

Translation of a letter in the Persian language to his Majesty the King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland &c. &c. &c. from Wallajah Nabol of the Carnatick &c. &c.

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May it please your Majesty .

In my late address of Friendship to your Majesty, I did myself the honor of submitting to your Royal perusal, a copy of the Resolutions of your Governor General in support of my Rights; so deeply am I sensible of your Determination to maintain the Guaranty of your most Illustrious Grandfather, and of your Majesty in my favor, that I am conscious I could not have sent you a more acceptable present from the East —

In happiness and Adversity my Eyes are continually directed to your Majesty. On the present occasion, I very particularly beg your Royal Attention —

One of my greatest Sources of Anxiety and trouble for some time back, has been the Interference of your Subjects with my Family Affairs. Your Majesty is at once, the best of Fathers, as well as the best of Kings. You will therefore feel how improper it is

(as well as contrary to my law) that any Son should think himself Independent of his Father, & rely on other Support.

Till my Friends the Gentlemen of the Company were induced, by false Representations in Europe, to interfere about the Succession to my Government, my Mind was easy and saw no danger - But to put an end to troubles of this kind in future, and especially that I may give your Majesty the most undoubted proof that a Sovereign Prince can give of his entire Dependence on your Majesty, I have come to a Resolution of making and committing to your Majesty's charge, my Will and Testament relative to my Family and Dominions —

It is contained in the enclosed paper, sealed by my Seal and Chop, & signed by my Signature, & entirely written with my own hand. No Eye on Earth has seen the Contents but my own, nor is there any person that is inform'd of the Contents but myself. —

A Copy of my said last Will and Testament I transmit to the Governor General to be kept, like that sent to your Majesty, under the sacred Seal of Secrecy, till it pleases God to end my Days -

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Another Copy I keep in my own hands for the Governor & Council of Madras. I reserve to myself the power of making a new Testament when it is agreeable to me, & of sending the same to your Majesty and your Governor General -

Your Majesty on receiving this letter will no doubt order all your Subjects, who are concerned, to be informed that your Majesty is the Keeper & Executor of my Will and Testament, and that no other person interfere therein. I do not know of any other Method by which I can more fully prove my entire dependence on your Majesty, or I would adopt it. It is not only during my Life, but even after it that I depend on your Majesty, and I trust in God that as long as the Crown of Great Britain remains, so long shall my Family, & my Country enjoy its protection. Your Majesty has firmly established my Rights on the Foundation of the Treaty of Paris. When the Company's Charter comes under your Royal Consideration, I rely that you will add further consideration to my Rights. What can I say more

Done at Chepauk 27th Lehigh of
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B.S. As I wish a Remembrance
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of my Friendship to be always near your Royal Seat, I send
by Mr. Macpherson, one of your faithful Subjects, who has
served me with great Honor and Ability, a Star of white
Stones. It will be presented to your Majesty by my
Vaquell Colonel Mauleane, and I beg your Majesty to
wear it, tho' but one day for my Sake —

Examination of a letter
from the Master of the Mint
February 5. 1799