orders are to be enforced. In the event of which I beg to know in what manner the deficiency of the Deposit cash appropriated by Mr. Wroughton in part payment of the Balance due from the *Talook* Abu Rubbie ullah is to be supplied to the purchaser.

I have further to inform the Board that not having as yet received charge of the *Talooks* transferred from the *Moorshe*

, dabad Zillah to that of Dacca Jelalpore, that I am at present at a stand with my Settlement having concluded the *Bundbust* of the Division, excepting Rajenagur and ca. the above mentioned Talook Abbu Rubbee ullah and *Purgunnah* of Duckensavagepore.

As soon as I shall be honored with your commands Respecting the above mentioned *Mehals* and your Orders for the mode to be adopted on Rajenagar I shall forthwith do myself the pleasure of transmitting my Account Settlement for the Current Year.

Dacca
the 26th May 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Reveune

Gentlemen,

The partners of Rossolepore having declared themselves unequal to the Management of their *Purgunnah* under the *Jumma* of Rs. 26,749-6-5 Rs. which is the sum remaining after deducting the amount *Jumma* of the Cartickpore Zemindarry lately awarded by the *Sudder Dewanny Adawlut* to the Heirs of *Rajah Rajibullub*, I in consequence made the publication for proposals being delivered for the farm, many days have elapsed and no one person have hitherto made an offer. The different partners continue in their resolution and as a reason assigned that they have only hitherto been able and equal to the discharge of the full *Jumma* for Ressoolpore and ca. and ca. from the benefit and advantages the *Purgunnah* of Cautickpore afforded, having for some years past regularly profit in the sum of 1000. Rs. & by which they were enabled to make up the Deficiency which they have regularly experienced on the management of Russoolpore.

The amount under which they are willing to engage for the Remaining lands is on a *Jummah* of 20,000 Rs. short in the sum of Rs. 6,749 of the *Jummah* at which it is rated in my *Sheristah*, they observe that a Similar or a greater increase to this Deduction may with ease and security be placed on the present *Jummah* of Cartickpore which now stands at 25, 791 and which from my own knowledge of the particular Situation of each of these *Purgunnah* and the difference in their produce as well as from the opinion and Information I have had from those in any shape informed or acquainted with the several lands of the District, I think can be Effected and the Revenue secured. The produce of these Lands, I beg to inform the Board, are from those of Cartickpore Betelenut, Paddy and Cotton, From those of Rossolepore only paddy.

I therefore beg leave to submit/ from seeing the improbability of securing the *Jummah* of Russulpore as now rated either by an immediate Engagement with the Zemindars Jointly, or Separately, or by giving the Lands in Farm/ for the Consideration of the Board the Propriety of adding the *Jummah* of Cartickpore the sum of Rs. 4,000 and reducing the *Jummah* of Russoolpore in the same Amount under which deduction they will I should suppose be equal to the payment of the Revenues, and I believe it to be as much as this *Purgunnah* from its present state can possibly afford to pay.

Dacca
the 30th May 1787.

I am & ca. & ca.
Signed/M. Day
Collector.

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To John Shore Esqr.
President and members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

The obstacle to the reappointment of Roy Hurry Ram Mullick to the Office of Dewan not being removed I beg with the Boards

permission to nominate Adeb Churn Doss, for the Office of Dewan to the Dacca Jelaulpore Division. His knowledge of the Business, of the Revenues, of the District in General, and long residence in Dacca are, Inducements for my hoping that his Nomination may meet with the Concurrence of the Board.

Dacca
the 30th May 1787.

I am with respect & ca. & ca.

Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have the Honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your letter through your Secretary of the 18th Instant Inclosing Copy of a Decree passed in the *Sudder Dewanny Adawlut* on the 26th of April 1787 Relative to the Estate of the late Raja Rajebullub.

As the only possible means of preventing the present Manager from taking any advantage of this decision, which he would no doubt endeavour to do from the uncertainty of the whole management being to be continued with him, I have issued positive orders to all the *Talookdars*, Farmers and under Tana-nts of Rajenagur Buzergomedpore and Carticpore, not on any pretext what soever to answer any demands, Gopaul kissen or his Executive *Amlahs* may make on them till further and public Orders shall be issued from the *Sudder*; this Measure will I hope meet the Boards approbation and be considered as having been expedient for the security of the present years Revenues, as well as to prevent any desertion of the low Renters Account oppression or other Violences that might be attempted.

Dacca
the 31st May 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

To Richard Kenneway Esquire.

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter and enclosure of the 5th Inst.

The particular specie in which the Revenues of this province have been invariably paid to Government is that of the *Sicca* How far it may be in my power to alter the mode for the receipt of that of the *arcot* currency and thereby enabled to comply with the commands of the Right Honble Governor General in Council, I cannot with any degree of certainty venture to pronounce, I have long been sensible of the propriety as well as the General relief the renters would experience of once effected, I have given every encouragement in my power to all zemindars Farmers, *Talookdars* and other Landholders to undue payment being made in that currency, in which the Gross is realized in their several *Mofusils* nevertheless I have not, nor do, I believe, that any of my predecessors ever had a tender of payment in the *Arcot* currency, altho it is the only specie that will answer or is current in the general commerce of the District. The difficulty I can only ascribe to the chicanery of the several *shroffs* of the City who from the Mistake which has heretofore existed and unnoticed in the formation of the *Kistbundees* have established an influence over the Renters from the necessity there has been for their assistance towards them and enabling them to provide for the punctual discharge of the Monthly payment to Government.

Having in the present *Kistbundees* for the current years Revenue removed the Evil by regulating my demands at the *Sudder* agreeably to the realization of the Gross Revenues in the several *Mofusil*. The Renters cannot have any further use for the Assistance of *Shroffs* and may with ease and advantage bring their Gross *Amdannie* to the public Treasury in lieu of making payment through Bankers my publication on this subject Notifies that with a view of allviating the Renters from further Impositions of the *shroffs*, they may make their payment either

in the *arcot* or *Sicca* Specie, that in the Event of the former being tendered, the Hon'ble Company's Batta of 7, 6, 6 will be allowed between the *Arcot* and *Sicca*, without any other Expence or deduction on account of *Shroffage* or other charges. This will I flatter myself produce the desired Effect and prevent any further loss being sustained by Batta to the Honble Company in the sums required for their advances and myself enabled to pay due honor/in the Specie required/to the demand you at present have for the use of your advances account the public Investment.

The 14th *Assar* is the day fixed for opening the collections for the current year, at which period my demand for the Month of *Bysack* and *Jait* will issue, when the sum of Rs. 11,5000 will come in the course of payment. The current charge of the Division will provide for Rs. 23,500 and the Balance shall be reserved and appropriated to the Discharge in part of the Bank post Bills now with you.

The monthly *Kist* for *Assar* Vizt. 115,000 Rs. will be in the course of payment from the 15th to 30th of *Sawan* when it will be in my power to answer your Demand in full.

Dacca
the 6th June 1787.

I am
sir,
Your & ca. & ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To William Farguharson Esqr.
& Members of Committee for the Investigation &
recovery of outstanding Balances,
Fort William,

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
Letter of the 26th ultimo.

The only information I have been able to obtain relative to the Expenditure of the Account issued by my predecessor to Mr. Richard Becher towards reestablishing a mint at Dacca is that it was expended in House Rent, the purchase of a few Implement, now in my charge and necessary disbursement account servants & ca.

I have not the particulars of the Establishment kept by Mr. Becher, but the Implements made over to me may be worth about Rupees one hundred.

Dacca
the 7th June 1787.

I am & ca. & ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To. John Shore Esqr.
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your orders of the 1st ultimo.

Having concluded the settlement of the *Mehals* of my Division excepting those few regarding which I wait the Boards Instructions I have herewith the pleasure to transmit you their Account settlement and beg leave here to submit to you Gentlemen the modes adopted by me in the settlement of those *purg-unnahs* particularized in your Letter of the above dates as also of some others where in I have conceived a deviation from your general Instructions absolutely necessary for the security of the public Revenue and the future prosperity of the Lands in such cases I have availed myself of the discretionary power given me by your Board, and trust the measures I have inconsequence adopted, will meet your approbation.

Chunderdeep—The Settlement of *purgunnah* Chunderdeep, I have agreeably to your Orders made in the Name of the Zemindar Doorga Koor Narrain giving the Management to Govind persaud uncle to the ostensible successor to the zemindarry and who in consequence of this Relation and connection with the Family, has an interest in the welfare & good Government of the Lands and of course must be deemed a more fit person to vest with this trust, than a common Naib who probably would abuse it, and enrich himself at the expense of his Principal. I have further in obedience to the Boards Orders taken the Necessary Measures for the improvement of Doorga Narrain and for this purpose have called him to Dacca, and placed him, under the care of Manick Bose. In my settlement of *Tuppah* Nazirpore I have strictly conformed to the prescribed Instructions given me by making it in the Name of Imumuddin on the part of his Widow and giving the Management of it to Kenoram the former Naib who has entered into the Engagement directed by the Board binding himself to be answerable in his Person and Propriety for the faithful discharge of the trust Reposed in him.

Edilpore—The Zemindars of Edilpore not having in the least Amended their conduct, and being now as refractory and trouble some as heretofore, I have found Myself under the necessity of adopting the alternative left me by your Board, as the best and indeed only means by which the Revenues of this *purgunnah* can be secured to Government, and the Lands saved from total Ruin, I have accordingly let the Mehal in farm to Manick Bose, under whose former management the Lands were well cultivated and the Public Revenue punctually paid.

Jelalpore—I have also been under the necessity of making use of the discretionary power vested in me by your Board in my Settlement of the Jelalpore *Purgunnah*. The zemindars tho Numerous hold but a very small proportion of the Lands composing this *Purgunnah* and are all of them at present unworthy & incapable of so extensive a trust or indeed of the management of their own Lands; some of them being Infants & the others young men of very bad character, and who from the constant use of intoxicating Drugs are rendered incapable of transacting

any Business whatever I have therefore Adopted the latter mode Recommended by the Board in such cases and have concluded a settlement with the several *Talookdars*, thro the means of a responsible *Arzamen* for their Respective *Talooks* and the Lands held by the *zemindars* as their own property, I have for the better security of the Revenue and the benefit of the Infant proprietors, committed to the case of a Guardian taking security from him for the faithful discharge of his duty. It was my wish, to have continued this trust with the original Family *Naib*, with whom the Management has remained since the death of the *zemindars*, but finding upon enquiry that he had most grossly abused, it, and had involved to a very considerable Amount, the proprietors, I conceived the Appointment of another person to it, absolutely Necessary to ensure them a subsistence and prevent the total Ruin of the Lands.

By this mode of settlement I have been enabled in part to comply with the Boards Orners, regarding the Resumption of a part of the Deduction granted in 1192 and have of the Amount directed, Resumed 7000 Rs. which I can assure the Board is the utmost the land are at present capable of paying without Risk of a greater loss to Government hereafter which will now be presented, and the Rents being easy to the *Ryotts*, the Lands will flourish, and in another year or two the Remainder of the Deduction may I flatter myself be resumed without the least injury to the renters of the *Purgunnah*.

Bickrampore—The *Bickrampore Purgunnah* being in respect to the *zemindars* in the same predicament as *Jelalpore*, I have made it a *Talookdarry* settlement with an increase on the former *Jummah* of 4000 Rs. This however I must observe is by no means adequate to what it can yield without burthening the under Renters, but I am at present prevented from making a fair and equitable Assessment of it from its confused state and the contumacy of the *Conngoeys* and *zemindarry Mahrers* who by some unfair means have obtained a greater property in the *Purgunnah* than the *zemindars* themselves now hold and with the view of defrauding Government of the just Revenue have lessened the *Tuxeem Jummah* of their own *Talooks* as well as that of many other

Talookdars from whom they have received a pecuniary consideration, and to prevent deduction of these and other Acts of a like fraudulent Nature have either destroyed or keep concealed original papers of the Purgunnah, by which alone the true Jumma can be ascertained to these Acts is to Ascribe the very great loss that has accrued to Government in the Revenues of this Purgunnah since the year 1170, when it stood rated at the Taxeem Jummah of 1,07,782-12-15-1 which is now by a few separations and trifling Deductions granted since that period on various pleas, reduced to 22,023 Rupees.

The Board will I doubt not approve of my determination to make strict enquiry into the particulars of these Frauds and other Causes of this great deficiency of Revenue, and empower me to correct any Abuses that I may prove to have been committed by these Amlahs and thereby increase the public Revenue at the same time relieve the under Renters from a grievous burthen they have long laboured under in paying a Revenue more than adequate to the land they hold. I think it necessary however to warn the Board that this Enquiry will be productive of great clamour and numerous complaints from the persons against whom the result of it must operate, but as my motive for undertaking it is the public Good in the correction of frauds, and the case of the Ryotts in making a fair and equitable Assessment of the Lands, I flatter my-self with your support and protection in the prosecution of it.

Serampore—In part of the Remission granted to Serampore, I have with great difficulty secured the sum of 1301 Rupees in addition to the *Jumma* paid last year, this I must observe to the Board, was not effected till after making publication for the Farm of it, and proposals being actually delivered in which induced the zemindar to accede to the Increase above mentioned on his *Khalsa* and *Nowarrah* Lands which now in consequence stand rated at the *Jumma* of 7000 Rs. and this from their well known Ruinous state is I verily believe the utmost they can pay without burthen to the Ryotts and consequent detriment to the Land.

Selimabad—The 2-17-2 *hissah* of the 5 *Anna* Division and a 2 *Anna* share of the 4-10 of *Selimabad Purgunnah* are both

the property of one Family vizt. the Heirs of Joynarrain Chowdree and tho, separately they may be unequal to the *Jummah* at which they stand rated, yet the latter being a very profitable *Mehal* and inadequately cessed, I am well assured notwithstanding the very great loss of 8299 Rs. that accrued to Government last year under the *Sezaell's* Management that together they are well capable of yielding the *Jummah* of 1193.

This Gentlemen induced me to offer them both to the proprietor at that *Jummah*, which they declining, I made the same proposal to their partner, the proprietor of the 2-10 share of the 4-10 Division to Receive them with his own share at the above Rate, he also rejecting it I have in order to secure Government from any further loss in these Division given them all in farm at the Original *Jummah* of last year, Taking responsible security from the Farmer for the due performance of his Engagements.

The remaining 2-17-2 share of the 5 Anna Division of this purgunnah the property of Colly Sunker Gosaul was likewise the last year under the charge of a *Sezawel*, and Government sustained a loss of 7266-3, From my knowledge of these Lands, I apprehend Collusion between the proprietor and *sezawel* to have been the real cause of this considerable Balance, and I am more confirmed on this opinion, from the Agent of the proprietor having himself proposed to engage for it with an Increase 4000 Rupees on the Amount Realized by the *sezawell*, which Circumstance alone will evince to the Board that some such Collusion must have existed to prevent this and with the view of securing as much of the Revenue as possible, I offered it for Farm, but no proposals being tendered, I have as the next best mode placed it together with the 1a. 10G. Division under the charge of a person in whose honesty and integrity I can depend, and from whose knowledge of the Lands, I have every reason to hope will be able to realize the whole Amount *Jummah* Sultanabad, the Sultanabad zemindar being dead, and disputes subsisting between the several Claimants Respecting their shares, I have to prevent these disputes being attended with any injury to the public Revenue, let the *Mehal* in farm, stipulating however with the Farmer for a provision for the Heirs

who having referred their claims to the Adawlut, a settlement may be made with them the next year according to the Decision of the Court.

Shazadpore—The Purgunnah of Shazadpore was last year likewise in the charge of a sezawell, under whose management a deficiency of Rs. 1671-14 Accrued I have this year concluded a settlement with the proprietors under a Responsible Security, with an addition of Rs. 871-14 on the Amount Realized to Government Account 1193 B. S. The Talooks of Nursing Gungadhur and Govindpore where deficient in their Jummahs, account the year 1193 in the sum of Rs. 803—440 from the former and 363 from the latter. The causes of this deficiency I had the Honor of explaining to the Board in my Letter of 30 May last. It has arisen from a large portion of this Lands having been taken by River Magnah and what remains in the Possession of these two Talookdars being insufficient to Answer the Jummah. From the enquires I have made and the knowledge I myself of their situations, the necessity for some relief being given to the Talookdars does to the best of my Judgement exist in consequence I beg leave to recommend them to the Board's notice for a deduction of 700 Rs. in the following proportions, 400 Rs. from the Jummah of Talook Nursing Gungadhur which is now rated at 1349 Rs. and 300 Rs. from that of Govindpore rated at 2104.

Jogomohn Mitre—From Talook Jogomohn Mitre, I have been under the necessity of deducting the sum of 301 Rs. from the Jummah, that being the proportion of this Talookdars land taken for the use of the Regiment now in Cantonments at this station. This I hope will meet the approbation of the Board.

These Gentlemen are the only *Mehals* wherein I have in any shape deviated from your General Instructions having as you will perceive by the Accompanying Accounts concluded the settlement of the other according to the mode prescribed for my Guidance, on the *Jummah* of last year taking securities where the character of the Land holder has been any ways dubious and where they have been voluntarily tendered Those now remains to complete the settlement of year, the *purgunnahs* of Rajenagur Buzergomedpore Catrickpore, Russolpore and *Talook* Abou Rubbie

ullah, the settlements of which shall be made agreeably to the Orders I may receive from your Board, and this done, I shall do myself the honor of transmitting to you the complete Accounts settlement and *Kistbundies* for the year.

I have now only to add my Assurance to the Board, that my utmost endeavours shall be exerted to recover the whole Amount *Jummah*, and providing that no general calamity be falls the District, I have every reason to hope that my endeavours will be attended with success.

I have the honor to be
and ca. and ca.

Dacca

Signed/ M. Day

the 12th June 1787.

Collector.

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To Mr. Dayott

Chief at Dacca.

Sir,

Being informed that People acting under your orders at Serampore have again hoisted the French Flag, notwithstanding that it had been taken down by Mr. Wroughton by the orders of this Government, and having received fresh Orders from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General to prevent the hoisting of a French Flag at any Factories or Houses of Commerce in this District, except at the Dacca Factory and that permitted to be established in lieu of Jugdea, I have to acquaint you that in consequence of these orders, should the Flag be again hoisted at Serampore, I must in obedience to my Duty, order it be taken down, and therefore think it necessary to give you the Information that you may give the necessary Orders

to your people at Serampore and hope they will be such as may prevent any disputes in consequence.

I am

sir

Dacca
the 13th June 1787.

Your most Obedient H. servant
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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Edward Hay Esqr.

Secretary to the Foreign Department, Fort William

Sir,

I have the Honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant explaining to me his Lordships Intention of the Order conveyed to me thro' the Board of Revenue under date the 24 ultimo Respecting the hoisting of French Flag.

Being informed that people Acting under the Orders of Mr. Dayott the French Chief at this place had again hoisted the Flag at Serampore, I addressed a Letter to that Gentleman on the subject, a copy of which together with a copy of his Answer I herewith enclose for his Lordships Information and I request you will further inform the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that in consequence of Mr. Dayott's Refusal I have deputed a Careful person to take it down strictly charging him to execute this order with all possible Moderation, and with as little Appearance of Violence or exertion as the Nature of the Duty will permit, I have also furnished this person with a written order to the zemindar of the place directing him should any Attempt afterwards be made to hoist it again to prevent its success, which I hope will meet with his Lordship's Approbation.

I am & ca.

Signed/M. Day
Collector.

Dacca
the 16th June 1787.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have now the honor to transmit a complete English and Persian Account Settlement of the Mehals under my Superintendence for the year 1194 B.S. which I hope will meet with your Approbation.

Orders for the Mofussil Poonah have been issued, and the 14th Assar or 27th June, fixed for opening the Collections of this Division at the Sudder.

From the papers delivered by the Sezawall deputed by Mr. Wroughton, at the request of Mirza Jaun to Talook Abbul Rubbee ullah, it appeared that the sum of Sicca Rs. 6000 may be secured. The Naib on the part of the zemindar having objected to Receive it at this Rate, and no person having offered proposals to Receive it in Farm, I have been under the necessity of making it khass.

The purgunnah of Rajenagur, Bnzergomedpore I have also Raja- for the present made khass should it hereafter be the
Nagur pleasure of the Board, to make a Division of the above
Buzer- Purgunnahs and to vest the Heirs of Raja Rajebollob
gomud- with the management of their several proprietors agreea-
pur bly to the Judgement totally confirmed in the Sudder
held Dewanny Adawlut; I will on receipt of their Orders
khass. take the necessary steps to carry the same into execution.
At present the Authority of the sezawels is limited simply to the realization of the Revenues for the current year; in the exercise of which he is directed to pay particular attention to the security and protection of the Land and the Renters in general.

With Respect to the Purgunnah of Duckinsavagepore
Duckin I have for the present renewed the settlement with Coja
savage Michael on separate Tahools for the sixteen Annas,
pore. subject however to such change as may hereafter be

made by your Board Respecting the purchase as will appear by the enclosed petition and Translate, which I beg leave to submit to your Consideration.

Dacea
the 20th June 1787.

I have the Honor to be and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

The Shares of Ram Dhun and Omernarain in the Pergunnah of Jellaipoor Nowarrah having been sold by order of Government at Public Auction, and purchased by Bushun Churn Nundy, I lose no time in apprizing you thereof that the Settlement for the Current year may be regulated accordingly—

Khalsa
the 4th July 1787

I am,
sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed/ Jonathan Duncan
P. R. R. D.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Chief of Dacca

Sir,

Reve. Board. Wedesire your particular attention to the following orders which are to be considered as Standing Regulations for your guidance,

1st—In all cases where Zemindar, Talookdars or other Landholders decline engaging for the Revenue required, you will call upon them for written declarations to that effect which are to be transmitted to us with translations, as Vouchers of their refusal.

2ndly—In all cases of farmer, except when given in consequence of the Landholders having failed to discharge his Revenue for the past year, or in consequence of his having disqualified himself by some act of delinquency for holding his land you will stipulate with the farmer exclusive of his Revenue to Government a reasonable provision for the dispossessed Zemindar Talookdar or other Landholder that no claim may be on Government for Moshaira.

we are

sir,

Calcutta

the 5th July 1787.

your most obedient servants

Wm. Cowper, Thomas Graham,
John Mackenzie, Rd. Johnson.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I am sorry to inform you with the Demise of Roy Gopaul Kissen one of the partners and late manager of the Rajenagar and ca. *Purgunnahs*, He died yesterday Evening. He has left one son and one Daughter and Widow.

I have further to inform the Board of my having secured only in part of the Balance due from him Account the year 1193 B.S. the sum of 15,000. There still remains the sum of 14,712-6 to be recovered, for the security of which, I have attached his private property informing his son that in the Event of his

paying the Balance due from His deceased Father to Government the attachment of his Effect will be removed otherwise provided for as the Board May be pleased to direct. He has not yet made any reply to this *Purwannahs*. But it is probable I thiknk that he will accede to the payment, if not, I beg to be honored with the Boards orders for my Guidance.

Dacca
the 7th July 1787.

I have the honor to be & ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To John Shore Esqr,
President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I must beg leave to trouble the Board to issue the necessary Orders for the attendance of One juggernaut *Talookdar* of *Talook Bissenram Dutt* in *Purgunnah Buzergomedpore* bearing a *jumma* of 2468. His place of Residence is in *Bang Bazar* in *Calcutta* and his *Naib* now in the *Mofussil* has refused renewing his Engagement for the *Talook* in question on frevolous excuse of inability of his Land to pay the *jumma* at which they now stand cessed, under which pretext, He likewise withholds the payment of a part of his last years Revenue to the zemindar the late *Gopaul Kissen*, who on his part prior to his Death alledges this as a cause of his being deficient in the payment of his *Jumma* to Government.

That I may be enabled to ascertain the truth of this asser-tion as well as obtain the *Talookdars* signature to his *Tawud* for the present, I have to Request the Board will be pleased to Order the attendance of the *Talookdar* himself or that he may send a positive order to his *Naib* in the *Mofussil* to renew his Engagement for his *Talook* and to pay such Balance as may

on enquiry appear due to the zemindar on Account his Revenue for 1193 B. S.

Dacca
the 9th July 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

I have the pleasure to send you the *Jumma Khurch* Amount of the Deposit Money on account the Sale of the 9 Annas Share of Dukensavazepore the Balance remaining Vizt. Sicca Rs. 21376-3-12. I have ordered to be delivered over to your *Shroff* agreeable to your desire.

My Letter under date the 21st. February last to Mr. Duncan will fully explain the cause of my not being able carry into execution the Orders of the Board, respecting the 9 Annas share of Duckensavazepore, Mirza Jan is still I am informed at the presidency and his *vakeel* has more than once informed me that his principal would not accept of half and that he was about to procure an order for the restoration of the whole. Till therefore he choses to accept of the indulgence of Government the settlement I presume should be made with Cojah Michael.

Government thought proper as an act of Justice to order the half of Mirza Jan's Share of Duckinsavazpore, to be restored to him his obstinate refusal to accept thereof excludes him in my opinion from any further favour, but should the Board of Revenue wish to extend their indulgence, I presume the time should be limited and unless he makes his claim within that period I humbly conceive he should for ever forfeit it.

In the Boards Letter they direct me to give Cojah Michal Credit for all anticipated revenues collected by Mirza Jan's *aumlah*, I was therefore After the clearest proof obliged to take two Sums I was from deposit Money Vizt. 2546 Rs. received from Mr. Bebb who holds these are inserted in the *jumma Khurch* account and accompanied by vouchers.

Having early learned that Mirza zan had also anticipated the revenues of the Abu Rubbee ullah *Talook* and finding that his influences there was very great from its being his place of residence I thought it necessary to employ his *Aumlah* in the Collections taking from them a written paper, to be answerable for the Balance of any *Talookdar* and ca who absconded in consequence of which I was under the necessity of having frequent Recourse to the deposit Money to make good deficiencies owing to their Tricks these different sums are particularized in the account A *Muffussel jumma Wassil Baukey* I before did myself the pleasure of forwarding to you and furnished Mirza Zean's *aumlahs* with another Copy, part of which I understand they have since realized.

I am
sir,

Momunsing
the 9th July 1787.

Your Most Obedient servant
Signed/ W. Wroughton
Collector.

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To John Shore Esqr.
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen.

It is with extreme Concern I find myself under the necessity of Representing to you the present very unhappy state

of this District In general and the City in particular which not only threatens a very great difficulty in the realization of the Revenue of the Current year but also an Evil of all others the most distressing, a great and real scarcity of Grain.

From the very unfavourable weather we experienced at the beginning of the season, damage to the first Crop was to be expected, but flattering myself with a favourable change, and unwilling to create alarm, I have hitherto withheld the Information, and forbore to mention to your Board the prospect of a calamity which providence alone can avert; tho' human Effects may palliate, whilst it has been my constant study and endeavour to allay the Alarms of the people by inducing the Grain Dealers to bring their Grain to Markets for their Supply. These supply is beginning now to fail and the Inhabitants of the City becoming clamorous. I should consider myself much wanting in my Duty were I longer to defer informing the Board of the Causes and requesting the Assistance of Government towards their Relief of the people who are the more to be commiserated when itself considered that only 3 years ago they experienced a similar calamity the effects of which & the loss attendant on it they have not yet totally recovered.

For these four Months past we have had almost incessant (sic) Rain, which uncommon fall of water, and the consequent great Rise of the Rivers, has so totally inundated the lower Lands of the District, as not only effectually to ruin their first crop, but what is still worse to render the cultivation of a second utterly impracticable until such time as the waters subside, which from the earliness of the season we have no reason to expect these two months when the season for sowing of Grain will be nearly elapsed; the higher Lands have also suffered considerable Damage in their crops, and in many parts of the District, the Inhabitants have been reduced to the Wretched necessity of quitting their Habitations, and now wander from place to place in Boards.

Such Gentlemen I am sorry to inform you is the present state of the country, which has given cause to apprehend a future scarcity of Grain, and has as you will perceive by the enclosed Account increased the price of it between 300 or 400

P. Cent exceeding that of Common years ; a price too great for the poorer class who are by far the greater Body of the people to purchase it at, and who must infallibly perish by Famine unless we soon experience a favourable change of weather, or if some relief is not afforded them so very great are the alarms of the people of a future Dearth of this Article, that the Rich and all who are able to afford it endeavour to procure and hoard up as much as possible, and are willing to buy it at any price, and the persons who have it to sell notwithstanding all my endeavour to prevent it take advantage of the Terror & expose small Quantities only to sale which contributes to lighten their fewer (sic) and enhances the price daily.

Altho' I believe there is not at present any great scarcity and that the high price which Grain now bears, is to be ascribed principally to the cause aforementioned the Apprehension of the people for the future, yet I doubt not but the Board will see the propriety & necessity of adopting some measure for allaying their Fears, alleviating the Distresses of the poor, and providing for a calamity which I am sorry to say there is too great reason to expect, convinced from recent experience that the Adoption of any public Measure such as fixing the price of Grain, will not have the desired effect, but on the contrary will only add to the distress by making the Dealers conceal and keep it away from the Market, I beg leave to submit a mode to your Board, which I am sensible will fully answer the Object in view ; Understanding they had a very plentiful crop in the Bahar province, I would propose that Instruction be sent to the Collectors of that Province to transport a Quantity here, to be sold on Account of Government at a price equal to Remburse them the Original Cost and charges of Transportation ; this Importation & taking off the Duties now collected during the Scarcity together with the Order I have already issued Vizt. "that all persons keeping Grain concealed in this District to take advantage of the distresses of their fellow sufferers shall bring it to Market on pain of Confiscation and Corporal punishment" will I should hope have the good effect of immediately lowering the price induce those who may have Grain to forth, and in a great degree prevent the bad consequences otherwise to be expected from the unfavourableness of the season.

The importance of the subject on which I have written, I flatter myself render any Apology for my taking up so much of the Board's time unnecessary. I shall therefore conclude with assuring the Board, that it shall be my utmost care and endeavour to prevent as much as possible any loss arising to Government from a failure in the collections.

Dacca
the 14th July 1787.

I have the Honor to be
and ca. and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca

Sir,

The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council having this Day fixed the Rate of Commission to be allowed to you and all the other Collectors in addition to your Salaries I am commanded by the Board to communicate their Sentiments and Resolutions to you in a particular address.

The income which is now annexed to your Station is liberal and such as with a prudent Economy ought to provide a fund for your necessary Expenses, as well as a Recompense for your Services. To finish supplies for heedless extravagance is what no Government, can nor ought to do, it is with particular Satisfaction that the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council has passed Resolutions removing every temptation to infringe those obligation which your duty to the Company and the Prescriptions of the Law have equally imposed and the observance of which it is his Lordship fixed determination invariably to enforce.

The very extensive influence which you desire from your different offices of Collector Judge and Magistrate affords you

the Company's advantage, and this Consideration alone will he trusts have the same Influence upon your Conduct with the most solemn Restrictions, or minute Regulations An abuse of this Power either Actual or by convenience on your part will be productive of consequences highly prejudicial to the Company, and to the Country Reward has now been annexed to Responsibility and no occasion it is to be presumed will ever occur to render the Infliction of the Penalties attending a breach of it, necessary.

By the Public Regulations you are restricted from the exercise of any Trade either directly or indirectly ; but the General Prosperity of the Provinces required that the internal Trade should receive from you all the Encouragement and Protection you can give it, you are not from this to understand that any Individual either European or Native is to Avail himself either of your name or Influence for the Assistance of his private commerce, this would indeed be a perversion of the orders of Government and your own Character requires the utmost Caution on your part, that no person really or apparently connected with you should derive any Influence from such a Connection to the advantage of his own Concerns and to the prejudice of the Trade in general which must be a natural Consequence of it, The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council has indeed particularly directed me, to signify to you that he shall deem any Collector unfit for the office he holds who should prove unable to prevent the Operation of the Influence of his Station in favour of these connected with him. The Trade of a Country can no longer prosper than whilst the protection of Government is generally bestowed upon all concerned in it, and in this Sense the Orders of the Board must be received and understood on your part of punishing as far as the Powers vested in you admit any Infringement of it either in the Person in office under or connected with you, and if any attempt should be made either by persons under this description or others whom you do not suppose yourself authorized to (...illegible) or punish your Duty requires to state the Circumstances to the Governor General in Council that the Interposition of his Authority may correct the Evils which your own Power is in competent to Redress,

And finally I am directed to inform you with respect to the Regulations in General prescribed for your Conduct that your Continuance in office will depend upon a due observation of them, and that the approvation of the Board will be freely bestowed whenever it is merited.

Reve. Dept.
Council Chamber
the 18th July 1787.

I am
sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
Signed/ Jonathan Duncan
Secy.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Reve. Board. We transmit you for your information and Guidance the enclosed Copy of orders from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council fixing the rate of Commission to be drawn by the Collectors upon the Amount of the Realized Revenues of each Collectorship.

Calcutta
the 20th July 1787.

We are
sir,
Your Most Obedient Servants
Signed/ Wm. Cowper
Thomas Graham
John Mackenzey.

Enclosure to No. 265

To John Shore Esqr.
President and ca. Members of the Board of Revenue,
Gentlemen,

Reve. Dept. Having taken into Consideration the Rates of the Commission to be allowed to the Collectors of the Revenue
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we have resolved that they be fixed in the following proportions upon the Amount of the realized Revenues of each Collectorship.

Upon every sum of Ten Lacks and upwards a Commission of one per Cent upon the first Ten Lacks and one half per Cent on the remainder,

upon Nine Lacks and below Ten	... Rs. 10,000
upon Eight Lacks and below Nine	... Rs. 9,000
upon Seven Lacks and below Eight	... Rs. 8,000
upon Six Lacks and below Seven	... Rs. 7,000
where the Collectorship were under Six Lack,	Rs. 6,000

That from the above commission a Deduction be made of one Per Cent on the amount of Balance of Revenue where the Jumma of the Collectorship exceed Ten Lacks of Rupees.

And of two per cent on the Amount of Balances of Revenue where the Jumma of the Collectorship exceeds Six Lacs, and is under ten Lacs of Rupees, And of three Per Cent on the Amount of Balances where the Jumma of the Collectorship is under Six Lacs of Rupees.

That the above Resolutions authorizing the Commission be enforced from the Commencement of the Present Bengal year in those Collectorships where the settlement takes place according to that Era and from the Commencement of the Fusseely or Velayetty Year 1195, in those Collectorships where the Settlement is made according to that Era.

That the Commission shall be paid from the Khalsa Treasury under the General Regulations for all payments at the Expiration of every three Months.

That the Assistant stationed at Tipperah be allowed to draw Commission on his Collections and the Collector of Chittagong upon the whole of the Collections under his Charge, including those under his assistant at Tepperah.

That the Assistant employed in the Collections of the Town of Calcutta be also allowed Commission agreeable to the Preceding Rates.

That the Accountant General of the Revenue Department be directed to lay before the Board of Revenue an account of the Commission due to the Collectors respectively at the Periods prescribed and the Board are hereby Authorized to pass and order the payment thereof.

We are

sir,

Fort William

Your Most Obedient Servants

18th July 1787,

Signed/ Cornwallis

Charles Stuart

Reve. Board

John Shore

A true Copy,

Signed/B. Aplin,

Secy.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.

Collector of Dacca

Sir,

Reve. Board. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the Price Current required by the 57th Article of the new Revenue Regulations should include the average price of every specie of Grain produced in your District.

I am

sir,

Calcutta

Your Most Obedient Servant

the 20th July 1787.

Signed/ B. Aplin

Secy.

To Richard Kennaway Esqr.

Sir,

The *Shroffs* of Dacca having entered into a Combination to thwart and prevent my carrying into Effect the Receipt of Revenues in the *Arcot* Specie in lieu of what of the *Sicca* I have deemed it expedient to make the Adopted mode of payment in the *Arcot* specie as public and generally known as possible as well as in this City as throughout the District in general With this View I take the liberty of enclosing you eight publications counterpart of those I have already issued to my Renters and to the *Shroffs* of the City, and shall esteem myself obliged by your causing them to be circulated throughout the *Aurung* and that you will at the same time oblige me by giving the necessary Orders to the *Gomastah* or such other agent as may be employed in the provision of the Hon'ble Company's Investment under your Authority that the same may be particularly explained to the Manufacturers and that in the Event of any deviation being attempted by the Zemindars *Talookdar* or other land holders from the sales hereby prescribed for the general circulation of the *Arcot* Specie, in their several *Mofusils* that on Representations of the same, a proper Example will be made of the person or persons so offending.

I have the honor to be
and ca.

Dacca
the 23d July 1787.

Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

To William Wroughton Esqr.
Collector of Momensing

Sir,

To enable me to comply with the Orders of the Board of Revenue to supply with as little delay as possible the Commercial

Residents of Dacca and Luckypore with the sums necessary for the Advances of the present years Investment, I request you will order whatever money you may have your Treasury to be paid me, and at the same time inform me what few assistance I may expect from you in the course of this and the next month.

It being also the Board's wish that these Advances should be made to the Commercial Residents in the *Arcot* specie, I must further request that you will use your utmost endeavours to make your payments to me in that specie which I should hope you will find no difficulties in doing yours being a *mofussil* Collection-ship (sic) in which the *Arcot* Rupee is the only the Currency.

Dacca
26th July 1787.

I am sir,
your and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

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To Mathew Dawson Esqr.
Collector of Moorshidabad.

Sir,

Enclosed I do myself the pleasure to send you a copy of a Letter from the Board of Revenue, and not being able to procure cash here for Bills on your station, I have in consequence to request you will remit to me with as little delay as possible to the Amount of Sicca Rupees 50,000—either in specie or by Bills on this place ; if any such can be procured.

Dacca
the 26th July 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

Reve. Board. As soon as you shall have ascertained the Rate of Interest & paid throughout your District conformably to the 34th article of the Revenue Regulations, We desire you will transmit us a Statement particularizing the rate paid in each Pergunnah.

We are

sir,

Calcutta
the 27th July 1787.

Your Most Obedient Servants
Signed/ Wm Cowper
John Meckenzy
Rd. Johnson.

271

To John Shore Esqr.
President & Members of the Board of Revenue,
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 13th Instant, directing me to advance in the Arcot specie to the Commercial resident at Luckypore Current Rupees 162, 609—, —6 for the purpose of the Hon'ble Company's Investment; a Copy of which I have this day transmitted to the Collectors of Dinahapore and Moorshidabad—requesting of them as I have not been able to procure cash here for Bills on their stations to remit to me with as little delay as possible their several proportions of the said sum either in specie or by Bills on this place, if any such can be procured—this I have thought necessary to prevent any delay in making the advances, the session being already far advanced and the revenues of my district, with the remittances Mr. Wroughton

may make me, being barely sufficient to supply the Demands, of the Dacca Resident, the pay of the regiment, and the Disbursement of my office.

On obtaining the sum necessary, I shall not fail to give the Gentlemen of the above stations immediate Information of it, agreeably to your orders.

Dacca
the 28th July 1787.

I have the Honour to be and ca. and ca.
Signed/ M. Day, Collector.

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To M. Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca

Sir,

I have had the Honour to receive your letter of the 26th ulto. requesting an immediate supply of Arcot Rupees 50,000.

My Treasury being not only empty but Considerably in debt commercial Resident at this station I have negotiated a remittance for the above Sum by Bills thro' the house of Gopaul Doss an eminent Banker whose agent at Moorshedabad, will deliver them to Mr. Dawson in order to transmit to you their (sic) I have written to Mr Dawson to forward them to you and I request you will be pleased to Acknowledge the receipt of them whenever they reach you.

I think it necessary to inform you that the French Arcot Rupee Current in these Districts is not the same as the Toonkey Arcot rupee of the Currency of Dacca and I have learnt from the Banker's of this Place that the former could not be remitted to Dacca but at a loss of two per Cent exclusive of the Hoondian.

I have the Honour to be
sir

Rungpore
8th August 1787,

Your Most Obedt. Humble Servt
W. H. M. Dowall
Collector.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I am duly favored with your Letter of the 31st Ultimo directing me to hasten the deputation of an Agent on the part of the Contractor for the Sylhet Cowries.

Having in Obedience therewith conveyed the necessary orders to the contractors—I have the pleasure to inform you of their having this day deputed their Agent to receive the Cowries from the collector of Sylhet.

Dacca
the 9th August 1787.

I have the honor to be and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

274

To Henry Scott Esqr.

Commercial Resident
Luckypore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant requiring an advance from my Treasury Account the Hon'ble Company's Investment at Luckypore.

Some days are elapsed since my having been commanded by the Board of Revenue to supply you on your Application with the sum of 162, 609-6 Current Rupees in the *Arcot* specie, but as the immediate resources from the Collections under my superintendence are inadequate to the supplies for the Investment of Luckypore & Dacca, The Board directed my calling on the Collectors of Moorshidabad, Rungpore, Dinagepore and Momensing for the necessary supply, This I have accordingly done, and as soon as I

shall have received any remittances from those Gentlemen I shall be enabled to comply with the orders of the Board with respect to the supply of cash to you. My current receipts for the present period are applied for the use of the Dacca Investment and issued to Mr. Kennaway now here, on which account It is at present out of my power of marking you an Immediate advance, but beg to inform you, that, I shall loose no time in giving you the most early advice of my being (provided with) cash and ready to answer your Demand.

I have the Honor to be and ca.

Dacca

Signed/ M. Day

the 11 August 1787.

Collector.

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To Mr. M. Day

Collector of Dacca

Sir,

Revenue Board: The Board of Trade having represented to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that the orders Already issued in favour of the Commercial Resident at Luckipore are still undischarged to the amount of Current Rs. (282550-12) and that the Investment is impeded from the want of it, his Lordship with a view to obviate the Difficulty immediately has directed us to. Desire you to furnish Mr. Scott on his Receipt with such sum as he may require not exceeding the amount above specified in Total.

On the 13th Ultimo we authorized you to negotiate a Credit upon the Collectors of Moorskedabad, Rungpore, and Dinagepore to the amount of 162, 609-6. We now authorize you to extend this if necessary to the sum of 282550,

The Board of Trade will I further necessary Injunction to Mr. Scott to prevent any excess of his Application.

Calcutta
The 17th August 1787.

We are sir
Your most obedient servant
William Cowper
John Mackensey
Rechard Johnson.

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To John Shore Esqr,
President and Member of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I had yesterday the Honor of your Letter of the 1st Instant requiring within three Days from the Receipt of it, a particular Account of the component parts of the Balance of 14000, exhibited on my *Toujee* for *Assar*. An Explanation of which at the foot of the account specified that the account was the Demand for *Assar* and expected to be realized between that period and the Thirteenth.

I here beg leave to inform the Board, that on transmitting a proposed form for the *Kistbundee* for the current year which met their approbation, I noted at the foot of the account the period that each *Kist* would be realized in full which extended the period 15 days beyond the prescribed time for the close of each preceeding month *Kist* at the *sudder*. The reason assigned and which truly exists was the impossibility established by Experience of realizing the Current Demand of each month in a shorter period.

Having ever understood and indeed thoroughly convinced that it has been the pleasure and wish of the Board to relieve the Renters as much as possible from the Impositions of *shroffs*

and other money Lenders which existed from the system of urging payment at the *sudder* before it was possible for the Revenues to arrive has I am sorry to observe reduced the renters to the Lowest Ebb of Distress in consequence of the connection they were naturally driven to by that system; It was my study and particular care in regulating my Demands for the current year to obviate the Evil. I therefore have been guided in my Demands, at the *sudder*, by the *Tullups* of the zemindars and other Landholders, on their *Ryotts* in their *mofussils* receiving in the same terms in Gross, by which the Intermediate agency is no longer necessary and the zemindars relieved not only from an Arbitrary Tax heretofore imposed on them by *Shroffs* of at least 7 P. cent in the simple Exchange of the Gross *Amdannee* of their *mufussils* for the *sicca* specie but likewise relieved from the necessity of borrowing at an Exorbitant Interest not to mention the article of Fluctuation of the Batta between the arcot and sicca specie which at the period of realization of the Kist in Siccas the shroffs never failed to increase as much as possible often to 10-12-13 and 74 P. cent and as soon as the Demand was accomplished from the certainty of this specie being again to be reissued for the purpose of the Hon'ble Company's Investment or the use of merchant for their Bills, The Exchange of sicca and arcot has been repeatedly within my time reduced to Par (illegible) even below it.

These circumstances will I therefore flatter myself in some degree establish the propriety of the mode adopted for the payment and realization of the Current Revenue and evince from the time it naturally takes for the dispatch of the *mofussil* Revenues from *Purgunnahs* situated and distance the impossibility of the *kist* being paid by the 15 and at the same time prove satisfactory as to the cause of the temporary and nominal Balance for the month of *Assar* which I have the pleasure of informing the Board is excepting the sum of 14410 Rs, realized in full. The particulars of this Balances I herewith beg leave to enclose with the causes assigned by the parties for the Deficiency.

Should it be the pleasure of the Board that (...illegible) shall be adopted for the purpose of securing the Demand for each month by the 15 of each succeeding month, I will immediately adopt such measures as may be effectual, but which, Gentle-

men, I think it my Duty to inform you will be the means of re-establishing the Evil before alluded to and still keep the renters at the Mercy of the city *shroffs* which must ultimately fall heavy on Government.

The Demand for *Sawan* was agreeably to order issued on the 1st of the current Bengal month and the *Toujee* will be dispatched by the prescribed time the 15 of *Bhadum*, at which period very small portion will appear as realized and a heavy Balance of course stand against it, but which will be secured in the course of the month and credited in my Treasury account for the month of September.

Dacca
the 21st August 1787.

I am and ca. & ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure I inform you in answer to your Letter of the 26th June last, and the others which it enclosed from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, that the measures taken by me and which were communicated to your Board under dated the 6th June to induce the renters of my Division to pay their Revenues in the Arcot specie have so far answered the Intention that I have hitherto made no payment in any other specie to Mr. Kunneway; tho' from the many descriptions of this Rupee circulating in the District, and their various weights, I have been under the necessity of receiving them by weight, re-issuing them in the same manner which mode have proved perfectly agreeable to the commercial Resident to the weavers and the Renters, who thereby save nearly 7 P. cent,

an arbitrary Tax formerly levied from them under various applications by the *Shroffs*, exclusive of the *Kummy* or short weight.

Some difficulties occurred in the first Introduction of this plan of receipt and payment of the *Arcot* specie but having immediately on the Representation made to me of it by the Commercial Resident issued *Purwannahs* from laying the mode adopted, and deducting it to be strictly observed and adhered to throughout my District. I have not since heard of any obstacles to it, and believe it to be now generally satisfactory. In a country however where as in this there are so many different kinds of Rupees in circulation, and where the value of each varies, it is almost impossible to strike out any plan, or to suggest any regulations which will effectually relieve the people from the Impositions of the *Shroffs*, or which will not at some period or other be attended with a loss or inconvenience to Government. The mode adopted by me tho' it saves the Hon'ble Company the very heavy loss they heretofore experienced by Batta in making the advances for their Investment, and at the same time relieve the renters from the arbitrary Tax of near 7 P. cent before levied from them exclusive of the short weight on their gross Collections by the *Shroffs*, is likely to be attended with inconvenience and probable loss to Government when these advances from the Investment are completed, for them. by the continuance of the present system, the surplus of my Treasury must be remitted to the Presidency in specie where the Rupees may bear a less value, and Government must suffer the loss that may thereby accrue or by the recoinage of them into siccas; this however may be obviated by allowing me to save the surplus Treasure in my Hands for the purpose of the Investment, the advance for salt and to discharge any Bills that may be drawn on my Collectorship from the Presidency, and at any rate the loss to Government by remitting the surplus Revenue to Calcutta, will be trifling compared with that heretofore sustained by them by Batta on their Advances, and the Impositions of the *Shroffs* on the head renters not to mention theirs again on their under Tenants when obliged as before to pay their Revenues in *sicca* Rupees, a specie not current in the interior parts of the country.

My plan therefore appears to me at present the most eligible, and the most likely to afford relief to the Company and

the Renters from the loss by Batta, and should it meet with the approbation and sanction of Government, I beg leave in order to render it general, permanent and compleat in the District, that the necessary orders may be forwarded to Mr. Wroughton the Collector of Momensing to adopt it, for which he as at present continues to receive his Revenues in the *sicca* through maintaining the Employment of the *Shroffs*, it is utterly impossible for my plan to prove so effectual as it will otherwise by being made general in the country.

I am and ca. and ca.

Dacca

Signed/ M. Day

the 21st August 1787.

Collector.

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To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

Revenue Board. In order to remove the inconvenience of delay on the realization of any Balances which from unavoidable causes, may remain outstanding at the end of the Current Year.

We direct that you at all times accompany your monthly *Towjees* of the Current years Collections with similar Account of the preceeding years Balances and full Explanations of their actual state the success of measures adopted and such future means as occur to you for quick realization. This you will consider as a standing regulation and we desire you will immediately confirm to it by Transmitting with your future *Towjees* of the Current year 1194, the Accounts and Explanation Required for the year 1193.

Where no Balances shall remain due the Account will be unnecessary but we desire you will monthly repeat the observation that none are outstanding.

Calcutta
the 21st August 1787.

We are
sir
your most Obedient servants
William Cowper
John Mackensy
Rechard Johnson.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Collector of Dacca.

We have received your Letter of the 28th July but cannot coincide in your Argument regarding Selimabad.

The Engagement of Proprietors of the 2 *Annas* share with the former confirms the Information contained in your Letter of the 12th June of their Lands being inadequately assessed but by no means reconcilable with their refusing a settlement of their shares with the addition of the 2-17-2 *Hissah* which proved so unproductive last year.

Further, we cannot admit that the increase now engaged for by them with Farmer can tend to Impoverish the country by Augmenting the Demand on the *Royts*, as it forms an important part of your duty to prevent any infringement on their *Pottahs* or the general rate of assessment prevalent in the District.

We desire therefore you will adhere to our Instructions of the 3rd ultimo.

Calcutta
the 21st August 1787.

We are Sir.
Your most Obedient servant
Signed/ William Cowper
John Mackensy
Rechard Johnson

To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Revenue Board.

Gentlemen

Having in consequence of your Orders under date the 13th Ultimo—directing me to advance the commercial Resident at Luckypore for the purpose of the Hon'ble Company's Investment Rs. 162,609-6 applied to Mr. Wroughtton the Collector of Momensing for assistance, I beg leave herewith to enclose for your Information a copy of my Letter to that Gentleman together with a copy of his answer. As I have already written to the Board fully on the subject of the plan adopted by me for securing the payment of the Revenues in the *Arcot* specie I have only to repeat my regard that should it meet with their sanction and approbation they will be pleased to send orders to Mr. Wroughtton to adopt it in order to render it effectual and general throughout the District.

The remittance made me by the Collector of Momensing being in the *Sicca* specie, which is now by a combination entered into by the *Shroffs* in the City reduced to a percent with the *Arcot* it cannot be appropriated to the Investment without a loss of 7 P. cent to Government I must therefore apply it to the discharge of some of the Bills drawn upon me from the Presidency upon the holders of which this loss will fall, and unless Mr. Wroughtton's Remittances to me in future are not in the *Arcot* specie, I fear a delay will be occasioned in the Investment my own revenues being insufficient to supply in time the commercial residents of Dacca and Luckypore with the sums they require for their advances. Enclosed I send for the Information of the Board on account of the sums already advanced by me for the use of the Investment specifying also the further sums required by the Agents in the course of this and next month.

Dacca

the 22nd August 1787,

I am and ca.

Signed/ M. Day
Collector,

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

Revenue Board. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you the Inclosed Extract of a Representation from Mirza Hussein Alli zemindar of a portion of the *Purgunnah* Bauldacaal for your answer and Reports.

Calcutta
the 24th August 1787.

I am sir
Your Most Obedient servant
B. Aplin
Secretary.

Enclosure to No. 281

Extract of a representation from Mirza Hossain Alli Zemindar of *Purgunnah* Bauldcaul and ca. in the District of Dacca by his *Vakeel*.

I humbly beg leave to request that your Board will be graciously pleased to pay due Attention to the following Queries and then judge, whether or not, in justice I am answerable for the Balances stated against me.

3rd—At the Time of the *Bundabust* for the year 1193 by Mr. Eveylyn and Mr. Day, whether the widows of My two late Brother did or not break their aforesaid Agreement by making Application to have the management taken out of my hands, and restored to their own, and whether or not the gentleman made their Respective shares *Kharige* without due consideration.

4th—Being at that Time helpless, whether did I make a complaint or not of the above Injustice, and represent that 2 months Cultivation were lost, and when the Board were pleased to restore to me the management of the whole 16 *annas* whether a sezawal

on the part of Mr. Day was in the *mofussil* or not when by a confusion was made in the Collections.

5th—In th year 1193 the Board were pleased to make an alteration in the *Bundabust* made by Mr. Day whether were the Terms of the *Jumma*, I then Engaged to pay, more or less profitable to the Company that the *bundabust* made by Mr. Day, this can easily be found by inspecting Mr. Day's paper and making a comparison.

6th—On my accepting the above *Bundabust* whether or not it was the cause of Dissension (...illegible) with Mr. day.

7th—Whether I paid the Revenue up in full to the month of *Bhadoon* agreeable to it or not.

8th—Whether Mr. Day or did not, on the 7th of Cautick send a *Negabaun* with a *Estaharnama* or proclamation in such form and contrary to the Regulation and custom of that place, when by the Collections were much impeded and hurt.

9th—By the above mentioned *Estaharnama* being published in the *mofussil* a stop was almost put to the Collections and this publication has put the Collector upon some Intention, which I represented in my former petition also, did Mr. Day, or not, send his Officer Rammohun and ca. into the *mofussil* and take collections entirely out of my Hand, without having any Authority from the Committee.

10th—The Board were pleased to order a *sezawal* into the *Purgunnah* to provide the Revenue and to continue the collections in my Hands before the Order was received the Collector himself had dispossessed me, and after he had received the order, did he pay regard to it or not.

11th—During the Time I had the management and was in possession, did the Collector adjust my account Collections, or take the *Jumma Kerch* or not.

12th—At the Time when the Collector took the account from me, did any sum appear to be due, or to be withheld by me or not.

Revenue Board
A true Extract
Signed/ B. Aplin
Secretary.

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To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Revenue Board. Adverting to the many abuses that have arisen and do perpetually arise from the Transfer of the seats of zemindars without the knowledge of Government, We direct you to require the zemindars in your District to send an impression of their Respective seats thro' you to the Acting President of the Khalsa and to report to him thro' the same Channel to what persons their seats are now entrusted as well as any future Transfer of this charge to any persons whatever.

We are

Sir

Calcutta
the 28th August 1787.

Your most obedient servants
William Cowper
John Mackenzey
Rechard Johnson.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

I have the Honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Address of the 9th August to the Collector which had been delivered to me by the contractors Agent.

I beg leave to Inform you that the balance of Sylhet Treasury to the End of *Sawan* amounts to *Cawns* 67472-8-6 which agreeable to the Orders of the Board of Revenue, I have delivered to the Contractors Agent & have received a Bill of Exchange upon his principals at Dacca payable in 3 months at the rate of 5 *Cawns* 10 *Puns* Per *Sicca* rupee Amounting to *Sicca*

Rupees 11995-1-17-3 which I now do myself the pleasure to Transmit in order to regulate your Demands on them on the part of Government.

I have the Honour to be

Sir,

Sylhet

29th August 1787.

Your Obedient Humble servant

Signed/ William Hyndman
Acting Collector.

284

To Mathew Day Esqr.

Sir.

I have just received a Letter from Mr. Dowson Transmitting to me an answer from the Head Gomastah of Gopaul Dasse's house respecting the remittance mentioned in my Letter to you of the 8th Instant and I am extremely sorry to inform you that the Declines given the Bill which his Agent have had promised.

If the French *Arcot* Rupees will answer your purpose I would recommend it to you to apply to Mr. Dawson who I am told will be able to purchase a considerable quantity of them at Moorshe-dabad.

The number of French *Arcot* Rupees of full weight in circulation in this District Does not exceed 25,000 or 30,000 Rs. and Exportation of any considerable part of this Money out of the country would be attended with the greatest inconvenience to all ranks of proper (...damaged) the Revenues are chiefly paid in French *Arcot* Rupees but there is not one in thirty of the full value.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Rungpore

the 29th August 1787.

your most obedient Humble
servant

Signed/ D. H. W. Dowall
Collector.

285

To Mathew Day Esqr.

Sir,

Enclosed is Hundie upon Kissen Churn Doss at 10 Days sight Drawn by Praun Kissen Sircar for Sicca Rupees Thirty Eight thousand upon Receipt of the Amount I request you will please to forward a Draft upon the board of Revenue.

Dinagepore
the 30th August 1787.

I am sir,
Your very obedient servant
Signed/ G. Hatch
Collector.

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To M. Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

The Right Honble the Governor General in Council having directed me to Ascertain the exact Standard of the Weight and Measure in use throughout the different Divisions of these Provinces I have to Request that you will transmit me an Accurate and Complete Account of the same as Established in your Collectorship with as little delay as possible.

Khalsa
the 31st August 1787.

I am
sir,
Your most obedt.
Humble servant
Signed/ G. C. Meyer
Asstt, P. R. R. D.

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To D. H. M. Dowall Esqr.
Collector of Rungpore

Sir,

Further demands being required for the purpose of the Hon'ble Company's Dacca & Luckypore Investments. The Board of Revenue have been pleased to extend my Credit on the Collector of Dinagepore, Rungpore & Moorshidabad to 282550 Rupees instead of 162609-9. The Resources of these & the Momensing Collectorships not being sufficient to answer their Demands in time for the provisions, I have therefore to request you to supply me with as little delay as possible with Arcot Rupees 100,000 including the 50,000 already applied for.

Dacca
the 1st September 1787.

I am and ca.
your and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To M. Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

I duly received your Letter of the 26th July with its enclosure I should have immediately remitted you the amount you required but for the following reasons first at that time I had not one Rupee in my Treasury, Secondly I found some Difficulty in procuring A Bill on Dacca as you did the *Shroffs* demanded to have the whole sum paid them in 15 and 19 sum *sicca's* assigning for a Reason that no other kind would pass at Dacca as *sicca*, a batta being demanded for 12 and 11 suns this has caused some delay, at last with much difficulty I have pre-

vailed on Gopal Doss to send the Cash which I have paid him as above setforth, the risk is his, he having given me a bill on his Agent at Dacca for sicca Rupees fifty Thousand, which is transmitted herein. I have agreed to pay him the same *Hoondean* that you charge to Calcutta Cherepore do me the favour to let me know the amount.

I am

Sir,

Moorshedabad
the 7th September 1787.

Your very obedient servant-
Signed/ Mathew Dawson
Collector.

P. S. : the Bill is Drawn by
Gopaul Doss and Kishore Doss
on Gowaul Dass and Sibnaut Dass
for SaRs. fifty thousand.

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To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Revenue Board. Having laid our proceedings on the *towjee* accounts, for *bysack Jeyte* and *Assar* before the right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, it was observed that several of the Collectors had not transmitted their *Towjee* Accounts, his Lordship in Council has therefore thought proper to direct that a fine be imposed upon Every Collector, who shall in future neglect to Transmit his *Towjee* or *Monthly* Accounts by the period specified in the general Regulations/without assigning some satisfactory excuse for such Omission/not exceeding the half of his salary for the first Omission and of a whole Months salary for the second or any future Omission..

The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council having directed the above Resolution to be annexed as a supplementary

Rule to the General Revenue Regulations of the 8th June 1787. We have annexed it Accordingly and desire you will consider it in force (as such) from the Receipt of this notice.

We are

Sir

Calcutta
the 7th September 1787.

Your Most Obedient Servant

Thomas Graham
John Mackensey
Richard Johnson.

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To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

To enable the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council to come to a final determination on a report made by the Preparer of Reports, regarding the sale of Edrackpore formerly made by you, we direct that you transmit to us particular explanations on the following points.

Vizt—

1stly—If Kunny Baboo did, as asserted purchase the Land for SaRs 14051, how is the depreciation of the value of the Land at the subsequent sale to be accounted for.

2ndly—If Bungsy Beden did, as asserted bid the sum of Rs. 8000 at the sale and in this Latter case, only was the land sold to Rokimuddien.

3rdly—As you asserted that the person purchased Edrack poor of Rokimuddien was Meer Fymeddien zemindar of Cauti ckpore, If that person connected with Emamuddin Zekieruddien and Mohummed Hyatt and in what manner,

4thly—It is true that Moonchy Imamuddien had confined Kyammuddien and Ramchund Dass/asserted to be in debt to the Petitioner in the sum of Rs. 2000/ If any representation was ever made to you of this Circumstance, and admitting it to be a fail, we desire that they be called upon to shew upon what grounds it was done.

Calcutta
the 7th September 1787.

We are Sir
Your most obedient servants
Signed/ John Mackenzey
Thomas Graham
Rechard Johnson.

291

To Mathew Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Enclosed I transmit you of a Copy a Petition from Neet Kunt Serma an inhabitant of Monohurgong Complaining of the Oppression and undue Exactions of Ram Kunt Roy, one of the Chowdries of Bickrampore, and request you will afford him such redress as he may appear entitled to.

I am Sir
Your most obedient Humble servant
Khalsa Signed/ G. C. Mayer
the 8th September 1787. Acting P. R. R. D.

To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir;

Revenue Board. Enclosed we transmit you copy of a petition presented to us by Colly Sunker Ghosaul, and direct you to ascertain and report to us whether the Petitioner possessed any and what advantages from the Lands, whether by free Lands or otherwise under the *Khauss* Collection of the last year and the present, and also, what is the usual Rate of Allowance made in the District to Landholders dispossessed of the management of their Lands.

Calcutta
the 11th September 1787.

We are Sir
Your most Obedient servants
Signed/Thomas Graham
John Mackensey
Richard Johnson.

Enclosure No. 292

(Copy)

Colly Sunker Ghosehall.

I am Zemindar of the 5a 17g. 2k. division of the *Purgunah* of Selimabad & have represented the state of my zemindary in various petition—Mr. Day has this year deputed a *Sezawal* into the Mofussil who will much depopulate it, He has also attached the whole of the Dewutter and Burhmooter and is collecting from them but notwithstanding this the Board will see what a deficiency there will be at the end of the year. Observing the Hustabood of the above division to stand at Rs. 35000 I was enduced to purchase it at Auction at a large sum in the hope of maintaining myself from the produce and profits of it, but as the Management of it has not been in my hand since the

begining of the last year I am hopeful that the Collector may be directed to make me an allowance on account of Khooram Poshe until I shall be restored to the management or else to grant me a Khode Bundabust at an Increase of 1000 Rs. on the amount collected last year by the sezawal.

Translated, July 31st 1787.

Signed/ A. Caldecott.

Deputy Persian Translator.

Revenue Board

A true copy

Signed/ B. Aplin

Secretary.

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To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

I have received this day your Letter of the 1st of september and shall endeavour without Loss of time to procure *Hundies* upon Dacca for the Amout of 50000 *Arcot* Rupees, but as I do not receive this specie in Revenue payments it is impossible for me to make the remittance to you in *Arcots*, and Bills are not be procured on Dacca for *Arcot* specie.

I am sir

Dinagepore
the 12th September 1787.

Your very obedient Humble servt.
Signed/ G. Hatch
Collector,

294

To Mathew Dawson Esqr.
Collector Moorshedabad.

Sir,

I did myself the Honor of writing to you under date the 26th July last enclosing copy of an Address from the Board of Revenue in the subject of a Credit given to me on the Collectors of Moorshedabad Rungpore and Denagepore for the purpose of affording the necessary and timely supplies to the commercial Agent of Dacca and Luckypore with advances Account the provision of the Hon'ble Company's Investment. Not having been favoured with any answer and my exigencies for the above purpose being very great, I must be again to trouble you on the subject and that in lieu of the amount Remittance before solicit vizt. 50000 Rs. I must beg a supply of one Lack and that in the *Arcot* specie, which I have been given to understand by the receipt of a Letter from the Collector of Rungpore, copy of which I have the pleasure to enclose is your power to supply me and without which I much fear, every ill consequences must attend the prosecution of the commercial Business, as the resources I am myself possessed of, are by no means sufficient for answering the immediate calls on this account.

Dacca
the 12th September 1787.

I am sir,
Your and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To Joshua William Esqr.
Collector of Government Customs
Dacca.

Sir,

Having it in command from the Board of Revenue to ascertain with all possible precision, the amount specie in Circula-

tion in this District and further with a view to a more speedy and early realization of the periodical Demands account the Current year, which are delayed from 10 and 15 days beyond the prescribed time for the close of the demand for each preceeding month, no pleas by the Renters of their *Amdannee* not being arrived; I beg you will be pleased to issue an order to your *Chokies*, directing them to visit all Boats arriving at the city with the Public Revenue, and to take a copy of the *Chellan* accompanying them, the name of the *Purguunah* from which they are dispatched, with the name also of the Person who may have made the Remittance and that you will be pleased to favor me weekly with the original, or copies of the particulars so secured, which will enable me to comply with the orders of the Board with some degree of Certainly respecting the amount specie in Circulation and probable secure to me my monthly payments account my Revenuee as they shall be landed from the *Mofussils* which I am at present prevented from doing for the want of this necessary check on the Renters under my authority.

Dacca
the 12th September 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

296

To Mathew Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 1st Instant requesting a supply of Ar. Rs. 100000 including the sum of 50000 applied for in your Letter of the 26th July 1787.

If it shall appear from your Answer to my Letter of the 29th ultimo that the French *Arcot* Rupees of any denomination will answer the purpose for which you want the remittance, I will supply you as far as may be in my power, but the Collections of

the District having by repeated Inundations been very much impeded, and my Treasury as I before informed you, being considerably in debt to the Commercial Resident at this station, I do not expect I shall be able to make you a remittance of any part of the sum you have applied for, before the middle or the latter end of Navemember.

Rungpore

the 16th September 1787.

I am

Sir,

Your most obedient Humble

servant

Signed/ D. H. M. Dowall

Collector.

297

To Mr. M. Day

Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Revenue Board. In all remittances to the *Khalsa* by Bill We direct you to cause the Drawer to insert a Clause in them that one half of the Amount shall be payable in silver *sicca* Rupees and the remainder in the usual Currency and this Rule you are to continue to Observe until further Orders.

We are sir

Calcutta

Your most Obedient servants

The 18th September 1787.

Signed/ Thomas Graham

John Mackensey

Richard Johnson.

298

To Mathew Dawson Esqr.
Collector of Moorshidabad.

Str,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th Instant enclosing a Bill on Gopal Doss & Sibnaut Doss for *Sicca* Rupees 50,000 & which I have the pleasure of informing has been duly honored.

In compliance with your request I have to inform you that 1½ Per Cent is the Exchange between Dacca & Calcutta.

Dacca
the 19th September 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

299

To D. H. Mc. Dowall Esqr.
Collector of Rungpore.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 29th Ultimo & in consequence have made application to the Collector of Moorshidabad for a supply of cash in the *Arcot* specie at the same time, I can but solicit your assistance without which it will be out of my power to give the necessary supplies to the Commercial Agents of Dacca and Luckypore, I beg to inform you that *Arcots* of any denomination excepting the Dunsock and Oussullie will answer as by the mode lately adopted in the receipt of the Revenues—the *Arcot* silver is the currency and received as follows; Full *Arcots* as such without any Batta and all others excepting the afore mentioned by weight they are issued again on the same terms, this being the case, a supply from your Gross *Amdannie* to any Amount in the *Arcot* silver,

will be serviceable and applicable to the use of the Hon'ble company's Investment without any loss accruing, the sum of Eighty thousand will be sufficient having applied to the collectors of Moorshidebad and Dinagepore for the Ballance, to which my Credit in yourself, Mr. Hatch and Mr. Dawson is limited by the Board.

Dacca
the 19th September 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

300

To Mr. M. Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

I have this day received your favour accompanied by copy of one from Mr. Mc. Dowal and in reply him to acquaint you that I made you a remittance of Fifty thousand *Sicca* Rupees on the 7th Instant you now require from me One Lack of French *Arcot* Rupees as the Value of five thousand of that specie are not to be had in this place, it is absolutely out of my power I experienced very great difficulty in making you the remittance above mention first because I find Eleven and Twelve Sun *Sicca*'s do not fare full value at Dacca and as the Merchant who granted me a bill was obliged to send the money he insisted on having Nineteen Sun *Sicca*. or to be allowed the same Batta which is changed at Dacca this I could do as my superiors will not admit any such charges ssecondly the hoondian which is required appears to me very extravagant By the estimate of my probable receipts and disbursements I find I shall not have it in my power to make you a remittance at any rate for a considerable time your answer to these points will guide me.

Moorshedabad
the 20th September 1787.

I am Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Signed/ Mathew Dawson
Collector.

301

To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Revenue Board
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 31st ultimo informing me that your approbation of my *Kistbundee* for the present year was on the 1st May, meant to be confined to the Instalments Actually stated and not to the proposed extensive of time as I had construed it; desiring me in future to enforce payment at the time fixed by the general Regulations for the realization of each *Kist*.

I must again beg leave to apprise the Board that my *Kistbund'e* above alluded to was regulated according to the realization of the *Mofusil Kists*, which seldom close before the 1st of the succeeding month, and if a reasonable time is not allowed the renters/those whose Lands are at a distance in particular/ for remitting their revenues to Dacca it is evident they must have recourse to *Mahajans* or Bankers, who thereby will derive an Influence over them and hence will result all the evils of Batta exorbitant Interest, and other Impositions which it appears to me to be object of Government, to remedy and prevent, nor will the renters be the only sufferers by this measure which (...illigible) destroys the mode adopted by me for securing the payment of the Revenues in the *Arcot* specie, as the sums so borrowed will be paid by the Landers in *siccas*, and repaid by the renters in *Arcot* in which specie as I have before observed the gross collections are made. Thus will the *Arcot* specie be again centered with the *shroffs* and the Hon'ble company as well as every Individual again subjected to the Imposition and loss on the Batta, I therefore submitted it to the Board, whether it will not be better to allow the extension of time proposed for the payment of each *Kist* which appears to me to be no more than reasonable than subject the renters. Hon'ble company and in short every class of People (the *shroff* excepted) to the Evils which the enforcing payment at the time prescribed is likely to occasion.

The Board may rely on every case being taken on my part to prevent any unnecessary delay in the discharge of the *Kists* at the *sudder* by Artifices or directs of the renters, which they never fail practising on every Occasion for this purpose prior to the receipts of their Letter, I made a requisition to the Collector of Government Customs to stop all Boats bringing the Public Revenue and taking Copies of *Chellans* or Invoice to forward them regularly to me, which at the time that it serves to regulate me in my demands upon the renters will prevent the Embezzlement or misappropriation of the Revenue by their *Aumlahs* after its arrival here, a Copy of my Letter to Mr. Williams on this subject, I herewith enclose for the further Information of the Board and hope the measure will meet with their approbation.

Dacca
the 21st September 1787

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Revenue Board.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your commands of the 27th July last directing me as soon as I (...w.e.) have ascertained the rate of Interest paid throughout this district conformably to the 34 Article of the revenue regulations that a statement particularing the rate paid in each *Purgunnah* (...w. e.) forwarded.

From every enquiry into the mode which now exist in all money transactions in the several *Purgunnahs* under my authority, It appears that the rate of Interest is regulated by the orders of Government so far as extends to the rate exhibited in the Deed, but at the same time I am well convinced that a much greater sum is invariably paid by the borrower, than that

subscribed to. For Instance on a loan of 100 Rupees a Bond is engaged in at the rate of 1 P. Cent, but lender will not advance it unless a further consideration is made him in ready money and which is general is paid from the aggregated sumlent on the following mannèr ; The Engagement is made and agreed on before two witnesses, and the money bonefide paid to the borrower in their presence. The Deed being giving in due course the Witnesses being no longer necessary retire, and immediately the borrower restored to the lender the difference which has been before privately agreed on and which is invariably and of course regulated by the Emergency and this necessity that may urges the assistance. How for or by what mode the collusion can be guarded against, the Board may in their Judgement possibly determined, but the well established character and dispositions of the natives will I much fear render all and every good intentions of Government towards their relief in this Instance for the most part ineffectual.

No person can have been more particular than myself in this very Business and which from the Examples I have repeatedly made is well established, still I do not perceive the Evil to be in any degree lessened nor is it I fear possible to conquer it.

Dacca
the 26th September 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Chief.

303

To John Shore Esqr.
President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I am favored with your Letter of the 7th Instant directing me to transmit to you particular explanation on the under mentioned points to enable the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council to come to a final determination on a report made

by the preparer of reports regarding the sale of Edrackpore formerly made by me.

1st—If Kunny Baboo did as asserted purchase the Land for “*sicca* Rs. 14001 how is the description of the value of the Land at the subsequent sale to be accounted for”.

Various reasons may be assigned for the depreciation of the Land at the second sale, indeed the Circumstance alone of its having brought to sale a second time may be one cause, but the Chief and real reason of the great difference between the first and the second sale of the Land in question was, that the purchase was made by Kunny Baboo on the part of and for the zamindar to whom the residue of the purchased money after deducting the Balance for which the sale was made, was payable, Consequently it was a matter of indifference to him whether he bid 5000 or 50000 for in the latter case as in the former; he Kunny Baboo would have had no more to pay than the zamindars Balance, in fact therefore the first may be considered more as a nominal than an actual sale, the purchaser having in truth done no more than advanced the zamindar his amount Balance.

2ndly—If Bunsey Budden did as asserted bid the sum (sic) of Rs. 8000 at the sale and in this latter case why was the Land sold to Rokkenuddien.

To the best of my recollection the Circumstance of the 8000 Rs. bid at the second sale is as follows Amongst the members attending at the *cutcherry*—there were a customary on their occasions, *Vakeels* on the part of the Zamindar who are ever dependent to frustrate and empede if possible—a sale. The sum having regularly risen to 4000 Rs. a Person from a distant part of the *Cutcherry* Offered a sudden increase of 4000 more, no further sum being then mentioned—the Lands were knocked down The Bidder being called for in due course one Bungoey was brought forward knowing him to be the servant of the zamindar instead of demanding a part as is customary for the amount sale I observed that his giving one for the amount Balance due to Government would be sufficient or that if he could not do, that a security for the sum wou’d answer equally well. In reply to this he said that he had no Paut or security to offer—this

being the case I recommenced the sale and after keeping it depending for a considerable time—the Lands were knocked down at the sum of 5501 —Rupees and one Rockimuddien came forward as the purchaser.

3rdly—As you asserted that the person who purchased Edrackpore of Rockimuddien was Meer Fyzuddeen zamindar of Cartickpore. Is that person connected with Emamuddeen Zehuruddeen and Mahmed Hyatt and in what manner ?

Meer Fyzudden to whom Rockunuddien sold the Land the son of Emamuddien who at the time the sale was made by me was the zamindar and manager of the Cartickpre *Purgunnah*.

4thly—Is it true that Monnshee Emamuddien had confined Kyamuddein and Ramchund Doss/asserted to be in debt to the Petitioners in the sum of 2000 Rs. If any representation was ever made to you of this Circumstance, and admitting it to be made we desire that they be called upon to shew upon what Grounds it was done.

No complaint of the above tendency was ever made to me—but in the month of January 1784 Representation was made on the part of the petitioners of Mahmed Moluddee and Ramm-anund doss *Gomastahs* of Emamoddeen having confined Srenarrain Phedoo, and Ranjebollob. In consequence of which I issued the necessary orders for their release, and I did not hear any further from the petitioner or his Agent, on this, or any other matter of Grievance.

Having replied as particularly to the above questions as my recollection of the circumstance and my records enable me. I flatter myself they will meet the approbation of the Board, and enable the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council to determine on the propriety of the sale which I have only to assure them was not confirmed without first offering the Land to Bungoey on the part of the zamindar, provided He would pay the Balance due to Government, for which it was made, by a Pauf or security for the same.

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Dacca
the 28th September 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

304

To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

Revenue Board. Enclosed we transmit you a Representation from the *Gomastahs* of the Bickrampore *Choudries* to which we desire your answer and report.

Calcutta
the 28th September 1787

We are sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Signed/ Thomas Graham
John Mackensy
Richard Johnson

Enclosure to No. 304

(Copy)

Bijenauth and Neelkant Mitter *Gomastahs* of the
Bickrampore *Choudires*—

In the year 1191 B. S. we obtained a *Khode bundoobust* for our *Choudries* of the *Purgunnah* of Bickrampoor in the Dacca District, on the security ship of Lauleh Bode singh Thro' whom our revenues were paid to the end of *Maugh*, when Ram Nairain Mr. Day's *Sircur* after effecting his removal obtained the *sezwa lship* in the name of Nitanund Roy and exercised various oppressive Acts upon the *Talookdars*, *Howaulehdars* and *Roytts* besides exacting from them large sums over and above the amount of the Revenues obliging them to fly the Country He more Over Collected our allowed *Dackurcheh* and zemindary *Kurcheh*, and Embezzled the whole of it himself Last year we Complained of this to Mr. Evelyn and with that Gentleman's approbation presented a *Durkhaust* to Mr. Day for a *Khode bundobust* on the security of a new *Malzaumen*, We likewise obtained the Letters to the Collector, but instead of paying attention to them, he confirmed the *sezawuls* appointment.

We are now willing to give a responsible security as are hopeful that the Board approving our *Khode bundoobust* will be pleased to order Mr. Day to enter into engagements with us on the security of a responsible person and to receive thro' him the Revenues of our *Chodherie* agreeably to the *Kistbunday*, the same time causing the *Dacckhurcheh* and zemindary *khurcheh* to be paid to us conformably to established prescription.

Translated september 11th 1787.

Signed/ A. Caldecott

Deputy Persian Translator

Revenue Board

A true Copy

B. Aplin

Secretary.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22th ultimo, directing to be informing with the particulars of the Kafayet Batta, With a view of ascertaining how this Article can be introduced into the Jummah of this District.

The Establishment of this Article by the zamindar was originally made with their Talookdars for the purpose of-easing them in return in the Expencc attending the Exchange at the sudder of their Gross Collections, into the sicca specie, & to prevent the constant confusion that must have existed in their mofussil, if altogether regulated by the fluctuation of the Dacca Bazar, The zamindars engaged for a specific sum under this Head at the rate of 9-6 P. Cent between the Arcot and sicca taking for this consideration the charge of the Exchange at the sudder on themselves.

From the combination that has ever been amongst the Dacca shroffs the zamindars have been considerable losers on this Head. The Class of men having invariably regulated the Exchange between the sicca and Arcot agreeably to the Demand for siccas at the period fixed for the payment of the monthly kists and so far from the zamindars having been able to Exchange their Gross Amdannie for the sicca specie at 9-6, They have been obliged to pay (from one imposition or other under the Heads af short weight—Ruttee Cum, Jhardar Bissun and many other such like arbitrary denomination given to the Arcot specie by shroffs and on which an arbitrary Batta has been likewise levied) at the rate of 12 & 14 P. cent, This at one period was carried to such a height as to lay me under the necessity of complaining to the late Committee of Revenue on the subject and begging with a view of releiving the Renters. I might be allowed to receive as at present the Arcot Currency in payment.

Dacca
the 29th September 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To Mathew Dawson Esqr.
Collector at Moorshedabad.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 20th ultimo.

Your information respecting the Eleven and Twelve sun sicca Rupees not passing for full value at Dacca I have particularly enquired into. It appears the Batta demanded is simply confined to the negotiation of the shrofs who with a view to their own Benefit are pleased to levy an arbitrary Batta on these as well as on many other species of Rupees and which with much trouble—I have at length conquered, During my time, indeed I have

never objected to the Receipt of a sicca from 11 to 19 sun inclusive. An account of my public Revenue—as a sicca without any Batta—and have repeatedly directed Rupees bearing those Eras being considered as full sicca money. In consequence I have to inform you that all such Remittances as you may make in the sicca specie will be received and circulated from any Treasury as full money.

As it is not in power to supply the Arcot specie—I must beg a Remittance in the sicca as soon as the state of your Treasury will admit of it to the amount of 50,000 Rupees.

Dacca
the 2nd October 1787.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. day
Collector.

307

To D. H. Me. Dowall Esqr.
Collector of Rungpore.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 16th Ultimo, and beg leave to inform you that the *Arcot* Rupee is the Current specie of Dacca, and when full are received and issued as such, those of an inferior denomination from deficiency in value are taken by weight.

In consequence of your Letter of the 29th August I made application to the Collector of Moorshedabad for a supply of the French *Arcot*. He has informed me in reply that it is totally out of his power to procure that specie at Moorshedabad. This being the case I have to request your assistance in the sum of 100,000 of the *Arcot* specie as soon as it may be in your power to supply it.

Dacca
the 3rd October 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector,

308

To John Beb Esqr.

Commercial Resident at Dacca.

Sir,

I beg to inform you, of my having at this time a Balance of Sa. Rs. 80560 in my Treasury, the whole or any part of which is immediately applicable to your demands, for the account of the Hon'ble Company's Investment at Dacca.

I have further to request of you to inform me with the amount you will yet require to complete the advances of the Dacca Investment that I may be enable to regulate my demands on the Collectors of Rungpore, Dinagepore and Moorshedabad, agreeably to the deficiency which shall exist, from the resources of the Momensing and Dacca Jelalpore Collectorships for the above purpose.

Dacca
the 4th October 1787.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

309

To Henry Scott Esqr.

Commercial Resident at Luckypore.

Sir

I beg to inform you of my having at this time a Balance of Sa. Rs. 80560—in my Treasury the whole or any part of which is immediately applicable to your demands for the account of the Hon'ble Company's Investment at Luckypore.

I have further to request of you to inform me with the Amount you will yet require to complete the Advances of the Luckypore Investment that I may be enabled to regulate my

demands on the Collectors of Rungpore, Dinagepore and Moorshedabad, agreeably to the deficiency which shall exist from the resources of the Momensing and Dacca Jelalpore Collectorships for the above purpose.

Dacca
the 6th October 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

310

To Benjamin Aplin Esqr.
Secretary to the Revenue Board.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th August enclosing an Extract of a Representation from the Hossain Allie zamindar of a portion of the *Purgunnah* of Buldahkhau for my answer and report.

I have now in obedience with your commands the pleasure of enclosing distinct and separate answer to each question.

Dacca
the 6th October 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

Enclosure to No. 310

Mr. Days answer to the undermentioned representation to the Board of Revenue from Merza Hossain Ally zamindar of a portion of *Purgunnah* Buldakhkhau.

3rd—At the time of the *Bundabust* for 1193 the *Bundabost* for the year widows petitioned Mr. Evelyn for a 1193 by Mr. Evelyn and separate settlement that during the last Mr. Day whether the wi- year 1192 Hosain Allie had not made

dows of my two late Brothers did - or not break their aforesaid agreement, by making application to have the management taken out of my Hands and restored to their own and whether or not the Gentlemen made their respective shares *Khorage* without due consideration.

good any one Article of Engagement, on which they had been induced to leave the management of their respective shares with him that he had not even made them the common Allowance for *Moishaira* and had otherwise been of great Detriment to the *purgunnah*, from oppression and other wanton abuses the *Riott* of the *Purgunnah*.

In consequence Mr. Evelyn engaged for the widow of Baker Allie's share on its original *Jummah*, which Hadjee Rajees son Mahmed Buddee was contracted to the widow's Daughter in Marriage taking Hadjee Rajee responsible character as the security for the due performance of the Engagement. Neither Mirza Allie's widow or Hossain Allie would engage for their share on the same terms, but demanded a deduction. This Mr. Evelyn would not accede to and in consequence directed me to make the best settlement I could for these shares, as the parties would not agree to the original *Jummah*, and not considering myself authorized to grant a remission I made the Lands *Khass* Estimating the amount *Jummah* at what I considered them equal to.

4th—Being at that time helpless, whether did I make a compliant or not of the above Injustice, and represented that 2 months Cultivation were lost and when the Board were pleased to restore to me the management of the whole Annas whether

In consequence of the above mode of settlement Hossain Allie absconded and represented his grievances to the late committee of Revenue in Calcutta. On his return he was charged with the management of the 16 annas. My seza-wall was in his mofussil making the *surbarrah*, but that this occasioned any confusion in the collections, I deny. In making over the lands agreeably to

a sezawell on the part of Mr. Day was in the mof-ussil or not, whereby a commission was made in collections.

order, due credit was given him for every cowrie my sezawell had collected, on his own wassalut.

5th—In the year 1193 the Board were pleased to make an alteration in the *Bundabust* made by Mr. Day whether were the Terms of the *Jumma* I then engaged to pay more or less profitable to the company than the *Bundabust* made by Mr. Day ; this can easily be found by inspecting Mr. Day's papers and making a comparison.

There can be no doubt but the terms on which Hossain Allie engaged with the late Committee of Revenue, had every appearance of being more profitable at the time of Government than my proposed settlement. But if the Board will be pleased to enquire into the real cause of this offer on the part of Hossain Allie, It will appear that his sale motive was vanity, and that he must have known from the situation he was then in different merchants that it was utterly out of the power of things for him to fulfil the Engagement. He was at this time in debt to the amount of ninety thousand Rupees, and that said to have been incurred in making good his payment to Government for the year 1192 in consequence of the inability of the Lands. Let the case be what it would Hossain Allie was undoubted deceiving the Board.

6th—On my accepting the above *Bundabust* whether or not it was the cause of Dissension with Mr. Day.

From whais this conclusion drawn I an altogether ignorant, I have only to beg that Hossain Allie may be called upon to specify the charges on which this question is grounded.

7th—Whether I paid the Revenue, up in full to the Month of *Bhadoo* Agreeable to it, or not.

The sum in demand to the end of *Bhadun* against Hossain Allie was Rupees 67150—Balance to that period 3250.

8th—Whether Mr. Day did or did not, on the

The Estaharnama here alluded to was the *Purwannahs* issued by order

7th of *Cartick* send a *Negabund* with an Estaharnama or Proclamation in such from and contrary to the Regulation and custom of that place whereby the collections were much impeded and hurt.

from the late Committee of Revenue prohibiting the Renters from paying any additional Tax or *Mahtoot* that might be Demanded beg Hossain Allie exceeding those of the Former Asear, notwithstanding this order, Aossain Allie collected 12500 Rs. in part of additional *Mahtoot* on the *Wassul* of 1192 of 2 *Annas* in the Rupee, and would have secured the whole of this Demand, but for the *Purwannah* in question, so far his collections may have been impeded.

9th—By the above mentioned Estaharnama being published in the *Mofussil* a stop was almost put to the collections.

I am totally at a loss to define the meaning of the first part of the question with Respect to Ramdhun *Canongoe* deputation to his *Mofussil*.

10th—What put the Collector upon some Intention, which I represented in my former petition also did Mr. Day or not, send his officers Ramdhun & ca. into the *mofussil* and take the collections entirely out of my Hand, without having any authority from the committee.

It was in obedience to the order of the late Committee of Revenue. But he did not directly or indirectly interfere in the management of the *mofussil*—but simply kept a *Mokabillah Sherister* of the Collection, which were made by Dolubram and Bidenaut Hossain Allies *Naibs*.

11th—The Board were pleased to order a *seza-well* into the *Purgunnah* to provide the Revenue, and to continue the collections in my Hands, before that the order

This is altogether False—I declare that no such step was taken by me and I further do assure the Board that during the time this *Purgunnah* was made under my superintendence no other persons had any interference in the management, but Hossain Allie and his *Naibs* so far

was received the collector himself had disposed me, and after he had received the order did he pay regard to it, or not. from his being Dispossessed by me I positively directed him to proceed to his *mofussil* to superintend and look into the conduct of his servants and it was not without much Difficulty I could not get him from Dacca.

12th—During the time I had the management and was in possession, did the collector Adjust my account collection, or take that the *Jumma Kerch* or not. I did not make any adjustment between the account collection and the *Jumma Kerch*, for want of the necessary materials. These however were produced in the month of April but before I had time to make the adjustment, I received orders for making the *Purgunnah* over to the Collector of Momen-singh with the Correspondence and every other Record any ways relating thereto, which was immediately done.

13th—At the Time when the Collection took the Account from me, did an sum appear to be due, or to be withheld by me or not. Answered in my reply to the 12th Question.

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To Mr. Matthew Day
Collector of Dacca

Sir

We desire you will prepare and transmit to us (with as much expedition as the subject will admit of) an Account of the different Species of Rs. Circulating throughout your District with the usual *Bazar* Rates of Batta upon each specifying the Variations in this last Articles (as far as they can be ascertained)

during the Course of a year and the cause of the different species in Circulation as to Quantity, distinguishing what specie has the most Established Currency in Commercial and Revenue Transactions, what inconvenience, if any, arise from the variety of species now existing, and whether there is any want of specie in Circulation We take this occasion to remind you of our former Orders of the 12th of June last on this subject, and to desire your answer thereto as speedily as possible.

Calcutta
the 12th October 1787.

We are sir
Your most obedient servants
John Mackenzey
Rd. Johnson.

312

To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Reve. Board. In consequence of orders from the Hon'ble Board we desire you to advance as soon as possible the sum of Rs. 350,450-12-9 to the Commercial Resident Luckipore being the remaining $\frac{3}{8}$ of the whole Investment to be provided at that station for 1787/8 and to enable you to comply herewith directions have been issued by us to the collector of Moorsheda-bad to remit you the Monthly balance of his Treasury as far as (3,00,000 Rs) unless he shall be informed by you that remittance to this extent is unnecessary.

Calcutta
the 12th October 1787.

We are sir
Your most obedient servants
John Mackenzey
Rd. Johnson.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William

Gentlemen

My *Toujie* for the month of Bhadun exhibited a Balance of Rupees 30116-7-19 against the Purgunnah of Noorollapor which I explained to the Board at the foot of the account, as dubious in consequence of the complaint that had been presented by the *Talookdars* and other Renters of Hossainpore and Osunshoy.

Since the close of this account I have made particular enquiry into the cause of this heavy and extraordinary Balance from the immediate Agents in charge of the Purgunnah. The only reason they have assigned is grounded on the late and present Inundated state of the Pantpassah laying to the westward of Dacca this may be admitted and their Revenue I do not in the least doubt have fallen short in this part of their purgunnah, But having heard and investigated many of the complaints before mentioned from the Inhabitants of Hossainpore and Osunshoy It here, appears that not only the Just Revenues have been paid in full to the month of Bhadun. or close of their year, It being a *Nowarra Mahal*, but that in every Instances as far as I have yet proceeded in my enquirys (sic) a heavy Balance is due to the *Talookdars* in spite of which the zamindars *Umlah* continue their oppression, and in consequence the Renters unable to stand it any longer have revolted and left their *Mofussil*.

Inclosed I beg. leave to submit the petition with its Translate presented by the *Talookdars* on this subject and to request the Boards orders respecting the measures they may be pleased to have adopted for the security of the Hossainpore and Osunshoy Revenues for the *Nowarra* year 1194 just commenced, as well as the Protection and case of the Renters.

The whole Jummah of Noorollapore stands at the sum of 126569 the proportion which the Mehals in question bear to this

agreeably to the *Sudder* Tahud is 55175-5-15-3 exclusive of *Akrajaut* for which there is on regular or fixed Establishment the Zamindarry *Umlah* having collected under this Head, at their own pleasure and description—and have thereby been of much detriment to the Lands.

Having called on the *Nalbs* of the *Purgunnah* for an answer to the enclosed representation, they simply reply, that unless allowed to increase in their demands in those *Mehals* they shall not have it in their power, from the distress situation of Pant-passah to make up their *Jummah* to Government. This I have told them is not in my power to authorize, without first submitting it to the Board for their approbation.

Dacca
the 14th October 1787.

I am & ca.
Signed/M. Day
Collector.

314

To M. Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Mr. Harris informs Me that on the 14 Instant he forwarded to you two *Hoondies* I drawn by Juggernaut and Manickchund upon Monohordoss and Sibboo Pursaud Shroofs at Dacca for (SRs. 15000) I Drawn by Gopaul Doss and Kissore Doss upon Gosaul Doss and Sibnaut Doss for /Srs. 15,000/ both drawn at 10 Days sight upon receipts of the amount please to give this collectorship Credit.

Dinagapore
the 19th October 1787,

I am sir
Your most Obedient H. servant
G. Hatch
Collector.

315

To John Shore Esqr.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 10th ultimo enclosing Copy of a Petition from Colly Sunker, and directing me to ascertain and report to you whether the petitioner possessed any and what Advantages from the Lands under the *Khass* collections of the last year and ca.

From the enquiry I have made in consequence of your Orders, it does not appear that the Petitioner enjoyed any advantage whatever from the Lands last year either by Rent free Lands or otherwise, there being none indeed of that description in his Division excepting the Charity Lands which it is true were under attachment while the several Grants of them were examining but immediately afterwards relaxed. The usual rate of allowances made on this District to Landholders dispossessed of the management of their Lands is 10 Per Cent upon the amount collected but this allowance I think it necessary to observe has hitherto been confined to cases of Farm, and has never yet been given to those Landholders whose Lands have been under a *Khass* Collections.

I have the honor to be & ca.

Dacca
the 22nd October 1787.

Signed/ M. Day
Collector

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To Mr. G. C. Meyer

Acting Preparer of the Reports to the Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th ultimo, covering a petition of Neelkaunt an Inhabi-

tant of Monohurganj complaining of the Oppression and undue exactions of Ramkaunt Roy the Bickrampore *Chowdry*.

The following will I hope fully explain to you, the real state of the case and also the petitioner's motive for complaining.

In the year 1185 there were many *Kavallahs* written in the name of Samanund Mookerjee in the zamindarry *sirishter* by Neel Kaunt who was then *Naib* of the *Purgunnah* and who had previously prevailed on the Proprietors to put their Lands under his management they continued with him till the last settlement, when the *Purgunnah* on account of many frauds and illicit Practices of the Officers by which the revenue has been much reduced, the *Purgunnah* was made *Khass* and a *sezawell* appointed to ascertain the original *Tuxeem*, which the *Canongoes* with the petitioner withheld and in consequence of no person having attending the *sezawell* with the necessary Papers respecting the *Havallahs* in question they have been attached, and in the event of no person attending on the part of Neel Kaunt; I shall be under the necessity of making a *Kustabood* of them in order to ascertain their actual ability, that as I have proposed to the Board, the several *Talooks* composing the zamindarry of Bickrampore may at the next settlement be assessed at a fair and equitable *Jummah*. It is with a view of frustrating this Enquiry which I am making with the sanction of the Board that the Petitioner has absconded & prefers complaint in Calcutta, for with respect to his charges against his Principal Ram Kaunt Roy, they are totally Groundless.

Dacca
the 22nd June 1787.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President and members of the Revenue Board.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing a Representation from the *Gomastah* of the Bickrampore *Chowdries*.

I beg leave to apprise the Board that the two person Neel Kaunt & Buddeenaut, who have signed the Representation in question, are not the *Gomastah*, but the *Mohrers* of the *Purgunnah* and the Principal concerned in the frauds mentioned in my letter accompanying my settlement by which the *Jumma* of this Zamindarry has been so considerably reduced to the great injury of many of the other Proprietors and the public Revenue. It is with a view of frustrating the Enquiry I am making with the permission of the Board, into these frauds, that the above named persons have absconded and delivered the representation and as it is utterly impossible for me to proceed in it without their attendance, I request the Board will be pleased to order them to Dacca, that I may be able to prosecute the Enquiry and report the result to them or that they be directed to transmit me the Original Tuxeem of 107000—with the particulars of the *aboab* & *Nowarra* *Baziaftee* of the *Purgunnah*.

I have the honour to be
and ca.

Dacca
the 22nd October 1787.

Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Enclosed we transmit for your information Copy of a Letter from the Hon'ble Board regarding the claim of Sumput Ram Doby

to a share of Purgunnah Buzoorgomedpore.

Calcutta
the 23d October 1787.

We are sir,
Your most obedt. servt.
Signed/ J. Shore
John Mackenzey
Rd. Johnson.

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To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Reve. Board. Having it in Contemplation to form some Regulations for the Canongoe Officers in General, we direct you to ascertain if any land is held in your Districts by or in the name of the canongoes, and transmit us an Account of the Annual Revenue thereof.

It is our desire also that you call upon the canongoes of the newarrah Mehal for the copies of the usual Account stated by them to be in their possession Vizt. *Hucketrū Jumma* Tuxeem Purgunnah by Purgunnah, the Dustoorul Amul, and the Registry of the Chowdries and zemindars Ascertaining at the same time the Obstructions which exists to the exercise of their functions and the mode for removing them—the particulars also of the Moraum and Russoom Received by them.

With the above information it is our wish to be furnished with such further Remarks and Observations, as may enable us to determine upon the propriety of continuing the Canongoes in the Mofusil, and in that case what Regulations it will be necessary to adopt, to Render continuation of the Institution useful,

Calcutta
the 23d October 1787.

We are sir,
Your most obedient servants
Signed/ J. Shore
John Mackensey,
Rd. Johnson.

319

To Mr. Mw. Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

I am ordered by the Hon'ble Mr. Stuart to Inform you that your Application to transfer the Foujdarry adalut of Backergunge to Dacca having been submitted to the Decision of the Hon'ble the following Resloution was passed upon it. Mr. Day's proposal to remove the seat of the Foujdarry Court from Backergunge to Dacca is deemed inadmissable but he is desired to point out a more central Situation.

Foujdarry Dept.
the 31st October 1787.

I am sir,
Your most Obedt. H. servant
Signed/ J. White
R. C. C.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

In consequence of an Order from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council we transmit to you twelve Boys and twenty one Girls, who have been improperly brought from the Dacca districts for the purpose of sale in Calcutta, It is the wish of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that they be restored to their parents & Relations in the same manner as those transmitted to you by us two years ago. We request the favour of your Receipt for them and remain.

Calcutta Police Office.
1st November 1787,

sir,
Your most obedt. servants
Signed/ Thomas Motte
Edward Maxwell,

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To Mr. Day Esqr.

Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Enclosed I do myself the pleasure to send you a Bill drawn by Gopaul Doss and Kissore Doss on Gowaul. Doss and Seebnaut Doss for SRs. Sixty thousand and one (SRs, 60.001)

Moorshedabad
the 7th November 1787

I am sir
Your most Obedt. servant
Signed/ John Fendolle
Acting Collector

322

To Mathew Day Esqr.

Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

- *Reve. Board.* I am Directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit you for your Information the enclosed orders of Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, of the 8th Instant respecting the sale of Edrackpore.

Calcutta
the 13th November 1787

I am sir
Your most Obedt. servant
Signed/ B. Aplin, Secy.

Enclosure to No. 322

Extract of a letter from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council dated the 8th November 1787 and recorded in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 12th of the same month,

Reverting to our Resolutions of the 31st August last on the subject of the sale of Edrackpore and comparing the additional explanation offered by the Collector of Dacca with the complaints of the zemindar of Edrackpore and our former proceedings, We confirm the sale as the Objections which were stated to the propriety of it are removed.

Revenue Board.
A true Extract
Signed/ B. Aplin, Secy.

323

To Mr. Mathew Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Reve. Board. The Right the Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, on an Application for Equipage and travellings having been pleased to pass General Resolution, we enclose a Copy of it to be a standing Rule for your information and Guidance:

Calcutta
the 13th November 1787

We are sir
Your most obedt. servants
Signed/ John Mackensey
Thomas Graham
Rd. Johnson.

Enclosure to No. 323

Extract of a Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council dated the 8th November 1787 and Recorded in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 12th of the same month.

The Allowances to the Collectors by the Establishments, are to be deemed in full of all personal expences whatever, though at the same time it is Expected that the Collectors shall go to any part of their districts, where the Exigencies of the public service may require their presence.

Reve, Board.
A true Extract
Signed/B. Aplin
Secy.

324

To M. Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir

As *Ruatts* by the 88th Article of the General Regulations, are permitted to settle where they please I request the favour of your Attention to the enclosed petition and that you will render the petitioner redress of the Grievance he complains of.

Bauldacaull
the 17th Nov. '87

I am sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed/ J. D. Paterson.

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To John Shore Esqr.
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your commands Dated the (not mentioned) directing my proposing to the

Partners of Raznugar and ca. two modes for the future management of their Lands. First whether they would wish to have them continued in the Head of the Family—or secondly whether they would choose to appoint a Joint *Naib* on their parts, investing him with the management. That in the event of these modes being declined to enforce the Decree by making the *Bawtwarrah* and holding the Lands for the time being in *Khass*.

In obedience therewith the propositions have now the honor to enclose the respective answers of the parties under their own signature in Persian and Bengal with a true Translate of the same and at the same time do myself the pleasure of informing the Board that in consequence of the determination of the Partners, I shall issue agreeably to order, the necessary directions for the Division, but have first to beg being informed with the Boards pleasure respecting the mode of *Bawtwarrah* they are pleased I should adopt—whether it shall be confined simply to a Division of the *Jummah* ; agreeably to the Gross settlement of the *mofussil* or whether the Just and exact Quantity of Land be first ascertained, and allotted to each Agreeably to the Proportions adjudged and awarded to them by the Judgement of the *Sudder Dewanny Adawlut*.

As it may be necessary for the Board to be particularly informed respecting the nature of the Possessions, in deciding the mode to be adopted I beg leave to inform them ; that Purgunnah Rajenagur is for the most part *Neez Talooks* and *Luckerae* committed for years past to the Management of *Kavalladars*, and divided into different *Etmaums*, each *Etmaum* superintended by an *Etmaumdar* of the zamindars nominating. From this circumstance, It will be hardly possible to make a distinct and equitable Allotment to the Partners, by any other mode than an absolute measurement of the Lands.

The Purgunnah of Buzergomedpore is the reverse It being a *Talookdarry* Mehal and the *Jummah* may be proportioned to each Partners, without the trouble and Expence attending an *Hustabood* of the several *Talooks*.

There being many Instances in this Province of the disadvantage that has resulted from a Division of zamindarries and the inevitable ill cosequences that must ever attend the immediate

cultivators of the soil and the under renters in general in every *Purgunnah*—that shall be subjects to the controul and management of different partners with their suits. I think it my Duty to give this information to the Board and more particularly in the present Instance as I plainly force from the disposition of the younger branch of the Family, towards the uncle Kabteram the only surviving son of Raja Bullubs—that every ill consequence is likely to result to themselves as well as the *Purgunnahs* at large in the Event of a Division taking place.

In consequence and with Permission I beg to submit to the Board two modes for the future management of these Lands whereby Government will be secured in a just and fair *Jummah*. The *Purgunnahs* preserved and the Partners prevented by their jealousies or any other causes from being either of Detriment to themselves, or their Lands which if once separated and respectively made over to those totally void of all experience and already surrounded by a Worthless sets of *Naibs*, *Vakeels* and ca. and ca. voluntarily engaged in their services in the sanguine hope of becoming Principals in the management of the Lands and at this moment sowing the seeds of discord and thereby preventing every possible hope of the least future unanimity existing in the Family. The issue will admit but if one conclusion, that of ultimate ruin to themselves in the first Instance and for a series of years to the *Purgunnahs*, Permit Me then Gentlemen to propose the Lands in question being tendered to the long and established Family *Najib* Sodaseed Mojumdar and who in fact has been/ Altho' theretofore/under the controul of the Head of the Family from the time of Raje Bullub the Executive Manager for those 30 years last past, on the following Terms.

To take on himself the management on the part of the Family the *Purgunnah* of Rajenagur and Buzergomedpore at an annual Increase on the present *Jummah* from 1195 of 10000 Rupees till an addition shall be secured to Government of 40000 Rupees which I am fully sensible the Lands are in every respect equal to. In the Event of his declining this offer, I thus beg to offer an opinion to the propriety of giving the Lands in Farm in the same terms, with an additional clause on the part of the Farm for the usual allowance of *Moshaira*, and should it meet the pleasure of the Board as an Indulgence to the zamindars. In

case they may either jointly or separately wish to engage as a Farmer or Farmers, their proposals to have the preference. The above mode are the only ones to the best of my knowledge and belief likely to secure the Purgunnahs from ruin and preserving them in their present state.

Buzergomed-pore—They have for these many years last had been particularly well looked after and till the present unfortunate calamity which has fallen heavy on the Rajenagur Purgunnah wherein a more flourishing condition than any in the District under my superintendence. The Purgunnah of Buzergomedpore being situated much higher than that of Rajenagur so far from having suffered may be said to have benefited from the late and extraordinary height of waters as have all those *Mehls* in the Vicinity. But Bickrampore part of Jelalpore, Rassolpore, Noorollahpore with the other Purgunnahs in the environs of Rajenagur are indeed totally I may say damaged in their crops for the present year and otherwise exhibits since the greatest distress from the mortality occasioned from the general scarcity of Grain necessary to the support of the Riotts as likewise the loss of cattle from the want of Fodder and little can be expected from them till the months of April and May next.

Being just returned from the survey of the District in my charge, I beg to say that what I have here advanced is by no means grounded on report, but circular demonstration on nothing less I beg to assure the Board from the thorough knowledge of the chicanery of zemindars and the Renters in general in all cases wherein their own Interest is concerned, should I think myself safe in venturing a report.

It will not I hope be considered any more than a Duty I owe to my Employers, my informing the Board that it is not in my opinion to the Interest of Government or any of the Parties concerned that a Division of the *Purgunnahs* in question should take effect. and the only means should this opinion meet that of the Board for preventing it and the proposed modes not meeting their approbation, must be interposition on the part of Government in commanding the management to be continued

as heretofore with the provision of the proposed Increase to the Government.

Dacca
the 17th November 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed M. Day
Collector.

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To John Shore Esqr.
President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have now the honor to reply to your letter of the 9th ultimo on the subject of the *Kefeyat* Batta. desiring to be informed of the amount of its operation on my entire *Jumma* and also of the difference between the value of the Arcot specie as now received by me in weight and the exchange of 9-6 settled between the zemindars and the under Renters.

Prior to the present year when *sicca* Rupees only were received into the Treasury in payment of the rents, the zamindars exchanged their Gross collections consisting of a variety of coins to the *shroffs*, who received them by the *sicca* weight, that is, taking as many of them as were equal in weight to 100 *sicca* Rupees for the same number of *Arcots*, upon these a Batta called *Kuum Kummah* which appears averagely to have amounted to 3-8 Per Cent was exacted by the *shroffs* to make them full weight or to secure him from any loss in the reissuing of them so that, the zamindars in the first Instance gave silver equal in weight to 100 *sicca* Rupees and in the second was obliged to submit to an arbitrary Batta of the above average amount, before he had credit with his *shroffs* for 100 Poonah or full Arcot Rupees, whereas at present his Gross Collections are received by the Arcot weight without any *Kuum Kummah* Batta, which he thereby saves. as also the difference between the Arcot and *sicca* weight which together may be computed at 4 or 4-8 Per Cent on the amount of his *Jummah*, and the amount saved to the Renters upon the entire *Jummah* of my

Division about 60' or 70000 Rupees, The Chief object of my plan however was to fix the Batta between Arcots and sicca at the established standard of 7-6-7 Per Cent and thereby remove the grievance of a high and exorbitant Batta, which affected every class of man, the shroffs who had the fixing of it in their own power excepted; this object I am happy to inform the Board has in a great measure been answered by my plan, which however would have been much more efficacious, had the same mode been likewise adopted by Mr. Wroughton, Collector of Momensing, who continuing in a great degree to receive his rents as formerly in the sicca specie, does not I conceive give it a fair chance.

Tho' this plan has proved very beneficial to the District in general, in as much, that it has relieved the renters from an arbitrary Batta, and tend to fix the exchange between siccas and Arcot, at the original and established standard, yet the zamindars individually reap no advantage whatever from it themselves, the payments any receipt in the Mofussil being regulated agreeably to the mode adopted at the sudder, of course the benefit resulting from the plan is reaped by the Renters in general, and not the head Landholders, whose former Engagement with their under Tenants of 9-6 is now revoked and they receive no more than the Batta they pay at the sudder being 7-6-6 Per Cent.

Dacca
the 19th November 1787.

I am & ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

331.

To Richard Johnson Esqr.
Accomptant General to the Revenue Department
Fort William.

Sir,

I herewith have the pleasure to transmit you a receipt of Mr. Henry Scott commercial Resident for Arcot Rupees (50000

fifty thousand advanced account the Hon'ble Company's Investment at Luckypore 1787/8.

Dacca
the 20th November 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To George Hatch
Collector of Denagepore.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th ultimo covering a Bill on Kissen Churn Dass for sicca Rupees (50000) fifty thousand which being duly honored Credit has been given in due course.

Dacca
the 21st November 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

328

To John Fendoll Esqr.
Acting Collector of Mrorshedabad.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th Instant enclosing a Bill of sicca Rupees sixty thousand and one (Sa. Rs, 60001) drawn by Kissore Dass, and Gopaul Dass, or Gowaul Dass and Séebnaut Dass, and which being duly honored on the 20th Instant—Credit has been given in due course.

Dacca
the 21st November 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

329

To George Hatch Esqr.
Collector of Denagepore

Sir,

I have to inform you of the Bill forwarded by Mr. Harris upon Monohar Dass and Siboopersaud for Sa. Rs. 15000 with that Gosaul Dass for Sa. Rs. 5000— having been duly honored and that credit has been given in due course.

Dacca
the 21st November 1787

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

330

To Messers. Molts and Maxwell

Gentlemen

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant accompanying 12 Boys and 21 Girls belonging to this district under charge of Curremoulah and three other peons and which In obedience to the wish of Right Hon'ble Governor General shall be restored to their Parents or Relation in the same manner as those transmitted to me two years since.

Dacca
the 22nd November 1787

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

331

To Henry Scott Esqr.
Commercial Resident at Luckypore.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Instant and enclose the Purwana therein desired, which I hope may meet with due weight on the Business to which it relates.

I have likewise informed the zemindar that he is on account to countenance any measures on the part of his Riotts that may in any degree be the means of Impediment to the Hon'ble Company's Investment under your management, but strictly to adhere and conform to the Regulations of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council respecting Weavers at Large.

Dacca
the 2nd November 1787

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

332

To John Shore Esqr.
President and Members of the Revenue Board
Fort William

Gentlemen

I have now the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your two Letters under date the 12th June and the 12th October last; the former enclosing an Extract of a General letter from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors on the subject of the different kinds of specie in circulation and ca. and the latter directing me to transmit to your Board on account of the various species of Rupees circulating throughout my District with the usual Bazar rates of Batta on each and ca.

In conformity thereto, I have herewith the pleasure to transmit you the account required, specifying the weight, real and nominal value, together with the average Bazar Batta collected on each, as also such Remarks, on the inconveniences arising from the variety of species now existing, and on the general currency of this Province as my Information and experience have enabled me to make, and which I hope will convey to the Board the information required in the above mentioned Letters.

I have likewise in further obedience to your orders transmitted by this Dawk under address to your secretary, speci-

men in triplicate of the Rupees mentioned in the Accompanying Account.

Dacca
the 22nd November 1787.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble servant
M. Day
Collector.

Enclosure to No. 332

Account of the different species of Rupees circulating in the District of Dacca, specifying their weight, real and nominal value, with the Average Batta collected on each and sa, and ca

Name of the Rupees		Short of sicca weight	Real value of sicca, weight	Nominal value	Average Batta
No.	<i>Siccas</i>				
1.	Calcutta <i>Siccas</i> or	Full weight	16 Annas	16 Annas	None
1.	Moorshidabad do	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	do
	Patna do	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	do
2.	Calcutta <i>Sonats</i>	4 Gundas	15 Annas 6 Gundas	15 a. 6 g.	do
2.	Moorshedabad do	4 do	15—6	15—6	do
2.	Patna do	4 do	15—6	15—6	do
No.	<i>Arcots</i>		A.G.C.		
3.	French Arcots	8 g. I. Cowri	15-11-3	15-11-3	do
3.	English do	8 g. 3 c.	15-11-1	15-11-1	do
3.	Dutch do	8 g. 3 c.	15-11-1	15-11-1	do
3.	Mussulipatam do	10	15-10	15-10	do
3.	Biss Sunu Arcots	11-1	15-8-3	15-8-3 @ 8 per cent	
3.	Foorshee do	12-2	15-7-2	15-7-2 @ 6-4 percent	
3.	Jhardar do	7-2	15-12-2	15-12-2 @ 4-11percent	
3.	Madraas do	12-2	15-7-2	15-7-2 @ 4-12 percent	
3.	Moome Surat do	4-	15-12	15-12 @ 6-4 percent	
3.	Surat Arcots	6-2	15-13-2	15-13-2 @ 12-8 percent	
3.	Vezerie Benaras	16-	15-4	15-4 @ 37-8 percent	
3.	Dilhie Arcots	9-	15-11	11-11 @ 4-12 percent	

There are no copper coins in circulation in this Division.

Remarks

Siccas—No. 1

These Rupees being full weight pass without any Batta.

Siccas—No. 2

These *siccas* were chiefly coined at the company's mints and which issued were in full weight the present deficiency is principally occasioned by the length of time, they have been in circulation, they now pass for their weight without any Batta.

The Arcots are of so many denomination and those coined by the Company have been so long from the mint, that it is impossible to ascertain what amount of that quantities are secretly coined by Individuals, and as a considerable increase has been lately acquired by the importation of French Arcots particularly from Pondicherry—the Surat rupees are when new nearly if not equal in weight to *siccas*, the Vezerie Banaras rupees has always borne in this district a considerable Jant Batta and indeed has never entered into the circulation in any degree—the other kinds have diminished where coined in the public mints by clipping which is in many parts of the *mofussil* practised. The *Foorshe* and *Jhardar* Rupees are chiefly coined by private persons and are much in circulation towards the Rungpore province and northern *Purgunnahs* of this district, where the French Arcots are the prevailing currency and bear a greater value than what is called English Arcots. The full value of an Arcot when new has long been fixed by Govt. at a Batta of 8-6 Rupees or 7-6-6 per cent. less than *sicca* weight. In the Dacca Bazar the value of the French Arcot varies agreeable to the demand, it sometimes bearing a Batta of from 1 to 2 per cent and at other times a loss of so much.

General Remarks :—

The principal Currency of this Province is Arcot Rupee in which all commercial transactions are carried on and all purchase is made, it is also the specie received by the zamindars from the *Talookdars* ann *Ryots* and is in short the only rupee current in the *mofussil*—the coinage of this Rupee having been stopt for so many years renders it much scarcer than the purposes of the carrying on with ease the busi-

ness of the District in both revenue and commercial matters requires, and causes the necessity of taking under this head the various kinds above specified ; it also holds forth a temptation for private coinage and renders the receipts and payments of sums tedious and vexations from the shroffs being obliged in order to ascertain the exact amount to reduce the different kinds to a common standard and to such a degree has this been carried that no person but a professed shroff can venture to receive large sums without risking a considerable loss, whilst it leaves every man engaged in commerce at the mercy and discretion of this Class of Men.

In the Revenue the inconvenience equally subsists and the zemindars have hitherto sustained heavy losses by the arbitrary valuation of their gross collections when brought up to be exchanged for siccas at Dacca for the payment of their revenues it likewise renders the accounts of the Purgunnahs difficult, if not impossible to investigate and in cases where complaints have been preferred of Oppressions or undue exactions on the Ryotts from zemindars and farmers, precludes all opportunity of detection.

The Currency of the District being in a different specie to that formerly required for the payment of the Revenue occasions the zemindars to be considerable sufferers in the purchase of siccas for the Arcots they receive in their collections, exclusive of the losses before mentioned, because the *shroffs* have all along had the fixing of the Batta on *siccas* in their own power, this specie never circulating beyond the city and being entirely kept in the hands of the money charges, the zemindars are obliged to purchase at any rate the *shroffs* chose the demand. The variation in the Batta have been of course very great, nor has the merchant suffered in the less degree the issues from the

Treasury have until lately been made entirely in *siccās*, which as they are not current in the *Aurungs* nor in any commercial concerns, must be first exchanged for *Arcots* and as the season in which advances are made for the different Articles is generally when little or no money is coming into the Treasury, the *shroffs* again exchange the *Arcot* Rupees they received perhaps two months before. at a Batta of 12 Per cent (it has been known as high as 16) probably for an equal number of *Arcots*, thereby clearing the Batta received from the zemindar and the loss sustained by the Merchants of nearly 8 Per cent more. This inconvenience has been partially remedied by my having received the *Arcots* as brought from the *Mofussil* by weight, during the course of the present year and freeing the Landholder's from the exactions of a high Batta and also from the numberless tricks of the *shroffs* in the valuation of the different kinds of *Arcots*, it has also tended to fix the Batta between *siccās* and *Arcots* at the established standard and might have been more efficacious had it been likewise adopted by the collector of Momunsing Mr. Wroughton, but the evils, vexations, Impositions and losses arising from a variety of coins being current and in circulation in one country and more especially in this, where each varies in its value and weight and where that in Revenue and commercial matters differs can only be radically cured by calling them in and establishing one currency ; an event much to be wished for in this part of India.

With Respect to the amount specie in circulation with the quantity of each kind It is impossible for the reasons already assigned to mention with any degree of certainty. The Trade of this district including every Article of its Commerce I estimate and believe to be near one Crore of Rupees, Allowing therefore the each Article of its Commerce will admit of two Renters in the course of 12 months, and the whole sum respectively engaged for to be drawn, A Trade to that extent may be conducted by a Currency of 50 Laacks. But as the cloth Trade which I estimate on an average to be from thirty to 40 Laacks Admit but of one return to the Merchants in the above period and the whole amount engaged for being necessary towards the completion of Investment I conclude the sum in general circulation through the year to be from 60 to 70 Laacks of Rupees.

It has already been observed that the general currency of this Province both in commercial and Revenue matters is the Arcots specie the currency of sicca specie is solely confined to the Town and in amount does not exceed 5 Laacks. The Balance whatever the circulation from the above Remarks may be concluded to exist entirely in the Arcot Currency.

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To Mr. Mathew Day
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

Reve. Board We desire you will keep in hand the sum of Rupees 3,85,463-7 to be advanced to the commercial Residents at the following Factories for the Investment.

Cloth	...	180611 9-3
Dacca	...	204851-13-9 on the 1st January next, on their Application.

We are

sir,

Calcutta
the 27th July 1787.

Your Most Obedient Servants
Signed/ Thomas Graham
John Meckensey
J. Evelyn
Rd. Johnson.

334

To Mathew Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

The Governor General in Council being of Opinion that some Other measures more effectual than those hitherto taken, should be adopted for securing the country against the Inroads and depredations of Mejunoo shaw and his adherents you are therefore directed to Employ spies at a monthly sum not excee-

ding sixty Rupees in the most private and disguised manner to follow him Ascertain his Haunts his Routes and the mode in which the lives with a view to Ascertain the possibility of Apprehending him and his Principal Attendants and you are further to suggest what measures occur to you for this purpose the expense incurred on this services is to be defrayed by the Civil Paymaster and the Bills sent be drawn out for secret service your Correspondance on the subject of these Orders is to be with me only, for the Information of the Governor General in Council.

Reve. Dept.
Conncil Chamber
the 7th december 1787.

I am sir
Your Most Obedt. Servant
Signed/ Edward Hay.

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To William Larkins Esqr.
Accomptant General
Fort William.

Sir,

I herewith have the pleasure to transmit you a true copy of the Bills of Exchange drawn by Mr. H. Baillee for Arcot Rupees 4687-8 paid this day on account of freight for the transportation of 25000 maunds salt to Gualparrah on account of the Hon'ble company.

Dacca
the 8th December 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

341

To William Larkins Esqr.
Accomptant General
Fort William

Sir,

I herewith have the pleasure to transmit you a Receipt of Mr. John Flamant for Arcot Rupees 4687-8- on account of freij-

ght for the transportation of salt to Assam Goalparrah on account of the Hon'ble company.

Dacca
the 9th December 1787.

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector,

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Matthew Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Having been advised by the Board of Trade that you have been directed by the Board of Revenue to supply me by the 1st January next with sum of CRs. 1,80,611-9-3 on account of the ensuing Investment 1788/9 I request you will be pleased to furnish me therewith by the prescribed time or so soon before as may be convenient to your Treasury I here remains a Balance of CRs. 29,225-3-3 which I am authorised to receive from your Treasury on account of the Investment 1787/8 I shall be glad also to receive this sum.

Dacca Factory
the 12th December 1787.

I am
sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed/ John Bebb.
Resident.

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Trade to apply to you for an advance of Current Rs. 2,04,851-13-9 on account of the Hon'ble companys Investment at this place for the year 1788, I request you will be pleased to advance the amount of 50,000 Arcot Rs. in part thereof previous to, or on the first of January next the

remainder may be received in the course of that month As I am under the Necessity of changing *churta* Rupees as not being current rupees in the *Aurungs* for the purchase of cloth if no inconvenience should be the consequence of Making the payments to me in equal proportions of *poora* and *Ruttee Kumtee* only I shall be much Obliged by your compliance.

Palahaut
the 12th December 1787.

I am
sir
Your Most Obedient Servants
Signed/ H. Scott.
Resident.

344

To Mr. G. C. Meyer
Acting Preparer of Reports of the Revenue Department.
Fort William.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 22nd ultimo enclosing Copy of a petition from Ram Tonnoo to which due attention shall be paid.

With respect to the question you ask whether the *Negabans* who are represented to receive the contributions levied on the *Balchappy* and *parench-taky Mehals*, are maintained by Government and whether any authorised salaries are annexed to their offices I must inform you that they were originally appointed by Mr. Barwell when chief of this district, as a check upon the shop keepers of the Town, and as no salary was annexed to their offices, a trifling tax as authorised to be collected by them in lieu of wages from the persons, over whom they were placed as a check to prevent impositions on the public. This Tax being very small has invariably been paid without murmur by the shop-keepers, and it is needless for me I hope to make any remark on the utility of the institution which has for its object, the general good of the Community.

Dacca
the 13th December 1787,

I am and ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector,

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To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Revenue Board. To encourage the transportation of Grain for the relief of such parts of the country as have suffered by the late season the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council has been pleased to approve a temporary suspensions of all Duties on Grain.

To prevent however a Repetition of the former pleas for Deduction made on a similar Occasion you will publicly notify that it is not meant to annul the usual *Gunge* Duties which are a part of the Established Revenues.

We are

Sir

Calcutta
the 14th December 1787.

Your most Obedient servant
Signed/ Thomas Graham
John Mackensy
Rechard Johnson,

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To Mathew Day Esqr.
Chief of Dacca.

Sir,

In obedience to the orders of the Board of Trade to notify to you the Day on which my Agent will Attend you for the purpose of Receiving the sum of C. Rs 204³51-13-9 A. Rs. 189⁶59-1-6 on account of Hon'ble Companys Investment of 1788, I beg leave to inform you that he has my Direction to Attend you hence forward daily I request you will inform him when it shall be convenient for you to pay the Amount that he may prepare Boats and ca. to Remit the Treasure to me immediately on its Receipts.

In the Event of your not having the full Amount in your immediate possession I request, in order to avoid delay that you will pay him in part what ever may be in your Treasury for this purpose I have furnished with Receipts Accordingly.

Pattahaut
the 17th December 1787.

I am sir,
Your Most Obedient servant
Signed/ H. Scott.

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To John Shore Esqr.
President and Member of the Board of Revenue
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of 31st October last, respecting my account settlement for the current year 1194.

In Obedience to your Order, I owe to myself the pleasure to inclose copy of the list of places to which I had omitted in my account above mentioned to insert the name of the Persons with whom the Engagements had been entered into, with the names of these Persons inserted as directed—these *Mehals* bearing in general the names of their respective proprietors, with whom the Engagements are made, rendered it as I conceived unnecessary to insert the names seperately and to this alone I beg leave to assure the Board the Omission of them is as to be ascribed. I have also in further obedience to the Boards orders enclosed the Bykunt pore zemindar refusal to receive his Lands on the *Jumma* of the last year, and which induced to let the *Purgunnah* in farm.

Pergunnah—Selemaḡad.

The settlement of this *Mehal* as I observed in my former letter, is made conformably to the direction of the Board the 2a. 17g 2c. Hosseen Colly Sunker Gosaul, being in Khas and all the remaining shares engaged for with the respective proprietors on the Term of last year, excepting 1-A. 10 Gun

das share the property of Debnarain, who not attending either in person or by *Vakeel*, to make his settlement obliged me to make this likewise *Khas*.

Gazoor Mehal

The reasons assigned by me in my letter accompanying my account settlement to the Board, to letting in farm, *pescush Bazarha Zillah Poindabagg* and *Shair Chundenat* are equally applicable to this Mehal. It is further to be remarked of this Mehal that it pays no hard Revenue, but as the words themselves imply a Tax upon the Profession of Washerman, and the numerous Persons from whom the Revenue is collected, together with the trifle each individual pays towards it, it would I conceive be difficult if not impossible to realize the *Jumma* by any other mode than the letting of it in farm, nor is any Individual injured by this mode of settlement as no one person has the preference of another to engage for it

Dacca

the 19th December 1787.

I am and ca.

Signed/ M. Day

Collector.

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To John Shore Esqr.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Orders under date the 26th October last directing me to ascertain and report as particularly as possible the Effect of the late Inundation on the several *Mehals* composing the Division under my superintendence.

The Multiplicity of Business of my office which requires my constant care and attention, has rendered it impossible for me to make a local enquiry into the state of every *Mehal*, but such of them as were represented to me to have most materially suffered by the Inundations or where I had reason to suppose that this would be made the real or pretended plea for remission of Reve-

nues at the close of the year, I have considered it my indispensible duty to visit for the information of the Board. To these and a few others whose known situations and former sufferings in similar unfavourable reasons, which renders it more than probable. suffered in an equal degree, by the late one, I shall confine my report.

I think it necessary first to inform the Board that the Chief produce of the Mehals of my Division is paddy, of which they in general produce annually three Crops, called the *Aoos*, *Aumon* and *Boorou*, this last however bears but a very small proportion of the Revenue compared with the other two Crops, it being in general produced on Churs, or low Marshy Ground after the waters have subsided consequently it is not sown till late in the season, and the year, the waters continuing high and later than usual on the Lands, the cultivation of it, it is to be presumed will in a great degree be prevented; it is further to be observed that the *Boorow* Rice is far inferior in quality to either of the other two Harvests, and the revenue produced from it of course smaller for even where nothing happens to impede the cultivation of it, it does not bear in the generality of the Purgunnahs in the best of seasons, a greater proportion than 3 annas in the rupee, of the revenue arising from the Grain Lands. This however varies in different Purgunnahs, according to their situation whether low or high lands, the former always producing a greater proportion of *Borrow* rice to the latter, in many of which particularly in the Purgunnahs lying to the Northward, there is no such Harvest, the Lands not admitting of it.

The *Aoos* and *Aumon* Crops are produced on the same soil and in general are sown together, during the months of Faugun and Chait, but the former ripening earlier than the latter, it is in common reaped in the months of Sawun and Bhadun whereas the latter remains on the Ground, till the months of Aughun and *Poos* and is then reaped these two Crops in the generality of Purgunnah bear a proportion of 13 annas in the Rupee of their Grain Revenue. The former from the very early setting in of the Rains this year, and the great fall of water we had in the early part of the season, sustained very considerable damage, it being then young and tender, and that part of it sown in the low lands, entirely destroyed from remaining buried under the

water, till after the season when it should have been reaped. The Aumun Crops likewise was much damaged from the same cause and the very long continuance of the waters upon the Ground, but more particularly those on the low lands.

Having thus premised on the cultivation and the effects of the Inundation on the Crop in general, I shall now with permission of the Board proceed to report particularly on those Mehals before alluded to.

Purgunnah—Rajenagur ... Jumma Rs. 97411.

The Principal produce of this *Purgunnah* is paddy, of which it yields three crops yearly. The *Aoos* Crops which bears in this Mehal, a proportion of nearly 4 annas in the rupee of its Grain Revenue. was from the early setting in the rains, wholly destroyed and the Aumun Crop likewise sustained considerable damage, from the uncommon rise and long continuance of the waters on the Land which is this *Purgunnah* the Lands being in general low prevented the Husbandmen from reaping it at the usual season—hence the greater part of it rotted and to this is to be ascribed the heavy Balance of Revenue now due from this Mehal, The only sources of Revenue now left in these Lands for the payment of the present Balance, and the remainder of the current years Revenue, are the Boorow Crops and Revenue arising from the Beetle Nut plantation. From the former something considerable might have been expected, had not the misfortune of the other two Crops and the consequent enhanced price of Grain caused the death of many Ryotts. and the desertion of others who dreaded the severity of Government. I can therefore expect but little from this, nor is much I fear to be expected from the latter source, not that the Beetle Nut plantation have suffered any way materially by the late Inundation but I have reason to apprehend that the Revenue already collected from this *Purgunnah*, has principally been paid from the sale of this Article; it being usual in this Province for the Merchants, to make their advance to the Renters for it, many months, before it is fit for reaping I am led to imagine that there has been the case in this Mehal, from the two principal crops of it, having been almost wholly lost to the Renters, and the *Purgunnah* being under the charge of a *sezawal* I know of no other Fund from whence the revenue already collected

could have been paid by them ; upon the Idea therefore that the Revenue derived from Beetle Nut has already been received and appropriated to the discharge of the past Kists as far as the produce of their Article went, I have the Boorow crop only to look to for the present heavy Balance due, (...illegible) the remainder of the current years Revenue, and from this for the reasons before mentioned, I apprehend very little will be recovered.

My account of the sale of this Mehal and the very great loss which Government is likely to sustain from it this year, many perhaps surprize the Board I can only assure them, that what I have here related of it is from (...illegible) proofs and minute local investigation. having myself visited the Purgunnah in the month of November last, when it presented such a scene of Distress as I never before beheld the Lands being then totally inundated the country not shewing the least appearance of cultivation and the Inhabitants in general living on raised stages.

Annas

Pergunnah—Rassolpore & ca. 11 Division—Jumma—26649-6-5

Ditto

5 annas — Jumma 3001-

What has been said of Rajenagur, is also applicable to this Purgunnah, which has suffered proportionally in its Crops by the late Inundation, and I fear a proportionate loss in the Revenue is to be expected. The Revenue hitherto received from the farmer on account of the Current year is Rs. 5792 and the Balance due to the end of Cartick amounts to Rs. 13353. At this Balance a very small part, I am concerned to inform the Board is likely to be realized, the only sources of Revenue they have now left for the payment of it being Beetle Nut plantation and the Boorow crop, upon both of which, I have already sufficiently observed in my account of the state of the former Mehal to enable the Board to judge of what may be expected from them—the latter tho' it has paid up its Revenue without a Balance to the end of Assin, has suffered proportionate Damage to the former, and how far this may affect the remainder of the years Revenue, I cannot at this time judge.

Pergunnah—Bickrampore...Jummah—26081.

This *Purgunnah* which is composed of a variety of Petty *Talooks*, lying in different parts of the District has likewise suffered in a great degree in its Crops by the late inundation

and I apprehend the Damage sustained will occasion a loss to Government. It is true the *Kists* hitherto have been regularly paid up without a Balance, but this I am led to believe has been done by the Assistance and resources of the *Arzamin*, and how far the repayment of such loans as the renters may have taken up from him, may affect the remainder of the years Revenue it is at present impossible for me to say. I should hope however that the loss occasioned by the late inundation in this *Mehal* if any, will not exceed the Increase put up on it at the last settlement.

ergunnah—Jelalpore and ca. ... *Jumma*—Rs. 106210—

In the above is included the *Pergunnahs* of Mohbatpore, Bungroorah and two or three others, which from the lowness of their Lands, and proximity to the padma & Megna rivers have invariably suffered whenever the water have risen beyond their common height it is therefore I hope needless for me to remark that their loss and sufferings this year, have exceeded any former it being notorious that the fall of water and the consequent rise of the river this last season, has been greater than was ever before known.

The produce of these Lands is chiefly grain, of which as in many other *Mehals*, it bear in favourable seasons, three Crops. This year the *Aos* Crops in this *Purgunnah* appears to have been nearly wholly destroyed, and that if the *Aumun* in considerable degree prevented the loss therefore which the Lands have sustained by the late Inundation may be estimated at nearly at a seven anna Proportion of its Grain Revenue, notwithstanding this heavy loss the *Arzamin* has paid up his revenues in full to the end of *Assin*, but in doing this, there is every reason to believe he is become much in advance for the renters To liquidate these Advances if any such are due, as well as the remainder of the Revenue to the end of the year there is now only left the *Boorow* Crops and the produce of the Beetle-Nut Plantations, from the latter, for the reason assigned in my report on Rajenagore, I fear little is to be excepted.

Purgunnah—Caurtickpore—*Jumma*... Rs. 25791—

This *Mehal* I am sorry to inform the Board has suffered on its Crops in an equal degree with that of Rajenagore to which it is contiguous and is under the charge of the same *sezawel*—the Balance due from it to the end of *Caurtick* amount to Rs. 11200—in part of which I much fear very little will be realized—as the only sources left in the *Pergunnah* for the liquidation of this as well as the remaining *Kists* are the *Boorow* Crops and the Produce of Betle Beetle—Nut which from the proportion I am informed they bear of the *Purgunnah* Revenues which scarcely suffice to pay either one or the other and a considerable Balance is of course to be expected from this *Mehal* at the end of the year.

Purgunnah—Beermobun—Jummah...Rs 5482.

The Circumstance of the Chowdries of this *Purgunnah* absconding from inability to pay their Revenues sufficiently proves that their Lands sustained material Damage by the late Inundation as the *Mehal* in favourable season is well known to be equal to the *Jummah* at which it stands cessed. The Aumin whom I found it necessary to depute on the zemindar or absconding Corroborates the account given by the latter of the state of their Lands and from which I fear a considerable deficiency in its Revenue will be incurred this year.

Purgunnah—Bycuntpore 14 Annas Jummah...Rs. 33074-5-3.

This *Mehal* has likewise suffered a loss of its Aocs Crop and great part of the Aumin and tho' it has paid up its Revenue tolerably well to the end of Assin being to that period no more than 2000 Rs. in Balance I am apprehensive from the very great damage it has sustained by the late Inundation, of the greater part of its two principal Crops that a small proportion only of the remaining *Kists* will be realized, the *Purgunnah* having now no other sources within itself for the payment of it, than the *Boorow* Crop.

Purgunnah—Noorallapore...Jummah.. Rs. 1262569-4-1.

In the above Jummah is included those of Pautpassah, Kelleyabad, Hosainshy and ca.—the former, Patassah, I am well informed has very materially suffered by the effects of the late inundation, but the latter being situated for the Northward, and being in general high bunds, the loss in it, if any, I am

led to believe must be very inconsiderable—the very heavy balance therefore that now stands against this Purgunnah, is principally to be ascribed to the disputes subsisting between the under renters and the Agents of the zamindars, of which the Board have already been informed. I must take this occasion to suggest to the Board the propriety of some measure being immediately adopted, for the recovery of the present heavy Balance due from this Mehal and which seems to be encreasing at the close of every Kist. The Agents here, hearing that their principal was called upon for the payment of it in Calcutta, refuse to discharge any part of it, and I apprehend that at the close of the year, the Balance will be so very Great, if some steps are not taken for the recovery of it before, as will render it absolutely necessary for the Board to make a sale of the Lands, to secure Government from loss.

The above, Gentlemen, are the Mehals that (illegible) materially suffered by the very unfavourable season we have had, and from which I fear the loss of revenue to Government at the end of the year, will be very heavy. Exclusive of these, there are no doubt many others in my Division which have suffered in nearly an equal degree more particularly those laying to the Westward, in which may be included the Pergunnah of Chaundpurtub, Sultanpertiaub, and various petty Talooks, but those having in general paid up their Kists hitherto in full, I have thought it best for the present, not to make the enquiry into them directed by the Board, fearing that any such Enquiry might impress the Renters in general with an Idea that it was the Intention of Government to grant them some Remission in their Jumma, in consideration of the loss, their Lands may be supposed to have sustained & hence induce many to withhold their Revenues upon pretended and False Pleas, which it is well known every zamindar readily avails himself of every favourable opportunity, to do, and the difficulty of ascertaining with any degree of accuracy, the extent of their loss renders I conceive such a caution necessary to prevent From the effects however, of the Inundation in the city, which was overflowed to that degree, as to render Boats in many parts for its necessary, and the charitable means which the Gentlemen residents and Opulent Inhabitants of the place were obliged to adopt to preserve

the Levies of near 10000 Poor souls who restored thither from the *Mofussil* for support, it may reasonably be presumed that a few of the *Mehals* escaped altogether the calamity, and this gives me reason to fear that many of them that have hitherto paid up their Revenues, will not be so punctual in their future *Kists*.

With respect to the extent of the relief granted by the head Landholders to their under Tenants, of which the Board desired to be informed, I cannot find by my Enquiry that any whatever has been granted, otherwise than by a suspension of their demands upon them for the present - this I am well informed has been pretty General, and will hereafter be regulated according to the relief and Indulgence that may be shewn them by Government.

It now only remains for me to add, that whatever may be the Boards order on this may Report, they shall be implicitly obeyed. and that every endeavour on my part shall be exerted, to make the loss which Government is likely to sustain by this unfortunate Calamity, in the Revenues of this Province as little as possible, consistent with the future welfare and prosperity of the Lands.

Dacca
the 20th December 1787.

I an & ca.
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To John Shore Esqr.
President of the *khalsa*

Sir,

I have now the honor to reply to your Letter of the 1st Ultimo enclosing a Petition from the *Vakeel* of *Rajah* Ramkissen the zamindar of Noorullapore.

Having in obedience to your Orders made the Enquiry directed into the complaints of the *Talookdars* and Renters of *Purgannahs* Hosainshy and Hosainpore. I have to inform you that

it does not appear therefrom, that the collections made by the zemindars Agents for the present year, exceeds the amount of their Engagements or that there is any difference between the sums collected, this year and that collected in 1188 or for twelve years preceeding, since when (...w. e.) alteration whatever appears to have been made either in the *Mofussil* settlement or *Kistbundy*, excepting that in the year 1190 a Deduction appear to have been granted by the zemindar to the Renters amounting to upwards of 900 Rs. a circumstance which evinces that the Landholders are not regulated by the *Sudder Jumma*, in their settlement with the under Renters. It however evidently appears from my Investigation, that the amount invariably collected from these two Mehals, for these twenty years past has far exceeded what may reasonably be supposed to be their Just Proportion of the whole *Jumma* at which Noorullapore stands assessed, and it is from this, I am inclined to think the complaints of the *Talookdars* & Renters have proceeded. As however, the Agents of the zemindar have asserted that this excess on Hosainshy and Hossainpore is absolutely necessary to enable them to complete their *Jumma* to Government from the impoverished & bad state of Patpassah & other parts of their District, I have deemed it necessary for the present in order to present any pleas for a Balance on the part of the zemindar, to authorize a continuance of the collections as heretofore and which, when it is considered that the Renters have themselves voluntarily submitted to, this excess for so (...illegible) years back, from which it is to be presumed their Lands are adequate to it will I should hope meet with your approbation, more especial as the truth or falsity of the plea made for it by the zemindar is at present from my Enquiry having been confied to Hosainshy and Hosainpore unknown. I shall however with your Permission investigate this plea made by the zemindar regarding the state of paulpossah and the other parts of his district, in other that at the next settlement the Lands of Hosainshy and Hosainpore may be assessed accordingly.

I am and ca.

Dacca

Signed/ M. Day

the 22nd December 1787.

Collector.

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To Mathew Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

I am Directed the desire that you will prepare and transmit as soon as possible a List of all the Europeans / not in the Company's service/who are Resident of the District under your Charges specifying the Manner in which they are at present Employed and their General Conduct and Character as far as may have come to your Knowledge.

You are further Directed to Apprize them at the same time that after the 1st of Next March, no Europeans being a British subject not in the company's service will be suffered to Reside in the interior parts of the Country without licence of Government.

I am
sir

Council Chamber
public Department
24th December 1787.

Your Most Obedient Humble servant
Signed/ E. Hay
Secretary to the Government.

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To William Larkins Esqr.
Accomptant General
Fort William

Sir,

I have the pleasure to enelope you a Receipt for Arcot Rupees Thirty nine Thousand one hundred and Twenty and six annas and sicca Rupees Fifty Thousand paid to Mr. Bebb Commercial Resident of Dacca, account the Investment of 1788/9.

Dacca Jalalpore
the 24th December 1787.

I am & ca,
Signed/ M. Day
Collector.

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To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca

Sir,

We have had before us your Touji Account for the Month of Cautic.

Being apprehensive from the present Circumstances of the zemindar of Noorullahpore that his balances are rather likely to increase than diminish, we have ordered peons to be statined Over him at the Khalsa, and desire you will depute an Aumeen into his zemindary, to enforce the regular remittance to the sudder Cutcherry of the collections made by his agents in the Mofussel.

We are sorry to observe that your explanations of the Balances due from Rajnugar, Russolpore, Khartickpore, and Jelaulpore are extremely unsatisfactory, more especially in respect to Ranjnugar which District being now under charge of your own Aumeen you ought to have been fully apprized of every circumstance tending to create either delay, or deficiency in the realization of the Revenue and in the other Mehals, we cannot conceive the temporary calamities which have happened to have affected them in so great a Degree as to occasion in such heavy arrears, we trust therefore your next Towjee account will exhibit a better proof of your Exertions than the present, and in the meantime we desire you will immediately furnish us with the fullest Explanations on the Districts, when should they prove as unsatisfactory as these now bfore us, we shall be under the necessity of reporting your conduct to the Governor General in Council.

With respect to Salimabad unless you have the fullest Proof that the zemindars whom you report to have withheld all payments since assin, have no means beyond what arise from the produce of their Lands, and they are consequently incapacitated by calamities of season from making good the Demands against them we desire you will immediately carry into execution the 23rd & 24th Articles of the Revenue Regulation.

In regard to the remaining arrears which you hope will be realized by the 30th Augun we are sorry to be again obliged to express our concern at your continuing to extend the period of

payment without furnishing fuller information of the causes of delay, than that contained in the Explanations before us, and must require that you will be more explicit in future.

Calcutta
the 29th December 1787.

We are
sir
Your Most obedient servant
Signed/ Thomas Graham
John Mackensy.

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To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 24th Instant enclosing a receipt of Mr. John Bebb Commercial Resident for S. Rs. 500,000 and Arcot Rupees 39,120-6.

Revenue Accountant Office
the 31st December 1787.

I have the Honour to be
sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Signed/ J. H. Harington
D. A. R. D.

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To Mr. M. Day
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,

Revenue Board. We have received your Letter under date the 29th Ultimo on the subject of the Kefayet Batta and desire that you will inform us of the amount of its Operation on your entire Jumma, and also of the difference between the value of the Arcot specie as now received by you, in weight, and the exchange of 9-6 settled between the zemindar and the under-renters.

30 December
Date—1787.

We are
sir

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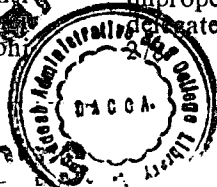
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