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Diary

19th

Dispatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in M B. Nos 88-89-90.-

To Commandants at Temericotah and

To Lieutenant Doig and Lieutenant Colonel Wynch.

the Guntoor Circar. transmitting Extract of a letter from the Nabob, advising of a party of Free Booters intending Depredations in the Palnaud - and desiring them to report upon the Subject

To Captain Kirkpatrick

To Resident at Hydrabad communicating the above intelligence, for the Information of the Nizam, in order that the Plunderers may be apprehended and their designs frustrated -

To Major Gowdie

To Commandant at Madura transmitting Copy of a Letter from the Nabob and desiring his reply to the points of Complaint therein preferred against him.

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in

M B. Nos 91-92-93-94-95-96-

From Mr Macleod

From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions with a report on the Bengal Rice in Store at Vellore - proposes that it be issued to the Troops there at 1 Fanam p measure -

From Acting Principal Agent for Cavalry

From Do

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19th Cavalry Supplies — Stating the Inconvenience arising from the Indents for the annual Supply for Grain being passed by the Military Board at the regulated period. suggests a Remedy.

From Doctor Gahagan

From Head Surgeon at Vellore enclosing an address to the Hospital Board on the subject of the present Medical System and the situation of the Head Surgeons in — particular, as being excluded from the usual professional practise.

From Mr Vaughan

From Paymaster at Madura in reply to Doctor Walkers complaint of his having partial payments.

From Captain Doveton

From Captain Doveton — forwarding a letter from Tippoo Sultaun to the Governor General and one from himself to Mr Secy Hay.

From Mr Reardon

From Paymaster at Pondicherry requesting to Know if he may pay allowed pensions upon the Authority of the Town Major —

Substance of a letter from the Nabob 21

Received letter from the Nabob. Entered in C.C. No 226 has given orders for the payment of annual Instalments upon Mr Sullivans Tuncah, in Mr Powneys hands —

From Mr Edmonstone

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M.B. Nos 97-98-99-100-101-102-103.

From Mr Reardon

From Persian Translator at Bengal — enclosing a letter for the Omdut.

From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — with his Estimates for December.

From

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From Lieutenant G. Bowness — shall make the required Compensation to Mr Luders' Gomastah.

From Commandant at Pondicherry — forwarding a letter from Colonel Chermont.

From Ditto Mr Du Fayal requests an encrease of Allowance.

From Ditto — Mr Griffiths requests leave to visit Madras.

From Ditto at Samulcotah — requests a Linguist and an Allowance for Tappal Peons

Sent letter to Tippoo Sultaun, Entered in

22d

CC Nos 227 stating the result of the enquiry relative to the Murder of the Aumuldar of Kejoojh, and desiring he will order the attendance of certain Witnesses upon Captain Read.

Dispatched the following letters.

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart

Governor General in Council

at Fort William.

Honorable Sir,

We are concerned to acquaint you that one of the Boats employed in transporting a part of the Dutch Troops from Negapatam to Jaffanapatam was stranded near Tope Torey, in a violent Storm, on the 29th ultimo and that twenty six Persons lost their lives — the remainder

amounting

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22 amounting to forty, have returned to Negapatam.

In reporting this circumstance to you, it may be proper to add, that we had directed all the Dutch Troops to be embarked on the chartered Ship [illegible]ia, which had been sent to Negapatam for the purpose, and was well calculated for the accommodation of all the Troops, but that, on the particular solicitation of Captain [illegible]heir, one of the Dutch Officers, we consented that his Company should embark for Jaffanapatam, the place of their former station, on Domis~ We have the honor to enclose copy of the letter from Mr Torriano advising us of the receipt of Captain Brohier with copy of our reply.

We have the honor to be

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Vr Vs

(Signd) Hobart

Vr Counail

To the Honorable JG Van Angelbeck

Governor Vr Vs and Council at Co[illegible]mbo

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

To Columbo with a similar Notification.

We had the honor to acq[illegible]int you in our letter of the 30th September that, in consequence [illegible] of instructions from the Governor General in Council of Bengal, [illegible]e had given orders for the return of the Troops (you were so ob[illegible]ging as to a[illegible]

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22 send at the request of this Government for the defence of the — Carnatic) to Trincamale or Columbo on a Ship that we — had provided for the purpose —

A few days after we had dispatched the letter abovementioned, we received, through our resident at Nagore, a representation from Captain Brohier, the Officer — Commanding the 12th Dutch company, setting forth the — inconveniences that would attend the embarkation of himself and company on the Ship; and requesting that, as his proper station was Jaffanpatam, he might be permitted to proceed thither with his company on Domies — Desirous of meeting the wish of this Officer, we gave our consent, and the Troops were accordingly embarked in two Domies which left — Negapatam on the 27th Ultimo. A violent storm overtook them the next day, and forced one of the Boats on Shore near Tope Trey where she was stranded, and (with deep concern we add) twenty six persons were drowned —

We have the honor to enclose a copy of Captain Brohiers general return of the Company on the — 10 Instant, shewing the Number present at Negapatam, of those arrived at Jaffnapatam, and of those lost in the Storm.

We have the honor to be

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(Signed) D. Hobart
Fr Council

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To Colonel John Brathwaite

President &c. Members of the

Military Board.

Gentlemen,

We have received your

letters dated

the 3 and 14th instant with their enclosures

We concur with you t

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for Gun Carriages had full opportunity to obtain

e necessary

information, prior to the execution of the contract,

loss to them, if any there be, is imputable to themselv

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engagements of this sort it is indispensable that

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where the party contracting with Government

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a disposition to relinquish any of the benefits

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himself, and if it were once in practice to alte

resulting to

contracts, according to the profit or loss arising f

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it would be better to discontinue them altogeth

om them,

therefore desire you will inform the contractor

r — We

hold them bound to make up every article in

that we

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This

To Military Board — no deviation from the stipulated terms of the Gun Carriage Contract can be admitted — the Contractors may make fresh Offers for the Articles not included therein — Letters from Colonels Floyd and Baird respecting reprovisions referred. — the former to rebuild the Barracks for the 19th Dragoons — Mr Bordier Sundries for Cash and Office furniture passed — and the Lascar boys to be admitted on the Rolls to report on Caffer Pittings' effects of his house at Palamcotah — and Lieutenant Dyce's request to replace 51 Coats destroyed —

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22 their contract on the stipulated terms, but that they are
permitted to offer fresh proposals for such articles as are
not as are not comprehended therein. you will transmit to
them, at the same time, the list marked R, and if they
are inclined to make proposals they are to be submitted to
us accompanied by your opinion

The damage occasioned to the quarters
in the Southern Division by the late Weather, will, most
probably, occasion some alteration in the estimates transmitted
with your Letter of the 14th Instant. We enclose copies of letters
from Colonel Floyd and Lieutenant Colonel Baird, and
desire you will give orders that other Estimates be made,
including the repairs immediately required

We have authorized Colonel Floyd
to erect temporary Barracks for the Men of the 19th Regiment
of Light Dragoons charging the actual cost upon honor,
and bringing the former Materials to account.

The indents from your Secretary for an
advance of three thousand Pagodas to enable him to make
up the Lascar Cloathing and for articles required in his
Office are approved.

The two orphan boys recommended by
you may be put upon the Rolls for an Allowance of half
a Pagoda each pr Month, until they shall be of an age

to

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22d to be taken into the Service—

We desire your opinion upon the —
accompanying Copy of a letter from Colonel Fa
the House offered for sale by Captain Gibbings, &d
allowance applied for by Lieutenant Taylor.

We enclose copy of a le
Barrack Master in the Southern Division, req
permission to make up fifty one new Cotts, in lieu we a
that number having been destroyed on the 29th
the range of Barracks of the 19th Regiment, & also any
you will report to us whether, consistently with the
the Company ought to be at the expence of repla
Cotts—

Fort St. George
the 20th November 1794

We are
Yr Yrs.
(Signed) Hobart
Yrs Council

Sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in
M. B. Nos 104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-
117-118-119-120.—

To Mr Secy Macy

To Secretary at Bengal—forwarding a
letters from Tippoo Suttaun and one from Captain Doveton
To Ditto—with Copies of Mysore —

To Ditto

Intelligence

To

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To Mess.rs Roebuck and Abbott 22

To Contractors for Repairs — enclosing Copy of the Nabobs Order to his Son at Trichinopoly entered in last Diary —

To Mr Vaughan

To Paymaster at Madura — requiring an explanation of his Conduct, in refusing to subsist a few Artillery Men of Lieutenant Fennel's Detachment — and apprizing him that the next well founded complaint against him will be followed by a removal from his Office —

To Military Board

To Military Board — referring an application for the usual House Rent for keeping the Officers Quarters at Conatore in Repair.

To Commander of the Army — Lieutenant Colonel Smith can only draw the house rent of his rank, nor can puckallies be allowed him — the Soldiers of the 3d Battalion to receive the punishment adjudged them — the Stores secreted at Pondicherry to be confiscated and given over to the Prize Agents — the Allowances to Officers on Courts Martial cannot be encreased — Lieutenant Hewitson will be recommended for Lord Clives Pension —

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Ditto desiring him to name a Battalion to be stationed at Mellore —

To Ditto

To Military Auditor General — Messrs Hendersons and Abernethies Bills to be passed, and Lieutenant Mc Dowells arrears of pay to be discharged — Mr Mc Arthur to draw full Batta while detained at Madras

To Auditor General

To

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To Auditor General. 22

To Auditor General – referring Mr. Roebuck's Estimate for December and an additional one for November.

To Ditto

To Ditto – referring Mr Skardons –

Estimates for December –

To Captain Doveton

To Captain Doveton – with a letter for Tippoo Sultaun –

To Mr Torriano

To Resident at Nagore – with directions to procuring a conveyance for Captain Br[illegible] heir to Jaffna- and supplying him with every requisite for the voyage. to reply to an imputation of neglect in taking up the Boats on which the Dutch Troops embarked.

To Ditto

To Ditto with a letter for the Dutch Government at Columbo –

To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell

To Commandant at Palamcotah expressing surprize at the Amount of the Repairs there no part of them to be undertaken by him –

To Colonel Nixon

To Ditto at Pondicherry – Messrs – Collin, Chauzy and Marcilly to be informed that they cannot be restored to their late offices

To Colonel Floyd.

To Ditto at Trichinopoly – may – rebuild the Temporary Barracks of the 19th Dragoons charging upon honor – and forwarding the Nabobs Orders to his Son for affording assistance to the Contractors people.

To

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To Vizagapatam 22d

To Vizagapatam declining the offer of Captain Cox's house.

Substance of a letter from the Peshwah 24th

Received letter from the Peshwah, Entered in C.C. No. 228, congratulating the President on his accession to the Government.

Received the following letters —

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From the Auditor General reporting the Sum payable for Military Charges in December and upon additional Estimates for November - Regimental Storeroom for 73d Regt inadmissible —

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of December 1794 and the two additional Estimates for the current Month, forwarded to me with Mr Secretary Jackson's Letters of the 5th and 19th Instant, I have the honor to report that the Sum of Pagodas Two Lacks thirty seven thousand four hundred and Twenty Two, Twenty four fanams and thirty six Cash / 237422. 24. 36. / is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month Viz.t

From

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A 24 From the General Treasury

By Bills upon the Military Paymaster Genl

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Pagodas 237		22.	24 2/12 36

And also that the Sum of Twenty Seven thousand one hundred and Sixty eight Sixteen fanams and Nine Cash

as per the additional Estimates for the current

admissible and payable from the General Trea

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month is —

ury —

In regard to an Allow

of the 73d Regiment for a Regimental Store ro

my report is called for in the concluding Parag

Jackson's letter of the 5th Instant I beg leave to

that it is drawn for at the Presidency by the

and that no charge of the same kind for th

Regiments has been hitherto admitted at the

also as it is understood that the allowance

Presidency, includes Store Room for the Cloath

as other Regimental Stores belonging to those

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Barrack Master.

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Troops —

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

(Signed) Henry

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Military Auditor Generals Office

Fort St. George

24th November 1794

To

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24 The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George -

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 21st Instant, with the Estimates of the expected Disbursements in the Department of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of December 1794 and to report thereon as follows

Auditor General's report on the Estimate for Grain and Provision Department for December

Expected Disbursements at Madras	166.	41.	40
Chengleput Permacoil and Pondicherry	200.	16.	64
Arnee Vellore and Amboor	71.	12	—
Tanjore	16.	30	—
Palamcotta	12.	31.	40
Masulipatam	61.	18	62
Baramahal	119.	—	—
Ellore	339.	40.	64
Chicacole	1000.	—	—
Pags.	1988.	23.	30

From the total amount of expected Disbursements, as above stated, the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

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24th Provisions deducts the following Sums as not issuable from the General Treasury at the Presidency but payable out of the expected receipts from Sales in the Department or from the Subordinate Treasuries for which Bills will be drawn upon him and transferred through the General Treasury

Masulipatam	61	2	18. 62
Baramahal	1	month	— —
Ellore	32	40	64
Chicacole	1000	—	— —
Vellore	71.	12	—
Pag.s	1591.	29.	46

Consequently the amount issuable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in November 1794 as per Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is (396. 35. 64.) Pagodas Three hundred and Ninety Six thirty five fanams and sixty four Cash

I have the honor to be

Fs Fs

(Signed) Henry Malcolm

Asst Audr Genl

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
24th November 1794

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to report as follows upon the

Auditor Generals report on the Estimate for the Bullock Department for December

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24 The General Estimate of expected Disbursements in the — "
Department of the acting Principal Agent for Draught and
Carriage Bullocks for the Month of December 1794, — "
accompanying Mr Secretary Jacksons letter of the — "
21st Instant.

Expected Disbursements at Madras	396.	4 — "
Arnee Vellore and Amboor	15	— " — "
Trichinopoly	2500	— " — "
Madura	6	— " — "
Dindygul	249.	18. 72
Pallamcotta	277.	10. 60
Baramahal	75	— " — "
Ellore	731	— " — "
Chicacole	1000	— " — "
Itchapour District	20	— " — "
Hydrabad Detachment	858.	38 — "
Pag.[illegible]	6128.	29. 52

From the Total amount of expected Disbursements as before — "
stated the acting Principal Agent for Draught and — "
Carriage Bullocks deducts the following Sums as not issuable
from the General Treasury at the Presidency but payable — "
from the Subordinate Treasuries for which Bills will be — "
drawn upon him and Transferred through the General — "
Treasury —

Baramahal

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24th Baramahal	75	—	—
Vellore	15	—	—
Ellore	732	—	—
Chicacole	1000	—	—
Itchapour	20	—	—
Hyderbad Detachment	858	38	—
Pagodas	36[illegible]	38	—

Consequently the amount payable at the [illegible] Presidency as per Estimate of Acting Principal Agent for [illegible] Carriage Bullocks for December 1794 is / 342[illegible] Pagodas Three thousand four hundred twenty three fanams and fifty two cash / 3428. 33. 52/

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
/ Signed / Henry [illegible]
Mily Audr

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
24th November 1794

Received also the undermentioned letters —

Entered in M. B. Nos 121. 122. 123. 124.

From Sir Charles Malet — From Resident at Poonah forwarding the letter from the Peshwah above noted.

From Masulipatam — From Masulipatam relative the custody of the Keys of the Garrison and giving out the Parole.

From Lieutenant Symons — From Lieutenant H. Symons requesting full

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24 full Batta while detained at Madras —

From Commandant at Pondichery

From Colonel Nixon

submitting a Petition from the Inhabitants. also —

M Lemerons Suggestions regarding the Choultry Court

— his own opinion on the Subject

Dispatched the undermentioned

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Letters Entered in M. B Nos 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130

131. 132. "

To Collector in the Baramhaul

To Captain Read

the Prisoners Mentioned in his Letter of the 4th Instant

not to be released until further orders.

To Secretary at Bengal —

To Mr Secy Hay

with Copy of Mysore Intelligence

To Messrs Colt Baker & Co —

To Messrs Colt Baker & Co.

granting a Compensation for the Liverpool.

To Resident at Hydrabad with

To Captain Kirkpatrick

Copy of the Map constructed by Lieutenant Orr.

To Import Warehouse Keeper —

To Import Warehouse-Keeper

directing him to supply Cloth for 7000 Sepoy Jackets

to

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24 to Mons.r La Faye, instead of to Looba-row and Mahomed Hussain –

Military Board

To Military Board directing that – Returns of Provisions in Store on the Coast accompany, in future, the Quarterly Returns to Bengal.

Do Ditto

To Ditto – with orders to furnish certain Stores for the Nizams in lieu of those ordered on the 24 September Instructions for an advertisement for the purchase of Muskets reported to be in possession of Individuals

To Colonel Nixon

To Commandant at Pondicherry

French Subjects to be allowed no subsistence after their – departure from the Coast.

At

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At a Consultation
Present
The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor President
Edward Saunders
and
Ernst William Tallofield Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read

Tuesday
25th November
— 1794 —

and approved. —

Read the following letter and
Enclosures from Colonel Braithwaite. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.
Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir,

From Colonel Braithwaite forwarding a letter from Major Orr relative to the Standard allowance of grain for each Horse daily — the mode of Issue on the subject and Date of the Commander in Chief's Approval.

I have the Honor to lay before you a letter from Major Orr. By the date you will see that it has been some time in my possession, for as I judged it would be necessary to accompany it with some opinion, I have endeavoured to gain as much Information on the subject as I could

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could, and to this end have Conversed & and Corresponded with such as I thought Competent judges. –

Previous to the receipt of this Letter from Major Orr, I had in Consequence of a former Letter of his, and your Commands, called upon the other Majors Commanding Regiments of Cavalry for their opinions, and Copies of those I have also the Honor to inclose. –

Major Orr differs in opinion with the other Majors respecting the Standard allowance of Corn and Hay for each Horse being requisite to keep them in good Condition and fit for Service – It appears from all the information I can get, that an allowance of 5 Seers, as it is regulated in His Majesty's 19th Regiment, is necessary – for although some Horses may not, from general Constitution, require so much, and others, from particular Circumstances ought not to have so much – there are others

which

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which from both those Causes require more
and on the supposition that there is any
surplus, that is to compensate for any ex-
pence which may at any time arise
from a particular and more expensive
repair or order for any Horse, for which
there is to be no Charge; so that it does
not appear, that in a course of time, com-
prehending various Situations and
Circumstances, that there could be any
material saving to the Company, what-
ever may appear in Statements set
forth, drawn from Experiments made
during a very limited time, and under
every advantage — that is, supposing
five and does to be necessary, and as
that appears to be admitted by every
one but Major Orr, I am inclined to think
it would be running a risk, on a single opinion,
to attempt the saving, which might be of
counter-balanced by the loss of some and
the low condition of all the Horses, if such duty
called for, for smart Duty. —

I observe

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I observe that Major Orr calculates both in raw and boiled Grain, the Company is charged for it always by raw Measurement, and I know, by my own experience, that nothing certain can be drawn from Calculations made on boiled Grain, the quantity of which, yield-ed from raw Grain, perpetually varies according to the quality of the Grain — and the care and attention with which it is boiled and drained. —

I am clearly of opinion that the most likely method to prevent abuses in every Department of the service is to separate, as much as possible, every means of Emolument from ultimate Responsibility, and this seems to be the spirit of the late Standing Regulations for the Cavalry — as the Commanding Officer, who has the ultimate responsibility for the state and Condition of the Horses has nothing to do with Supplies, but stands as a decided and powerful Check over those that do Supply. — Major Orr's proposal therefore to take charge of the Grain, and supply the

artistes

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articles detailed in the Government order of 4th
april 1793 to be furnished by the officer com-
manding Troops, being contrary to the system
ought not in my opinion to be adopted, for
with every favorable opinion of Major Orrs
integrity, and attention to public Economy,
I think it dangerous to deviate from rules
which are to operate generaly, and are
Calculated to secure the Company's Property in
all Circumstances under the Management
of various Characters, and on this principle
I think, when it happens that the officer who
Commands a Troop is absent, the supplying
of that Troop should by no means [illegible] to the
Commandant of the Regiment but that it should
[illegible] immediately to some European Officer in the
Regiment not having a Troop or in default of
such to the Subaltern — that so the office of Supply
might be completely separate from the offices of
Check —

It does not appear to me that
Lieutenant Sherriff's application means any
thing further than requesting, that the Sum
Standard

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Standard allowance should be issued for
every Horse in the Troops under his Command
and that what surplus remains, in consequence
of some Horses being on a lower allowance should
go to him as an indemnification for any
Expence incurred by the ordering of any Extra food
which it is his Duty to supply — and this I think
reasonable — It has been sanctioned by Government,
at the Recommendation of the Military Board, for
His Majesty's 19th Regiment, and I am of opinion it
would be well to make it general throughout the Country
and then I think every Supply is as well provided
for as it can be — and the Commanding Officer
placed in the Situation in which he ought to be,
namely, that of Chief, and controul over the whole,
which Situation is incompatible, in my opinion,
with his having any Concern whatever in the
providing of any thing for his Corps.

I have thus Noble Sir, delivered my
opinion framed upon general principles, and
such information as I have been able to procure,
in addition to what I have myself observed — and
also

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Sir I think Major Dow merits Commendation
for his attention to the subject, and Zeal for the
Service, I cannot think of recommending any
alteration in the Standard allowances of Rice
as not sure to each Horse, or that any thing less than
that quantity should be issued to the Officer Com-
manding the Troops. So long as it remains in
the hands of the officer Commanding the Troop
only, it will be the fault of the Commanding
Officer of the Regiment if there is any abuse, as
he has effectual powers of Check in his hands, but
if placed in the hands of the officer Commanding
the Regiment, in so doing Government abandons
the principle of Check altogether, when the
Officer Commanding the Regiment also of
Commands the Station — nor should it
be objected to on the principle that the al-
lowance Grain may some times prove a
source of a Little Emolument to the Officer
Commanding a Troop — because, it may
some times fall short of indemnifying
him, and because that Emolument cannot

while

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while with the Corps over he created or exercised by his own authority - and I am not desirous any further Check. -

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
September 1. 1794.

I have the Honor to be, with Respect,
&c &c &c

(Signed) John Braithwaite

Lieutenant Walter Wilson
Secretary to Colonel Braithwaite
Commanding the Army on the
Sir Coast

opinion of major
Grange

I am safely to your Letter of the
29th ultimo, I have to request you will inform
Colonel Braithwaite, that I am of opinion, if there
are any Officers who are desirous of joining their
Corps, and to be in
readiness to take the Field, at the shortest notice
Three Years of New Grown, is indispensible, for each
Horse, and if possible an additional Subaltern whilst in
the Field, from the additional fatigue, which
the Horses of the Native Cavalry, are subject to,
and I am further of opinion, that Officers of
Commanding Troops, should draw the
Field

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[illegible] allowance as Sanctioned by Government,
to enable them in lieu thereof, to furnish Sick
Horse, and those in low condition, with such
nourishing food as may be found necessary;
which System, I find from my own observation,
is attended with the least trouble, and every
advantage to the Service. —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

(Signd) Wm Young
Major Commandant
4th Reg. N. Cav.

Cantonment
near Arcot
July 2. 1794.

True Copy (Signd) Wm Wilson Lieut

To Captain Watson,
Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Sir, The points on which Colonel Braithwaite is pleased to require my opinion, seem to me so very clear, that I have proceeded with my opinion without going further than your Letter. —

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Five Sers of Grain was
always the established allowance for of
each Horse daily, from the year 1792; Still
an order of Government was issued that
the daily indents, should specify the number
and condition of the Horses, with the quantity
drawn for each, allowing five Sers Less than five
Just for Horse fit for Duty; in Consequence of
which order I considered it my Duty to consult
the Farrier and deduct from the Standard
allowance for such Horses, as from Sickness or
other causes ought not to be issued the Full
Ration the above order was issued
and whilst the Commanding Officer of his
Regiment by Contract it was the invariable
practice, when Grain could be procured, to issue
out the Full allowance of five Sers per Horse,
and although some very few Horses would not
eat their allowance, or it might not be deemed
proper to give it to them; there were many
other Horses, that from their Age or advanced age
/tho fit for Service/ required more than the
the Established allowance; and the Savings
from

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from the Sick Horse was divided amongst
those of the above description, by which means
the old and large Horse were kept in heart and
fit for all Duties. —

For the above reasons, I will not hesitate
to give my opinion that five seers per day should
be the Established allowance. —

and, That the officer Commanding
Troops should draw for the full allowance
for every Horse and dispose of such Grain as
is saved from the sick Horse, amongst the large
and the old Horse, at all times reporting to the
Commanding officer, his reason for reducing
the Feed of some, and adding to the Feed of other
Horses.

Thus far, Sir, had I proceeded before I
looked at the Papers referred to, that I should not
be biassed by any opinions contained in them
and after perusing them very attentively, I do
not find any reason to change my opinion —
I still think that five seers of Grain per day is
absolutely necessary to keep a Cavalry Horse in
serviceable order, that any savings from the
Sick

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Sir, may be with Sentinels on the Large and Old Wood, and include some addition to the establishment allowance is necessary to keep them in order. —

I have the Honor to be

Yr. &c. &c.

(Signed) J Stevenson

Major Cavalry

Fort St George
29th June 1794

True Copy

(signed) WL Wilson Lieut

To Lieutenant Wilson
Secretary to Lieut. Col. Braithwaite

Sir,

Superintendant of Police

I was yesterday honored with your favor of the 29th ultimo with a Copy of an address from Major Government &c. &c. &c. dated [illegible] to [illegible] points appertaining to the Grant Contract. of this Corps, and in compliance with Colonel Braithwaite's command, permit me to request, you will inform him, that in my opinion the present Established Standard allowance

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of Grain for each Horse, viz.t 5 Pds per Day tho' it
certainly sufficient is by no means too much, it
at least Have never found it to be so — The 2d Argument
at the Present is not deficient for single Groomsetter,
yet not withstanding it's so well supplied with it
the article of Grass and likewise the above
quantity of Grain which has been regularly
drawn for, Have lately been mortified / found it
very that, in consequence of the many Exercise
and usual Duties the Horses were falling off in
Care and Spirit) to allow two resting days per Week,
Thursday as well as Sundays and am apprehen-
sive that still more Time for the above
purpose may yet probably be found Ex-
pedient, however contrary to my inclina-
tion having many Pursuits to pursue —

Experience sufficiently proves a
Six Weeks, and even frequently
Months, are inadequate for a new
Trooper to ascertain his Seat on Horse back,
and that on unremitting practice after
it's acquired it indispensably necessary to
Establish him confidently in it and to preserve

this

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Sir

I have professional advantage with regard, I think
think that a Regiment of Horse Have Pursued, with
its Laborious Drills and watering trips We could
in general consume the present allowance of Grain
and Grass with the beneficial facility and that less
may be prejudicial by hindering to compleat the
various Duties that the Troops may engage in. —

Respecting the Officer Commanding
Troops drawing for the whole of the Standard of
allowance for their respective Horses: Considering
the spirit of the arrangement on that head
to be the same with the good of the Service, I
on this principle) finding it most Eligible, I
authorized them so to do, and while recommend
the same mode to be continued on
none of the Effective Horses entertained
Considering that quantity and in
that are not so — The Horses that are
backed and Lame can generally
as short, and may probably require
Liberal Fed, which can be only
judged of by their age, Size, Condition

Sir

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to be in, and not such temporary injuries
provided nothing further ails them — It is
well known that a Horse when much
reduced by a deficiency of food, too fatiguing
Exercise, or both, requires a long time of rest
more with additional food to bring them v
again up his former situation. I therefore
think every possible means ought to be v
adopted to preserve the Horses of Companies in
good case particularly as it will be likewise
great in restoring them in Health,
which cannot be done more effectually
than by tempering their Exercise with
rest as occasion may require, attending
to their food, and permitting the Standard
allowance to be at all times drawn for
them — When a Horse by sickness or v
Poverty requires his food to be changed for
Rice, Jaw, Gram, or a more nourishing Diet,
it has been my custom, on such a report
being made to me, in order to prevent
further Expence to the Company or v
prejudicial

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prejudicial Delays / to permit the officers to make use of the Grass of such Sick Horses only for the purpose of procuring the necessary prescribed food, and it with pleasure I can say that my injunctions and the good of the Service in general has been by them on all occasions ever fully and zealously attended to in every instance — Regarding Lieutenant Sharriff speaks of, I neither know of, or would wish to admit such a thing — The Grass with the 2. Regiment cut by the different Troops without the smallest Diminution in such Proportions to their respective Horses as may be deemed most suitable to them. —

I have the Honor to Remain,
Yours &c
(Signed) J Oates
Major Comg. 1st 2d
R. Cavalry.

Connatore
July 2nd 1794

True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson
Secy

To

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To Colonel John Braithwaite

Commanding the army on the Coast.

Sir,

opinion of my

I have the honor to transmit
to you my opinion on the heads sub=
mitted to me by your Secretary. —

It is my opinion each Horse
that is fit for Duty should have five
pounds of raw Grain per day as at
present, and upon said Service even
more is necessary from the difficulty
of procuring Grass) and Forrage daily
without of their being able to eat it. —
To my own Horse which are in constant
work, I allow 6 Quarts of said Grain ata
feed, and find it necessary, very frequently
to order a larger allowance than 6 Quarts
to the Main Regimental Horses, Grain
the onely Grain. —

As to the officers drawing
the full feed of Grain for all their
Horses,

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Sir, I was thought that of the sick Horses was meant to be a saving to the Honble Company untill my Officers had informed me of a letter from Government to Colonel Floyd stating that the overplus Grain of Horses that were not to get their full Ist. by order of the Farrier Major, was to go to the officer commanding the Troops, to enable him to provide the Sundries that were wanted during the Horses sickness. This I think myself improper, as I think no Grain ought to be drawn from the Stores, but what goes to the Lines, and no more is Grain should be boiled for a Horse that is sick than the Farrier Major orders: it is my opinion it would be a saving to the Honble Company to give an extra allowance (proportioned to the nature of the disease) to officers commanding Troops for sick Horses during their illness, in place of allowing them the sick Horses overplus Grain as

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a Reimbursement for the expences they
incur, which prevents their knowing the
expence of a Horse p. month, by making
it so many Fanams, and so many Seers
of boiled Grain, according to the time the
Horse is sick, and Sare of opinion this
would prevent trifling references to the
Government and the Commander in
Chief. —

I have the honor to remain
Sir
Your most
obedient humble Servant
Signed J. Murray
Major Commanding 1st Batt. 7th Regt N. Cav.

Cavalry Cantonments
This Arrot July 3: 1794

True Copy
Signed Wm Wilson Secy

To The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt
President in Council Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

I have herewith the honor of
forwarding the observations you have been
pleased to allow me to make, through
the Commander in Chief, accompanied
with

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with such Statements from the Practice
of my own Regiment as Humbly conceive
may tend to place the Subject in the A
clearest light, for the Determination of your
Honor in Council &c —

My Duty led me to address Govern —
on event in the month of may last in consequence
of a Letter I received from Lieutenant Shannon
who commands a Troop in the 5th Regiment
of Cavalry — His representation then and
Solicitation of Sale allowance of raw Grain
for every horse in his Troop " induced me
and that the surplus grain should be at
disposal, and he adds " although I dislike
introducing it in my former letter
Honor &c. that I have learned are
grievances which being strictly
are rather aggravated than
this style of writing to the
is adverted to and the matter
duly considered, I trust that I will
to have acted with as much
provides, by only making the

Grain as

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reference for my future guidance. In this reference, I have only confined myself to the submitting of such opinions and reasoning as then occurred to me, never conceiving that a more minute investigation could be wanting to guard against the arrangement in question, and much less did I suppose that it had actually been recommended to Government. — But, as the arguments I then offered may differ from the sentiments of the other Commandants, whose opinions it is natural to suppose will be conformable to the practice of their respective Corps, which has been represented to me as varying, in this point, from the manner in which I considered it my duty to carry the late Regulations into effect, ever since they were published in april 1793. I now most respectfully beg leave to come forward with what I look upon to be substantial proof instead of "reasoning" to which authority the first and the greatest of opinions are daily found to give way — and upon this ground and from

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from a conviction that the good of the service will ultimately determine the point, I feel conscious that I am discharging the duties of my Station by using every means in my power to prevent the establishing of a new arrangement which if carried into effect must not only subject the Company, to an annual loss of many thousands of Pagodas, but may be the means of introducing much interior abuse, besides the probability of its subjecting officers in charge of corps to be constantly opposed by those under their command whenever the latter are restrained from increasing the Sepoys grain — to such a quantity as meets with their ideas. —

Authorizing the public grain to be converted into private uses or to be appropriated to any other purpose than feeding the Company's horses, cannot, I presume, ever be adopted as an arrangement when the consequences are maturely considered and the nature of the proposal fully examined in

That

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that such quantity of public grain as circumstances
may make Surplus, not less in all probability "from
the calculation of practice which is here subjoined
for inspection, as taken from the officers reports,
and issues per accounts forwarded to the Military
Board" than 225 Garce 27 Candies 8½ Seers annually "which at 70 lbs.
see D N° 1 and 2.
per Garce will stand the Company 15799 Pagodas, "first cost,
see D N° 1 & 2.
in time of peace, and in the Field 66199. Pagodas allowing
see D N° 1 & 4.
50400 Pagodas for the Carriage of 3 months stock at
see D N° 1
a time shall be given to officers Commanding
Troops, as a remembrancer for deficiencies they
are supposed to be at in supplying Type of
Sheeps heads &c. &c. the actual appearance
of which articles must at all times be a
trifling; and I humbly conceive that it has
been the original intention of the Regulations
published in april 1793, to class them with
the List of articles understood to be wanted
for sick and unhealthy Horses, trusting
that the heads of Corps would see those trifling
matters supplied when the allowance was
so ample, otherwise the Regulations, then
published, for the Cavalry, have the
appearance

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appearance of being incomplete, in as
much as they overlook the granting of
the above Surplus gram on the foregoing
Sum "annually" to purchase Tyre, Shoes
heads, &c., &c., which is not even to be
supposed. — But to clear up the point
from practice, I beg leave to submit to
your honor &c. that in the Corps under my
Command, there has not been 5 Pagodas
expended for the articles" which are called
extra during the last year, and the mode of
feeding our horses at this station cannot be
disapproved of when I state that the 5th
5. Regiment has only lost one horse, occasioned
by the kick of a vicious horse, during the last
12 months; and out of 72 now present at
the Cantonment I can produce 66 in high
Condition the remaining six were delivered
over to the Regiment ill of a disorder, of
which they have not as yet got the better — The
monthly gram accounts which have been
forwarded to the Military Board will
clearly ascertain the quantity of raw Gram
upon

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upon which I calculate the 3 months issue and the 24 Reports, made to me by the Officer of the Day, which are for the same 3 months, will prove that I have not stinted the horses in the allowance I have ordered to be drawn for them, and I trust that a seperate examination of both these publick Vouchers "as with their detailed" will demonstrate to what extent the amount of Surplus Grain may accumulate — should any difficulty arise, in the Corps I command, about the supplying of these "small articles" which are called extra out of the present allowance of 4lb½ I am authorized granted by Government I pledge myself to have the Regiment amply provided "both in peace and War" upon the same terms, without claiming a measure of publick grain, or any further equivolent, and hereby the plea that is urged for "taking such a quantity of Grain out of the publick Stock" as I am persuaded all Individuals must often be at a loss to find use for "as well as very other

objection

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objection, will be entirely done away, &
without incurring any breach of peace
to the Company. The offer which I now
make for my own Corps" in case that
Government should find it expedient
to call upon me to fulfill it" does not
proceed from theory alone, as two Vacant
Troops of this Regiment are now supplied
by my directions, owing to a scarcity of
European officers, and I find the present
allowance very ample for all the above
purposes, but, at the same time, I disclaim
all motives of self interest from the
proposal, and beg leave "most humbly" to
submit to your honor &c "that I will be
happy to see the Trust continued in the
present hands" throughout the Corps "
I command" in preference to any "
change, provided it is conducted upon terms
equally unobjectionable, and beneficial
to the Service, as those I have the honor
of submitting. —

As the present reference has

been

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been brought forward in consequence of a
Claim from one of my Officers" which I
appear to me to be injurious to the Service
Service" and which opposes the orders and
the practice of the Corps Command" and as
I understand that great injustice are at
making in support of this claim, I feel it
incumbent upon me," from a sense of
Duty, which private motives never ought
to weaken" from what I owe to the Service"
and to my Station, to submit every thing
to Government, to whose superior judgment
I humbly appeal, whether the manner
in which I have carried the Regulations
into effect or the new proposed System
is most beneficial to the Service, and from
the same motives I am led to request that
Government will be pleased to decide
whether the System I have observed, in
the 5th Regiment, of making the Officer
in Charge of public grain debit the
Company for the actual wastage and
loss that is sustained, or the new recommended
System

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System of allowing a promiscuous loss
of 5 per Cent for wastage upon
all issues is to be my guidance – The
wastage resulting from the practice
in my Regiment, as appears from
the subjoined Statement, amounts to
some thing less than 1 3/4 per Cent,
and will not, in future, come to 1 per
Cent owing to the grain being now
delivered out of Regimental Store by
the Measurement of a Company's
Marcall which was not the case formerly, but the plan which I
understand has been submitted to
Government recommends that an
indiscriminate allowance of 5 per
Cent shall be given as wastage upon
all grain that may be issued. The
Recommendation and the practice
I have observed speaks for itself; and
to prove the justness of this System, I
pledge myself that the wastage upon
Grain

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Gratuity to the Corps under my
Command in time of peace shall
never exceed 1 per Cent, but I do not wish
to undertake such a trust unless the
Government should see it expedient
to call upon me to fulfil what I have
proposed. The last subject as well as
my first Statement respecting the
Surplus gram will I trust appear to
be of sufficient importance to entitle
the subjoined Calculations to be strictly
scrutinized in as much as the public
savings that promise to arise from
the adoption of this System "should it be
approved of by Government" will
in all probability nearly amount
to 18555 Pagodas 38 Fanams in a
time of Peace and adding Carriage
in time of War to 68955 Pagodas 38
Fanams

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System of allowing a promiscuous loss of 5 per Cent for wastage upon all issues is to be my guidance The wastage resulting from the practice in my Regiment, as appears from the subjoined Statement, amounts to some thing less than 1¾ per Cent, and will not, in future, come to 1 per Cent" owing to the grain being now delivered out of Regimental Store by the Measurement of a Company's Marcall which was not the case formerly," but the plan which A. I understand has been submitted to Government recommends that an indiscriminate allowance of 5 per Cent shall be given as wastage upon all grain that may be issued. The Recommendation and the practice I have observed speaks for itself; and to prove the justness of this System, I pledge myself that the wastage upon Grain

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Grain issued to the Corps under my
Command in time of peace shall
never exceed 1 per Cent, but I do not wish
to undertake such a trust unless the
Government should see it expedient
to call upon me to fulfil what I have
proposed. The last subject as well as
my first Statement respecting the
Surplus grain will I trust appear to
be of sufficient importance to entitle
the subjoined Calculations to be strictly
scrutinized in as much as the publick
savings that promise to arise from
the adoption of this System "should it be
approved of by Government" will
in all probability nearly amount
to 18555 Pagodas 38 Fanams in a
time of Peace and adding Carriage
in time of War to 68955 Pagodas 38
Fanams

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Jamaica, but here I include
the additional sawing between
the recommendation of 5 per
Cent for wastage, and the
practice in my Corps of
only admitting the wastage
that is actually deficient.—

In the statements
and observations my
situation, at the head of
a Corps, enables me to
lay before your honor in

Council

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Council &c. are intended
to benefit the Service, I trust
that they will meet with
the approval and the
Support of Government,
whose indulgence throughout
I humbly hope for. -

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

Cantonment
Chimundalum
July 7th 1794 / Signed / J. Orr
Major Commanding
5th Regiment Native
Cavalry & Cantonment

Reference

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C. . .

Comparison of Wastage between the 5th Regiments accounts and the new recommended System of allowing 5 per Cent

Grain or Sum

Grain or Sum

amount of Raw Grain issued to the 5th Regiment in 9 months	12394	1	Raw Grain expended in the 5th Regiment Native Cavalry in 9 months commencing 1st October 1793 and ending 30th June 1794	12394	1
Wastage and Loss by measurement if charged at 5 per Cent as recommended to Government	259	8	Wastage and loss of measurement charged in the above as per accounts forwarded to the Military Board	"	87
			Saving to the Company between the practice of the 5th Regiment Native Cavalry and the recommendation given to Government to allow a permanent wastage of 5 per Cent on all Grain issued as appears on the opposite side	"	172 8
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Rijksarchief in Utrecht

C . .

Comparison of Wastage between the 5th Regiments Accounts and the new recommended System of allowing 5 per Cent

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Grain Issued to Regiments

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Resolution in consequence

The Board are of opinion, after mature Consideration of the foregoing Papers and of the Observations of the Military Board and Colonel Floyd upon the same subject / vide Minutes of Consultation of the 1st June and the 2nd July / That five Seers of raw grain ought to be allowed daily for each Horse of the Native Cavalry; and that the Distribution should remain with the Commandant of the Corps or the Senior Officer in charge of the Regiment. Resolved therefore, That this opinion be adopted, and further, That the 49th Fanams now drawn monthly by Officers commanding Troops, for the Provision of the articles specified in the orders of Government of the 24th April 1793, be in future drawn by the Commandants of Native Regiments, who shall cause the articles to be inspected once in each week, and supply every Deficiency on the Indent from Officers in charge of Troops.

Resolved

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Resolvd, that the above be carrid
into effect in the Native Cavalry on and
after the 1st day of January 1795, and that the
Company from that Period be at no
expence whatsoever in providing Food for
Sick horses. —

Read the following proceedings of
the Hospital Board. —

Observations of
Government
25th November 1794.

Hospital Board
24th November 1794

From Hospital Board, propose a Genl. Order for preparing & Inoculating the Troops — not. Each wishes to visit the Presidency

As the order of Government
relative to the preparation and
Inoculation of the Troops were
not publickly notified last year
until the Season was too far
advanced, we recommend that a
General order be immediately
published to the following effect.

This being the most
favorable Season for Inoculation,
the Right Honble the President
in Council is pleased, at the
recommendation of the Hospital
Board

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Board to direct that the Surgeons of Stations and Corps do promote, as much as possible the practice of Inoculation amongst all discriptions of persons.—

The Regimental Surgeons are to select all the men who are ignorant of having had the small pox and put them on the following Diet.—

Breakfast - Buttter-milk & Rice or Tyre Rice

Dinner { Mutton Broth with Greens, and Mutton with Bread and Rice.—

Supper Conjee and Sugar

The Rules and Diet prescribed as above to be extended to every place where Troops are Stationed, and a List of such of the men as wish to benefit by the Inoculation to be forwarded to the Hospital Board.

approved

M.

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Mr William Tait A
Assistant Surgeon to the 5th
Regiment of Native Cavalry
requests the permission of
approved Government to visit the Residency
on his private concerns, which we
recommend may be granted

(Signed) Jas Anderson
Physician General
Colin L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon
Wm Kaine
Head Surgeon

Read the following Letter from
Bengal

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
at
Fort St George

My Lord

from Bengal - approving
the Boards resolution
concurring the prisoners
desired by the Danish
Government to be
returned on the Cartel
ship - List of those
sent from Batavia
to the Isle of France
enclosed. —

We should have done ourselves
the Honor of replying sooner to your Lordships
Letter of the 3d Instant, relative to the Cartel
Ship which had arrived from your Presidency
at the Isle of France if we had not thought it

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It may be necessary to wait for Captain Mitchell's answer to a reference we directed to be made to him, relative to the Number of Officers and Men sent from Batavia to the Isle of France on the Dutch Cartel Ship Schaagen. —

Copies of those Lists we have now the Pleasure to enclose making the number (Officers and Men included) three hundred and thirty two. —

We have only to add that we entirely approve of the Resolution adopted by your Lordships under the Opinion & Advice delivered to you by the Commodore of his Majestys Ships, concerning the Prisoners desired by the French Government to be sent in the Cartel to the Isle of France

We have the Honor to be,
Dear Sir
Your
(signed) " Thos Oakes
" Peter Speke
" Wm Cowper

Fort William
31. of October 1794

List

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List of Officers and Men on board the Schagan belonging to the Republic

Etat Major			Etat Major Continued		
Dupare	2 Captain		20 Rayson	Ensign	
Fouroque	1st Lieutenant		Didier	Do	
Labovey	Do		Burnel	Do	
Villemary	Capt. de Proje		Daribeau	Do	
5 Bonefoux	Do		Grimeau	Do	
Savaireau	Do	25	Ducrai	Do	
Croise	Do		Lamigrine	Do	
Camarec	Do		——— x ———	1 Blank	
Duperdu	Do		Officers Mariniers		
10 Pontrail	Lieutenant		Dominique Sarot	M.tre de l'Equipage	
Galabrer	Do		Bernard Aubert	M.tre de Proje	
Bastor	Do		Laure Torot	Contre M.tre	
Caisic	Do	30	Elie	Do	
Cachaux	Do		Tueitor	M.tre Canonier	
15 Rigaut	Do		Barbaudeis	M.tre Voilier	
Tertir	Do		Laurent Bernardon	M.tre Charpentier	
Delisle	Lieut Volontaire		Bontifere	2e Calfat	
Boistel	2e Do	35	Cagneaux	2e Voilier	
Desmoutier	Ensigne		Ardisson	2e Charpentier	

Officers

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Officiers mariniers
Continued

Bonifait . . 2.e Canonier 55
Especalier D.o . . . .

Surnumeraires

Marc Saline. Capt.d'Armes
10 Granger . . Canonier
Nitier . . . Canonier

Quartiers maîtres

Rondeau . " "
Pasquate " "
Lantaac " "
15 Vigneau " "
Largeau " "
Bailer " "
Labaye " "

Aides Canoniers

Jamoup " "
50 Nozete . . . . .
Le Gofe " "
Miniadec " "
Riviaud " "

Aides Canoniers Continued

Perrine " "
Mouchette " "
Cabut . . . " "
Jose . . . " "

Timoniers

Cadet . . . " "
Le Lor . . . . "
60 Laborty . . . . "
Cabiers " "
Biron " "
Beaubois "
Macon . . "
Yuier . . "
65 Belec . . . "
Brandeau "
Nouvrate
Matelots
Ramrondy " "
Bourouse " "
70 Charlandeau "
Blanchard "

Matelots

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Matelots Cantonniers

Voiveyon "
Giraut "
Mouclotte "
Claude Roue "
Marc Ruard "
Elarique "
Chenau "
Jnh. Pierre "
80 Pre Gueguer "
Lovist "
Rofart "
Durase "
Sabatier "
85 Perverne "
Pelie "
Bourbaide "
Rolin "
Oliury "
90 Baucier "
Wanion "
Mathieu "

Matelots Cantonniers

Lacasagne "
Chomac Chapeau "
95 Louise Perin "
Steuse "

Nauiers

Arge Santo C.
Pre Ligone

Mousses

Gabriel Cantonnier
100 Fred.k Marigon
Pre Perote
Pre Canele
Florimond.
J. L. Mre Jeanie
105 Claude Daviot

Volontaires.

Pierson
Nicolas . Sergeant
Wenwick "
Mojerson "
110 Laroche . Corporal

Volontaires

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Volontaires continue

Sivieux "
Turet . . . "
Turnier . . . "
Jn Jacques . " . .
115 Trimperlai Volontaire
Zamor Salaer "
Jean Gabin Bingali "
Bernard . . . "
120 Aliot . . . . . "
Jh Philippe "
Ane Fonde "
Bingigore "
Ane Alexandre "
125 Gelius . . . . . "
Cesar Sauvage "
L. Pelen . . . "
Pre Caradec "
Ore La Porte . "
130 Timé Sauvagere "
Vincent de Brige "

Volontaires continue

Victor Meunier "
Me Mange . . "
Manuenier . . "
135 Terrasier "
Henry albert "
Ore Heriveaux "
Me Menage "
B. Germain "
140 Ore Baron "
Jne Saubare "
Jn Claude "
Ane Tinier "
Colare Marlen "
115 Chen Antoine "
Ge Angelique "
Pre Souvenir "
Ane Desmoulins "
Julien Gadere "
150 Jgues Raoul "
Logerot . . . "
Le Jumien

Volontaires à Combat

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Volontaires Continued

Dubail

Pre Gerard

155 Ls Sauvageau

Pre Joseph

Pre Montégis

Dupon

Pre Menage

160 Chs Bonneau

Jn Dupuer

Pre Ligeu

Julien Le Borgne

Darsinet

Soulange Pelagie

La Chaise

Am Gagnan

Hector

Julien Maillard

Total 170 Men

Batavia June 1794

for Charles Mitchell

(Signed) Rob. Ruffell
Purser

a true Copy
(Signed) E Hay
Secy to the Government

List

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List of Officers and Men sent on board the Schaagen, belonging to the Vengeur.

Etat Major

Dujardin . . 1er Lieut.t

André Lamare . "

Duvaut . . . "

Royer . . . "

Paige . . . "

Le Normand . "

Lagourgue . . "

Parra . . . "

Cesar armé . "

Bernardin Lt. & 1er Major

Marot Lt. Mr. d'Equipage

Charbonel Lt.

Chidville . 2d Lt.

Prepommes "

Laurent "

Gautier "

Cordem . . "

Cardinaux " "

Lucille . . . .

Le Goy . . . .

Bouton . . . .

Tournier . . " "

Martrot . . " "

Jury . . . "

Barrijon . " "

Plaudroux Comm.t des Volon

Cafarre Lt. Detto

Boyer . . Lt des Volontaires

Officers Mariners

Lasure 2. Mr. de Equipage

Simon Faustin

Mr. Garnier Contre maitre

Chauvin . . " "

Forgette . . " "

Pourchasse Gmaitre

Jn. Mouraux . " "

Pongeaux

Orin

Caisse . . . 2d Chapt.n

Morgan

Giraut . . . .

Ens Crimone

Officers

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Officiers Mariniers – continuée

Bauvaine	M.r Calfat	Le. A Dolphi
Cannon	M.r 2e	Apx Lanoueu
		Jn Rowan
Ousé		
Pontou	Connelier	Jos Turgeu
		Apx Roupel
Adam	"	
Apx Baisse		Volontaires
Finnare		La Jone
Dudouit		Leguette
Ladume		Daru
Lenard		Ligé
Jnx Bourdille		Charleslouis
Pavere	M.r Canonnier	Desire Vandeuant
Darel	2e d.o	Ens Audibert
		Jh Chauvin
Suard	"	
Rolande Pinson	Capl D'Armes	Pre Charatte
Dartigue	" aid Canonnier	Vaugembert
		Maugin
Andre Dupouet	"	Lamenange
Jn Rouaude		Pouzette
Pr Chagnaue		Vignaue
Jgue Rouspaue		Garcee
Jn Mourgue		Bardon
Sarasin		Laurent Bordé
Jn Moraue		Tiste

Volontaires

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Etat Major

Dujardin ... 1st Lieut Tournier ... " "
André Lamare " Mautrot " "
Duvaup ... " Jury ... "
Royer ... " Barrejon " "
Paige ... " Plaubroust Comm. Des Volon
Le Normand " Lafosse Lt. Dito
Lagourgue ... " Boyer ... Lt. des Volontaires
Parra ... " Officers Mariniers
Cesar armé " Latune 2 M. d'Equipage
Bernardin Lt. Sth. Major Simon Toustou
Marot Lt. M. d'Equipage M. Grenier Contre maitre
Charbonel Lt. Chauvin ... " "
Chidville ... 2 Lt. Forgues ... " "
Prepommier " Pourchasse 1er Maitre
Laurent " ... Jn. Mouraux " "
Gaulon ... " ... Pongeaux
Gorson ... " " Orin
Carsenaux " " Caisse ... 2 Charpt.
Lucille ... Morgan
Le Goy ... Ginaut ...
Bouton ... Ent Crimone

Officers

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Officiers Mariniers – continuée			Officiers Mariniers – continuée		
Bauvais	M.t Calfat		Lr. St Dolphi	"	"
Cannon	M.t 2e		Apr. Lemonier	"	"
			Jr. Rowan	"	"
Dusé			Sot. Turquie	"	"
Pontus	Commelin		Pre. Roupel	"	"
Adam	"				
			Volontaires		
Pre. Bayse					
			La Jone		
Tinmare			Leguitte		
Dudouit			Dard		
Ladune			Ligé		
Lenard			Charlestonois		
Pre. Bourdell					
			Ouvre Vandevant		
Pavere	M.re Canonniere				
			Pre. Audibert		
Dard	2e.	"			
			Jh. Chauvin		
Suard		"			
			Pre. Chavatte		
Roland Pierson	Cap.t D'armes				
			Vaugembert		
D'artigue	" aid Canonniere				
			Maugin		
Pre. Dutour	"				
			Lamarange		
André Dupont	"				
			Pocatte		
Jr. Rouard					
			Vignaux		
Pr. Chagnau					
			Garcon		
Jques Rampau					
			Bardon		
Jn. Mourgue					
			Laurent Bordé		
Sarasin					
			Tisté		
Jr. Moreau					

Volontaire

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Volontaires	Volontaires
Bugor	Maupel
Bouthonnaie	Mouché
Eru Bertrand	José
Bussier	Martin
Latour	Pre Alexandre
Coudert	Jn Bte Guiot
Plantin	Pre Brisson
Chevalier	Simon Goudin
Firmin	Marchand
Planche	Pre Dumas
Dardesse	Le Fleury
Vauvy	Jean Campion
Pre François	Lu Faid
Laurent Lamy	Pre Corbiel
Constant La Roche	Nlas Formentin
Le Charlen	Le Laurelaup
Manier	Jn Coste
Jn Simon	Honoré André
Fontaine	Le Faustan
Phillippe Coupan	Anare Lavignon
Bauchet	Jh Guyon
Honoré Muthel	Fontan
Grondas	Marjuan
Simon Vincent	Langrain
Pre Mejean	Panitier

Volontaires

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Volontaires

Commandant

Jph Laporte

Maurice Coup

Bon.t Dufosse

Jn Biget

Sebastian appet

Bernard Christiane

Simon Loubre

Guingenaec

Fre Limosin

Fre Prigueque

Jgau Dupetit

Jos.h Perou

Philippe

Scipion

Parfa

Canare

L'Eveille

arlequin

Pre Printer

an.l Rader

Garibaldi

La Prie

Jh. Martin

Total 162 Men

Batavia June 1794

for Charles Mitchell

(Signed) Robt Ruffell

Purser

/ Copy /

a true Copy

(Signed) C. Hay

Secy to the Government.

Read

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Read the following letter from Bombay

To Robert Clerk Esqr.
Secretary at
Fort St George

Sir,

From Secretary at Bombay with Lists of the Prisoners exchanged by the French Cartel ship Minerva

I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council of Fort St George, that all the French Prisoners who were at Bombay were delivered up to the Commissary of the Cartel ship Minerva, and all the French Prisoners in the Province of Malabar who chose to go proceed to the Isle of France were likewise delivered up to the French Commissary a List of which was only received a few days ago, therefore it was not in the Power of the Governor in Council to inform your Government of the Ranks and Numbers of the Prisoners exchanged, which, however, is now sent you. -

Herewith you will receive a Sets of Government News Papers to

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a Packet for the Malabar Coast and I do
have the honor to be.
Sir
your most obedient Servant
(Signed) John Morris Secretary

Bombay Castle
1st November 1794

List of English Prisoners of War landed at Bombay
from the Minerva French Cartel

Mr Robert Torin, Chief Officer
Mr Arthur Muter, Third do
Mr Charles Linnop Fourth do
Mr John Constable, Fifth do
Mr Henry Garden, Purser
Mr Peter Potter, Midshipman
Mr Robert Hay do

Late of the Company's Ships Bijot

Lieutenant - Best of the Bengal Artillery
Coup - Servant to Mr Torin
Thomas Dawson Servant to Mr Best
Thomas Dawns - Servant to Mr Muter

8 Officers.
3 Servants.

List

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Cook - Servant to Mr Torin
Thomas Dawson Servant to Mr Bart
Thomas Dawns - Servant to Mr Muter

8 Officers.
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List

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List of French Prisoners sent on board the Minerva Cartel from Bombay. –

Labre – Captain
Babe – 2nd Captain
Berton
Arnovan. –

List of French Prisoners sent on Board the Minerva Cartel from Mahe. –

Fuier
Domangone } Captains
Le Roux
Arnay Surgeon Major
Two Invalids
Total 4 Persons from Bombay
6 Do. from Mahe

True Copy
(Signed) John Morris
Secretary

Read

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Read the following Letter from Colonel Brathwaite. —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

From Colonel Brathwaite - proposes that the 2. Battalion be sent to Mallore, that Lieutenants Fireworker Stone succeed to the adjutantcy of the 2. Battalion of artillery - Submits Lieut. Bowie's suggestions for destroying some Redan Buildings still remaining at Pondicherry.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge your Lordship's Commands conveyed to me by Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 20th instant, and am of opinion that the Battalion required to be stationed at Mallore can now be very well drawn from Tanjore, and recommend that the 2nd Battalion may be ordered to Mallore, it being the first in tour, and the completest.

At the desire of Lieutenant Colonel Smith, I beg leave to recommend Lieutenant Fireworker Stone, of the artillery Corps, to succeed to the adjutancy of the 2d Battalion, became vacant by the Death of Lieutenant Fireworker and Adjutant Daly — Mr. Stone is an officer in every

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very respectable qualified for the situation. —

I have the honor to inclose to your Lordship, Copy of a letter I have received from Lieutenant Dowse, Commanding the Pioneers employed in the Destruction of the buildings at Ponaichurry, also of an Extract from a subsequent letter relating to the same subject, that your Lordship may determine what further is necessary to be done —

I have the honor to be with great respect

Yrs &c &c

(Signd) John Brathwaite

Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Army

&c &c &c

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
November 24th 1794

Sir,

I have the honor to Inform you that I have now completed the destruction of such public buildings, as have been delivered over to me by Colonel Wilson, in consequence of the last Instructions received from your Self, at the same time, to

enclose

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enclose, for your more particular information, a list of all the public Buildings originally in Pondicherry - distinguishing such as have already been destroyed, and such as still remain entire, that you may be enabled to form a judgement of what has been done, and to decide on what is further necessary, to perfect the plan recommended by the Honble the Governor General in Council. -

I hope I shall stand excused for introducing the mention of the following circumstances, in explanation of my motives for requesting your further Instructions regarding the Public Buildings, yet undestroyed, as I cannot, with the knowledge of those particulars consider the End proposed by the Demolition, as accomplished, while such numerous accommodations are preserved, and without this representation on my part

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part, it may not be sufficiently understood, that such do really remain. —

I beg leave, in the first place, to observe that the declared object of the Marquis Cornwallis in ordering the Demolition of these Fortifications was to prevent if possible the restoration of a French Military Power at Pondicherry, which, if one, readmitted might, at some future period, become formidable, if not fatal to the British Interests in India — This order was, evidently given with a view to future security, and not from any Idea of present Danger, for in the then situation of affairs, none could be possibly be apprehended. —

The Honble the Court of Directors by their late Instructions to this Government, to examine particularly into the state of this place and to destroy most effectually the Fortifications and other works, evidently also discover their wish to frustrate any future designs of the French, to re-establish themselves

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in force in this Quarter and the same motives certainly actuated the Supreme Government of Bengal, when they recommended the complete destruction of all such public Buildings as might be serviceable in re-establishing a Military Power at Pondicherry.—

I was in consequence of this last determination that I received your orders to proceed with the destruction of certain buildings, not indispensably required, the greatest part of which have been accordingly destroyed, as you will perceive by the Report which I have now the honor to enclose— of those that remain, some have been preserved for the temporary accommodation of the Troops now forming the Garrison of Pondicherry;— and the destruction of others has been delayed, as not falling so immediately within the description of Military Buildings— such are the Government House—

The

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the Municipality – the Intendants
House – and the mint – and regarding
those I have yet received no Instructions

As it must solely rest with the
Right Honble the President in Council
and yourself, to determine on the
Political necessity of destroying or
preserving those places, I cannot with
any degree of propriety, venture to
offer an opinion on the subject, but I hope
I may be permitted to remark, that these
Buildings, tho' not expressly erected for
the accommodation of Troops, or the
preservation of Military Stores, may yet,
with equal ease & convenience, be, in
cases of emergency, converted to either
of those uses. – It is necessary also to
observe that the mint, tho' distinguished
as a Civil Building, has been formed
into a grand military Storehouse, and
seems well calculated for the Purpose –
it is an extensive compound, and was

Secured

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Sound capable of containing all the Stores of the Garrison, when it became necessary to remove them from the Arsenal previous to its being destroyed - It may also, with very little alteration, be formed into a convenient Barrack for Troops - I conceive therefore it is a part of my Duty to state so much for your Information

I have already had the honor to Inform you that the range of Buildings at present occupied by the 17th Battalion is more than sufficient for this accommodation - it is very substantially built, is well calculated for a Military Store house and would certainly form the best in the place, tho' not quite so extensive as the mint. - The Battalion may without any inconvenience be a Station'd in the Range on the Sea Face, and this place may, at any time,

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be destroyed by themselves, whenever it shall be found expedient to withdraw the Troops, as it is, in every sense of the word, a Temporary Erection.—

The Small Magazine on the Ground Parade cannot be conveniently destroyed at present, as the Powder, of which a considerable quantity still remains, will not be so securely lodged in any other place

I have now only to observe that the Range of Barracks on the West Face, and the Remaining part of the Hospital at present occupied by the 3d Battalion of Europeans, together with the Buildings on the Sea Face, proposed for the Battalion of Native Infantry must necessarily be preserved for the accommodation of these Troops till it shall be found convenient to

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to remove them to some other Station —
with the exception of these Places, the
Public Buildings may all be con =
sumediately destroyed, whenever Govern =
ment shall be pleased to authorize
the Removal of the Stores from the mint,
into Godown, which may easily be
provided for the purpose. This measure
will appear the more necessary, if it is
considered, that the several Public
Buildings, if undestroyed, will, on
a moderate computation, afford,
occasional accommodation for more
than Two Thousand Europeans, and of
these, the Range occupied by the 77th Battalion,
that on the Sea Face, and the Mint, may
with very little trouble, be converted
into Regular Barracks. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir, Your
(Signed) W. Dowse Lieut
Comd. Rivers

Pondicherry
November 1794

a true Copy (Signed) W. L. Wilson Secy
Report.

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Report of Public Buildings in Pondicherry

Gate of St Louis and one small Guard Room ... Destroyed
Gate of Madras - including the Gate of the
Ravelin - the Bridges & Guard Rooms ... Ditto
Guard Room & Bridge at the Water Gate ... Ditto
Gate of Villenoor - including the Gate of
the Ravelin - the Bridges - the Bomb-
" Proofs and Guard Rooms ... Ditto
Salley Port on the South Side ... Ditto
arsenal - with the adjoining Buildings ... Ditto
Grand Square of Barracks on the Parade ... Ditto
Grand Magazine on the West Side ... Ditto
Two small Guard Rooms on the North side ... Ditto
Hospital with the exception of one Range
preserved for the sick of 3d Batn E.I. ... Ditto

Government House ... not destroyed
Municipality House ... Do Do
Intendant's House ... Ditto
Range of Barracks on the West Face
occupied by the 3d Batn of E. I. ... Ditto
Range of Buildings occupied by the 17th
Batn of N. I. ... Ditto
Range of Buildings on the Sea Face ... Ditto
Sea face Guard Room ... Ditto
Main Guard Room ... Ditto
The Mint ... Ditto
Small magazine on the Grand Parade ... Ditto
Part of the Hospital ... Ditto

Pondicherry
November 12th 1794.

(Signed) M Dowse Lieut.
Comdt Pioneers

A true Copy
(Signed) W Wilson
Secy

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Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Dowse to
Colonel Brathwaite – Answer Date 16th Nov.r 1794

Since I wrote my report
to you, which I hope you will approve,
Colonel Nixon has more particularly
examined the Barrack occupied by
the 17th Battalion, and, being con=
vinced that it is more than sufficient
for their use, he has directed the removal
of the Corps to the Range on the
Sea Face, where they will be accom=
modated with equal convenience. —

True Extract

(Signed) W.m Wilson Sy

Ordered that the 2d Battalion of
Native Infantry be ordered to march to
Vellore, and to remain there till further
orders. —

Resolved that Lieutenant Tinworker
Stone be appointed to the adjutancy of the 2d —
Battalion

Minutes thereon

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Battation of artillery - vide Daly's account

ordered that directions be given for the demolition of the range of Barracks, in which the 19th Battation are quartered - so soon as the Troops are removed; and that no other buildings be destroyed, without the special order of Government, for the purpose. —

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue. —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Board of Revenue with a letter from Mr Powney regarding the order of Succession in the Ramnad Province. —

On the Receipt of your Lordship's Commands, under date the 16th ultimo we invited Mr Powney to Report to us his sentiments, respecting the order of succession according to ancient usage in the Ramnad Province, and having received a letter from him, dated the 4th

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the 13th Instant, assigning the cause of delay in transmitting his Report on the Subject, we have the Honor to lay a Copy of it before you. —

Fort St George
20th Novembr 1794

We have the honor to be
My Lord,
your most obedient humble Servants
" Edwd Saunders
" David Haliburton
" Chas N. Wade
" Thos Cockburn

Edward Saunders Esqr
President & 1st Member Revenue Board
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I should have paid an immediate obedience to the Commands contained in your Letter to me of the 21st ultimo, respecting the order of Succession which obtains in

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in the Ramnad Province, and have communicated my Sentiments on the Report made to you by my Predecessor on that Subject, had I not been disappointed in some Information relative to it, which I have been endeavoring to acquire, from the Records of the Rameseram Pagoda, which appeared to me the best and only mode of authenticating a point, which at present admits of some doubt; for the Materials, which I have hitherto had it in my power to collect on this Subject, I have found so perplexed and defective, that I could not promise myself my Report would answer your Expectation -

So soon as I receive the promised Information from the Rameseram, I shall lose no time in transmitting it to your Board, with

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with my Sentiments at large on the Subject.—

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) George Powney

Collector

(A true Copy)

(Signed) SR Lushington

a.g. Dep.y Sec.y

Tinnevelly

13th November 1794.

Read the following Letter from Captain William Macleod. —

To William Collins Jackson, Esquire

&c &c &c

Sir,

Herewith I accompanying I transmit Particular Accounts of my Charges and Allowances for Intelligence for the months of July, August and September

from Captain Macleod — inclosing his Bills for Intelligence

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September last, to be submitted to the Right
Honorable the Governor. — The amount,
being Pagd 260.33.7 I wish may be paid into
the Hands of Messrs Daly and Cockburne —

15 Miles South
from Selem
18th November 1794.

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Your
(Signd) William Madrod

Ordered that the Bills be paid

Hobart

Con.d Saunders

C.L Falkofield

Ex.d George Perry
Wit.s

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Diary

Nov.
22. Sent letter to the Rajah of Tanjore entered in C.C.

Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Tanjore. No 229 desiring, he will postpone his intended Pilgrimage to Ramiseram, until a more seasonable opportunity. —

Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 —

To Head Surgeon at Vellore informing him —

To Doctor Jahagan that any change in the present Medical System, is inadvisable but approving the zeal that has dictated his representation on the subject. —

To M.r H. Tait permitting him to visit the

M.r Tait Assist Surgeon Presidency. —

To Import Warehousekeeper directing him to

Import Warehouse Keeper issue Scarlet Cloth for 7000 Sepoy Coats, for the Nizam, upon M.r Boroughs's Indent, taking his Receipt for the same.

To Paymaster at Madura, desiring to know

M.r Vaughan whether he sent to M.r Walker the Auditors Remarks upon his Bills and again cautioning him against any — Distinction in his payments. —

To Resident at Poona acknowledging —

Sir Chas Malet receipt of the Peshwa's letter.

To Commandant at Pondicherry enclosing

To Colonel Nixon Copy

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28. Copy of the letter requested by Colonel Chermont and — informing him of the Board's Resolution to discontinue making any further Pensions or Allowances to French Subjects. —

To Captain Leighton

To Ditto at Samulcotah his application for a Linguist and Tappal peons cannot be complied with —

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29. Received the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 140 141 142 143 144 145 146. —

From Mr Cammelow

From Persian Translator at Bengal with a letter for the Nabob, advising of the late occurrences at Rampore respecting that District, the Jaghier of the late Chief of the Rohilla Afghains. —

From Ditto

From Ditto containing similar advises to Tippoo Sultaun. —

From Bombay

From Bombay shall be happy to afford every assistance to Lieutenant Montgomery. —

From Major Agnew

From Deputy Adjutant General proposing the promotion of Ensign H. Collins observation on the occasion —

From Captain Macleod

From Captain Macleod enclosing a Sketch of Tippoo's Military Force, as it is supposed to have stood in October last. —

From Captain Doveton

From Captain Doveton with two papers of Mysore Intelligence

From Colonel Nixon

From Commandant at Pondicherry submitting Mons.

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No. 29. Mons.r Beaufort's application for the Presidency of the Choultry Court also his strictures upon the proceedings in practice therein —

Despatched the undermentioned letters —

Entered in M.B. Nos. 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 —

To Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — permitting him to dispose of the Bengal Rice at Vellore, as proposed. —

C. M.c Shaiden

To Ditto — with Copies of the Auditor's Reports on his different Estimates for December. —

Ditto

To Military Board — to report what part of the Circle Buildings at Masulipatam Vizagapatam and Ganjam should be converted to Military purposes — a letter from the Acting Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies, referred. —

Military Board

To Military Paymaster General — with Copy of the Auditors Report on his Estimate for December. —

Paymaster General

To Commander of the Army — the Range of Barracks at Pondichery in which the 1st. Battalion is Quartered to be destroyed — but no other Public buildings, without special Orders. —

Colonel Braithwaite

To Captain Doveton — with a letter from the Governor

Captain Doveton

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No 29 Governor General for Tippoo Sultaun.

Shardon — To Paymaster at Pondicherry — permitting him to pay pensions upon the authorities described by him. —

Colonel Nixon — To Commandant at Ditto — the allowance requested by Captain Tench inadmissible. —

Mr. Griffiths — To Master Attendant at Ditto permitting him to visit the Presidency. —

Clerk of the Treasury — To Clerk of the Treasury — directing the usual Monthly advances to Messrs. Roebuck and Shardon

Colonel Floyd — To Commandant at Trichinopoly stating an explanation upon the General Orders of the 11th November relative to the sale of the spirituous Liquors. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor — President

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Tallofield Esquires

esday
December 1794

Minutes of last Consultation Read and
approved. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Military Board. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your commands under date the 12th and 20th. Inst. —

The necessary orders have been sent to the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs to discontinue the repairs wanting to the Civil Buildings at Masulipatam with the exception of those you are pleased to mention; and we shall, agreeably to your directions respecting the Estimates from Vizagapatam, take such of them only into consideration, as relate to the Military Buildings.

We have communicated to the Agent to the Gun Carriage Contractors, for their information, your determination on that Contract, and have, in consequence of your permission, transmitted them the List marked A acquainting them that we are ready to receive their proposals for making up the Articles therein contained, and on receipt of a reply, we shall have the honor of making you acquainted therewith, and submit our opinion

Send Board of
Captain Gibbings'
Plan attached may
Lieut and Lieutenant
mitted to make
new Estimate
the Sub Conductors
Mr. Brown which
from Guncarriage
to Arthur Wills
is enclosed.

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opinion should they be inclined to offer Proposals ——

As soon as we are furnished with Estimates of the Repairs represented by Colonel Floyd & Lieutenant Colonel Baird as immediately required we shall lay before your Lordship fresh Estimates including the whole, and to obtain this, we lost no time in giving the necessary orders to the Chief Engineer. ——

We observe you are pleased to authorize Colonel Floyd to erect temporary Barracks for the Men of his Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons, charging the actual cost upon honor, and that you have approved of our Secretary's Indents; as also of our recommendation in favor of the two Orphan Boys, who are, in consequence, put upon the Rolls for the allowance and period you Direct.

As it appears that the House offered by Captain Gibbings for sale at Palamcotah is really wanted, and we suppose ascertained to be his private property, we recommend that he should be paid the sum he asks for it, which we are of opinion is very moderate, with respect to the allowance applied for by Lieutenant Taylor we shall take an early opportunity of submitting our opinion. ——

We find nothing in the regulations for the Barrack Department for or against the ca

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stated by the Barrack Master of the Southern Division, yet
his loss arises from an accident that was not forseen —
consequently not provided for, as it was not supposed at the
time the regulations were forming, that the Barrack
Masters could be exposed to such risks by the construction
of temporary Barracks we are therefore of opinion that
the permitting the Barack Master under this extraor=
dinary circumstance, to make up fifty one new Cotts
may be acceded to, without inconsistency with the existing
regulations and we are inclined to think that few regulations
can be drawn out for any large Department so as to provide
against any possible accident or contingency and that
something must always be left to the Equity of
Government — as in the cases of fire, blowing up of
Magazines or such accidents as might fall very heavy
on a Barrack Master if not relieved by the equity of
Government.

The Commissary General of Stores having
reported to us that he found it necessary to send Sergeant
Brown, of the Invalid Artillery in Garrison, in charge
of Guns and Stores lately dispatched from hence to
Ahtoor, on account of the losses sustained when Military
Stores are sent off under the charge of Natives, and as it
appears that the Commissary General was at a loss to
fix

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for upon a proper person to proceed with the said Stores until a few hours previous to their dispatch, and had not, at that time, an opportunity of representing to us that a Serjeant, in the capacity of a Sub Conductor, would be necessary to proceed with the Articles to Ahtoor — We are therefore induced to approve of this measure as it also appears, that notwithstanding the charge was great, the distance considerable, and the roads, owing to frequent rains, very bad; not a single article has either been lost, or damaged — As the Serjeant on this occasion has perform=ed the duty of a Conductor, he thinks himself entitled, for the time he was so employed, to the allowance annexed to that Station We therefore for his attention beg leave to recommend, that he be allowed Sub Conductors pay from the 7th of September to the 21st of October inclusive forty five Days, being the time that Serjeant Brown was employed in conducting the ordnance and Stores from the Presidency to Ahtoor.

We have the honor herewith to enclose you twenty six Bills for Buildings and Repairs in the Military Departments, and five bills for Buildings and Repairs in the Civil Department, amounting to Pagodas 16[illegible]e thousand two hundred and seventy twelve

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twelve fanams, and sixty two Cash / 12.17.12.62. / which as they appear to be duly certified and agreeably to Contract rates — We recommend that they be discharged. —

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/ Signed / John Brathwaite

" Henry Malcolm

" John Richardson

" Wm Gent

" George Hall

Fort St. George
the
25th November 1794

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Agreed, for the reasons given by the Military Board, that Captain Gibbing's house at Palamcotah be purchased on account of the Company, provided it be ascertained to be his private property. —

In consideration of the extraordinary — accident by which the Cotts in the charge of the Barrack Master of the Southern Division were destroyed, the Board resolve, as an indulgence / but under the express condition that it be not drawn into a precedent hereafter / to grant Captain Dyce an allowance of two Pagodas for each Cott destroyed to enable him to replace the number.

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number by new ones

Ordered that Serjeant Brown do receive the pay of a Sub Conductor for the period recommended; and that the Bills of the Contractors for buildings and repairs be discharged.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Thomas Clerk, Barrack Master in the Northern Division of the Army

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Thomas Clerk requesting leave to resign his Barrack Mastership

I Finding, my health much injured by repeated attacks of a fever prevalent in these parts and also, from symptoms, being apprehensive of a return of this complaint, I am under the necessity of requesting, you will be pleased to nominate a Successor to the Barrack Mastership, and to direct me to deliver over charge to him on the 1st. of January next.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed Thomas Clerk

Barrack Mast. N.D.

Ellore

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This

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This is to certify that Lieutenant Thomas Clerk, of the Honorable Company's Infantry, was attacked, about two years ago, with a fever of the Remittent kind, commonly known by the name of the Hill Fever, which continued about six weeks with great violence — he was then so far relieved by changing his place of residence, as to be enabled to perform the Duties of his station — since that time the fever has recurred at two different periods with considerable severity, and he has had, frequently, irregular paroxysms which occur with change of weather, and often without any obvious cause — his health in consequence is much impaired, and he is often affected with headaches accompanied with great lassitude and general debility. —

He has at different times tried the effects of the change of air by making occasional Circuits thro' the Circars, and has had the benefit of the advice of most of the Medical Men residing in them without reaping much benefit. —

From the experience I have had of these fevers, and having seen several Cases of them, when they continued or the effects produced by them under — different forms, for a series of years — and having observed that the repeated paroxysms gradually, and as it were insidiously — debilitate the constitutions to such a degree as

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as to endanger the Lives of the sufferers, notwithstanding the best advice, and the greatest care on the parts of the patients, I do not hesitate to declare it to be my opinion, and I do hereby recommend that Lieutenant Clerk should embrace the first opportunity of going to Europe, as the only alternative he has now left of restoring his health, which he has been deprived of by a disease that raged so fatally in the Masulipatam district for two years past.

Ellore
20th. November 1794

Signed J. A. Anderson
Surgeon & Batt. of Europn
Infantry.

Permitted.

Agreed that Lieutenant Thomas Clerk be permitted to resign that Barrack Mastership on the 1st day of January next.

Lieutenant J. Taylor appointed to succeed.

The President proposes that Lieutenant John Taylor be appointed to succeed Lieutenant Clerk in the above station.

Ordered accordingly

Read the following letter from Tippoo Sultaun's interpreter in C.C. No. 230.

Translation

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Translation of a Letter From Tippoo Sultaun To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George &c. &c. &c.

Dated 14th November 1794
Received 2d D.o D.o

From Tippoo Sultaun intimating of intention to resume part of the Hummuk Country for the Liquidation of some Arrears due from the Inhabitants in consequence of the Depredations of some Robbers on the confines of the Malabar Province.

Let it not remain concealed from your friendly mind, that, at the time Peace was concluded between the then four belligerant States, the Peishcush of Kernoul was inserted in the schedule of Revenues, at seventy thousand Hunty pay Pagodas, and a written paper sent accordingly, to the Deputies of the three Confederates Sirkars. The said three illustrious Sirkars fixed the Peishcush, above alluded to, as mine and in lieu of half of it, they divided among themselves, to the amount of 35,000 Pagodas of the ancient territories of the Chuda-dad Sirkar. This account will be in the Records of the Honorable English Company's Government.

Three years have now elapsed, since the Establishment of Peace; and, from that day to the present, the amount due by the Sugeerdar of Kernoul, on account of the a[illegible]ush, has accumulated to the sum of 2,10,00[illegible]odas besides a balance of former Arrears amounting to Rupees 19,73,506:12. Anas

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Annas ——

Goolab Khan, one of the Confidential ——
Noblemen of the Chuttadad Sirkar, has been endeavoring
for two years to collect and recover this Money — but
the Kernoul Jagueerdar delays and evades the Payment
of it — nor is there any probability of a single Dam of
it being cleared off.

The Jaugdar of Gutty has therefore been
instructed to sequester such part of the Kernoul Country
as lies Contiguously to Gutty, for the liquidation of
the said Arrears which he will no doubt do. ——

Adverting to the friendly and amicable
understanding subsisting between the Chuttadad
and the Honorable English Company's Sirkar I deemed it necessary
to communicate these particulars for your Information.

May the days of your Prosperity
be as long as your Desire

PS

Probably you have already learnt the
particulars relative to certain Rebels and Disturbers,
who take [illegible] the Hills, Jungles &c of the
Cullian and [illegible] Countries, on the Confines of
the Honorable English Company's territories, and mostly the

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the Boundaries of the Chundadad Sirkar towards Coimbatore — I herewith transmit for your information Copy of a letter from the Superintendant of Calliecut addressed to Mirza Baker, 2d Bukshy of the Foot of the Army Cutcherry, who had been detached towards Coimbatore, and is still there, for the Punishment of these Rebels, you will observe the particulars therein detailed, and determine the means of exterminating this Banditte —

May the Measure of your Prosperity be full

Translation of a letter from Mr. James Shetiveen — Superintendant of Calliciut To Mirza Bakir 2d — Bukshy of the Infantry of the Army Cutcherry.

I have received and understand the — contents of the letter you addressed me, enclosing a list of the names of certain Thieves who had been apprehended. —

The six thieves whom you sent here, in Chains, and in charge of two Sepoys, I dispatched accompanied, as they were, and immediately on their Arrival to the Daroghs of the Adaulut of — Tellicherry

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Tellicherry, to have the theft investigated and proved by Witnesses not only because the District of Pallighaut comes under the cognizance of the Adawlut but Witnesses also and Proof will be more readily obtained there.

I have likewise sent positive Orders to Aroony Guilty Aloha Nair, residing at Palaighaut, never to purchase any plundered Articles from any of those Villains and that if he have in his Posession any of the Cattle belonging to your Country, he immediately inform me. I have published the same instructions all around, and God willing, none of the subjects of our Sirkar will be found guilty, hereafter of purchasing stolen Articles.

I have just written to the Commandant of Paligh haut, directing him to post a Party of experienced Sroops at the principal Roads infested by these Robbers; so that, on their appearance, the Troops may, with all possible expedition, seize the opportunity of apprehending them.

I am convinced, from the friendship existing between the Honorable Company's Sirkar, and that of Tippoo Sultan, no misunderstanding will ever result

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result about the apprehension of such Villains as these.

A true Translation

/ Signed / J. Falconar

Persian Transl.r

Minute thereon

Altho' Tippoo may have no other motion than what he has expressed in regard to the sequestration of such part of the Removed Country as lies adjacent to Gutty, yet, under the present situation of affairs, the assemblage of Troops so near to the Frontiers of his Highness the Nizam, might reasonably be a subject of alarm; and particularly, if there be any authority in the intelligence lately received by the means of Captain Doveton from the Mysore Country, of a negotiation being on foot for an alliance between Tippoo and the Marattas, in case the latter should be engaged in warfare with the Nizam. Resolved therefore that communication be made of Tippoo's intention to the Resident at Hydrabad, in order that measures be taken for ascertaining the real motives of the Sultaun.

Resolved also, that a Copy of the letter be sent to Bengal, and that Captains Doveton and Macleod be directed to use their endeavours in finding out whether Tippoo have any other motive than which has been stated for the order said [illegible]

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given to the Poujdar of Gooty

Read the following letter from the Commanding Officer in the Guntoor Circar.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c

My Lord;

From Lieutenant Colonel Wynch relative to the designs of Comar Veeranah and Meer Amaum - requests more troops may be sent into the Guntoor Circar

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 18th instant with its enclosure - the Nabob's Aumil's information to his Highness, is, I believe, perfectly just. Comera Veerana, & Meer Amaum, the two Men that are at the head of a Banditte, consisting of about six or seven hundred peons, crossed the Kistnah some days ago, and plundered some of the Villages in the Palnaud District, and have since retired to the other side of the Kistnah, and have captured two small forts, called Devarpilly and Chintrapollam, in the Nizam's Country, where they have, at present, taken up their residence. The above information I received two days ago, from Lieutenant Darley, commanding at Timmicottah, an intelligent, active and deserving Officer.

With humble submission, I beg leave to point out to your Lordship that, as the Det

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under the Commands of Major Roberts, encamped at Rungapore, is at present inactive; a Detachment of four or five Companies of Sepoys ordered to march from thence to Chintrapollam and Devarpilly, in the Nizam's Country, within eight cose of Timericotah, would effectually secure to His Highness those places again, and give confidence to the Inhabitants; and if His Highness the Nabob was requested to put his Troops in the Palnaud District, under the immediate Orders of Lieutenant Darley, he could, with the two Companies of Sepoys stationed at Timericottah, co operate with the Officer in charge of the Detachments from Rungapore, and be the means of extirpating, or at least of driving these Banditte to a distant part, until the present Crop is secured.

from

I now beg leave to call your Lordships attention to the Guntoor Circar. The very great distress we are in for Troops, renders it impossible to detach half a Company from any of its Stations at Guntoor we have four of the Zemindars under guard: and from the other Guards that are absolutely necessary, I have not fifteen men, of the two Companies stationed here, off duty. I hope your Lordship will see the absolute necessity of more Troops being ordered into the

Guntoor

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Guntoor Circar

Guntoor
24th November 1794

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect
&c &c

Signed J. J. Wynch
Lieutenant Col. Commanding

Minute thereon

The President informs the Board that
Colonel Brathwaite will shortly submit an arrangement
for reinforcing the Troops in the Guntoor Circar.

Read the following Extract of a letter from
the Board of Revenues

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue at Fort St. George dated 17th
November 1794.

From Board of Revenue
propose that the Native
Horses now kept by Colo.
Wm. Floyd be sent to
the Jaghire suggestion
regarding supplies of
provisions for
Detachments marching
to the Country

We have been honored with the Receipt
of your Lordship's Commands dated the 13th instant, and
beg leave to offer it as our opinion that the people
mentioned in the Letter from the Commander of Officers
at Tritchinopoly should be brought into the Jaghire
in preference to the Baramhauls; but, as Mr. Duncan
states that they cannot possibly arrive in sufficient time
for the present Season of Cultivation and as it will be
necessary to maintain them by us. Monthly allowances
until such time as they can be employed, we recommend
that they be subsisted, for the present, at Tritchinopoly
at the expence of the Company, as we may possibly be

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be effected without Inconvenience by daily issues of Paddy from the public Stores, until Captain Read shall have furnished the List, he has applied for to the Committee, of the different Classes, which will enable us to judge of the best means of providing for them in the Seaghire when the Season will be more favorable for their travelling.

As frequent Inconveniences occur from Detachments marching through the Country, in regard to procuring Provisions, we recommend with a view to their accommodation, as well as to prevent any Complaints from the Inhabitants that a General Order be published directing that all Officers Commanding Detachments of whatever denomination do address the Collector through whose Districts he is to pass, stating the number of people composing his Detachment (including followers) the route he proposes taking, and what particular provisions will be required, and on Receipt of this Information it will be the Duty of the Collector to take care that the Detachment be properly supplied, but we further recommend, that it be particularly enjoined in the General Orders that all Provisions, so supplied, be punctually paid for by the parties receiving them, at the prices regulated by the Collector, who will furnish the person to accompany the Detachment, with a signed List of Rates.

A true Extract
(Signed) A. Falconar
Actg Dep. Secy
Agreed

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Agreed that Colonel Floyd be informed that the people mentioned in the report of the Committee of Officers at Trichinopoly are to be subsisted in the way recommended by the Board of Revenue, if the state of the Granaries at that place will permit, and if not, by a Monthly allowance, sufficient for their subsistence to be paid by the Paymaster, until a proper opportunity offers for bringing them into the Sagbire.

Ordered that the latter part of the above Extract do remain for further Consideration.

Read the following letter from Captain Thomas Dallas, Agent for purchasing Horses.

To W. C. Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary

Sir,

Fort St. George.

From Captain Dallas stating the average price of his purchases of Horses, in comparison with those of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.

Having reason to suppose that in the Statement, sent home, of my Expences as Agent for the Purchase of Horses, all Extra Charges for different articles and their feeding, commonly three months, until taken off my hands at Arcot have been placed to the average price of the animal, by which, on Companion with other Agents' Prices, mine will appear much to my disadvantage, in the opinion of my employers; to prevent this, I send you a Comparative Statement between mine and Colonel Dugald Campbell's who, by many concurring circumstances,

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was enabled to reduce his Average Price to the lowest that has as yet appeared, however I trust my reasons for exceeding, him will be as satisfactory as they are real.—

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
the
29th November 1794

&c &c
(Signed) Tho: Dallas
Agent for the Purchase of Horses

Statement by the Agent for the Purchase of Horses for the Cavalry on the Madras Establishment, in the Years 1792 and 1794.—

To Cash paid for 506 Horses bought at different Periods between the 30th November 1792 and the 30th August 1794 as pr Particular Accounts lodged Monthly in the Office of the Paymaster General at Fort St. George Rupees 180,075 or @ 365 Rupees Pagodas 49335.27.59

Pr 100 Star Pagodas

Averaging for Horse @ Rs 355.10.78 or Pags 97.22.44

N.B. The above Sum 180075 Rs @ the exchange of 375 Pr 100 S. Pagodas the rate of Exchange when Colonel Dugald Campbell Purchased, amounts to Pagodas —

47886.31.16 which reduces my average Price to Pagodas 94.28.55.—

Difference between Colonel Campbell's Avge Price 85 Pagodas and mine is Pagodas 9.28.5.

which is much less than might have been expected from

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from the present scarcity of the animal, owing to the great havoc sustained by the Cavalry of all the Powers in India during the late War against Tippoo Sultaun. —

Fort St. George
the 29th November 1794

[Signed] Tho.s Dallas
Agent for the purchase of
Horses.

Minute thereon

Ordered that communication be made of the matter brought forward by Captain Dallas in the next General Letter to the Honorable Court of Directors.

Read the following letter from Colonel Nixon. —

Wm. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Fort St. George.

From Colonel Nixon recommends Mons.r St. Paul Senior to succeed Mons.r Des Rabines in the Superior Council.

Sir,

There being a vacancy in the Superior Council here occasioned by M.r Des Rabines' Dismission I beg leave to recommend M.r St. Paul Senior to fill that Seat, and, notwithstanding, his formerly having declined the honor, his English connections and an Inclination I have to serve the family, united to his perfect qualifications to fill that Station, induces me to mention him a second time — the obstacle which opposed his accepting it the

first

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first time being now removed. —

I have the honor to be

Pondicherry
25th November 1794

Sir
Your most obt. Svt.
(Signed) E. Nixon

To Colonel Nixon
Commandant
at
Pondicherry.

Sir,

Well persuaded of the interest you take in my welfare I'll venture to beg your kind recommendation of me to the Honorable Councils of Madras, as a person qualified to fill the vacant Seat in the Council of Pondicherry the reasons for my former refusal of that employ being now done away.

I am
Sir
Your most obt. Svt.
(Signed) J. St. Paul

Pondicherry
25th November 1794

Appointed

Now Translation
(Signed) G. Buchan
French Transl.

Agreed that Mr St Paul Senior be appointed to supply the vacancy, on the Superior Council at Pondicherry

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Pondicherry, occasioned by the dismission of Mr. Desrabines.

Read the following letter from the Fort Adjutant.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Fort Adjutant requesting he may be allowed Full Batta

Among the momentous affairs which occupy your Lordships time, it is with reluctance that I intrude the concerns of an Individual; but, though little when compared to publick matters, to me, they are of much importance, and this Trust will plead my Apology.—

The Appointment of Fort Adjutant of Fort St. George, which I have the honor to hold, is subject to many expences which were considered so much beyond his allowances, that it was deemed necessary always to annex the Appointment of Barrack Master to it. They have, for some time, been devided, though the expences of the latter have, since that period, perhaps rather increased, than diminished.

By residing constantly in the Fort, while most of the Officers belonging to the Garrison live out of it the Fort Adjutant must nec[illegible]ly entertain a great proportion

proportion of the Officers from Out Stations who visit the Presidency.

This circumstance alone, strengthened by the comparative dearness of living, which, at Madras, far exceeds every other place on the Coast, renders a situation of such expensive publicity as much in want of Table - or some equivalent allowance as those Garrisons where it was thought proper to grant it to Commanding Officers.

At Fort William in Bengal, the Fort Adjutant, exclusive of Half Batta which he enjoys indeed in common with the rest of the Garrison, has other Appointments and advantages, which never probably annexed for the same reasons that formerly attached the Appointments of Barrack Master and Fort Adjutant here the insufficiency of the latters Allowances to defray his expences.

The General Staff are allowed Full Batta partly on account of the dearness of living at the Presidency and as the Fort Adjutant is in the same predicament having no emoluments, it is to be hoped he may experience the same indulgence.

When your Lordship has leisure to examine this Statement, if it is found just, which I flatter myself will be the case, I can have no doubt

Just

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but you will give it the Consideration it may merit. — and that I shall be permitted to draw full Field Batta on such other additional allowances as your Lordship may think adequate to the proper support of so Public and extensive a Station.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed J. Worrell
F. Adj.t

Fort St George
M.
November 24. 1794

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Worrell that the Board can make no addition to the established Allowances fixed for his Office, without the previous sanction of the Honorable Court of Directors, to whom, however, it will be recommended by the first opportunity.

Read the following letter from the Subsecretary at Bengal —

To C. H. Jackson Esqr
Secretary
at
Fort St George

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Military Auditor General at this Presidency

From the Secretary at Bengal relative to payments to Officers of the military of that Presidency, made on the Coast, and drawing particulars of their future service thereon.

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Presidency and to request the Governor in Council of
Fort St George will issue the directions recommended in
the 5th Paragraph, on any future occasion of payments
being made there to the Military of this Establishment.

Fort William
3d November 1794

Sam
8a 8c
Signed J. H. Harington
Subsecy

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart
Governor General in Council &c &c
Military Department

Honorable Sir.

1st I do myself the honor to lay before
you a Copy of a letter addressed to me by Captain
Richard Goucher Commanding the 11th Battalion of
Native Infantry with the enclosures refered to.—

2d He states that at Hamildar two Naicks
and thirteen Sepoys who were taken Prisoners at Rat
Island, and are now doing duty in the 11th Battalion
at Berhampore, have arrears due to them from the
Bencoolen Residency from the 1st of January to the
3d of August 1794 which for the Hamildar amounts
in eight Months to Sr Rs 152
for the two Naicks Do: to —— 272
and for the thirteen Sepoys to —— 824

making

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making the Totals S.R. 1308 or
Sicca Rupees 1251.9.11

They acknowledge to have received at Madras Sicca Rupees 275.5.1
and there has been advanced to these Men by the Town
Major, on the Authority of Government communicated
to me in Mr Sub Secretary Harrington's letter of the 15th
of August the following Sums

To the Hamildar S.R. 10..
To the two Naicks ..... 20.
and to the Thirteen Sepoys
@ 6 Each 78
} 108.. ..

making the total advances 383.5.1 Leaving a balance
S.R.
said to be due of 862.4.10. —

3d The men request that this Money may be
paid to them in Bengal, in order that they might be
able to provide themselves with the necessaries previous to their
Return to Fort Marlboro, or at least that some advance
may be made to them to be accounted for on the final
Adjustment of their Arrears. —

4th As they could not bring Certificates with
them of the last allowance they received at Fort Marlboro — gw
it is not possible to ascertain whether their Claim is correct — ct
or not — It is noticed in the Extract of the Town Mayors
Letter dated the 12th of August last which accompanied Mr
Sub-

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Sub Secretary Harrington's letter to me of the 15th. of that Month, that these People received subsistence for July at Madras.—

5th I am uncertain what is meant by the term subsistence, but Imagine that it alludes to their Pay and Batta for July, and is included in the 275. 5. 1. Rupees for which the Men give Credit but not being in possession of any information relative to the advances made to these people at Madras, it suggests the necessity of submitting, the propriety of recommending it to the Madras Government, to direct the proper Officers under them, on all future occasions of making payments on account of any persons belonging to this Establishment, to send the most explicit information thereof, detailing, not only the names and Rank of the Men the Months for which Pay and Batta is advanced, but also the Corps and Companies they respectively belong to, or, if information on all these points cannot be obtained, that they will at least, detail the persons names, Ranks, Corps, and [illegible] amount paid on account of each, taking proper Receipts for the same.—

With respect to the present application I am humbly of opinion that it may be complied with

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With transmitting information of the particulars to the Resident at Fort Marlborough.

Military Auditor General's Office 1st November 1794

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect &c &c

/Signed/ John Murray

Colonel and Mily Aud. Genl

A true Copy

/Signed/ I. H. Harington Subs

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy of Colonel Murray's letter be sent to the Military Auditor General, with orders to notify to the proper Officers, that the directions recommended in the 5th Paragraph are to be carefully attended to, on any future occasion of payments being made at this Presidency to the Military of the Bengal Establishment.

Lieutenant W. Meate dismissed the Service

The Secretary reports to the Board that Lieutenant William Meate has been dismissed the Service by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

Military Appointments vide Minute.

The President proposes that Captain Carlisle be appointed Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly vice O. Beirne deceased and that Mr. Robert Gibson Conductor, be appointed a Deputy Commissary of Stores.

Ordered accordingly

Hobart

Wm. Saunders

Chas. Warfield

Wm. Geo. Parry

Wm. Hy. Ly

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Diary

Received letter from the Nabob, entered
in C.C. No. 231. advising of his having paid the Sixth Ins.
due the 1st. Instant.

Substance of Letter from the Nabob.

Received the undermentioned letters entered
in M.B. Nos. 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.13.

From Captain A Read requesting
payment of 3/4 Reckonings due to him from the 15th Ins.
Read Battalion for the year 1788.

From Paymaster at Cangole requesting
Mr. Lennox leave to visit the Presidency.

From Commandant at Madura
Major Gowdie in reply to the Complaints preferred against him by the
Nabob.

From Paymaster at Ditto explaining
Mr. Vaughan the reasons for his not paying the Artillery Men of the
Lieutenant Fennel's Detachment.

From Commandant of the 13th Battalion
Captain Oliver in recommendation of Lieutenant Hearsey the adjutant.

From Secretary to the Military Board
Mr. Secretary Brodie enclosing a Packet for Bengal.

From Captain Doveton acknowledg-
Captain Doveton ing Receipt of Letters.

From Commandant at Palamcotah
Lieutenant Colonel Campbell requesting payment of certain charges already incurred for
Repairs there.

From Ditto at Pondicherry requesting
Colonel Nixon a Subsistence for Mons.r De Rabiné.

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From Ditto — From Ditto — forwarding letters from Mess.rs Delahaugy and Marailly —

From Ditto — From Ditto — enclosing a list of absentees and requesting an Explanation upon the Boards order of 26th Ult.o —

From Mr. Goricke — From the Reverend Mr. Goricke — stating the Complaints of the Widows of the late Rajah of Tanjore that their Charity houses and Bazars at and near that place are much molested by the Rajah's people — and requesting that the Commandant may be ordered to protect them. —

From Mr. Stepping — From Mr. Stepping — requesting that Robert Lamb, of the 2d. Battalion of artillery may be ordered from the Mount and employed under him as a Draughtsman. —

Sent the following letters.

To Captain Kirkpatrick Resident at Hydrabad

Sir,

To Resident at Hydrabad — advising of Tippoo's intentions to Sequester part of the Kunnoul Country and enclosing Copy of Intelligence from Mysore — request in consequence. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to transmit to you Extract of a letter to his Lordship from Tippoo Sultaun, advising of his intention to Sequester such part of the Kunnoul Country as lies adjacent to Gooty, in consequence of the

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the Jaghiredars having with held the payment of his Tribute since the conclusion of the late war

althô Tippoo may have no other motive than what he has expressed, yet, under the present situation of affairs, the assemblage of Troops so near to the Frontiers of his Highness the Nizam, might reasonably be a subject of alarm, and particularly if there be any authority in the intelligence lately received, by the means of Captain Doveton, from the Mysore Country, of a Negotiation being on foot for an alliance between Tippoo and the Marattas, in case the latter should be engaged in warfare with the Nizam - a copy of this intelligence is enclosed for your information, and the President in Council recommends that measures be taken for ascertaining the real motives of Tippoo in the order he has sent to the Foujdar of Gooty.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Most obedient humble Servant
Signed W.C. Jackson Sec.y

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To Edward Hay Esq.r
Secretary to the Government
at
Fort William.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon.ble the President in Council to transmit to you, for the information of the Governor General in Council,

copy

Mr. Secretary
with copy of
preceding Letter
& the papers
referred to therein

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copy in English and Persian of a letter dispatched to his Lordship by Tippoo Sultaun; and to acquaint your that, that part of it which relates to the sequestration of the Kurnoul Country has been communicated to Captain Kirkpatrick; since it is possible that Tippoo may have other motives than those which he has stated for the order said to have been sent to the Foujdar of Gooty

I enclose a copy of the letter which has been written to the Resident at Hydrabad on the occasion, and have the honor to be.

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Wa: Wa:
Signed W.C: Jackson
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Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. Nos. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29.

To Mr. Sullivan — To Attorney General - enclosing letters from Colonel Nixon and desiring his opinion as to the proposed suppression of the Choultry Court at Pondicherry.

To Captain Dyce — To Barrack Master in the Southern Division - permitting him to draw two pagodas for each Cott destroyed, to enable him to replace the number by new ones - this indulgence will not however be suffered to be drawn in future precedent.

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To Secretary at Bengal - enclosing

To Mr. Secretary Bayly — Copies of Intelligence from Mysore, and a letter from the Nabob. —

To Secretary to the Military Board. —

To Ditto — forwarding a letter from

To Ditto

To Resident at Cuddalore - with

To Mr. Kenworthy — Invoice of Military Stores, sent thither, over-land —

To Ditto at Poonah - with copy of

To Sir Charles Malet — Mysore Intelligence. —

To Military Auditor General —

To auditor General — transmitting copy of a letter from Colonel Murray - and directing him to cause particular attention to be paid to the Suggestions in the 5th Para - thereof - on any future occasion of payments to the Military of the Bengal Establishment. —

To Ditto - with orders to pass us

To Ditto — Captain Dyce's Bill for one hundred and two Pagodas on the account above noted. —

To Military Board — Captain Gibbings house will be purchased - the allowance to Captain Dyce notified - Serjeant Brown to receive the pay of a Sub Conductor - the Bills for Repairs ordered to be paid. —

To Military Board

To Commander of the Army -

To Colonel Braithwaite — directing him to order Robert Lamb to attend Mr. Topping. —

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To Lieutenant Averell

To Fort Adjutant. His application for additional allowances will be referred to the Court of Directors.

To Captains Dalton & Macleod

To Captains Dalton and Macleod. with Extract of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun and directing them to ascertain his real Motives for the order to the Phouzdar of Goote.

To Colonel Nixon

To Commandant at Pondicherry advising of Mons.r St. Paul's /Senior/ appointment to the Vacant seat in the Superior Council.

To Colonel Flint

To Ditto at Trichinopoly - with Instructions for the purchase of Captain Gibbings house.

To Ditto

To Ditto - with Instructions for the Subsistence of the Native poor there by an Issue of rice from the Stores, or a monthly allowance to be paid by the Paymaster.

To Mr. Shardow

To Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - notifying the foregoing, and directing him to give directions to the Storekeeper for issuing the Grain.

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The President sends in Circulation the following proposition.

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Lord Hobart having consulted Colonel Brathwaite on the subject of giving the command of Chingleput to Major Brodie and placing Captain Monson with the 52d Regiment, and the Colonel being of opinion, from the state of Major Brodie's health, that such arrangement will be useful to the public Service, His Lordship proposes to the Board that the accompanying draft be published in General orders.

Captain Monson to join the 52d Regiment and to command at Secundermalley. Major Brodie to command at Chingleput vice Brooke.

Ordered Accordingly

Sunday 7th December 1794.

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Substance of letter from the Rajah of Travancore.

Recived letter from the Rajah of Travancore entered in C.C. No. 232 congratulating the President on his arrival.

Recived the following letters

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

From the Military Board requesting that returns from the Departments of Provisions may be made to them — opinion regarding the Committee of Works at Masulipatam and Mr. Hardin's proposal for supplying Gram — enclose a Bill for Stores — and others for repairs.

My Lord,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 26th Ultimo, and to inform your Lordship that it has not been the practice, hitherto, for this Board to be furnished, at any fixed period, with returns from the Departments of Provisions,

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but that as it appears essentially necessary that it should, and more particularly now, in consequence of this request of the Hon.ble the Governor General, we request that your Lordship will be pleased to issue an order, that returns from these Depart= ments, be regularly transmitted to the Military Board quarterly, by the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency, and by the Deputy Commissaries of Grain and Provisions or other Officers in charge of the Provisions at all other Stations; that is to say by the 15th of the Months of May, August, November, and February, of every year for the Quarters preceding the first of those months respectively- and that the Agent for spirituous liquors shall likewise transmit quarterly returns at the same periods of the Arrack, or other spirituous liquors in Store, at the several Stations for the use of the Troops.

We think it necessary to observe to your Lordships on this occasion, that the order we have requested to be now issued, is conformable to the Regulations we mean to propose under the head of "Military Board" agreeably

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agreeably to the commands of Government under &
date the 23d. of August last - but that this part
of them seems to be essentially required at present,
in consequence of the request of the Government General,
and we shall accordingly compile the returns &
of the Ordnance and Military Stores for the &
corresponding periods, as we find it in the regulations
for the Military Board in Bengal, by making
these returns on the principle of the official year
commencing on the 1st. of May annually.

We beg leave to mention that we
have considered that a complete state of provisions
cannot be laid before the Government General,
unless spirituous liquors, which are, by the usage
of this Country served out to the Soldiery, are &
included - In regard to the extracts from &
Masulipatam, we are of opinion that the
business of the Committee of Works may, for the
present, be carried on as at Tanjore and Trichinopoly
Viz. by the Committee of Stores with the exclusion
of the Artillery Officer - as in those Garrisons &
where a Committee meets for the Store Depart-
ment, it consists of the Officer Commanding &

the

8 the Storekeeper, the Senior Engineer, and the Senior Officer of Artillery — but when they meet for Works only, the latter does not attend, We think it necessary, however, to add that, in the general Regulations now under our contemplation, that subject is attended to.

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship a bill for Stores supplied by the Contractors amounting to Pagodas two hundred and ninety six, eight fanams, and fifty five cash, (296 " 8 " 55) which having been examined are found to be made agreeably to Muster, made up of good materials, and in every respect fit for the service, we therefore, as the bill is charged agreeably to the rates of Contract, recommend that the same may be discharged.

Having taken into consideration the Commands of the 12th Ult.o we found it necessary to apply to the Engineer, under whose inspection the repairs you allude to were carried on at Connatore, for a specific report thereof — on receipt of which, we shall have the honor to report to your Lordship, and to enable us to also

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also to submit our opinion on the first paragraph of your letter under date the 27th Ult.o we wait the report of the Chief Engineer – with regard to the copy of the letter you enclose us from the Principal Agent of Cavalry supplies, We see no objection to the Suggestion he therein states – yet we must observe that, as the Indent is to be made out at the beginning of the year for the whole / instead of being made out, at certain periods according to the actual number of horses / Government may be subjected to a charge for a greater quantity of Gram than is required, this inconvenience may, however, in a considerable degree be Counterbalanced, if the whole of the Gram, is, by this means, bought at the lowest price – which we conceive to be the meaning of the proposal – we are therefore of opinion it may be necessary that Government should make that a condition of acquiescing in the alteration. —

We have forwarded to the Contractors copy of the Estimate for repairs required to Apartments No 10 in Portuguese Square & enclosed to us by your Lordship's directions in

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W.m Secretary Clerk's letter of the 27.th ult.o desiring us that they execute the Work agreeably thereto, these Gentlemen having enclosed to us their bills for the repairs made as follows.

In Military Department.

No.1 dated 26.th Nov.r 1794 amounting to 369.3.75

No.2 dated 4.th Dec.r 1794 .... ditto .... to 2237.15.14

5928.19.29

Civil Department

No.1 dated 1.st Dec.r 1794 amounting to 175.4.69

Pagodas 6103.24.28:

Six thousand, one hundred and three Pagodas, twenty four fanams, and twenty eight cash, which being regularly certified by the Chief Engineer, we beg leave to recommend that they may be liquidated.

We have the honor to be,

Sir: Sir:

/Signed/ John Brathwaite

" Henry Malcolm

" Jn.o Richardson

" Wm Gent

" George Hall

To

Fort St. George
3.d December 1794.

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Board of Trade — with Copies of the Proceedings and Correspondence relative to the Sequestration of the Vizianagrum Zemindary.

Conformable to the orders of Govern=
=ment, under date the 27th August, we have the
Honor to furnish your Lordship, with Copies of
all the Correspondence, and proceedings, relating
to the Sequestration of the Vizianagrum &
Zemindary, and the order for the late Rajah's
personal attendance at Madras, to the
End of August, being very Voluminous, &
they have necessarily taken some time
to complete, and, for the more easy &
reference to particular Papers, we have &
directed an Index to be annexed.

In our last General &
address / Para 44 to 47 / under date the
5th October, we noticed, that separate &
Minutes had been delivered by the Chief
and Members of Council at Vizagapatam,

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of a Subsequent date to the Proceedings a-
abovementioned, respecting the late transac=
=tions, and connected with the execution of a-
various material orders of Government, which
we might, at a future period, find necessary
to lay before your Lordship, particularly,
as they involved a question of responsibility
between the Chief, and Mess.rs Gregory a-
and Snow, concerning the Negotiations with
the late Rajah, and other points of im=
=portance – Copies of these Papers with o-
our Remarks thereon, accompany this – I
address accordingly. –

Fort St George
5.th December 1794

We have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most
Obed.t Humble Servants
/Signed/ Edw.d Saunders
" David Haliburton
" Chas. N. White
" Thos. Cockburn

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List of the Packet

No 1 Letters received, and Minutes passed thereon from the 21: February to the 4th December 1793.

2 Letters received, and Minutes passed thereon from the 26th January to the 17th June 1794.

3 Letters received and Minutes passed thereon from the 17th June to the August 1794

4 Separate Letter Book, containing the Letters written in consequence of the Minutes in the above Vol.

5 Separate Minutes delivered by the Chief and Members of Council at Vizagapatam and Remarks of the Board of Revenue thereon.

6 Letter to Government dated 5th December 1794.

7 List of the Packet.

(Signed) S. R. Lushington
Act. Dep.y Secy

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Received the undermentioned letter entered in M: B:
Nos 30.31.32.33.34.35.36.37.

From Lieutenant Thomas Clerke

From Barrack Master in the Northern Division requesting leave to visit the Presidency.

From Mr Gahagan

From Head Surgeon at Vellore - requesting certain allowances, which if granted, will in no shape interfere with, or disturb the present Medical System.

From Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General - with an additional Estimate of Cash for December.

From Captain Doveton

From Commandant at Pygacottah - with an account of certain Expences, lately authorized.

From Ditto

From Ditto - acknowledging Receipt of Letters.

From Captain Kirkpatrick

From Resident at Hydrabad - regarding a passport for one Ramajee Punt, to Travancore.

From adjutant General

From adjutant General - with a Statement of Reckonings for 1793.

From Colonel Brathwaite

From Commander of the Army - requesting that two Offices of the Royal Artillery whose promotion has appeared in the Gazette, tho' not yet published by the Commander in Chief in India, may receive the pay &c. of their Rank.

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: Nos 38. 39.

To Mr Lennox

To Paymaster at Ongole - permitting him to visit the Presidency.

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General - referring Mr Roebuck's additional Estimate for December

At

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At a consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Tuesday 9th December 1794

Edward Saunders
and
Ernst William Falloofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following letter from Bengal

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bengal— recommending Commission to Mr. James Tate, for Bombay, soliciting a Compensation for the Ship Liverpool.—

We think it proper to transmit to your Lordship a copy of a letter, dated the 29th of September, addressed to us, with Enclosures, by Mr. Tate of Bombay.—

although the circumstances of the case, as stated by Mr. Tate, differ, in some degree, from those of Captain Gibson's Representation, the subject of a former reference to you, yet, admitting the accuracy of Mr. Tate's Narrative, we think the Owner of the Liverpool, upon general Considerations of Equity, entitled to some Reparation for

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for the loss and disappointment he has suffered, under an Agreement virtually settled for the freight of his Ship, & although the Charter party was not signed, but as the observation upon this subject in your Secretary's letter, dated the 24th of July, to Messrs. Colt Baker and Co. "that it was "optional in either party to put an end to the Proceedings" and that, in proof of this, the owners of the Ships "Yarmouth, Favourite, Anna, and Success, officially reported "their Intention not to execute the Charter Parties for "those Ships even after they had been signed by Govern= "ment" and that "had they preserved in this Intention, "the President in Council had no means of compelling "them to alter it, since they had not bound themselves "to any penalty in case of "failure", seems to suggest an Idea that the Custom of Merchants is, in this respect, less conformable to the Principles of Equity than we are disposed to admit, we merely refer the Claim of Mr. Tate to your Lordship's Inquiry and decision upon its Merits.—

We have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) L. Shore
" Peter Speke
" Wm Cowper

Fort William
10th of November 1794.

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To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart.
Governor General of Bengal &c: &c:
Calcutta

The Memorial of James Tate of Bombay
Merchant Owner of the Ship Liverpool.

Your Memorialist presumes to address
himself to your Honor in Council upon an occasion
that he trusts will be thought to justify his appealing
to the Justice of the Honble Company and the high
Authority of the Supreme Government, which has always
bestowed a liberal regard towards cases of a similar nature,
justly considering that the Company's Interests are never
better served, than when individuals are encouraged to rely
on their general justice and good faith in any part they
may take in the promotion of the Public Services, and
consequently, never failing to afford an equitable relief to
persons who may happen to suffer in their Fortunes,
from the sometimes necessary, but unexpected changes
in public measures.

Your Memorialist prays your Honor to
have the goodness to perusse the enclosed copies of the
Correspondence, between his Agents, and the Honorable
Government of Madras, with the Papers the same bears
reference to, which will render it needless for him to recite
the circumstances under which he is disappointed of the
Employment of his Ship the Liverpool in the Lately
intended Transport Service.

Invited

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Invited by the advertisement of the
Madras Government which was published also here, your
Memorialists fitted out and sent round this, and three other
Ships, excellently calculated for the Transport Employ, and
not including the Ship Gloucester mentioned in the
Correspondence, which is not his property, this she was
recommended by him to the same Agents. The Ship
Liverpool in particular was laid up for the Rainy Season
to save expences, as he had no suitable object for her Employ-
=ment at that season, until the advertisement of the Madras
Government arrived here, when your Memorialists fitted
her out and equipped her for the purpose, at a great
Expence, and dispatched her so seasonably as to justify
his relying altogether upon her being taken into the Company's
Employ upon her Arrival she vied with the Gloucester,
offered for the public Service, by your Memorialists Agents;
the Terms of freight were made known to them by the
Madras Government they were acquiesced in on his
part and the Ships being in consequence submitted to
the Survey of the Companys Officers was reported well
conditioned and qualified, and certified to be of the capacity
of four hundred and fifty Tons. The affair had proceeded
to this point, before any intimation was given of the
Governments Resolution to cease engaging for more Troops
=ports, and your Memorialists with great submission
conceives that, if the Transaction had been between
Individuals, the Merchants could not [illegible] that place, have

broken

broken off the Treaty, without being obliged in Honor and
Equity at least to make an adequate compensation to the
Ship Owner for his disappointment, and to indemnify
him for the expences of Equipment and the like of the
Voyage undertaken on the Invitation of the Merchant and
upon the promise of being chartered if upon arrival the
Ship was found suited for the particular Service. —

These are objects of great value to your
Memorialist, tho, in the great scale of the Company's
affairs, they are comparatively of small amount: if he
should be disappointed in his expectation from the
Justice and liberality of your Honor in Council, which
he cannot allow himself for a moment to apprehend,
he will have been at the fruitless expence of an Equipment
of the Ship expressly designed for the intended Service, the
Imprest of her Company, the Insurance of the Voyage to
Madras, and the Demurrage there, which altogether
amounts to a Sum that would not have been Reimbursed
by the two Months freight that were to have been
paid in advance. Besides this, your Memorialist was
unprepared with any other Employment for the Ship;
and, in fact, had not intended to send her to Sea at
that season, he was forced by the disappointment into
the measure of selling her at Madras with some loss,
rather than add to what he had suffered by
for her back to port. —

Your Memorialist, to c
his case entirely to the Equitable determinat

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in Council hoping you will direct him to be paid a reasonable indemnification for his loses as above stated.—

And your Memorialist shall ever Pray

Bombay
29th September 1794

/Signed/ James Tate

Papers referred to, in the foregoing Memorial.—

Letter from Secretary to the Military Board to
Messrs. Colt Baker and Co. ---------- 27th June 1794
"From Deputy Secretary to ditto to ditto ---------- 3rd July Do
"From Messrs. Colt Baker and Co. to Mr. Secretary Brodie } 4th Do
"From Ditto to the Government at Madras ---------- 14 Do
"From Mr. Secretary Jackson - in reply ---------- 16 Do
"From Messrs. Colt Baker and Co. to the Government at Madras } ---------- 18 Do
"From Mr. Secretary Jackson in reply ---------- 24 Do

The Board have anticipated the recommendation upon the subject contained in the above letter - Agreed that the Governor General in Council be informed thereof, and of the reasons that induced the measure.

Minute thereon

Read the following letters from Colonel Brathwaite.—

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c: &c: &c:

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have received a letter from Colonel Floyd, wherein he requests instructions for his conduct, stating that the order of Government of the 11th ultimo directs Officers in Command, to prevent the sale of Parian Arrack, at every station where the Company's liquor is sold, and that there may be no pleа for evading the same, he observes, that the order further directs that the Provision and Sale of Sweet Toddy within the respective Military stations before mentioned shall be under the exclusive charge of the Agents servants, and restricted to the regular Godowns fixed for the sale of the Honble Company's liquor, the whole under pain of disobedience of orders. The Colonel then observes that at Trichinopoly, the profits arising from the Sale of Arrack are farmed by his Highness the Nabob for certain sum to renters, and that these, with that arising from the sale of Sweet Toddy, produce to his Highness a considerable revenue, Colonel Floyd thinks that without an interference which might not be warranted with the Revenue arrangements of the Nabob, he cannot carry into strict effect, in Trichinopoly and its vicinity, this order, and therefore requests to be honored with

From Colonel Braithwaite - submits a reference from Colonel Floyd, regarding the General order prohibiting the Sale of Arrack and Sweet Toddy - proposes that Officers actually holding Commands, shall not share in the profits upon the Sale of Arrack - Extracts from Captain Graham's of the Dutch Service Ireland - also Major Youngs proposal for supplying Saddles &c: suggests that Mr. Theate be employed under Mr. Topping -

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with the Commands of Government on the subject, as it is his wish implicitly to obey, and he requests similar instructions for Lieutenant Colonel Baird, who Commands at Tanjore, where the order operates in a similar manner on a Branch of the revenue of the Rajah,- being on this subject I am induced to farther to trouble your Lordship. much difficulty arises in the distribution of the profits arising from the sale of the Company's spirits, by Officers casually hobbing commands, which entitle them to a share for short periods, during the casual absence of the Officer appointed to the Command by Government on leave of absence, or attending Court Martial, or other Summonses,- It would simplify this business so exceedingly, and I conceive be no way unjust, if it were determined by Government that this small emolument should be attached solely to the Officer hobbing the Command by order of Government. Should your Lordship see it in that light, I have taken the liberty to enclose the sketch of an order, which might be published by Government to that effect.

I have the honor also to lay before your Lordship, some letters and papers received by Colonel Floyd, from Captain Bristler, commanding the Dutch Company which suffered so much in the storm of the 29th of October last, which Colonel Floyd requested I would submit to your Lordships consideration, as they are from

entered in M. B. for October No.

Nos. 1. to No. 6.

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I have also the honor to lay before your Lordship, a Letter addressed by Major Yeunge to your Lordship, and must beg leave to offer it as my opinion, that the service to be expected from Cavalry very Materially depends upon a strict attention to the construction of the Saddles, and that the proposal of Major Yeunge, as far as I am informed is fair, and that I think it highly advantageous to the service that an Officer Commanding a Regiment of Cavalry should not have it in his power to plead any anal-construction of Saddles, in excuse for sore backs.

I have the honor also to submit to your Lordships consideration, a letter I have received from the President of the Court Martial which lately Cashiered Lieutenant Neate of the Honble Company's Infantry, Mr. Neate is a man of more science than is usually to be met with, but of so unfortunate a temper, that his service has been a succession of disputes with his Commanding Officer. I know not how to Recommend him on that Account, but am of opinion the circumstances he is well founded in, might render him extremely useful to the Company if employed any where, under the orders of Mr. Topping. I cannot help adding however, and I hope it will not be understood as said with any intention to counteract the present benevolent wish of the Court Martial, that I could with it to be a general rule, that all Officers dismissed by the sentence of a Court Martial, should, in future, be sent to Europe by the first opportunity.

I have the honor to be
Wm. Wm.
[Signed] John Brathwaite
Sketch

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
December 6th 1794.

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Sketch of an order to be issued by Government.

In order to prevent confusion of claims, in future, in regulating the Distribution of the sums arising from the sale of Arrack &c. at the Stations under this Presidency, the Officers appointed by Government to command the Stations to which the distribution under the orders of the 11th Ultimo extends, are alone to share in the Annual division.

Officers in temporary command, during the absence of the Officer appointed by Government on Leave or otherwise, being held to receive a sufficient compensation for the extra duty of Command, by drawing Batta as at present for the respective periods.

Officers appointed to commands by Government are to share from the first Month for which the Monthly Returns of the Garrison or Station to the Adjutant General's Office are signed by them, that month inclusive; Officers removed are to continue to draw their share till the commencement of the Month on which their successors take charge and for which he signs the Returns.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council &c. &c. &c. Fort St. George

My Lord

Having reason to suppose that some alterations

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alteration is about to be made in the present Mode for furnishing horse Accoutrements for the Native Cavalry, I beg take the liberty of stating, what has occurred to me, and the Commandants of Regiments, trusting that your Lordship will not think me too presumptuous in offering our opinions unasked, the good of the Corps, being our sole motive

I am the letter I have the honor to enclose, for your Lordship's perusal, it is natural to conclude, the Cavalry will be remounted before well seasoned Materials for the making of Saddles, can be procured, which upon experience has been found to be absolutely necessary, as a proof of which, I beg leave to state what is within our knowledge relative to the Saddles of the 1st. Regiment of Native Cavalry, made by the late Major Sonyn at Masulipatam, with every assistance of the Chief and Council, as directed by Government, and under the inspection of an Officer of his Regiment stationed there for that purpose.

The Saddles were completed about the end of the year 1789 apparently of the best kind, but upon trial, they were found to be bad: the trees were made of Green wood, with less than half the proper proportion Iron, the Leather of a bad quality and ill dressed, the consequence of this was, that very soon after the Regiments joined Colonel Kaptull's Army, the whole Corps were reported to him, and to Government, as unfit for Service, owing to sore backs, an attempt was made to repair the

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Saddles, but on Inspection, they are found to be opened and warped so much, and the leather so tired, as to render them totally useless. This is well known not to have been the case with other Corps, whose Commandants took measures to procure seasoned Materials, and made the Company's allowance of four Pagodas, twenty one fanams, up to seven Pagodas each Saddle, from a conviction, that the stronger and better the Materials were, the more lasting they would prove, and ensure, as far as possible, the Services of their Corps in the field, which would redound to their credit, and that of their Regiments, because the Number of sore backed horses, on service, is the best criterion now to judge the interior management of a Cavalry Corps by.

From the above circumstance I hope it will appear to your Lordships, what our Corps will be liable to, and how much the service may suffer, if proper attention is not paid to this particular point, and the responsibility thrown on the Commanding Officers of Regiments.

Should it be recommended that our Saddles, in future, be made up by Contractors, even on an allowance of Ten Pagodas, each Saddle, I am convinced they would be made within the present allowance of four Pagodas twenty one fanams, which even that allowance of four were not to profit being the principal object at Masulipatam Garrison as public Stores, and to be issued by a Contractor, consequently with the disadvantage of being deposited in are received, they will be found much decayed, and dry rotten, of course the horses must suffer, the service be impeded, and the Corps rendered useless. In which case the Commandants

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not having furnished the Saddles, will complain of the Contractor, and hold himself free from all responsibility on that head, and will be liable to make it appear so. before any board of officers, ordered to investigate the cause of the ill state of his Regiments. Whereas if Commandants are authorized to complete their Regiments with Saddles to the full establishment, it is their interest, to make them of the best Materials the Country affords, for their own advantage, as well as the Company's. I shall therefore take the liberty of proposing to your Lordship, what appears to be the best, and most equitable in consequence of Captain Dallas's Letter, stating that a complete remount, may take place in the course of ten or twelve Months, that a Monthly advance for the full Establishment, equal to the present allowance for the repairs of each Saddle take place, for which the Commanding Officers, will hold themselves responsible for completing their respective Corps with Horse Accoutrements, without putting the Company to the expence of the Original purchase — The Establishment once completed with Saddles, as proposed, shall never hereafter subject the Company to any extra charge, and the Officer in Command or Succeeding to a Corps, is to be responsible that the Horse Accoutrements belonging to it, are always fit for immediate Service.

For your Lordships information, I enclose, comparative Statement of the expence of a Saddle, made by Gibson of Cockspur Street, London, and of one by the Commandants of the Native Cavalry. the latter of which has been found equally serviceable with the former, and to be in use as long.

I have the honor to be,
&c: &c:
(Signed) Wm Young
Major of Cavalry
Esquire

Fort St. George
Nov.r 25.th 1794.

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Expence of a Saddle made by Gibson for the Light Dragoons.

one Saddle with Skirts and flaps	Le	1	D.
Brass Cantle	"	16	—
Crupper	"	1	10
Carbine Strap	"	1	2
Set of Girths	"	"	10
Pair of Stirrup Leathers	"	2	8.
do do Irons	"	2	1.
Leather Surcingle	"	1	8.
Carbine Bucket	"	2	8.
Regimental Bitt and Curb	"	2	8½
Bridoon	"	3	6
Sett of Rains & Headstalls	"	1	4.
Pad	"	5	9
Straps for do	"	2	6.
Pr. of Holster Caps	"	1	6
Pr. of Holster pipes	"	3	9.
do do Straps	"	5	9.
1 Breast plate	"	"	6
	"	1	1.
17 Pagodas at 8 Shilling per Pagoda is 8 Ps 6 Cash 62	Le	3	5 3½

Expence of a Saddle complete with the same articles, as furnished by Gibson, and made in the Country to be equally Serviceable ..... Pagodas 7 — —

Company's allowance for the Making up a Saddle complete, as fixed by Lord Macartney, without the concurrence of the Commandants of Regiments, was Pagodas 4 21 fs and found to be insufficient Pagodas 2 21 fs —

Major

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Major Younge Cavalry

Sir,

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of this date, and it gives me great satisfaction being able to inform you, as Agent for the purchase of horses, that my prospects of completing the Remount of the Cavalry up to their full Establishment are very flattering from the late accommodation between his Highness the Nizam and the Maratta States; and, should nothing unforeseen occur, there can be little doubt of my accomplishing this desireable end in the course of the ensuing year or by the Month of July when my party return from the Chandherry Pass

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Madras
22d. November 1794.

(Signed) Thomas Dallas
Agent for the Purchase
of Horses

To Colonel Brathwaite
Commanding the Army on the Coast.

Sir,

The Court reluctantly yielding to the Conviction of strong proofs adduced in support of the charges alledged against Lieutenant Reate, have found itself under the disagreeable Necessity to award a

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Sentence which removes him from the Honble Company's Service.—

The regid to all of duty being obeyed, the voice of piety has been allowed to plead, and has not been heard in vain.—

You will remark Sir, that Lieutenant Neate in one of his letters observes, his fortunes are not flourishing and he may eventually be thereby plunged in distress.—

But this situation of Lieutenant Neate is not alone confined to himself, as it involves in its Consequences an amiable Young Lady, his Wife, who must become a sharer in his Misfortunes.—

The known Goodness of your Heart Sir, and Chearfulness to succour the distressed, awakens a Confidence in me to comply with the earnest Request of the Court.—

It is therefore Sir, in the name of the Members of the present Court, that I presume to address you, submitting these circumstances to your favorable Consideration, and Soliciting that you will have the Goodness to interest yourself in procuring such a Stipend for the support of Lieutenant Neate's family, as you, in your Benevolence, and the Generosity of Government, may deem suitable and fit.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ W. Bidulph

Lt. Col. & President.

Ellore
5th November 1794.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c: &c: &c:

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship applications that have been made to me by Lieutenant and Adjutant Boss of the 2d Battalion of European Infantry, and Lieutenant Armstrong of the Pioneer Corps, which applications were forwarded to me by the Officers Commanding the Corps to which these Officers belong, and who both approve the exchange, and as I know Lieutenant Armstrong to be particularly well qualified to be Adjutant to an European Corps, I am induced to recommend it to your Lordship in Council to permit the exchange to take place.

From Colonel Braithwaite - wishes Lieutenant Boss of the Infantry and Lieutenant Armstrong, of the Pioneers regiment to exchange situations.

Vide Mil: Cons: for date Nos. 41. 42

I have the honor to be,
&c: &c:
(Signd) John Braithwaite

Head Quarters
Chavelry Plain
December 8th 1794

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c: &c: &c:

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's command, conveyed in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 26th Ultimo, to which I should sooner have replied but that I had occasion to refer myself to the Northward, for information in regard to the time of arrival of the Draughts &c: sent for

From Colonel Braithwaite - in regard to the detachment for the artillery Company and of officers for the Pioneer Corps with the Nizam's Detachment - recommends Lieutenants J. L. Jones and T. Manisty for the adjutancies of the 69th and 78th Battalions now Kerry and Meuth assigned.

Captain

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Captain Bell's Company of artillery, I have the honor to inform your Lordship that, on the 23rd of September last, twenty six Matrosses were drafted from the artillery at the Mount, and Embarked under the Command of a Subaltern to be landed at Masulipatam, with some Tumbrils and Gun Carriages, and to proceed to join the Company of artillery Commanded by Captain Bell, in Major Roberts's Detachment, and that this supply was calculated to compleat that Company, in every respect, according to such report as had then reached me. I have been informed, from Masulipatam, that the whole landed safely there, and Marched from thence, except the Subaltern officer who being ill and not likely speedily to recover was left behind sick, and the Detachment put, by Colonel Fraser's orders, under the charge of Conductor Thomson, who has great professional experience, his zeal and capability I am well acquainted with, and as the Subaltern at Masulipatam is not likely to recover to join in any time, another has been ordered from the Mount.

Major Roberts, and the Resident also, would therefore soon have reason to know that this Detachment was not unattended to, and that the Artillery Company was completed as soon as it could be, that is, as soon as the Gun Carriages and Tumbrils could be ready, and it was necessary that the men should accompany them—

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The Deputy Adjutant General assures me that Captain Bell is not quite fair in his Statement, that it is true that some men were before sent, to complete him, as he says, picked up at Madras and furnished with the Adjutant Generals passport, but that they were mostly men who had served in the artillery, whose times were out, and who were Reinlisted and sent to that Company - these, tho newly enlisted, cannot be called Recruits - nor that I think it necessary that Captain Bell should be exempted from receiving his reasonable share of Recruits, as his is a situation in which they ought to be as expeditiously and effectually trained as any other, and he and his officers must certainly have leisure enough to attend to this duty.

I have the honor to enclose, for your Lordships information, an exact Roll of the Officers attached to the 28th and 29th Native Battalions, as they stood by the Returns, at the end of October, that is one Month after the date of the Address to your Lordship, and to assure your Lordship that these Corps are much more complete, with Officers, than any Corps in the service - the Staff of the Detachment, in common with the other Staff of the Army, is attached to Corps, but this is an inconvenience under which the Service labours in general, and, of course, weakens all the Corps in point of Officers for Regimental duty, but I have carefully avoided charging the Battalions in

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in question with any Staff officers that do not belong to the service in which the Battalions are actually employed, so that, upon any great emergency they might be Regimentally employed, which is an attention that I cannot pay to many other Corps in the service - your Lordship will see that of the officers attached to these Battalions, not one is absent by any leave of mine. such as are absent are so on the duties which occur in the service or which they are engaged on the requisition of the Resident, or on account of sickness To retain a greater number of officers with these Battalions, to supply such occasional absences, would require three Corps to have Supernumerary officers attached to them, which has never been ordered, nor, under the circumstances of this establishment, was it complete, could it be conveniently done, without injury to other Corps, and in the present state of the establishment, wanting nearly one hundred Subalterns, as we do, to complete, I cannot just now so furnish even the complete Complement of officers to these Battalions without weakening some others too much.

Captain Dalrymple, who Commands the 2d. Battalion, has been summoned to attend the Quarter Sessions, and, under such circumstances, I should consider it very unfair, unless some very particular Service pressed, to order another Captain up to take the charge of his Battalion.

I trust this reply will be perfectly satisfactory to your Lordship, and you may depend

that

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that I shall make it a point to keep this Detachment as complete as I can, consistently with such attention as is indispensibly necessary to be shewn to other Corps.—

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that Captain Oliver, Commanding the 13th Native Battalion, has notified to me the desire of Lieutenant Keary to resign the Adjutancy of the Battalion, in consequence of a declining state of health, which renders him no longer capable of discharging that duty, with that Zeal and activity he has hitherto Manifested.—

Captain Oram, who Commands the 22d Native Battalion, has also Notified to me, in similar terms, the desire of Lieutenant Thomas Meeks to resign the Adjutancy of his Battalion.—

If your Lordship is disposed to accept of these resignations, I beg leave to recommend Lieutenant J. L. Jones, of the 6th Native Battalion, to be Adjutant to the 13th, and Lieutenant Thomas Marriott, of the 25th Native Battalion, to be Adjutant to the 22d.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Braithwaite

Head Quarters
Chaultry Plain
November 26th 1794.

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A Roll of European Commissioned Officers of the 28th and 29th Native Battalion.—

28th Battalion

Captain Robert Mackay ..... present for duty
Lieutenant Jno Hunt ..... on Command at Hydrabad
" — D.A. Kirkpatrick .. Persian Interpreter to the Detachment
" .. Robert Shaw ..... present for duty
" .. Jno Goldsworthy ..... on Command at Hydrabad
with Account of the Detachment
" .. Ch. Farran ..... D. at the request of the Resident
" .. Josh Marshal ..... present for duty
" .. Thos Graham ..... Sick present
" .. Sal. Tunston ..... present for Duty

29th Battalion

Captain James Dalrymple — Ordered to attend the Quarter Sessions
Lieutenant Alexander Orr ..... D.W. to Detachment
" Thos Wilson ..... Brigade Major to Dett
" Edwd Batchelor ..... present for duty A.D.C.
" Richd Leigh ..... present for duty
" George Lauder ..... on Command / Detach. duty /
" James Campbell .... present for Duty
" L. R. Macdonald .. Sick absent.

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Novr 20th 1794

/ Signed / P. A. Agnew
Dep.y adj.t Genl

Agreed

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Agreed that the General order ye
recommended by Colonel Braithwaite be published, and
that it be further stated in orders, that the regulations
of the 11th Ultimo were not meant to interfere with the
established Revenue of the Company— His Highness ye
the Nabob or of the Rajah of Tanjore— but only to ye
prohibit the Sales of Arrack and Sweet Toddy, to the
Troops and Native Followers of Corps, by other means
than what those regulations prescribe.

Minutes and Resolutions on the foregoing Letters.

Ordered that a Letter be written to
the Resident at Nagore, directing him to inform ye
Captain Brohier that, altho' Government lament
exceedingly the cause that induced his application, ye
yet, as it is never the custom in this service to
make indemnification to the Company's Troops for
such losses, and as the measure of conveying the ye
Detachment in Dooties arose from Captain ye
Brohiers own Suggestion, contrary to the Original
intention of the Board, no Compensation can be made
at the Company's expence.

Agreed that the Military Board
be directed to report upon Major Young's representation

Resolved that Mr. Reade be permitted
to draw five Shillings a day, until an opportunity
offers for his proceeding to Europe.

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The Board approve the opinion given by Colonel Brathwaite, that all Officers dismissed by the Sentence of a Court Martial should, in future, be sent to Europe by the first opportunity — and it is resolved to adopt it as a general rule.

Agreed that Lieutenants Bree and Armstrong be permitted to exchange situations — and that Lieutenants Jones and Marriott be appointed to the Adjutancies recommended by Colonel Brathwaite.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Toriano

To William Collins Jackson Esq.
Military Secretary
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor of your Letter of the 26th Instant, with the Enclosure.

From Mr. Toriano exculpating himself from the charge of Neglect in regard to the Equipment of the Dorey in which the Dutch Troops were embarked.

As soon as a proper opportunity offers, Captain Brohier, with the remainder of his Company, will proceed to Jaffanapatam, on such conveyance as he will be desired to declare his approbation of in writing, and I shall be careful he shall be provided with every necessary for the Voyage.

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With respect to the Explanation his Lordship requires on the latter part of Captain Kinsey's letter to Colonel Floyd. the circumstance will best appear by a history of the Transactions previous to the departure of Captain Brohier on the 27th Ultº. This I must remark that the Dorey which he embarked on was not the only Vessel of that discription, which was lost at the same time, between Negapatam and Jaffanapatam: but, as it happened, four or five other Vessels met with a similar fate between the Two Ports, owing to the same Gale of Wind.

On the Receipt of your letter of the 8th October I sent for the Master Attendant of Negapatam, and desired him to procure sufficient Craft for the transportation of Captain Brohier's Company to Jaffanatam – He recommended the Dorey in question for one / which belonged to Mr. Thompson / as she was a decked Vessel of 30 Garce and was hourly expected to arrive from Madras, which I consented to in case she should arrive in time. at the same time I requested the Deputy Commissary General of Grain and Provisions to comply with Captain Brohier's Request of 15 days provision / made verbally, but afterwards put in writing / for the Voyage.

Bath

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But as I thought this demand was more than could be necessary I directed him to send people in charge of them that what should not be consumed might be disposed of on Account of the Company.

As soon as I was acquainted that every thing was ready, which was on the 20th of October I desired Captain Lardy to order the Company on board the 23d on which Captain Brohier sent an Officer to me requesting he might remain until the 25th, which I consented to, and the more readily as his request corresponded with a report from Captain Gay that the Owners of the Chellingas did not wish to go sooner, for fear of bad Weather.

On the 25th or 26th Captain Brohier, in Company with Mr. Thompson, came to take leave, and on my observing that the Doney we had been expecting was arrived, I was informed that Captain Brohier meant to go in her, and that Captain Brohier would embark as soon as the Master or Attendant should give his opinion the weather was favorable. As Captain Brohier was satisfied, I had no reason to be otherwise. He was furnished with a Catamaran to accompany the Doney, that he might communicate with the Shore, should he have occasion to do so

W Rather

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Whether the Vessel was sound or not, or badly equiped, I cannot take on me to say. I had no reason to apprehend she was not in every respect in good order and condition - Nor do I believe there is, or can be a doubt, but that she would have arrived safe at Jaffanapatam, if she had not been overtaken by such bad Weather as was at the time quite unexpected.

I have made every enquiry to find out the people who behaved so ill to the unfortunate Sufferers. but as they are the common people of the Country, and accustomed to plunder every Vessel that may be wrecked on that Coast, none can be pitched on in particular, Nor has it been possible to recover any thing - they being all united in such Villany

I transmit herewith Copies of the publick Letters which have passed on the occasion

And have the honor to be,

Sir. Sir.

/Signed/ W.H. Torriano

Revd

William Harcourt Torriano Esqr.

Nagore
27th November 1794

Sir,

Having spoke with Mr. Gray about procuring the Necessary Donnies for the transport of my Company

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Company, he answered me that he could do nothing about it without a written order, which you will be pleased to give him as soon as possible wishing to take advantage of the first fair wind and weather

I also take the liberty of requesting you to give orders for providing 15 days provisions as I cannot in prudence embark with less in this time of the year - I shall be also obliged to you Sir to inform me whether I may draw Batta for the Officers for those 15 days or whether Table Money is allowed for the passage.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
/ Signed / L. Brohier

Negapatam
10th October 1794

To W. R. Torriano Esqr
Resident

Sir,

Agreable to your desire I invited on the Mr Thompson and Captain Brohier, Mr Thompson does agree to let his Doney go at 6 Pr Pagod and 7 Garce, which I think is reasonable but Captain Brohier wishes that there should be a Double Chellinga of 7 or 9 Garce to accompany the Doney for to accommodate the Officers &c. &c. and as he is in want of any thing from the shore during their passage.

Mr

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Mr. Thompson told me that the provisions should immediately be got in readiness as soon as you send him an order, hourly I expect from Madras two double Challenges between 7 to 9 Guns each, one of which with your permission I will get ready for the Officers.

I am &c. &c.
Signed / W.m Y. Gay

Negapatam
13th October 1794.

To Mr. William Gay
Master Attendant
Negapatam

Sir,

I am satisfied with the arrangement you have made with Mr. Thompson.

I am &c. &c.
Signed / W.m Harcourt Torriano

Nagore
13th October 1794

To William Harcourt Torriano Esq.r

Sir,

Mr. Thompson having communicated me your orders for his furnishing provisions for the people under my Command for the passage to Jaffanapatam, but as there is not mentioned any thing concern the Officers I beg you will be pleased to authoride him to pay them also 15 days batta, to prevent any deceptions on the moment of departure when we must give in our pay list, and which might occasion loss of time. I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.
Signed / L Brohier
&c

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To Captain Brohier

Negapatam

Sir,

I have the favor of your Letter of this date, and shall direct Mr. Thompson to send a person with the Detachment to pay the Officers Batta for the time they may be on the Voyage to Jaffanapatam — To give an advance of 15 days batta is more than I can be justified in doing — but if it is agreeable will to give an order that three days Batta be paid in advance.

Nagore
15th October 1794

Sam Va: Vo
Signed W. H: Torriano

To W. H: Torriano Esqr.

Resident

Sir,

The Boats to carry the Troops to Jaffanapatam are ready to go over the Bar to morrow Morning, but as they will not be able to sail from this until Wednesday at Night or Thursday in the Morning, the owners of the Boats would wish to remain until the new Moon is over which is on the 24th for fear of meeting with bad weather, which certainly would prove disagreeable to the Troops, as they are not decked Vessels.

Negapatam
24th October 1794

Sam Vo: Vo
Signed W. H. Gray
Master Attendant

To

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To Mr. Geo. Thompson
Paymaster

Sir,

As Captain Gay has acquainted me the Boats for the transportation of Captain Brookers Company to Jaffanapatam are ready, I shall give orders for their embarkation on Wednesday Morning, and have to request you will send on board the Water and Provisions - as the supply of 15 days provi= =sions will be probably much more than will be required - I must therefore request you will send the necessary people with the Boats in charge of the provisions, that what are not used may be disposed of, for the benefit of the Honble Company

Sam. Sr. Sr.

Nagore
20th October 1794.

/ Signed / W.H. Torriano

To Captain Sandy
Commanding the Dutch Troops at Negapatam

Sir

Every thing being ready for the Embar= =kation of Captain Brookers Company for Jaffanapatam I have to request you will issue the necessary orders for their going on board the Donies on Wednesday

Sam. Sr. Sr.

Nagore
20th October 1794

/ Signed / W.H. Torriano
Captain

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Captain Gay
Master Attendant
Negapatam

Sir,

I have no objection to Captain Brohiers Company remaining till they can embark with safety

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) W. H. Torriano

Nagore
20th October 1794

To W. H. Torriano Esqr
Resident

Sir,

As the new Moon is over, and to all appearances will have no bad weather no further than Nov^r, I am of opinion that the last Detachments of the Dutch Troops under the Command of Captain Brohier may embark to morrow Morning for their place of destination with safety

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) W. H. Gay
Master Attendant

Negapatam
26th October 1794

To W. H. Torriano Esq^r
Resident

Sir,

I am happy to inform you that the double Chellinga that went with the Dutch Troops from this to Jaffanapatam is safe returned as far as Tuppa Tooty where she now lys being wind bound, but brings the disagreable news of 4 or 5 large Doneys being lost to the Southward of point Cannimere.

Negapatam
4th November 1794

Two Copies
(Signed) W. H. Torriano

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) W. H. Gay

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The Board are satisfied, from the explanation given by Mr. Torriano, that the loss of the Doney on which Captain Brohier embarked did not proceed from any neglect in regard to her equipment that can be attributed to the Resident.

Minute thereon

Read the following letters from Lieutenant Colonel Wynch and Lieutenant Darley

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c: &c:

My Lord,

From Colonel Wynch reporting Intelligence from Tinnericotah

I had the honor to address your Lordship on the 24th. instant, and have just received intelligence from Tinnericotah that 600 Horse and 1200 foot belonging to his Highness the Nizam's Phouzdar of the Nelgundah Circar, surrounded the Fort of Chintrapollam on the Night of the 23rd. Instant, and before morning were in possession of it - Jencatiyroo, a plundering Zemendar, who was left in charge by Meer Asnaum and Comera Veranah was made prisoner, with upwards of one hundred peons; Jencatiyroo's nose and ears were instantly cut off, and it was reported he was to be hung on the 24th. or 25th. - fifty of the Bandetti peons were put to death - an Officer of Rank belonging to Essumeah, His Highness the Nizams Phouzdar, was killed, and several of his people wounded -

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wounded - this Excumeah Phousdar, from his
quick mode of proceeding with, and punishing these
Banditti, for he seldom spares a man of them,
will, I trust, be the means of keeping the Palwaud
Country in peace, or at least of preventing much
Mischief to the ensuing Crop - should any thing
further occur, I shall immediately advice your
Lordship.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed J. Wynch
Lt. Col. Commanding

Guntoor
29th November 1794

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
President in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Darley - on the same subject

Yesterday I had the honor to receive
your Lordships commands in a letter under
date the 18th instant, through Mr. Secretary Jackson,
who at the same time, forwarded me an Extract
from his Highness the Nabob's letter dated 11th
instant, relative to intelligence his Highness had
Received from his Aumil in this Circar, of the
intention of Meer Ismaeem and Coman Venaiah
to make an incursion into this district at
the head of seven hundred horse, and your
Lordship.

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Lordship having directed me to use every means
in my power to ascertain whether there be any
such intention, and to report the result of my
enquiries to Government.

In obedience thereto, I beg leave my
Lord, to state such information as I am now in
possession of, and which, comes from as good
authority as can well be procured in a Country
like this, where almost every Village harbours
Thieves, and those for the most part in the interest
of Canara Veeranah, for Meer Sahaeb is but an
auxiliary.

Remote my Lord from Military
Assistance, beyond the Strength of my own Garrison,
it has been my business, since July last, when
first I came to this Command, to make myself
acquainted with the Strength, Connections, and Interests
of the Several Tribes of Freebooters who reside on the
other side the Kistna, and particularly those
men, who, from time to time, have infested this
Circar, as well to be prepared against any Designs
they might form against this place, as to give
Lieutenant Colonel Wynch, under whose immedi-
-ate Orders I am placed, the necessary information,
and in order to obtain the best intelligence I
could, I formed a Correspondence with a Zemindar
in the Dayaveer Conda Circar, whose place of
Residence

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residence is within a few Miles of whose Comar Veeranah and Meer Imaum are living, this Zemindar whose Name is Cotagerry Kitchanah waited on me six days ago with News as follows. "That Comar Veeranah and Meer Imaum had joined with their peons, but with what view he could not tell, neither did he know the number of peons with them, Comar Veeranah has three hundred Peons in his own pay, Meer Imaum has about one thousand, and a Brother of Meer Imaums, whose Name is Ameen Saib, has one thousand peons, and seventy two horse, the Zemindar said, that in this part of the Country it was currently believed that Comar Veeranah and Meer Imaum meditated designs upon the Palicad, and that their intentions were principally to seize and carry off the wealthiest of the Inhabitants, and what Cattle they could, and it was his own opinion they would enter this Circar between the 15th and 20th of December, as the Kistna would then be fordable, he further added, they could bring with them upwards of two thousand peons if Necessary."

This my Lord, is all I am informed of at present, and which I have conceived my Duty to

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to communicate to your Lordship without waiting more recent accounts.

In about three days I shall have Hircarahs in, with intelligence, having dispatched them soon after the receipt of your Lordships Letter, & and I shall not fail making your Lordship acquainted with every information I can procure on the subject you require.

Permit me my Lord to indulge in the opportunity this affords me, to return your Lordship my most unfeigned acknowledgements for the Honor conferd on me, in appointing me in Government Orders to this Command, and to assure your Lordship it shall be my study to merit this mark of favor.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Darley Lt.

Pinnery Atah
30th November 1794

Ordered that the third Battalion of Native Infantry do proceed to the Guntoor Circar with as little delay as possible.

Minute in consequence.

Read the following letter from Colonel Floyd.

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Right Honble the Governor

in Council

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before you a letter I have received from Tondiman, dated the 19th Instant, complaining that having sent some persons to Shevigunga to bring a Doctor from thence, a church Brammeny there, belonging to Chinnamuedo, had, without any injury or provocation, caused 4 Tondiman's two Servants to be hanged, and afterwards to be buried.

From Colonel Floyd submits Tondiman's complaint of two of his Servants having been put to death at Shevagunga and reports his having furnished a Guard to accompany the Sabbob Renter on a Circuit in the Terriore Country.

Tondiman observes that he is very able to take revenge for the injury, but relates the affair to me as Commanding Officer.

I beg to observe that Tondiman is in the Habit of a Complimentary Correspondence with the Commanding Officer, and always expresses his good wishes for the Honble Company. To the best of my knowledge he is not tributary to any one, but in all respects, an independant Polygar.

I immediately answered his letter, saying I would report what he had written, to you, and that he might rely on the justice of your Government, and on your friendship, for

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which reason I recommended to him strongly to take no measures of Revenge, but wait till he heard from you, either directly or through me.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Trichinopoly
November 28th 1794

(Signed) J. Floyd Colonel

P.S. Since closing this letter, his Highness the Nabob's son has applied to me for a Subadar and Fifty Men, in consequence of a letter from his Highness the Nabob Walajah, they are to accompany the Nabob's Renter, going on a circuit in the Poriare Country, in the design to countenance the Renter, and give confidence to the people of the Country, - they will be absent about a Month. His Highness proposes to discharge the Batta of this Detachment himself.

I was desirous of waiting your Commands on this occasion, because the Poriare Country lies North of the Coleroon, and out of the Range of my Command; and because I have no Orders for similar calls.

But His Highness the Nabob's Son assures me that any delay will be injurious to his Father's interests, and that such demands have been formerly granted, and that no other object is in view, than what I have the honour to state - I have therefore consented to give him the Detachment he required, and I shall furnish the Commanding Officer

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Sir

Officer with instructions conformably, and I hope this will meet your approbation. At all events I request your directions in general, in case of future demands.

I Signed I Floyd
Colonel

Translation of a Letter from Vijia Ragahnattah Tondiman to the Commandant at Trichinopoly

Dated "the 27th of the present Mahomedan Month" Supposed to be the 25th November 1794.

After expressing my wish for the happiness of seeing you, I beg leave to observe, that it is a long time since you favored me with a letter; I retain in perpetual Recollection your great and good Qualities, and I hope, that you will hereafter, contrarily to what has past, render me happy by writing me of your welfare.

My Friend, about ten days ago, some people were sent from hence, to Shevagunga, for the purpose of bringing a Doctor from that Country, - Now, a Priest of Chinna Murdah, having tied up two of the Inhabitants of this District, by the feet, beat them to death, and burried them; - on this Account therefore, the people of this Country will retaliate the Violence.

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As this Country is under your
Command, and as I am subject to your Authority, I have
communicated the said circumstances for your information
It is unnecessary for me, a Servant of
the Honble Company, to add more.
May your favor, towards me, increase.
A true translation
Signed / A. Falconar
Persian Transr.

Ordered that a copy of the above be
Minute thereon sent to the Board of Revenue, with direction to cause a
enquiry to be made by Mr. Powney into the circumstance
represented by Tondyman.
Read the following letter from the
Attorney General.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor In Council

From Mr Sullivan
of opinion the
Chsultry Court at
Pondicherry should
not be suppressed

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 4th Instant
with its several enclosures, and humbly submit it to
to your Lordship in Council that the Arguments
brought forward by Colonel Nixon in his letter of the 2d of
June, are not, in my opinion, sufficient to justify the
Suppression of the Chsultry Court at Pondicherry.
In

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In my letter of 28th September 1793 to the late President in Council, I stated the necessity of maintaining in Pondicherry the laws of France as they stood at the period of the late King's deposition in their full force, until his Majesty's pleasure could be known - and the Maintenance of the several Courts of Justice in their respective jurisdictions being essential to the due administration of these laws it would in my conception be improper to suppress any of them, or to suffer any direction from the mode of practice which was then observed.

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I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) Benj.n Sullivan

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Country Court at Pondicherry be continued, and (in consequence of the recommendation of Colonel Pipon) that Mr. Beaufort be appointed President of it.

The Board having received information that the farm at Covendah on

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requires the Superintendence of a person qualified, in some degree, to supply the place of Dr. Roxburgh - and that Lieutenant Denton had been mentioned by the Dr. as one whom he could wish should have the charge during his Absence in Bengal - Resolved, in consequence, that Lieutenant Denton be appointed to it, and that the Board of Revenue be desired to send him such instructions as they may deem necessary for the Guidance of his conduct.

Lieutenant Denton appointed to the charge of the Coromandel farm during Dr. Roxburgh's absence

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Nibbs of the 8th Battalion Native Infantry at Noozeed on the 29th Ultimo

Death of Lieutenant Nibbs

Resolved, at the recommendation of the President, that Lieutenant Lemoicke be appointed to the command of Noozeed, vice Nibbs deceased, and Lieutenant Webber to

Lieutenant Lemoicke appointed to the command of Noozeed and Lieutenant Webber to that of Ganjam

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to the Command of Ganjam via Orok.

Hobart

Edw.d Saunders

Ch.s Dallas Esqr.

Geo.e Barry
Mr. Yeh

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Diary

15th Received the undermentioned
Letters Entered in C. C. Nos. 233. 234.-

From Dowlat Row Scindiah
advising of his having sent one Soobadar
Ragunathsh to Madras for the purpose of
Purchasing Elephants Pegue horses &c.
Sporting animals, and requesting he may
be permitted to pass on to Travancore without
molestation on account of Customs or Duties.-

Substance of
a letter from
Dowlat Row
Scindeah.-

From Raja of Tanjore-
-has ordered his Vackeel to keep the Fast day
the 1st. Instant.

Letter from Rajah
of Tanjore.-

Received the following Letters.

To
The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord

I have the honor to
transmit the passport of a Havaruh who
returned yesterday from Seringapatam: from
which there is some reason to imagine that
Tippoo intends to be in readiness to avail
himself of any opportunity which may
appear to him to present itself of deriving
advantage

Letter to
Colonel
Kelly
from Major
Gowdie
of Tippoo's
appearance
Designs.-

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advantage from disputes existing between the Courts of Hydrabad and Poona. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) William Meadows

To William Collins Jackson Esquire
Secretary &c &c &c

Sir,

From Captain Mackay on the same subject and respecting Tippoo's claim on the Kamul Zeyendar. —

I am today favored with your letter of the 3. of this month and its enclosurements by Order of the Right Honble the Governor. —

I am led to suspect that Tippoo Sultaun's claim regarding the Districts of Cannoul is only a groundless pretext to make unreasonable demands on the Nizam's Government, and to go to war with it. —

I have the honor to mention some time ago to Her Lordship, that Gulab Rao Deisne (of whom Tippoo speaks as a negociator) was sent to Cannoul, I believed, for the purpose of intriguing with, and gaining interest

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of the Nizam's Court — I think it highly probable, that Gulab Caun has been, not only endeavouring to infuse discord among some of the Nizam's discontented Chiefs but that he may even have succeeded in corrupting the present Jahgeerdar of Cummul, Meer Ally Caun, son Dabeer Meean, and in prevailing on him to consent to join in a rebellion against his Prince the Nizam; and thereby to favouring the designs of Tippoo. —

The late Nabob of Cuddapah Moonoor Caun left, by his will, the present Jahgeerdar, Allum Ally, his second son, his heir; for no other reason it is thought, than that the eldest was not present at the time of his death, and was therefore handsomely provided for at Hyderabad, being a great favorite of the Nizam. —

It is possible that the Nizam may have signified his intention of giving Cuddapah to the eldest brother Moojeer Caun, who is still about the Nizam's Court, or that, by means of Gulab Caun

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Gulab Kauns intrigues, the younger brother may have been persuaded into an apprehension that / however groundless / such was the Sejan's design —

Allum Alby the present Jahgeerdar has a Body of excellent Horse said to be upwards of two Thousand, which being supported on the Feudal Plan, like almost the whole of the Sejan's Horse, will consequently adopt the views of their immediate Leader —

I was present when the Schedule of Tippoo's Revenues was given to the Confederates, but I had not an opportunity to be informed of that part of the Treaty which relates to the professions ceded by the Sejans —

It seems not likely that the Confederates could have good that it should be stipulated that a chief depending on the Sejan was to pay Tribute to Tippoo. And the Arrears of upwards of Nineteen Lacks of Rupees which Tippoo claims from the Cannoud Jahgeerdar, appears to be merely a pretence

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pretence for other designs; for if he had any just demand on that Territory, it would naturally be a subject of discussion at the time of the Treaty and if admitted by the Confederates, Tippoo would have been credited for its amount from one of the instalments paid by him to the Sirgaw. —

By the report which I had the honor yesterday to forward to the Right Honble the Governor, His Lordship will have observed that there is room to suspect that Tippoo Sultaun is making arrangements for being prepared to take the Field — From the circumstance of a Marratta Vakeel being lately at Seringapatam, the seemingly (illegible) claim on Cannoul, and the appearance for some time past of differences subsisting between the Sirgaw and Marrattas, it seems not improbable that Tippoo and the latter power are in a League against the Sirgaw. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) William Macleod

Sent

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Sent the undermentioned letters

Entered in C. C. Nos. 235. 237. 237.—

Substance of letter to Dowlat Row Scindiah

To Dowlat Row Scindiah

advising them of orders having been issued agreeably to his request above noted.—

Ditto to Soobaw Row Vagunnathah

To Soobaw Row Vagunnathah

desiring him to take charge of the same.—

Ditto—to the Nabob.—

To the Nabob—acknowledging the Receipt of his kist, due the 1st Instant.—

Sent the following letter.—

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

Honble Sir,

To Bengal stating the principal reasons which induced a compensation had been already granted for the Liverpool.—

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 10th ultimo with copy of a memorial from Mr. Yate of Bombay.—

In consequence of a representation from Doctr. Yates attorney, and of the opinion you had given in the case of the Ship Gloucester, we, some time ago, reconsidered the question respecting the Ship Liverpool, and finding upon enquiry that she had actually been tendered

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tendered for the service of the expedition against the French Islands had been surveyed by the Agents for transports, and found fit for the purpose, before the orders had been given by the late Government for discontinueing all further preparations for the expedition, we did not think the distinction was so great between the case of the Liverpool and that of the Gloucester as to warrant a refusal of a similar compensation - and particularly as it had been reported to us, that the Liverpool was the only ship at the time in the roads, of that had been offered for the service, which had not either been accepted or rejected — For these reasons, we came to the resolution of granting the compensation and are glad to find we had anticipated the recommendation upon this subject contained in your letter of the 10th. ultimo. —

We have the honor to be with respect. —

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&c &c
/o Signed/ Hobart
&c Council
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Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B. Nos 43. 44. 45. 46. 47 48. 49. 50. 51. 52.—

To Lieutenant Clerk.—

To Barrack Master in the Northern Division—permitting him to visit the Presidency.—

To Mr. Secretary Bay.—

To Secretary at Bengal with Copy of a letter from Captain Macleod and of his sketch of Tippoo's military Force.—

To Mr. Paine

To Head Surgeon—noticing his neglect to perform his Visitation Tour and directing him to proceed upon it without Delay.—

To military Board.—

To military Board—directing them to supply some Powder and Shot for the Snow Condor Brig.—

To Mr. Roebuck

To military Paymaster General directing him to discharge some arrears of Off=ficers Reckonings due to Captain Alexander Read for 1788.—

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Commander of the Army advising him of Lieutenant Dantons appointment to superintend the Corandah Farm during Doctor Roxburgh's absence.—

To Mr. Torrens

To Resident at Nagore requainting him of any neglect in equipping the

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11th The Boat on which Captain Brohier embarked — and stating to him, for Captain Brohier's Information, the objections to a compliance with his request for an compensation for the losses sustained by himself and the other Dutch officers. —

To Colonel Nixon. — To Commandant at Condicherry Monsieur De Rabeire to be informed that the Board are not authorized to grant him a subsistence — and noticing that the Order of the 21st ultimo — are only to apply to such French officers as shall leave the Coast in a Sailure, whether by permission or otherwise. —

To Lieutenant Denton. — To Lieutenant Denton appointing him Superintendant of the Coromandel farm — and directing to attend to the orders of the Board of Revenue. —

To Board of Revenue. — To Board of Revenue advising them thereof, and directing them to send the necessary Instructions to Lieutenant Denton. —

Subsistence of 12 Pd. Received Letter from Corbaron Rayanatah, Dated 6th Inst. 238 — requesting that Cochin and Travancore may be evacuated in the Dustuck to be given to him. —

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Received the following Letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Mr. Snow the Inadequet affairs still undecided, shall therefore employ the means given him for bringing them to a final Issue. Copy of his requisitions to Colonel Pendergast enclosed.

I have had the honor to read your Lordships Sentiments, communicated in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 29th. of October. they are such as I the more readily and chearfully draw to myself, because, disposed as I have ever felt to meet the desires and implicitly to obey the injunctions of superior authority, the reasons of absolute expediency and unavoidable necessity which called for a deviation from the immediate line pointed out in the present case, have I trust stood explained to your Lordships fullest Conviction and consequent approbation in its effects, also, on the measure to which it particularly related, had the arrangements concluded on by the Commanding Officer in the District not been afterwards infringed on, its successful issue would, long ere this, have been established, and Consequently, reported on for your Lordships information.—

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My letter of the 23. October would have apprized your Lordship of the arrival of Lanka Veeranah, the Vackeel of Jugganaut Boopathy, for the purpose of terminating a negociation, which had commenced by the relinquishment of fourteen / called the mortgaged / villages, yielding an yearly Revenue of forty thousand Rupees. -

These Villages having been formally delivered over to one of my Gomastahs in the Woodaty Pueguniah, to which Division they had originally appertained, the next point of adjustment was the payment of the Sum already collected from them by Jugganaut Boopathy which, from the Commencement of the year, amounted to nearly light thousand Rupees. -

This amount Lanka Veeranah informed me his Master was ready to restore, and I therefore, dismissed him with a persuasion, on my part, that, on having made good this restitution, I should be disposed to receive, in a favorable manner whatever

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seperate proportions he had to make on the subject of Madgul, and forward the same for the approbation of the Board of Revenue.—

In this state, I may say, the matter has remained, since Lanka Veerannah's last return to Madgul. The mortgaged Villages continue undisturbed and attached to the Pergunnahs under my own management; but, the promised reimbursement of usurped Collection from them has not been made over, nor has any further proposition for Madgul been offered a failure in which points, and the material inconvenience and disappointment as to Revenue I can not help attributing to one cause, and to one cause only. It is, My Lord, owing to the sudden removal of the two additional Companies of Captain M.Neil's Battalion after they had been left for the reinforcement of Cajamalai and the detention of Commandant of Captain Cox's Battalion, which has been never yet by permitted to join, all Defaulters arranged by the Officer commanding the Trooper in the District — as these Alienations were

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13.th by the late Chief / during the absence of
Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast from
the Deistrict / in Concert with the Officer
Commanding the Troops in Garrison, I
without perceiving Conceiving me on the
subject, the responsibility of the measure
must attach to those who ventured on it,
the inconvenience and interruption arising
to my negociations / of which the late Chief
could not have been entirely ignorant /
have been sufficiently apparent. —

Under these circumstances
and although Judgement Properly has
again sent Lanka Veeranah to commence
with me, I have deemed it indispensable
not any longer to delay the means of
bringing to a final Issue, the present
undecided State of the Madgul affairs
and I have, therefore, made use of the
last authority your Lordship has been
pleased to honor me with / in your P
Commands to Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast
under date 29.th October / accompanied by a
Letter of which the enclosed is a Copy. —

I trust

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I trust the explanation of all
these points may not appear an unnecessary
trespass on your Lordships time, and I
have the honor to be, with the greatest
respect. —

Vizagapatam
5th December 1794.

I have &c
/Signed/ John Snow

To Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast
Commanding the Troops in the District of
Vizagapatam

Sir,

In consequence of the enclosed authority, which, you will please to observe has been afforded for the purposes of a secret service that requires secrecy, I have to request you will be pleased to order Captain Cox's Battalion at Cuttack to be reinforced to its Compleat strength; in addition to which, I have also to require the Cooperation of the two Companies from Captain McNeil's Corps / or any additional two companies / you may otherwise think proper to order to be appropriated for the service of the Southern division, as formerly arranged. —

I have

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I have only to add on this occasion that the alterations which took place during your absence, in the arrangements you had confirmed and ordered previous to your late departure from the District, have not failed to produce the bad consequences which might have been foreseen; and I have, therefore, the more anxiously to depend on the readiness and compleat manner, under which you will do me the Honor to support my present requisition. —

I have further to request, that orders may be given to Captain Cox, under secrecy, to obey such immediate directions from me for the operation of the Force so to be placed under his Command, as I may find it necessary to communicate to him; unless he may have professional reasons against it, for which he will become answerable accordingly. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) John Snow

Vizagapatam
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A true Copy
(Signed) John Snow

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December 9th 1794.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council &c &c &c

From Lieutenant Darley with Information relative to the Designs of Cohaur Veerah and Meer Imaum upon the Palmcad.

My Lord

I go, as in a letter dated the 30th ultimo or
the 2d inst. of Meer Imaum, and Comar
Veerah ments, plunderers of this Circar, in
which detained, for your Lordships
information for ch accounts as I had received
of the in nts ag those Men to commence
afresh the 19th fare on this Country in
the Cour for ea Month since when, my
Lord, by the bo rahs, I dispatched to bring
me new the late receipt of your Lordships
letter of 2 Septemb ultimo are come in, and, I
after comparing their accounts with others
I have received from his Highness the Nabob
Nabob's Camil, I find it difficult to form
any positive opinion of what their designs
are

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
S. Floyd
Colonel

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are all however agree that they have collected a considerable number of Peons, and the general opinion of People on the other side the Kistna, and the Inhabitants of this Circar is, that they have assembled this Party with a view to plunder the Palnaud, and, perhaps, the best proof of this that I can give your Lordship is, that numbers of People are bringing their Families & and Effects to this place daily, as affording security in time of apprehension and danger. —

I am very well informed my Lord that Comerah Veeranah is determined to continue his depredations assisted by Meer Imaum on this Circar and do all in his power to discourage the Inhabitants from carrying on Cultivation, and in these last five Months, their number of Four hundred Peons have [illegible] several Villages, and have twice carried away [illegible] Inhabitants. —

I [illegible] my Lord is in every defenceless State, for, besides 4 two Companies of Sepoys belonging to the

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

From Lieutenant Darby the Palmand in tranquility proposes that another Company of Sepoys and the Nabob's troops there, be placed enter this immediate Command.—

I have the satisfaction to inform your Lordship that this Coast is in a state of perfect tranquillity at present, and, from intelligence that I received yesterday from confidential Sepoys whom I sent out for the purpose of ascertaining certain accounts of what Comar Veeranah and Meer Imaum were about, I can venture to assure your Lordship, there is nothing to apprehend from them immediately, having separated some days ago, and neither of them in force. I cannot however give your Lordships expectations of their continuing quiet for any length of Time; as Men of their descriptions subsisting entirely by plunder, cannot be depended on, and I also beg leave to observe my Lord, that so long as his Highness the Nabobs troops on this Coast are under the sole influence and direction of Bramins, they will never be disposed of in such manner as might best serve to check the depredatory designs of Comar Veeranah and Meer Imaum

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On the contrary my Lord, the Country, open to plunder, will ever encourage them to the attempt.—

In this state of things, my Lord, I have for the better security of the Country, and which I hope will meet your Lordship's approbation, entered into an agreement with a Zemindar of the Nelgunda Circar, to assist mutually each other by securing such of the Bandittie as take refuge in either Country, and deliver them over to the injur'd party, and four days ago I received a letter from the Dwan of Ivaumah, the Phoujdar of the Nelgunda and Dayeur-gonda Circars, informing me of seven noted Thieves having in two Villages near this, requesting I would endeavour to apprehend them, and deliver them over to justice as they had been principals, in giving up the Fort of Chintapollam on the 12th. ultimo, to a plundering Zemindar, the particulars of which, as also the re-capture of it by the Phoujdar, Lieutenant Colonel

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Colonel Wynch informs me he has communicated to your Lordship, and I have the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship, that a party I sent after those fellows, secured six of them, and, on being brought before me, it appeared by the evidence of several Inhabitants that they had all been concerned in plundering this place last year, and were at that time in the service of Comar Veeranah.—

I have sent them to the Dues for the Phongdar is at Bader with the Nizam, and I have no doubt but they will meet the punishment they deserve.—

On the 7th instant my Lord I received information from Sangara Veeranah, the acting manager of this Circar, of Comar Veeranah and Meer Imaum being at the Village of Palleheroo in the Deopaud, with one Thousand Peons, on their way to this Circar, and I immediatly dispatched Peons to that Village with a letter to the Zemindars of that Country, to whom I am personally known, and I have the satisfaction to

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acquaint your Lordship there was no
foundation in truth for the report and also,
that I have received most friendly assur-
ces from the Zemindars, that they have
not only forbid Comar Veerandu and Mar
Innaum their Country, but will assist
me against them with their Peons whenever
I call on them —

There now remains my
Lord, but one road by which the Banditti
can enter this Circar and which is at the
S. W. extremity of it, and if sufficient
Power and authority is vested in me, my
Lord, I will be answerable that the Nabobs
Zemindars shall have no reason to represent
to his Highness, "the Inhabitants in a
"state of alarm, or the Country arrangements
"and Collections interrupted." —

The Force I would beg leave
to submit to your Lordships consideration
for this Service, is one Company of the
Honorable Companies Sepoys additional
to Timery Cotah, to be employed for the
protection of the Country, this Highness
the Nabobs Sepoys, one hundred and

forty

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5th forty and two hundred and fifty Peons. —

With this force my Lord I
placed under my Command, and no way
subject to the authority and control of
of the Aumil, I will be answerable for
the security of the Country against any
party of Peons Cowrs Cheranch and
Mier Imaum can bring against me. —

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect. —

Seinery Colah
12th December 1794.

&c &c &c

/Signed/ John Dyer Ley
Lieutenant

Received the undermentioned
letters Entered in M. B. N.o 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84

From Captain Read. —

From Collector in the
Baramhaul enclosing a letter to him
from the Committee of Officers at Trichinopoly
regarding the provisions sent there by subscription

From Mr. J Servig. —

From Clothing Contractor
with another Indent for cloth. —

From Colonel Malcolm. —

From Military Auditor
General submitting the attestation of
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proposed to be made by Captain Bell. –

From Captain Mc Lean. – From Commandant of the 3d. Battalion requesting an advance of one months pay for that Corps. –

From Lieutenant Watkins. – From Lieutenant John Watkins requests payment of certain arrears of pay. –

From Captain Everend. – From Captain Everend requesting to have an opportunity of explaining certain points relative to the late Complaints against him previous to a final Decision thereon. –

Substance of a letter to Rajah of Travancore – Sent Letter to the Rajah of Travancore – Entered in C. C. No. 243 – Transmitting by the hands of Coobarow Ragunatlah, a Copy of the Letter from Dowlut Row Scindeah, regarding him. –

=mentioned 85. 86. 87. Despatched the under-Letters Entered in Mr. B. No. 88. 89. 90. 91. –

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To Mr. Taylor.

To Paymaster at Ellore

permitting him to visit Madras.—

To Captain Monson.—

The same to Commandant at Chingleput and

To Lieutenant Evans

To Ditto at Rajamundry.—

To Military Board.—

To Military Board all Repairs to quarters &c. at Ellore to be discontinued.—

To Captain Thompson.

To Commander of the Yacht directing to proceed to Pondicherry and bring from thence the heavy ordenance lying there.—

To Military Board.—

To Military Board noting the same.—

To Colonel Nixon.—

To Commandant at Pondicherry with orders to embark the Guns.—

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.—

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Received letter from the Nabob

Entered in C. C. No. 244 transmitting forty Six Perwanahs for the Polygar Peishcush of Pheesly 1204.—

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Thursday 18 December 1794 — Edward Saunders

Ernst William Falkofsedt Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved —

Read the following letter from

the Military Board —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council —

My Lord,

I Having, in consequence of the

commands of Government, under date the 23d —

August, the duties of this Board now under

consideration, it occurs to us to submit it to the

consideration of your Lordship in Council

whether this Board would not be more completely

by having an Officer of rank and experience

from the Coast Establishment of Cavalry added

to it as a Member —

2 We

The Military Board
having that an officer
the Cavalry should be
added to the after-
bers - should obtain
his Deposit and the
suites of the other
bers entered —

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2 — We are aware that no such provision is made by the original orders for constituting the Board — nor has such a measure been yet adopted as far as we know at Bengal; but as the Court of Directors have ordered specifically that the Chief Engineer and the Senior Officer of Artillery should be Members and as, from the constitution of the Board, there is scarce a probability that there will not be several Members at the Board drawn from the Infantry while there is no provision that there shall be a Member from the Corps of Cavalry and as it appears to us that the certain addition of a Cavalry Member would render the Board more complete we are induced before we submit the Instructions Regulations to your Lordship in Council, to recommend this proposition to your kind

By the orders under which we act, it becomes necessary to trouble your Lordship with the whole of our proceedings on this subject as there is one Member who dissents from the opinion of the rest of the Board, and they accordingly accompany the

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This letter —

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We have the Honor to be,
My Lord, &c &c &c
John Braithwaite
Henry Malcolm
Jno Richardson
By Close
W. Gent
George Ball
Signed

I conceive it to be for the good of the service that there should be a Member from each branch of the service at the Military Board, and as we have now a favorable opportunity to take up the subject when I reflect that many points relative to the internal economy of Cavalry Regiments are referred to us and as the whole revision of the — consumption of Grain passed through the Board, I recommend that we should address to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a request that the original establishment of the Military Board may be improved by the addition to it of an Officer of rank and experience from

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from the Cavalry as a Member

Signed
John Braithwaite Present
Henry Malcolm
John Richardson
Barry Close
William Lent
George Hall

I see no necessity for the
proposed, as the Commander in Chief may
eventually be a Cavalry Officer, as may
the Senior at the Presidency, and the
of Acquitant General, Quarter Master
or Auditor General may be held by
Officers as well as Infantry or Artille
is no Infantry officer specifically de
Member of the Military Board

Signed Thomas
A true Copy
Signed J. Brodie
Secy. to Govt

I have just seen the
in circulation from the President and
were to be wished that a proposal
the present constitution of the Board

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introduced in a more explanatory manner, I feel it my duty to say that I entirely concur in opinion with Colonel Brathwaite that the Military Board would be more usefully and systematically composed were an Officer of knowledge and experience in the Cavalry line appointed to be one of its Members in the same manner as we have Officers Members from each of the other constituent branches of the Army - for altho' the present System of Grain Agency was carried into effect without any reference to the Military Board, still the doubts and difficulties which have presented themselves to the Board about passing and checking Grain Indents are scarcely to be enumerated; besides in case the subject of pending Safety in descussions between Major Orr and Lieutenant Sheriff, came for decision before the Board, it was obliged to pass a judgement on the best manner it could on a concern on which a Cavalry Officer alone would well have the means of offering a competent opinion - the consequence of which was, that the Board having acknowledged its own

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our incompetency to fully decide the subject was afterwards referred for the opinions of the Cavalry Commandants thro' the Commander of the Army, by which means a period of six or eight Months elapsed before the matter was brought to a determination — to this I may add, that it now appears that our discussion on the subject of Cavalry Clothing brought forward in a Minute which had been previously recorded by Major Orr requires being revised, as the result of the last distribution of Cavalry Accoutrements in no respect corresponds with the calculations on which we founded the opinion that we delivered into Government after Major Orr had vacated his seat at the Board — on these accounts and apprehending that our opinions will soon be required on Cavalry concerns of some importance to the Corps, I give my assent to the Boards — proposing to Government that an Officer from the Cavalry line should be nominated a — Member of the Military Board —

13th December 1794

(Signed) Barry Close
Aid de Camp

A true Copy
(Signed) Brodie
Secy to Mily Board

The

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The Cavalry forming so —
respectable a part of our Army, and the variety
of important references which frequently
come under the discussion of this Board —
relative to that Corps, induces me to agree
in opinion with the President that a Cavalry
Officer would be of essential service, and
render the constitution of the Military Board
more complete —

15th December 1794

(signed) Jno. Richardson
D.: Mr. Genl.

A true Copy
(signed) J. Brodie
Secy. Mily Board

I do not see any objection to
the Boards' proposing to Government the addition
of a Member from the Corps of Cavalry as stated
by the President —

As the Aquitant Generals —
Minute states that difficulties and doubts have
arisen in checking the Grand Indents under
the present regulation, I beg leave to propose
that the Board shall revise the regulation
for the purpose of altering such parts of it
as shall be judged objectionable, when fully —
considered

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considered, by means of a representation on the
subject to Government specifying the particular
points that shall appear to require to be varied
and the manner in which the alteration
may be made—

15th December 1794

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily and Genl

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Brodie Secry Mily Board

To James Brodie Esqre
Secretary to the Military Board

Sir

As I am unable to attend to day I beg
you will state to the Board that my objections to
the address proposed by Colonel Brathwaite for the
admission of an Officer of Cavalry specifically
as a Member of the Military Board arises from
my belief of its being contrary to the constitution
of the Board, detailed in the orders of the Honble
Court of Directors, dated 11th of September 1795
contrary to the rule observed at Bengal, and
contrary to the Orders recapitulated in the very
first Article of the Letter from this Government
bringing the subject immediately before us, dated
the 23d of August last—

That

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That there is no absolute preclusion however of an Officer of Cavalry from holding a seat at the Military Board, on the contrary that he is — perfectly eligible in every instance where an Officer of Infantry can sit, but to entitle him to this seat he must either be at the head of the Army or Senior officer of the Troops at the Presidency or he must hold, one of those General Staff — appointments of Adjutant General, Quarter Master General, or Auditor General and without an Officer of Infantry is in one of the above situations, it would be impossible for him, however eligible he may be deemed under the existing orders, to sit as a Member of the Military Board, more than an Officer of Cavalry can do at present, so that what may appear to preclude Officers of Cavalry from the Military Board is only the consequence of a partial or accidental arrangement, in the General Staff appointments of the Army being given to Officers of the Infantry alone, and not to the Cavalry, as other Corps at large of the Service

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Thos Wells

Morant
15th December 1794

A true Copy
(signed) J. Brodie
Secy Mily Board

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In deliberating upon the subject now before the Board, it will be necessary to bring forward the advantages that most probably will result to the service, by having a Cavalry Officer of Rank and experience at the Military Board who may be able to assist the Judgement of the other Members, in such points as are under discussion, having reference to the regularity, the economy, and the effective strength of that Branch of the Army.

Memo. of the Board upon the foregoing Subject & respecting the Promotion of Lieut Col. Young.

It is not to be questioned that the Coast Cavalry forms a very essential part of the Military Establishment, that their utility on active service is well understood; and that if it be considered necessary to go into the expence of keeping up the Regiments in time of peace with a view to the probability of war, it seems consistent and proper, even under the present Commander in Chief's orders, that a Cavalry Officer should be a Member of the Military Board since it is directed "that every article of Military "expenditure shall come under the revision & "controul of that Board, whose situations and "professions lead them to be particularly conversant in

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"in the knowledge of every article of Military expence. Frequent subjects have been under the discussion of this Military Board of late, relating to the Cavalry, upon which they have, as they themselves declare, been incompetent to give a full opinion or because no Cavalry Officer was amongst them if then, this defect can be remedied, without any essential interference with the orders of the Company the Board conceive they would be wanting in their duty if they did not apply at the average proportion of the expence that the Coast Cavalry, including the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons will bear to the expence of the whole of the Coast Military Establishment including his Majesty's foot Regiments may be reckoned very little short of one to six, when the Regiments come to be complete in Horses which there is reason to believe will be the case in about twelve Months — It appears, by the annual Statement of 1793/4 that the Cost to the Company for that year, even upon their reduced establishment of the Cavalry — amounted to three Lacks forty seven thousand four hundred and nine Pagodas /347409/ ℔ them

See the Letter from Captain Dallas to Major Grange dated the 22d November & entered upon the Minutes of Council the 9th December

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then an Officer of the Artillery and one of the Corps of Engineers have seats at the Military Board as Matter of necessity — the necessity is not less urgent in the case of the Cavalry, if the cost of that Corps to the Company be maturely considered —

As it will be necessary to call the Senior Major of Cavalry to a Seat at the Military Board it would not be imputed that Major Young would willingly relinquish the advantages of his Regiment without an adequate Compensation To make the arrangement complete with as little expence as possible, it is proposed to confer the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry on Major Young, which will of course leave a vacancy for a Majority to be filled by Captain Dallas —

The additional cost to the Company by this arrangement will not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty Pagodas P Annum as the following calculation will shew; and surely, when the benefits to be derived from it are so essential this trifling expence cannot be an object of the smallest

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smallest moment, nor will the advanced rank intended to be given to Major Young be a hardship to any officer as he is the senior officer on the Coast now holding the rank of Major —

Calculation

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Captain Dallas — do — do — 104. — —

Salary to Captain Dallas as agent for purchasing Horses } 300

595. — —

Lieutenant Colonel Young will draw Pay and Batta } 225. — —

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Salary to the Agent to be appointed in the room of Captain Dallas } 200. — —

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Stores a Member of that Board; and yet Sir A
Archibald Campbell very soon after the formation
of the Board, proposed to the Council as a measure
of expediency, that the Commissary General of
Stores should be a Member. he was in consequence appointed, and the Court of Directors
gave their approbation of it.

The above remark is introduced
here with a view only of shewing that we
were not precluded from touching the arrangement
sent out by the Court, in case local circumstances
should render it necessary. besides, the Court say
in their orders say, that "if at any time hereafter
"additional instructions or occasional orders
"shall be requisite, the Military Board are
"to apply for them to the Superior Council"

It is scarcely necessary to state that the
observations relative to the Military Board at
Bengal not having a cavalry officer, is
inapplicable to our situation, from the
circumstance of the Cavalry establishment in
Bengal bearing so small a proportion to the
rest of the Army belonging to that Presidency.—

Upon the whole then, the Board
are

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are decidedly of opinion, that the measures — recommended by the Military Board should be adopted - and that Major William Young / who is the Senior Officer of the Cavalry / be promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry; and to direct that he take his Seat as a Member of the Military Board -

Resolved likewise, that Captain Thomas Dallas be promoted to the rank of — Major, and appointed to the Command of the 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry - vice Younge -

Resolved that Major Younge's promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry, shall not be considered in any manner whatsoever as subjecting him to loss of rank or supersession, either in the general line of the Army or Cavalry, in any future arrangement which may take place - and that, in the event of his promotion not being confirmed by the Honble Court of Directors, he shall be permitted to resume the Command of the 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry, and the Cantonment near Arcot without prejudice to the Rank he now holds. —

Resolved at the recommendation of

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of the President, that Lieutenant [illegible] George Forbes
be appointed Agent for purchasing Horses at
Hydrabad - vice Dallas and that he receive
as Salary 200 Pagodas P Month -

Resolved that Lieutenant [illegible] Holt Young be ordered to the Presidency for the
purpose of taking his Seat at the Milit[illegible] Board.

Ordered that Copies of the above
be sent to Bengal -

Read the following report of
the Committee appointed to investigate [illegible] the
truth of the Complaints preferred by [illegible]
Inhabitants of Pondichery of the [illegible]
last in their Petition to Governm[illegible]

30th September -

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

Fort St George

Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the complaints preferred by the Inhabitants of Pondicherry -

My Lord,

Having proceeded to Cuddalore agreeably to our instructions, and entered on the business of our Commission as soon as circumstances would permit we have now the honor to lay before your Lordship a Copy of our Proceedings No. with the

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an appendix No 2, containing such papers and extracts from the French records as we were furnished with, or could procure, for the purpose of elucidating the several points we were directed to investigate

Finding that by the mutual agreement entered into by both Casts on the 29th July last, their future processions were to be conducted according to the customs which had prevailed previous to the year 1768. and that the Pay, which almost immediately followed, was occasioned solely by the Right hand Cast having claimed the exclusive privilege of carrying white flags on the processions of their Gods we judged it necessary in commencing our inquiry, to ascertain how far the claims or Left hand Cast professed when the Chetties in Pondicherry - the rights or privileges which they then obtained from the Country Government, and the different agreements subsequently took place between them respecting Right hand Cast, regarding the Erection of Pagodas to their Deities, the duties to be levied for the support of those Pagodas the limits through which the Gods of each Cast were respectively to move in procession, and the

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the insignia or marks of honor with which the
Gods of each Cast were to be attended in their
processions—

From the result of this research we
found that the only agreement which exists
place between the two Casts is dated the 1st January
1730— That mention is therein made
but that the Colours of them are of the

Thus far de
object of our inquiry, we giving report
in examining the Right-hand vestigate
support of their exclusive claim
the Left hand Cast attempted
flag, they had always prevented
and, they asserted that, previous
Left hand Cast had never had
and that no dispute had arisen
the two Casts about using
processions of their Gods
of the present investigation to Cudda

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the Left hand Cast on the
they also have produced several witnesses, who
have deposed that they had seen the Left hand Cast
on different occasions carry white flags at the
processions

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processions of three Gods previous to the year 1768,
thereby establishing that, in using them on the
late occasion, they had not departed from the
mutual agreement of the 29th July.

On prosecuting the same point,
we found from the evidence of Mr Simon Fanshaw,
that none of the officers of Pondicherry contain
any record prohibiting the left hand cast from
using white flags previous to the 10th of September
1794.

We now proceeded to examine into
the circumstances which immediately led to the
mutual agreement of the 29th July, and to ascertain, in particular, from which party the
proposal for removing the prohibition of the
Left Government and recommencing the
processions originally came - but here our
inquiries met with difficulties - both casts
asserting that the proposal first came from
the Pariahs, who, on the contrary, deposed that
the proposal came first to them from the casts
and Venkatasa Moodely - Colonel Nixon's -
Dubash -

As we advanced in this -
branch

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branch of the inquiry. Mr Tumerow deposed that he thought the agreement was defined in ... for the colours of the flags and other ... but that, as time proved, and both ... two Dubashes gave them assurances ... would be no disputes, he consented, and ... both Casts to Colonel Nixon requesting ... proved, and asked his permission for the ... to go on which he granted. And ... from Mr Tumerow's evidence ... that this ... first knowledge that Colonel Nixon ... the transactions, but that Venkatasa ... particularly interested himself in procuring ... execution of the agreement.

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We come next to ... for the Festivals which was fol... on the 31st July — and here we ... the Left hand Cast have proved ... that a persons of the Right hand ... by them to suspend their preparations. But it appears from different depositions that persons of the Right hand Cast were present at the Pagoda, when the preparations were going on, and when the Left hand God went forth with the white

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white flags, and that no person whatever then
objected - and that Comrapah Nuna, the Polligar of
Pondicherry, had been stationed with the Left hand
God by Venestasa Moodely, to preserve 24
tranquility -

As it is acknowledged by all —
parties that the riot which immediately followed
was occasioned by the Right hand cast objecting
to the white flags of the other cast, and pulling
them down, we need not go into particulars on
that head. It has appeared however from the
evidence of Mr Thomson, that the Right hand cast
were with great difficulty appeased - that the
Sepoys who accompanied the Right hand procession
as a guard, joined them in the fray - that one of
them fired his piece saying that it was
to shoot [illegible] Artificers Left hand cast
that he did not see Velaidea the —
afterwards flogged at the
the People of the Left hand
quiet, and that he afterwards
carried the Sepoy who had loaded his piece, to —
Colonel Nixon -

From other evidence we find that
Velaidea

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Pro. Page 29 Velaida the Carpenter was seized by some [illegible] of the Right hand Cast and two Sepoys [illegible] procession - and then sent under a guard [illegible] Kenan, who learning from the guard [illegible] enquiry, that Velaida had wounded an [illegible] Pro Page 74 & 92 in the hand with a broad sword and [illegible] Sepoy who loaded his piece, sent him [illegible] Mainguard - and we find that next [illegible] Colonel Kenan without further enquiry [illegible] Velaida to Mr Turnour with orders that [illegible] Pro Page 42 receive one hundred lashes, and that he [illegible] receive fifty - but it does not appear [illegible] Pro Page 98 was seized by order of the Dubashes, or [illegible] there encouraged the Right hand Cast [illegible] gestures, to stop the procession of the [illegible] although it has been shewn by evidence [illegible] Vencatasa Moodely was present when [illegible] Pro Page 32, 34, 40 38 & 39 of the Chittie's procession were pulled [illegible] immediately after, and at other parts [illegible] - and Comarapah Nunar has deposed [illegible] received a message from Dayanga Nunar desiring him to take down the white flags of the Left hand procession; but the boy stated to have brought Pro Page 175 the message, has in his deposition denied the fact.

&c.

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Mr Fumeron having promised both
Casts that an enquiry should take place in consequence
of the riot we find that on the morning following
the left hand Cast presented to him a petition —
containing a request to that effect, which he
delivered to Captain Barrend, and this is immediately
followed by the transaction of the Penalty Bond
the left hand Cast deposing that one soliciting the
enquiry Mr Fumeron told them that both Casts
must previously enter into Penalty Bonds, whereas
Mr Fumeron and the Right hand Cast have deposed
that the proposal for the penalty bond came to
him originally from both Casts — However this
may be we find that during the conversations
which has passed on the subject the Left hand Cast
shewed great reluctance to the transaction of the
Bond, and were in the end, with great difficulty
prevailed on to signed — That by Mr Fumerons
evidence he could not account for this reluctance
on their part — that when the proposal for the
penalty Bond was made to him Pencatawar Moodly
was present and admonished him very strongly
on the occasion — That throughout the whole of
the transaction Mr Fumeron acted by the
orders

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orders of Colonel Skene to whom he re
time to time that the bond was made
to the Colonel without his consent or kn
of having been usual to make such
payable to the Governor of the place
the bond being executed, he shewed
it to the Colonel, who then desired
inquiry should take place at the Government
before Captains Conrad and Lane to

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Being on this Artic
leave to anticipate a part of our inquiry
after the penalty of 1200 Pagodas was pa
that Colonel Skene did communicate
to Mr Farnivon and Mr Desra
it to charitable purposes, and that he
applying it from the idea only, that he
afterwards be made responsible for the

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90, 112, 113.

And we find that acc
desire of Colonel Skene, both Cast
appear at the Government house, [illegible]
that the proceedings were taken down

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Conrad - That Dayenga Pannal Colonel Skeens Dubash
acted as Interpreter for Captains Conrad, and on
Venkatrow and Doraskelly of the Police Office as
Interpreters

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Interpreters for Mr Cameron — That several Witnesses were examined regarding the right to carry the white flag, but that neither the interpreters nor the witnesses were sworn — That none of the witnesses who were examined were brought forward by the Lefthand Cast, who, when desired to produce their Documents, referred to the Petitions they had previously given in, that, particularly, to that dated the 11th August wherein they solicited that Subroy Pillymeight be examined on the merits of the Cast and should themselves dissatisfied at the employment of Dayenga Nennaul as Interpreter but it does not appear that this circumstance was explained to Captain Berend —

And we find that during the examination, the Lefthand Cast dispatched Messrs Pillay and Chinna Pillay to Madras for some Documents, as they depose, regarding the rights of the Cast and that where they arrived at a place about ten Miles from Pondicherry on the Madras road they were, by order of Captain Berend forcibly brought back to Pondicherry, where their box was opened and examined by Vincatasa — Modely, and that Captain Berend took this — measure

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measure on the ground that none of the
who had signed the penalty bond, were wo
quitting Pondicherry tille the examinatio
be concluded - but it does not appear tha
were ever posted on the Madras road to
Chettis from proceeding to the Presidency

And we find that, when
had proceeded to a certain distance
withdrew himself, for reasons set forth in
deposition - and that, nevertheless, the ex
was afterwards conducted, without interru
Captain Durand, through the interpretat
Dayanoa Pournah - and the eight Chetti
deposed that, at length, the left hand
been told by Captain Durand that
guilty. and remonstrate against the ex
intreating that their case might be
by an arbitration of persons of the
or by a reference to the Court
of the Government of Pondicherry. but
neither of these modes were accepted.
carry their complaints to Madras - a
the Chettis produced no proofs. All Fur

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his Interpreters having previously authorized—

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And we find that on the 3d August the Heads of the left hand Cast were — summoned to the Government House, where they were told by Captain Berend, that they had forfeited and must pay the penalty, and that — punishment was awarded them — that Captain Berend afterwards shewed himself extremely angry that by the evidence produced by Captain Berend his anger proceeded from some of the Chetties having said that injustice had been done them, and that by the deposition of the Chetties his anger arose from their having, at the time, requested of him that

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measure on the ground that none of the
who had signed the penalty bond, were no
quitting Pondicherry till the examinat
be concluded - but it does not appear tha
were ever posted on the Madras road by
Chettis from proceeding to the Presidency

And we find that, when
had proceeded to a certain length, the
withdrew himself, for reasons assigned in
disposition - and that, nevertheless, the ex
was afterwards conducted, without interru
Captain Durand, through the interpreta
Dayanga Pennaly - and the eight Chett
deposed that, at length, the Left hand
were told by Captain Durand that, in
guilty, did remonstrate against the ex
intimating that their case might be
on the ground of the appointment of the
by an arbitration of persons of all
or by a reference to the Black Gen
of the Government of Pondicherry; but
neither of those modes were adopted.
carry their complaints to Madras - o
the Chettis produced no proofs. All

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"Six hours after they first complained
"the Soldiers are now so sensible of
"the bad effects of delay, that they
"immediately apply for relief on
"finding themselves indisposed and
"are [illegible] more wonderfully instan
"more successfull in the treatment
"of those who have lately fallen
"down the disease puts on different
"forms, but there is [illegible] form so
"insidious that I cannot [illegible] help
"mentioning it to you — the Patient
"generally feels himself languid &
"faintish with slight [illegible] headach and
"heat of Skin, and in this state
"generally lies down on his Cot,
"without complaining much to
"those around him, his Comrades
"imagining him to be asleep,
"pay but little attention, 'till
"they are disturbed by a croaking
"and noisy breathing and convulsive
"tremors and shaking over his
"legs and arms by this time the
Patient

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"Patient has lost the power of
"speech and deglutition. his face
"is livid, his Bowels are swelled
"and, in general, fœtid stools are
"evacuated on administering Glysters,
"a greasy heat of skin, which is
"like a burning coal, and leaves
"a particular sensation on the
"hand. The Pulse is very rapid, —
"in general full and throbbing,
"and the Patient seldom survives
"this stage of the Disease above
"half an hour. three of our poor
"sufferers have been carried off
"in this way, and two of them
"were taken ill after sunset."

However striking what
has been above specified, regarding
the situation of Cloves, may —
appear; the causes operating
in all the Inland countries —
produce, in some degree, similar
effects, so that if any change
of place, in consequence of what
has

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"has been stated should be adopted he
"would recommend that it should be
"near the sea and within the influence
"of the sea Breze—

"One of the circumstances
"which has delayed this Statement
"was the hopes of determining a more
"eligible Cantonment, but being
"disappointed in acquiring
"the Physician General
"declare, from his own
"that the whole Country
"betwixt the two great
"low and flat that a
"heat exposes it to
"described by Mr. And
"the dry Season, and
"Fevers in the wet Season more
"than other part of the Coast"

In the hot Season the
Clay soil for some miles in extent
in different places is so much
cracked as to render it impracticable
for Horses to travel without much
risque

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"resque of breaking their legs, and
"if it is probable that vapours —
"issue from these chasms sufficient
"to supersaturate the Atmosphere
"with azotic Gas."

"From Bezoara, on the
"Kistna, and Dowlacherum on the
"Godavery where the granite Rock
"terminates, the Country towards
"the Sea seems to have been won
"from that element by deposition
"of the Sand and Mud of the Rivers
"but a Melancholy example is
"recent on our minds that the
"possession is not secure from
"attacks of the Salt flood. It is
"therefore not within the range of
"the two Rivers that the Physician
"General would propose a new
"Cantonment, but rather north
"of the Godavery, or South of the
"Kistna, where the Beach may
"be found to consist of Rock only &
"some eligible situations may be
found

It is in the contemplation of Government to remove the Troops from Ellore

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"found in the Islands of Nagarum
"or Diu."

From very information we
have been able to collect, as well
from our own observation, we have
no doubt but the presents Medical
Regulations are extremely well
calculated to insure due attention
to the sick at a very moderate
expence to Government & the
advantages it possesses over very
other System hitherto adopted are
so fully stated in a Letter which
has been addressed to us by the
Surgeon of His Majesty's 36th
Regiment, that we are induced
to forward a Copy of it for the
perusal of the Right Honble the
President in Council.

Mr Duncan's representation is very satisfactory, and does him much credit.

It is evident, however,
that some modifications may be,
from time to time, necessary to
render the System applicable
to peculiar situations: for in
stance

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instance when Corps are reduced to a small number of effectives, the allowances specified, will not be adequate to defray the expenses of keeping up a requisite establishment of Cotts, Clothing, & Servants—

This circumstances has been represented to us by Mr. FitzGerald Surgeon to the 2d Battalion of Artillery a Copy of whose Letter we have the honor to enclose

In order to obviate any complaints of this nature in future, and to equalize the establishment as much as possible we recommend that when Corps of effective Europeans do not amount to 400 Men, an allowance of 70 Cash p. day be granted, and when they do not amount to 350, that an allowance of one Fanam be granted / exclusive of the supplies from the Apothecary—

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The Board are determined against any alteration in the present System for the Medical Department. The loss stated to have been sustained by Mr. FitzGerald, will be taken into consideration, when the Military Auditor General to whom the subject will be referred shall have reported upon it.

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As very few Corps can ever come under this denomination, the additional expence to Government will be very inconsiderable—

The allowance of 5/ Pags to the Surgeon of the 1st Battalion of Artillery having been granted in consideration of the dearness of Provisions at the Mount we are of opinion that upon the same principle it should be extended to Mr Fitzgerald—

This point will also be referred to the Military Auditor General for his opinion

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Requires no observation at present—

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† Entered in M B for December N° 92

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This will be replied to hereafter—

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Ja. Anderson
Physician General
(Signed) Colld. Lucas
Chief Surgeon

To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General & and the Members of the
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elapsed, since the present Medical Regulations took place, and tho' I have not heard that there is any intention of altering them, or of substituting others in their room, yet changes having so frequently happened in this Department, that I have taken the liberty of publickly addressing you on the subject. This I have been induced to do from the necessity I am under of immediately providing New Cloathing &c. for the ensuing year as this cannot be done without a very considerable expence, it is reasonable that I should look forward for the prospect of reimbursement from the continuance of the present Contract, which I do with the greater confidence of success, as I am conscious of having exerted my best endeavours to fulfill the conditions of it, and to discharge my engagements to the public—

The Regulations now in force, have been found to answer every purpose intended by them hitherto they have given rise to no complaint and the Expence attending them, will be found on comparison with others, to be extremely moderate. To shew this more fully, as well as to obviate any impressions to the contrary, I shall beg to state to

you

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you my sentiments particularly supported by a reference to facts: and I cannot but rely on your candour and indulgence while I address you on a subject of which a wider experience, and ample means of information must enable you to form a much more correct and competent Estimate.

That the expence attending the present provision for the Sick is extremely moderate will best appear by comparing it with that of former arrangements. The Civil Contractor in the Carnatic was allowed 9 fanams pr diem for furnishing each Sick man in Hospital with Clothing, Cotts, Victualling and attendants only, while the Surgeon received a separate allowance for his Medical Servants and Sick not entertained in Hospitals. At Trichinopoly, the Contractor was allowed Eleven fanams, and at Masulipatam — twelve fanams, including the expence of County Medicines. On this Plan the expence of some Corps amounted to treble the sum which they cost at present. Besides by making the allowance depend on the number of the Sick, it would not possibly be fixed or limited, and this was constantly leading to abuse — On the present plan, if a Surgeon in charge

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charge of a Corps 600 strong is obliged to have a 100 men in Hospital, which will some times happen in sickly Seasons, and the proportion has often been double that number in some Corps, he will only receive 4 fanams 12 cash for each sick man p diem, which added to the stoppages will amount in all to 6 fanams 52 cash with this he must furnish Cotts, Clothing, Victualling, Hospital — attendants, Medical Servants, Utensils, water and lights and this is much less than the business has ever been done for. But to put a case the most favorable to a Surgeon suppose him in charge of 700 Effectives with only 80 sick on an average, tho' the proportion must often exceed than fall short of that number. there he will only receive from the Company 6 fanams 65 cash for each sick man p diem, which, with the stoppages, will amount to 9 fanams 5 cash. surely this will be deemed reasonable and moderate when it is considered that the allowances of former Contractors and Surveyors went on increasing indefinitely with the number of the sick and that the very circumstance which was to them the means of reimbursement, proves to the Surgeon the cause of additional expence —

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The present System in limiting the provision for the Sick by the number of Effectives, is simple and fixed in its principle, and cannot — possibly lead to abuse; for by abolishing all — contingent charges it effectually, precludes every temptation to rapacity and every opportunity of speculation: as the whole charge for a Corps, then indeterminate and circumscribed in its nature, is — chiefly subject to diminution by the Death of Effectives it becomes the Interest of the Surgeon to endeavour to prevent this as far as the knowledge and Zealous exercise of his profession can enable him to attain so desirable an object. It is equally his Interest to study carefully the habits and Characters of the men under his charge, that he may be able to discriminate, and admit none into the Hospital without sufficient cause, for it is well known, that men inclined to avoid their duty, are fond of getting into Hospital, where they acquire sluggish and indolent habits extremely detrimental to Military discipline. In support of what I have advanced, I will appear on the face of the Monthly returns, that the present mode of conducting the business of Hospitals tends to diminish the number of the Sick, and this it is

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is no more than the strict duty of the Surgeons, at all times, to endeavour to accomplish this by every means in his power, yet the policy of the present system has judiciously contrived to connect his Duty with his Interest, and has, in this manner, given him an additional incitement to execute his function with deligence and fidelity. The' an ingenuous and benevolent mind may not require such an incitement to do what is right, yet, as interested Individuals will occasionally find admission into every Department of Public Service, it becomes a matter of prudence, as well as of policy, to establish checks and regulations that will comprehend minds of every description - In this view, the present Medical regulations are well calculated to stimulate the most indolent and the most interested, to a zealous and faithful discharge of their Duty; for the only way in which a Surgeon can make his Hospital Contract, in any respect beneficial to himself, is by giving the strictest attention to the welfare of his Patients: by endeavouring the speedy and effectual removal of their Disorders by preventing his List from being incumbered by those who are apt to shulk from indolence or

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irregularity, and those reducing his expence by
deminishing the number of his Sick. It is in this
manner that the present System derives from
the operation of Self interest, what a sense of
Duty in well constituted minds will cheerfully
pay to the claims of the public Service, and the
sufferings of humanity—

The whole Medical charge for
a corps being limited to one Fanam a day, for very
effective composing it, to provide whatever the sick
can require, except Medicines excepted. this will
only give the Surgeon 7 Fanams 60 cash including
the stoppages from the Soldiers for the Sick individually
of diem, supposing every Seventh effective to require
Hospital treatment, which is a moderate proportion,
when the frequent causes of Indisposition are
considered, added to the effects of Drunkenness &
irregularity and indolence—

However moderate the care and
attention of the Surgeon, may enable him to keep
his Sick List, it will be an error to suppose that
the charges of his Hospital will diminish in an
exact proportion, for by the terms of his contract
he is obliged to keep up an Establishment of Cots
and

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and Clothing sufficient to accommodate the greatest probable number that may require Hospital treatment.—

I have only further to observe that the Expence of Sick and wounded Men in every foreign settlement has, at all times, been considerable, and must necessarily be so, if justice is done them, for it is impossible that men can be victualled, cloathed and supplied with comfortable treatment in an Hospital without incurring a considerable expence: But this expence, great as it may have been, is so incomparably small, as to disappear when — compared with what must necessarily arise, if, from neglect, or inadequate provision, in the Department of Hospital, a larger number of Recruits should be annually required to supply the ravage of Sickness, and the Casualties of War. Economy here comes in aid of Humanity, and clearly demonstrates that it will cost far less money to preserve the life of a Soldier in India than to supply his place, by another from Europe. Even supposing him to be of a constitution so sickly and delicate as to be obliged to pass a great part of his time in Hospital, many years must elapse, before the expence incurred in this way, will amount to one

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third the sum that was required to land him on the Coast of Madras. It is therefore of importance to render the life of a Soldier, who has cost so much, useful to the Service, by making an adequate provision for his health when it is impaired, & thus affording the means of disposing, as far as the imperfection of certain attains, the distructive progress and waste of Sickness—

I have endeavoured to give you a fair and impartial Statement; I trust it will appear so to you; and if I have advanced nothing unsupported by unbecoming and obvious facts, or inconsistent with the Dictates of reason and policy, I will look with the greater confidence for the countenance and protection of Government, in going on with my Hospital Contract. The subject has led me much farther than I intended, but as I do not often take the liberty of troubling you, I hope you will have the goodness to forgive me for trespassing so long on your time and attention—

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) Francis Duncan
Surgeon 36th Regiment

A true Copy
Signed J. Conolly Secy W.B.

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To James Anderson Esqr.

Physician General &c &c Members of the

Hospital Board.

Gentlemen,

The existing regulations for the Medical Department, published in Orders the 4th of December 1793 having now continued twelve Months I beg leave in this plain respectfully to express the after ample opportunity of experiencing its tendancy and effects, that, in so far as they respect the Corps to which I have the honor to be attached, I make no doubt but it will appear to you, that it must be impossible for me in future to adhere thereto, without incurring such expences, as the allowed charges are totally inadequate to defray —

I have hitherto been silent, because before I attempted to make a representation on the subject I wished for a thorough experience of its principles which certainly seem well calculated to answer every exigency of Service in the most oeconomical manner but, as some modifications seem to me still to be wanting. I hope the following observations will, by you, who are so fully acquainted with the subject be considered as deserving immediate attention —

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The allowance of 60 cash ₰ day

for every Man sick or well, returned present with

the Regiment, besides the usual stoppages of two

fanams forty cash, and the charges of the apothecary

for supplies furnished by him, might, I think,

be accounted fully adequate for any European

corps, consisting of about 500 men. but as it is well

known to all conversant with Hospital practice,

that the Medical expences of corps, do not encrease

in a ratio proportionate to their respective

strengths above that number; it will thus appear

that Surgeons attached to small corps, being obliged

to all times, to keep up a regular establishment

of Servants &c &c are nearly at the same expence

with others attached to Regiments stronger by many

hundreds, while the allowances drawn by the former

bear, in no respect, any proportion to those drawn

by the latter—

It is this great disproportion of

expences to Receipts, that, from long suffering,

so much complain of; and I trust, when you regard

the circumstances of my situation, as attached to

a divided corps of little more than 350 Men. you

will, upon a retrospective view of my different

past

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past Returns of this credit me when I assure
you, that, within the last year, my Hospital
disbursements have surpassed the allowed —
charges in the sum of six hundred Star Pagodas.
that my losses have not exceeded the above sum, is
entirely owing to the attention you have been —
pleased from time to time to pay to those —
requisitions I was necessitated to make, for an
encreased supply of the material articles furnished
by the Apothecary: a request, I understand your
Board were enabled to comply with, from having,
upon an accurate investigation, observed, that —
Full Corps did not always require supplies equal
to the allowance limitted; a circumstance which —
tends to establish the necessity of an alteration
in the case of a Surgeon, in charge of a Corps
of inferior strength; on the same principle that
is admitted in the 6th paragraph of the Regulations
which allows an encrease of Charges proportionate
to the smallness of Detachments and Garisons
composed of Europeans —

Additional arguments might
be brought in support of what is here advanced,
and indeed every cogent one manifestly occurs,
which

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which is the peculiar situation at present of the 2d Battalion of Artillery, with respect to its — vicinity to Madras. the encreased price which every article of Provision bears at the Mount, to what is experienced elsewhere, became, so far back as in the Government of Sir — Archibald Campbell, a matter of such notoriety, that a Monthly Sum of 50 Pagodas was granted to the Surgeon of the Battalion then quartered at this Station, in addition to the usual — Hospital Charges. this allowance has not been taken off by any subsequent regulations, but not having been, as yet extended to the Surgeon of the other Battalion since it arrived at the Mount, I stand in the predicament of being a sufferer, from not reaping advantages, which others in a similar situation, with so much justice enjoy for I conceive it is well known to your Board, that, since the — period alluded to, all the necessaries of life have considerably risen in value, and that consequently the expences of a Number of Men in Hospital are proportionally encreased —

I leave it to you, Gentlemen, to judge of the fairness of the remarks above stated

and

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and also the application of such means as your experience may suggest in order to obviate the hardships of my peculiar situation: I hope it will appear to you, that I offer not any attempts to alter a system, that will be found in Practice, to be the best hitherto adopted; some modifications have already taken place since its first institution, and by a further extension of the principle alluded to in the 6th Paragraph every cause of complaint will I conceive be removed; and as my claim to reimbursement for the losses I have sustained in execution of the Duties of my station, are, I trust, apparent, I am encouraged to hope that you will see the whole of the matter generally, in the same point of view that I have represented, and will therefore be pleased to submit my case to the consideration of Government, with such favorable notice as shall appear to you proper—

Mount Cantonment
5th December 1794

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) M. Fitzgerald
Surgeon & Actg Dt Surgeon

A true Copy
(Signed) V. Conolly Secy

1st Regt

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To James Anderson Esqr.

Physician General

Sir,

In a letter of the 15th January last, which I had the Honor to address your Board, I represented some particular inconveniencies which I had suffered, from the want of that support, in the expences in which my Professional avocations had necessarily involved me - and as the circumstances which I adduced appeared to your Board to have been Rationally and Justly founded, I flatter myself that you still retain the same impression. - I shall not trouble you with a Recapitulation of the particulars, but beg leave to remark that, as no specific Reply was given to those points, I have patiently continued to fulfil every duty that could have possibly been expected from me, in the hope that some establishment would have been annexed to my situation in consequence of your pointed Recommendation; but, as I have not yet received any assurance of being reimbursed the expences incurred by

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by the duties alluded to, and my present
Salary being inadequate to the common support
of a person of Twenty Seven years standing
in the Service, especially if actively
employed; I therefore cannot avoid making
a further appeal to you, without subjecting
my private finances to perpetual Injury—
—for situations to which the most Liberal
Salaries are annexed for mere personal
exertions, an exclusive allowance is granted
by Government for all expences attending
the Duties expected from those stations;
and, as you are perfectly sensible that the
personal exertions of a Medical man
require many auxiliary resources within
his immediate call, I beg leave to particularize
a few, from the many others that are
materially necessary.—

I have discharged the duty of
Medical Storekeeper for near two years
without receiving any allowance for that
trouble; neither have I the means of
supplying myself with [illegible] medicines
Medical Servants, or Stations [illegible] receipt at
my own expence — the necessity of [illegible]
supplying

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supplies is too well known to you, to require
any minute elucidation; in addition to w
which I beg leave to observe, that, in obedience
to the orders of Government published
the 20th January last, directing, "the Head
"Surgeons to visit every Hospital, European
"as well as native in their respective P
"Districts", I lost no time in fulfilling
that duty to the satisfaction of the Comman-
-ing Officer at every Station, throughout
the District, as they severally accompanied
me, in the course of my examination of
the European Sick, as well as Native; the
several accommodations provided for them,
the state of the Dispensaries, Medicines,
Instruments, and Servants - a regular Report
of which I had the Honor to transmit
to you - and as the latter Duty creates
an expence that unavoidably exceeds P
occasional Batta, I request that you will
be pleased to forward this Letter P
to Government, with such observations
upon all the circumstances I have P
stated, as may tend to relieve me P
from embarrassment and expence, P

which

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which common Justice cannot expect or exact from me.—

I Have the Honor to be with Respect.—

December 14th 1794.

&c &c

/Signed/ T. Gahagan

Head Surgeon

A true Copy

/Signed/ C. Conolly Sec.y to Bd.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Michael Topping.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From Mr. Topping submits his Survey of the Port and Environs of Masulipatam, made by myself during the course of my late operations on the Coast.—

Having frequently noticed the Situation of the Fort of Masulipatam in a Swamp, or Morass, and being convinced

I take the Liberty of laying before Government a Survey of the Port and Environs of Masulipatam,

Having frequently noticed the Situation of the Fort of Masulipatam in a Swamp, or Morass, and being convinced

From Mr. Topping submits his Survey of the Port and Environs of Masulipatam. Observations with respect to the fated Swamp that surrounds it and the unhealthy situation of Ellore.—

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convinced that the unhealthiness of the Garrison there, has arisen principally from the fœtrid Vapours exhaled from the low and Marshy grounds that P surround it, I turned my thoughts P towards the natural remedy — draining and embanking: This, I find, can very easily be effected / and I conceive, without material Expence / — the adjacent grounds lying nearly on a Level with High P Water mark in the Bay. —

Situations on the Sea Coast are found, in general, to be P healthy: Masulipatam is the only exception to the rule that falls within my immediate Knowledge. Why it should be so, unless from the above causes, it is not easy to imagine: P Perhaps therefore if that Place were to be secured from the effects of the Sea and Land-floods, it would be as healthy a situation as any on this P Coast. —

The Service suffers a great and melancholy loss of Europeans annually

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annually at Ellore. The intense heat there, during the months of May and June are such as Scarcely any European Constitution can endure. At that Season the Gardens of the Sea are the natural Retreats of those who dread the inclemency of the Weather and even Masulipatam itself, under all its past and present disadvantages has been found beneficial to many who would probably have fallen a Sacrifice to the rigors of the Climate had they remained at Ellore.—

It has heretofore been proposed to remove the Cantonment from Ellore to Bejoara, and certainly Bejoara is a Situation in every respect preferable to Ellore: Its lying on the Banks of the Kistnah, which rises just about the time the hot Land Winds com- ence is an unspeakable advantage: Its vicinity to the Guntoor Circar, the convenience it has of Water Carriage a great part of the year, to Masulipatam and

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and consequently to every other part of the
Coast, and its dry and open situation, all
contribute to render it much more
healthy and convenient than Ellore: perhaps
however if Masulipatam were to be
improved in the manner I have suggested
the Climate there - owing to the vicinity
of the Sea - might have the advantage
for European Constitutions. -

When Masulipatam
was in possession of the French, an
Hospital was by them established at
Pagalanka a beautiful Island in
the low division of the Kistnah. This
Place on which I found a small Fort
Fort that might easily be repaired
if necessary is deemed as healthy a
Spot as any in the Country; and it
can hardly be otherwise The Southerly
Winds that in other places blow
directly along the Coast carrying with
them the Spray of the Surf, like a Mist,
so as to render the air damp and
comfortless to all who live within a
few miles of the Sea, set in here
directly

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directly from Pettipolly Bay, and become a refreshing Sea-breeze to this Place there is a communication from the Sea for Vessels of even 200 Tons burthen and for Boats by the Rivers to Masulipatam. —

How far these communications may be useful it is not for me to determine: I could not however forbear laying before Government such observations as I had made during my operations in the Masulipatam Circar — altho' the subject of them did not immediately relate to the principal objects of my enquiries. —

I am &c &c

Observatory
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(Signed) Michael Topping

Resolved, in consequence of the report of the Boards Board and the opinion given by Mr. Topping that the following letter be written to the Military Board. —

To

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To Colonel John Braithwaite

President &c. Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen

Reference to the military board on the subject of removing the cantonment from Illore to masulipatam.

The situation of Illore, as a Station for Troops, having been long P known to be extremely pernicious to the constitution of Europeans, we are very P desirous of removing the head quarters of the Northern Division of the Army P from thence to some other station nearer the Sea and also masulipatam, from its being nearly surrounded by a salted P swamp, has been generally held to be an unhealthy spot, yet as Mr. Topping has suggested a Plan for the removal of this unwholesome, we are led to give the preference to masulipatam, in consequence of the many buildings in that Fort that could be appropriated to military quarters, and because Mr. Topping is so decided in his opinion that, if the measure be had proposed be carried into execution, the place will be as healthy as along on the Coast. But before we finally decide, we wish to have your opinion and

therefore

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I therefore transmit herewith an extract of the report from the Hospital Board regarding Ellore, and copy of Mr Topping's letter, with a map, to which the letter refers. →

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We are &c &c
(Signed) Hobart
&c Council

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite. →

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor &c Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From Colonel Brathwaite on the subject of his allowances and suggesting that the annual subscription stoppages from European Invalids for clothing, be in future, granted to the Senior Effective Colonel on the Establishment

I have to request your Lordship's attention to the inadequacy of my allowances to the respectability and Responsibility attached to my situation as Commander of this Army and President of the Military Board cannot be unknown to your Lordship — my allowances are not only much smaller than those of most of the Civil Servants who are in any respectable situation, but actually not equal to those of several Officers of the Army under my immediate Command — It is not

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not however this comparison which has induced
me to represent the matter, but a melancholy
conviction that I cannot with the utmost
oeconomy, without totally abandoning such
a stile of life as should be attached to my
situation, live upon my income, which is
much worse than it was before I commanded
the Army, tho' my expences are unavoidably
lessened; and I have actually, in the two years
and a quarter which I have now commanded
this Army, been obliged to spend near three
thousand Pounds of the Sum I had saved in
a long course of Service — This has been
Represented to the Honble the Court of
Directors and they have signified their
intention to take up the subject, but
in the mean time I am running behind
hand, and am subjected either to the
inconvenience of drawing Money out of
the Funds in England, or borrowing Money
here on an Interest which I can ill afford. —

It occurs to me that an
opportunity now presents itself by which your
Lordships in Council may, if you approve
of it, afford to me some small Present
assistance

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assistance, and make what I trust will
by all impartial persons be considered as
an improvement to the Service here, without
any additional expence to the Company —
Before I proceed to point it out, I think
it however necessary to observe that the
Colonels on this establishment are worse
off by far than those on any other
establishment in India — The youngest
Colonel in Bengal that I believe there
times as much as there is who are at the
head of the Army here — and the senior
Colonel in Bengal though not at the
head of the Army has always an extra
allowance above [illegible] the rest, of eight
thousand Rupees Sicca merely
as senior Colonels. —

What I would therefore propose
in my own immediate behalf, and that
of all future senior Colonels of the
Company's Establishment on this Coast
is, that a certain annual appropriated sum
in the off-Reckoning Fund which your
Lordship will see in the Proceedings
of the Committee laid before you, should

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be given to the senior Colonel on this establishment over and above his ordinary share which he receives in common with other Field officers—The sum arises from the Stoppage made from the European Invalids for their Cloathing—From this special Fund Government has directed that the Sum of 600 Pagodas annually shall be given to each Field officer and Captains on the Invalid establishment—as this sum is limited / tho' more by one half than is allotted from the effective European off Reckoning Fund to Field officers on the effective list unless under particular circumstances / it has happened that since this distribution has been determined on a surplus has remained of the Stoppages made from the European Invalids—Last year it amounted, I believe, to six hundred Pagodas and this year to four hundred and that now remains unappropriated, I therefore request that I may be allowed to receive the unappropriated Balance now in hand and that it may be determined that the surplus arising from this special Fund, when there is any, shall be given to the

senior

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senior effective Colonel on the Coast establishment
I would not make this proposal
if I could discover any injustice in it, and
if I did not consider it as an improvement
to the service — I have no doubt but your
Lordship will agree with me in opinion that
it would be improper to divide this sum
among the Field officers and Captains on
the Invalid establishment, who are already
in both Ranks so much better off from
that fund, than those of similar Ranks on
the effective list, where the share allotted to
a Field officer, whether Colonel, Lieutenant
Colonel or Major, simply considered as such
is only four hundred Pagodas, and when the
Captains of the European Infantry Effective
list receive nothing at all, and to throw
this unappropriated Balance into the
General fund, would afford as very small
an addition to each share as not to make
it an object to any one whereas given
to one Person it may prove an object — and
I hope your Lordship will admit that this
is no great advantage to hold out to an
officer who has served long enough to become

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The oldest Colonel on the establishment – I have mentioned that it amounted to six hundred Pagodas last year, and to four hundred this year; but it may next year amount to nothing, as a Captain has since been placed on the Invalid list / Captain Lindt / who will be entitled to six hundred Pagodas from the next division – and it must from its nature be a fluctuating fund – however, I should suppose that one year with another it may be valued upon, as likely to produce from four hundred to five hundred Pagodas a year – the highest sum that it probably can ever produce must be greatly short indeed of what the Company allows out of its Treasury, to the senior Colonel in Bengal, whereas this will be no expence to the Company, nor as I conceive, any injustice to any individual in the Service. –

I have the honor to be with great respect. –

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
December 10th 1794

&c &c
/Signed/ John Braithwaite

Ordered

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Order thereon

Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Read the following letter from the Governor and Council at Columbo.—

To the Right Honble Lord Robert Hobart
Governor and Council
at
Madras

Right Honble Sir and Gentlemen

From Columbo have received the Rice sent on the Yarmouth and offering Bills on Bombay for the Amount have employed the Anna in conveying the three Companies to Bombay.

The ship Yarmouth which now returns, delivered us to our Satisfaction the rice with which you have been so kind to assist us, and we embrace this opportunity to express how particular thankful we are for this obliging aid. It will be very difficult for us to pay the amount in Star Pagodas, we therefore wish if it suits your convenience that you will please to accept from the first Signer Bills on Bombay, and if this can be done without inconvenience that you will please to inform us of the amount in Bombay Silver Rupees.—

We have the honor to congratulate Lord Robert with his having taken possession of the Government, and

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we wish his Lordship much Success. —

As our two sloops which are at Trincomale are not sufficient to transport the three companies which you have sent with the Anna to their fixed Garrison at Colombo, we have made use of the power you have given us and have desired the Captain to bring them here. —

The misfortune which happened the 5oth Company of Sepoys at Jaffanapatam in their passage from Negapatam is certainly Lamentable, we have ordered the Commodore and Council there when Captain Borheir and his officers arrives there to take a circumstantial deposition, which we will have the honor to forward you. —

We have the honor to be with great esteem and regard. —

Dr. Sir

Your most obt. Servts

/Signed/ J. Van Angelbeek

Columbo

the 25th November 1794.

& Commit

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Accountant General be directed to lay before the Board a Statement shewing the amount due in Bombay Rupees, on account of the Rice lately sent from hence to Colombo, including freight, and all other charges. —

The Yarmouth ordered to Pondicherry to bring thence the heavy ordnance lying there. —

Resolved that the chartered Ship Yarmouth now in the Road be ordered to Pondicherry for the purpose of bringing to the Presidency the heavy Ordnance now at that place. —

Mr. A Brooke taking the Oath of Secrecy. —

Mr. A Brooke, assistant in the Military Secretary's office appointed Second Examiner, and Sworn to Secrecy by the President. —

Read the following Letter from Major Dallas. —

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

From Major Dallas submitting a proposal made to him by Rustumjee for supplying horses for the Cavalry from the Malabar Coast.

My Lord

In consequence of a Proposal received from Rustomjee Cowmajee a man of most respectable Character and who is well known on this Coast having lately resided

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rented the Vellar Countrey from the Company,
I think it my duty as agent for the Purchase
of Horses, to state to your Lordship the heads of
my conversation with Seun respecting the P
furnishing of Horses for the Service when at
Hydrabad in June last, also, of our correspondence
on that head since. My first agreement with
Seun, after receiving the Perwana of his P
assistance, was, that, on his journey from
Hydrabad to Bombay he should enquire into
the practicability of sending Horses through
the Maratta Dominions protected by such
Passports as our Resident at their Court P
could procure if this Plan, on enquiry, was
found eligible the support of the Bombay P
Government was to be applied for and P
the business immediately entered upon on the
following terms — That all Horses of a P
given discription, equal in height to the
Standard of the Service, and of a certain age
should, on their arrival at Hydrabad, be paid
for at the average rate of 350 Rupees — a letter
from Seun, dated 12th November 1794 states that
he had now made every enquiry and is
ready to purchase as many suitable P
Horses

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Horses as may offer for the service, but he cannot undertake to send them through the Maratta Country at his own risk, & however, as my last letter to him is postponed, in case the overland transportation of them proved too hazardous, he might make enquiry how they could be sent by Water to Cochin if he found this more practicable and to be accomplished with less risk to himself, it would equally answer my purpose of getting the Cavalry remounted: this mode he is ready to undertake provided every Horse of the above description landed at Cochin be paid for in Bombay at the rate of 400 Rupees each — This advance on my original stipulated Sum, he says is occasioned by the Extra Expence he must be at for Freight and Insuring his property, which sum of opinion is very reasonable & and makes the offer such as Government may safely accept for until the Cavalry are once completed. —

I have made every enquiry relative to Captain Irvine's purchase

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on that Coast, and find that his Horses, by the time they were brought, at the Company's risk to Anjengo averaged equal to that sum consequently, had any Boat Loads of them been lost, the remainder must have considerably exceeded it, therefore, and because it is evident that the oreginal price of the Animal is much enhanced since the late War, it appears to me impossible that a Purchaser Commissie can, with justice to himself, undertake to furnish Horses at a lower Price — I shall, therefore, if authorized to enter into engagements on the proposed terms, endeavour to have them landed at Anjengo instead of Cochin, the march from thence being shorter and less interrupted by Water. —

If your Lordship think proper to adopt the foregoing Plan for procuring Horses, I trust you will see the necessity of requesting that the Government of Bombay give them such support as they deem consistent with the good of the Service. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Thos. Dallas
agent for the Purchase
of Horses

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Minute thereon

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The Board approve the terms offered by Rostrum Lee for supplying 4 Horses for the Cavalry — Ordered that Copy of Major Dallas's letter be sent to Bombay, and that the Government there be requested to afford support to the Plan. —

Robert
Cond Saunders
C B Caillaud

Wm Petrie
Geo. Parry

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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in

Mils Nos. 93.94.95.96.97.98.-

From Commandant of the Nizam's Detachment

From Major Roberts

transmitting Copies of his Correspondence.-

From Captain J. L. Hamilton submitting for

From Captain Hamilton of the Royal Artillery

the Board's Decision a retrenchment made by the Auditor General of a charge for the carriage of Regimental Books.-

From Military Board with Information -

From Military Board

relative to the Cavalry quarters at Conalore, in consequence of the application of the Officers stationed there for house rents.-

From Military Paymaster General with his

From Paymaster General

Estimate of Cash for January.-

From Attorney to Lieutenant Price presenting

From Mr. Melvin

a claim for Off Reckonings due to that Officer.-

From Commandant at Pondicherry enclosing a

From Colonel Nixon

Bill for Subsistence due to [illegible] late deceased.-

Sent Letter [illegible] Travancore Entered

in C. C. Nos. 245. expressive [illegible] at his very ready -

surrender of the Talooks of Cumbum and Goodelore to the -

Company.-

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered

in

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19th in MS. Nos 99.100.101.102.103.104.105.106.107.108.

To Captain Read — To Collector in the Baramhaul — to report immediately his sentiments relative to the repairs necessary for the Security of the Passes on the western Frontier.

To Mr. Secretary Hay — To Secretary at Bengal with Copies of Letters from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors, landed at Anjengo from the Sir Edward Hughes, dated 24th. May and 14th. June.

To Mr. Shandon — To Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions communicating the opinion of the Military Board, upon his suggestion relative to Indents for Grain.

To Ditto — To Ditto requiring a Statement of Provisions laid up in each Fort on the western Frontier and shewing the quantity requisite for Twelve Months' consumption.

To Colonel Malcolm — To Military Auditor General directing that one Months pay be advanced to the 3d. Battalion, proceeding to the Northward.

To Ditto — To Ditto referring the Request of the Surgeon of the 2d. Battalion of Artillery for a Compensation for the loss Sustained by him in consequence of the present medical Regulations for the last year and an Allowance of fifty Pagodas — Observations on the subject.

To Military Board, — To Military Board requiring their opinion of the Measures necessary to be adopted for the Security of the western Frontier, either in respect to repairs, provisions or Military Stores.

To Lieutenant Colonel Fleeting — To Commandant at Pondicherry directing him

on

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19. on assuming the Command, to enjoin by Proclamation a strict obedience to the Ordinance of the French Government in 1768 respecting the Rights and Privileges of the Right and left hand Casts.

To Commandant at Pondicherry directing that such of the men of the 3d European Battalion as are unable to march to Poonamallee may be sent hither on the yarmouth

Lieutenant Colonel Stirling

and

To Commander of the yarmouth directing him to receive them on board.

Captain Thompson

Sent the following letters

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart

Governor General in Council at Fort William

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to transmit herewith Copy of a letter with its enclosures from the military Board recommending, as a measure of great utility, that an Officer of Rank and experience from the Coast establishment of Cavalry should be appointed a member of their Board.

As we have entered very fully upon the Subject in a minute / copy of which we have the honor to enclose we should not trouble you in this place with a detail of our sentiments in favor of the Measure. But only add our hope, that as the object we had in view was the welfare of the Service, the resolutions we have come to, will

Bengal advising Lieutenant Colonel ...nges promotion, ...e appointment to a ...s at the militia ...e of ...board minu... the ... Board on ... ject. enclo...

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21. will receive the sanction of your approbation.

We have the honor to be,
with respect

Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant

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Signed Edw. Saunders
President & Council

To Colonel John Brathwaite
President &c. Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen,

To Military Board
referring a letter from
Colonel Floyd relative
to Repairs of Cavalry
Accoutrements Lieute-
nant Colonel Young
appointed a Member
and Lieutenant Forbes,
Agent for Horses ab-
Floyd deceased vice Dallas
promoted. Letter from
Town Major, respecting
a Garrison Interpreter.
Referred.

Observing by the minute of Military Board of the 11th of September last, that it is proposed to reconsider the subject relative to the Repairs of Horse Accoutrements, as stated in the Auditor General's letter of the 11th of September last, we think it necessary, in consequence thereof, to transmit to you copy of a letter which we have lately received from the Officer Commanding the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons, setting forth the pretensions of that Regiment to be included in any arrangement that may be made for the native Cavalry.

We have very maturely considered the your

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your suggestion in regard to the appointment of a Cavalry Officer to be a member of your Board, and, concurring entirely with you in the propriety of the measure, we have promoted Major William Younge to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry, and ordered him to proceed to the Residency, for the purpose of taking his seat at the Military Board; -

Captain Lieutenant Dallas having succeeded to the Majority, we have appointed Lieutenant George Forbes to be the agent for the purchase of Horses at Hydrabad. -

We desire you will report your opinion upon the accompanying letter from the Town Major and in case an Interpreter should appear to be necessary, what allowance it will be proper to grant. -

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servants

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Signed Edwd Saunders
&c. Council

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters
Entered in Mss. Nos 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118.
119. 120. -

To Accountant General

To Accountant General - to report the Amounts due from the Dutch Government for Rice sent to Columbo - including

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including freights.-

To Major Hart — To Kings Deputy Paymaster General with Copy of a letter from Colonel Brathwaite and directing the Two Officers of the Royal Artillery therein named, and lately promoted, to may receive the pay &c.a of their rank..

To Mr. Conolly — To Secretary to the Hospital Board advising of the Physician General having been permitted to accompany Lord Hobart on his Tour.-

To Mr. Henry Taylor — To Military Storekeeper at Masulipatam with Invoice of Tents made up and delivered there, as pr Order of the Military Board..

To Colonel Malcolm — To Military Auditor General referring Mr. Roebucks Estimate for January..

To Ditto — To Ditto no objections to the attestation &c proposed by Captain Bell..

To Ditto — To Ditto advising him of Lieutenant Forbes's appointment, as Agent for the purchase of horses at Hyderabad with an allowance of 200 Pagodas pr. Month exclusive of the Pay and Batta of his Rank.-

To Military Board — To Military Board permitting Mr. Linley to proceed to Europe and expressing satisfaction at their &c testimony in his favor.-

To Lieutenant Colonel Gile.. — To Commandant of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery informing him that Robert Lamb, will be returned to his Corps, when his services can be dispensed with by

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21. Mr. Topping -

To Lieutenant Forbes

To Lieutenant F. Forbes advising him of his appointment, as above mentioned.

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Commander of the Army directing him to order a Court Martial for the Trial of Captain Reverend -

To Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue transmitting forty Six Pervanahs, received from the Nabob, for the Polygar - Peshcush of Phusly 1204. -

22. Received the following letter -

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Colonel Wynch with Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Darley at Timmicotah -

Herewith I have the honor to transmit your Lordship a Copy of a letter just received from Lieutenant Darley, Commanding at Timmerycotah, for your Lordship's information. -

I have the honor to be,

with the greatest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient

and most Humble Servant

Signed A. Wynch

Lieut Col. Comg

Guntoor

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To Lieuterant Colonel Wynch

Commanding the Troops in the

Guntoor Circar

Sir,

I have the satisfaction to acquaint you, that in consequence of a letter I received, on the 3d. instant, from the Duan of Esaumeah, the Phouzdar of Melgundah Circar, informing me of seven noted Thieves living within two Cos of This, who had been principals in giving up the Fort of Chintra=pollam to a plundering Zemindar on the 12th. ultimo, and requesting I would endeavour to apprehend them, and deliver them over to justice I accordingly sent off a party, who surprised and made six of them prisoners, the following morning, and on their being brought before me, it appeared, by the evidence of several of the Inhabitants, that the whole had been at the capture and plundering of this place last year, and were, at that time, in the service of Comar Veeranah and Meer Imaum. I immediately sent them under a guard of Sepoys to Chintrapollam, to be forwarded on to Melgunda, where they will assuredly meet their deserved fate: a few examples of this kind will be the means, I trust, of keeping such fellows at a destance.

Tangara Veeranah, the acting manager of this Circar, having given me information of Comar Veeranah, and Meer Imaum being at Pollelcheras,

in

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22 in the Deopaud, with one thousand Peons, on their way to plunder this Circar, I lost no time in dispatching two Sepoys to that Village, with a Letter addressed to the Zemindars of Deopaud, and I have the pleasure to assure you that the Report was without any foundation in truth. the Sepoys returned yesterday evening, with an answer, in which the Zemindars give me the most friendly assurances of supporting me with their peons against Comar Veeranah, and Meer Imaum, whenever I call on them, and that they have forbid Imaum, whenever I call on them, and that they have forbid them to enter the Deopaud, upon any pretext whatever. Annandapah Naidoo the Zemindar of Pollecherao observes, in a letter he sent me, that so far from allowing those people "to be at his Village, or in any part of his Purgunnah, it is well known to Tangara Veeranah, that he "recovered the plunder that was carried into his Country by "Comar Veeranah and Meer Imaum, the last time they "were in the Palnaud Circar that he delivered back the "plunder to Tangara Veeranah, and has now his Receipt "for it." —

I have further the pleasure to acquaint you, that Comar Veeranah, and Meer Imaum have seperated for the present, and that neither of them are in force. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Timmerycotah
12th December 1794

I Signed John Darley
Lieut. Comm.

A true Copy
I Signed John Munro
D. M.r & adj.t G. Brigade.

Received

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Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mss. Vols

124. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. —

From W. Skandon — From acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — enclosing his Estimates for January. —

From Ditto — From Ditto with the report and Statement required from him, on the 18th instant. .

From Colonel Fraser — From Colonel Fraser requesting permission to go to Cuddalore. —

From Paymaster General — From Military Paymaster General with the Estimate of the Paymaster at Ellore for January. .

From Colonel Actlewite — From Commander of the Army has ordered a General Court martial for the Trial of Captain Overend. .

From Chief Engineer — From Chief Engineer with Estimates of repairs to the Town Majors Quarters and French Prison —

From Captain Tolfrey — From Commandant of the 33d Battalion requesting an advance of one Months pay for that Corps. .

From Mr. Ferriano — From Resident at Nagore transmitting Copy of a letter from the Commander of the Ship anna at Trincomallee. .

23. Despatched the following letter —

To the Honorable George Dick Esq.

Governor in Council at Bombay.

Honble Sir,

To Bombay with Copy of a letter from Major Dallas and the proposal of Rastrungee Commagee for furnishing horses — request relative to advances of Cash, to him. —

We have the honor to enclose, for your information, Copy of a Letter to us from Major Dallas, and to acquaint you that as we consider the remounts of the Company's Cavalry to be of essential consequence in the event of a future rupture with Tippoo Sultaun, and as we think the terms offered by Rastrungee Commagee for furnishing horses, are, upon the whole, very reasonable, we are induced to request the favor of you, to make occasional advances of Cash to Rastrungee upon his producing the receipts of the Officer, whom we shall appoint to take charge of the Horses upon their arrival at Cochin or Anjengo debiting this Presidency for the amount or if the resources

22 of your Government should render this method inconvenient, drawing upon us for such sums as you may advance.—

You will be pleased to observe, that Rastrumgee is not to be paid for any Horses, except receipts be produced from the Officer who takes charge of them shewing the number of Horses, and the sum to be paid at the rate of four hundred Bombay Rupees for each horse.—

We have the honor to be, &c.ª &c.ª

Fort St. George
22d. December 1794

J. Legrey Edw.d Saunders.
&c.ª Council

Dispatched also the undermentioned Letters Entered on the 17th.

Nos. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150.—

To Secretary at Bengal informing him that Copies of the Proceedings relative to the Vizianagrum Zemeridary, are completed and will be sent to Bengal by the first sea Conveyance.—

To Mr. Secretary Bay.

To Ditto with Copy of the Advices received from Major Petrie of an Action off the Mauritius, between the Centurion — and Diomede and three French Ships and a Brig on the — 22. October.

To Ditto

To acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions approving of his having rented the Godown at Pondicherry and the mode proposed for disposing of the Paddy in Store there.—

Mr. Skardon

To Ditto directing that Provisions and water be Shipped on the Yarmouth for the use of the men ordered to Embark on her at Pondicherry.—

D.

To acting Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies — Lieutenant St. Legers charge for Godown Rent may be — admitted.—

D.o Ditto

To Colonel Fraser permitting him to go to Cuddalore.—

Colonel Fraser

To Commandant at Trinicotah enclosing an Order from the Nabob to the Aumil of Palnaud, for placing the — Circar Sibbendy under his Command.—

Lieutenant Darley

To—

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To Captain Kirkpatrick 23d. To Resident at Hydrabad advising of Lieutenant Forbes appointment to the Agency, vice major Dallas.

To Mr. V. Corbett To Commercial Resident at Masulipatam informing him that the Chiefs' house in the Fort is to be allotted as a Quarter for the Commanding Officer.

To Mr. M. Dick To Ditto at Vizagapatam allotting Quarters for the Commandant and Officers of the Garrison.

To Mr. W. Gordon Similar Instructions to the acting Collector at Ganjam.

To Colonel Malcolm To Military Auditor General referring Mr. Hardon's Estimates for January.

To Ditto To Ditto notifying the Orders to major Hard— relative to the pay of two Officers of the Royal Artillery and the allowance Mr. Nettle.

To Ditto To Ditto referring the Ellore Estimate of Cash for January.

To Ditto To Ditto directing an Advance of pay for the 33d. Battalion

To Major Dallas To Major Dallas approving of the proposal of — Rastrumjee and authorizing him to conclude the Agreement.

To Captain McLean To Commandant of the 3d. Battalion enclosing orders from the Nabob and Rajah of Vencatagherry, for supplying him with Articles of provisions on his march to Angole.

To Mr. Torriano To Resident at Nagore directing him to advise Captain Gilmore of the Anna, by express, that his Ship is discharged from the Company's Service.

To Captain Gilmore To Commander of the Anna to the same effect.

To Mr. Martin To Paymaster at Palamcotah with orders to forward the preceding letter to Columbo.

To Mr. N. Jones To Post master General referring for his opinion the letter from the Commandant at Samulcotah, noted in last Diary.

To Board of Revenue To Board of Revenue enclosing Copy of the letter from the Rajah of Travancore and directing them to send orders to the Collector to receive charge of the Villages of Cumbum and Goodelore in the Company's Name.

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At a Consultation

Present

Edward Saunders Esqre

and

Ernst William Falkofield Esqre

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart absent from the Presidency.

Tuesday 23d. December 1794

Read the following letter from Major George Petrie

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George &c &c &c

Sir,

From Major Petrie enclosing an account of an action between the Centurion and two French Frigates off the Mauritius and advising of the consequent failure of the Service on which he was employed

I am sorry to inform you that the Service upon which you did me the honor of employing me, has been, in a great measure, rendered abortive, in Consequence of an action which took place off the Mauritius on the 22 of October last, between His Majestys Ships the Centurion and Diomede and four French Ships supposed to be the Frigates La Bellone and Prudente, the Corvette La Minerve 26 Guns, and a Brigg 14; in which the Centurion was so compleatly disabled in her Masts and yards, as to be under the necessity of repairing to Bombay by the shortest Route to be refitted.

As I do not conceive myself compitent to give a Detail of naval Engagements I have requested Captain Osborn to favor me with a Copy of his publick Report to the admiral

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Admiral or Commanding Officer of the Fleet which I do myself the Honor of enclosing.—

Though no Seaman, and conscious that no suffrage of mine can add to the well established Character of Captain Osborne yet I cannot deny myself the Pleasure of mentioning that his Conduct together with that of his Officers and Men appeared to me such as must ever reflect the highest Credit upon them. for Gallantry and Discipline, and I am fully convinced that it was entirely owing to the disabled State of the Centurion, the Vicinity of the Enemy to their own Port, and the approach of night that these Ships escaped.

On the 10th September we fell in with a Danish Ship, the Cronenburg Charles Post master from the Mauritius bound to Tranquebar twenty three Days out. The Intelligence we could procure from him appeared to be vague and of little Consequence.

He said he had been detained upon the Island since the preceding December, and never suffered to quit the Town of Port Louis, which appeared to him to be in a very compleat State of Defence, and that Furnaces for heating Shot were placed between every four or five Guns.

That two Parties still subsisted, which were extremely inimical to each other, but that the Sans Culottes preponderated, and that Monsieur L'Felix and Monsieur De Flesis Governor of Bourbon were prisoners there. That there had been no late Arrivals from Europe. Hermette

on

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the Month of May was the last.

On the 5th of October we anchored in the Harbour of the Island of Rodreguez where we found a French Brigg which had left the Mauritius the 25th July on board of which were two Men who had been enrolled in the national Guards, and were permitted to come there to fish.

They reported that the whole of the people were reconciled to the present System of Government, and seemed unanimous in their Determination to support it, but they appeared extremely ignorant and ill informed upon any Points we wished to ascertain They represent the Town and Harbour of Ports Louis to be in a compleat State of Defence and that there are about Sixty Pieces of Cannon 36 Pds mounted upon Fort Blanc and Forty of the same Calebre on Le Isle and Tonnellier's as some part of their Conduct seemed to Captain Osborn to be very improper he directed their Brigg to be burned, and has sent them to Madras in the Dromede.

As I was directed by your Letter of the 20th of August, to communicate any Circumstance of Consequence that might occur to the Governor General in Council of Bengal, I have this Day done myself the Honor of transmitting a similar Report to that Honorable Board, and as the centurion will in all Probability reach the Malabar Coast before the Dromede can arrive at Madras, to which Station she is ordered to proceed, Captain Osborn has been so good as take charge of both Letters to be forwarded by the first opportunity.

As I had the Honor of being selected by you for service I receive it my Duty to return to Madras to report in person, and shall therefore embark on board the Dromede to morrow. Though I cannot help lamenting the unexpected Failure of the Service upon which I had the honor of being employed

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employed, yet I flatter myself that, from the Circumstances I have related, it will appear to have been unavoidable.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signed Geo: Petrie

Major xx. Regiment

On Board H. M. Ship Centurion at Sea

November 25th Lat: 4° 30 S. Longitude xx° 28

Rear Admiral Gardner, or the Senior Officer Command[ing his] Majesty's Ships and Vessels [at]

Madras

Sir.

I am to acquaint you that, Cru[ising off the] Island of Mauritius with his Majesty's Ship [under my Com]-mand and the Diomede, on the 22d of October [off Isle Ronde] bearing W. N. W. eight Leagues, at half past 11 [from the] Diomede made the Signal for a Sail bearing [W. N. W.]

We immediately gave chace, and [soon after] discovered them to be three Ships and a Brigg [standing] towards us, I made the private Signal to them which [was] answered, at 29 minutes after 3 P. M., being [unperceived by the] Fleet the French Commodore hoisted his broad [pendant and] Colours, opened his Fire, and the Action began, [the Diomede] taking her Station astern of the Centurion.

At the French Commodore, [the Diomede] and made Sail from us, and the other French Ships [followed] As the whole of the Enemy's Fire was directed at the [Centurion,] [and]

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and at her masts and Rigging We were unable to make much sail, having our Mizen Topmast and Fore Top Gall.t mast shot away, the Rigging totaly cut to Pieces in every part of the Ship, and the sails so much Torn as to be useless. I made what sail I could after them and ordered the Diomede's signal to be made to make all possible sail, but the Flags for that purpose could not be found, the Commodore, the smallest Ship and Brigg drew a head continuing their fire, the largest Ship still remaining to Leeward under a heavy fire, the Calm it occasioned prevented her getting a head.

at 45 Minutes past 5 her Fore Topmast was shot away and she Tore up before the Wind, the Ships a head followed her and one of them took her in Tow, I wore after them as did the Diomede, but found the Contention so much Damaged in her Masts, Yards, Sails and Rigging, that it was found Necessary to put her head to the Sea in order to save her masts which were falling, it was now dark, and as I did not know what damage the Diomede might have sustained, altho' not any appeared, nor the Condition of the French Ships, I made her Signal to Return.

Captain Smith on joining me sent an Officer on board for Orders, who acquainted me that she had not received any Damage, the Enemy were not to be seen in the Morning, having I presume got into Port Louis.

The Officers and Company behaved themselves very much to my Satisfaction and conducted themselves in the most Brave, Gallant, and exemplary manner, and with a

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a Coolness that does them Honor. — I beg to recommend Lt. Lieute=
=nant Flint to your Notice and Favor, as an Officer of Merit, who
has distinguished himself on this Occasion. —

I am under great Obligations to Major Petrie of the
77th Regiment embarked in the Centurion on a particular
Service, who in the handsomest Manner offered me his Services
in any way I chose to employ them, He continued on the
Quarter Deck with me during the Action, carrying my
orders to the respective Decks and assisting me in every possible
Way. —

And to Lieutenant Courson of the French Navy
embarked with the Major, who remained with me also on
the Quarter Deck rendering every Service in his Power. —

I have reason to believe the Ships we engaged,
were sent out to attact us, and consisted of the La Cibelle,
and La Prudente the former of 40 Guns the latter of 36,
a Ship of 26 Guns and a Brigg of 14 Guns. —

I have enclosed an account of the Damages
sustained by his Majesty's Ship under my Command
and her State and Condition. .

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient
and humble Servant.
Signed Sam.l Pyborn

Centurion at Sea
the 24th November 1794

Addressed

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Ordered that copies of the above be sent to —

Order thereon

Bengal. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Colonel Braithwaite enclosing a memorial from the Colonels of the Coast Establishment soliciting a Repeal of the Order depriving them of their Regimental Commands also Copy of one from himself to Lord Cornwallis on the same subject. —

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council a Letter I have received from Colonels Nixon, Fraser and Collins of this establishment. —

I do not put my signature to this Letter — because I have myself very fully taken up the business already, and have the assurance of Marquis Cornwallis that a letter of mine on this subject to him when Commander in Chief, was recommended to the favorable Consideration of the Court of Directors as your Lordship may see by an Extract from his — Lordship's answer to me relative to this Letter, which I have now the honor to lay before you, with a Copy of the Letter itself. —

I have the honor to be,

with great respect.

&c. &c.

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
December 15. 1794.

I Signed John Braithwaite

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

President, and the Members of the Council

Fort St. George

The Memorial of the undersigned Colonels of the Coast of Coromandel Establishment.

Humbly Sheweth That we have been removed from the

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the Command of our Regiments, contrary to the usages of the English Army, and unsupported by any precedent of any European Army, by virtue of the following Order, dated Fort S. George, 20th July 1792

"The Honorable the President in Council is pleased to direct, That the "several Colonels of Infantry on this Establishment, be not considered "as attached to specific Battalions, Divisions, or Brigades, but that "they be appointed to Command at such Stations of the Army, "and employed in such Situations as may appear expedient."—

Whereby we conceive ourselves injured by being deprived and distituted of Regimental Command, which we do not conceive to be incompatible with our line of general duty, and do therefore humbly complain of this innovation in the Service, and Request, That you may be pleased to Repeal the said Order, and Restore us to our Regiments in the same manner we held the Command of them under the Regulation prescribed by Sir Archibald Campbell, which we shall consider as an essential Benefit to ourselves and Successors, and the means of securing to us the Right of retaining the Regiments now in the Company's Service, in the event of the much agitated transfer of the Company's Troops to his Majesty's, taking place, your compliance with our Request, shall be ever acknowledged with Gratitude, by your Memorialists, who as in Duty bound

Shall ever Pray

Eccles Nixon Colonel

[Signed] C. Fraser Colonel

Ed Collins Colonel

November 22 1794

To

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To His Excellency The Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Lieutenant General of His Majestys' Forces

Commander in Chief of the Forces in India &c &c &c

My Lord,

I could have wished not to have been obliged to call your Lordships' attention, even for a moment, from more important public concerns to a consideration of the particular situation of a few Individuals.

I trust however, that my own present situation as Senior Colonel Commanding the Army on the Coast, and those of the three other Colonels on this Establishment are such, as to warrant me, in your Lordships opinion, for submitting the subject to your Lordships consideration; and I feel that you will think it a subject meriting your attention.

The Gratuity to Colonels as long as I have known the service (now twenty two years) has been on an average I believe about two thousand six hundred Pagodas per annum, and on the old plan in common with the Senior Officers of the Army, they received Six hundred Pagodas per Annum from the off reckoning Fund, making in the whole three thousand two hundred Pagodas, over and above their Pay and to this must be added Batta, as every Colonel on this Establishment had a command, so that I believe I may venture to say that from the time this Establishment had a Colonel the allowances attached to that rank amounted when lowest, and independant of any Emolument which situation might formerly give to them to Pagodas six thousand five

hundred

hundred and thirty, which at the exchange of eight Shillings to the Pagoda, gave to each Colonel an Income, in Sterling money of two thousand six hundred and twelve pounds.—

And I believe it never was found that a less sum would enable them to live suitably to their rank, and lay by any thing, and I believe it is much less than what is allowed, for the maintenance of that rank in Bengal.—

After His Majesty's Regiments came to this Coast, much discussion arose about a perfect equality of allow=ances to officers possessing the same Rank in each Service, his Majesty's Senior Officers laid claim to an allowance of six hundred Pagodas per Annum as the Company's Senior Officers received that sum from the offreckoning Fund, and the Company's Colonels applied to have the whole emolu=ment arising from the offreckonings of their respective Corps on the principle of equalizing allowances as the Colonels of His Majesty's Regiments enjoyed that allowance, Sir — Archibald Campbell, when Governor and Commander in Chief on the Coast, appeared to admit the principle, and, by giving the Emolument to the Company's Colonel equalized the whole: for his majesty's Colonels had then no allow=ance that the Company's Colonels did not enjoy, and the — Company's Senior Officers did not enjoy any allowance that his majesty's Senior Officers did not enjoy, and this arrangement gave an addition to the annual Income of the Company's Colonels of something more than eighteen hundred Pagodas, or seven — hundred,

their Situations. —

The regulations of this Government however, published in July last, reduce the Allowance from the Offreckonings to Colonels, to four hundred Pagodas per annum, and a previous Regulation reduced their Allowance from the Gratuity to twelve hundred Pagodas, per annum, making in the whole sixteen hundred, instead of three thousand two hundred which they had received from the begining on their lowest Establishment, and when they derived other advantages, which Establishment had afterwards been encreased to more than five thousand which they actually enjoyed when this new Regulation took place And as the General Orders of this Government do not admit of any Officer now deriving any advantage whatsoever from situation, over and above his Pay, Batta, Gratuity, and Offreckonings, a Colonel on this Establishment is reduced to the actual Income of Pagodas four thousand nine hundred and thirty, or nineteen hundred and seventy two Pounds Sterling per annum, an Income far short of that enjoyed by his majesty's Colonels, if serving with their Regiments in this Country, and still farther short of what is enjoyed by the Company's Colonels in Bengal, an Income scarcely better than that of a Lieutenant Colonel, and such in short as they find very inadequate to the support of their rank in this Country, from the necessary expences to which they are subjected. and as this late regulation separates them from the Corps which they have so long Commanded, and which they considered as theirs, it deprives them of any possible plea of benefitting farther from the Offreckonings, and of the prospect of perhaps being taken, with their Regiments, on the renewal of the Charter into his-

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his majesty's Service, so that after very long, and they flatter themselves not unmeritorious Services, they find that instead of deriving the advantages which usually results from higher Rank and long Services they are considerable sufferers by a reduction of Income, and are placed in a Situation which is truly distressing, while they are unconscious of any Cause why, as the Oldest of the Company's Servants, they should not merit a greater rather than a less degree of favor and attention— they have been seperated from their Corps and Brigades without so much attention to them as even to direct the uniform they are to wear, and their Income is so much reduced as in this Country scarcely to allow a sufficient maintenance of their Ranks, and so much as absolutely to preclude every idea of saving— under all these Reflections I am impelled in my own behalf, and on the part of the three other Colonels to address your Lordship, as Commander in Chief of the Forces in India, with the firm hope that your Lordship's candor will induce you to think that we merit some attention, and that your Lordship professes both the power and the inclination to render our Situations at once both comfortable and respectable. —

My own particular Situation is still harder than that of the other three Colonels, by my having succeeded to the Command of the Army, and I stand the single instance perhaps of a decrease of allowance with a much encreased — Consequence, Responsibility, and trust and in being at the — Head of an Army, with an allowance from the Government I serve, inferior even to some paid to Officers under my Command, and very much so to many Servants of the Company on the

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Coast whose situations cannot possibly include greater eminence, —
Responsibility, or trust, — And I think so when your Lordship reflects
that the very laborious and fatiguing duties of President of the —
Military Board, which calls for a most scrutinizing attention of
five or six hours two days always, and mostly three Days in a
week, is superadded to the duties resulting from the Command
of the Army. That your Lordship will readily admit, that an
Allowance of four hundred and sixteen Pagodas per month is
not an Allowance adequate to the assiduity and integrity that —
ought to actuate any man to enable him to execute these —
duties with any prospect of advantage to the Public, and honor
to himself, nevertheless the Governor in Council here has assured
me by Letter, that this Government is limited, and cannot give
me more in my present situation than four hundred and sixteen
Pagodas and twenty eight Fanams per month in addition to my
Pay as Colonel, and in which Sum my Batta, Allowance for —
Hircarahs, and all Contingencies are to be considered as included.
I will trespass on your Lordships very important time a little
longer, just to say that I have the honor to enclose an Extract of the
Governments Letter to me, and a Comparative view of my situation
in regard to Emoluments now as the Senior Officer on the Coast in
Command of the Army and President of the Military Board, and
in the year 1790 as the third Officer on the Coast Establishment and
in the Command of the Troops composing the northern division
only of that Army which I now Command, also a Statement of
the Allowances now enjoyed by a Major of this Establishment,
and that I have the fullest reliance that the Liberality of

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sentiment which distinguishes your Lordship will lead you to
think of some mode of improving my situation in particular, as
well as that of the Colonels on this Establishment, by bringing
as Commander in Chief, our situations under the consideration
of the Supreme Government in India over which you preside
as Governor General, I trust there exists in that Government a
power to grant us the redress we seek, if it appears to your Lord-
ship that we merit it; but if there exists no such power in
India, and your Lordships opinion goes in favor of the applica-
tion, I beg leave to solicit in my own behalf, and that of the
Colonels here, that your Lordship will be pleased to permit
this address to be brought upon your proceedings and so
transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

It is proper, as I have said some thing in regard
to inform, to inform your Lordship that when I saw the Orders
which seperated the Colonels from their Corps and
that I requested General Medows to appoint some uniform for
the Colonels on the Coast as it would be perhaps some what
irregular in me to do it hereafter, being a Colonel myself,
but the General would not appoint any. Therefore I request
Your Lordships Commands relative to the uniform to be
worn by the Colonels on this Establishment.

I have &c &c &c

I &c &c John Braithwaite

Military
Head Quarters
Madras
August 27th 1792

True Copy
Signed W. Wilson Secy

Extract

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Extracts of a Letter from the Right Honorable Marquis Cornwallis to Colonel Brathwaite dated Fort William 30th. September 1792.—

It is however, neither in my power, nor in that of the Supreme Government to make any such additional allowances of their own authority, But I shall lay your Letter, and its enclosures before the Board and recommend that a Copy of it shall be transmitted to the Court of Directors, accompanied with my opinion, that the case of the Colonels on the Madras Establishment, and particularly your own, is highly deserving of their most favorable consideration.—

I do not conceive it possible that the separation of the Colonels from the European Corps can operate, in the smallest degree, to their disadvantage in the event of the whole or part of the Company's Troops being transferred to the Service of His Majesty, and with regard to their uniforms, I recommend that they shall be the same as those which have been adopted in Bengal, viz. the uniform of the Buttons excepted, which is worn by a Brigadier General in the Kings Service.—

True Extract

Signed W. Nelson Secy

Minute thereon

Agreed that Colonel Brathwaite be desired to refer Colonels Nixon, Fraser and Collins to the answer given by Lord Cornwallis to the letter written by him, Colonel Brathwaite, to the Marquis on the 27th of August 1792, and to acquaint them that under the circumstances therein stated

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Stated it is not possible for this Government to take up the subject, further than by forwarding their application to the Court of Directors, if they should desire it.—

Read the following letter from the Military Board.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council.

My Lord,

From Military Board proposing that a supply of Camp Equipage be immediately ordered.

Although we are not prepared to lay before your Lordship a compleate plan of Regulations for Camp Equipage which we have under consideration, and therefore cannot agreeably to the orders contained in your letter of the 20th of August last, now propose to compleate the Stated proportion of Tents throughout the Coast, yet as we think it highly expedient that a supply of Tents should be immediately provided, as whatever the future regulations may be, they must be provided by Government. We request that you will authorize us to give directions to the Storekeeper to supply with as little delay as may be the following Tents.—

At Vizagapatam

Field Officers' Tents		2
Officers	Do	149
Private	Do	133
Bell	Do	71
Necessary	Do	18

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At the Presidency

Field Officers Tents		24.
Officers	Ditto	83
Private	Ditto	131
Bell	Ditto	151.
Necessary	Ditto	6

We have the honor to be,

Sir &c.

Sir &c.

John Brathwaite

Henry Malcolm

Jnº Richardson

B. Close

Wm Gent

George Hall

Fort St. George

12th December 1794

I Signed

Agreed that the Military Board be authorized to Send instructions to the Military Storekeeper to provide the Camp Equipage with as little delay as possible.

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Floyd.—

To the Right Honorable The Governor in Council

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Commands, of the 4th Instant, directing a monthly Subsistence for certain descriptions of the Poor, in whose favour I forwarded a Letter from a Committee of Officers.

Your

From Colonel Floyd acknowledging the Native Poor entitled to have returned to their own Homes.

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Your benevolent intentions having been made known to the multitude of Sufferers collected here, and who were subsisted by Charity, They all preferred returning to their own Countrys

Favourable Rains having been succeeded by fair Weather, and the people themselves wishing to go, they were accordingly dismissed, with each a portion of Rice, and a small Sum of money, Sufficient to support them to their own Homes.

I have now to offer your Lordship the most Humble thanks of the Comittee, and of all concerned in that Charity, for your immediate, and most benevolent intentions and for the instantaneous Notice with which you were pleased to honour their addys.

I have the honor to be,

Fritchirinopoly
December 14. 1794

Vr.e &c.

Signed J. Floyd Colonel

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy be sent to the Board of Revenue.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Strachan of the Cavalry.

To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c.a &c.a &c.a

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Strachan submitting observations relative to improving and multiplying the Breed of Horses in the Carnatic

The precarious mode which has hitherto obtained of Supplying Horses for the Cavalry in time of Peace. The impossibility Experienced during the late and former Wars of purchasing from our Allies or Neighbours. The yearly advance in the market

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price together with the delays and difficulties that have occurred in remounting the few Regiments our formest Establishment consists of, are circumstances that strongly suggested to me, long before the measure was adopted in Bengal, the Expediency of an attempt to improve, or I many more properly say revive, the Breed of — Horses in the Carnatic and Provinces dependent on it. —

Impressed with this Idea, I have for some time past exerted my utmost endeavours to procure every information relative to the methods pursued by Dealers in the N West and Northern parts of India in the management of their — Breeding Studs To ascertain the practicabelity of introducing a generous race of Horses into the Carnatic, and to determine the advantages That such a Plan, Successfully carried into execution, would naturally produce to Government. Confident that your Lordships will lend a willing ear to whatever may tend to the Public utility I shall proceed without apology to submit to you such observations as have occurred to me on the Subject. —

In every Province, and in most places dependent on the Mahrattas, Stables of Broad Mares and Herds of Horses are to be met with the Property of Individuals or of the Paishwah, and in a Country naturally rocky and barren, such is the wonderfull facility with which they multiply, that they have ever — proved the chief Source of their riches in times of Peace, and the Strength of their Armies in War. I shall not at present, intrude upon your Lordships time with a detailed Account of the means so Successfully employed by the Mahratta Dealers in the — management of their Breeding Studs, it may however be remarked that they are all Equally Simple and obvious. Best to ascertain

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with some degree of precision the probable expences they must in-
it may be necessary only to know the rates at which they are enable
to dispose of the produce of their Stock, and from good authority
may venture to affirm that the average price of Colts from year ling
to two years old; seldom excends with them, the Sum of seventy Bombay
Rupees. It is true that the Indian as well as the English Breeder,
has his favourite Crosses in Blood, or Cast, which must occasionally
enhance the Price, But here I refer only to such description of Horses
or Colts as are deemed fit, and usually purchased for our Cavalry.

If Situations apparently healthy, abounding with
forage, with grain and water, may be considered as conducive to
improve and multiply the Breed of Horses, few Countries
within the Peninsula appear to be so peculiarly gifted with these
advantages as the Pollams South of the Coleroon, of these borders
on the Range of Ghauts, and extending from Nellore southward
to the Travancore wall. I can speak from Local experience
having been Stationed there for many months in command of a
Detachment of Cavalry. The frequent Showers from the Hills
preserve a verdure even in the most unfavourable Seasons Grain
is plenty and always cheaper in the Nellore and Nathan
Districts, and the whole tract of country remarkably well
watered To the natural advantages, were I to add that of
Climate, which with propriety may be done, if the present
condition of the Cavalry Stationed in the Province be
considered, or any inference could be drawn from the Bastard
race of Horses that Spring up Spontaneously in every Village
Nothing seems wanting but the Hand of Government, to
bring forward the Plan with all most certained Success.

The Mahratta Provinces situated in the
vicinety

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vicinity of Cuttack and Camby, produce a handsome strong and hardy breed of Horses, and with tittle difficulty could supply any number of Mares, or Stallions required for the proposed Establishment. At the proper Season they could with ease and Expedition be transported by Sea to Ingengo from whence their route by land to any Stations South of the Coleroon would be but short. The advances of money requisite for the institution and support of such an Establishment will I am persuaded, be thought inconsiderable, when compared with the advantages that must necessarily be the result should it in any degree answer the Expectations that may be Justly formed from it.—

The medium price of Horses now purchased for the Cavalry I believe to fall tittle short of one Hundred Star Pagodas, and including the Extra charges will be found considerably to Exceed that Sum. To this I may add, that as the Agents are some times obliged to buy in Lots, old Horses and Colts under age must be frequently included to the prejudice of the Service, and evedent Loss to the Publick. Calculations that depend on many Collateral Circumstances must ever be liable to Error, but tittle doubt can remain that were the Plan of Breeding within the Company's Territory to be adopted, and persevered in, Colts of thirty months, the age at which they are usually handled, of superior Size Strength and figure might be produced for half the Sum actually paid by Government to Strangers for remount Horses. Example added to success would encourage the Inhabitants below the Ghauts to breed for themselves, in process of time we should be on a footing with our Rivals, and enabled to recruit, or remount a respectable body of Cavalry in peace or war independent of foreign Aid.—

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Before I conclude, permit me to observe that I have been at considerable pains to frame an arrangement, in my Humble Opinion, likely to conduce to the Health and good Condition of a breeding Stud as well as to the beauty and perfection of its Offspring. I have minutely calculated the monthly Expences, and, by employing the Invalids and Pensioned of native Cavalry have been able to reduce it within what I am confident will be deemed a very moderate Compass. But I shall beg leave to postpone further Observations, until I have the honor of being made acquainted how far the General Plan shall meet with your Lordship's approbation. -

Cantonment
Tachisoore
December 12. 1794

I have the honor to be,
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Alex.r Strachan Lieutenant
5.th Regiment of Cavalry

Ordered to lie on the Table -

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following letter from Mess.rs

Colt Baker & Co.

William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From Mess.rs Colt, Baker & Co. requesting payment of the remaining freight money for the Anna -

The time for Payment of the remaining four months freight money, specified in the Charter Party of the Ship Anna taken up by the Honorable Company in the month of June last expiring on the 26.th Instant We beg leave to apprize the Honorable

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Honorable Board of the same and to request that Payment of the Amount of the enclosed Account may be ordered on that Day.

We have the Honor to be,
Hon.ble Hon.ble
Sign.ed Colt Baker & Co.

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The Honorable Company
To Mess.rs Colt. Baker & Co. ..... Dr.

To the Amount of the remaining four months Freight on the Ship Anna burthen 675 Tons as specified in the Charter Party being at the rate of 4 Pd. pr. Ton pr. Month ..... 10,800 - -

Star Pagodas 10,800 - -

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Errors Excepted

Sign.ed Colt. Baker & Co.
Agents for the Owners of the Ship Anna

Ordered that the several Sums falling due on the 2d instant, as pr. Charter party, to the Owners of the Chartered Ships Yarmouth, Anna, Favorite, and Success be paid by the Military Paymasters on that day, and carried to the Head of expedition against the French Islands of Mauritius and Bourbon and that the Paymasters do notify to the parties to whom the Money is paid, that the Ships are no longer engaged on the public account, except in the case of the Yarmouth. -

pr Conveyance

Read the following letter from the Adjutant General. -

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary in the Military Department

Sir,

From Adjutant General proposing that the Detachment of Artillery at Trichinopoly be ordered to Pondicherry.

Colonel Brathwaite being desirous that the Detachment of the 2d Battalion of Artillery at Pondicherry should be sufficiently strong man the Six 6 Pounders left there to be attached to the three Corps at that Station, desires me to request that you will lay before Governme his recommendation, that the detachment from the 2d Battalion of Artillery now at Trichinopoly should be directed to reinforce the artillery at Pondicherry that the necessary Orders may be issued for march to that Garrison.

The Detachment at Trichinopoly consists of

3 Serjeants
1 Corporal
2 Gunners
2 Matrosses
1 Syrang
11 Lindal
1 P. Lindal

and 29 Gun Lascars.

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I have the Honor to be,
Sir &c.
(Signed) D.J. Close
Adjutant General of the Army

Approved.

Agreed that the General Order recommended by Colonel Brathwaite be published.

Colo Saunders
A Pondicherry

Edwd Geo. Parry
Wm Hyde

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Diary

Received the undermentioned &c

letters entered in Mr. D.'s No.s 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157.

From acting Collector at Ganjam -

stating that a Guard in charge of the public papers

From Mr. Falcon and accounts belonging to the late Collector of the &c

Hawley, had been withdrawn by Lieutenant Colonel

Folson. —

From Captain J. Little - requesting

three Months leave of absence from his Command at &c

From Captain Little also on account of Ill health. —

From Commandant at Pondicherry

forwarding a Petition from the Polly or Neutral Cast

From Colonel Stevens complaining of interference in their Rights and privileges

on the part of the Police Master - papers on the &c

subject enclosed. —

From Ditto - with another petition

from the same Cast containing a refutation of Mr.

From Ditto Fumeron's accusations against their head men. —

From Ditto - with a petition

from Madam Marichauze, relative to her Son's &c

From Ditto Subsistence, which has been discontinued. —

From Ditto - relating to Meetings

From Ditto suffered by the Police Master to be held for the purpose

of opposing the Legal Decrees for the Sale of property

From Ditto - recommending Mons.r

From Ditto Bartro for the Vacant Seat in the Superior Council. —

Received the following letter

&c

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Auditor General reporting the amount of Military charges for January.

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of January 1795 together with Mr. Hy. Taylor's Estimate for the same month forwarded to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letters of the 19th and 22d Instant I have the honor to report that the sum of Two Lack thirty five thousand three hundred and eighty Pagodas thirty five fanams and Seventy five Cash /2.35.380.35.75/ is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month Viz.

From the General Treasury	1,58,177.6.14	
By Bills upon the Military Paymaster General	77.203.29.61	
Pay more to be,	2,35,380.35.75	

Military Aud.r General's Office
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I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed by Order
Malcolm
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Recieved Cons.d Las. denominations letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. & 166.

From

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From Sub Secretary at Bengal

=ing a letter for the Secretary to the Military Board

From Sub Secretary at Bengal – forward

From acting Principal Agent for

Cavalry Supplies the Gram Stores of the 5th Regiment

to Mr Rhodes

repair repair

From assistant Surgeon to the Collector

of Polygar Peshcush – relative to certain allowances

to Mr Stuart

drawn by him and retrenched by the Auditor

From Mrs S. Ross – requesting reimburse-

=ment of a charge incurred by the late Captain Ross,

to Mrs Ross

for the carriage of Regimental Stores of the Royal

Artillery from Negapatam to the Mount.

From the Military Paymaster &

to Mr Roebuck

General – preferring Mr Cochranes additional Estimate

From

for December

From Major R. Scott – requesting

Batta while detained at Madras.

to Major Scott

From Lieutenant Sober, – requesting

From

leave to go to Sea for his health.

Lieutenant

Sober

From Commandant at Pondicherry –

From

forwarding an address from the principal Inhabitants

to Colonel

Agnew

in consequence of the Inoculation about to take

place there.

From Mr Popham – requesting

to purchase two Barrels of Powder Monthly for

From Mr Popham

the purpose of mustering and dismissing the

work people at his farms by firing a small

field piece.

Sent

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Expected Disbursements at Madras ..... 166..41..40
Chingleput, Permacoil, and Pondicherry ..... 200..16..64
Vellore, Amboor and Arnee ..... 71..12..—
Tanjore ..... 16..30..—
Pallamcotta ..... 12..31..40
Baramahal ..... 119..—..—
Ellore ..... 339..40..64

Pagodas 927..4..48.

From the total amount of expected Disbursements as above stated the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions deducts the following Sums as not issuable from the General treasury at the Presidency but payable out of the expected Sales in the Department or from the Subordinate Treasuries for which Bills will be drawn expected to be transfered through the General Treasury

Baramahal ..... 119..—..—
Ellore ..... 339..40..64.
Vellore ..... 71..12..—

Pagodas 530..10..64

Consequently the Amount issuable at the Presidency on account of Disbursements in January 1795 as per Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is /396..35..64/ three hundred and ninety six Pagodas thirty five Fanams and sixty four Cash.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily Asst. Genl.

Military Auditor
General Office
Fort St. George
29th December 1794

Recieved

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Received the undermentioned letters &
Entered in M: B Nos. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188
189. 190. 191. —

From Doctor Lucas — From Chief Surgeon — proposing
S. Lascelles as a fit object for the Lunatic Hospital

From Secretary to the Hospital
From Mr. Conolly — Board — Mr. Raine has proceeded on his Visitation
Tour — Mr. Mudie's charge for Palanqueen allowances
at Masulipatam referred. —

From Commandant of the
From Major Roberts — Nizam's Detachment — enclosing his Correspondence

From Officer Commanding at
From Captain Wallace — Ponnamalle — has delivered up the Ship. —

From Military Paymaster
From Mr. Pasbuck — General — with an additional Estimate for
January. —

From Mons. De Chatennet —
From Mons. De Chatennet — requesting his former pension may be continued

From Deputy Judge Advocate
From Lieutenant Leith — in the Center Division — with a list of Evidences
required on the part of the prosecution, at the
Trial of Captain Overend. —

From adjutant General —
From adjutant General — Lieutenant Prendergast requests to resign the
Fort Adjutancy of Pondamallee. —

From

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From Major Dallas

From Major Dallas requesting leave to visit Madras.

From Mr. Sumiano

From Resident at Mayore - forwarding a letter from Mr. Boulton, and a deposition of Captain M. Lightbourn.

From Lieutenant Colonel Brandyath

From Lieutenant Colonel Brandyath stating his doubts whether he should report to Head quarters in the Northern Division, the requisition for Troops lately made by Mr. Collector Lynch

At a Consultation

Tuesday 13th December 1794

Present

Edward Saunders
and
Ernst William Fallofield
} Esqrs.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart absent on a Tour to the Westward.

Minutes of last Consultation &c. read and approved.

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

On receipt of your Lordship's Com=
=mands, under date the 24th. September last we
transmitted to Mr. Powney copy of the Letter enclosed
from his Highness the Nabob, with copies of the
Papers to which it refers, and desired him to cause
particular Enquiry to be made into the Complaint
preferred against Sawmy Naick, the Polygar of
Manjpara, as well as into the Representation of the
Nabob's Son, regarding the Water course leading from
the River Amvattee, to the Polook of cuttla.

Mr. Powney having deputed his
assistant Mr. George Balonain to conduct this
enquiry, we have now the honor to submit his
Report, together with the Collector's Remarks
thereon - with respect to that part of it which
relates to the Nabob's Peon's withholding the
Dashacawel fees from the Polygars Mottoo Naick,
and Sawmy Naick, we have advised Mr. Powney
that we shall defer taking the subject into considera=
=tion, until furnished with the Report which his
Predecessor was called upon for under date the 22d.
October

From Board for Revenue submitting Mr. Powney's report on the Nabobs complaint against the Polygar of Manapara - and regarding the Water course leading to cuttlah - also upon the order of Sudder for the Collector to Rebund Chinnacanal on account of it encroaching thereon - the Chowkeedars complaint of the Nabob's maltreatment & one of his Peons also Submitted

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October 1793, in order that the arrangement agreed upon between the Marquis Cornwallis and the Nabob may be carried into effect; and, in regard to the Erection of a Dam by Tippoo's people in the Channel alluded to, it would seem, that his Highness the Nabob has withheld the accustomed payment of Rupees 360 ℔ Annum to the Inhabitants of the Carroor District for the privelege of having the use of this Water Course - during the assumption of the Nabob's Countries, the payment was continued while the Carroor District was in the Company's possession, and the Collector of Trichinopoly settled with the Company's Collector of Carroor for the same -

Having also received Mr. Powney's report in consequence of your orders under date the 16th October last, respecting a Representation from the Renee of Ramnad, we have the honor to transmit it herewith, and under the circumstances stated by Mr. Powney, and as the present Rajah was restored on the Nabob's Demise, we concur in the opinion that if Government should deem it necessary to depose the Rajah, in consequence of his gross misconduct and Cruelties, it would be an equitable arrangement to admit the Claim of his Daughter who is 8 years old, and Married. -

We

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It appears from this report to that the Rajah is in arrear the whole of the Peiss of the Current years tribute which have fallen due, and that a Balance stands against him on this account of 1 Pag. 26190, which the Collector represents does not proceed from a want of means to discharge his just dues to Government, as it is understood, he has been lately imposing the most heavy Exactions on his people. — We take this occasion also to forward to your Lordship a letter from Mr. Cooney dated the 7th Instant just received, enclosing a Complaint from the Cherchar of Shevagunga of the mal-treatment of one of his peons in the Ramnad province — this marked Contempt of the orders of Government, serves still further to evince, the insolent and over- bearing Disposition of the Rajah. —

We have the honor to be,

Sir &c. &c.

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24th December 1794.

[illegible] Haliburton

[illegible] White

" Thos. Cockburn

" Edward

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To

Edward Saunders Esqr.

President & Vice. Revenue Board

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I do myself the Honor to transmit to you herewith a copy of my Assistant's report upon the Enquiry you directed I should depute him to make into the Complaints preferred by his Highness the Nabob's Son, Hussein ul Mulk, against Sawmy Naick and Mootoo naick, two Managara Polygars, also into that of the Channel from the River Annatted having been stopped up by Tippoo's people, which formerly Conveyed Water to the Talook of Cuttack.—

The above complaints having been enquired into with much attention, and assiduity by Mr. Balmain, and the results detailed by him in his report, leaves me little to add upon the subject, excepting to recommend to your notice that part of it, which relates to the Nabob's demand on the Desha Cavel fees from the Mootoo Naick and Sawmy Naick—

As the Institution of watching is common to all part of India, and under Certain regulations extremely necessary, and as Annulled by the Nabobs Government in so much

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much that his Officers always require indemnifica-
=tion from the Watchers for all thefts committed by
Common Robbers, it is but equitable that those, whose
Office it is to guard against such acts, should receive
those fees which are allotted to them by this Establish-
=ment. I therefore take the liberty to suggest the ne-
=cessity of demanding from the Nabob's Annuity,
through the Channel of the Durbar, that these just
demands of the Polegars should be satisfied, and
that, in future, they should not be withheld, as the
evil arising from such a Conduct are too
Evident for me to expatiate on.

The Erection of a Dam by Tippoo's
People in the Water course, was ascertained by the
personal observation of Mr. Balmain, and the
supposed cause of this act has been assigned by
him; this having been obtained I have nothing
further to add upon the Subject.

I have much pleasure in saying
that my Assistant has acquitted himself in
throughout his Mission, much to my Satisfaction,
and, as incidential expences must have been
incurred by him upon this Deputation, for
Servants &c. as it was not in my power, at
this distance from Manapara, to spare him
any

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any from my Cutcherry I make no doubt you will authorize me to defray his expences, when they are made known to me, particulars of which I shall of course transmit you.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) George Powney Collr.

Tinnevelly
8th. December 1794.

atrue Copy
(Signed) S. Rickenington
Actg. Depy. Secy.

To George Powney Esqr.
Collector of Southern assigned Pasheash

Tinnevelly

Sir,

The enquiry directed to be made into the complaints preferred by the Nabobs Son Hussain ul Mulk, against Sawmy Naig and Mother Naig two of the Manapara Polygars, and also respecting the stoppage of the Water Course by Tippoo's people which formerly supplied the Talook of Cattlak I have to finished, and myself the honor to lay before you the result thereof.

The first object of my Investigation, was to ascertain the truth of the Account of Cavoor's assertions in letter he addressed to his Highness Hussain Ul Mulk at Trichinopoly, and for that purpose I judged it necessary to make a personal

Enquiry

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engaging - accordingly, on the 13th Instant, after receipt of your letter, I left Trichinopoly, and proceeded to the Pollam of Mootoo Naig, Polygar of Odavoor, with whom I had an interview at the Village of Palaveedy - upon my mentioning the circumstance, as stated in the Aumil's letter to the Nabob, of his having sent 100 Peons to the Village of Mookmacowchy, and carried from thence 100 Cows, 200 Sheep, 30 Bullocks and the Buffaloes - he replied that he was informed, that some of his people had committed depredations in the Village in question, but he believed the amount thereof was considerably exaggerated in the Aumils letter - he further declared, that he was in no shape accessory to the above unwarranted transaction - upon my interrogating him whether he had taken any steps to discover the parties concerned in it, I found he had not, and expressed my surprize [illegible] - he then assured me that he would cause the strictest search to be made for the Offenders who upon discovery should meet with [illegible] exemplary punishment, and that the Inhabitants of Mookmacowchy should be amply compensated for the loss they had sus= =tained - I enjoined him to lose no time in making good his promise to me, and left a Cutcherry Peon in his Pollam, to report the due performance of it,

after

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after endeavouring to impress his mind with a proper sense of his obdience to the orders of Government, communicated this to you, and pointing out to him the best means to merit their favor and protection, I took my leave of him, upon his assuring me he would, in future, pay the strictest deference to their Commands, and, in any matter of dispute that might hereafter happen, he should not take upon himself at his own hands, but make a reference of the point to you, by whose decision he would steadfastly abide.

Upon some minute Investigation as to the Aumil's Complaint against Mootoo Naig I collected the following particulars.

That about seventy of his armed peons headed by a principal named Cupparoo entered the Canore district in the night time, and carryed from the Villages of Mookonacourchy and Chubbepatty upwards of a hundred head of Cattle, that in consequence the Inhabitants of the aforesaid Villages retaliated for the injury they had sustained, and trespassed the limits of the Talook of Davoor-mulla, under the jurisdiction of his Highness the Nabob, of which district Mootoo Naig has for a long time held the office of watcher — when these predatory

predatory acts came to the knowledge of the
Nabobs Son at Trichinapoly, his Highness sent
two Hircarrahs to Morton Naig's Pollam, to demand
of him a full restoration of the property plundered by
the Carnor people within the extent of his watching
This Morton naig delayed complying with, upon
various pretexts, and before I quitted his Pollam
I learnt that the Hircarrahs had waited there, urging
their demand, upwards of 40 days without effect in
Consequence of this information I sent for Morton's
naigs manager, and desired him to tell his master,
that I hoped the professions he had made me about
late meeting were sincere, and that he would now
continue to act agreeable to the dictates of justice,
if so I expected no delay would take place in making
restitution of the Cattle plundered by the Carnor people,
as the Robbery was committed within the limits of his
watching, and of course he alone was responsible for the
act - In reply, he told me he had already got 28 head
of Cattle, that he would use his endeavours to collect
the rest and liquidate the demand made on him by
the Nabobs Son - I again pressed him through the
Medium of his Manager to lose no time in the
accomplishment of his promise, and to take
a receipt from the Hircarrahs, specifying the amount
they had received and transmit it to me.

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The manager told me he had been
charged to state agrievances under which his master
had long labaured Viz. the Irregularity of the Nabob's
Aumil in discharging his Deshaveel fees. he said the
arrears due to his master, as a Cawelcarah of some the
Nabob's Districts, were now considerable, and as
was obliged to bear the loss of all Depredations Commit
therein, it was but equitable that the Ryaar should
satisfy his just demands. if he have taken the lease
to mention for your information.

On the 17th
Pollams / Ranghurry / Kan
him to meet me at his
I accordingly found him
Complaints preferred aga
Caroor, of his having erect
of Columpetty in the dis
taken possession of a quantity of land likewise of the
sending 200 Coss to the Village of Vellyputty in the
before mentioned District, and plundering it of 100
Sheep &c. In his reply he did not deny having built
a Fort at Columpetty but asserted it was within
his own territory and not as stated in the Amildar's
letter in the Talook of Kaukaveree depending upon
Caroor. he further said he had been necessitated to
erect this fort to guard against the constant depredate

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of one Nulkonda, head Inhabitant of Kaveripaum,
who long before he raised the fort in question, had
himself finished a very strong fort on the borders of his
Sawoy Raigs Country, and Commenced hostilities by
plundering his Cattle and laying waste his Country—
He expressed his surprise at the
charge made against him of his having possessed
himself of a quantity of land without the limits of
Carur— on the contrary he declared that he and his
ancestors had been the lawful possessors of the Land
in question from time immorial till the commencement
of the late war when Nulkonda seized upon it, and
that, ever since, he had been struggling to regain his
property— This Nulkonda I have learnt, is a very
troublesome Character and even seems to have thrown
off his allegiance to his Master Tippoo Sultaun, he
has imbibed sentiments of independence, and acts wholly
as his evil dirests, trampling upon every principle
of rectitude and justice, However I believe the origin
of the disputes that exist between him and Sawoy
Raig, have had their source from the following
circumstance.— Ayen Years since some of Sawoy Raigs
Subjects, conceiving they could better themselves by a
Removal into the Kaveripaum Talook, left the
Ramgherry

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Ramphonny Pollam by stealth, and previous to it's
had not discharged some arrears of rent that were
due to their master – not long after this a horde of
their Cattle came to graze on the border of Sawony
Naigs Pollam, who ordered them to be seized – this
coming to the knowledge of the owners, they requested
restetution of the Cattle and they would liquidate
their debt to Sawony Naig – The Cattle were accordingly
released, and the arrears cleared.

The Inhabitants after the lapse
of a short period quitted Kawhaewarree district &
/where they found their situation less agreeable &
and profitable, than their Hopes led them to expect
/and returned to their old Master Sawony Naig who
was happy at their return and received them kindly
before they left the Kawhaewarree District they settled
all their accounts and cleared every demand, however
the Inhabitants of Kawhaewarree, soon perceived that
want of so many hands in their situation in the
Talook, and to be revenged for had settled
entered Sawony Naigs Pollam, with
for their reception and plunder all
they could find, and committed
=tion – in consequence of this plunder depending
Sawony Naig Collected his armed force and pursued,
and, ever since that period, hostility the utmost has been
Carried on between them.

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I went to see the Mud Fort at Co-
=lumpully and ordered Sawmy Naig peaceably to any
instructions to demolish it, which, with great reluc=
=tance, he promised to obey, and I left a peon there
to see the order carried into execution and report
thereon. The walls of the fort are entirely
of Mud and have so little real substance or thick-
=ness that I was surprized at its insignificance - indeed it
appears to me a place more calculated for the safety
of Cattle, than for what they intended it. I also walked
over the land in dispute between Sawmy Naig and the
Kawshawarree man, which lays contiguous to Colleen=
=petty fort, and extends as far as Yellumetchum River,
which all the Country people that I interrogated on the
subject agree in saying has ever been held as the
proper boundary between Ramghurry Pollam and
district of Kawshawarree.

I left the most positive instruc=
=tions with Sawmy Naig to desist from all Hostilities
with Nulkoonda under pain of the severest displeasure
of Government, and at the same time assured him he
should submit his complaints to you who would take
proper Cognizance of them if he hereafter proved himself
worthy of the protection and Countenance of Government

I cannot in this place avoid making
a short digression, indeed I think it is a justice due to
Sawmy Naig to observe, that in my tour through his
Pollam,

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Pollam, I could not but mark the industry and apparent
Content of the peasantry, and the Labor that was bestow
=ed in the Cultivation of the Ground - It was a scene
I had not witnessed in any of the other Pollams, &
therefore impressed my mind the more forcibly and in
my humble opinion prognosticates, that justice and
good policy upon proper scrutiny would be found more
prevalent in the System of Government he pursues
than the others of his denomination in general follow
I remarked to him that I was astonished, with the
appearance of so much opulence, he should have
pleaded such extreme poverty, when called upon
for his arrears of Tribute for last year - he replied
now you see my Country luxuriant and flourishing
because heaven has been bountiful and sent rain;
I shall therefore be enabled to pay my Peshcush
to the Company punctually, but had you been in
my pollam last season you would have beheld
my lands parched, and myself and people on the
brink of poverty.

I
Saw my Naig next begged I would attend
to a circumstance which bore extremely hard upon
him, and communicate the same to you - I told
him I should cordially make you acquainted with
any grievance he had to complain of, as far as in your
power, I ventured to assure him that [illegible] style
he then stated he had, for a long time, been the
watcher of the Talooks of Savayam and Melacottai
in

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in the Nabobs Country, and also held the same Office over 15 Villages in the Carroor District, that the Aumils of his Highness the Nabob have refused him his allowatching fees for these two years past, on various pre=tences; and also that the Carroor Aumils have evaded payments for a length of time; yet, notwithstanding this, whenever any thing is either stolen or plundered from these Districts or Villages, he is held responsible for the loss, and should be withhold immediate payment of the amount, stated to have been taken, he is complained of, and his Character aspersed

I shall here forbear comment, as I think it must appear pretty evident to you, that the backwardness of the Aumils in paying the Polygars their Dasheawel fees, is the source from whence the evils complained of flow.

Previous to my leaving the Ram=nad Henry Pollam, I addressed a letter to Mahomed Ispaw Gulgee, the Aumil of Carroor, acquainting him that I should be near the limits of that District in a few days, and expressing a desire to meet him at any place he might appoint, mentioning, at same time, that Coelpetty, in the Carroor District, and near the Head of the Water course that had been stopped by order of Tippoo, leading from the river Amburattee, as a conve=nient place - he wrote me a polite answer, and said, as he had much to communicate it would afford him

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him singular Satisfaction to meet one, and that he was happy I had fixed on Covelpetty for our meeting, it being near Carvor - on the day appointed I set out for Covelpetty and proceeded along the Channel of the water course which was perfectly dry and when I reached the Village of Pullicoor I found a Dam thrown across composed of mud and straw, which effectually obstructed the water from running into the Nabob's Country and turned its course towards the Arnbrattu river - The water had been stopped at two places further up but neither of the Dams had proved sufficient to confine the current.

As I was walking along towards the Head of the Water Course I saw some people sitting near a Choultry on the high road to Carvor, who demanded of me in the most insolent manner possible, and without getting up, whether I was going. I told them to Covelpetty they desired me to turn back, that I had no business there, and they were ordered not to admit Europeans into their master's Country - I was afterwards informed these people were likewise enjoined to stop all merchants & c. from being carried into the Nabob's Country, when I returned back to my tent - I received Intelligence that the Camel had not been at Covelpetty but still remained at Carvor - after continuing two days at a Village called Mulapollam, on hopes of an interview,

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I turned towards Trichinopoly; and when I had got as far as Kistnaveram, about 11 Miles from Malapollam, I received a letter from the Aumil, saying he would be happy to see me if I could make it convenient to turn back and meet him halfway – I accordingly returned for answer, that I should with pleasure, and mentioned the Fort at Peddacottah for the place of our interview – at the time fixed upon, I attended punctually but the aumil did not make his appearance, and finding he meant to trifle with me; after waiting there 2 hours, I went back to Kistanaveram – I cannot help thinking the aumils Conduct towards me extremely culpable and over-bearing, and, at the same time, feel vexed that I could not effect a meeting with him, as I think it not improbable, that the object of my mission would, in that case, have been fully answered.

The only reason I hear assigned for Tippoos stopping the Water, is, that previous to the assumption of the Nabobs Country, he the Nabob paid an annual Tribute to Tippoo of 360 Rupees for the privilege enjoyed in having the use of this water course, but since the restoration, the Nabob has refused payment of the Tribute, and the consequence was, the shutting up of the water course last February by which the Nabob has sustained a loss in this years cultivation / the Inhabitants State / of nearly 36,000 Cullums of Paddy

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I shall now close this report which I fear will appear rather too prolix leaving it to your maturer Judgement to offer such Sentiments upon it to the Board of Revenue, as you shall think may prove most beneficial to those who are the subject of it.

I feel much satisfaction in acquainting you that I have collected 1500 Chuckrums exceptes, and which I am in daily expectation of receiving all the arrears of Peshcush due by the Manapara Polygars for last year

I shall have the honor, in a future address, to transmit to you a Diary of my proceedings, while I sojourned in the Manapara Pollams.

I have the honor to subscribe myself

Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) G Balmain

assistant

Trichinopoly
28th November
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a true Copy
(Signed) George Powney Coll.r

a true Copy
(Signed) J. [illegible]
Lieut. [illegible]
Asst. to the Collr

Edward

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Edward Saunders Esq.
President & Vice. Revenue Board
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

The perplexity in which every
Account I have been able to obtain has been involved, &
respecting the order of Succession in the Ramnad &
Pevence, compelled me to delay so long in reporting
to your Board whether the Government of that Country
is invariably vested in the Female line - I used every &
possible means to procure authentic information upon
the subject, and was promised, by a Vackeel Stationed
at my Cutcherry by the Pandarams of Rameseram,
an account of the order of Succession from the Records
of that Pagoda, which would have established, beyond
a doubt, the point, but the Raja has unfortunately
discovered that the Pandarams were communicating
with me upon some subject, & this I took every &
possible precaution to prevents its coming to his
knowledge, and they are so much alarmed at his
threats that I have given over the Expectation I had
formed, of receiving the Account from that quarter,
altho' I am still promised it shall be conveyed to
me.

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I have however been fortunate enough
to procure some light upon the subject from some
old Inhabitants of Ramnad, which, corresponding
with information I have myself collected from other
Channels, we may venture to regard it as exact a
chronological account of the Succession as can
be had.

I herewith do myself the honor to
enclose a literal translation of it. I am conscious
that it wants perspecuity, and am concerned it is
out of my power to elucidate it for a reference
to the person who compiled it, might endanger their
lives, if it was discovered.

The information I have upon the
Subject is so various and controdictory, that I am
at a loss, with such materials, to give decided
opinion whether the Government is in front in the
female line, or not, for in many instances it would
seem the female succeeded to the Patrimony, and
as often it was obtained by those who possessed the
greatest power, in short I should conceive that
the succession was altogether arbitrary.

It is however indubitable that the
present Rajah's Father Muttoo Veerah soon formed his
pretensions to govern the Country from his
Marriage to the Sister of Sella Veerah, the
preceding

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preceding Raja Nerinja Tower was no relation of the family, but made his way to the Government through the blood of his Wife's relations, the mother of the present Raja.

After Nerinja Tower's death, his Widow assumed the Government, and was in the Manage-ment of the affairs of the Country when Ramanad was taken by General Smith in 1772 – She, with two Daughters and her son, were sent to Trichinopoly, and confined there nine years – The Widow died under confinement. The Daughters and Son were enlarged and the Nabob summoned restored the Country to Ramalinga the present Raja; and the Administra-tion carried on by a person of the name of Mootea-Pillah who was appointed Dalawai.

The Rannee, now at Madras, is Sister to the Raja and many years Dalawai himself she was the youngest of the two Daughters, the elder died 3 Years after the restoration took place – It is confidently asserted by one of my Informants, that the two Daughters were Children of the Rannee by a former Husband, and not by Nerinja Tower, who had only one Son, the present incumbent, that she repudiated this first Husband, and, during his life, married Nerinja Tower, probably the Rannee at Madras, may from this circumstance, advance her claim,

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you will observe Gentlemen that the Malabar Account herewith transmitted concludes thus, speaking of Nairoja's Widow, and the Ranee at Madras "now if this old Ladys Daughter should have a son, he is the Lawful Successor, if not, her husband has a right to the Pollams" From w^h what data this is advanced, I have not been able to inform myself.

I have endeavored to ascertain with all diligence the point in question, but the accounts attainable were so perplexed, obscure and defective, that I cannot flatter myself my report will answer your expectation — I hope however you will do me the justice to believe no attention of mine has been wanting to acquire the most authentic information on the subject.

altho' I have been unable from the above cause to give a specific opinion w^h whether the Government of Ramnad be invariably vested in the female line, I should hope that the refractory and disobedient spirit to the Orders of Government, manifested by the Raja, on so many occasions, added to his cruel and oppressive disposition, which disqualifies him in every respect, to possess the power at present lodged in his hands, will attract the consideration of the Government; and it is my most serious opinion

that

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that no palliatives can produce a reformation in his Character, and that lenity will have no effect upon his depraved mind.—

If Government should deem it necessary to depose the Raja, either the Ramnee's claim might be admitted, or the present Raja's Daughter who is 8 years old, and is married, might be brought forward, and the administration of the Country carried on by a Minister capable of the Charge, making him responsible to Government for his conduct, in either case this should be done, as not only being according to the ancient Custom of the Country, and conformably to the spirit of the Nabob's Sunnud – but would operate in rendering the Minister cautious of deviating from the line of his Duty, confident that Maladministration would be ascribed to his measures, for which due punishment would await him, and he would certainly conduct himself more like the Servant of your Government than the Instrument of any future Raja.—

Notwithstanding my reiterated demands, the Raja has not paid one Cash of his 2 years Tribute, and he now stands in balance upon this Account Star Pagodas 26,190 – and this failure does not proceed from a want of means to discharge

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discharge his just dues to Government, for I under=
=stand he has been lately imposing the most heavy
exactions on his people.

I have, in a former address, ventured
the liberty of expressing my sentiments, as to the force
adequate to the object of deposing the Raja, in the event
of Government determining upon the measure; and
I still continue of opinion that the Regiments of
Cavalry, and 9 Battalion of Sepoys now in the
Tinnevelly province, with a Brigade or two of Sport,
would effectually accomplish it, for there does not
exist a probability there can be any resistance
on his part at the same time, the above force
could be necessary to check any attempts he
might make.

I have the honor to be,

Tinnevelly
15th December 1794

&c. &c.

Signed George Powney
Colr.

a true Copy
Signed S. R. Lushington
Act.g Dep.y Sec.y

Translation

of a Malabar Account of the Order of Succession in the Ramisseram or Setubade Pollam.

Along time ago there lived at Palava
Maravas

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Maravar man called Vedyar this man was at first Kavilkaren of Sedur / Rameseram / the Travellers to Sedur having, at that time, been frequently insulted and plundered by Colleries, Vedyar collected some people and destroyed several of those robbers; whom he was then clearing the roads to Rameseram, there came from the Northward Several Ladars and Kosaregol / people who pretend Superior Sanctity and on that Account are very much revered / these having seen his services took him along with them to Pohur, and gave him the Seduputtam / Ramnad = =raw Pallam / under the authority of Vengapully Tavan, this is the origin of the Sedupatti Pallams. after Vedyars death that Country was governed by his Son Kutan Sedupati this man had a Son, by a Willara Woman, who did not Succeed his Father; but Kutan Sedupati was succeeded by his brother in law, called by some Talaivay Sedupati, but his real name was Sadayke Tever, a War having been carried on in Ramayans days Sadayka Tever was taken prisoner and carried to Madura where he was detained for some time; as, on his return, after he was released, he came to Mangol, he was assassinated by Madyaralagen great Grand father to Sosumaren Tever, after his death

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death the Country was devided into three parts, viz.t to
Son in law Ramesarasayawagia Tewmalay Sadabade
obtained the Ramanadaburam, his elder bro. thor, to
Tanneker Tewer, the Mangolkudi, and Tew. malay to
Sedasade, Son to Kutan Sedasade, by a We. Woman
Woman — the Kalayarkowil district, — By
three men the Country was governed
years, but, after the death of Tambe Tew.
Kalayarkowil, and Tanneker Tewer of
=kudi — Tewmalay Sedasade made h.
Master of all three Provinces, and gover.
sixteen years: his younger brother had
the Eldest of Suria Tewer succeeded Tew.
Sedasade; Suria Tewer having heard th.
Tanjore Naik, and the Trichinopoly Ka.
were at War, — he went to assist the former.
During his absence his Brothers lived
Rameseram; having heard that they intended
to make themselves Masters of the Co.try,
he left Tanjore and came to Rameseram; and,
after having Murdered his fifteen brethren and
those who were with them, he turned to Tanjore,
but soon after the Trichinopoly people took
him, and put him to death; there having
been

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been no Successor apparent, Tirumalay's Minister
Sandera Seroayakaren and his Karieckar Seevadangera
Pullay Governed the Country six years, Each, &
afterwards, they thought it safer and more proper
not to Manage the Country affairs any longer
by themselves, and resolved to inquire amongst the
Maraua people who had the Lawful claim to
the Pollam - as they were thus inquiring at &
Seminatteevattagary, they found that there existed
a Relation of Sancia Tevens and learnt at the same
time, in what Country he lived, immediately &
they went, brought him along with them, and
gave him the Pollam - His Governor's real Name
was Muthuranedyer, but some called him Kilawa
Sedubadi / the old Sedubadi / he was for some &
time very polite to the two men who had &
given him the Pollam, conceived at every thing
they did, and [illegible] in a manner, subject to them,
but afterwards he insidiously killed both Sandera-
-seroay karen and Seeva Sangeia Pullay, after he
had dispatched them he governed the Country
by his own authority, but his three principal Servants
Magila Pullay Sokkee Pullay and Kumara Pullay
having conspired against him, he thought it proper
to

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to frustrate their designs by flights, and went to Tanjore
as soon as he was gone Sokkee Pullay and Mayila
Pullay invited a Maravar man, one Suria Tever,
who was brotherin law to Makunaniayer, and gave
him the Pollam; but kept the Government of the
Country to themselves. Makunaniayer, who had gone
to Tanjore, returned with an Army, over came them,
killed likewise Suria Tever, built a Stone fort, and
governed the Country thirty six years, though he had a
Son, born of a Maravar Woman of Kunitoke Nater,
whose name was Pavanmuttu Tever he unjustly
put him aside, and left the Pollam to his Father
brothers daughter who was called Nikrapanadda
Tever, this mans elder brother governed the
Arantangy Country for sixteen years, and died at
Arantangy. Tander Tever, one of his relations
succeeded to the Pollam. Pavanmuttu Tever, who
had for some time lived at Tanjore, returned with
an Army, killed Tander Tever, together with Tonda=
=mans Son, who had assisted him and made
himself master of the Country, which he
governed for four or five years, but there died. At
that time a descendant of Udeyar Tever whose
Name was Sosuvaren Tever, he was great Grand
Son

Son to Madyaralagen, who had assassinated Sadayka
Tewer, Grand Son to Mengee Tewer, and son to Peria
Udeyar Tewer, to him Mesoyenagunada Tewer plac=
=ed on the throne of Murcaranicayen, had given his daughter,
Agelandadspiny in marriage, and given him likewise
six thousand peons, this Salewaren Tewer, dreading
Pawanesingas cruelty, escaped to Tanjore, Mesoyenagunada
Tewers Aunts Son, Katta Tewer likewise, for the same
reason, escaped to some other Country; Sotsewaren
Tewer, having killed a Tyger at Tanjore, obtained of
the Rajahs favour, who on that account sent an
Army with orders, to deliver Pawanesingen into
Sasewaren Tewers hands, and gave him likewise
the Pollam - after the arrival of the Tanjore Army
Katta Tewer, who had escaped to some Country, re=
returned - the Tanjoreans after having taken and
put to death Pawanesinga gave the Ramanada=
=puram Country to Katta Tewer, and that of Ra=
Sevagungah to Sotsewaren Tewer, and, after they had
devided these Countries into five parts, and given
two parts to the one, and three parts to the other,
they returned to Tanjore. After Katta Tewer had
governed the Ramnad Country for four or five years,
he died, and was succeeded by his Son Sayperadeeraya,
who, after having governed the Country for thirteen
years, died also - Though after his death there was a
Son

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Son of one Sella Tewer aya who had the next lawful claim to the Succession, he was put aside, and Sayewaderaya's Mother gave the Pollam to her own Son in Law, who had no right to it, his name was Rakia Tewer, his whole conduct was mean and cruel, and he intended likewise to murder Willangen Serwaykaren who was then Minister but Willagen Serwaykaren having been apprized of his intention, turned him out and put Sella Tewer Ayas Son into the Pollam, because he knew that he had the next right to succeed Sayewadera this Sella Tewer Ayas Son was brother in law to Sayewaduray, he Governed the Country fourteen years and had no Children, but his Sister had two Daughters, Her Husband, fearing his brother in law, Sella Tewer Ayas Son, escaped to some other Country, leaving his eldest daughter with her mother, and taking the youngest along with him he brought her up in order to give her to some body in marriage, that his Son in law, at least might obtain the Pollam, but in the mean time, Sella Tewer Ayas Son called his brother in law, whose name was Mirinjee Tewen, and who had escaped after Mirinjee Tewen's return, a Son likewise was born to him: the circumstances standing thus, Sella Tewee Ayas Son died - after his

N.B. this Sister of Sella Tewer married Mirinjee Tewer, and was mother to the present Rajah

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his death, Nereniya Tever killed all the principal people in Government with their relations gave, in an Arbitrary manner, the Pollam to his infant son, and governed the Country in his stead, but, after some time, he confined the Child, his mother, and his Sisters, and governed the Country one year in his own name; after which he died, after his death, the new Minister, Tamodiran Pulley, established Nereniya Tever's Son, together with his Mother, in the Possession of the Pollam, and Managed the Country in their stead, but, Tamodoram Pulley having been insidiously assassinated by them, the Country was taken by the Nabob, who carried them to Trichinopoly, where they were confined for some time, after they were released and returned to Ramanadaberam Nereniya's Widow has the whole management of the Country. Her daughter was married before her mother / Nereniya's Widow / died.

Now if this old Lady's daughter should have a Son, he is the lawful Successor, if not her Husband has a right to the Pollam.

A Literal Translation

/Signed/ George Powney

Collector

Edwards

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Edward Saunders Esqr.

President &c. Revenue Board

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I lose no time in transmitting you the Translation of a letter I have this instant received from the Cherokar of Sevagunga; the Peon in charge of it was the person upon whom the punishment and disgrace, as represented by the Cherokar, was inflicted — he has been examined with respect to the circumstances, his declaration agrees with that stated in the letter, and there are very ostensible marks upon his person — that the punishment had been inflicted upon him. —

It is unnecessary to comment upon the conduct of the Raja of Ramnad; but the forbearance, on the part of the Sheyaganga Cherokar, has certainly been very commendable; and I have expressed to him my approbation of the line he had adopted, assuring him at the same time, that his letter should be laid before your Board, from whom he would receive every redress and satisfaction

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Tinnevelly
18th. December 1794.

Signed / George Powney
Collr.

To

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To, Mr George Powney

From the Cherokar of Shevagunga - received the 17th December 1794.

After usual Compliments,

A person named Coopa Moote of the District of Pandocoody in the Country of Sevagunga was employed as Manager of Cultivated Lands in the above District upwards of 15 Years, a balance of between 1 and 200 Chuckrums appeared to be due by him - I employed people to examine his accounts in consequence of which he quitted the place, and sought protection in the Ramnad Country, and Reload in a Chuttrum there, he likewise drove off all his Cattle with him, but 2 of his Bullocks strayed back to the above District called Pandocoody - the above Coopa Moote brought 20 or 30 Coons from the Talook of Tiruvadana in the Ramnad Country, and entered the above District in the day time, & and drove off 20 or 30 Cattle, in addition to the 2 Bullocks that belonged to him, The Manager of Pandocoody wrote me upon this subject, & thereupon wrote a letter to the Aumildar of Tiruvadana demanding the reason of his sending Coons to my Village and driving off the Cattle, desiring, at the same time, he would return the Cattle to my Village / and sent

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sent my letter by one of my peons to him, who accord=
=ingly delivered the letter to the Aumildar, he received
it, and desired the peon, to stay there, till he received
an answer for the letter, and he would write to the
Rammad, that he might release the Cattle, so the
peon remained there for two days, and, on the the
third day, an Hircarrah arrived from Rammad,
and laid hold of the peon, shaved apart of his
head, separated the hair upon the Crown into
five locks tied my letter round the Neck of an
Ass, seated my peon upon it, flogged him round
the Village, and turned him out of it, the Peon
returned to me under this Disgrace and punish=
=ment. This cruel and infamous punishment
never was before committed at any place, nor
Exercised by any former Raja since the Coun=
=tries of Rammad and Sevagunga were
Established, but we now receive this insa=
=mous disgrace and insult from the
present Raja of Rammad. I am prevented
retaliating as you are in the Country and
can do nothing without your order. I send
the peon with this letter, that you may

likewise

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likewise see that the punishment was inflicted on him-
the Rammad Raja takes every opportunity in exciting
trouble in my Country, and if we retaliate, they lay the
blame upon us, and therefore I represent this to you
that I may receive Satisfaction — I request you will
send me your direction that I may conduct myself in
accordingly. —

a true translation
(Signed) C Powney Coll.

a true Copy
(signed) J. H. Lushington
Actg Depy Secy

Resolved that his Highness the Nabob
be informed of the result of Mr. Powney's enquiries into
minutes thereon the Complaint preferred against the Polygar of Mani-
=para, and regarding the water course leading from
the River Amvattee to the Talook of Cutla — and
that it be recommended to his Highness to sanction
the payment to the Inhabitants of the Carcoor
District, provided they agree to the removal of the
Dam: —

Ordered that the subject respecting
Rammad do lie for further consideration. —

Read the following letter from
the Military Board. —

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Military Board with Statement of Military Stores and Gun Carriages and Tumbrils required to be made up

We have the Honor to lay before you a Statement of Stores wanting to complete the stated proportion allotted for the Arsenal of Fort St. George also of the Gun Carriage and Tumbril wanting for the same purpose, - and, with these Statements, a Minute delivered in by the Commissary General of Stores - The resolution of Government to limit the Monthly supply of Stores to the sum of two thousand and five hundred /2500/ Pagodas had unnecessarily occasioned so large a supply now to become necessary, and we are of opinion that we cannot with propriety defer longer the submitting the subject to your consideration, and requesting we may be authorized to order the Storekeeper and the Contractors for Gun Carriages to prepare the articles wanted with as little delay as may. -

We have the honor to be
Wa: Wa:
/Signed/ John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Thomas Gaile
" Jn Richardson
" Wm Close
" Wm Grant
" Geo: Hall

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List of Military Stores to be furnished by the Military Storekeeper for the publick Service, to complete the stated proportions for Fort St. George & for the publick Service, to compleat the stated proportions for Fort St. George &c December 24th 1794.

Articles	Number	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash	Remarks
	3	2	34	10				
Axes Brass Coopers	36	22	21	"				
" Iron Carpenters	13	96	11	"				
Anvils &c Smiths	264	14	6	"				
Aprons Gun Canvas	85	6	3	"				
" " Leaden	65	32	21	"				
Augers Carpenters	232	81	16	9				
Axes Broad	611	182	24	65				
" Felling	1818	267	7	48				
" Hand	2036	952	38	54				
" Pick	270	51	16	10				
Blocks Gin with Sheaves Iron	83	41	21	"				
" Wooden purchase of Sizes	781	107	10	33				
Bags Gunny for Shot and Shells	311	77	15	76				
" " for ammunition Barrs	12120	310	24	12				
" " for Sand Large	40394	2022	4	31				
" Dunge for Do Small	711	36	26	40				
Band Bells & Campaloes	6674	143	"	48				
Basket Nattan Do	119	14	36	60				
Bellows Forge Country	1695	1843	22	33				
Bells Bayonet Country Muskets	6362	443	39	38				
" " Buck do do Iron	21	15	31	40				
Bittles	50	12	21	"				
Black Lamps	24	64	30	"				
Blue Prussian	6	1	21	"				
Board Healing	12	3	"	"				
do. or Blocks Rolling	134½	9	41	13				
Borax	1529	323	26	65				
Boxes, Carbine Cartridges, Belly double	3	"	25	79				
" Tube of Tin 4 Pr. Sizes	333	33	12	48				
Brace Drum	14	3	21	"				
Brushes Painting Hair	369	98	40	63				
Buckets Leather Gun	246	246	"	"				
" Wooden with Ears	29	137	31	40				
Buntin Duis Blue	23	115	"	"				
" " Red	26	110	25	"				
" " White	49	14	29	32				
Boards Sheathing M	260	64	"	"				
Camphire Bolt	151	1132	21	"				
Canvas Europe	123	138	15	60				
Cast Iron Brass Country M	1874	2	33	10				
Chalk	32	613	30	"				
Chests Laboratory	6	600	25	60				
Carts Artificers		19493	40	17				

Carried over Pagodas

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Articles	Remarks
Brought over Pagodas	10493 60
Cloth Brown Long ℔ 90 Cwids Qrs	84 210 " "
" white Do ℔ 90 do do	176½ 485 15 60
" Ward ℔ 18 do do	137½ 1538 25 16
Cloths Powder	10 140 25 "
Coal Chaud Bundles	455 43 14 "
" Sea Chald^rs 29=16^Bs	212 " "
Coir Small for Wads Candies	27=17=15 251 28 45
Collars Bullock	463 24 12 73
Cords Drum	1149 91 38 51
Crow Jaw	59 53 35 70
Carriages for Laboratory Chests	6 405 9 "
Dammer ℔	2189 54 30 36
Drivers Brass, Coopers	1 " 31 40
Emmery ℔	47 2 34 35
Eyes Iron	98 3 31 7
Fifes of sorts	291 68 29 50
File	517 16 32 65
Funnel Copper	10 7 16 "
Glasses Perspective	23 138 " "
Glue ℔	2098 671 15 10
Gouges Carpenters	18 2 15 "
Grease Barrels	2 24 " "
Gunny Pcs	2617 350 19 42
Hammers Hand	76 38 " "
" Sledge	58 58 " "
Handspikes Gin	49 36 31 60
Haversack leather	234 58 21 "
Head Drum	607 9 29 "
Helves spare for Axes, Broad	597 32 38 4
" " Pick	1369 75 19 19
" " for Mamoties	635 7 39 30
Hoes Bill	369 60 3 77
" Flesh	198 19 32 30
" Lining	293 8 33 14
Indigo ℔	281 14 2 8
	244 10 15 13
Carried over Pgs	15785 10 2

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Articles	Number	Rupees	Fanams	Cash	Rupees	Fanams	Cash	Remarks
		15785	10	2				
Brought over Pagodas								
	118	79	21	"				
Iron Bars Bolt	177	190	"	"				
" Flat	64	38	"	"				
" Square	10	15	15	"				
" Bands & Rod	102	56	"	"				
Irons Beake	3666	394	4	67				
Knapsacks Dungree	80	6	"	"				
Kneiss Laboratory	60	69	69	"	"			
Ladles Copper	4	3	2	10	40			
" "	11	1	19	70				
" Iron Dipping	21	14	15	60				
" " Melting	4	23	"	"				
Ladder Common	6	6	31	40				
Lanthorns Mercury	115	490	36	60				
Lead Pigs	3	80	"	"				
" Sheets	21	"	35	22				
" for Painting Red	42	126	"	"				
" White Mannds	24	71	24	"				
Leather Tanned Hides Europe	644	111	"	"				
" Country	110	55	"	"				
" Shoes Hombre	68	34	"	"				
Line Shoes Hombre	533	133	10	40				
" Hand	278	95	12	20				
" Leg	6	1	21	"				
Locks Pad with Keys	2596	473	32	27				
Mallets Park	673	188	"	"				
Mamoties with Helves Nr	3385	130	32	65				
Match Cotton do	16	66	12	"				
" Country	18	55	39	"				
Measures Copper Powder Large Sets	81	179	8	21	8			
" Small do	310	3	36	"				
Nails Iron of Sorts	756	7	38	51				
Needles Gunny	3645	6	19	23				
" Sail	219	68	18	30				
" Serving Gallons	176	176	"	"				
Oil Cocoanut do								
" Linseed								
Carried over Pagodas		19530	10	65				

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Article		Number	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash	Remarks
Brought over Pagodas						19,550	10	65	
Palms Steel			12			12		70	
Paper Musket Cartridge Country		Do	4395			230	30	78	
Pincers Tube		Do	24			3	"	"	
Pitch Common		Barrel	28			115	15	4	
Paint Black		M	106			35	14	"	
" Blue		M	½			"	3	40	
" Red		M	75			12	28	"	
" White		M	530			88	14	"	
Plate Screw with Taps			109			109	"	"	
Pouches Musket Cartridge, Country			14726			6162	7	9	
" Artillery		Do	535			168	37	48	
" Priming		Do	351			71	8	32	
Rasps Wood and Iron			30			2	24	"	
Rope Country Coils		5 Inch	48			267	14	35	
" " "		1½	372			272	36	60	
" Europe		5 Inch	6½			130	21	"	
" " "		4½	32½			87	31	40	
" " "		4	8			133	"	"	
" " "		3½	13½			130	"	"	
" " "		3	12			144	"	"	
" " "		2½	11			72	"	"	
" " "		2	14			63	"	"	
" " "		1½	26			90	"	"	
" Tent Skains White		Rattine	21½			27	"	"	
Rosin		Do	505			120	"	"	
Rubber files		M	43			2	24	29	
Salarmoniac		M	10			5	"	"	
Saws Crosscut			50			9	28	"	
" Frog		"	24			90	"	"	
" Hand		"	29			29	"	"	
" Pitt		"	4			4	"	"	
" Whip		"	3			3	"	"	
Scabbards Bayonet Musket			8			36	"	"	
" " Tuzee			22,930			1060	21	42	
" Sword for Cavalry			5200			240	21	"	
" " for Serjeants			63			30	16	64	
Scales Gunters 2 Set			42			7	31	40	
" and Weights, Copper, Large Setts			31			11	3	"	
			6			120	"	"	
Carried over Pagodas						29,826	22	16	

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Articles	Number	Rupees	Fanams	Cash	Rupees	Fanams	Cash	Remarks
Brought over Pagodas					24826	22	16	
Scales and Weights Copper Small Setts	96		360	"	"			
Steel Blister Bars	164		73	12	"			
Scissors Pairs	275		17	7	70			
Screws for Woodwork Dozens	227		1	36	60			
Shears Tinmens pcs	12		6	21	"			
Shells Cocoanut No.	1,800		7	6	"			
Skids Wooden	220		110	"	"			
Slings Leather for Muskets	3295		335	33	18			
Solder Copper lb	2824		82	8	15			
Stick Brown pcs	628		53	15	77			
Stones Grinding	22		16	21	"			
" Turkey Oil	10		7	21	"			
Tables Laboratory forming	5		23	21	"			
" " Sealing	2		16	"	"			
" " Rolling	5		60	"	"			
Tacks Copper lb	337		136	25	60			
" Spunge lb	861		87	"	"			
Tape Tent Yard	560		446	30	65			
Tar Common	73		329	10	60			
" Coal Keg	100		1620	"	"			
Tar and Greased	160		220	"	"			
Tarpaulins Magazine large	117		1550	10	60			
" Small	99		361	21	"			
" Tumbril	71		235	7	70			
" Limber 6 Pdr	43		21	"	7			
Thread Cotton lb	5165		102	37	64			
Tin plates Double No.	667		66	29	32			
Tools Carpenters Chests	3		99	"	"			
" Miners do	11		239	10	60			
Trace Chain Gun Light Field 18 Pr	1		25	13	50			
" 6 "	39		285	12	60			
" 4 "	3		18	60	70			
" 3½ Inch	4		43	25	"			
" Howitzer	79		698	22	50			
" Tumbril	6		48	31	40			
" Laboratory Chests	6		80	36	60			
" Cart Artificers	6		70	21	36			
" Mortar	9		315	5	50			
" Transporting Carriage lb	200		5	"	"			
Twine Gunny 6 Pcs	14765		107	"	8			
Tubes Copper Empty 4 "	1770		11	15	72			
" "	12565		135	27	24			
Turnscrews Muskets			38565	36	60			

Carried over Pagodas

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Articles	Number	Rupees	Fanams	Cash	Rupees	Fanams	Remarks
Broughtower Pagodas				38,365	36	60	
Coir Hawsers, Bench	86			99	34	60	
ditto ditto Hand	92			46	"	"	
ditto ditto Standing	6			42	"	"	
ditto Coopers Brass	92			3	4	70	
Mat Bags	1/4			253	50	25	16
Yoke Quadruple Pole	135			270	"	"	
ditto ditto Straw	839			1767	37	40	
Pagodas Total				40,845	12	66	

/Signed/ George Hall
Commissary Genl Stores

True Copy
/Signed/ J. Brodie
Secy Mily Board

Indent

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Indent upon the Gun Carriage Contractor for the following Articles required for the Publick Service — Fort St. George December 26th 1794. —

Articles	Numbers	Pagoda Fs	Cash	Pags.	Fs	Cash	Remarks
Apletrees Iron	23	261		6	50		
" Wooden	13	81		10	40		
Bamboo Hand	71	109		1	40		
" Wheel	50	27		33	"		
Blinds Gun 32 Pr.	8	116		"	"		
" " 24 "	6	87		"	"		
" " 18 "	3	43		21	"		
" " 12 "	5	72		11	"		
Blocks Fuze	4	40		"	"		
" Portfire	4	552		"	"		
Carriage Transporting large	4	552		"	"		
" " Small	6	720		"	"		
Carts Mortar upper	109	22		2	40		
Coins Gun under	138	19		7	"		
" Mortar 13 Inch upper	17	12		31	40		
" " 10 " upper	17	10		39	"		
" " " " under	13	2		39	40		
" " 8 " upper	31	13		13	"		
" " " under	21	2		10	40		
" " 5 1/2 " upper	62	11		3	"		
" " " under	60	3		24	"		
" " 24 Pdr.	17	51		"	"		
Frontlets Iron 18 "	28	84		"	"		
" " 12 "	28	84		"	"		
" "	9	540		"	"		
Gins Complete	90	262		7	16		
Handspikes purchasing	13	73		15	"		
Ladders Escalading	370	138		24	"		
Linstocks with Locks							
Carried forward Pags						3992.	2. 66

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Articles	Number	Pcs Tons cwt	Pcs Tons cwt
Brought forward Pagodas			3993 2 66
Mantelets	11	807 21 60	
Nails Iron Spike	No. 3204	83 21 73	
Pick Axe	650	11 6 "	
Platforms Gun	267	2,624 21 "	
" Mortar	40	3680 " "	
Pouches Musket	12564	17 39 67	
Punches Shell	32	" 60 "	
" Tube	97	2 37 20	
Rail Camp	46	11 10 70	
Spikes Gun Round	109	1 15 54	
" " Rugged	133	2 1 54	
" " Spring	37	1 10 72	
Stocks Portfire	140	11 25 16	
Staves Sponge	744	217 37 16	
Target Frames Gun	2	13 38 "	
" " Musket	64	65 22 "	
Worms Musket	6558	65 24 28	
Yokes Common Pole	267	333 31 40	
" " Trace	1645	1850 26 20	
Total		27820 18 30	
Brought forward		3993 2 66	
Total		31,815,21.16	

True Copy

/Signed/ J.B. Brodie

Secy Mily Board

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In consequence of Mr. Secretary Baddeley's letter of the 19th Instant, requiring me to draw out and lay before the Board, as expeditiously as possible, two Statements of Military Stores wanted to complete the several out Garrisons, and the stated proportion for Fort St. George, including in one, the Articles that are to be provided by the Military Storekeeper, and in the other what are to be furnished by the Gun Carriage & Contractors;- I have now the honor to lay before the Board the Lists required, in which the Articles Indented for from out Garrisons, as also the complement required to complete the stated proportion for Fort St. George of such Stores as are usually provided in the Country are included- It may not be improper to remark to the Board the cause that has occasioned so considerable a deficiency of Country made Stores- soon after the conclusion of the late War, as the Month of May 1792 Government limitted the Expence of Military Stores to the sum of 2500 Pagodas p Month including Gun Powder, and Europe Articles drawn from the Civil Stores, a sum every way inadequate to the purpose intended, even before the accession to the Company of the ceded Districts, it will no doubt occur to the Board, that not only most of the out Garrisons, but

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but also the Presidency had been drained of almost
every article of Military Stores for the supply of the
Army, during the Mysore War, and, with the limitted
sum of Pagodas 2500 ℔ Month, it was impossible to make
provision for more stores than was barely sufficient for
the current expenditure of the service, indeed, the out
Garisons would have had still more wants, had not
part of the articles provided for the late siege of
Pondicherry been sent from thence to Trichinopoly,
Vellore, and some of the Forts in the ceded Districts;
however, that supply was very inadequate to
complete them, and at the time when stores were
preparing for the intended Expedition, against the
French Islands, several Indents were made upon
the Arsinal, which the provision of articles for that
Expedition, had reduced to so low, that it became
impossible to comply with them, and which induced
me to lay before the Board an account of Articles,
wanted to supply the Indents from out Garisons,
and to complete the Arsinal, at the Presidency, to
the allotted proportions as stated in my Minute
of the 18th December - as it is of great importance,
that the Indents from out Garrisons, and also the
Forts in the ceded Districts, not yet completed with

Stores,

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Stores, should be completed as soon as possible; and that at all times, the proportion for the Arsinal should be kept complete;- the Board will no doubt see the necessity of forwarding the two Papers, now laid before it, to Government, with a recommendation that the Articles therein required, may be provided with as little delay as possible.

/Signed/ Geo: Hall

December 23rd 1794

True Copy/.
/Signed/ L. Brodie
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Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

We have now the honor, in consequence of the copy of the letter you referred to us from Lieutenant Taylor to acquaint your Lordship, that as the allowance of five Pagodas per month to the acting Fort Adjutant of Pallamcottah was specifically for the trouble he had in keeping the family Rolls, as this duty was either altogether discontinued, or became perfectly trifling from the date of June 1792, it

Ordered to lie on the Table.

From Military Board - Lieutenant Taylor's Claim for Extra allowance - referred to for Report

Extra allowance - referred to for Report - founded - manner of securing the custom Frontier and recommend that all the posts therein be stored with Grain and provisions - and Interpreter for the Garrison - necessary - Report of Buildings and Repairs still required to complete the Cantonment at Tenmalley.

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it was, with great propriety discontinued, from that period, and that therefore Lieutenant Taylor can have no well founded claim to any extra allowance, for the very little he can have to do in regard to family rolls, when Troops are not in the field.

In reply to your Commands under date the 18th Instant, we have the honor to inform you that the security of the Western Frontier has been attended to by us; orders have been given for sundry buildings and repairs many of which have been com=pleted, others are in great forwardness - and others about to be undertaken, the unhealthiness of the Country to Artificers sent from hence has occasioned many to desert; a heavy Monsoon and other causes have tended to keep these Works somewhat more backward than we could have desired - but we nevertheless are of opinion that the principal Forts Viz. Ryacottah, Sankeydroog and Kistnagherry are already well secured - Stores have been sent to all of them, and a stated complement allotted to each, which complement will be completed as soon as the Store Rooms and Magazines are in a condition to receive them, and have been ordered to be packed and sent off.

Our President informs us that he has corresponded much with Captain Read on this subject, and is free from any apprehension on account of the present state of these Forts - that there are in them

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all, a certain quantity of Grain, that on the 1st of Novem-
ber last, there was not less than three Months store
in any, and in many much more — that Captain Read,
informs him as Manager of the Country, he had taken
means to set apart, a certain quantity of Grain much
more than sufficient to complete all the Garrisons —
we beg leave therefore to recommend to Government
to issue orders to the acting Commissary General of
Grain and Provisions, as this is so favorable a
time for it to complete all the Garrisons with their
stated proportion of Grain and such other articles
of provision as fall within that Department in
which we conceive to be included Salt, Salt fish, &c
or Salt meat, Oil, Pots, fire wood, Conveyance, and &c. —

We have the Honor to acknowledge the
Letter of Government under date the 19th Instant, and
in compliance with the latter paragraph thereof to
acquaint your Right Honble Board that it appears
to us highly necessary that the Town Major of Fort St.
George should have an Interpreter, and we are of "
opinion that if one is allowed to the Town Major, "
it will effectually answer all the purposes, "
set forth in his letter, and that of the Fort "
Adjutant, and we think that Pagodas five
per Month will be a sufficient allowance to "
grant for such a person. —

Agreably

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Agreeably to the commands of Government under date the 28th of September last We directed that an Engineer should be sent to Secundonnalle for the purpose of examining the Buildings, and respecting what is further required to make them complete, and we have now the Honor to lay before you a copy of the Engineers report forwarded to us by Colonel Floyd

We have the Honor to be,

Wa: Wa:

[Signed] John Braithwaite

" Thomas Geils

" Jn Richardson

" By Close

" Gm Gent

" Geo: Hall

Fort St. George
30th December 1794

To Major E: Trapaud
Engineer to the Southern Devision

Sir,

Agreable to your orders I have proceed to Secundonnalle, to inspect that Cantonment.

I have found it in every unfinished and tottering state, but few of the Offices have either doors or Windows; most of them have no out Houses, the Soldiers Barrack have no Cook Rooms; only half of the Hospital is built, there are no Godowns or Cook Rooms to it- one Captains Quarter, one quarter for the

Adjutant

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Adjutant and Quarter Master, one Quarter for the Su
Surgeons Mate, one Quarter for two Subalterns, a Stor
room, a Guard room for the officer, a Guard room for
men with out Doors, and a Black Hole for Prisone
are wanting— the roofs are all thatched and the Veran
dahs Tiled without flat Tiles or Chunam Borders
both these are by much too weak particularly
Barracks for the men— the Verandahs are supported
slight Posts 3 or 4 Inches in Diameter laid with lit
a trifling foundation— as the Rafters are but slight
fixed in the Walls the whole weight acts against
the Posts.—

On I left the Cantonment four of
three Verandahs had fallen down also one of the Offic
the Rafters in the Roofs are too few and too slight, in
consequence there are four or five of the Barrack
whose Roofs have already given way and cannot
possibly stand any bad weather— The Officers Roof
the slight are not so bad as the Barracks; The
Thatch admits rain in several places besides where
the white ants have destroyed it.—

The insides of the Roofs / owing to the
Walls being Mud / are lined with white ants which
are fast destroying both Rafters and Thatch, they have
also attacked the Verandah Posts and other wooden
works.—

This

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This part of the Country is so infested with these Insects that, while the Walls are of Mud & the Roofs be never so strong, they will not last any length of time.

I therefore conclude from the bad state the Verandahs are in, that they require to be rebuilt of more substantial material, either on Posts of the Palmirah Tree, or on Pillars of Brick and Chunam as I believe Palmirahs are not to be procured but at a great distance.

The Roofs of the Barracks abovementioned which have given way require to be rebuilt, the others strengthened and the Thatch repaired, the Mud Walls for all or nearly all of the out houses have been built but those left uncovered are perishing and cannot be made use of at present.

I have however to observe that there are 4 or 5 of the Officers Verandahs which are not so bad as the rest, but owing to the Posts being too slight and without sufficient foundation they are not to be depended upon.

There is a Quantity of Country Tiles which has been collected and is lying on the spot.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Thos. F. De Havilland
Assistant Ed. Do.

Truchenopoly
Dec. 30th 1794

True Copy
(Signed) L. Brodie
Secy. Mily. Board

Lieut.

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List of Buildings wanting to complete the Cantonment at Secundenmalle

Half the Hospital with Godowns and Cook Rooms
1 Quarter for a Captain with Godowns necessary & Cookrooms
1 do. for 2 Subalterns with do. do. do
1 do. for Adjt & Quarter Master do. do. do
1 do. for Surgeons Mates do. do. do
1 Store room
1 Guard Room for Officers with necessary & Cook Room
1 do. do for Men with do. do
1 Black Hole for Prisoners
Stables & Necessary for Commanding Officer
3 Godowns & Necessaries for Captains Quarters
7 do. do. for Subalterns do
1 Cook Room & do. for the Mess Room
15 Cook Rooms for Officers
5 do for the Men.

Signed Thos. L. De Havilland Engr
Asst. E. I. Dr

December 5th 1794

True Copy
Signed J. Bodie
Secy Mily Board

The Board approve the proceedings as reported in the foregoing letter.

Minutes thereon

Ordered that the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions do lay before the Board a

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a Statement of the Provisions &c. Required for a twelve Months Stock for the Ceded and the Western Frontier, with an estimate of the expence that will be incurred in consequence.

Ordered that an Estimate be called for of the expence that will be incurred in repairing the public Buildings at the Cantonments of Secunderamallay.

Read the following letter from the Adjutant General,

To W.C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary Military Department

Sir,

Colonel Brathwaite has desired me to request you will lay the inclosed application from Captain Hemming of Engineers Invalid Establishment, before the Right Honble the President in Council. The Colonel however is doubtful with the Captain Hemings request for an Advance of pay in the event of being permitted to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope can be admitted by the Standing regulations of the Service.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) B.J. Close
Adj. Genl. of the Army

Fort St. George
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Right Honble the President
in Council

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before
you an application from Captain Flemings
an Invalid Officer, late of the Corps of Engineer, p
leave to go to sea on account of his Health, and
eventually to England, if necessary.

I beg leave to recommend the req
of his letter to your favour so far as it consistent
with the Rules of the service.

I have the honor to be,
&a. &a.
pSigned/ J. Floyd Col.

Trichinopoly
December 17. 1794.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
&c. &c. &c.
Governor and President in Council Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Permit me the honor of laying before
you the enclosed Certificate from the Surgeon of
this place. The exceeding bad state of health I have
labored under within this twelve Month; the r
Repeated

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repeated violent and dangerous attacks that have
latterly afflicted me, and which are well known;
joined to the opinions of the Surgeon who has
attended me, Messrs. Maxwell and Gowdie, the
latter of whom has for a length of time been
acquainted with my defective state of health
having at various periods afforded me the
relief and benefit by his kind and able
together with the enclosed certificate, will
recommend me to your notice, for leave
proceed, as soon as an opportunity offers,
Cape of Good Hope or St. Helena, and in
actual necessity, eventually to Europe, also
at the same time to solicit the indulgence
Months pay in advance from the time of
embarkation, to defray, in part, the expence
the Voyage, and in the event of the latter
considering the nature and exigency of the
a recommendation to the Court of Direc
participate of any advantages that may
derived from alterations that may be
the service.

I have the honor &c.

Vegapatam
30th December 1799

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This is to certify that Captain Heming of the Engineer Corps, having been long afflicted with repeated and violent Excesses of obstinate as to baffle every power of Medicine, came down to the Sea Coast in the Month of September, since which time he has complained of seems daily to gain ground, & I therefore my opinion, that the only possible chance of recovery left, is for Captain Heming to embrace the earliest opportunity of undertaking a long sea Voyage - either to the Cape of Good Hope, or to St. Helena.

[Signed] George Baird
Surgeon

Negapatam
27th November 1794.

Agreed that Captain Heming be permitted to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope or St. Helena, and eventually to Europe, as Minutes known for the re-establishment of his health.

Captain Heming's application for an advance of six Months pay cannot be granted - but, in case he should proceed no further than the Cape of Good Hope, and that he returns within six Months from the period of his departure he will be permitted to draw the whole of his Arrears upon his return to the Coast.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Accountant General.

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

Sum Summary of reporting the Amount of the rice sent to Columbo

I am honored with your Letter of the 19th instant the Amount of all Invoices of rice sent to Columbo per the Ganges in September last is stated in the Books to be Pagodas 11,307.3 and Charges - the exchange on Bombay I understand to be Bombay Rupees ₹ 100 Pagodas Amount in Pagodas will produce Bombay Rupees 37,316.4 the Cost of the exchange of Arcot Rupees is taken at 365 the 100 Pagodas, the rate at which it was fixed by Government some time ago, and taking 2 per Cent discount for the difference that Bombay are better than Arcot Rupees the Amount will therefore be Bombay rupees 40,464.9.2 being Bombay Rupees 3,148.7.7 more or less of the Company

I have the honor to &c. &c.

(Signed) Robt Ross

Acct Genl

Fort St. George
Accountant Generals
Office 26th December 1799

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Minute thereon

Agreed to inform the Governor
of Columbo that the Board consent to accept a
draft on Bombay for the amount of the Rece
sent on the Ship Yarmouth and that the
exchange has been calculated according to the
rate last established by this Government upon
the Arcot Rupee which is the currency of th
this place, at 365 ℔ Star Pagodas, and
taking 2 pr Cent thereon, the difference that
Bombay Rupees are better than those of
Arcot, the Amount will then be Bombay
Rupees forty thousand four hundred and
Sicca Four, nine annas, and two pice ℔ 40,464.9.2

Agreed also that the Govern=
ment of Columbo be requested to state the
Sum due by the Board on account of the
Dutch Troops sent for the defence of the
Coast, in transporting them from Ceylon,
all other Expences having been already
defrayed.

Read the following Letter
from Colonel Martinz:

To

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Fort Selwyn 30th December 1794

To William C Jackson Esqr

Military and Political Secretary

Sir,

I am Commandant at Ramnad death of Lieutenant and Adjutant Neville recommended Sergeant Major Clarke to succeed him.

In the information of the Right Honble the President and Council I beg leave to acquaint you that yesterday morning departed this life Lieutenant and Adjutant James Neill of this Garrison and was succeeded in the evening

The Necessity I [illegible] here is obvious, and I make [illegible] appear to the Judgment [illegible] the President in Council, [illegible] leave to recommend Samuel [illegible] Major to be promoted to the [illegible] being a good Sober diligent Man [illegible] the Moors and Malabar Language [illegible] and who has done the duty of Adjutant for [illegible] many years past, because the deceased [illegible] M.r Neill, was [illegible] coun out in the service and not able to [illegible] move, notwithstanding [illegible] to come to wait on me for Orders [illegible] Report, of course the whole duty [illegible] Serjeant Major, whom I now recommend [illegible]

Ramnad
30 December 1794.

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The Secretary informs the Bo
that the Right Honble President had no
objection to the appointment and recommend
appointed accordingly by Colonel Manting. — Resolved in consequence that
Lieutenant Major Clarke be appointed adjutant to
the Troops in Garrison at Ramnad, and
that he allowances be the same as those
drawn by the late adjutant Revill. —

Read the following letter from
Mr. Secretary Hay.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St George

Sir

I am directed by the Governor in
General in Council to transmit to you
the accompanying Dispatches which have
been received, for the Political and Military
Departments at your Presidency, by the Thetis.

You are requested to acquaint the
Governor in Council that the Consignment
of the Thetis, in the first instance, to Madras,
which she was not able to make good on
account of the Season of the year, having
induced

From Mr. Hay —
forwarding the Packet
for Madras per Thetis
explanation on the
subject. the Recruits
and Military Stores
will be sent round
shortly. —

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inclosed the Officers of the Indian House to put on
into her Military Packet the undermentioned
Papers, the Inspection of which, in consequence of her
coming at once to this Presidency, was immediately
necessary, the Governor General in Council was so
persuaded that your Government would see sufficient
reason for any deviation from the Packet, and withdrawing
the Papers from it, and this has been done accord=
=ingly.

You are requested also to inform the
Governor in Council that the Madras Recruits &
and the Military Stores will be forwarded by the
Company's Ships, by the first opportunity that offers

№ 5 Invoice of Military Stores for Thetis for Fort St George
№ 6 Bill Lading of the Thetis &c Ditto
№ 9 List of Military on board the Ship Thetis for Ditto
№ 10 Account of Goods Shipped on the Thetis for
Fort St George for which Certificates are to
Required to be returned.

Fort William
the 11th of December
1794

I have the honor to be
&c: &c:
/Signed/ E. Hay
Secy to the Government

The

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General letter from England to Choles dated 2d and 28th May Read and Resolutions passed thereon

[illegible] proceed to pass the necessary orders and resolutions upon the letters from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department dated the 21st and 28th May to Choles viâ Bengal.

General Letter

21st May.

Consl. 2d Intention of applying to obtain dispatches from Fort St. George—steps will be taken for the recovery of the balance due by the Rajah—

This paragraph requires no remark

5th Ditto claimants the business to be attended as soon as the state of the treasury will admit.

Ordered that this subject remain for consideration until the return of the Right Honble Lord Hobart, from his excursion Tour.

6 Lord Cornwallis determination confirming the future rank and emoluments of the Senior officer of Artillery upon the Establishment approved.

Do. 8th Do

7 Recommends of paying the Topaz battalions approved as to the allowances against the Paymasters of Madras.

The Matter of Complaint against the Paymaster at Madras, as noticed in this paragraph, was fully investigated by the Military Auditor General; and, as the result thereof, acquitted the Paymaster of improper conduct in the mode of payment to the 9th Battalion of Native Infantry, it was not thought necessary to report the issue of the investigation to the Honble Court.

Consult the 8th April

Registered

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8 The establishment of Master Mariners approved.

Read the observation

Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be Sent to the Military Board for their

9 Arrangement of the Master Lascars Corps approved. The saving arising from the intended reduction of the Pilots to be borne on the Establishment to be applied in future to enabling Officers for five years above the Establishment for military Service in 1795 one Thousand five hundred and Twelve Pagodas and Fifty Cash to be added to the Allowance to Fort St. George.

information, and that their attention be drawn to the circumstance noticed by the Honble Court in regard to the Letter referred to their consideration from the Military auditor General under date the 24th November 1794 on the subject of the invalid and pension establishments.

10 Monopoly The Petition to Mr Edward White approved. His claim of the Pagodas to be immediately

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be instructed to pass Mr Edward White's Bill for one Hundred and Sixty Pagodas, and that a notification thereof be made to Mr White.

15 Allowances for House rent to the Military officers at the Presidency approved.

Ordered that a copy of this paragraph be sent to Colonel Braithwaite for his information

16 Mr Bourette formerly an assistant Surgeon to receive an allowance for his future maintenance

Resolved that an allowance of Twenty [20] Pagodas p Month be granted to Mr Bourette, so long as he shall continue to conduct himself to the Satisfaction of the Board, and that a notification of this resolution be made to the Military Auditor General and to Mr Bourette

Ordered

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17 Mr Dent's
requisition for
Assistant Surgeons
to be supplied with

Ordered that Mr Colin Brownlow

be furnished with a copy of this paragraph

18 the Court enquire
into the appointment
of Captain Dighton
and Lieutenants
Powell

Requires no remark

19 Mr Copley

20 the Board's
resolution for
granting Half Batta
to the People in the
Gunner Lascars
approved

Mr Norgate

22 Lieutenant Colonel
Paterson's two Sons
appointed Cadets

Ordered that Lt Colonel Brathwaite be
furnished with a copy of this paragraph
and desired to report whether the two Sons
of the late Lieutenant Colonel Paterson
properly qualified for the service

23 Mr Lindsay's
Claim for the pay-
ment of Bullocks
employed in the
apprehension of
Dacoits approved

Resolved that an order be sent to the
Paymaster at Ganjam to discharge the
sum due to Mr Lindsay.

24 Vizianagrum
Zemindary noticed
in the Revenue
Department

Requires no remark

25 Plan for the
establishment of
provision for the
Military officers
appointed

Ordered that a copy of this paragraph
be sent to Colonel Brathwaite for the
information of the Army

26 Mr Lindsay be
called upon for an
explanation of the
Charges made by
Lieut at Paymaster
Sullivan against
Mr Gardiner

Requires no remark

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Port St George 20th December 1794

27. Reform of the Hospital Board at Fort St George, and them.—

The regulations referred to in this Department were not found upon Enquiry to answer — and the Board were therefore under the necessity of adopting another arrangement, which was detailed in the letter to the Honorable Court dated the 18th February 1794.

Ordered that a copy of this paragraph be sent to Colonel Braithwaite.—

28. Arrangement in favor of the six Junior Lieutenants to be considered hereafter.—

29. Direction will be given for the execution of the Monument proposed to be erected to the Memory of the late Lieutenant Colonel Monro.—

Required no remark

30. The cheerful compliance with the recommendation of the Hospital Board for the establishment of a Garrison at Fort St George.—

Ordered that a copy of this paragraph be sent to the Hospital Board

31. No reply

32. Mrs Mary Jones request in favor of Lieutenant George Langley and Mrs Mary Jones, be acquainted of the Court's orders upon their applications.—

33 Observations on the annual Indent of the Medicines and Utensils.—

Resolved that a copy of this Paragraph with a copy of Dr Laurence's letter be sent to the Hospital Board for their information.—

Ordered

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Fort St George 30th December 1779

34 No further extension of the Campaign Country can be made in support of the Male Orphan Asylum

Ordered that a copy of this para- be sent to the Secretary of the Male Orphan Asylum.

35 Opinion upon Mr Simon Baillie's Memorial.

Required no remark

36 Military Mail.

Ordered that a copy of this para- graph be sent to the Military Bd

37 & 38 No reply

39 Establishment of a Nursery for the supply of Horses for the Native Cavalry - opinion thereon

Nothing has yet been done in regard to the establishment of a Nursery for the supply of horses for the Native Cavalry - The Rajas of Calastry and Vencatgherry, and Bomraauze, having stated that their Pollams, from a scarcity of Rain, are inadequate to the maintenance of any considerable number of Colts.

40 alterations in the Cavalry arrangements approved.

41 Gratuity allowed to the King's Colonels, not in command of Regiments &c approved.

42 Captain & all Asst Surveyors and field books submitted to Major Rennell.

These paragraphs require no remark

43 No reply

44 The memorial of the Infantry Officers complaining of the Rank given to Lieutenant Colonel Dugald Campbell, will be replied to hereafter.

Required no remark

Ordered

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45 Captains first appointed in the Country to have Rank from the date of their Commissions

Ordered that the receipt of Colonel Braithwaite's letter of the 25 February 1793 be now acknowledged, and that he be desired to submit to the Board an arrangement of the rank of the Officers in question, agreeably to the opinion given by the Court.

46, relative to Assistant Surgeons

Ordered that the Hospital Board be directed to submit a similar arrangement for the four Assistant Surgeons noticed by the Court.

47 & 48 Nineply

58 Lieutenant Price of the Invalids ordered to be retained on the effective List.

Ordered that Lieutenant Price be restored to the effective List.

51 & 52. Colonel Fraser's emoluments - He cannot receive more than the 3rd Troop. List an addition or may be made to his allowances, in which should be absolutely requisite - now for letting out the Troop.

Ordered, that the Military Auditor General do lay before the Board a Statement of the allowances drawn by the Officers on the Command of the Northern and Southern Divisions of the Army, that, in case it shall appear that Colonel Fraser's emoluments are inferior to those of Colonel Floyd, he may be put upon a similar footing -

Ordered also that a copy of the 51 paragraph be sent to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance.

Registered

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53 New invented Gun carriage has been submitted to the examination of your Board of Ordnance.

Requires no remark

54 No reply

55 allowance to Military Paymaster for Canals and Roads not to be approved.

Requires no remark

56 57 No reply

58 Defence of the Western Frontier approbation of the measures taken.

The Board, in their letter from the Political Department under date the 18th February 1794, stated what further had occurred in regard to the defence of the Western Frontier and particularly submitted to the decision of the Court the recommendation of the Military Board for constructing a large Fort in the Baramahal. Orders have since been given at the recommendation of the Supreme Board, for dismantling the several Forts in the ceded Countries, as directed by the Marquis Cornwallis, excepting those that were necessary as intermediate posts, on a road it had been thought advisable to open through the Center of the Baramahal, and Salem Countries by the Paupur Pass

Consult 29 April

Dr. 22 July

Requires no remarks

59 Regulations for the Natives to Cavalry approved

Do - - - Do

60 allowance to the Commandant of the Governors Body Guard approved

Do - - - Do

61 Contract for buildings and repairs approved

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62 Nonplus

63 Captains Arthur Hamilton's sentence taken against him approved

64 & 65 Nonplus

66 Disapprobation of the appointment of the Revd Mr Kerr to be Chaplain

No remarks

The Board are concerned to find that the Honorable Court have expressed their disapprobation of the appointment of the Reverend Mr. K. to be Chaplain to the 4th Regiment now stationed at Ellore

Strictly The Board considering the propriety of not leaving the European Battalions without Chaplains have made choice of the appointment of Mr. Kerr, in being only received an intimation of the intention of the Court, to fill up the situation to one of the Regts, which had been vacant for some years, which had been vacant for being only for another an improper [illegible] of the Honorable [illegible] to do Came out [illegible] of Mr. Owen who was recommended by the Commodore to the Suffolk, and made from similar motives. but it may be necessary to add the following declaration delivered in by the Secretary

The

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The Secretary declaring the motion respecting the appointment of the Revd. Mr. Owen

The Secretary rose and stated in declaring to the Board, that it was entirely owing to his own want of recollection of the Company's orders of 1789, that, upon the Right Honorable the President's calling for his opinion, whether Mr. Owen could be appointed Chaplain to one of the European Regiments, he replied, that he knew not of any objection. The Secretary is extremely concerned that he should have been at the time so forgetful of the order respecting Dr. Bell, but, the recent appointment of Mr. Kerr, and the manner in which it was recommended to the Honorable Court's approval, led him to believe that there was no objection, / tho' he now finds he was mistaken / to Mr. Owen's appointment.

In making this declaration, the Secretary begs permission to add, that, when the Right Honorable President called for his opinion, Mr. Owen was wholly unknown to him.

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Signed / W. Jackson

Resolved, in consequence of the orders from the Court, that the appointments of Messrs. Kerr and Owen be annulled, but that they be permitted to act until persons be sent from England to supply their places, or until the further pleasure of the Court of Directors be known.

Govt.

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67 Supply

General Letter

28th May

Mr. Digby's charge to Col. Lock left to be enquired into, ordered to be investigated.

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be directed to cause diligent search to be made for the Vouchers mentioned by the Court, and if they be found, that he report upon the charge brought forward by Mr. Digby.

Extd. Geo. Parry
Sec. to Govt.

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Diary

Dispatches the undermentioned &
Letters entered in Mr. B Nos. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196.
197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205.

To Secretary at Bengal — forwarding five Letters from the Nabob for the Governor General.

To Mr. Secretary Hay

To Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — with copies of the Auditors Reports upon his different Estimates for January.

To Mr. Sharden

To Acting Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies — permitting the repair of the Gram Store of the 5th Regiment.

To Ditto

To Resident at Cuddalore — with a List of Native Witnesses to be required to attend at the Trial of Captain Oxenden.

To Mr. Kenworthy

To Mr. Connolly — directing him to receive L. Lasalles into the Lunatic Hospital.

To Mr. Connolly

To Military Auditor General — referring Mr. Roebuck's additional Estimate for January — Major Lutt permitted to draw full Batta from the 8th Instant until his return to Cuddalore.

To Colonel Malcolm

To

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To Major Tutt — Thanks.

To Major Dallas — To Major Dallas — permitting him to visit Madras.

To Captain Little — To Captain J. Little — granting him three Months leave of absence.

To Colonel Nixon — To Colonel Nixon — desiring him to attend at Pallavaram, for the purpose of his giving evidence at Captain Overend's Trial

To Lieutenant Sober — To Lieutenant Sober — permitting him to proceed to sea.

To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling. — To Commandant at Pondicherry — with Instructions for his guidance, in regard to the Rights to be exercised by the Dutch or Neutral Cast — Madm Marichauze's Request inadmissible — the prohibition of Meetings amongst the Natives approved — Monsr Bartho — appointed 2d Member of the Council — a proper place, distant from the Town, to be allotted for the purpose of the Inoculations.

To Ditto — To Ditto — with a List of Native Witnesses to be summoned for Captain Overends Court Martial — Monsr Fumeron also to attend at it.

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To Clerk of the Treasury

To Clerk of the Treasury – ordering advances for the Bullock Agency and Grain and provisions Departments for January.

From Adjutant General

Received a letter from the Adjutant General entered in M: B: No. 206 requesting six Months leave of absence for Lieutenant Roth, on Account of extreme Ill health.

Eon Saunders
C H Stallofield

Wm Garry
Wm Hyde