Revenue Department

To Mr. John Clerk

Collector in the Northern Division of the

Sir

I am directed by the Board to transmit you the enclosed Copy of a further representation from the Dutch Governor at Pulicat, and they desire that you will be particularly careful in giving the necessary Instructions to the People Stationed at the Chokies mentioned by him that they do not occasion any detention of such Articles and Necessaries as are passing for the Supply and Consumption of that Factory.

I am

Sir

Your most Obed[t] Servant

W[m] Harington Sec[y]

Fort St George

6[th] January 1791

Endorsed is not to be found

Foreign Department

To

E. Smalley Esqre

and

Lieutenant Sirr

Gentlemen.

Rec.d 7th Sept.r 1821.

Para 1. With further reference to my Letter of the 14th ultimo, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Copies of the Convention &c.a for the restitution of the Colonies, &c.a possessed by Holland, on the 8th of January 1803, in Asia - with copy of a Correspondence on the subject with the Supreme Government.-

2. Also enclose Extracts of such parts of Mr. Hodgsons Report, dated 2 3rd of March 1818, as relate to Pulicat.—

I am

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient Servant

For. St. George

4th September, 1821.—

Chief Secy.

Ex.a

J. McDaniel

To

The Right Honorable
Hugh Elliot
Governor in Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

The Governor General has received from Earl Bathurst His Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, a Copy of the Warrant under the sign Manual of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, for the restitution to the King of the Netherlands of the Dutch Colonies and posessions in the East Indies, stipulated by the Convention of the 13th of August 1814 to be restored to that Power,- Corresponding instructions have been addressed by the Honorable the Secret Committee to the Governor General in Council.-

2. A copy of Lord Bathurst's Letter

/ Letter together with a transcript of the copy of the Warrant and of the dispatch from the Secret Committee are herewith transmitted a Copy of the Convention is also enclosed.-

3. We have the honor to request that your Honorable Board will be prepared on the arrival of persons properly empowered to receive them, to deliver to such persons all the Dutch possessions within the limits of the Government of Fort St. George, stipulated to be restored to that Power, conforming in all particulars to the provisions of the Convention, and the directions contained in the Prince Regent's Warrant and in the dispatch from the Secret Committee.-

We the honor to be, &c.
/signed/ Moira
N. B. Edmonstone
Arch.d Seton
G. Dowdeswell

Fort William
26th October 1816.-

Copy

/Copy/

General The Earl of Moira K.G.
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

With reference to the Letter I had the honor of addressing to your Lordship under date the 22d. Ultimo, I now transmit to Your Lordship Copies of the Warrants authorizing the Cession of the Island of Banca and the Restitution of the Colonies, Factories and Establishments in Asia to the Government of the United Netherlands.-

The Original Warrants have been delivered to the Dutch Minister.-

I have, &c.
/signed/ Bathurst.-

Downing Street
21st December 1815.-

/A true Copy/
/signed/ J. Adam
Secy to the Govt.

Copy

/Copy./

In the Name and on the behalf of His Majesty George Prince Regent.-

L. S.

Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin and Counsellor We greet you well. Whereas a convention was signed on the Thirteenth day of August 1814 by our Minister Plenipotentiary and by the Ministers of the Sovereign of the United Netherlands, the Ratifications of which were exchanged on the Eight day of September following. And whereas it is stipulated in the said convention that we shall restore to the Sovereign of the United

Warrant for the Restitution of the Colonies, Factories and Establishments possessed by Holland on the 1st. of January 1803 in Asia.-

Netherlands, the Colonies Factories and Establishments which were possessed by Holland at the commencement of the late war, Viz.t, on the first of January 1803. in the Seas and on the continent of America, Africa and Asia, with the exception of the settlements of Demerara Essequibo and Berbice, the Cape of Good Hope, and the settlement of Cochin and its dependencies on the Coast of Malabar, and it being further stipulated in the said convention that the places and Forts in the Colonies and settlements so to be restored shall be given up in the state in which they may be at the moment of the signature of the said convention: Our will and Pleasure is, that you do in pursuance of the said convention deliver or cause to be delivered to such Commissary or Commissaries as shall be named and authorized on the part of His Majesty the King of the United Netherlands to receive the same, all and every of the Colonies Factories and Establishments in Asia possessed by Holland at the commencement of the late war with the

the exception of the Settlement of Cochin and its Dependencies, which it has been agreed shall remain in full sovereignty to us, with the Fortification thereof, in the state in which they may have been at the time of the Signature of the said Convention, and for so doing this shall be your warrant.- Given at our Court at Carlton House this Twentieth day of November 1815. In the fifty sixth Year of our Reign.-

By the command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in the Name and on the behalf of His Majesty.-

(Signed) Bathurst.

(A True Copy)
(Signed) J. Adam
Secy. to the Govt.

To

Copy

To The Right Honorable
The Governor General in Council
at Fort William
Bengal.-

In our letter of the 19th May last we intimated to you that circumstances had arisen in Europe which necessarily occasioned the detention of the Troops which the Government of the Netherlands had provided for the occupation of the Dutch Settlements in the East Indies, which, in virtue of the first Article of the convention concluded on the 13th August 1814, of which a Copy, is herewith transmitted, are to be restored to the King of the Netherlands.- We have now to inform you that a Squadron consisting of four Ships of the Line, one Frigate and two Corvettes, commanded by Rear Admiral

Admiral Buyskens, and having on board the Baron De Capellen, who has been appointed by the King of the Netherlands Governor General of his possessions in the East Indies, and the Commissioners empowered to claim the restitution of them, sailed from the Texel on the 29th of October for Batavia, and we direct that the necessary measures be taken by you for carrying into immediate and full effect the stipulations of the convention, in so far as regards the places now subject to your authority.-

East India House
London
the 22d November 1815.

We are &c
(signed) Chas Grant.
J. Reid

(A true copy)
(signed) J. Adam
Secy. to the Govt.

Convention Between Great Britain and The United Netherlands, Signed at London August 13th 1814.-

In the Name of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.-

The United Provinces of the Netherlands, under the favour of Divine Providence, having been restored to their Independence, and having been placed by the Loyalty of the Dutch people and the achievements of the allied Powers, under the Government of the Illustrious House of Orange: and His Britannick Majesty being desirous of entering into such arrangements with the Prince Sovereign of the United Netherlands, concerning the Colonies of the said United Netherlands, which have been conquered by His Majesty's arms during the late

war,

war, as may conduce to the prosperity of the said State, and may afford a lasting testi=
=mony of His Majesty's friendship and attach=
=ment to the family of Orange, and to the Dutch nation: the said High Contracting Parties, equally animated by those sen=
=timents of cordial good will and attach=
=ment to each other, have nominated for their Plenipotentiaries: namely, His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honorable Robert Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh, one of His said Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, a Member of Parliament, Colonel of the London=
=derry Regiment of Militia, Knight of the most Noble order of the Garter, and His Principal Secretary of State for Foreign affairs &c.a and His Royal Highness the Prince of Orange-Nassau, Prince Sovereign of the United Netherlands, His=

His Excellency Henry Fagel, His ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Court of His Britannick Majesty; who, after having exchanged their full Powers, & found in good and due form, have agreed to the following articles.-

Article 1.

His Britannick Majesty en=
=gages to restore to the Prince Sovereign of the United Netherlands, within the term which shall be hereafter fixed, the Colonies, Factories and Establishments which were possessed by Holland at the commencement of the late war, viz.t on the 1.st of January 1803, in the Seas and on the Continents of America, africa, and Asia; with the excep=
=tion of the Cape of Good Hope and the settlements of Demerara, Essequibo, and Berbice, of which possessions the High contracting parties reserve to themselves the right to dispose by a supplementary

convention.

convention, hereafter to be negotiated according to their mutual Interests, and especially with reference to the provisions contained in the 6.th and 9.th Articles of the Treaty of Peace & signed between His Britannick Majesty and His most Christian Majesty on the 30.th/th of May 1814.-

Article II.

His Britannick Majesty & agrees to cede in full Sovereignty the & Island of Banca, in the Eastern Seas, to the Prince Sovereign of the Netherlands, in exchange for the Settlement of Cochin and its Dependencies on the Coast of Ma= =labar, which is to remain in full & Sovereignty to His Britannick Majesty.-

Article III.

The places and forts in the Colonies and Settlements, which by virtue of the two preceding Articles are to be ceded and exchanged by the two High Contracting parties, shall be given up in the state in which the may be at the moment of the signature of the pre= =sent Convention.-

Article IV.

His Britannick Majesty & guarantees to the subjects of His Royal Highness the Prince Sovereign of the United Netherlands, the same facilities, privileges, and protection, with respect to commerce, and the security of their property and persons within the limits of the British Sovereignty on the Continent of India, as are now or shall be granted to the most favoured nations.-

His Royal Highness the Prince Sovereign, on his part, having nothing more at heart than the perpetual duration of peace between the Crown of England and the United Netherlands, and wishing to do his utmost to avoid any thing which might affect their mutual good understanding, engages not to erect any fortifications in the Establishments which are to be restored to him within the limits of the British Sovereignty upon the Continent

of

of India, and only to place in those Establishments the number of troops necessary for the maintenance of the Police.-

Article V.

Those Colonies, Factories, and Establish-=ments, which are to be ceded to His Royal Highness the Sovereign Prince of the United Netherlands, by His Britannick Majesty, in the Seas & on the Continent of America, shall be given up within three Months, and those which are beyond the Cape of Good Hope within the six Months which follow the ratification of the present Convention.-

Article VI.

The High contracting Parties, desirous to bury in entire oblivion the Dissentions which have agitated Europe, declare and promise, that no individ-=ual, of whatever rank or condition he may be, in the Countries restored and ceded by the present Treaty, shall be prosecuted, disturbed, or molested in his person or property, under any pretext whatso-=ever, either on account of his conduct or political opinions, his attachment either to any of the con-=tracting Parties, or to any Government which has ceased to exist, or for any other reason except for debts contracted towards individuals, or acts pos-=terior to the date of the present Treaty.-

Article

Article VII.

The Natives Inhabitants and Aliens, of whatever nation or condition they may be, in those Countries which are to change Sovereigns, as well in virtue of the present Convention as of subsequent arrangements to which it may give rise, shall be allowed a period of Six Years reckoning from the exchange of the Ratifi-=cations, for the purpose of disposing of their property, if they think fit, whether it be acquired before or during the late War, and of retiring to whatever Country they may choose.-

Article VIII.

The Prince Sovereign of the United Netherlands, anxious to cooperate, in the most effectual manner, with His Majesty the King of the United King-=dom of Great Britain and Ireland, so as to bring about the total abolition of the trade in Slaves on the Coast of Africa, and having spontaneously issued a Decree on the 15th of June 1814, wherein it

it is enjoined, that no Ships or Vessels whatever destined for the Trade in Slaves, be cleared out or equipped in any of the harbours or places of His Dominions, nor admitted to the Forts or possessions on the Coast of Guinea, and that no inhabitants of that Country shall be sold or exposed as Slaves, does moreover hereby engage to prohibit all His subjects, in the most effectual manner and by the most solemn laws, from taking any share whatsoever in such inhuman traffic.

Article IX.

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be duly exchanged at London within three Weeks from the date hereof, or sooner if possible —

In witness whereof, We the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, in virtue of our respective full Powers, have signed the present Convention, and have affixed thereto the Seals of our Arms. -

Done at London, this 13th. day of August, 1814. -

/L. S./ Castlereagh /L. S./ W. Pagel. -

First Additional Article. -

In order the better to provide for the defence and Incorporation of the Belgick Provinces with Holland, and also to provide, in conformity to the Ninth Article of the Treaty of Paris, a suitable Compensation for the Rights ceded by His Swedish Majesty under the said Article, which Compensation, it is understood, in the event of the above Reunion, Holland should be liable to furnish, in pursuance of the above stipulations; - It is hereby agreed between the High Contracting Parties, that His Britannick Majesty shall take upon Himself, and engage to defray the following charges: -

1st. The Payment of one million sterling to Sweden, in satisfaction of the

the claims aforesaid, and in pursuance of a Convention this day executed with His Swedish Majesty's Plenipotentiary to that effect, a copy of which Convention is annexed to these additional Articles.-

2ndly. The advance of two Millions sterling, to be applied, in concert with the Prince Sovereign of the Netherlands, and in aid of an equal sum to be furnished by Him towards augmenting and improving the defences of the low Countries.-

3dly. To bear, equally with Holland, such further charges as may be agreed upon between the said High Contracting Parties and Their allies, towards the final and satisfactory settlement of the low Countries in union with Holland, and under the Dominion of the House of Orange, not exceeding in the whole, the sum of three Millions, to be defrayed by Great Britain.-

In consideration, and in satisfaction of the above engagements, as taken by His Britannick Majesty, the Prince Sovereign of the Netherlands agrees to cede in full Sovereignty to His Britannick Majesty the Cape of Good Hope, and the Settlements of Demerary, Essequibo and Berbice, upon the condition nevertheless, that the subjects of the said Sovereign Prince, being proprietors in the said Colonies or Settlements, shall be at liberty, under such Regulations as may hereafter be agreed upon in a Supplementary Convention, to carry on Trade between the said Settlements and the Territories in Europe of the said Sovereign Prince.-

It is also agreed between the two High Contracting Parties, that the Ships of every kind belonging to Holland, shall have permission to resort freely to the Cape of Good Hope for the purposes of refreshment and repairs, without being liable to other charges than such as British subjects are required to pay.-

Second

Second Additional Article.-

The small District of Bernagore, so situated close to Calcutta, being requisite to the due preservation of the Peace and Police of that City, the Prince of Orange agrees to cede the said District to His Britannick Majesty, upon a payment of such sum annually to His Royal Highness as may be considered, by Commissioners to be appointed by the respective Governments, to be just and reasonable, with reference to the Profits or Revenue usually derived by the Dutch Government from the same.-

Third Additional Article.-

The present additional Articles shall have the same force and validity as if they were inserted word for word in the Convention signed this day, they shall be ratified, and the Ratifications shall be exchanged at the same time and place.-

In witness whereof, we the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed and affixed to them the Seal of our Arms.-

Done at London - this Thirteenth day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and fourteen.-

/ L. S. / Castlereagh / L. S. / H Fagel

/ A true Copy /
/ Signed / J. Adam
Secry to the Board

To

Secret Department.-

To

His excellency
The Right Honorable
Francis Earl of Moira K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Governor General in Council
Fort William.-

My Lord,

1 We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from your Lordship in Council under Date the 26th of October conveying your instructions for the restoration of such Settlements and Factories as were in possession of the Dutch in the year 1803. and are now situated within the limits of our authority.-

2 The Dutch not having had possession of any Settlement or Factory on the Coasts of Coromandel or Malabar in the year 1803. we are led to conjecture that no restitutions to the Netherland Government are to take place in this part of the Peninsula

Peninsulas of India, excepting that some com=
=pact to that effect has been concluded of
which we are here entirely ignorant.—

3. We beg therefore to be furnish=
=ed with such specific information upon
the subject as shall enable us to ascertain
the extent of the restitutions to be made
to the Dutch.—

Fort St. George
29th November 1816.—

We have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sir
Your
(Signed) H. Elliot
" Thos. Hislop
" Rt. Fullerton
" Rt. Alexander.—

To
The Right Honorable Hugh Elliot—
Governor in Council
Fort St. George—

Honorable Sir,

We have had the honor to
receive your dispatch of the 29th Ultimo, re=
=lative to the Dutch Settlements on the
Coasts of Coromandel and Malabar.—

By

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By the first Article of the Con=
=vention concluded between His Majesty and
the Government of the Netherlands on the
13th of August 1814, it is stipulated that all
the Colonies, Factories, and Establishments
which were possessed by Holland at the
commencement of the late War, in the Seas,
and on the Continents of America, Africa,
and Asia, with certain exceptions spe=
=cified, shall be restored to that Power.
The only exception on the Continent of Asia,
is the Settlement of Cochin, which is
ceded to the British Government in ex=
=change for Banca and the petty Settle=
=ment of Bernagore— It is true, that
none of the Dutch Settlements on the
Continent of Asia were in the possession
of the Dutch at the commencement of
the late War in the restricted sense of the
term— but it must be presumed, and this
construction is confirmed by other parts
of the Convention, that the restitution is
meant to extend to all the Dutch posses=
=sion

possessions of which the restoration was provided by the Conditions of the Treaty of Amiens although not actually carried into effect — The very circumstance of a special provision being made for the cession of Cochin (which had been in our possession since its original occupation) to the British Government, proves the correctness of this construction, since that Settlement in common with the others was in our occupation on the 1st of January 1803, the date assumed in the Convention as that of the commencement of the War.

3. We have acted on this construction of the Convention with regard to Malacca and purpose to do the same with regard to Chinsura and see can have no hesitation in authorizing you to restore to the Offi=cers of the King of the Netherlands properly empowered to receive them all the Factories, Colonies and Esta=blishments

Establishments of the Dutch situated within the limits of our Authority with the exception of Cochin.—

Fort William
1st December 1816.—

We have the honor to be
Honorable Sir,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant.—

(Signed) Moira
" A.B. Edmonstone
" Alex.r Seton
" J. Dowdeswell.—

True Copies
Eli. Wells
Chief Sec.y

Ex.d
J.M.c Daniel

Revenue Department

To Mr Walter Balfour

Collector in the Southern Division of the

Sir Jaghire

I am directed by the
President and Members of the Board of
Revenue to transmit you the enclosed
Extract of a Letter from the Government of
Pallicat, and to desire you will enquire with
the Chief of Madras into the Complaints of
the Aumildar at Canangooly and report
the result for their Information.

I am

Fort St. George Sir

the 13th May 1791.

Your most Obedient Servant

W. Harington Secy

Ed. N. Wilson

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Rec'd a letter from the Chief of Sadr
& Govt Dated 12 inst. & ans.
1791.

(Revenue Department)

To M.r John Clerk

Collector of the Northern Division of the

Jaghire.

1.

Fort St George April 20th 1785.

To the Right Honble General Conmeeau
Commandant General of the French
Settlements on the Coast
of Choromandel
& Pondicherry

Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 16 Instant, claiming certain Lands, as Dependancies on Janam, which our Commissary has refused to deliver up: -

As it would appear from this Letter, and from the Pretensions advanced by M.r Martin, Your Chief at Janam, that you are desirous of possessing not merely what you possessed at the Begining of the late Wars, but what You had claimed at different times before that period; I think it a duty incumbent on me to call Your attention to the Treaty so lately concluded between our respective Courts. -

By the 13 Article of this Treaty, France is restored to the Settlements which

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Letter from the Revenue dated 13.th May 1785. Cons.

(Revenue Department)

To Mr. John Clerk

Collector of the Northern Division of the

Jaghire,

which belonged to it at the Beginning of the War — This therefore is the Standard by which Your Poſſeſſions at Yanam are to be regulated — what You might have claimed at any former Period, can have nothing to do with this Treaty unleſs such claims had been previously adjuſted, and included in the Provisions of the Treaty itself. —

It is a Circumstance perfectly underſtood by this Government that Mr Panon formerly Your Resident or Chief of Yanam did after the Peace of 1763 lay Claim to the Jurisdiction of the Boat People, and Pilots of the Island of Elicalippa, and that this claim not being supported by Proofs, was rejected by the Commiſſaries appointed on our part to make the Restitutions in consequence of that Peace — Mr Panon protested, and the Matter was referred to Europe, but

but Your Court never brought forward the Claim of Mr Panon. It does not appear indeed to have been discuſſed at any time, between the two Courts, and the late Treaty is altogether silent upon it — The Inference to be drawn from these Circumstances, is too plain to be mistaken, yet upon this claim so rejected by us, and not supported by the Court of France, You now found a Right to the whole Island of Elicalippa — Mr Panon contented himself with demanding that the Boat People, and Pilots might be under the Authority of the French — leaving the Revenues to the Proprietors of the Island — You require that the whole Island with all its appurtenances may be delivered up to France; but permit me to ask how your requiſition is to be reconciled with Mr Panon's

claim

(Revenue Department)

To M.r John Clerk

Collector of the Northern Division of the

Jaghire,

claim, or how Mr Paron's claim is under the Circumstances abovementioned to be reconciled with the late Treaty, which allows You no more than what You possessed at the Begining of the War?

In regard to the Territory which is formed into an Island or Peninsula by the Coringa River, and a Canal or Creek which communicates with it, I must observe that from the best Information I can obtain, Your Chief at Janam about a Year after the Restitutions were made in virtue of the Peace of 1763, possessed himself of such part of this Ground, as was then cleared, and the Territory itself being considered of little value, no opposition was then made by our Resident at Ingeram to this Encroachment — but In 1775 Mr Sadleir reclaimed it as the Property of the English; the most that can be claimed by You even

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even under this short irregular Possession you had is only 13/2 Candies, and this Quantity we should not be unwilling to allow you, but we could by no means admit your claim to any thing more, unless you had provid that you actually possessed the whole Peninsula under a proper Title at the Commencement of the late War. —

I have the honor to be

(Revenue Department)

To M.r John Clerk

Collector of the Northern Division of the

Jaghire,

Sir,

I am directed by the President,
and Members of the Board of Revenue to Ac=
=knowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the
11.th and 12.th Instant —

The Chief at Pulicat having
addressed Government on the subject of Taxes
demanded upon certain Articles passing from
Madras to Pulicat I am directed by the Board
to send you Copy of the Chief's Letter, and to
desire you will give Orders that no unusual
Duties be levied on Articles of Consumption
passing for the use of that Settlement —

Mr. Popham having submitted
to the Consideration of Government some Claims
of a pecuniary Nature, in Obedience to their
Commands

1 Draft to M. Contencau

relative to the Lands
claimed at Yanam —

Diary Consult 26 Sept.r
M.r Pope.
To Mr. Contencau
26 Sept.r 1765.

Mr. Bill
Mr.

Commands I am directed by the Board to
inform you that no Sequestration of the Farm
rented by him is to take place until the further
Resolution of Government on this subject
shall be known —

You will be pleased to send to the
Presidency immediately on Receipt of this
Letter the Canongoe's Gomastahs of the Purgunnahs
of Poonamalee and Saut Magans with the
Caumil Accounts, as also those of the Wosul or
Produce for the last five Years of the following
Villages —

Putpauk
Cottoor
Sydapet
Chittapett
Ameinjecarra
Kilpauk
Arrumbauk
Connoor
Tellawauk
Coodeb
Mullum
Pooleyoor
Codambauk
Vergambauk
Tergambauk
Sautegram
Collatoor
Perwaloor
Sirwalum
Sembaram
Eynawaram
Nuddawacurra
Trimungalum
Chynna Chumbrumback
Maddawaram
} In Saut Magan
Codungoorcullum
Poonadapollum
Jemblie
Shellaway
Munjumbaukum
Eranajary
Nedumwary
Little Sheycad
Great Sheycad —

I am,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
16th October 1790

W. Hornby

Rec.d No. 131
Revenue Board
16th October 1790

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