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To Paymaster General 15

From Military Paymaster General referring a Claim of Captain Campbell 74th Regiment to Pay as Brigade major to the Kings Troops from the period of major Wrights departure. —

From Mr Pollock — soliciting another application to the Board to liquidate the claims of the late Captain J. Sinclair upon his Highness.

From Commandant at Pondicherry requesting that his French Interpreter may be on the same footing, as during Colonel Wilsons Command, and that the Salaries of Secretary and Interpreter may be paid for January.

From Captain Gelsmore — requesting the payment of the freight for the Anna.

From Commandant at Hyder. reporting his arrival, with the 2nd. Battalion, at Ramnad.

Dispatched the undermentioned letters Enclosing inv.s Nos. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. —

To Secretary at Bengal — advising of the seizure of the Ramnad Rajahs person — and that he is now a prisoner in his palace

To Military Board — referring an application from different officers at Vellore for House Rent

To Major Newman — expressing the acknowledgments of Government for his gallant and active conduct and that of Captains Bowser and the officers and men employed in effecting the seizure of the Ramnad Rajahs person. —

To Board of Revenue — requesting a statement of the Revenues of the Carnatic. —

To Accountant of the Treasury — ordering an additional advance to Mr Roebuck for February —

To Mr Thomas Watkins — his application for Passage money inadmissible but giving him the option of going home as a Charter party Passenger.

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Sent the following letter

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart
Governor General in Council
at
Fort William

Honorable Sir,

to Bengal advising of the death of the Calastry Rajah and of the claim of the Nabob to a Nuzzer on the Investiture of his Son - observations on the occasion. -

a few days ago we received a letter from Tirna nair, the only Son of the late Rajah of Calastry, advising us of the death of his Father, and stating his claims to the succession in a double point of view as the nearest of Kin, and as the last wish of the deceased. -

In a conference which our President had with an individual amongst this subject, his Highness signified on the part of the Nabob, that no measure might be taken by us respecting the confirmation of Tirna nair until arrangements had been made for the payment of a Nuzzer, which, agreeably to the practice of the Country was always demanded and received by the Prince, as an indefeasible right of sovereignty from all Persons on whom Power and authority were bestowed, and which had been in a manner acknowledged by the Treaty of 1792 between the Nabob and the Company, wherein it was declared that the Sovereign rights of his Highness were to be preserved inviolate.

As this is the first instance of the kind that has occurred since the Treaty, and as the Nabob would [illegible] fairly consider our [illegible] which his [illegible] would be guided, [illegible] conduct on all similar occasions to be taken, [illegible] have desired that no measure [illegible] until the result of this reference to your Honorable Board be known. -

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To enable you to form a Judgment of the
situation in which the Rajah of Calastry stood at the
time of his death, with respect to the Nabob as well as
to the Company, we shall briefly state from our
records the circumstances that occurred in the year
1788, when the Nabob applied for and obtained the
assistance of a Military Force, for the purpose of
dispossessing the Rajah of the District of Sattiramporo
and the Hill Pollams, which were declared by his
Highness to have been held by Sunnud, and by the Rajah
to have been granted about forty years before as a Jaghire.
With the aid of our Troops, the Nabob recovered those
Lands, and possessed himself also of 122 Villages which
appertained to the ancient Zemindary - In consequence,
however, of orders from the Court of Directors, the Rajah, in
the month of December 1791, was restored by the Company,
and guaranteed in the possession of Sattiramporo and
the Villages, under the condition of a punctual discharge
of his Peishcush, and of fidelity in his obedience to the
Circar -

We are led to believe from the enquiries we have
made, that it has been an invariable custom upon the
investiture of a Rajah, Zemindar or Poligar to pay a Nuzzer
to the Sovereign in acknowledgment of his authority - but
whether the late treaty operates against a continuance of
this custom, by providing that the Tributaries of the Carnatic
shall not be assessed beyond a given sum without the
Consent of the two contracting parties - whether under the
impression that a Nuzzer is customary upon such occasions,
our consent ought to be given, or whether, if the right be
in the Nabob to demand, he can arbitrarily prescribe
the amount, are questions which we wish to submit
to your determination.

If the subject had not involved
considerations of such importance, we should have

been

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been induced / Knowing that the custom had prevailed / to acquiesce in the Nabobs right to demand a Nuzzer. Interposing our authority in the most effectual manner with respect to the amount, and Guarantees the Rajah against a second demand. But, when we reflected that it was possible your construction of the late Treaty might be otherwise, and that his Highness would shortly have a similar claim to prefer upon the appointment of a successor to the Rajah of Ramnad we thought it prudent to solicit your opinion and directions How to proceed at once to determination — We request that you will be pleased to furnish with your early sentiments, and be glad in case your opinion be to the demand, that you would advise us of the amount to which his Highness should be limited or lay down some General Principles for our guidance upon this or any future occasion. We enclose, for your information, a report of the Rajah's Revenue, but we cannot Please ourselves to rely on the accuracy of the statement

We have the honor to be with respect Sir Your most obedient humble Servants

(Signed) Hobart
Wm Brown
Wm Page

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in Mil. B: Nos 106. 107. 108. 109. 110.

Letter Postponed under at Ellore offering Mr. Porter as his Security in the room of Lieut. Taylor Clerk and Captain Lester — who are about to Europe. —

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To Mr - Marten 11th. To Ditto at Palamcotah - directing the sale of 13 Cast Horses - from the 3d Regiment -

To Major Stevenson To Major Stevenson - with orders to deliver them over to Mr. Marten.

To Mr Secretary Hay To Secretary at Bengal - requesting Copys of the Regulations in force in the Bengal provinces relative to Collectors and Commandants of Stations. -

To Auditor General To Military Auditor General notifying the resolution for advancing 1000 Pagodas to Colonel Brathwaite & to be deducted from the Sum he may be entitled to receive by Instructions from the Court of Directors. -

At a Consultation
Present
The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor - President
Edward Saunders Esqr
and
Ernst William Tallofsild Esqr

Tuesday 17th January 1795

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. -

Read

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Read the following letter. –

To William C. Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the military Department

Sir

From Major Thomson advising of the Rannahd Rajah being a prisoner

I have the Honor and Satisfaction to acquaint You, for the Information of Government, that the Rajah of Rammad is prisoner in his Palace – I marched from Tinnivelly the 5th was joined by Captain Bowser's Battation at Hurtar, and, by forced Marches arrived here at Gun fire this morning.

The Sepoys under the Command of Colonel Manting admitted me by his order into the Fort, and Captain Bowser's Battation immediately took possession of the Palace – The Rajah after some hesitation, and prevailing arguments Surrender'd himself prisoner, and submitted to the will of Government. –

I depart Mr George Powney – here morrow or next Day, when, under his Authority

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authority, the further orders of Government respecting the Disposal of the Rajah will be Recvd. —

It is my Duty to observe that I am much indebted to Colonel Martinz for useful information, and a zealous support in effectuating the orders of Government into execution. —

February 8th 1795 — I have the honor to be
Ramnad &c &c &c

(Signd) J. Stevenson

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor and Presidentin Council
Fort St George

May Lord

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that the 3d Regiment of native Cavalry, and 7th Battalion N. Infantry, under the command of Major Stevenson arrived here at day break yesterday morning, and Secured the Person of the Rajah of Ramnad, without any resistance on his part. It would appear that he had, the night before, received some intimation

from Mr. Bracey — with similar " advice — has left the temporary management of the country to the Rajahs Prisoner. —

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intimation that Troops were coming against him, for he had made every preparation to escape, but the extraordinary exertions of the Troops completely took him by surprise

I would be persuaded sir in me to pretend to offer any panegyrics on the Military character of Major Stevenson but to his good conduct and able Management this object has been most fortunately accomplished without bloodshed, or one unpleasant circumstance attending it. Major Stevenson has told me that he had received early and useful information from Colonel Martins for which he considered himself greatly indebted. —

The Rajah was this morning sent under the Charge of Captain Bowers Battalion, who has received orders to proceed with him with the most convenient dispatch dition to Mullore, where I would dispatch orders by the time he arrived there with respect to his delivering him over to the

Officer

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officer commanding, or proceed with him to Trichinopaly. —

The Detachment is ordered to rendezvous at Shwaguiga, I shall not countermand for two or three days, by which time we shall be able to ascertain the effect this measure has upon the minds of the people in general, at all events the rumor of their march may remove any inclination to hostility. —

Every possible attention has been shown to the Rajah, but it became indispensably necessary to remove him early this morning, for even under restraint, he manifested a disposition not very consistent with his situation. — He made very urgent application that his whole Family consisting of 3 Wives and 30 or 40 Concubines should accompany him, this could not possibly be admitted, but I gave him the option of taking with him three or four of his Family. It appears that he has only one legitimate Child, (a Daughter,) and

five

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five natural children. —

I have told his Highness, who I detained here, to carry on the management of the Country, to attend to the Collections, and to report to me, every day, his proceedings and that I held him responsible for every measure that might be adopted during the interregnum. — I shall hope for your Lordships Instructions as soon as it may be convenient, on the subsequent measures to be pursued with respect to the Government of the Country. —

I do myself the honor to transmit you an Extract of a Letter which was transmitted to me by Colonel Macleod, respecting his Sentiments on the plan of securing the person of the Rajah, with the Troops under his Command, they will justify my having anticipated the measure I resolved on in sending the Detachment. —

The Whole of the Property of the Rajah is under the care of his own Servants,

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Servants, and a Guard from Colonel Martine's Battalion stationed at the Palace.

I shall detain the Regiment of Cavalry in the Country for some days, the necessity of which, I hope, will appear obvious to your Lordship and that my conduct throughout this Service will meet your approbation.

I have the honor to be most respectfully &c &c &c

(Signed) George Powney
Collector

Ramnad
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Extract of a letter from Colonel Martine to Mr. G. Powney — Dated 5th February 1795

In answer to the above beg leave to acquaint you that with the small force I have in this Garrison it is impossible to effect the object in view without hazarding an horrible measure. Therefore it is absolutely necessary that a detachment should be ordered to cause respect, and to prevent the Rajah and his people from entertaining of successful resistance to the orders of Government.

I am

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I am of your opinion, that the Regiment of Cavalry, the Battalion of Nayars and the two Brigades of Guns will be sufficient to carry the orders of Government into execution in and Travancore, as it is to be hoped without bloodshed, or confusion, Nevertheless it would be proper in my opinion that the Battalion at Mallore, or some other Party should have orders to be ready to march at the moment they may be ordered should it be found requisite; your own judgement will point out to you that such precaution is necessary. —

No doubt can be entertained of Tracey being Kept on my part, but I am of opinion that the Rajah will be acquainted with his deserved fate by his people at all Madras and elsewhere, and by some other busy ones: Therefore the measure should be carried into execution with as little delay as possible. —

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) A. Hunter

A true Copy

(Signed) G. Powney Collector Right

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Right Honble the Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Colonel Floyd on the same subject - requests orders regarding the confinement of the Rajah

although you will doubtless receive direct accounts from Mr Powney of Major Stevenson having made himself Master of the Person of the Rommad Rajah, on the 8th Instant, in his Palace, without Bloodshed; yet I think it incumbent on me to forward a Copy of Mr. Powney's Letter to me, received last night. —

as the Rajah is to be sent to this Garrison, I beg to be informed in what degree of restraint, or indulgence he is to be kept, and what allowance for subsistence.

as he will probably arrive before I can receive your Commands, I propose, in the mean time, treating him with such indulgence as is consistent with the security of his Person, and supplying him with what he can reasonably want for his subsistance, in case he has no means of his own. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir, &c.
(Signed) I Floyd
Colonel

Trichinopoly
February 12th 1795

Colonel

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Colonel Floyd
&c. &c. &c.

Dear Sir

I have much pleasure in
acquainting you that the Rajah of
Ramnad's person is secured, and he is
now under a proper Guard — The Duke himself
under the Command of Major Macaulay made
extraordinary exertions, and arrived here at day
break this morning, which was very fortunate
as he would have perhaps escaped had it
been half an hour later, for Colonel Maxting
says he was making every preparation to
escape. —

I am most happy this business
has been concluded without Bloodshed, or
without any one disagreeable, or unpleasant
Circumstance attending it. —

It is necessary however that the
Raja, should be removed without delay
from this, Captain Beaver has, in
Consequence, received orders to take him

under

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under the Charge of his Battalion and to proceed with him to Arillore, if the Detachment should not have assembled at Shwaguenga, but on this subject, I shall write you more tomorrow.

Altho' we have succeeded in the Seizure of the Rajah's person, yet it would not be prudent to countermand the Detachments that are ordered to Shwaguenga until we see the effect this measure has upon the minds of the people of the Country. —

I am with much esteem
&c., &c.,
(Signed) George Powney

Ramnad
8th February 1795

True Copy
(Signed) N. Cuppage

Resolved that the following letter be written to Mr. Powney and to Colonel Floyd

To Mr George Powney
Collector of Polygar Peishcush
at Ramnad

Sir,

To Mr. Powney - his Conduct highly approved - orders regarding the Rajahs Property and Effects and Family - to be vigilant after Conduct of his Prisoners

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 9th instant, and to express his

warmest

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warmest approbation of your Conduct in the e
xecution of the Measures intrusted to your ma-
nagement for apprehending the Person of the R
Rajah of Ramnad. —

You will, in the presence of
Colonel Martin, receive charge of the Treasure
found in the Rajah's Palace, and pass a r
Receipt for the amount, to the Servants under
whose care it now is — You will also report
to the President in Council the exact amount,
specifying the particular coins, and Jewels &
The other Property and Effects of the Rajah are to
remain under the charge of Colonel Martin,
who will station a Guard at the Palace for their
Security. —

Such of the Rajah's Family as do not
accompany him to Trichinopoly, should of
course be relieved from any immediate p
pecuniary embarassment; and you are
desired to report what, in your Judgment,
ought to be allowed to them for their M
maintenance and support, until proper
arrangements can be made for the future
Government

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Government of the Rammad Country.

You will keep a vigilant Eye on the conduct of the Pindarees, apprizing him that he is responsible to Government for the whole of his management until a successor to the late Rajah be appointed.—

The President in Council will communicate in a separate letter to Colonel Martin, his Lordships sentiments of the Conduct observed by that Officer on the late occasion.

I am &c &c
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Secretary

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To Colonel Floyd
Commanding the Southern Division of the army
at
Trichinopoly

Sir

to Colonel Floyd with orders on the Subject of this Letter above

The Right Honble the President in Council having received information from Mr. George Powney that the late Rajah of Rammad

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Rannad left that place for Trichinopoly on the 9th instant, I am directed by his Lordship to desire that, until further orders, you will make a proper provision for the Subsistence of the Rajah and his Followers, keeping in view the necessity of regulating the expence by the situation in which he is placed. —

You will of course shew every indulgence to the Rajah consistent with the most perfect security of his Person, it being of great moment to provide against the possibility of his effecting an escape.

I am Sir &c &c

(signd) W.C Jackson

Secretary

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Conduct of major Stevenson and his detachment approved. —

Resolved that the approbation of Government be communicated to Major Stevenson for his conduct in the late service, and through him to the officers and men composing the detachment.

Ordered that a letter be written to Bengal on the foregoing subject. —

Read

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Read the following letter from

Colonel Brathwaite

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before

your Lordship in Council a letter addressed

to you by Lieutenant Henry Evans, with a

a Plan for breeding Horses within our own

Possessions. —

This is a subject which I have long

had much at heart, and on which I have

conversed with many Officers, in consequence

of which many Plans have been com-

municated to me, some of which have

I believe been communicated to your

Lordship — most of them however included

such certain and great expence, and so

many difficulties that I could not at

attend to them.

I however mentioned the

Subject to the Commander in Chief in India

some

Colonel Brathwaite
transmitting Lieutenant
Evans's plans for breeding
Horses in the Northern
Circars, observations
on the Subject. —

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some Months ago, and strongly recommended the attempt being made for the same reasons as are now stated by Lieutenant Evans, and I have seen that the Measure has been adopted by the Supreme Government.—

on Lieutenant Evans lately arriving at the Presidency, it occurred to my mind that he had turned his thoughts much to the breeding of horses in the Circars, where I long Commanded and with great success, and I advised him to bring the Matter forward which he has done, and I think the plans he has prepared, and which is now submitted to your Lordship is extremely rational and well digested, and as promising as fair, as any thing of the Kind can be, for success—

I will venture to affirm upon my own knowledge as far as I am capable of Judging, and from some Specimens

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Specimens of Lieutenant Evans's Boat that he has been successful, and is as competent to the undertaking as perhaps any man in India – his turn of mind says so much that way that I am convinced he is not actuated by any other motive than that of distinguishing himself by rendering an important Service to his employers in a line for which he is Peculiarly qualified both by inclination and Knowledge founded on experience, and his Proposals are so very disinterested that I am induced to think, if Government is inclined to make the experiment which I cannot but most earnestly recommend that it should be on the Plan proposed by Lieutenant Evans and under his management. It appears to me that, upon this plan, the risk of the Company is not such as to be put in comparison with the Prospect of advantage it Promises: there is in fact nothing worth mentioning

Cost

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but the Cost of the Mares and a few Stallions,
and these I am convinced - should the
attempt be found not to answer fully, the
expectation which it certainly holds out,
may be resold on account of the Company
without loss - and perhaps with
advantage, I would not however recom-
mend that the experiment should
be tried with less than one hundred
mares, as I think no solid conclusion
can be formed if it is made with a
smaller number, for that which might
answer by selecting a few mares
might not answer if a large number
were Promiscuously Purchased, but as the
latter experiment can be tried at so
small an expence to the Company, it
may be worthy of your Lordships
consideration - should it turn out
that horses can be bred in our own
Territories as good and as cheap as
as they can be purchased in foreign
markets, the advantages which must
result

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result to the Honble Company, in every Point of view of the subject, are such as it cannot be necessary for me to dwell upon. —

I have the honor to be
with great respect
My Lord,
your Lordships very obedient Servant
(Signed) John Braithwaite

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
February 14th 1795

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council &c &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord

The great difficulty that has hitherto occurred in procuring Horses for our Cavalry, the inferiority of those We have been able to obtain, with the vast expence unavoidably incurred in purchasing them at foreign Markets, and the disadvantage to our Country of sending out monies A sums annually for that purpose, induced me, so far back as the year 86, to draw up a

Plan

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Plan for breading Horses in the Company's
Circars, with a view of laying it before
Government, but finding that my
intentions had transpired, and a probability
of meeting opposition in its earliest stage,
I thought it expedient to drop the Idea,
until a more favorable opportunity
offerd of bringing it forward. —

I however purchased some
mares on my own account, with a view
of gaining very possible information on
a subject, that I conceived, at a future
period, might be found of much public
utility, and a means of recommending
myself to the attention of my Employers

Permit me, my Lord, to
observe that I feel much satisfaction in
the result of my Experiments, and being
able to inform your Lordship that I have
bred some very fine Cattle one of which
I have now with me, above 15 hands high
remarkably strong and active, got by a

Persian

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Persian Horse, on a Diare brought from Hydrabad and as the Sire and Dam have been seen by the Commander of the army, I could wish to ~ produce the Colt in his presence to Government and for his opinion, confident of his being in ~ every respect superior to both - a convincing proof they do not degenerate, but that We can breed better Cattle in our own Territories, and at a much cheaper rate, than can be procured by purchase - admitting every exertion possible to be made for that purpose and the most economical System pursued. -

Experience, my Lord, has pointed out the absolute impossibility in time of War, to obtain a sufficient Supply of Horses to fill up the casualties that must unavoidably happen in the different Regiments on service - a recent instance of which occurred at the conclusion of the late War by the ~ dismounted state of all our Cavalry Corps - and it may not be improper to add that, in time of peace, We can only procure such Horses as ~ are rejected by the Native Powers whose strength chiefly consist in Horse - nor even

on

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on these terms if a just calculation is made
of prime cost, the necessary contingent &
charges, Agency &c" can such as are fit for
service be delivered to the Company at less
than twice the Sum I have made it appear
by my Statement, they can at all times be
delivered, and with certainty when most
required. —

These Ideas and the Plan lately
adopted by the supreme Government, suggest
the present moment as most favorable to "
bring forward a similar one — the result of "
many years experience, a point of meeting with
support from a liberal Government — and "
I hope the low Statement I have given in of
(Eighty)
80 " Pagodas for each Horse free of all "
Contingent charges will convince your Lordship
it is not from any wish of present pecuniary
advantage I am anxious to bring it forward —
as I have not included the expence I must "
unavoidably incur by my own attendance "
throughout the different stages of the business —
but shall with pleasure leave to my superiors

to

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to make me hereafter whatever they conceive an adequate recompence for the Service I am convinced I shall be able to render my Country, should my Plan be adopted — By a continual and regular annual supply of Cattle fit for every service — without the injurious mode We are now obliged to pursue by sending immense sums out of our own Country.

I cannot have the least doubt, that the opinion of so experienced a Cavalry Officer and so good a judge as Colonel Floyd must be from his local Knowledge and long residence in India, will have much weight with Government in favor of the Plan I have given in — and his Ideas of my being adequate to the task of bringing it to perfection I believe your Lordship is acquainted with. —

From the average low rate that Grass can be procured at in the Nizam's Country and also in some of the Bengal Provinces, I am led to imagine ten thousand Pagodas would be the very utmost expence that would be requisite for one hundred or from that to one Hundred and

fifty

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fifty mares, but with any less number your
Lordship may please, I will be happy to commence
a business, the utility of which I am well assured
will become an object of real consequence to the
service hereafter, and my utmost zeal shall be e
xerted to effect its completion, convinced it will be
rendered more easy, by the support I shall meet from the
public Spirit of the Collectors in the Neighbourhood A
of Rajahmundry. -

But should you, My Lord, A
not deem it expedient at present to adopt the Plan I have
the Honor to lay before you - may I hope you will be A
pleased to admit it, with my address to you on the "
Subject - as a number in your Lordships paraquet to
be laid before the Honble Court of Directors with "
your favorable opinion. -

I beg leave to apologise for so
long an intrusion on your Lordships time and have
the honor to be with the highest respect. -

My Lord,
your Lordships most
obedient and very
humble Servant
Signd H. Evans Lieut
Comg Rajahmundry

February
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Proposals

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Proposals for breeding Horses in the Northern Circars
under the direction of Lieutenant H. Evans submitted
to the Consideration of the Right Honorable Lord
Hobart &c &c &c

The Circars, for many reasons, seem to
possess advantages for breeding Horses superiorable to any
other part of the Coast, both as to Situation, Climate, and
forage, with regard to the former the number of large
Rivers by which that Country is intersected, afford
a certain protection from any attempt of an
Enemy to carry off the mares or young Cattle,
and the mode I wish to be adopted will also
tend to prevent their becoming an object to
an enterprising Partizan.

As a Plan of so extensive a nature
must unavoidably be attended with some
expence at its commencement it should be
an object to avoid such as may not be absolutely
necessary for carrying it into effect. The purchase
of the Mares will be found the principal
expence incurred by the Company, and as it
would be particularly unfavorable to keep
many together or permit them as in Europe

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to run loose in Parks inclosed for that purpose, from the inutility of their being highly fed, and the restlessness of their disposition, which would prove often fatal to the young Stock and occasion accidents to the Mares with foal, independent of the difficulty that would occur in obtaining lands, the expence of inclosing it, and the loss of revenue, in appropriating the best Ground to that purpose - I would beg leave to recommend to Government, that one or two Mares should be given to each Village on the banks of the Godavery, as done by Tippoo Sultaun in the Coimbetore Country, and the Collector be directed to make the head Ryots answerable for them, a Separate Shed or Stable, to be built for each, and a Man allotted for the charge of every Mare, who should take her out to feed in the morning - but and bring home with him sufficient Grass for the night - by this means she would have fresh & pasture every Day, and exercise enough to

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to keep her in health, the expence of which
would be 3/4 of a Pagoda a Month – if hired, it
considerably less when paid at the rate the Rajah
do their labourers – it will also be found
necessary that each Mare should have three
Seers of Grain per Day, which at the average
rate of three and half Pagodas (3½) a Candy of
of 800 Seers, will amount nearly to four and
half Pagodas (4½) Examine this with an
allowance of 3 Fanams a Month for Mashalls,
will be the total expence of one Mare for a year,
but I am of opinion, when proposed by the
Collectors it will be found even less than what
I have stated it. –

It is well known that each Mare
will produce annually a foal without
prejudice to hereby the one she suckles, or that
she carries the former I would permit to run
with its Dam until one year old, at which
period it would be necessary to take it from
the Village, and feed it on the Company's account,
until it attains the age of three year, in time
of Peace, and four in time of War, when

they

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they were be found perfectly fit to be
delivered to the Cavalry – should any
Objection arise to their being fed on the
Company's account, I will contract to feed
and supply them with every thing necessary,
free of any Contingent charge, at two and
a half Pagodas /2½/ P. Month, each Colt to
be marked with the Company's Chop, &
and the Muster Master of the Station to
muster and report their State monthly,
the same as the Cavalry. The Stallions
I would wish to have with myself, and
one a Month to see the Mares at the
different Villages, or oftener if necessary; and
in case of any being sick, should visit them
directly. In going to the different Stations, I
would take the Stallions with me, and
see the Mares served, in proper time, the
number required for that purpose, would
depend on that of the Mares, and could
easily be regulated hereafter, and by
procuring both of the best and description
I shall give, they will answer for many
years

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years - as some Fillies will unavoidably be produced I would give them to Villages at a year old, in the same manner as the Broad mares, where they could be attended to, at little expence until near four years old, at which time I would give them the Horse, should Government not think proper to appropriate them to some other use. -

Statement of Expence

A man in charge of the mare and to cut - M. P.

Grass at 3/4 Pag.r Man the . . . . . 9 " —

3 Seers of Gram & Day 1095 Seers a year,

at 3½ Pd. Pr Candy (of 800 Seer) . . . . . 11½ " —

Masaul, at 3 fanams Pr month (or 1/4 Rupee)

for one year . . . . . 3/4 " — "

Each Foal the first year for milk &

Journal 60 flower . . . . . 6 — " —

Feeding the Colt the second and third

year, at 2½ Pag.da each & Month . . . . 60 " " 71

Total Expence of a Colt of three years old. Pag.da 80 - " —

Notwithstanding what I have stated in the above as necessary for the present, I am not without hopes

that

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that when I come to put it into practice I shall be able with the assistance of the Collectors to lessen the expence considerably, and pledge my Honor to do so as far as in my power, Nor have I a doubt but, in a few years the Ryots of the different Villages would be induced to purchase the Mares from Government, and breed on their own account for the Company, on similar Terms to those held out by Tippoo Sultaun in his Book of Regulations.

Madras
21st January 1795

(Signed) W. Evans Lieut
Com.t Rajahmundry.

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 Commands communicated to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 11th instant relative to my own & situation, that of the Colonels on the Coast and Ge-
neral

From Colonel Braithwaite
– Captain Little requests
leave to go to Europe –
his merit noticed –
Lieutenant Colonel Agnew
and Particulars
request Otter
restored to the
Effective List. –

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several other matters which I had the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council. —

I return to your Lordship my sincere thanks for your immediate attention to my situation, and shall await your Lordships determination respecting the other cases to be communicated to the parties. —

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's determination in conformity to the orders of the Honble Court of Directors communicated by Mr. Jackson in another Letter under date the 11th instant, relative to the Corps of artillery, which shall be communicated to Lieutenant Colonel Gits. —

also your Lordship's determination communicated by Mr. Jackson in a letter under Date the 12th instant, relative to the force which is to be sent as an Escort to his Highness the Nabob's son from Trichenopoly, which shall be communicated to Colonel Floyd. —

I have also received your Lordships Commands in another letter from Mr. Jackson under Date the 12th instant relative to Captains

Beale

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Seal and Lapper, which shall be communicated to those Officers. —

Mr. Jackson has also inclosed to me a fresh Copy of the Certificate for the Widow Lee's Pension for my signature, returning the former one which had been incorrectly signed by Lieutenant Colonel Durand, and the mistake shall be rectified. —

I have now the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, an application from Captain Little to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his health. —

The Character of Captain Little as an Officer, is so thoroughly established by a series of good conduct, on a great variety of Services, that it is scarcely necessary for me to speak of him, as your Lordship cannot hear him mentioned but to his advantage. but as he was so long a Staff Officer employed immediately under me, it would be doing him an injustice if I did not state his meritorious character from my own knowledge, and request of your Lordship to recommend

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recommend him so to the Directors, that he
may not, by the cruel necessity under which
he now labours of going to Europe in search of
health, forfeit any future claim on the service
to which his rank may entitle him, and to
which his merits certainly give him a fair claim

I have also the honor to lay before
you the application of Lieutenant Mapother
on the Invalid establishment forwarded to me
by Colonel Floyd, with very strong recommendations
of Lieutenant Mapother who certainly bears, and
merits every high character, and whose situation
is Peculiarly hard, as it appears that he was Inva-
-lided from his being in Command of a Revenue
Battalion only, altho' in constitution well
able to serve. The Positive order of Government
prevented me from forwarding an application
to this Government to reinstate him on the effective
List, as that could only be done by the Court of Directors,
to whom I most sincerely wish his case to be as
recommended. -

There is another Officer under
some what similar circumstances whose application

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I at the same time returned on the same principle his case however merits attention. His situation far out of the way in the Dindigul Country has I am convinced prevented his sending more his application, but if your Lordship resolves to refer to the Hon'ble Court of Directors the case of Lieutenant Masfother and it does not appear to you irregular, I wish also to recommend that Lieutenant Parkinson may be mentioned as deserving to be restored to his effective List.

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
February 14th 1795.

I have the honor to be
with the great respect
&c &c &c

(Signed) John Braithwaite

To the Right Hon'ble Lord Hobart
President in Council &c &c &c
at
Madras

My Lord,

Having struggled against my ill health to no purpose and it being now recommended to me to Proceed immediately to Europe by

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by the Medical Board, I have the honor to solicit your Lordship's Permission to embark on one of the Hon^ble Company's ships now under dispatch, & trust to your favorable Representation of me that I may not, in the event, be precluded from any future claims on the service which my Present rank may entitle me to —

I have the honor to remain
&c &c &c

Madras
13th February 1795

(Signed) Joseph Little
Captain 18th Battalion
N. I.

This is to Certify that
the present declining state
of health of Captain Joseph Little Commanding the
18th Battalion N. Infantry together with a constitution
reduced and debilitated by the baneful influence
of long residence in a hot climate render, in
my opinion, a voyage to Europe indispensably
necessary for his recovery. —

(Signed) Duncan McGibbon
Assistant Surgeon
18th Battalion N. Infantry

(Signed) Ja^s Anderson
Physician general

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council

My Lord,

The extremely unpleasant Situation in which I am placed, being totally debarred, in the prime of Life, of all prospect of participation in the active duties of the Field, and deprived of every hope of promotion, induces me to lay before your Lordship the following plain Statement of my Case. —

At the Commencement of the late War, I commanded a Native Corps at Vellore and enjoyed Field Allowances, which I resigned to join Captain Read's Detachment ordered on Service in the Mysore Country — At a subsequent Period I was appointed by the Government to the command of a Native Corps in the Southern Countries, which would have entitled me to Captain's Pay and allowances off-Reckonings & other advantages, I however applied to Lord Cornwallis and obtained permission to remain in the Field during the War and was nominated by his Lordship to

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to purchase Supplies for the army, and had the good fortune to receive his approbation of my Conduct while in the Command of Dascottah.

At the conclusion of the War I was proceeding to take the command of my Corps at Palamcottah, when it was reduced by Government and I was ordered to join an Invalid Company - I lost no time in applying to Colonel Brathwaite for his recommendation to be restored to the Effective List but he declined giving it in consequence of the orders of Government. —

I then addressed myself to Lord Cornwallis, to whom I enclosed a Certificate from Doctor Harris, in which he gave it as his opinion that I was perfectly equal to the duties of the Field. Lord Cornwallis was so good as to say, in his reply, that he would have been well pleased to have complied with my request had he not made it a rule never to interfere in the interior management of the army on the Coast. —

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It may be too much for me my Lord to expect an immediate and full restoration to the Effective List, the great object of my hopes, but I trust I shall not be deemed unreasonable in soliciting your Lordship's recommendation of that measure to the Honorable the Court of Directors in the next Dispatch, to whom I beg this letter may make a Member; and, as there is a want of officers, I have most earnestly to request that I may be appointed to do duty as an Effective until their Determination be known. —

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8th February 1795

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) P. Maspather

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
&c &c &c

My Lord,

From Colonel Brathwaite proposing Lt. Farquharson Giles and Beaumont as Brigade Staff for the artillery — Brigade major Purvis claim for arrears of House Rents submitted

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's commands conveyed to me in Mr Secretary Dalrymple's letter of the 11th instant, calling upon me to recommend two officers Proper to fill the appointments of Brigade majors

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and Brigade Quarter master to the Corps of
artillery, it being consistent with the Company's
orders that an additional staff should be
attached to that Corps. —

As this staff is so immediately
attached to Lieutenant Colonel Giles as the
Commandant of the Corps. I have taken his
opinion as to the two officers to be recommended
for these appointments, and in consequence
have the honor to recommend Lieutenant
Fireworker Thomas Giles to be Brigade major,
and Lieutenant Fireworker Michael Beaumont
to be Brigade Quarter Master to the Corps of
artillery, as they are both very meritorious &
young officers. —

I should not however have brought
forward so young an officer as Lieutenant Fireworker
Thomas Giles to be Brigade Major as this appoint-
ment confers the Rank of Captain, but as he is a
Son of Lieutenant Colonel Giles who has served
the Company so long and so well, and as Lieutenant
Colonel Giles has taken so much pains to qualify
him for the situation I think it perfectly consistent
with

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with my duty to recommend him

I have also the honor to lay before your Lordship a letter addressed to you by Brigade Major Pierce, late Muster master in the Masulipatam district – I have caused enquiry to be made, and find he is well founded; that is, that all the other Muster Masters draw; however Rent while he did not, I hope therefore your Lordship will admit of his being Remunerated by allowing him the same as has been drawn by other Muster masters. –

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
February 16.th 1795

I have the honor to be
with great respect.
&c., &c., &c.,
Signd/ John Braithwaite

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
&c., &c., &c.,

My Lord,

I form a want of information of the allowances to which I was entitled as Muster Mast of the Troops in the Masulipatam District and Guntoo Circar

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Sir, I find since my arrival from thence, that I have omitted to draw for a monthly allowance for House Rent, which I ought to have done during the time I held that office, in consequence of my not having been furnished with either a Quarter or Tent, as has hitherto been, and is now, drawn by the Muster Master of the Center Division, and Brigade District — and, I believe, by every other Muster master on the Establishment similarly circumstanced, but which, for the aforementioned reason, I omitted doing, and was consequently at an unavoidable Monthly expence for a house, in which I lived, on a supposition that all other Muster Masters were subject to the same expence. — I have accordingly to entreat of your Lordship, as I trust the omission will appear to have proceeded from no fault of mine, to be pleased to admit of my being placed on an equal footing with the other Muster masters for the time I held that Office (from the 1.st of June 1792 to the 12.th of August 1794) by permitting me to draw for the arrear of that allowance at the same rate as drawn

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drawn by them, and by my Predecessor Mr.
John Rowley. —

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

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/Signed/ Fred. Pierce
Majr Brigde

Minutes on the three foregoing Letters from Colonel Brathwaite

Ordered that a Copy of Colonel
Brathwaite's letter with copy of the plans &
of Lieutenant Evans be sent to England a
number in the packet

Agreed that Captain Little be
permitted to proceed to Europe for the
benefit of his Health and that he be
mentioned to the Court as an Officer of
merit.

Resolved also that Colonel
Brathwaites recommendation of Lieutenants
Mapother and Parkinson be noticed in
the General letter, and that the case of
Lieutenant Hughes, another Officer of Invalids
be likewise referred to

Ordered that Lieutenant Fireworker
Giles be the Brigade Major, and Lieutenant, to
Fireworker

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Fireworker Braeman & the Quarter Master
of Brigade, to the Corps of artillery

The application of Captain Pierce
for arrears of House Rent is inadmissible. —
Read the following letter from
Mr. James Strange. —

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
President in Council
Fort St George.

My Lord,

From Mr Strange requesting leave to resign his Offices of Paymaster and Storekeeper at Tanjore. —

The very indifferent State of my Health, makes it necessary for me to solicit your Permission to resign my offices of Paymaster & Storekeeper in this Garrison, and to be allowed to embark for Europe on the Arrival of the Fleet expected to touch at Madras about the close of next month. —

To enable me to do this, it will be necessary that I should, with as little delay as possible, take an account remains of the various Stores I have held in trust, it is therefore that I urgently request your early Permission to do

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so to do - I would humbly suggest, that I
might be allowed to deliver over Charge of
the Military Stores to the Officer Commanding
the artillery, who will grant me such a
Reciept for them, as will satisfy You
I have been faithful to my Trust - and
in like manner I hope You will not
deem it improper, that I may be permitted,
to deliver over Charge of the Grain in Store
to the Commanding Officer of the Garrison,
whose Reciept for the same may be my
Discharge

I hope I shall be excused
in soliciting your early order on this head
From a long Residence in India, & from the
Circumstance of a considerable absence from
Madras my Presence there, is very much
wanting to the Settlement of my private
Concerns. —

I have the honor to be
with much Respect
Dear Sir
(Signed) Jos. Strange

Tanjore
12th February
— 1795. —

agreed

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Granted & the Office to be delivered over to Mr W. Hawkins

agreed that Mr James Strange be permitted to resign the offices of Paymaster and Store Keeper at Tanjore, and that Mr William Hawkins be appointed thereto, until &c further orders. —

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Troyd. —

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

My Lord,

From Lieutenant B. Troyd — with proposals for breeding horses in the Carnatic

Having observed that the Bengal Government, apparently sensible of the advantages likely to be derived from paying particular attention to the future Breed of Horses within their provinces, some lately to a resolution of encouraging an officer of that establishment, who, in a publick manner, came forward with a project suitable to so interesting a design, - I am emboldened from a conviction that a well digested plan of this nature would meet every support, to submit to your Lordship's mature consideration some Proposals, which to me appear calculated to serve as a good outline for the establishment of an enlarged System, that might hereafter

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hereafter be modelled into greater Perfection

And as to obtain the necessary attention to an undertaking so eminently fraught with advantages to the Company, and their Possessions on the Coast, would require very laboured and minute Statements from the Projector, as well as liberal support from Government in the event of his plan being adopted, I think it will be the more conducive to a fuller Elucidation of the General Subject, to submit the whole to view under the arrangement of succession of articles, than attempt to contrast my Proposals with those of others, whose Defects I have been endeavoured to avoid, sensible, that to procure favorable notice, it is indispensibly necessary to abandon all erroneous Principles and adopt such only, as Experience and obvious Reasoning tend to confirm as fundamentally advantageous to so important an undertaking.

How far the subsequent articles may possess those ascribed merits, I must leave to your

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your Lordships Judgement, after a perusal of them, to determine, and shall in this place, but shortly notice, previous to the particular Details of my Plan — that I can from much acquaintance with the subject in Question offer such arguments in its support, as ought / if improving and perpetuating our Breed of Horses in this Country at a limited Expence, be at all an object of / political Expediency) to have great weight in effecting its speedy adoption, subject especially to the controul of the Revenue Board, under whose immediate Direction, your Lordships will perceive, the Superintendent is meant to be placed. —

Article . . 1st The Superintendent should have the management of the Mares and Stallions until the former prove with Foal, and, as before mentioned, he should act entirely under the orders of the Revenue Board. —

2d . . . . . A Piece of Ground suitable for breeding Horses upon, should be allotted to the Superintendant at a Moderate Rent by the Revenue

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Revenue Board, for which he should r
agree to pay, as might be determined on by
both Parties. —

3d . . . . . As it would be found highly
necessary, that the Mares should be fed
at the different Villages within the Company's
Jaghire, the Superintendant ought to Keep a r
Register of the Mares which he receives on
the Publick account, particularizing their
Height, age, Colour &c" and each Mare s
should be distinguished, with the Company's
Mark on the near hind Quarter. —

4th . . . . The Mares should remain with
the Superintendant until they respectively
proved with Foal, a Circumstance necessary
to insure their being of Good Blood; and they
should be called in by the Superintendant, from
the Villages, to his Farm, 12 Days before foaling,
in order that the Foal may escape the Danger
of travelling at so young an age, it being a
also necessary to have the Mare covered in a
10 or 12 Days after Foaling, that no unnecessary

time

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time may be lost in forwarding the Brand. —

5th ..... An allowance of 2 Pagodas Month should be made to the Village Men, under whose care the Mares may be placed this ought to be deemed adequate for their Food, and the necessary attention, but no extra allowance should be admitted in consequence of a Mare having a Foal at her Foot for at least six months. this stipulated Sum should be paid by the Collector, on the Villagers producing a Certificate, signed by the Superintendent, specifying the Mares Colour and so forth. —

6th ..... The Superintendant should report to the Revenue Board, immediately after a Mare Foaling, mentioning in such Communication the Sex and Colour of the Foal, the latter should also be distinguished with the Companys mark, at four or six months old. —

7th ..... Whenever the Superintendant has a Mare with Foal to be sent to a Village, he should intimate the same to the Collector, who

should

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should for thwith order a Renter to provide the Head Man, a Proper Person, to take charge of her, who should, at the same time, give a Reciept to the Superintendant, countersigned by the Collector, a Certificate from the Superintendant specifying the Size, Colour &c. of the Mare, & should accompany his intimation to the Collector. —

8th ..... The Superintendant might be allowed 3 Pagodas \Month for the Care, Food &c. of each Colt, so long as he may remain under his immediate Charge at the Farm. —

9th ..... The Fillies should be sold or kept on the Company's Account, as the Renter & Board might judge necessary, and, allowing that the Mares Bred all Fillies, which is very improbable, the Company might sell them at Outcry, for more than the Expence of the Mare's Food, when each Filly was six Months old. —

10th ..... The Stallions should all be young, fresh Horses, of good Breed, and well coloured — in Proportion of 4 Stallions to 100 Mares; Each Regiment of

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of Cavalry might furnish such Stallions as the Superintendant found it necessary to demand.—

The Superintendant to be allowed 6 Pagodas P.r month for the food and Care of each Stallion, this being no additional Expense to the Company, and they would always be ready for Service when required.

Having thus endeavoured to enumerate most of the material objects, this intended Plan is meant to embrace, it may be thought necessary to form some comparative Estimate between the Agency likely to incur from its introduction, and those the Company are now subject to from the Existing Plan, but as I am not prepared for a Calculation, that might Certainly determine this Point, I confine myself to the following mode of ascertaining — In the first place — the utmost Probable expence that each Colt, will stand the Company in at 3 years old — and in the next place I attempt to estimate the probable loss the Company can eventually sustain by the Purchase and Feed of

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of a certain proportion of Mares for 18 months, supposing it should thereafter appear that the Plan recommended above was not likely to succeed, but on this Point it becomes necessary to observe that I have allowed a Medium price for 50 Mares rather above what they ought to cost even admitting them to be of the best Breed, and that I have also taken it for granted that a Colt or Filly will be produced from each Mare within the limited 18 months which together attending at the same time to the circumstance of some Mares being with Foal again will sell on an average by Public sale for at least 190 Pagodas.

These observations will, I trust convey to your Lordship, some information relative to the General Plan, and may perhaps afford sufficient opportunity of Judging to what extent a Speculation of this Kind might be carried to at so trifling a Risk to the Company.

Estimate

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Estimate of the Cost of each Colt at 3 years old

To Keeping one Mare 11 months @ 2 Pag. Pr. month . 22 — — —

To Keeping one Colt 2½ years @ 3 do. . . do . . 90 — — —

To allowance for Casualties in ld Casual ys time . 20 — — —

Total . 132 — —

Probable estimate of the Companys Loss in the Purchase and Sale of Fifty Mares &c.

To the Purchase of 50 Mares @ 100 Pag.s each 5000 — —

To their Keeping for 18 months @ 2 Pag.s each Annum 1800 — —

Total . . . 6800

By Cash for the Sale of 50 Mares with Foal, and with Foals at their foot @ 130 Pag.s each . . 6500

The Company's probable Loss will be . Pag.s 300

The above appearing to me pretty fair Calculations of the probable Expences likely to accrue from the adoption of the System laid down, my hope of succeeding in three very important Points is very sanguine Viz.t The first is in reducing the Servant very exorbitant Prices, that Horses sell for in the Carnatic. —

The second is, in that of Stocking the Country with the best Breed of Cattle, and the third is, in that of ensuring to the Company at all

Times

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times, a certain Supply of Horses in succession, and this at a limitted Expence from their own Provinces.

But, in Establishing a System capable of uniting in its Principles so many advantages - it is evident that it should be adopted on an enlarged and liberal Scale, and that no material object of the Plan ought to be withheld from the superintendant, who, acting under the immediate orders of the Revenue Board, would of course, be under such controul, as they may chuse to establish on the occasion, and, as much would depend on his Exertions, Encouragement, and Persuasion in reconciling the Natives, to engage in a new undertaking, he should possess Experience in this particular branch of Knowledge, and be injoined to fix his Residence upon the Farm, which is material consequence to be allowed he being by this means superseded

enabled

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enabled to feed the Colts, without the smallest infringements on the surrounding Inhabitants

There being no fixed Invalid Stations for the native Troopers, the Superintendants Farm, would be found a most eligible Situation for them, to be usefully employed in taking Care of the young Colts when free of any Pursuit to the Company – this Plan would be attended with many advantageous Consequences to the Invalids so Stationed, as, from being of mostly Persons of good Characters and attached to the Company's Service from the Strongest of motives, they would in a short time feel the Comforts of their many Occupations at this Farm – Occupations, that would be rendered still more acceptable from the Circumstances, that might thus enable their Families to participate in the Enjoyments resulting from an industrious application of their time. –

An Establishment of a similar nature to the present has been long a Desideratum among those who accustom themselves to think

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thinks on Subjects of Improvement, for, independent of the Benefits likely to ensue from rescuing a Number of Persons from Indolence and Want, by placing them in Situations productive of Exertion and Comparative Happiness, so much good might also arise from it, Considered as an Object holding out Encouragement to the Families of those deserving Native Soldiers, whose Services should hereafter entitle them to enjoy a Comfortable Retreat in the Evening of their days. Nor would it be unpleasing to your Lordship to contemplate, that so humane and useful an Institution was among the Number of Improvements, so introduced by the present Government.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Benjn Torin

ordered thereon

ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to England at Number in the Packet.

Ordered

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ordered also that a copy be sent
to the Board of Revenue with directions to
report their opinion of the plan so far as it
relates to their department — and that
Lieutenant Evans's plan be likewise
transmitted to them. —

The following letter to the
Government of Columbo was dispatched
on the 14th instant

To the Honorable J.G. Van Angelbeck
Governor &c. &c. Council at
Columbo

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 7th of October last, in answer to one from us of the 30th of august regarding the detention of a Dony freighted with Goods on account of the English Company, by your Resident in the Southern Provinces, upon the plea of her not being furnished with the proper Passport. —

as Columbo on the subject of their claims to an exclusive Trade — arguments against it — and desiring they will remove all restrictions to the Company's Trade in the Gulph of Manar

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As you have been pleased to inform us that you have given orders to the Chief of Tutocorin to waive the right, (which according to your opinion, appears to be exclusively vested in the Dutch) of stopping any English Vessel laden with Cloth the produce of the Tinnevelly Country that may not be furnished with a passport from your Government, while the negotiation is pending, we doubt not that those orders have been carried into execution and that the Dorey has been long since released

In discussing the claims of your Government to an exclusive monopoly of the Tinnevelly Trade, we desire you to be assured that we have it sincerely at heart to proceed with all the cordiality and attention due to the close alliance subsisting between Great Britain and the States General. our inclination would lead us to this, if we were not specially enjoined to it by the orders we have received from the Company; and we hope to be able to convince you that the arguments we have to offer against the

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the exclusive Monopoly of this Trade by your
Nation are founded in reason and justice, and
that we could not without rendering ourselves
liable to the imputation of a neglect of Duty
yield to the opinions you have given in
your letter now before us. —

You observe, that the Dutch
Company have possessed the right upwards
of a Century of exporting the Cloths that are
manufactured on the Coast of Madura, to
the exclusion of all other European Nations,
and that this right had been always ac-
knowledged by the ancient Princes of
that Country. Oral testimony of this
acknowledgment cannot, in any event, at
this late period be admitted; and even if
written documents were adduced (of which
none have yet appeared) we could not allow
that the Princes, to whom you have had
reference, had the power of bestowing, in
perpetuity, such a right. — Circumstances
have undergone a material change —
since that period — The Southern
Provinces

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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, in consequence of your commands under date the 12th of November last, to lay before your Lordship a Report of the present state of the Fortifications and Military Buildings on the Coast, showing the repairs that have been made within the three last Years, and those now wanting; submitted to us by the Chief Engineer, and which we believe to be correct. —

From Military Board with Statement of Repairs made and those now wanting to the Fortifications Military Buildings on the Coast. —

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11th February 1795.

We have the Honor to be
Your Lordship's
Most obedient
humble Servants
John Braithwaite
Henry Malcolm
Jn Richardson

Cost shown

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Present State of the Fortifications and Military Buildings on the ... ing the ... have been made within the last three years and those now wanting.

			Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years & the Sum Expended	Repairs now wanting
				Mor.ps F. G.	
Fort St George					
... Bastion of ...	In good serviceable condition	The parapets Embrasures and Barbettes were taken down & rebuilt by the artificers in the Engineers Department.			
... Bastion of ...					
... Curtain ...	

Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years & the Sums Expended	Repairs now wanting
North Face continued		Brought over Stg P.s 7 6	
	Fort St George continued	1031 8 7	
Northwest Lunette	The outer & Inner Revetment of the Flank of the North face is giving way owing to the Foundation having sunk in the violent Rains of 1791		The Flank to be taken down and rebuilt
The Traverse & Galleries of the Lower way	The Traverse and that part of the Gallery parallel to the West face of the Bastion sunk a Foot part of 180 feet from the same Cause		The Galleries to be taken down the extent of 180 feet rebuilt
North East Lunette	Indifferent Serviceable Condition		
Demy & Royal Bastion	Do. Do.	Small Repairs made to the Flank in the Garge of the Demy Bastion for Laboratory Apartments in 1792 amounting to Pagodas	10 26. 15.
North East Counterguard	Do. Do.		
South Face			
Demy Bastion Curtain, Wicket Bastion Ravelin & Bonnet	Indifferent Serviceable Condition	Small Repairs made to the Powder Magazine in the N.E. Curtain in 1792 P. ½	42 8 0
		The Parapets of the Ravelin & Bonnet were taken down and rebuilt in the year 1789 by the Artificers in the Engineer Department	
Lunette East of the Ravelin	Two large Breaches in the East Faces of the outer Revetment one near the Flank P. the other within 6 feet of the Salient angle the Revetment between projecting out about 4 Inches		The damaged Portion must be taken down & rebuilt
		Carried over Pagodas	1084 0 22

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Fort St George 11th January 1796

Places	Present State	Buildings Repaired made within the last three years & the Sum Expended	Buildings now wanting
			Mar Pt. J. C.
South face Continued		Brought over	1084 " 22
	Fort St George Continued		
The Coard way, Counterscarp Gallery, Caponier and Sorties of the Ft. thorne Gate	In good Serviceable Condition		
South East Counterguard	The whole of this work (except about 210 feet of the Flank of the East face) has given way so inconsiderable as it is said of being Struck with Lightning in the violent Monsoon of 1791.		Must be rebuilt
Lunette West of the Raveline	In good Serviceable Condition	The parapets of these works were taken down & rebuilt in the year 1791 by the artificers with the Engineers Department	
East or Sea Face.			
The Rampart, Casemates and Water Cisterns	In good Condition but the Works not yet completed		The whole of this face requires a parapet of masonry in Barbet To complete it and an upper Course of masonry on the Rampart over the arches of the Casemates proposed to be running the Length. There is wanting also about 910 feet of Redwood palisadoes There is also wanting the flooring and platforming of the Gallery to the Cisterns.
		Carried over Pagoda	1084 " 22

Fort St George

Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years & the sum Expended	Repairs now wanting

Fort St George Continued

Military Buildings

The Commander in Chief's Quarter Commandant's Quarter Chief Engineer's Quarter Town Major's Quarter Fort Adjutant's Quarter Surgeon General's Quarter Officers Quarters and Mens Barracks	} Servicable Condition	Brought over	£ Pags. 7. 6. 1084 11 22	
		Necessary Repairs to the Commandants Quarter in 1792	61 18 6½	
		Do Officers Guard Room & Main Guard in 1793	24 20 6½	
		Small Repairs made to the Officers Quarters in 1792	22 32 10	
		Necessary Repairs done to the Commanders in Chief's Quarter in 1793	85 10 7½	His Military Buildings require a Thorough Repair an Estimate of which by order of Government is now preparing
		Do to Town Majors Quarter in 1793	28 20 10	
		Do Officers Guard Room & Main Guard in 1793	44 29 5½	
		Kings Barracks in 1793	304 - 6½	
		Small Repairs made to the Officers Quarters in 1793 mounting to Pagodas	17 23 3½	
		Necessary Repairs to the Officers Quarters No 55 South Bomb proof Lapeers in 1794	31 5 13	
		Do to Town Majors Quarters in 1794	68 15 4½	
		Kings Barracks in 1794	136 29 7½	
		Repairs to Roofing of St George's Bastion Barracks in 1794	150 23 5½	
Grand Magazine	In good servicable Condition	Repairs made in 1793	319 26 1½	
Arsenal	Do	Do Ammunition Repairs amounting to Do	1401 36 -	
		Carried over Pags	7401 28 1½	

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Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made & then necessary to be done	Estimate of Buildings & Repairs now wanting
			383

Black Town

			£. Brf.	
			Brt. over	7401 2 8 76
Native Infantry Barracks	In good & miserable Condition	These Ranges lately purchased from Mr. Stephen Popham which have been fitted up at a trifling Expence and will accommodate two Battalions of native Infantry in 1794	9652 3320	
		Tatties &c amounting to Pagoda	483 25 ½	
Powder Mill	Do.	Repairs made to the Building in 1794 amounting to	Pr. 22 13. 35	There are some additional Repairs & Improvements wanting from which an Estimate is now before Government
Granary used as Trench Prison	Do.	Necessary Repairs have been made at different times in 1792	134. 37. 68	
		do. in 1793	255 1. 6	
		do. in 1794	185. 8 6	
		Repairs and a new Well in 1794	115. 16 78	
General Hospital	do.	Necessary Repairs made in 1792	237. 36 8	
	do.	do. in 1794	110. 11 76	Repairs are required to the Surgeons Apothecaries Quarters
		Although Repair made in the year 1794 according to Pagoda	2237. 15 4½	
		Carried over Pagoda	2302. 38 6½	

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Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years & the Sum Expended	Repairs now wanting	
Black Town		Ster Org.ª F. C.		
		Brit.ª ower	2302	38 63
Town Wall	The whole Revetment of the West face in want of repair and the defences and parapets in an unfinished State	No Repairs made but a Guard House built at N.E. angle in 1792. amounting to Org.ª	70	33 ½

The Fortifications of the Black Town should be immediately repaired & pointed or they will soon fall into decay the Condition Certain Towers already mouldered Also a Breach wants to be at great depth the Defences for the N.E. angle should be completed and the parapets finished and the high Ground removed within 300 yards to the Westward of it

Environs of Fort St George

Barrack for the Body Guard at the Island	Regd Inconvenient Condition	New Repairs made to the old Stabling before the Governors Parade in 1793	60.	18	00
		New Repairs Repaired in 1794	71	35	6
		All present under Repair	777.	3	11
Stables on the Island	Do	Do Built in 1794 for 100 Horses amounting to Org.ª	3691.	3	75
Depository Barracks at Chindadrypettah &c	Do	Annual Repairs Made in 1792	27	38	10
	Do	Do in 1793	3	12	96
Egmore Fort		New Draw Bridge made in 1794	193.	25	36
		Carried over Org.ª	279	15	36 ½

Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last Year Expended			Repairs now wanting
			£	s	d
Bancoy Tower			2795	36	16

Out Garrisons & Cantonments

St Thomas Mount	The Barracks and Hospital in tolerable Repair	Some additions and necessary repairs made to the Barracks in 1796 amount to 2015	1641	3	24
		Additions to the Barracks made in 1793	689	1	68
		Necessary Repairs made to the Hospital in 90	111	11	63
		do do do in 1794	528	24	50
		A permanent Barrack with an arched roof is at present building for the 2d Battalion artillery in 1794	9719	30	11
Poondamallee	Quarters & Barracks in good condition	Repairs to Quarters & Barracks &c in 1792	2744	30	30
		Bungalow Converted into Hospital in 92	110	8	24
		Fire Places to Officers Guard Room in 1793	34	3	25
		All present under repair the Quarters and Barracks	1346	37	35
Tripassore	The Works and Barracks in tolerable Repair	New Jeary Repairs made to Barracks in 93	499	35	1
Wallajahbad	Quarters & Barracks in good condition	Repairs made to Quarters & Barracks in 1792	2953	79	
		New doors to Store House in 1793	21	29	
		The Quarters & Barracks at present under Repair	2105	11	15
		Carried over Pag.e	50,421	11	61

Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years & the Sums Expended				Repairs now wanting
Singlepot	The Works and Barracks in good Condition	Brot over	£	s.	d.	
		The Barracks on the Scales of the minor 1st order last rebuilt in 1792 amount to	2172	10	7½	
		Alterations & Repairs made to the Commissariat Quarters in 1792 amounting to Pagodas	759	9.	22	
Arnee	The walls over the Gateways and several other parts of the Fort require to be repaired & the Ramparts in general are too Narrow and the parapets in a very ruinous State	some Repairs made to the Store and Bomb Vaults in 1792 amounting to Pagodas	179.	22	40	The whole of the Ramparts & parapets of the interior of the Fort to be repaired and an Embankment also for its better defence proposed by the late Chief Engineer is now with the Engineer and in order that the proper Estimates may be made to be laid before Government
		Temporary Repairs made to the Quarters & Barracks in 1793	763.	14	3½	
		The following new Building erected & to be erected in 1794				
		Granary	8892	38	26	
		Barracks for 1 Battalion Regiment	2778.	33	18	
		Do. for 2 Companies Artillery	3896	"	34	
		Do. for 1 Battalion Native Infantry	2153	27	76	
		Store Room & Gun Shed	5172	24	25	
		3 Sets Field officers Quarters	6649.	18	72	
		32 Sets Captains Quarters or 2 each for 2 Subalterns	42520	28	64	
Conatore Cavalry Cantonment	The Buildings at this Cantonment in want of Repair	Repairs made to the Stabling Quarters and Barracks in the year 1792	3232	5.	11	Repairs now wanting to the Quarters and Barracks. —
Arcot Cavalry Cantonment	The Buildings in tolerable Repair	Temporary Repairs made in 1793. Barracks and Stabling are also Building for the Regimental Cavalry	377.	37.	10	
			1600	"	"	
		Carried over Rs	150478	19	11	

Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within 3 years & the sums expended	Repairs now wanting

			P. P.	f.	c.
		Brought over ...	150438	19	41
Vellore	The Fortifications of the Lower Fort of Substantial Masonry and in general in good Serviceable Condition. The Quarter & Barracks in the Lower Fort are in a very bad State, and the greater part of them beyond the possibility of a repair except the Range fronting the Parade and the Granary for Stores. The principal Hill Fort called Sydasew and the Two Small Hill Forts in want of repair, principally occasioned by the Rains of the two last Monsoons. The Magazines Store Rooms & Granary in the Upper Fort in bad repair	Repairs made to the Pettah Walls in 1792	169.	14	64
		Repairs made to the Pettah Walls in 1793	438.	7.	64
		Repairs made to the Curtain Wall of the Hill Fort Parapets of the Curtain Wall of the Hill Fort Sally Ports Rebuilt	166 / 211.	6 / 5	7 / 40
		Repairs made in 1793	567.	38	74
		Masonry Repairs made to Buildings in 1793 Masonry Repairs now with Common Barracks Quarters of Officers Quarters Hospital Store Rooms Powder Magazine Forage Shifting Room in the year 1794 remaining to Repair	1941.	7.	56.
		Some Repairs were made by Captain Read after the Fortifications of the Lower Fort in the year 1792. for which Sums were advanced by our Government	2000	"	"
Amboor	The Works were augmented by Tippoo and are in general in good Serviceable Condition				

Carried over Pagodas 155967. 16. 21.

Sundry Repairs of the principal Gateways of the outer Walls of the Fort & Curtains & Bastions & Repairs of the Ramparts and Parapets of the Fort are wanting to be executed & Ramparts and Parapets of the Lower Fort are wanting to be repaired with Brick

Complete Suits of Square Barracks and Quarters are required in the Lower Fort as the present Quarters & Barracks is entirely out of repair.

The whole of the Rampart Walls of the principal Hill Fort of Sydasew are to be pointed & new parapets of Masonry from bye to bye put to the Old Shoulder Buttresses to the Bastions that flank the Walls.

Tippoo Assumed the Government in 1782

Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years & the sums Expended	Repairs now wanting
		Brought over	£ P. 1 4
			1535 6 7 10 21
Thiagar	The Walls of the Ropper and Lower Fort in good Serviceable Condition The parapets in want of repair The Three Gateways leading to the New Fortress a ruinous State. The Public Buildings in general in good Condition	Repairs made to the Barracks in 1792 ... 94 33 " Repairs made to the Store Houses Granarys Magazines & Water Cisterns in the year 1791 ... 1027 24 37	The parapets and Gateways to be repaired & new Gates are also wanting
Cuddalore	The Works and Buildings in want of some repairs	Repairs made to Paymasters Quarters in 93 ... 17 13 75	Repairs required to the Ramparts & parapets & Public Buildings
Cavalry Cantonment near Cuddalore		Barracks & Stabling erected by a Major Corr by order of Government in 1793 ... 1500 " "	
Permacoil	In Serviceable Condition	Repairs to the Works in 1793 ... 648 10 " Repairs to the Magazine ... 98 25 "	Some repairs required to the Ramparts & parapets
		Carried over Pagodas 15974738 53	

Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within 7 years & the sum Expended	Repairs now wanting

		£. s. d.	£. s. d.
	Brought over	59747. 38 53	
Trichinopoly	The Fortifications in general in a ruinous State. Public Buildings. The Commandants Quarters The Paymasters, two field officers Quarters and Head Surgeons are good & permanent Buildings. The European Barracks & Barracks for a Battalion Native Infantry are also good Buildings. — all the rest of the Quarters cannot be considered as permanent Buildings they are now under repair. — The Store rooms Magazines and Gun sheds are in good Condition.	One Summaria set of the Lascar Barracks were rebuilt in 1792	622 9. 40
		Repairing and fitting up Ramaseringum as a Magazine in 1792	1254 36 60
		Repairing Officers Quarters at Dumbaconum in 1792	866. 20 49
		Repairing Officers Quarters at Trichinopoly in 1792	2697. 27. 9.
		Repairs made to the Bridge and Guard Room at the Warrior and Madura Gates in 1794	1161. 18 53
		Repairs made to the Magazines in the Rock & Lift Store Rooms & Laboratory in the Fort in 1794 amounting to	2008 2. 60
		Building a Gun shed in 1794	658 2 8
		Repairs to the Quarter Barracks and Hospital now in Hand	1234 35 10
Warriore Cantonment	The officers Quarters at this Cantonment are only temporary, the roofs are covered with pantyle roofs & now under repairs	Repairing and fitting up Quarters in 1792	693 25 "
		Do officers Quarters in the Cavalry Lines in 92	1707. 25 55
		Repairing Quarters & Hospitals in 1792	589. 1. 33
		Erecting temporary Barracks for 19th Reg.t Dragoons - paid & Still standing in 1794	1000 " "
		Building walls round the Quarters in 94	191. 22 13
		Repairs to the Quarters & Barracks now in Hand.	1326. 8. 26
		New Barracks at present Building in a permanent Construction for 450 men	19507. 30 39.
		New Stabling for 512 Horses	4043 2 61
		new gram Godowns for 19th Reg.t Dragoons	692 31 20
	Carried over Rup.s		19003 2 19

Places	Buildings & Repairs made within the Last Year and the Sum Expended	Repairs now wanting
	£ s. d.	
	Brought over d.o 191003 2 79	
Tanjor	The Rampart of the Body of the Place in good Serviceable Condition — The Counterscarps of the Bastions & Curtains Ditches are much in want of repair, and also the parapets round the works — Publick Buildings. The Buildings in general are in tolerable Repair	Repairs to Fortifications in 1792 . . . 29 12 21. 3 Do. . . . Do. in 1793 . . . 650 17 11 Do. . . . Do. in 1794 . . . 221. 17 10 Repairs to Quarters in 1793 . . . 439 37. 77 Repairs now doing in 1794 . . . 311 21. 09. Repairs made to the Quarters Barracks & other publick Buildings in 1794 . . . 3887. 11 6	About 100 feet of the Curtain may want to be rebuilt & about 200 feet of the Revetment of the Counterscarp as many other repairs are wanting both to the great and Little Fort particularly the parapets
Vellore	The Buildings are only considered as Temporary	New Survey Repairs have been made in year 1794 . . . 1820. 33 09	
Madura	The Fortifications wholly out of repair the Commanding officer & Engineer at Trichinopoly considers them as perma- nent. The officers Quarters are only old Choultries very inadequate to the purpose. The Barracks for a Native Batt.n is a Substantial Choultry.	No repairs made . . .	The Ramparts & Parapets require to be repaired Quarters are required for the officers & the Choultries must be fitted up in a proper Manner
Secondamalle	The Quarters and Parapets Temporary and in want of repair . . .	Quarters & Barracks finished by 71st Regt. & Corps by Colonel Baird by order of Government in 1793 . . . 3300 " " Do. . . . Do. . . . in 1794 . . . 3100 " "	Several of the Choultries are in bad repair & the Barracks for the Europeans wanting to complete & the Buildings Lately erected in want of repair. —
	Carried over Rup.s 20 7772 60		

Plans	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years & the sums Expended			Repairs now wanting
				£ Sterl. s. d.	
		Brought over		20 1773 38 24	
Palamcotah	The Fortifications in need of Repair The publick Buildings in tolerable Repair	Buildings & Repairs to Barracks & Stables & Guard Rooms in 1793 in 1794	1002 6 0 231 3 60		The Ramparts and parapets to be repaired
		do			
Palamey		Temporary Quarters in 1794	36325 60		
Nellore	In a tolerable bad Condition formerly intended to be demolished	No Repairs made			
Ongole	This Fort is much out of Repair but is not Considered as of any consequence — The publick Building in want of Repair	No Repairs made			
Innicondah	The Inner & upper Fort in tolerable Condition but in want of small Repair The Buildings only temporary & requiring repairs	No Repairs made			In the lower Fort the Rampart near the Gateway wants repairing & the upper Fort about 30 of the Mirror Revetment to be rebuilt
Guntoor	The Buildings only temporary and requiring repair	Repairs made to the Magazine and three Rooms in 1793	242 19 56		The Buildings require repairs
		Carried over Pag 220	20 961 3 9. 40		

Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years & the sums Expended		Repairs now wanting
		Brought over	Rupees 209613	F. G. 9 40	
Masulipatam	The Fortifications in general in a good defensible Condition but the walls are in many places cracked & many repairs wanting the Buildings and pharmaunt in good condition	Occasional repairs made to the Fortifications and Guard Rooms in 1792 1793 and 1794 by the artificers in the Engineers Department. Repairs ordered to the Military Buildings in 1794 amounting to Rup.s	7834	17 24	The Revetment & parapets of the Fortifications requires underpinning & the ramming land the Cracks in the Walls filled up part of the Counterscarp near the West Gate should be taken down and rebuilt & the Troops are removed from the Cantonments of Ellore to this Garrison, several Officers & Quarters will be required. —
Ellore	The walls of the Fort of mud Wall a Turnace Construction. The publick Buildings in a tolerable state of repair.	Masonry Repairs made to Quarters & Barracks in 1792. amounting to Rs. Repairs made to the European Barracks Field officers Quarters officers Quarters Hospital Sepoy Barracks in 1794.	1135	10 59	
			2295	32 65	
Condapilly	The walls of the lower & upper Fort of great extent and gone to decay the Buildings in want of Repairs.	No repairs ordered.			
Rajamundry	The Works in a ruinous state the Commanding Officers Quarters very much in want of repair	Repairs to the Granary in 1792 Repairs to the Commanding officers Quarters ordered in the year 1794	66	0 0	
			210	27 0	
		Carried over Rup.s	21227	2 28	

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Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years and the sum Expended	Repairs now wanting	
			£	s d
		Brought over P.	221227	3 28
Samulcotah	The Fortifications in a ruinous State The Buildings permanent and in a good State	Repairs ordered to the Commanding Officer and Paymasters House in the year 1794	311	22 57
Vizagapatam	The Fort in tolerable Condition The Buildings in want of repair The European Invalid Barracks in a ruinous State	Some repairs made to the defences in 1794	939	" "
		Repairs ordered to the arsenal in the year 1794	1509	2 70
		Repairs to the Military Buildings now in hand	825	15 42 Arrear Invalid Barrack Repairs
Cossimcotah	The Buildings only Temporary Huts want of Repair	No repairs made		
Chicacole	Mud Fort and Buildings in a tolerable State of repair	No repairs made		
		Carried over P.	224812	2. 37

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Places | Present State | Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years & the sums Expended | Repairs now wanting

Brought over Pagodas 2,24,812 2 37

Panjam | The Works in general out of repair and many large Cracks in the Flag Staff Bastion & other parts of the Works & the South Gate in ruins | Repairs made to the Barracks in the year 1794 191 11 16 | Repairs are required to Barrack parade, parapett and Ramparts & some Repairs to the Flag Staff Bastion and a new draw Bridge wanted at the South Gate. The Sepoy Coverdaray & part of stone arches wanted repairing Wall.

Aska

Aska & Buramporo

Mud Fort in a ruinous State The Buildings in want of Repairs | Repairs to Quarters & Barracks in 1792 38 6 --
Do. Do. in 1793 370 4 68
Do. Do. in 1794 330 " " | Repairs still wanting to the Quarters at Aska and Buramporo

Ceded Countries

Dindigull | The Lower Fort in a ruinous state but of little Consequence as the upper Fort is in a serviceable condition & the Rampart of good Masonry constructed by Hyder but a small part of it Tyled & unfinished. The Public Buildings in different repairs

Repairs to the Barracks on the Redds & completing the works begun by Tippoo now in hand. 2798 " "
Building a Quarter in the upper Fort in 1792 600 " "
Repairs made to Sepoy Barracks Europeans Hospitel & Sepoy Hospitel in 1793. Amounting to Pagodas. 74 2 7
Repairs to the Barracks Granary Pagoda & Store Rooms in 94 &c. to be 850 27 35
Some pawnts repairs now in hand 654 33 60

Carried over Pagodas 23,1219 3 60

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Buramporo 1796

Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years & the Sums expended	Repairs now wanting
		Brought over Pagoda's	231219 3. 63
Sankerry droog	The Fortification in a serviceable State	Repairs ordered to the Fortifications now in hand	40542528
		Quarters for Commanding Officer in 1793	1051 30 10
		Small Repairs to Do in 1794	16. 7. 40
		New Buildings erected in 1794	
	The public buildings in good Repair	A new powder magazine & a Guard Shed	723. 10 28
	The Rampart of the Lower Fort is narrow & the parapets of mud but the whole in pretty good repair		
Nanouli	The works on the Rock are neatly built & in good repair but too slight to resist an attack with Cannon	New Building erected.	
	The Buildings in good repair	A new Magazine, Store Rooms & a Gateway in the year 1794	1029 . 10
		Carried over Pagoda's	2380933525

Quarters required for the officers of a Native Infantry

Quarters for the officers of two Companys Native Infantry.

Fort St George 11th February 1795

Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years & the Sum Expended	Repairs now wanting
		Brought over	238090 35 25
Aktore	The Walls are in general Substantial but in many places wanting Repairs — The Bastion on the N.E. angle is a ruinous State also one of the Bastions on the South Side & the Scarp & Counterscarp in many places have fallen into the Ditch — The Gun Carriages in repair	Repairs & Fortifications in 1793	179 " "
		The Fortifications ordered to be repaired are now in hand	3509 10 10.
		Schoolboy connected with a New House in 1798	212 22 60
		Quarters for Commanding officer in 1794	650 " "
		New Buildings ordered in 1794 under Magazine Guard Mud wall	
		Barrack for a Battn of native Infantry	1167 12 48 Quarters required for officers of one Battn native Infantry
Pinagra	The Works in good Repair — The Public Buildings in good Repair	The Fortifications repaired & two Gates were built in the year 1794	794 7 38
		Quarter for Commanding officer in 1795	719 36 60 Quarters for two officers of native Infantry
		New Buildings ordered in 1794	
		Powder Magazine two Store Rooms and a Granary all according to Ord	757 13 30
		Carried over Pagodas	246384 61

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		Buildings and Repairs undertaken the last three years & the sums Expended.		Repairs now wanting
		Brought over	246384 " 61	
Veerabuddroog	A Mud Fort built with small Stone and Earth in a tolerable Condition	Repairs ordered to the Fortifications & two Gateways to be built now in hand	3314 30 13	One Subaltern's Quarter Required
		New Buildings erected A powder Magazine and two Store Rooms in 1794	762 7 7.	
Chinna Ryadroog	A Mud Fort the walls of mud in tolerable repair	Arms Gateway and Traverse made to the Fort in 1794 amounting to Pags.	176 23 71.	
		New Buildings erected A powder Magazine Store Room & Granary in 1794 amounting to Pags.	677 6 65	One Subaltern's Quarter required
Ryacotah.	The walls of the lower Fort & Mud The works on the Hill are built with Small Stone and mud & in tolerable repair	Repairs made to the buildings on the Repairs to Fortifications in 1794.	11. 23 "	
		Building a new Gateway & Repairing the walls of the 2d Line Repairing the walls of the 2 Lines and the Ballengs on the top now in hand.	1044 28 "	
	The Public Buildings in good Repair	Repairs to artillery Barracks in 1794	300 " "	
		Repairing an old Granary in 1794	88 31 60	Quarters are wanting for the officers of 5. Comps. of Infantry
		New Buildings erected in 1794 Quarters for one & a Subaltern.	1962 24 60	
		Barrack for 4 Companys native Infantry	372 1. 10	
		Two Store Rooms.	480 24 40	
		Carried over Ps.	252708.38.27.	

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Places	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years & the Sum Expended	Repairs now wanting
		Brought over £ - 252703827.	
Salem	The Walls are chiefly of Mud and in a declyde State the Mud and in the Ditch is dispersed in a few places) in general repair. A small Chantry converted into a Magazine in good repair. The Granary Store House and Jersey Barracks require repairs.	Quarters for Commanding Officer in 1773. 257 6 11	The whole of the Fortification must be repaired & Palisaded & to defend the Place & Batteries of which are now preparing
St. Longueuil	The works on this River naturally very strong can be soon built of Stone some Stockades requiring Repairs and repairs to the Wells and Gateways.	No Repairs made.	Repairs are required with Bricks & Pickets and a new to the Gateways
		Carried over £ 252961 2 11	

Place	Present State	Buildings & Repairs made within the last three years and how performed	Repairs now wanting
		Brought over Pagodas	252,966 2 27
Kistnagherry	The Walls of the lower Fort are Mud, and require some repairs. The works on the Hill are strong and built of Stone & in a good Defensable Condition	Repairs to Fortifications in 1793	203 6 "
	The Public Buildings are in tolerable Repair.	Some Barracks built for a Battalion of Native Infantry in the year 1794	711 2 26
		Artillery Barracks in 1794	150. " "
		Pagodas	254063 1053

Some small Repairs are required to the Ramparts and parapets of the Lower and Upper Fort. —

Some trifling repairs are required to the Store Rooms & Granaries and Detachment Quarters are wanting for one Battalion native Infantry. —

[Signed] W Gent
Chief Engineer

Fort St George
9th February 1795

Chief Engineer's Office 11th February 1795

Fort St George 17th February 1795

The President delivers in the following Minute. —

Presidents Minute on the heavy Demands on the Treasury for Repairs to Fortifications and Military & Building on the Coast. —

The President in Council is concerned to find that such heavy and repeated demands are made upon the Treasury on account of repairs to Fortifications and public buildings on the Coast. —

It is with great reluctance that he accedes to such large expenditures for this purpose, but he fears it is not to be avoided, when it is considered that the nature of the Company's possessions renders this Government renders it essential to the general safety of the whole to keep in a state of defence a chain of posts with the Public buildings necessary for the accommodation of the Troops in time of Peace, and the Storehouses and Granaries requisite for the care and Preservation of Stores and Provisions in the season of war, through a very extensive tract of Country

Since the late War Measures have been in contemplation for the construction of permanent quarters and Storehouses, and for

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for adding considerably to the strength of the ~~th~~
posts of arms, and Fortifications and those on
the Western Frontier — but nothing of consequence
has been done, and the unpleasant task of
involving the Company in the Expence which
must arise from this undertaking is left,
with the present Government.

But the President feels it essentially
his Duty to allow no personal consideration to ~~a~~
operate with him. — If the expence be necessary
it must be incurred, and tho' he is desirous ~~o~~
of governing his public Conduct by the strictest
principles of Oconomy, he would not carry those
principles to an extreme that might (however
remote) lead to consequences fatal to the ~~e~~
interests of the Company — and he is so ~~th~~
thoroughly perswaded of the liberality and good
sense of the Court of Directors, that he is convinced
however they might disapprove the Oconomy which
forbore to incur certain expence at an earlier
period, they will not condemn the increased ~~e~~
expenditure which arises from the postponement

ordered

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order thereon

ordered that the subject be noticed in the General Letter from the Military Department

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Tolfrey of the Bengal Establishment

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary &c.

From Lieutenant Tolfrey requesting Passage money to Europe.

Sir

At the same time that I have the honor to send you the accompanying Letter from the Bengal Government, and to request your compliance with the purport of it, allow me to mention that it is my intention to proceed to Europe on board the Asia, and to beg the favor of you to notify my resignation of the Honble Companys Service from the departure of the Fleet now under dispatch; as however it is possible that an unfavorable change in the state of my health, or very bad weather may prevent it out if my power to return to the Asia, I am induced to solicit that my resignation may not be forwarded to Bengal 'till the Fleet has actually sailed.

I have the honor to &c &c &c

(Signed) P. Tolfrey
Lieut. 25th Batn N.I.

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Read

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Read the following letter from the Secretary at Bengal

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

Sir

Soon Mr Secretary Hay - advising of the Conditional Leave given to Lieutenant Tolfrey to go to Europe - Passage Money to be paid him Eventually -

I am directed to request that you will acquaint the Governor in Council at Fort St George that Lieutenant Peter Tolfrey has received the Permission of the Governor General in Council to proceed to Madras in the Asia, and go from thence to Europe if the State of his Health should admit of his doing so.

Should Mr Tolfrey's Situation allow of his availing himself of this conditional Leave, I must beg the favor of you to inform me thereof, and to let me know at what time the Dispatch of the Asia from Madras takes place: and further, I am directed to request that you will signify to his Lordship in Council that, in the Event of Lieutenant Tolfrey's proceeding to England, the Governor General in Council

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Council requests that the Passage money, which the Bengal Regulations assign to Officers of his Rank, Viz.t Sicca Rs. 816-93- may be paid at Madras.

It is proper to inform you that, under the Circumstances of Mr Tolfrey's application, the Commander of the Asia is only authorized at present to accommodate him with a Passage to Fort St George, and that, if he should proceed to Europe an order to the Captain, for his further accommodation thither, will be necessary

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) E Hay

Secretary to the Government

Fort William
12th of January 1795

minutes on the subject.

agreed that an order be given to the Commander of the Asia to receive Lieutenant Tolfrey on board his Ship as Passenger for Europe, in case the state of that Officers health should admit of this proceeding. The

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The orders of the Court of Directors
being positive against the allowance of Passage
money to any of their Officers returning to Europe,
the Board can make no distinction in Lieutenant
Tolfrey's favor, notwithstanding the intimation
contained in Mr. Secretary Hay's letter, until
further instructions be received from the
Supreme Government. Ordered that this be
notified to Mr. Hay, and to Lieutenant Tolfrey

Read the following letter from Mr.
Philip Mayne. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council
Fort Saint George

My Lord

I humbly beg through your Lordship
in Council to transmit to the Honble the Court of
Directors the accompanying Memorial, and if
your Lordship shall have been convinced, from
the late Trial at which your Lordship presided,
that the Sufferings I have undergone have been
unmerited

From Mr. Mayne with a memorial for the Court of Directors. —

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unmerited, I am confident that your Lordship's
benevolence will induce you to honor my
unfortunate case with such Representation
to the Worthy Court of Directors as may
enable me, with a nearer prospect of
success, to offer myself a fit candidate for
their future favor. —

I take the liberty to enclose to your
Lordship the Copy of an Extract with which I
was favored by your Secretary Mr. Jackson.

With the utmost confidence in
your Lordship's Justice and Humanity I have
the honor to subscribe myself

Your Lordships most Obedient
and most humble Servant

(Signed) P. Mayne

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The President laid before the Board
the following paper delivered to him by the
Attorney General. —

Statement of the Attorney General relative to the Trials of Lieutenant Wilson upon a Court Martial for a Conspiracy against Mr. P. Mayne

January Sessions 1795

Captain Philip Mayne, who had been
tried at a General Court Martial in October 1789
on

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on several Charges exhibited against him at the instance of Lieut.t Wilson Waine and Gurnel, and on all or most of these Charges had been Found Guilty and Sentenced to be Cashiered, conceiving himself aggrieved by the Judgment of that Court, and that his Conviction was effected by the Prevalence of Subornd evidence, preferred a bill of Indictment at a former Sessions against these Gentlemen for a Conspiracy — But his Lawyers perceiving some defect in this Indictment, another was preferred at a subsequent Sessions for a Conspiracy and Subornation of perjury — both Indictments being found, and these Gentlemen ordered by Government to come up to the Presidency from their respective Stations to take their Trial, they also appeared at this Sessions, and on their arraignment prayed the Court by their attorney, that as there were two Indictments pending against them — containing Charges for one and the same Offence

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offence the first Indictment may be
quashed, and assigned as a reason that
the Conspiracy was not charged with
sufficient certainty to enable them to
meet it. this motion being opposed the
Court took til the next day to consider,
when they pronounced for the motion,
and ordered the Indictment to be quash-
ed not only for its uncertainty, but also because
they conceived from the reasoning in the first
Book of Hawkins's Pleas of the Crown that it
would be a dangerous discouragement of all
prosecutions if persons convicted by a competent
Court were countenanced in preferring
Indictments for Conspiracy against their
Prosecutors. No objection having been made
at this stage to the second Indictment the
Trial went on, and the Jury brought in a
verdict finding the Defendants guilty of Conspiracy,
but virtually acquitting them of subornation of
perjury: it being near two O'clock in the
morning when this Verdict was brought in, the
Court adjourned to the next day when Lord Hobart
addressed

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address'd the Defendants to this effect That the Indictment in which they had been tried charged them with the Conspiracy and subornation of perjury 1st in conspiring together to procure Philip Mayne to be convicted at a general Court martial of cruel and inhuman & treatment of several of the non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the 26th Battalion which he then Commanded - and suborning one Naunacapah a Black Doctor to swear falsely that one Ayankoo a Camp Colour man died of a Blow given him by Captain Mayne - 2d. in Conspiring together to procure him to be convicted of shameful and indecent & behaviour to several of the Battalion and & suborning Dun Mahomed and Yankoo to & swear falsely that Captain Mayne had attempted to commit Sodomy with Dun Mahomed — That the verdict of the Jury pronounced them all & Guilty of Conspiracy, but had declared that part of the evidence which went to prove & subornation of perjury not sufficiently & credible

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credible to establish the fact — That this latter part of the Verdict the Court considered equivalent to an acquittal, and therefore discharged them of the subornation of perjury, but that the Conspiracy of which they had been found guilty was a very heinous offence, and ap- swerdly punishable — and then asked them whether they had any thing to offer why the Court should not proceed to Judgment. on this, motion was made to arrest the Judgment in the following grounds — That the Indictment did not aver that the charges exhibited against Captain Wayne were false and Malicious, or without reasonable or probable cause — That it did not aver his innocence of the charge of cruel and inhuman conduct, but only that he was not guilty of the death of Cunhoo — That it did not aver his innocence of indecent behaviour, but only that he had not attempted to commit sodomy with Deen Mahomed — That the sole act of Conspiracy charged being subornation of perjury, the Verdict of the Jury

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Jury which acquitted the Defendt of that offence was tantamount to an acquittal of the whole Indictment. some other reasons were offered in arrest of Judgment, and among the rest that Captain Mayne having been found guilty on the charges preferred against him no Judgement ought to pass — the Court having heard the attornies for the prosecution in support of the sufficiency of the Indictment pronounced in favor of the motion and arrested the Judgment accordingly

ordered that Mr Maynes memorial with a Copy of the foregoing proceedings be sent to England a passenger in the packet.

Read the following letter and Enclosures from the Directors of the Male asylum

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council
Fort St George

My Lord,

We have the honor, in obedience to the Commands of the Hon'ble the Court of

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of Directors to inclose to your Lordship the following papers for their information, forming our annual report of the State of the Male Asylum

No. 1 – A Statement of the amount of Private Subscriptions for the year 1794

No 2 – Copy of the annual address to the Public for the year 1795 with a Statement annexed of the Funds of the Male Asylum made up to the 31st January 1795

No. 3 – A Register of the number of Boys now at this Seminary with Remarks explanatory of the nature of the education they receive, and a list of such as have been bound out as Apprentices during the last year.

The numerous candidates for admission to the School who have been necessarily rejected for a time, from the limitation of its Establishment, we hope will plead our excuse, for soliciting your Lordship to support our request to the Honorable the Court of Directors for an extension of the Company's Bounty beyond the number of one hundred Boys to which it is at present restricted, with your recommendation – The objects of this Institution, and the reasons which encourage us to hope for this Indulgence from the Honble the Court of Directors, were detailed so fully in

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in our last annual Report, that it is unnecessary to repeat them. —

But while we confidently expect their decision on this request, permit us my Lord, to submit to your consideration a mode of appointing the Funds of this Charity, which an instance on its Records has prompted us to suggest. It is, that of the Donation made to the Asylum by Colonel Floyd, under the authority of the Marquis Cornwallis of the Pay of Mr Irvine Surgeon to the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons during the term of his Suspension by Sentence of a Court Martial — The power of directing a similar appropriation of the pay of those who may hereafter unfortunately incur similar censure in the Company's Service, we conceive to be vested in your Lordship, and we trust that the pecuniary Mulcts imposed for Military offences, cannot be more properly applied than to the Support of an Institution established for the maintenance and Education of the destitute Children of Officers and Soldiers.

We have the Honor to be,
with great respect
Sir
Your
Obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) John Braithwaite
" BY Close
" Jn Richardson
" George Hall
" A. Allan
" W Grant
" Andrew Ross
" R. Bell

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Amount

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Amount of Private Subscriptions for the Benefit of the Male Asylums in the year 1794.

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Amount Subscriptions from Private Individuals . . . 1018 2 9 9

Benefit arising from a Concert of Sacred music Instituted by divine of Lady Oakeley . . . . . } 1775 " "

Mrs. Hayden and Hughes donation . . . . . 100 "

Donation from the Estate of Lieutenant Orton . . . 356 2 1

From Mrs. Shaw, Lowell and Shaw Agents to the Captors for Southern Prize money . . . . . } 2277 12 -

From Major Smart and Captain Turing amount of unclaimed shares of the Mysore Prize money subject to the payment of claimants Shares when demanded 1765 6 7 8

Donation of Lieutenant Hutchpatrick's Prize money 16 22 .

" Lieutenant Barclays d° d° . . 16 22 .

" " Lieutenant Osborne for 1st & 2d Campaigns 30 13 6 4 1182 8 19 "

" from Mr Doring 161. 11

A Piece Served by Colonel Baird on a Settler in Camp . . . 250 "

Total Star Pagodas . . . 17767 16

Extracted from the Cash Book of the Male Asylum Fund for

(Signed) I Tulloh

A true Copy

(Signed) C. A Agnew

Sub Secretary to the Male Asylum

To

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To the Public

The President, vice Presidents and Directors of the Male orphan Asylum, submit to the Public, their annual report of the state of that Institution and its Funds.

While they gratefully acknowledge with gratitude the public benevolence which has raised and hitherto supported this Charity, they feel it to be particularly their duty, to express in the strongest terms their sense of the generosity of the Army, which served during the late War in the Mysore Country; who by vesting in the hands of the Treasurer of this Institution, the unappropriated balances, and unclaimed dividends of Prize money which remained in charge of their Agents, have given a prospect of permanence to the Funds of the Male Asylum, of which the uncertain produce of the annual subscription hitherto necessarily solicited by the directors, could afford but a very distant hope. —

So recently indebted to the Bounty of so large and so respectable a part of the Society of this Country, the Managers of the Male Asylum feel, that it would be improper to call for that annual Contribution which it has been usual at this season to ask for

its

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its support. — But the Paymasters at out Stations are also authorized by Government to recive Subscriptions for the benefit of this Charity, and remit them to its Treasurer Mr. Tulloh at Madras at whose office a Subscription Book is constantly open for the same purpose. —

The Managers of the Male Asylum regret that they have not been able to show their sense of the liberality of the public, as they could have wished, by extending to many Candidates of the discription entitled to the care of this institution, an immediate participation in its benefits. But this measure cannot be adopted with propriety tile a favorable answer is recived to the address which was last year transmitted from this Institution to Government requesting from the Honorable the Court of Directors an extension of that bounty, to which it is already so greatly indebted, beyond the number of one hundred boys, to which it is at present limited. What the state of the Funds, and Buildings for the accommodation of the Boys would warrant has been done by the addition of ten to the number on the foundation, whose expenses are intirely borne by the Charity, — and as the School is now complete to that increased establishment, it

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it is requested that all applications for admission be made by letter to the Secretary, who will notify to the commanding Officer, when the Boys can be received, in order to prevent those disappointments which must always occur, if Children are sent to the Presidency, before vacancies happen for their reception. —

Children of living officers are admitted as Boarders to the same treatment as those on the Foundation, on application to the Secretary, accompanied by a sum not less than ten Pagodas as Entrance, and an accepted order on some Mercantile house at the Presidency, for the monthly payment of three Star Pagodas, which includes all expences — Forty boys of this description are now in the School. —

Of the Boys on the Foundation, twenty have been bound out as apprentices to useful occupations during the last year. —

The Managers when calling the Public attention to the increased state of the Funds of this Institution, cannot avoid a particular mention of the advantages they have derived during the last year, from a judicious combination of the purposes of Benevolence

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(Let the above be sent to England)

Hobart
Com.d Saunders
Ch.s Talbot Jun.r

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

& Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Friday
20th February 1795

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Colonel Brath. wade requesting that Government will confirm his nomination of Captain Robertson to the charge of major Harts Offic-

As soon as I was informed of the indisposition of Major Hart, I directed Captain Robertson, Deputy Adjutant General to the Kings Troops on this Coast, who has long been a Paymaster and who is well qualified, to wait on your Lordship, to inform you how matters were circumstanced, and of a Balance of a Sum in Suspence, in the hands of major Hart, and to receive your Lordships Commands, and to report to you that I had directed him to superintend the Office of Deputy Paymaster of the Kings Troops.

This I thought it my duty to do, not only as a security to the Public, but also to myself as I have now so long Passed the accounts of major Hart under an issue of my warrants from time to time for his disbursements, which are

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are the Vouchers transmitted with the accounts to the Paymaster General of his Majestys Forces.

I immediately also reported to Major General Sir Robert Abercromby, Commander in Chief in India, the State of Major Hart, and the orders I had given to Captain Robertson, a Copy of this report I have now the honor to enclose to your Lordship.

Captain Robertson has informed me that your Lordship had authorized Mr. Cooper, Assistant to Major Hart, at the Majors request, to continue the duties of the Office, during the Majors indisposition, that you therefore wished Captain Robertson not to interfere, altho' he might occasionally look at the Office to see how things went on.

I am now assured that the indisposition of Major Hart is of such a nature as not to admit of any hope of his speedily resuming the duties of his Office, and that it has been determined by the Medical Gentlemen and his connections that he must embark on Board the Europa. I therefore request of your Lordship, in the event of your being satisfied that it is so, to confirm my Nomination of Captain Robertson to the duties of the Office of Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops, by announcing him in orders as in charge of that Office, which will authorize him to Indent for Cash, give acquittances, make Disbursements &c. and to receive the allowances for that Department till such time as the determination of the Commander in Chief of his Majestys forces in India shall be communicated to your Lordship.

I will add that Captain Robertson has signified to me, that Mr. Cooper has expressed his wish to him, that he would now act, as he is at all[illegible] how to do that, which should

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should be now done in the Office in consequence of Embarking the Kings Invalid Soldiers.-

I have the Honor to be,
with great respect.-
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
February 18th 1795

Copy of Colonel Brathwaites' Report to the Commander in Chief, respecting the deputy Paymastership of the Kings' Troops doing duty on the Coast,

Extracted from his Letter dated February 18th 1795.-

Captain Robertson, by my order, regularly reports to you, Sir, tho' major Ochmuty, all occurrences in his majesty's service, but there is one which I think it necessary to report myself direct to you.-

I am very sorry Sir, to report to you that major Hart has become insane those who are most intimate with him think they have perceived this long coming on, for my own part I have never discerned any thing like derangement in him, tho' I always perceived him to be agitated with an extreme nervous sensibility, and he complained of a Constant head ach. at present he is raving mad and tied — down; and the medical Gentlemen seem to think it constitutional I understand that the advice of the Physicians and the wish of his Friends and connections is that he should be sent on board the Europa, on — which there are few Passengers and which by making her voyage by the way of Bencoolen will give him a chance of returning from thence, should he recover, or of proceeding to Europe should his insanity remain — to this, if Proposed, I shall consent, which will I hope meet with your approbation —

On the first information of the melancholy State of major Hart, I sent to Captain Robertson the Balance of Cash, as stated in Major Harts general account delivered to me at the Commencement of this Year, and ordered him to look to the Office, and to wait on Lord — Hobart to inform his Lordship how it was circumstanced, his Lordship,

told

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told Captain Robertson, that Major Hart, on this first feeling himself going wrong a few days ago, had signified his desire of being absent for a few days, and his Office duties might be carried on by Mr. Cooper his Assistant, which had been consented to, he therefore desired Captain Robertson only to look at the Office occasionally but not to interfere. Major Hart had written to me for Permission to make a short Trip in the Coombys but very incoherently, seemingly under a great agitation of mind on account of the sickness of Mrs. Hart and his Child, but said Nothing about the duties of his Office, nor did I advert to them, considering his uneasiness such as would Pass over in a day or two. But if he proceeds, as I have above stated, on the Europa, I shall think it necessary to order Captain Robertson to take charge of his duties, and beg leave to recommend Captain Robertson in the strongest manner to be confirmed by you, Sir, in the temporary appointment, as an Officer Perfectly well qualified in every respect, and highly deserving of every mark of favor that can be bestowed upon him. He is so well known to you, Sir, that it would be unnecessary in me to mention him, were it not that I think it a justice due to him to do so whenever I can with any view to his advantage, and to signify that I am perfectly satisfied that he can most effectually carry on the duties of the Pay Office, and those which he at Present Discharges with every advantage to the Public Service. Should major Hart return in a situation to resume his employ, Captain Robertson will of course be ready to resign it to him, and Should major Hart not return, I should be much gratified if Captain Robertson will of Course be ready to resign it to him, and Should major Hart not return, I should be much gratified if Captain Robertson is approved by you as his Successor.

True Extract

Signed W. Nelson Secy

Read

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Read the following letter from Mr Hart.-

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

My Lord,

From Mr Hart requesting that Government will appoint an Officer to the charge of the Kings pay Office during Major Harts indisposition and also take measures for the care of his property.

The unhappy situation to which myself and family are reduced will I trust sufficiently apologize for my obtruding for a moments on your time. Major Hart has for several months laboured under a very precarious state of health, and this climate has at length so overcome him that his present state of mind renders him totally unfit to conduct the duties of his Office a voyage to Sea is recommended as the only chance left for his recovery and he has accordingly embarked on board the Europa Indiaman now under dispatch for Bencoolen. For a more particular account of his situation I beg to refer your Lordship to Doctor Conolly the Physician who has attended him, and to Captain Grant the friend who has been most with him since his illness. Thus situated, left with two helpless Infants, and my own health in a very declining state, I am strongly advised to lose no time in quitting this Country, and I have in consequence come to a resolution of proceeding with my children to Europe by the first Fleet. The purport of this address, I therefore, is to request your Lordship in Council will be pleased to appoint an Officer to take charge of the Kings Pay Office during Major Harts absence, trusting to your Lordships liberality and goodness that the appointment will be so worded as not to preclude Major Hart from returning to his station whenever it may please Almighty God to restore him to his health, and that you will also be pleased to take such measures as may appear to your Lordship in Council most proper for the care of his person, and preservation of his property.-

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
Signed Charlotte Hart.

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the 19th February 1795

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President's observations on the letter from Colonel Brathwaite and shewing the Right of Government to nominate a Successor to Major Hart's Office - proposes Majr Wm Beresford.

In Council 20.th Febuary 1795

Upon the letter just read from Colonel Brathwaite, the President makes the following observations, to which he requests the attention of the Board. -

Consult.d 26.th August 1791.

Major George Hart, the Paymaster of the Kings Troops under this Presidency, acted by a Deputation from his majestys Paymaster General dated the 21. February 1791 which authorized and empowered him, after providing for the subsistence of the Troops to remit through the Commander in Chief of the many the difference between the subsistence issued in India and the full amount to be paid by the East India Company for his majestys Troops serving or to serve in India. -

Consult.d 26.th August 1791

By the instructions transmitted along with the Deputation, a mode was pointed out for conducting the Business of a Deputy Paymaster in the East Indies, and Major Hart was enjoined to open an account with the Right Honorable the Paymaster General of his majestys forces wherein he was to charge himself with all monies received, taking credit for all monies paid, and transmitting Vouchers in support of all payments to the Pay Office in England. -

By the late act passed in the 33.d year of his present Majesty it is declared that all accounts between the Paymaster General of his majestys Forces and the East India Company shall have been held to have been closed on the 24.th day of December 1792 from which period all the expences to be incurred for the support and maintenance of the Kings Troops shall be borne and defrayed by the Company. -

The Paymaster General of his majestys Forces having therefore no longer a control over the Company's advances on account of the Kings Troops serving in India, since the late act had expressly declared that all accounts between that Officer and Company were at an end, on and after the 24.th day of December 1792 the

the deputation to major Hart, of course became void, when the authority under which it was derived ceased, in that respect to exist.—

all the accounts of the Paymaster to the Kings' Troops are now audited under the regulations established by the— Company's Government advances are made to him upon— estimates previously transmitted to the Companys' pay office, and checked by the Auditor. the Parliamentary agreement of 1781 by which the King was to receive for every Regiment of one thousand men serving in India the Sum of two Lacks of Current Rupees per Annum is done away by the late act— —the security by which major Hart was bound cannot— devolve upon his successor, as the Pay-office at home has nothing more to do with the payments made in India.— The law has prescribed that the whole shall be borne and defrayed by the Company, who are responsible to parliament for the observance of it, in like manner as the Governments in India are responsible to the Company, for the proper application of the public money intrusted to their management. But in what way— could this latter responsibility fairly attach, if the expenditure were entrusted to Persons appointed by other authority, and consequently removed from the infliction of those penalties, to which, by the— usage of the Company's service, all Paymasters, in the event of— misconduct, are liable.?

The President, in his own mind, is fully satisfied that the right to nominate a Successor to major Hart is immediately within the province of this Government, and he therefore proposes and that Marcus Beresford Esqr. major in his majesty's Service be—

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be appointed Paymaster to the Kings Troops on the Coast of Coromandel until further orders upon his giving sufficient security for due performance of the trust himself Ten thousand /10000/ Pagodas and two other securities in a similar sum.-

The Attorney General attends the Council.

The President proposes that Mr. Benjamin Sullivan, the Company's Attorney General, be ordered to attend the Board.-

Mr. Sullivan attends accordingly

Deposition of Mr Cadby relative to Major Hart's state of mind.

Mr. Valintine Conolly called before the Board, and sworn by the President to depose the truth, to such questions as may be put to him.-

2 How long have you attended Major Hart as a Physician?

A about ten days.-

2 Do you believe Major Hart to be at present in a state of insanity?

A I do

2 What reason do you give for forming that opinion?

A Because he has not had an interval of reason from the time I was first called to attend him.-

2 Do you recollect any particular expressions of Major Hart, denoting confirmed insanity?-

A I have heard Major Hart repeatedly say that he was sent by God almighty to reform mankind - and that Jesus Christ and Mahomet were impostors - or words to that effect - besides much other matter, extremely incoherent -

2 Did you recommend that Major Hart should be sent on board of Ship?-

A

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A. Said

2 Why did you recommend that measure.[2]

A Because I conceived a change of climate, and a change of scence, the most probable means for his recovery.

2 Are you the Surgeon in charge of the Lunatic Hospital.[2]

A. I am.

Mr. Conolly retires

Examination of Lieutenant Grant on the same subject.

Lieutenant Alexander Grant, Commander of the Governors Body Guard, called in and Sworn.

2 Are you well acquainted with major Hart.[2]

A. Yes

2 Have you observed any alteration in him within these last ten or twelve days.[2]

A. yes a great alteration

2 Have you been frequently with him during that period.[2]

A Very often

2 Has he, in the course of that time, made use of such expressions, or behaved in such manner, as to evidence you to believe him to have been insane.[2]

A. He has

2 Can you endeavour to recollect any particular expressions.

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expressions he has made use of.?

A. He has told me that he was an instrument sent by God almighty to reform the world. He mentioned many extraordinary things that he said he was to perform.

2 Do you consider Major Hart to be incapable at present of conducting his private affairs.?

A I consider him totally incapable

2 Where is Major Hart at present?

A On board the Europa Indiaman in the roads.

2 Did you see him on board that ship, and converse with him there.?

A I went on board with him, and spoke to him — afterwards. —

2 Did he know you at that time.? —

A Yes. But his language was perfectly incoherent, and his ideas totally deranged.

Lieutenant Grant with draws. —

Question to the attorney General

The attorney General is asked, whether Government can properly authorize one or more persons to take charge of Major Hart's effects, and to collect

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The property outstanding for the benefit of his family.[2] The —
Attorney General answers, that as a Statute of Lunacy cannot
give at this place, he thinks the mode proposed, the best
that can be adopted, under all the circumstances regarding
Major Hart.—

His Reply

The Attorney General with draws.—

The President proposes that two Gentlemen be
authorized and directed to take an inventory of Major
Harts' monies and Effects to collect whatever may appear
to be justly due to him and to lay before Government
an exact account of whatever may be in their possession
of the property of major Hart within one —
month, reporting the particular sums that
may be then due.—

President proposes that two Gentlemen
be appointed to take charge of
and Collect major Harts property—

Mr. Fallofield concurs in the
Presidents' motion.—

Mr. Saunders is under the —
necessity of dissenting from the Presidents —
proposition.—

Mr. Saunders dissents—

Resolved, in consequence of the
opinion of the majority, that Lieutenant
Alexander Grant and Mr. Clough
appointed to the above trust.—

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Alexander Grant and Richard Borough Esqrs. be appointed to the above trust. -

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Diary

Received the following Letter

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Board of Revenue with Statement of the Calastry Revenue.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter of the 15th Instant, and to advise your Lordship, that our records do not afford the information of [illegible] revenues of the late Rajah of Calastry, which is requir[illegible] accompanying, we have the honor to submit the C[illegible]'s report thereof, but we think it necessary to [illegible] that we can place no confidence in its accuracy.

We have the honor to transmit to Mr. Place's reply to the Papers from his Highness the Nabob, referred to us, with your Lordship's letter, under date the 23rd Ultimo.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Edwd Saunders

" David Haliburton

" Chas N. White

" Thos Lockhart

List

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A List of the Cauveil Amount of the Saghire and Renteer Villages &c: of the District of Rajah Davenda Vencatappa Nair Bahauder Rajah of Calastry

		Cauveil Amount	Renteer Amount for Fasly 1194	Total
161	Villages Purgunah of Calastry Saghire Country	3 13,550 2	—	13,550 2
115	Nanjur &c:	—	22,000 —	22,000 —
65	Eguvaurpollam	—	7000 —	7000 —
8	Vamanjeevaurpollam	—	25000 —	25000 —
12	Aulavanpollam	—	4,500 —	4,500 —
32	Sauyeppa Naid &c:	—	Naid &c: 3000 —	3000 —
24	Tumbaury Locu[illegible]	—	7600 —	7,600 —
5	Palechoor & Pele[illegible] Villages in the District of Su[illegible]	—	3500 —	3,500 —
13	Virostoomala[illegible] the Purgunah of [illegible]	—	4,000 —	— —
240	Seatarampra[illegible] Cook	—	29701 16	— —
635				2[illegible] 4/16

Mx Pagodas 47232 4/16 3[illegible]

Signed Madava[illegible]
Comptr & D[illegible]

A true Copy
Signed S. R. Lushington
Act.g Depy Secy

Received

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Received the undermentioned letters
Entered in M: B Nos. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118.

– Lexington — From Sub Secretary at Bengal advising of the Recruits embarked on the Asia for Madras.

– Bombay — From Bombay – acknowledging receipt of the Boards letter of the 22: ult:

From Military Paymaster General

– Paymaster General — with the Estimate of the Paymaster at Ellore for February.

From Ditto – with his Estimate

– do — for March.

From Lieutenant Charles L. Morgan

– Lieutenant Infantry — requesting four Months leave of absence to Bengal.

From Commandant at Ongole'

– Guntur — with Intelligence of a party of Plunderers who have infested that Neighbourhood

From Acting Commissary General

of Grain and Provisions – transmitting his Estimates for March.

From Commandant at Trichinopoly –

– From Colonel Floyd — the Officers of the 2d Battalion request Full Batta, while Stationed at Mellore – of opinion that that Corps may return to Tanjore, when the Rammad service is concluded.

Dispatches

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19 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in M: B. Nos. 119 to 120. 121. 122. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137.

To Secretary at Bengal - forwarding

To Mr Secretary Hay — a Letter from the Nabob to the Governor General -

To Lieutenant Tolfrey - informing

To Lieutenant Tolfrey — him that no passage Money can be allowed without further directions from Bengal.

To Commander of the Asia

To Captain Dutkes — directions to receive Lieutenant Tolfrey on board

To Mons.r Dauzon - granting

To Mons.r Dauzon — him to Embark for England - six months pay be advanced to him.

To Commandant in the Guar

To Lieutenant Colonel Wynch — Circular - transmitting him copy of the Letter of the 6th above noted - and directing him to take necessary measures for quelling the disturbances in that quarter.

To Mrs. Lee - ordering

To Mrs. Lee — for praying to her Lordship's pension as she may be entitled to it.

To Mr. Mayne - his Memorial

To Mr. Mayne — will be forwarded to England.

To Military Auditor General

To Auditor Genl. — with orders for paying the pensions above mentioned

To Ditto - advising of Ensign Pr

To Do. — Pondergast's appointment as French Interpreter at Pondicherry.

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To Ditto - referring the Ellore &c
Ditto Estimate for February.

To Military Board - with direction
Military Board for receiving or Exchanging the Gunpowder that may
be tendered from the Kings Squadron - Certificate &c
of the Tonnage landed from the Houghton to be &c
furnished.

To Military Board - with Copy of
Military Board the Survey Report received from Bengal of the 12 Gs
Pr. Field Carriages consigned for Madras.

To Captain Little - permitting
Captain Little him to proceed to Europe.

To Resident at Nagore - with &c
Mr. Porriano a Letter for Colonel

To Commandant at Ramnad -
Conveying the particular thanks of Government &c
Mr. Martinz for his Zeal and Services, in Effecting the Seizure of the
person of the Rajah of Ramnad.

To Board of Revenue - referring for
their opinion, in as far as they relate to their &c
Department - plans of Lieutenant Friend and Evans,
for establishing a Breed of Horses in the Carnatic
and Northern Circars.

To Mr. Strange - permitting &c
him to resign his Offices of Paymaster and &c
Storekeeper - and directing him to deliver over charge
to Mr. Hawkins.

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To Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To Mr Hawkins with orders to receive charge.

To Commander of the General

To Captain Money Goddard with orders to receive charge of said detach

at the India House two Chests containing

Muskets.

To Collector at Vizagapatam

To Mr. Lowe permitting him to send to the Board of Revenue

his Correspondence respecting Madgul

Sent the following Letter

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

Hon^ble Sir,

To Bengal forwarding Copies of Letters from and to Mr. Money, relative to Rammad, and the Seizure of the Rajah's person

Our Secretary, by our orders yesterday transmitted to Mr. Hay on the 14th instant, advising him for your information, of the complete success which attended the measures taken for effecting the seizure of the Rajah of Ramnad. We feel pleasure that the object has been accomplished without bloodshed - and the more so, as the Rajah had with him at the time, a very considerable force, and might have made a very troublesome resistance, had the plan concerted for his Seizure been executed with less ability and Zeal.

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We enclose copies of all the papers that have passed on the occasion, since our letter of the 30th Ultimo, and as soon as we have determined on the arrangements necessary for the future Government of the Ramnad Country, we shall address you again.

We have the honor to be
&c: &c:
(Signed) Hobart
Wabam

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4th February 1795

To Edward Hay Esqr
Secretary to the Governm
Fort William

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 12th Ultimo, and to acquaint you that an order will be given to the Commander for Europe Lieutenant Tolfrey, if the State of that Officer's health should admit of his proceeding - of which you will be duly apprized.

I have the honor to transmit an Extract of a letter from the Honorable Court of Directors, ordering the discontinuance of Passage Money

To Mr. Secretary Hay
stating reasons for
postponing payment
of Passage money for
Lieutenant Tolfrey

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20 Money to all Officers returning to Europe, which has been invariably attended to, with the exception of Officers in his Majesty's service going home on duty The President in Council apprehends that if the Passage Money be paid here to Lieutenant Tolfrey, as mentioned in your letter, it may create great discontent amongst the Officers of the Coast; and He has therefore resolved to suspend the order for the payment, until further instructions be received from the Governor General and Council

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9th February 1795

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your &c:
(Signed) Wm Jackson
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21 Received the following Letter

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor and President in Council
Fort George.

My Lord,

I have the [illegible] inform your Lordship that not the least dissatisfaction has appeared on the part of the Inhabitants of the Country, and that the administration carried on by the Pardao, is with as much regularity as if no Revolution had taken place in this Government.

From Mr Powney has attained the Cavalry Regiment for a short time - the other Corps have returned to their Stations - regarding the Arrears of pay due to the Regular Troops may be discharged - their Number

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The different detachments which were ordered to rendezvous at Shevagunga have been directed to return to their respective Stations; I have desired Captain Bowser to deliver over charge of the Rajahs person to Captain Halliburton at Mellone, whom I have directed to proceed with the Rajah under a proper Guard to Trichinopoly and deliver him over to Colonel Floyd; Captain Bowsers Battalion is directed to rejoin the Detachment here, from whence I shall order him back to his Station. The Regiment of Cavalry, the Pardan has particularly requested, may remain here for a short time; and, until the Orders of Government respecting the future administration of this Country are fully established, it appears to me their presence will be very necessary, and I shall hope for your Lordships permission to detain the Cavalry till every thing is finally arranged.

The Rajahs Troops, consisting of about 1500 Men, are four and five Months in Arrears, and have been clamorous for their pay. I have desired the Pardan to make out an

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account of what is due to them, and I have promised the Men, that I would recommend their Situation to the attention of Government, and, as they have since conducted themselves with much propriety, I shall hope your Lordship will be pleased to order their arrears may be discharged.

In my former letter, I took the liberty of mentioning the ability and zeal with which Major Stevenson had accomplished the object of Government, in securing the person of the Rajah without bloodshed, and I should consider myself very deficient, were I not in the strongest terms to mention the regular and exemplary conduct of the Detachment under his Command throughout the whole of this service, and that not a single Complaint has been preferred against an individual of it, I therefore indulge myself with the hope, that on this, as well as on account of their Zealous and extraordinary exertions, manifested on this occasion, your Lordship will be pleased to bestow on the 3rd Regiment of Native Cavalry and 3d Battalion Infantry, such marks of your favorable Notice, as you may think they merit.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) George Barlow

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Received

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21. Received the undermentioned letter, entered in M: B: No.s 138. 139.—

From Sir P. Saddrel— stating

From Sir P. Saddrel that he has received no satisfaction from the Nabob in respect to his claims, in consequence of the Presidents letter to His Highness in his behalf.—

From Captain Doveton— enclosing

From Captain Doveton a Bill of Charges for the Tiled shed built for the two Camels stationed with him.—

Sent letter to the Nabob, &

22 entered in C: C: No.1 B forwarding Copy of

Substance of letter to the Nabob another letter from Mr. Polack, and noticing the frequent applications made in his behalf without Effect.—

Sent the following letters.—

To Major Marcus Beresford

Sir,

To Major Beresford— appointing him Paymaster to the Kings Troops and desiring him to name his persons & his sureties.—

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acquaint you that his Lordship has been pleased to appoint you to the office of Paymaster to the Kings Troops serving under this Presidency, until further orders.—

Sir

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It being the custom of the Service,
to require Security from all Paymasters for the
due performance of the trust reposed in them,
you will be prepared to execute a Bond, in
which you will be bound in the sum of two
thousand /10,000/ Star Pagodas, to abide by the
decision of this Government upon the final
Audit of your Accounts by the Company's Military
Auditor General.

You are desired to inform me
of the names of two other persons to be bound
for you in a Similar Sum.

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I am &c: &c:
/ Signed / W.C. Jackson
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To Lieutenant Alexander Grant
and
Richard Borough Esqr

Gentlemen,

To Lieutenant Grant, and Mr Borough - informing them to take charge of Major Hart's private Concerns - and directing them to render an Account of them within one Month.

We hereby authorize and empower
you to take under your charge the management
of Major George Hart's private Concerns, and

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we desire that you will draw out an inventory of all Monies and effects belonging to him, collect whatever may appear to be justly due, and lay before us, within one Month from this date, an exact account of whatever may be in your possession of his property, and the particular disposal that may thereof be done to him.—

We are &c: &c:

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/Signed/ Hobart
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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mr: B: Nos. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169.—

To Mr. Clark

To Mr. R. Clark - returning to him the Bond lodged with the Company as Security for the late Mr. Joseph Garrow

To Captain Campbell 74th Regiment

To Captain Campbell - directing him to state whether he actually performed the Duties of Brigade Major to the Kings Troops previous to the date of his appointment by Sir R: Abercromby - and if so, by what authority he took charge of that Office.—

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To Acting Secretary to the Male Asylum — a Copy of the annual Report of that institution will be sent to England — the suggestion relative to the pay of Officers suspended the service, cannot be adopted, without the previous permission of the Company. —

To Major Agnew

To Military Auditor General — referring the Estimates of Mr. Roebuck and Mr. Skardon for March. —

To Auditor General

To Commander of the Army — the application of Captain Price for Arrears of House Rent inadmissible. —

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Military Board — the subject of their report of the 11th Instant will be again noticed to the Court of Directors — Lieutenant Colonel Gibb's application cannot be complied with. —

To Military Board

To Captain Greene — his application for Arrears of pay inadmissible. —

To Captain Greene

To Commandant at Pondicherry — Ensign Prendergast appointed French Interpreter — Mr. Griffiths can only receive his allowance as Secretary, for January. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling

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To the Reverend Mr. Fricke

To Mr. Fricke

with extract from a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, in reply to the Complaints lately preferred by the Bahe Sahebs.

To Commandant at Shevala=

To Captain Deighton.

=putore – no allowance on Account of Reckonings can be granted to him.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Tuesday 24th February 1795

Edward Saunders Esqr

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.

Read the following letters from the Military Board.

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council.

My Lord,

We have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that our President has communicated to us, that the Agent employed to purchase Arms for the Nizam, is willing (as he cannot conveniently be supplied with them from the Arsenal) to wait for them if he can be supplied from any of the distant Stores, and it appears from the returns, that there are in Madurah and Pallamcotah the following Foreign Muskets.

From military Board propose that the Foreign Muskets at Madurah and Palamcotah be sent for, to supply the Nizam.

Madurah

Dutch Serviceable	629	Total 841
Do Repairable	212	

Pallamcottah

Dutch French Serviceable	1191	1710
Dito Repairable	519	

Total 2551

with which he may be supplied, if it meets with your Lordships approbation, we have ordered them to be sent to the Presidency with as little delay as possible

We have the Honor to be

&c : &c :

(Signed) John Braithwaite

" Henry Malcolm

" Th.s Geils

" Jn Richardson

" P. Close

" Wm Lenh

" Wm Lounge

" George Hall

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

Agreeable to your commands under date the 7th Instant we called upon the Military Storekeeper to make enquiry in regard to the Muskets in number, condition, and value of the Muskets in the possession of individuals and we have now the honor, in consequence, to lay before you Copy of his letter with the result of his enquiries - and to state to your Lordship that from the appearance of the Muskets he has forwarded to us, as Musketoons, we are of opinion that they can be of no use to the Nizam to whose Agent however they may be shewn by the Storekeeper, if your Lordship so thinks proper.

We have the hon to acknowledge Receipt of your Commands under date the 17th instant, and have accordingly given the necessary orders to the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs and to the Storekeeper and Engineer at Tanjore.

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on Military Board
to Statement of the
muskets for Sale in the
Cook Town - opinion
relative to the Horse
Cook applied for at
Vellore.

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In reply to your order communi-
=nicated to us through Mr. Secretary Jackson,
we beg leave to state that whenever the Quarters
in any Garrison are insufficient for the accomo-
=dation of Officers stationed at that Garrison, the Barrack
Master usually gives his Certificate, ascertaining
the Officers who are not provided with Quarters,
whose certificates is by the usuage of the Service,
deemed sufficient to authorize their drawing
House Rent.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Thos. Gill
" Ln. Richardson
" T.J. Close
" Wm. Lent
" Wm. Younge
" Geo. Hall

To Colonel John Brathwaite
President & Members of the
Military Board

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24th February 1795

Gentlemen,

In obedience to your order

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under date 15th Instant I have made every enquiry concern-
-ing the Number and Condition of Muskets in the possession of
Individuals at the Presidency, and have now the Honor to lay
before you Musters of the few I have discovered a list of the
Persons possessing them, the Number belonging to each, &
with the Prices at which they are willing to dispose of them

I have the Honor to be,
Wa: Wa:
/Signed/ Jos: du Pre Porcher
Military Storekeeper

Fort St. George
24th February 1795

a true Copy
/Signed/ A. Brodie
Secy. Milty Bd

A List of the Number of Muskets for Sale in Black Town.

No 1 Seventy Moodily Muskets long and Short with Bayonets ..... 65 @ 2 3/4 pr pr Piece

No 2 Ditto ... Carbines .... 50 @ 2 3/4 do .. do

No 3 Alvar Chitty Musket English 10 } @ 2 do .. do
do French 60 }

No 4 Seven Sciah Muskets French } 11 @ 2 3/4 do do
with Bayonets }

/Signed/ Jos: du Pre Porcher
Military Storekeeper

a true Copy
/Signed/ A. Brodie
Secy. Milty Bd

Agreed

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Minutes thereon

Agreed that the foreign Muskets be supplied to the Nizam's Agent upon his consenting to purchase them at a fair valuation, and that he be shewn the Musters procured by the late Military Storekeeper

Ordered that communication be made to the Officer Commanding at Vellore, of the form to be observed to entitle such Officers as are unprovided with quarters to the usual allowance of house Rent.

Read the following letters from Captain Alexander Read.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Captain Read reporting the Repairs immediately necessary for preserving the Forts on the Eastern frontier

Having received your Lordship's instructions through Mr. Secretary Jackson to communicate my sentiments in regard to the repairs that may be immediately necessary for the better Security of the Forts on the Eastern Frontier, with as little delay as possible, I rather apprehend that your Lordship may expect fuller information from me on the subject, and in less time, than it lies in my power to give.

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All the forts deemed important, in
in the districts under my command, have been surveyed
by the engineers, plans and Estimates of the additions
and repairs, recommended by them, from time to
time, having been approved of, some works have
been finished, and others are now carrying on, agreeably,
I make no doubt, to the engagements entered into &
by Government with the contractors. My opinion of
them has not been desired, or has any other kind
of report of them, than the inclosure A, been made
to me, until very lately, that, having occasionally &
stated to the Commander of the Army my predica=
=ment in regard to particular departments within
my jurisdiction, he was pleased to direct the &
engineer to transmit, in future, all plans and
estimates through me, for my information, and
approval. I have mentioned these circumstances,
as explanatory of my not being more fully informed
as to what has been done, at several places under
my Command, which the Chief duties of my Station
have not required me to visit of late, and of my
being on that account, unable to determine, &
according to my own judgement, what repairs
to each of them, are necessary for their Security.—
The forming a mature opinion of the
Works at every place, would require a circuit of at
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least two or three Months, and certain qualifications would be necessary, which few, excepting professional engineers, profess. even I qualified myself to undertake I should think it at present inexpedient, your Lordship seeming to desire such information on the subject, as can be speedily procured. In this emergency I can only submit my own ideas of the works at some, and the opinions of the Officers commanding on those, at other places.

The works of the hill fort of Kistnagerry are in perfect repair. the lower fort is untenable, the ditch is open; and it would require extensive works to protect it.

The fortifications of Rythotta being of bad Materials, every where decayed, and, in some places, thrown down, in order to be rebuilt, add but very little to the strength it derives from its figure and situation. the first and Second lines of defence are repairing, a gateway to the 1st. has been built; two more are building to the 2d. and 4th. lines; and other works stated in the engineers report A. are carrying on here, I am not advised as to the end proposed by repairing the lower works of this fort, but they are not in some places

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cannon proof, and I think, for the reasons assigned, it should either be demolished, or built of better Materials, all the works above them, especially those on the South face require to be built from the foundation, and not being more than 100 Yards of Masonry, on account of the rock, which projects, and devides them, the expence admits of no consideration.

The purposes to which a place like Nyhotta may be converted, and the works it would require, can only be judged of, by a thorough examination of it, on every face, with an eye to the attack and defence of it; I am surveying it, and if the result of that attempt prove favorable to the ideas I have formed, I shall hereafter submit them to your Lordship's consideration.

A new gateway and traverse are constructing to the fort of Chinroydroog; but though accessible on two opposite faces, and difficult of access on the other two, I think, from the vicinity and height of the neighbouring hills, that a Wall in most directions, and perhaps entirely round, is necessary for its security. It is a small post; its garrison is only one Company; there is only one gun in it, and

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were an invasion to be made by the Palicode pass, it would probably sustain the first effort of the enemy's main body.—

Veraballdroog being in the Center of an immense jungle, is likely to be passed by an enemy, but it is very open to attack, and the walls scarce any where thicker than a Garden wall. They may be repaired, and the gateway may be constructed, as ordered by Government / vide A / but I apprehend from their extent, their vicinity, their being open to assault, and the probable Number of the Garrison at any time, that it would be more eligible to rebuild the upper wall, which being farther from the opposite hills, and greatly above them, would constitute it a place of Strength.

Coigoondy being encompassed by jungle, and rather distant from any Road marched by Armies, it is the less likely that a considerable force would be sent against it, for which reason, the repairing of the old works, as the engineer has proposed, might be sufficient, but as no particular duty has ever called me that way, I have never been at it, therefore, cannot be decided in respect to the repairs that may be necessary there.—

Concerning

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Conceiving Catoragur and Sevagury as coming under the same description with Congoody but of much greater consequence, were a road made in a line with them between Kissnagy and Amboor, as then they would form a chain of posts, I think those places should be repaired, and accommodations for at least half a Company prepared in each of them.

It appears by the engineers report that the repairs of the fortifications of Penagra, are in great forwardness, and that two gateways to it are constructing, which may eventually be sufficient for its security. Should Tippoo enter these Districts by the Policode valley it is probable he would not turn 20 miles out of his way to reduce it, but were he to enter by the Cavery pooram pass, it would be the first place that would fall, unless put in a proper state of defence. The officer commanding there writes "The breach of ninety two feet is under repair at present by the engineer, but having only a few women at work upon it, it is not likely to be completely repaired for several Months.

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one gateway is finished and another begun, but the gates are not yet made, There is a place of worship which runs so far through the Rampart, to the Westward, that the wall is only a foot, or a foot and a half in thickness, and as the place is not much frequented by the Natives should be filled up."

Captain Orame says of the Works of Sankledroog, "As Captain Bong of the engineers, has given in estimates for repairs of the 4th 5th and 6th walls which the Military board have approved, I shall only observe, that were it left to myself, I would certainly have the two North walls, which run at right angles to the other defences, repaired for mousquetry. At present there are many breaches in both those walls, I also apprehend that a work would be necessary for two or three peices of cannon, at the higher cavalier situated north west of the outer northernmost wall close to under the abrupt part of the rock, which by infilading both these wretched lines of defence would prevent their affording at present complete cover for an enemy

Captain

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Captain Cameron who is in the Command of Salem writes me of it as follows. "Being well acquainted yourself with the ruinous state of this fort, I shall only remark that it is in a worse state than when you saw it; for, during last Monsoon, great quantities of the wall that faced the bastions, and Curtains, fell down, though no breach was made in the wall. Lieutenant Cudmore of the engineers is now here, by directions of the Military Board, estimating the expence of building a new fort on a plan which they have approved of" I imagine that were Salem to remain in its present state, till a time of hostility, it would be advisable to withdraw the troops from it at the approach of any considerable force.

The Officer Commanding Nannael says of the fortifications there, "that the hill fort is in complete repair; that Captain Bong has repaired a bastion in the lower fort, which has since fallen down, and that it is likely a heavy rain would bring down much more of the Walls and ditch of it, as there are several breaches in both" This shews the inexpediency of repairing works which are very old or built of bad Materials.

Captain

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Captain Campbell who lately Commanded Ahtoor wrote me as follows on the works of that place, "the engineer is going on with the repairs that have been ordered. He has rebuilt a bastion on the river face that had been washed down by the river, and has repaired the breaches that were made at the same time in the glacis and counterscarp. He is now building the new north east angle bastion, but to put this place in a proper state of defence requires the parapets all round the fort to be reformed, and strengthened, and a banquette to be added to the Cavaliers, particularly those, on the river face, require a thorough repair, as they Command the high ground on the other side of the river, where an enemy would probably erect his batteries. The gateway is like all other Country gateways, a square projecting work with a number of traverses, the front of which is so very low, that it might be easily escaladed, I therefore think it would add greatly to the strength of the place if these traverses were removed and a work on another construction made to cover the gate."

As

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as I have already intimated a knowledge of fortification, and a particular knowledge of every place, are requisite to draw up a full report of the repairs, and additions that are necessary to the Security of a post; for which reason this is but an imperfect statement of the repairs which the forts under my Command require, but having directed Captain Bong, the engineer in these districts, to draw up plans and estimates of such as he thinks proper, & which he is now employed upon, those may supply the defect.

Your Lordship's commands on this subject have led to the questions, whether particular works should be repaired - rebuilt - be suffered to moulder away - or demolished.[2] and those questions adduce to more weighty considerations, if applied to posts entire. But as connecting with the defence of the whole of the western frontier, and depending on general arrangements, your Lordship will not, I imagine, desire that I should enter into such discussions, nor could it, without every information the engineer could give, and a

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personal inspection, be within my power to form, and give opinions upon them, in a manner, deserving of your Lordship's attention, and if desired, it would lay me under the ^ necessity of setting aside, in a great measure, other business, which would occasion much ^ impediment and inconvenience in my civil ^ department. But I am ready to execute whatever your Lordship may deem the most important to the public service.

I mentioned to your Lordship ^ the intention I had of giving my Sentiments on Buildings and repairs and of submitting ^ what in different departments, is essential to the Security of the posts under my Command, in one report, but as that would cause delay they shall be made severally, the subject of future communications.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alex.r Read
Lt.

Buildings

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Buildings and Repairs ordered by Government for Baramaul and Salem Districts 1794.

What Buildings & Repairs	at what place	Remarks
Building 1 Captain and 2 Subalterns Officers Quarters	Nyneattah	Finished
Building 1 Barrack for 4 Companies of Sepoys	Do	Finished
Building 1 Store Room Marked No1	Do	Finished
Building 1 Store Room Marked No2	Do	Begun
Repairing an old Granary Marked L	Do	Not begun
Building a new Gateway at the 1st line of defence	Do	Finished
Repairing the 1st line of Defence	Do	Finished
Building a New Gateway at the 2d line of Defence	Do	Begun
Repairing the 2d line of Defence	Do	Begun
Building a New Gateway in front of the 1st Powder Magazine or at the 4th line of defence	Do	Not begun but the Materials Collected

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What Building & Repairs	Where at Work	Remarks
Building a new wall to the P. Powder Magazine	Pycroft	Finished
Building a New wall to the 2d Powder Magazine	Do.	Not Begun
Repairing the Batteries	Do	Not Begun
Repairing the Retaining Wall to the Tank Market	Do	Not Begun but Materials collected
Building a New Gateway and a Traverse	Chintapa Dasy.	Begun
Building a Powder Magazine	Do	The Arched Closed
Building a Store Room and a Granary	Do	Finished
Repairing the Walls	Venkatasa Dasy.	Not begun
Building two Gateways	Do	Not begun
Building a Powder Magazine	Do	Begun the Arch
Building two Store Rooms	Do	Finished
Building a Powder Magazine	Pinagra	Finished
Building two Store Rooms and a Granary	Do	Finished
Repairing the Fortifications	Do	Begun forwards
Building a New Gateway	Do	Finished
Building a inner Gateway	Do	Finished
Building a Barrack for one Battalion of Sepoys	Kistnagoy	Finished

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What Buildings & Repairs	at what Place	Remarks
Building a Powder Magazine	Nothing	The Arch nearly closed
Building a Gun Shed	Do.	Finished
Repairing the 4th Line of defence	Do.	not begun but Materials Collected
Repairing the 5th Line of defence	Do.	begun Nine great forwardness
Repairing the 6th Line of Defence	Do.	Finished
Building a Powder Magazine	Athoon	Finished
Building a Gun Shed	Do.	Finished
Building Spray Barrack	Do.	Finished
Repairing the Retaining Wall of the Rampart	Do.	That part ordered by Government was finished, but the late heavy Rains have damaged other parts
Building the N.E. Angle Bastion	Do.	In great forwardness
Building a Bastion on the South face	Do.	Finished
Repairing the Scarp, the Counter Scarp, the retaining Wall of the Glacis on the River side	Do.	almost finished when the late heavy Rains injured a great deal, which now no time nor cost in repairing
Rebuild the inner Gate	Do.	Finished
Building two Drains and Gutters	Do.	Finished
Fitting up a old Choultry to a Store house	Do.	Finished
Building a Powder Magazine	Nemeel	Finished
Building two Store Room and a Granary	Do.	Finished

Signed / J. A Bong
Capt. Engr.

Athoor
the 24th December
1794.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

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

My Lord,

From Captain Read representing the evil attending the present mode of procuring Grain by offering the Rice that shall thereafter be tendered for Contracts - and recommends that a Store of Paggy be stored in each Garrison - Instructions to his Assistants for storing Grain enclosed

The situation of the Districts under my command, and the uncommon drought this year, causing a strong desire with me to see the stock of provision intended for every garrison so completed, I took upon me to call the attention of the late acting Commissary to those circumstances, whenever they began to gather in the paddy Crops, and advised him of the steps that I had taken, by way of rendering that assistance, which he might expect of me, as Collector, in procuring the stock required.

Though I had the honor so very lately of representing, in conversation with your Lordship, the evil consequences proceeding from procuring supplies by the modes practised in this Country, I beg leave to remind your Lordship, of what has come within my own experience in transactions of this kind, & which I apprehend will generally apply -

With

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With the view of providing what was understood to be necessary for the public service, I stipulated with the Inhabitants, in my first settlement of these districts 1792, for as much grain, at a fixed average rate, as would complete the Stores, under the obligation of delivering it at different granaries the nearest to their villages that may be accounted a fair transaction, and had it been entirely optional, it would have been so, they, however, for reasons that will appear, and which they knew from experience, were so averse to it, that they would have given a quarter, or even an half of the quantities required, to be excused the obligations imposed, but to permit me to acquaint your Lordship, that what is asked by the Sirkar, is considered as an order by the reyets of this Country. Custom says, the public service required the measure, but that was not the case, if in the grain could be otherwise procured.

Agreeably to the above stipulations, in 92, the Reyets delivered their grain. Impossible, for the grain keeper to attend at every

every place, the receiving it was entrusted to his servants, their orders were, and very properly, not to receive it, until perfectly dry, on pretext of its drying it, and other causes of delay, the reyets were often detained from ten, to twenty days, at the granaries, then it was measured by the Company's Marshall, which is larger than the Common measures of this Country. Then by drying, stealing, and cheating, they sometimes lost, as I am assured, from a fifth to a third of the quantity. Next, they were paid in coins the most advantageous to the gracin keepers agent, and often in base metal, so that it seldom happened they got a fair price for the remainder. Some endured all these vexations, but many whose patience was exhausted, left their potails, caranams, or neighbours to receive the amount, They being naturally more pressing to get their own accounts settled, neglect those of the absentees, or proposed to themselves an advantage from their perseverence, by defrauding them of a part, or the whole of their dues, In short numbers received not a Cash for their grain!

Mr O

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No precautions can be devised,
to prevent all these means of imposition; &
especially, if assessments of the Ryots be the
mode adopted, for every knave employed on the
part of the Sirkar, assumes the authority of a
Master, and every ryot in transactions with him,
the demeanor of a slave; it is the same, in all
cases of intermidiate Agency, between them, and
the Sirkar or the Collectors, But in their dealings
with Merchants, they feel themselves upon a
footing, and at liberty, to act as may suit their
advantage or convenience.

What I have said of assessments of
grain applies to assessments of sheep, and other
articles of supply. This and other practices equally
oppressive, and generally obtaining in this Country,
make the ryots dread the Sirkar as they do their
God Roodra the destroyer, and are subversive
of all our endeavours to inculcate those notions
of freedom and confidence, which, people have
under a government, that never authorises or
such violations of property, or deprives them,
by such measures of the support they would
receive from an unrestrained administration
of justice.

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The way to obviate the necessity of such assessments is such, as would occur to almost any person, being that by which government so frequently procures upon the coast, rice, salt, Sugar, tobacco, and other articles, that is, by advertising for contractors who will furnish the quantities required, but inland that is not customary, and whosoever will propose innovation or attempt reform, opposes custom, sometimes, (as ignorantly conceived,) the interest of Government, and generally, either the interest, or convenience, of individuals.

apprehending from these considerations that it would be best to meet opinion halfway, I was induced to assess the Districts under my management, about a month ago, for 300 Gorahs of Paddy, the quantity required to supply the actual deficiency at the several garrisons and there, taking every possible precaution to prevent the evils complained of in 92: but the mode before mentioned is so much the best for government, and for the people, that I have now taken off the assessment and to accommodate the grain keeper, have advertised for Merchants or contractor who will engage to furnish that quantity, and as much more as may be desired. In case your Lordship be inclined,

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inclined to know the particular steps that are taken in this business, I inclose my instructions upon it to my Assistants, and will shortly communicate the result, I shall likewise acquaint the grain keeper with it, and request that he will employ the Merchants who may come forward as Contractors.—

Having, with inferior means, procured people, who chiefly supplied the whole army, last war, with provisions, I have very little doubt of soon getting a considerable number; but the failure of the paddy crop, in almost every district to the Northward of Poroor, and the prevailing scarcity in Ballaghaut, which threatens a famine, are grounds of apprehension, that, not being able to collect much in those districts, or to the Westward, they may be very tardy in procuring the quantity required to complete the intended stock, I mention this to your Lordship, particularly, with a wish that should the occasion happen to be emergent, a part may be supplyed from the Coast.—

What I here take the liberty of suggesting, results as well from late experience, as the present want of grain, for, as stated in my

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my letter to Government dated 9th July 1793, I could not prevail on the bingarries to enter into engage= =ments for supplying the Army during the Siege of Pondicherry, because, as they said, they could not from the then General scarcity collect enough, or in= such time, as to produce them a reasonable profit, as the price commonly rises with the demand, & that objection may have been owing to some partial cause. However, that operating, the principals of them engaged with me to lie = employed as carriers, and to collect 10,000 bullocks, & with saddles, bags, and drivers within two months, as follows. —

In 20 days	3000
30 days	5000
40 days	7000
60 days	10,000

and that one bullock with another, they should carry 72 Company's Sears of rice, at the rate of = 4 Silver fanams per gow, which is variably = between 7 and 8 Miles. I have thought that, should your Lordship resolve to send grain from the coast to stock the garrisons in these districts, there might be a want of carriers, in which event some inference as to the service, which could be derived from the bingarries, in that capacity, & may

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may be drawn from the above stipulations. What they will do as grain contractors, will shortly appear in the effect of my late advertisements.

Many hundred Banjaries, and other dealers, having come from Ballagaut into the Baramahl, to buy up grain, giving much reason, under present circumstances, to apprehend that, if permitted, the inhabitants of those districts would soon suffer the distress which is already felt in that country, I have thought it expedient to prohibit the exportation of any, from all that lie north of Topore, to the westward; which I hope your Lordship will approve of.

Deeply impressed with the utility of laying up a considerable quantity of raggy in every garrison for the double purpose of store, and supply the inhabitants, in years of scarcity, like this, as your Lordship proposed, I most earnestly request that you will weigh, and consider, the very important consequences of the measure, and trust it will be every where adopted. I shall soon do myself the honor of addressing your Lordship again on the business of the grain department &c. and of laying before you a full report of the several granaries and store rooms in the different posts under my Command.

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My motives for the steps I have
already taken in it, anticipating the orders of
Government, are evident, but, as immediately
concerning myself, I hope that, if difficulties
or disappointments should arise from the causes
I have mentioned, in supplying the garrisons,
and eventually the inhabitants, it will be
remembered that I have not been unmindful
of my duty, so far, either in my civil or military
capacity.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Hector Read

Pykotta
January 21st 1795

To the Assistant Collectors
Baramahl and Salem Districts.

Gentlemen,

Since receiving your answers
to my letter upon the orders I had prescribed for
enabling us, in the case of necessity, to expedite the
supplying of the grain required for store, I have considered
the weighty objections against it, and for those in particular
adduced by Mr. Munro, in addition to what had occurred
to

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to myself, on the subject, am more desirous than ever,
of its being done without any interference whatever
on our part. That, however, is so much against what
we may call ancient usage, and opinion, as to the
practicability of doing it without, that if we can
avoid by any Method, some of the evils complained of in
92, it is as much as we can hope for. Besides, the
present, appears to be rather emergent, and though
I lament, with you, the occasion, it assuredly happens,
some times, that the imposing certain hardships
on the inhabitants cannot be entirely avoided, &
without incurring more serious consequences. Under
this Dilemma and the having reason to expect that
the Commissary of grain will immediately receive
orders to lay up a twelve months store in all
places that are meant to be defended, when,
as customary, he will call upon us to exert our
influence (without which he will say nothing can
be done in it,) I have devised, as you will find, in
the inclosed, another mode of doing it, by which I
propose, that we shall only advertise for contractors
to be employed by him, and that the ryots, having a free
market, shall be at liberty to part with their produce to
them, as merchants only, in place of suffering any more,
the impositions, they have always experienced in such
transactions with the Sirkar.

Thos Munro

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Though we may avoid, by this
means if the commissary agrees to employ them /
the using any influence in the business as Collector,
while it will afford him, effectually, the means of
procuring the stock that is wanted, we must
necessarily appear in it, in our judicial capacity. to
give such legal assistance as he may require, /
For doubtless, many of the Merchants will be
delatory in performing their agreements, and
some abscond with the money he may advance
them. Several disagreements will likewise happen
between them, and his Servants, of which we must
also take cognizance, expecting to have frequent pro-
vocations of that kind, which cannot be helped, you
will see, that as far as I can, I have provided, in
the accompanying, for the total preclusion of
such occurrences, and for, eventually, adjusting
them.

There is so much room for vexation
in the various modes of measurement, that, by the
experiments, I made a few days ago, of 1/2 bl. it appears
that by different rules the contents of the same
Marshall, may be 1 1/2 - 1/6 - 1/4 which, together
with the number, and differences of measures, in the
districts, makes it absolutely necessary to have the

Quantity

quantity which the marksall or measure agreed upon is to hold, determined by its weight in rupees. — Therefore I propose, that shall be the first thing — to settled in their agreements. — The second is the price of the commodity in Star Pagodas, which are the most convinient coin for entering in the Commissary's accounts, and sufficiently so to the contractors, as I propose they shall be paid, when in other coins, at the bazar rate of exchange. The third is the quantities contracted for, which may be expressed in, and delivered by, any measure, whatever, and so received or brought to account as Company's — marksalls, streaked, or heaped, as may be customary in the grain department, for if delivered by the — Kistgeary Seers of 864 rupees weight, the multiplying of the number by 864 and deviding the product by 1.700 gives the number of heaped marksalls. —

In regard to the fifth article, I have directed your Sheheldaurs to make all the — kists on three days of the month, and no others, viz: on the 1st 2d and 3d and to stipulate for the delivery of the grain at the posts in your respective divisions, the two other heads of information wanted, are, the sums that may be demanded in advance by the Contractors, and securities for them. —

That

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That all of these heads may be ascertained with the greater exactoness and expedition, a forom for a muchelga or bond, No 1, containing them, is prescribed, also an abstract for the whole of a districts, and the tasheldars are directed to be particular in the observance of them, & when they get as many agreements as they expect, they are to transmit the whole of them to you, and you will make out from them, and send me, the abstracts of your respective devisions, as per forom No 2. this being done, I shall transmit one of the whole to the Commissary, and request that he will avail himself of it, by accepting of the most advantageous proposals, which may be made, and after that, conduct the whole of the business himself & without any further interposition of mine, unless, in recovering bad debts, & requiring defaulters to perform their engagements, in which we must of course use our utmost endeavour to procure him justice, as well as in supporting the merchants when his servants may be the aggressors.

My instructions to the Tasheldars of your respective devisions, with Copies of the advertisement No 1. of the forom for the Muchulga No 2 and of that for the abstract for Tasheldarries

Similar

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similar to No. 4 accompany this Letter, that you may distribute them with positive orders to each of your Tashildaurs respectively to carry them immediately into execution, and exact themselves & procuring persons who will contract; also & concluding and transmitting you their agreements.—

This plan necessarily superceding that of stipulating with the rayots for a part of their rents in kind, as before directed, and the temporary embargo ordered till the assessment could be made; which within & the short time it had been laid on, has caused some distress; you will of course notify to them, at the same time, with & accompanying advertisement, that they are again at liberty to dispose of their grain as they please.

I have been induced, within these few days, from the Number of Merchants & actually in the Baramahl buying up grain & for transporting to Ballagaut, and the & scarcity we have to expect from the & scantiness of the present crop, and the & call we have for grain to complete our & stores, to prohibit the carrying any grain &

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the districts north of Tapore to the westward—
Being so far from the Southern districts, Messrs.
Macleod and Munro will enquire if the exports
from them be considerable, and if so, lay on
the embargo there also, informing me if it appears
expedient, and the measures taken.—

Expecting daily to be advised of Govern=
=ments orders to the Commissary General &
respecting the Store required, and apprehensive,
that, after all our endeavours, it will be very
difficult to supply it from the present crops,
I shall be extremely anxious till I receive your
Statements of the several Sorts that may be
made to you, and particularly desire, that
you transmit them as soon as possible.—

Rayhota
14th January 1795

Sam Va. Va.

Signed J. Read

Advertisement

Notice is hereby given to all Merchants
Agents or dealers in grain, that orders being issued
to Mr. Graham at Kistnagurry, Mr. Munro at
Daramporry and Captain Macleod at Salem &c

to contract for a quantity of Paddy and Raggy, of
whoever will agree to furnish it, at the cheapest
rate, and the soonest, those Gentlemen will accord=
=ingly, agree with any merchants, or reyots, or
whose offers including dyr, carriage, and all
charges whatever, they may approve of, respectively,
for furnishing the desired quantities of those sorts
of Grain, and provided they give good security,
will make them advances of Money for the
purpose.

As the means of gaining speedy
information of the quantity of each that can be
thus procured throughout these districts, the
Tashildars are directed to publish this advertise=
=ment throughout their respective Tashildarries, by
beat of tom tom, to call unto them, all dealers in
grain, and to receive such proposals as may be
made to them, specifying—

1st The size of the pagodas, rendy or towm in regard weight
2d Their price in Star Pagodas
3d The quantities contracted for
4th The times and places of delivery
5th The sums required in advance by the Contractors, &
6th The Securities they can give for those sums, and the
performance of their agreements.—

which

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Which proposal they will forward to their respective collectors, whose answer to such as may be accepted will afterwards be sent to the Merchants, or renters, that shall have made them, when advances shall be paid, to such as desire them.

The entering into such contract with the Linkar, not being usual in this Country, merchants, or renters may apprehend certain consequences, but they may be assured that the terms agreed upon, shall not be deviated from an hair breadth, and in the event of any difference of opinion between them, and the persons employed by the Linkar, to receive and pay for the grain, it shall either be settled by the Gentlemen abovementioned, or left to the decision of a punchayt, half of whose members shall be of their own chusing, and half by the Linkar.

No 2.

Bond.

I Lucky Ram, merchant in Doubleabad, hereby do engage with Mr. Graham at Kistnagerry, to furnish by contract, after receiving 100 Star Pagodas in advance, grain for the Linkar, agreeably to the following stipulations.

1st Kisth By the 20th Day of January 100 Candies of Paddy @ 2½ Pagl and 50 Candies of Raggy @ 2 Pag 24 fanams ℔ Candy

2d Kisth By the 16th March or 19th February 60 Candies of Paddy @ 3 Pagl and 40 Candies of Raggy @ 3 Pag 16 fanams ℔ Candy

These grantities shall be delivered at Kistnagerry on or before the dates abovementioned, perfectly dry, and measured by the toom of 364 Rupees weight, shaking of the toom admitted, and first paid in Star Pagodas, and Silver fanams, I agree to receive the amount in other coins at the exchange of the day.

Contractor

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Comotoor Reena Soukar, and Cundabee Ramiah
dukandar will be my securities, and I hereby promise to
be punctual in the performance of this engagement on
pain of forfeiting one fifth of the Quantity that may be
deficient at the stipulated terms of delivery.

No 3

Experiments made before Captain Read, and Mr.
Graham the 11th January 1795

1 Rupee weight

72 .. 1 Seer by which grain is issued to the Troops
864 .. 12 .. 1 Marhall Streaked which is equal to the
Kistgurry Seer
936 .. 13 .. 1¼ .. 1 Marhall shaken and streaked
1008 .. 14 .. 1⅙ .. 1½ .. 1 Marhall heaped
1080 .. 15 .. 1¼ .. 1⅔ .. 1⅞ .. 1 Marhall shaken and heaped
3,45,600 .. 4800 .. 400 ..... 1 Company Garce
3,74,400 .. 5200 .. 433⅓ .. 1⅛ ..... 1 Do Shaken and Streaked
4,03,200 .. 5600 .. 466⅔ .. 1 5/8 .. 1⅛ ..... 1 Do heaped
4,32,000 .. 6000 .. 500 .. 1 5/8 .. 1 3/8 .. 1⅛ .... 1 Do Shaken and heaped

[illegible] Garce
[illegible] 1 Arcot Pice
[illegible] 1 Solga
[illegible] 1 Mysoor
[illegible] 1 Company Seer
[illegible] 1 Arcot Seer

Return

No 14

Return of Grain contracted for in the Baramahl and Salem Districts 1791

Quantities, Prices, and Periods of Delivery

Contractors	Sorts of Grain contracted for & Weight	30th January		27th February		28th February		16th March		Places of Delivery	Advances required	Securities Rupees
		Parcy	Rupees	Parcy	Rupees	Parcy	Rupees	Parcy	Rupees			
		Quantity	Price	Quantity	Price	Quantity	Price	Quantity	Price			
		Candy Fs.		Candy Fs.		Candy Fs.		Candy Fs.				
Latchy Ram.												
Merchant Bandy	864	100	22 2/9	50	23 1/3	70	30	60	36			
Venkitty of Cuddoor	672	80	20	100				30	24	20	3	30
Kistna	740				200	22 2/9	100	23 1/3	70	23 1/3	90	3
		180		90		370		190		180		100

Places of Delivery	Advances required	Securities Rupees
Kingsury	100	Comtoo Kistna Condabelumish
Darampury	80	Shaikhiahchop
Salem	500	Venkatachellum Salem Lutchiram Ruckpoo
	680	

Ordered

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Order thereon

Ordered to lie on the Table for future Consideration. —

Read the following letter from the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

To W. C. Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for the information of Government Copy of a letter from Mr Hughes, Commissary of Grain and Provisions in the Baramahl, and enclosure from Captain A. Read — For the reasons therein assigned & in opinion the proposed measure by allowing 666⅔ to the Troops the difference between the Buzar 500 lbs and the Company's, in Money, is, at this period, to be preferred to issuing Grain from the Stores, and beg leave to recommend it accordingly

From Mr Shardon proposes that in lieu of issuing Grain to the Troops in the Baramahal the difference between the Bazar and Company's price be paid in Money. —

Lam &c. &c.

Madr 7 Commissary Generals Office 23d January 1795.

Signed A. H. Shardon
Acting Comy Genl
G & D

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To John Humphry Shardon Esqr

Acting Commissary General of Grain &c. &c.

Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to report
to you, that, besides an application just now made for
supplying Grain to the Troops in the Garrison of
Salem, Offices are now making in the Garrisons of
Ryacotah, Chonneydroog and Kongoondy, under the
Sanctions which were prescribed in your directions
of the 22d August last, on Intimating his acquiescence
in the supply to the Garrison of Kongoondy, The
Commanding Officer of the District, at the same time,
enquired, whether it was practicable for one to make
a payment of the difference in Price in preference
to issuing Grain from the Store, a measure which
I answered, I could not possibly adopt without your
previous approbation and Authority – enclosed I
do myself the honor of sending you a Copy of
his letter and since from his Situation he
may be best enabled to judge of the Condition
of the Crops together with the means of replacing
the Store: and if it is dear and scarce, and the
Supplies are demanded just at the time
when

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when it should be plentiful and cheap, and the Stores be easily and amply Replenished, while, in many Garrisons also, the Store is far below the proper Stock, particularly so at Ryacotah, and much difficulty apprehended in completing it; it becomes peculiarly urgent, & necessary, and Politic, to reserve the quantity on hand as much as possible, and therefore I take the Liberty of recommending to your serious attention the proposition of the Commanding Officer of the District to renew the Compensation which was drawn in these Countries from June to November 1793, and further to request to be informed, should the mode of Relief meet with your approbation, whether the form in payment, and Method of Account formerly observed, would not prove right and Satisfactory to you.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Robt. Hughes
Cy G. Genl.

Kistnagherry
18th January 1795

A true Copy
/Signed/ Wm. Sharden
Lieut.

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To Robert Hughes Esqr
Commissary of Grain &c. &c.

Sir,

I have received yours, covering a letter from Mr. Grant, as the necessities of the Troops must be supplied while in our power, Grain must, of course, be issued to the Garrison of Kunyoondy; but I wish it may be consistent with your Instructions to allow them the difference between the Bazar price and the Company's in Money, in place of Grain; for the failure of the wet Crops being very general, I apprehend we shall find great difficulty in laying up the quantities required at different places to Complete the Stock proposed: let me know if you can do what I have mentioned.

Sam &c. &c.
/Signed/ A. Read

Pycastah
14th January 1795

a true Copy
/Signed/ Robert Hughes

a true Copy
/Signed/ A. Skardon

Order thereon

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read

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Read the following letter from
Colonel Floyd —

Right Honorable the Governor
in Council

My Lord,

From Colonel Floyd on the subject of some Claims to Negapatam Prize Money —

A number of Claimants of Negapatam Prize Money have applied to me here, and I have had Correspondence with Mr. Tulloh, the Prize agent, concerning them, in which I have uniformly found him anxious to do justice, and to discharge his trust in a manner punctiliously faithfull. —

To save these poor people the trouble of going so far as Madras to receive so small a sum as the third Dividend amounts to, I proposed to Mr. Tulloh to pay them here, and draw on him for the amount. Mr. Tulloh consented with the utmost readiness; and a certain number of the Claimants have actually been paid: but there still remains a good many others, chiefly representatives of persons now dead, and some who claim in their own person. Mr. Tulloh is unwilling to reject any of these Claims, and I am unable to determine, in a manner Satisfactory to myself, which of them are so, and which are not. Some persons appear who received two or more former

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former Dividends, and yet are not recognized by Mr. Tulloh as having claims on this third & Dividend, which gives room to suppose some error in the Rolls in Mr. Tulloh's hands.—

I applied to Colonel Braithwaite, and Suggested that application might be made to Government to authorize and order the assembling of a Committee here to examine, and determine on the claims preferred, and that some person on the part of Mr. Tulloh should attend this Committee, with the Original Rolls, or other necessary Papers.—

The Colonel, in his reply, this the Adjutant General, thassends the Concern of the Negapatam Prize Betty was of a private nature, and that no Order of Government could avail towards determining the validity of any doubtfull claims, or affecting the payment of them &c. But, in following this Line an injured Claimant appears to have no means of redress which I cannot think is the case, especially as the Native Officers, and the Privates have no Voice in appointing Prize Agents.—

I therefore request of your Lordship

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Lordship to consider of some means of ascertaining or rejecting claims preferred, and I beg leave to enclose a copy of an Order of Government dated 25th August 1789 precisely in point, which I have seen, since coming to Colonel Brathwaite, Commanding the Army.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) L. Floyd Colonel

Trichinopoly
February 26th 1795

Agreed that an order be published for assembling a Committee of Officers at Trichinopoly for the purpose of examining and determining on the claims preferred to a share in the three Dividends of Pagoda Prize Money.

Minute thereon

Read the following letter from Colonel Floyd.

To
The Right Honorable the Governor
in Council
My Lord,

From Colonel Floyd — advising of the person of the Rammad Rajah being in custody

I have the honor of reporting the Arrival of the Rammad Rajah, this day, at Utatoor

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entered by Captain Halliburton, and a Detachment of the 2d Battalion Native Infantry.

The Rummad Rajah will be detained Prisoner in the Fort, conformably to your Orders.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Lloyd Colonel

Teechinopoly
February 20th 1795

Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Venkatgherry as entered also in C.C. No 12.

Translation of a Letter from Pamerla Komar Yachen Nair, Rajah of Venkatgerry, to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart, Governor of Fort St. George &c. &c. &c.

Without date
Received 18th February 1795

After Compliments.

From the Rajah of Venkatagherry — has received orders from the Nabob to raise and punish a Polygar Robber

I am aware, a Poligar belonging to the Sirkar of his Highness the Nabob, having assembled a Body of two or three hundred Thieves, comes with them, in the Night time, to the Villages belonging to the Sirkar, and into my Sagear, plundering and Murdering the Ryotts

and

and robbing and molesting the Travellers, and Work people, in consequence of the Irregularity and Oppression of this man, I have had the Honor of an order from his Highness the Nabob, to check & punish him.

The above Poligar being a man of an extreme turbulent and wicked disposition, by whom my Districts have severely suffered, his Subjection and punishment is very necessary, I have therefore deemed it proper to represent the above particulars, and shall hereafter act according to your Lordships order.

What more need be Written?

A true translation

/ Signed / A Falconar

P. Tr.

Agreed that a Letter be written to the Rajah of Venkatgherry, directing him to pay obedience to the orders he shall receive from the Nabob.

Minute thereon

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

Agreeably to the commands of Hs Government under date the 13th of May 1792, we have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, in duplicate, a general Return of Hs Arms in the Arsenal at Madras, and Hs subordinate Stations, shewing their number and State - together with a Return of Ordnance, and such Military Stores, as are generally received from England, for the service on the Coast.

We have also the honor to lay before your Lordship, an Indent for Hats, to which we beg leave to request that you will draw the attention of the Court of Directors, and to acquaint them that musters of the cocked laced Hats, with white feathers for the two Battalions of Artillery, may be seen in Cockspur Street at the house of Messrs Oliphant and Sons; and

From Military Board. with general Return of Arms on the Coast. also of Ordnance &c received from England - an Indent for Lieut. Colonel Gillespie by the payment of three Commissioned by him from England with a representation on the low state of the Manufactory - accounts, Ensigns and Flinkes in Store. —

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and, at the request of Colonel Gell we take this opportunity of mentioning to your Lordship that in the payment Government were so good as indulge him with, for the Hats he had Commissioned & without authority, he sustained a loss amounting to Pagodas One Hundred and Twenty seven twenty three fanams, and thirty one Cash /127.. 23.. 31/ on Account of the difference between the rate of the Settlement of eight Shillings per Pagoda and seven Shillings and one penny at which rate he purchased Navy Bills as a remittance to pay for these Hats.

We think it our duety at this time to call your Lordships attention to the state of the Musketry and Accoutrements in the Arsenal at this Presidency

The proportion of fire Arms for the Troops on the Coast of Coromandel under the Presidency of Fort St. George is as follows

	Firelocks	Muskets
For 26 Companys Royal Artillery	26	
" 2 Battalion Regt. 16 Companys	320	
Artillery		
Carried over	938	

Brought

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	Fuzees	Muskets
Brought over	938	—
For 6 Regiments of His Majesty's Infantry	504	6000
4 Battalion of the Honorable Company's Infantry	40	2304
36 Battalions of Native Infantry	396	21888
Total	1878	30192
Present remains in the Arsenal		15222
Wanting to complete the Complement of Fire Arms for the Troops on the Coast	1878	14970

The Fuzees for the Corps of Infantry are for Officers of flank Companys both Europeans and Natives, and for the Serjeants of each Corps respectively.

The proportion of Accoutre-ments for the European Corps serving under this Presidency are as follows.

European	Pouches	Shoulder Belts	Slings
For the Royal Artillery 2 Companies	218	218	218
" Hon'ble Company's Artillery 2 Battalions	720	720	—
" Six Regiments of his Majesty's Infantry	6240	6240	6240
" Four Battalions of the Hon'ble Company's European Infantry	2400	2400	2400
Total	9578	9578	8858

Number

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	Pouches for Artillery	Pouches for Infantry	Shoulder Belts for Artillery	Shoulder Belts for Infantry	Firelocks Slings for Fuzees	Slings for Muskets
Number as above stated Proportion	938	8,640	938	8,640	218	8,640
Remaining in store	1000	3,212	462	1,961	50	3,851
Wanting to complete the above Troops, with one Set of accoutrements	"	5428	476	7,379	168	4,789

And if the Native Troops were to be completed
with Europe made Accoutrements, it certainly
would not only be a saving of expense to the
Company, but would be also of real advantage
to the service, by having the whole of the
Troops accoutred in such a manner, as to
preserve their ammunition from being
damaged by wet, and would add much to
their appearance; whereas the accoutrements,
made in the Country, do not preserve the
ammunition from damage, nor do they last
more than one year and a half, and even
where the utmost care, and attention, is
observed, have a bad effect to the eye, on
account of the leather being ill dressed

It appears, by a Statement
which the Commissary General of Stores laid
before us in December 1791, that the saving to the

Company

Company that would accrue from the whole of the
the Troops on the Coast being accoutred with
Accoutrements made in England, would be
considerable; and, at that period a Suit of accoutre=
=ments for the Infantry of the Coast Establish=
=ment, were sent to England, intended by the
Military Board as a Master of the sort
thought to be most suitable for the Troops
on the Coast.

Musket Flints is another article
which in our opinion should always be kept
complete, at least to the stated proportion,
and which, on account of exercising the Troops
and the encrease of the Military Establishment
on the Coast, should we think be augmented,
from five hundred thousand (500,000) the
present complement to double the quantity.
The number expended annually
for exercising the Troops is very considerable,
amounting in general to more than half
the stated proportion, and as there have not
been any Flints sent from England by the Ships
of the years 1793 and 1794 the stock of that article
is now much less than the stated proportion, as will
appear by the following Statement.

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States proportion of Musket Flints	500,000
Present remains in the arsenal February 8th 1795	335,194
wanting to Complete the States proportion for Fort St George as Grand Depôt	164,806.

From what we have had the honor to state to your Lordship, the necessity of constantly keeping up a good stock of Flints are doubtless obvious— we trust therefore that your Lordship will recommend to the Honble the Court of Directors to encrease the stated proportion of Flints to the extent above mentioned, and that you will call their attention to the Articles of Fire Arms and Accoutrements as a matter of great importance to the Military Service on the Coast, as also of consequence that an ample supply of them should be obtained as soon early as possible.

We have the honor to be
Wth Wth
/Signed/ John Braithwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Thos Reid
" Jn Richardson
" Rt Clive
" Wm Gent
" Wm Young
George Hall

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11th February 1795

Ordered

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Ordered that the circumstances
brought forward by the Military Board be reported
Order thereon in the General Letter to the Honorable Court
of Directors.—

Read the following letter from
Commodore Rainier.—

Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From Commodore Rainier in reply to the remarks lately made by the Hospital Board — and on Captain Boling's report of a Delay in the Transition and Treatment of the Seamen in Hospital.—

I have to reply to your Lordship's several favours and communications of the 4th 12th and 14th instant / the former of which was not received till 6 days after the date / I beg leave to remark.—

That, on the minute presented to your Lordship by the Hospital Board dated October 27th, and on which your Lordship desires my opinion, 'tis necessary to refer your Lordship for an explanation, to the correspondence between the Governor in Council, & the Honble Rear Admiral Cornwallis bearing date June 9th 1791, where the particulars are enumerated for which the extra charge was accepted, for each

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each seamen sent from His Majesty's Ships to
the General Hospital, of Assistance & Edicon, which
will be almost an unnecessary expence to His
Majesty's Service, if the alteration recommended
by the Hospital board is to be observed in future,
as the Seamen will be there treated, precisely
as they were, before such extra charge was
established, save only in the two Articles of
the expence attending bringing the weak patients
from the Sea side to the Hospital, and the
charge for burying the dead, for which no fee
is ever demanded, by the Chaplain of the
Garrison, who, much to his credit, never fails
to give his attendance — The Honble Rear
Admiral Cornwallis's purpose in specifying
the article of Wine, was obviously intended
to establish their allowance of it, on the
same footing with His Majesty's Naval
Hospitals abroad, where every Seaman or
Soldier has daily issued to him, a pint of
Wine, or half a pint of Spirits, delected with
water, at the discretion of the Surgeon of
the Hospital, as a common beverage in lieu
of small Beer — whereas the Custom of the

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Orders thereon

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as they were, before such extra charge was
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General Hospital is to give Wine Medicinally only, & which need not have been particularized in the & additional allowance. Mr Baillie was Surgeon of & the Hospital when the agreement alluded to was & made, and I have not yet had an opportunity of & speaking to him on the subject. The propriety or & impropriety of the allowance is not within my & province, & therefore out of the question. The irregularities & mentioned in the Minutes of the Hospital Board, & some never laid before me to this hour, and were & occasioned as I have been told, by an imprudent & indulgence of the Surgeon in & permitting too great a number of Seamen to absent themselves under the & pretence of attending a friends funeral, and from & the custom of giving the Spirits raw in Canoes & - whereas they never should be allowed to go & out of the Hospital, & their Spirits and Wine & should, as before observed, be always issued to & them mixed with water - Herewith transmit & for your Lordships consideration, Captain & Doling's Report of a Survey on the Condition & and treatment of the Seamen at the General & Hospital, your Lordship will observe, from the & date of it, that the order on which it was & founded could have no recriminatory aspect, & towards

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towards the Minutes of the Hospital Board in
question, received so late as the 16th instant, such
questions issued in course of service, and to enquire into the
truth of some general Complaints made to me on
that head.

The liberal allowance of Batta your
Lordship has established for my fifth Lieutenant
at my recommendation, and the very polite &
manner in which your Lordship has taken a
occasion, to notice my attention to the publick
Service, are alike extremely flattering to me, and
merit my best Acknowledgments.

Respecting the intelligence your
Lordship has done me the Honor to communic-
=cate from Lieutenant Montgomery at Cochin,
conceive there is every probability that Captain
Pakenham in his Majesty's Ship the
Resistance, will appear there in time to do
all in his power to discover the illegality of
the trade carrying on by the Ship under Tuscan
Colours, and deal with her accordingly

I have the honor to remain
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Peter Rainier

The Suffolk
Madras Road
February 21st 1795

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The Diet, attention and accommodation given the Sick at the Hospital at Madras.—

For Breakfast they have Rice, Conge, milk & Sugar.

For Dinner a joint of Mutton to each man p day— sometimes it is tolerable and often very bad as to its quality— every man is permitted to take up his joint raw, whenever he pleases, and it is frequently sold for a Fanam a day, what is not taken up Raw, is made into Broth with Vegetables, Herbs &c.—

I have desired the Surgeon not to serve any raw Meat for the future.—

After Dinner they have, agreeable to the Surgeon's opinion, a certain quantity of arrack not more than three Wine Glasses p day— I have suggested the great impropriety of Serving Spirits to Seamen, and that he will mix the Grog as Customary on board Ships viz Four Waters to one,— Madeira Wine is given only to those very ill.—

In the afternoon or evening, they are served Rice, Conge Milk and Sugar.—

The wards appeared too much crouded, and, with all, that cleanliness generally prevailing in Hospitals, more particularly in warm

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warm climates appear not sufficiently attended to, the parts where the sick men lie not much frequented stink abominably, although a good Breeze.—

They have a proportionable Number of Cooleys to attend every ward, and when Men are very ill a Cooley to each man.—

The Hospital Cloathing is very good & neat, what is very extraordinary, to men sick or in a convalescent state, they are not allowed either Shoes or Stockings.— } of no consequence (signed) P Ri

The Seamens Cloathing which they take on shore with them is left in their own charge, and when extremely ill may of course be purloined by their attendants—or, when in tolerable state are certain they might with ease dispose of the same for their favourite Liquor.—

Only a Surgeon, without any Assistant, to the Soldiers & Seamen Consequently it do not appear possible for him to give them a degree of attention their disorders might require.—

To remedy the evil complained of by Mr Bray for the future— The surgeon requests of you to order previous notice might be given the preceding day or evening, and that all the sick men are sent onshore and taken from the Ships in preference every morning— as he can then always accommodate the sick with Dooleys and Cooleys, as on the Contrary he is much at a loss to procure often a Dooley or the proper Number of Cooleys— they being otherwise employed

Not any part of the Hospital appropriated to the use of the Warrant or Petty Officers.—

Madras January 24th 1795

(signed) J Doling

Minute thereon — Agreed that a copy of the above be sent to the Hospital Board, with directions to pay particular attention to the observations contained in Captain Dolings Report, and to the Recommendations of the Commodore.—

The Hon.

Fort St. George 24th February 1795

Reinforcements ordered to be sent to Vizagapatam and why

The President acquaints the Board that there are private letters in the Settlement, mentioning that Major Dunnovay had failed in his attempt to escalade the Fort of Veregotam, and, as such failure may tend to encourage the Insurgents in the Vizianagrum Zemendary to further acts of contumacy, his Lordship proposes that the two flank Companies of the 2d Battalion of European Infantry be immediately embarked on board His Majesty's Ship the Suffolk for Vizagapatam. The Commodore having upon the President's intimation to them of the necessity of their immediate embarkation chearfully proposed to proceed on that service.

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Com[d]r Saunders
Ebt Fallofield

Wm. Parry
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Diary

Received the following letter. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council;

Fort St. George

My Lords,

I have the pleasure to inform your Lordships that the Country continues in a perfect state of tranquility, and the Collections are daily coming into the Ministers Cutcherry. —

From Mr Powney, inside a representation addressed to him by the Inhabitants of the district of Coimbetore, a Boundary for casting Guns. —

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I should receive from your Lordships a short time. —

By the vigilance of Colonel Martin we have discovered that the Rajah has constructed a Foundary for casting Guns, in the middle of a very thick Jungle, about ten Miles from hence. — I went to it yesterday, and found all the materials ready for carrying on the Work, which at present is but in its infancy; but we found [illegible] Guns of different Calibre already cast, which I have ordered into the Fort. —

I have received such very useful information from Colonel Martin) since my arrival here, that I should be very culpable were I not particularly to mention to your Lordship how very much the Service has been advantaged by his exertions, and to add that the Battalion under his command have shewn the greatest attachment to him, and have conducted themselves with the utmost alacrity and obedience, and have been of every essential use throughout the whole of this Service. —

I have the honor to be most respectfully

&c. &c.

(Signed) George Powney
Collector

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The Inhabitants of Kilcaud humbly submit this Representation to Mr. Poiney, as follows.—

The Ancient Custom was, That if we
cleared the Jungles, we were allowed to convert them
into Gardens or Paddy fields for Cultivation and sow
Paddy or other Grain &c.a—At the time of cutting the
Crop, in order to receive the Circars Share, a Manigar
and Conicoply were sent from Rammad to estemate
the Produce, on doing of which, in conjunction with
two other Inhabitants belonging to the neighbour-
hood, an account was then unanimously made
out, and the Crop divided into three equal Shares;
one for the Circar, and two for us—exclusive of this,
the Circar was entitled to some other small
priviledges, they were always paid and receive in
Money.— With respect to the other productions of
Kilacad such as Jagry, Castor Oil Seed, Tamarind,
Grain and Vegetables &c.a they were always left
to our disposal, to be sold by us to such Merchants
as we chose for our advantage—and, after paying
the Circar's Tax thereon, we used to subsist upon the
the remainder—Also we were summoned only once a
year for the Service of the Great feast Manomboo, and
never either before or after.—

During the Nabobs Government The
above Customs were attended to, with this only
difference

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difference: The Circars one third of the Share in Grain would be sold to us at the then Current price and Remitted in Money. —

But now the above ancient Customs & have not been regarded; at the time of cutting the Crop, two persons are sent from Rammad to estimate the produce, and they without consulting or knowing the opinion of the adjacent Inhabitants (as customary) pass their own & Judgement as they please, and confirm it & with great impropriety, tending to our prejudice; a Spot of Ground or Garden that will only & produce two Cullums is estimated by them at 4 and 5 Coll. and instead of taking 5 Marcalls for Cullums as formerly (a Cullum being always 15 Marcalls) they take 6 & 7 Marcalls for the & Circars Shares, and at this rate make up an Account, and the Amount of Measures arising & sold to us at 2 & Measures a Fanam although 5 are sold at the Bazar - and we are oppressed to pay the Money — Moreover it has been ordered that the Jagry Ait-seed, Tamarind Gram, and & Vegetables &c. of Kind be not sold by us as & formerly

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formerly on pain of being severely fined and
punished but to sell them always to the Cirears
Head Buzar and Treasure Masigars (Yabanum
and Sirdar) and every Article purchased by them
from us were highly to their profit. — The worth of
a fanam are taken for half, but sold by them for a
fanam and more. —

Our Services were only formerly
required once a Year during the great Feast; but
now we are Summoned Throughout the year
for Some service or other, and thereby enterupted
from providing for our Livelihood. —

We are Sorry to inform your Honor Sir, that
that the best part of our Cultivation this year has
been destroyed by Vermin, for want of Rain; what
little remains has been daily destroy'd by the Wild
Hogs. which we are forbidden to destroy — such
being the case with the present Cultivation, two
Common Men, of very little or no Judgement, were,
nevertheless, sent to judge the Produce; and they
confirmed their Judgment very conjestly Viz.t judging
2 and 3 Collums where a Collum can be hardly found,
and thus have made up an Account upon us and

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forced us to purchase the Circar's Shayat 2½ M.
½ fanam tho' 5 may be had at the Bazar

All our Palmayras have been cut &
down for the use of the Circar and Chatrams, and
all the Palmayra & Coconut Topes or Gardens &
belonging to Individuals of Kelavan have &
been taken from them.—

We have been, Honored Sir, greatly and &
miserably oppressed, and obliged to sell our Estates,
Lands Gardens &c. in order to satisfy the demands
of the Circar and to escape the threatened & &
punishment: Consequently many Inhabitants &
have left this for the Southwards—We now find &
ourselves highly distressed, and unable to &
remain here longer, unless we are protected by &
your humane and benevolent heart—and we &
the Ancient Customs to be attended to, and to
appoint some Person over us, to whom alone we
shall submit to, and be always ready to obey &
his lawful Commands—

A true Translation
(Signed) G: Powney
Collector

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Received the undermentioned Letters &
Entered in M: B: Nos. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155
156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161.—

From Capt.n Kirkpatrick.

From Resident at Hydrabad — sends five
Orders, to the persons in charge of Districts &c &
bordering on those of the Company most exposed to
the depredations of Meer Jemaun.—

From Mr. Stewart.

From Assistant to Ditto — requesting
that the Seize of the Tappals from madras to &
Bombay may be reduced as much as possible.—

From Major Roberts "

From Commandant of the Nizams &
Detachment — sends Copies of his Correspondence.—

From W. Duncan —

From Surgeon to the 36th Regement &
expressing thanks for the communication of the
favorable Sentiments which the Board have been
pleased to entertain of him.—

From Colonel Close

From Adjutant General Major Murray
requests leave to visit Madras, and Lieutenant
Holland to go to Europe.—

From Colonel Braithwaite

From Commander of the Army — submits a
Letter from Brigade Major Cosby respecting a
Refund demanded of him — Remarks on the &
Subject — Another Complaint against Mr. Vaughan
Lieutenant Colonel Gils requests Batta for the &
Corps of Artillery when at Practice.—

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From Capt.n Maclod. From Captain Macleod - with Intelligence from Seringapatam -

From Capt.n Doveton From Captain Doveton - with Bills for Intelligence for December and January. -

From Jean La Balle From Jean La Balle - applying for some Arrears of pay. -

From Mons.r Fevrier From Mons.r Fevrier - requesting the Allowance of a Sub Lieutenant. -

From Capt.n Dyce From Captain Dyce in reply to the Complaints preferred against him and his Dubash in the Petition from the Artificers. -

From Colonel Floyd From Commandant at Trichinopoly with Information on the same Subject. -

27. Received the undermentioned Letters & Entered in M. B: N.os 162. 163. 164. 166. - 167. 168. -

From Captain Macaulay From Captain Macaulay - has taken Charge of the Southern Barrack - Masterships. -

From Mr. Hodgson From Sub Secretary at Bengal with a List of the Officers and Privates of the King's Regiments embarked on the Ajax. -

From Mr. Bruere From Mr. Bruere requesting to draw his pension, and to reside at Tranquebar. -

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From Captain Maclean with a Bill for Charges incurred by him on the March of the 3d Battalion to Guntoor.—

From Captain Maclean

From Engineer at Masulipatam on the subject of the Establishment of Artificers Carts Water Bailers Lascars &c. formerly allowed there

From Captain Johnston

From Captain Doveton with Translate of a letter from Tippoo to them.—

From Capt. Doveton.

From Commandant at Trichinopoly transmits a letter from Lieutenant Torrens requesting permission to do the Duty of Major Hart's Station.—

From Colonel Floyd

Received the following Letters.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

Having examined the Estimates of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of March 1795, I have the honor to report that the Sum of Two Lacks, Thirty Nine Thousand and Eighty five Pagodas, Thirty Seven fan.

Auditor Generals Report on Mr. Roebuck's estimate for March.—

and

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and fourteen Cash (Pagodas 2,39085.. 37. 14) is
required for the payment of such Military Charges
as become due upon the first 1st of the ensuing
Month Viz.t

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From the General treasury	1,54,394..	29.	39.
By Bills upon the Military Paymaster General	84,691..	7.	55..
	Pagodas.. 239085.	37.	14

I have the honorable with the
highest respect —
Military Auditor Generals Office (Signed) Henry Malcolm
Fort St. George 27: February 1795. Military Auditor General

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

My Lord,

Auditor Generals Report on the Estimate of the Batta Expences for March —

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the Acting Principal & Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of March 1795. Accompanying Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of 26th Instant Expected

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		Ps	F G
Expected Disbursements at Madras		1690.	14. —
Arnee, Vellore, and Amboor		15.	— . —
Tanjore		98.	35. 32.
Palamcotah		980.	21. 00
Baramahal		75.	— . —
Ellore		231.	— . —
Chicacole		1000.	— . —
Ishapore Districts		20.	— . —
Hydrabad Detachment		858.	38. —
	Pagodas	4969.	25. 12.

From the Total Amount of expected Disbursements as above 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 —

Arnee		15.	— . —
Vellore		75.	— . —
Baramahal		231.	— . —
Ellore		1000.	— . —
Chicacole		20.	— . —
Ishapore District		858.	38. —
Hydrabad Detachment			
	Pagodas	2199.	38. —

Consequently the Amount issuable at the Presidency, as per Estimate of the Acting Principal Agent for

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27th for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for March 1795 as
Two Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty nine Pagodas,
Twenty Nine Fanams, and one Cash Pags. 2769.29.1.—

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Auditor General Office
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To
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 20th
Instant, with the Estimate of the expected
Disbursements in the Department of the Botary
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for
the Month of March 1795 and to report thereon as follows

	P.	F.	C.
Expected Disbursements at Madras	166.	41.	40
Chingleput, Permacoil and Pondicherry	200.	16.	64
Arnee Vellore and Amboor	71.	12.	—
Tanjore	12.	30.	—
Palamcotah	15.	31.	40
Baramahal	119.	—	—
Ellore	366.	33.	—
Chicacole	1000.	—	—
	Pagodas 1952.	38.	64.

Auds Genl Report on the Estimate of the Comm. of Prov. Department for March

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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 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.—

	P.	F.	C.
Vellore	71.	12.	—
Baramahal	119.	—.	—
Ellore	366.	33.	—
Chicacole	1000.	—.	—
Pags.	1557.	3.	—

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 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.—

	P.	F.	
Vellore	71.	12.	—
Baramahal	119.	—.	—
Ellore	366.	33.	—
Chicacole	1000.	—.	—
Pagodas	1557.	3.	—

Consequently

27th

Consequently the Amount issuable at the Presidency on Account of Disbursementon March 1795 as per Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions is Three Hundred and Ninety five Pagodas. Thirty five fanams and Sixty four Cash Pagodas 395. 35. 64.—

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I have the honor to be with the highest respect &c. &c.

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Aud. Genl.

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Received the undermentioned Letters Enclosed in M. B. Nos. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Capel — From Commandant in the Guntoor Ceded stating the measures he has taken for quelling the disturbances in the Palnaud. Collector from Jemmicollah enclosed.—

From Capt. Kirkpatrick — From Resident at Hydrabad sends another Order to the Nizam's Agent at Nelgondah.—

From Capt. Campbell — 74th Regiment — From Captain Campbell giving the explanation required, regarding his succession to the Office of Brigade Major to the Kings Troops.—

From Auditor General — From Military Auditor General reporting on the Ellore Pay Estimate for February.—

From Lieut. Davis Infantry — From Lieutenant James Davis requesting to be returned to the Invalid Establishment.—

James

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From Colonel Nixon

From Colonel Nixon advising of his Intention to proceed to Cuddalore to attend the Court Martial upon Captain Averend.—

From Captain Bowen

From Commandant at Kytar enclosed a Route of the March of the 7th Battalion from thence to Rammad.—

Sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in C. C. Nº. 14 to 15.—

Substance of a Letter to Rajah of Tanjore.—

To Rajah of Tanjore permitting him to proceed on his pilgrimage to Rameseram.—

and

Venkatachurry

To Ditto of Venkatachurry permitting him to comply with the Nabob's Orders respecting Surrapur, a Polygar Robber.—

Sent the following Letter

To His Excellency Commodore Rainier:—
Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships & Vessels in the East Indies.—

Sir,

To Commodore Rainier returning thanks for his offer of carrying Troops to Negapatam in the Trifell.

The disposition which your Lordship has manifested to co-operate with us on all occasions wherein the Public Welfare has been concerned, demands our warmest acknowledgments; and we desire you to be assured that we have the highest sense of your Lordship's attention to

to

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to the interests of the Company by the ready offer you have made of employing his Majesty's Ship Suffolk in the conveyance of Troops to Vizagapatam and of your proceeding yourself on this Service - An offer which we accept under a due impression of the Public Spirit by which it has been actuated

We have the honor to be,
with perfect esteem and regard.
&c: &c: &c:

(Signed) Hobart
Ed. Saunders
W. Falloofield

Fort St. George
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Dispatched also the undermentioned letters
Entered in M. B: Nos. 176.. 177.. 178.. 179.. 180.. 181.. 182.
183.. 184.. 185. 186.. 187.. 188.. 189.. 190.. 191.—

To Secretary at Bengal. with Copy of
To Secy. Navy Mysore Intelligence.—

To Ditto To Ditto with a letter from Tippoo to
the Governor General.—

To Mr. Porter. To Mr. Porter inclosing the Security
Bond for Mr. Paymaster Taylor for execution.—

To Mr. To Acting Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions forwarding Copies of the Auditors Reports
upon his Estimates for March.—

To Paymaster General To Military Paymaster General with
Ditto upon his Estimate for March.—

For

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To Hospital Board

To Hospital Board transmitting Extract of a letter from Commodore Rainier and Copy of Captain Doling's Report, respecting the Condition & and treatment of the Navy Sick in the General Hospital - the Remarks in the latter to be particularly attended to.

To Captain Anderson

To Captain Anderson informing him the European troops under his Command, while they remain on board the Suffolk, are to be subject to the Articles of War in use for His Majesty's Navy

To Commodore Rainier

To Commodore Rainier - transmitting Copy of the foregoing Orders. -

To Military Board

To Military Board - The foreign Muskets at Madura and Palamcotah may be supplied the Nizam's Agent - as well as those offered for Sale - Orders for drawing House Rent at Vellore to be given. -

To Captain Kinsey

To Captain Kinsey - permitting him to visit Madras. -

To Capt.n Butler

To Commandant at Arcole directing him to co-operate with Colonel Wynch in any measures for quelling the disturbances in that quarter. -

To Captain Lindsay

To Ditto - at Permacoil - permitting him to visit Madras. -

To Clerk of the Treasury

To Clerk of the Treasury - with orders for Advances to Mr. Skardon for March. -

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To Clerk of the Treasury — To Ditto — with Similar Orders for Mr. Roebuck. —

To Ditto — To Ditto — with orders for an additional Advance to Mr. Roebuck for February: —

To Lieutenant Colonel Pendergast. — To Commandant at Vegianagrum & advising of Two flank Companies of Europeans & having embarked, as a reinforcement to Major Dunwoody, altho' no official Account of the & failure of his Attempt upon Veragottam have been received — Orders respecting their Return. —

March — 2d — Issued and sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. No. for March 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

From Captain Read — From Commandant in the Baramhal advising of the departure and Route of the & Mahadanee Musalmen from Sankly Droog to Cellore.

From Mr. Porter — From Mr. Porter, returning the & Security Bond duly executed. —

From Colonel Braithwaite — From Commander of the Army — submitting a letter from Lieutenant Dowse, respecting the Stoppages made from the Pioneer Corps for Clothing for 1793 — his progress in making the Military Roads in the Baramhal. —

From Mrs. Lee — From Mrs. Lee — requesting to receive her pension wherever she may happen to reside. —

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2nd To Commander of the Asia, committing
To Capt.n Foulkes — to his Charge a Box of Plans for the Honorable
Court. — To Resident at Hydrabad with Copy of
To Capt.n Kirkpatrick a letter from Captain Macleod, containing
Mysore Intelligence. —

3d Received letter from Adjutant General &
From Colonel Close. — Superintendent MB. No 7. proposing the promotion
of Major Burs and Captain Sotheringham. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor. President

Tuesday 3rd March 1795

Edward Saunders Esq.r

&

Ernst William Fallofield Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation read
and approved. —

The drafts of the General Letters to
Drafts of General Letters to England Read and approved the Court of Directors to go by the Ships now under
dispatch are read and approved, and ordered to
be Copied fair.

Read the following letters &
from Bengal. —

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To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bengal to Egypt
against the Mauritius
Intentions relative to
D. Grand Pré —

Our Secretary having laid before us Mr. Jackson's Letter, of the 16 Ultimo, enclosing a Copy of one received from Colonel Stuart, upon communications from Mons.r De Grand Pré relative to the Expedition against the French Islands, We think it proper to inform you that We have relinquished altogether, the Intention of proceeding upon that Expedition, without further Orders from Europe. —

Mr De Grand Pré, as he is wholly unacquainted with our Intentions, proceeds from hence to Madras in the Company's Ship Lord Hawkesbury and we have informed him that he will receive your Lordship's Instructions for remaining at your Presidency, or going to Europe, We think that his Services in India may be dispensed with, and Recommend his being desired to go back to England, the Captain of the Ship, in which he embarks being desired, a

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as We wish him to be, to afford to M Dolgrand Poé the Treatment and Accommodations suitable to his Rank, at the Company's Expence, to be settled in England.—

We further Request that the Arrears of his allowance, as ordered by the Secret Committee Vizt Two hundred Rupees P Month, may be paid to him at your Presidency, calculating from the date of your Receipt of the Dispatches by the Ships in which he came Vizt.— the 7th of December, to the date of his departure from ditto Fort St. George.—

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

Fort William
10th of February 1795

Resolved that the following Letter be written to Colonel Stuart.—

To Colonel James Stuart

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 13th January, and to convey to you his approbation of your conduct, in the commendable Zeal you manifested by offering to proceed on the expedition against the French Island.

To Colonel Stuart advising him of the Expedition being relinquished—not letter in answer to one requesting his Staff and allowances—his prudent Conduct acknowledged

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Stands with any force that might be judged
adequate to the undertaking by the Supreme Government.

I enclose an extract of a letter from the
Governor General in Council by which you will be
informed that the intention of proceeding on the
expedition has been relinquished altogether, without
further orders from Europe.—

In consequence of that intention the
President in Council has come to the resolution of
discontinuing the Table Money, which by Mr Dow
of the 26th June 1794, you were permitted to draw
until the arrival of Sir William Medows, and of
striking off the Staff appointments. But, in
consideration of the peculiar circumstances attending
your case, his Lordship has determined that you
shall be paid a sum, equal to six Months pay
and batta of a Brigadier General, which is to be understood
as a release in full of all further demands whatever
upon the Company, in consequence of your appointment
as Second in Command on the expedition against the
French Islands. The Military Auditor General will
frame your Bill accordingly.—

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3rd March 1795

Sam. Hy. Hy.
Signed W. Jackson
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Read

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Read the following letter from Messrs.

Tulloh, Jervis and Brodie.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

My Lord,

From a consideration of the duty we owe to the interest of Our Constituents who are Creditors & in the Debt of the Rajah of Tanjore, now about to be finally transferred to the Honorable Company, and in order to be freed any future responsibility that may arise by our admitting the rate of Commission charged in the Register's Office for making the final transfer, & without their authority - We feel ourselves under the necessity of having reference to your Lordship in Council on the subject of the accompanying Correspondence with the Register respecting the rate of Commission meant to be charged by him on the amount of the final transfer in question. - We have, in that correspondence, stated the grounds of our objection to the Commission of one half per Cent on the whole debt, on a precedent which occurred in the Agency of Mr. Archibald Montgomery Campbell, who became the Register of the Nabob's debt, under the Sanction of Government, when he charged no more than One per Mille

on

Mess.rs Tulloh, Jervis and Brodie to pay to the Commission charged by the Register for the final Transfer of Tanjore Debt Company.

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on the whole amount of this Highness's Debt of
about seaty-eight Lacks of Pagodas. —

In the partial transfer of the Carnatic
Debt in the Registers' Books from one individual
to another, the fee chargable on these transactions
has been one half per Cent, but this expence is borne
equally by the Buyer and Seller. — In the transfer
in question the Honorable Company becomes a Par-
and in this case we are incompetent to determine
how far they may be considered liable to bear
a part of the expence, while we feel ourselves
restrained, by the want of authority from our
Constituents, to consent to their sustaining the
whole Commission meant to be charged by the
Register on the final transfer of the Carnatic
Debt. —

Submitting the decision of this point
to your Lordships consideration. —

We have the honor to be with the most respect

Fort St. George
2d. February 1795.

&c. &c.
(Signed) Tulloh Jenkins & Bro.

Thomas

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Thomas Cockburn Esqr.

Sir,

Understanding that ½ per Cent, on the score of Commission is meant to be deducted at the Accountant's Office from the Amount of the Bonds to be granted in lieu of the Rajah's Debt besides the incidental Fees of that Office, and considering that the Proprietors of the Tanjore debt, now about to be transferred may demur to that Charge being made and admitted without their authority & becomes incumbent upon Us, as their Agents, to make an objection to that rate of Commission, particularly as the present proprietors are not bound by any regulations, the original Holders of the Bonds may for their own convenience or interest have found it expedient to assent to.—

The Proposals for transferring the debt of the Rajah in the present instance, come forward on the part of the Company to the Creditors, some of whom have not acceded to them, and those who have authorized Us to do so will doubtless consider the Company, as the Purchasers of the Debt, and subject to bear a part of the expence attending the transfer of it, as in the customary instances of transfer of the Nabob's debt in your Books &

from

from one individual to another, where both bear an equal part of the expence —

When the Nabobs' Debts have been Registered by the Sanction of Government under the Agency of the Mr. Archibald Montgomery Campbell, tho' this was the first Act to Guarantee the Security of the whole debt to the Creditors, that Gentleman charged one more on the Amount of the whole debt so Registered than One per Mill. —

From these considerations, joined to the want of Authority from our Constituents, we feel ourselves incumbent upon us to avoid the Responsibility of admitting the Commission proposed to be made on the final transfer of the Amount, Principal and Interest of the Rajahs' Debts to the Company. —

We have however no Objection to admit the rate of Commission charged by Mr. Campbell on the original institution of the Nabobs' debts under the Regulation.

We Remain

Hon.ble Hon.ble

Fort St. George
18th February 1795

(Signed) Tulloh Jervis & Brodie

Mess.rs

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Messrs. Tulloh Jervis & Brodie

Gentlemen!

I have received your Letter of this date, informing me that, understanding 1/2 p.t on the sum of Commission is meant to be deducted at the A.G Accountants Office from the Amount of the Bonds to be granted in lieu of the Rajah's Debts, and & considering that the proprietors of the Tanjore debt, now about to be transferred, may demur to that charge being made and admitted, without their Authority, we think it incumbent on you to make an objection to that rate of Commission. —

In Answer I beg leave to inform you that a reference to the Letter addressed by the Cadiem to Government under date 6.th September 1787 applying for the Establishment of a Register Office under the & same regulations as Established for the Register & of the Nabobs debts, and the reply of Government & of the 11.th September following, sanctioning the Office & accordingly, together on the regulations to which & it has reference, lodged in the Register's Office will & remove all doubts of the propriety of your conforming to

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to those Regulations you have as attornies of the parties transferred, and accepted Transfers in my Books, and paid the fees Established by Authority you have regularly received the Dividends from my Office, and of course must necessarily comply with the other parts of the regulations Established by the same Authority The 9th Article of which binds the Creditors to pay the Commission in Question Viz.t—

"9th In the event of any future Arrangement being "made that may render it necessary to continue "the Transfer Office upon the footing now proposed; It "is meant that the Accountant shall be allowed the "like Commission of 1/2 p.r Cent by the Creditors "Agreeably to the Sums standing in their Names "upon his making up a final Account of their "respective Balances for the purpose of having the "same indorsed into any Plan, which the Creditors may "adopt for a final Liquidation of their Debts; the "Balances due to the different Creditors upon forming "any such Plan of Liquidation to be ascertained by "the Transfer Accountant under Inspection of the "Committee of Creditors, and Certificates of the "Balances to be Indorsed upon the Back of the "Bond and Signed by the Transfer Accountant"—

Sincd

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I need not, I believe, add any thing to
more to satisfy you that your offer of paying a
smaller Commission than that Established by regulation
cannot be accepted; I shall therefore in my Letter
to the Accountant General State the Amount of
the Cantage agreeably thereto, and request him to
to stop the same from the Bonds.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Thomas Cockburn
Register & Transfer
Accountant &c.—

Madras
18th February 1795

The Board are of opinion that the
opinion thereon.
Register, (under the letter from the Tanjore Creditors
to Government dated the 6th September 1787,) is
entitled to the Fee he claims.—

Read the following letter from the
Board of Revenue.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart:
Governor in Council,

My Lord,

In consequence of your Orders under
date the 18 Ultimo, we sent immediate Instructions
to Mr Powney relative to the right of succession
to the Ramnad Province—We have now the honor
to

From Board of Revenue
submit the questions
which Mr Powney
proposes should be
referred by Officers
Pandiah &c of Ramnad
and Ramaswamy reputing
the succession to the
former Province—

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to lay his Answer before your Lordships, and request your Orders regarding the Balance of Peishcush due for 1204.—

We have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Edward Saunders
Chas. N. White
Thomas Cockburn

Fort St. George
2nd March 1795

Edward Saunders Esqr.
President &c. Member of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 27th Instant directing me to report to you with the least possible delay whether by the usage the Succession to the Ramnad Government should devolve or not in the female line, and enclosing a Copy of a Representation from the Sister of Ramalinguem respecting her right of Succession as Ranee, after the demise of her Elder Sister in preference to Ramalinguem.—

As the decision of the Right of the Succession to the said Poligarry, or Government of

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of the Ramnad Province, involves a question of no
serious importance to the parties concerned, it
appeared to me that a strict and impartial discussion
of it, ought to take place by those who must be
supposed to possess a knowledge of the laws and usages
of the Country and the most equitable mode of
attaining the most accurate Accounts of it would
be to put the following Questions to three of
principal Brahmins of Ramesorum, three head
Pundarums, and three of the Oldest and most respectable
Inhabitants of Ramnad, to be by them resolved
according to the established laws and Customs
of this Province, and of the usage of the former
Government —

There may appear a tautology in
the questions, but I am under the necessity of
rendering them as clear as possible in Order,
that they should be perfectly Comprehended —
— I have directed the beforementioned Persons
to be assembled and the questions shall be
severally proposed to them for their Answers
which will leave no room for doubt or further
question on the Subject; as soon as they are
resolved, I shall lose no time in transmitting
them to your Board. —

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The Questions to be put to 3 Brahmins,
3 Pandarums of Ramesseram, and 3 Inhabitants of
of Ramnad.—

1st ..... Whether by usage, the hereditary right
to Succession to the Government of the Ramnad Province
is vested in the Male or Female Line?—

2nd ..... Whether Succession to the Said Shopulty,
or Government is valid in the female line, supposing
the Male by the same Father and Mother, is younger
than the female?

3d ..... To whom ought the Succession to devolve
supposing the said Shopulty should die without a
legitimate issue.—

4th ..... To whom, by usage and right, ought
the Government to have devolved when Mooth
Ramalinguem was invested with it?

5th ..... Has Mootoo Ramalinguem's
Sisters the Right of Sending to the Government
in preference to him / Mootoo Ramalinguem
and Supposing the eldest Sister having that
right and she dying, did that right devolve
to the Surviving Sister or to Mootoo
Ramalinguem?

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I have much pleasure in acquainting the Board, that the whole of this Province has & continued in a state of perfect Tranquility, & since the removal of the Rajah, and that the & Management and Collections are carried on with the utmost regularity.—

In the present state of this Govern=ment, I have not deemed it proper to demand or to receive from the Pudaum any part of the & heavy Balance which is due on the Perhkurdy for 1204— and shall with your permission leave this Account Unadjusted until the future & & Government is established.—

I have the honor to be most respectfully

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Ramnad 25th February 1795

/Signed/ George Powney

Collector

A True Copy

/Signed/ A Rushington

Acting Depy Secy

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Lie on the Table

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The President lays before the Board the following extract of a letter to his Lordship & from Mr Powney —

From Mr Powney reporting the Country submitted with the Ceded, Annexed & Rammad Country

"I have very sincere satisfaction in
"acquainting your Lordship that many Families who
"were reduced to the extremity of distress, by oppression,
"and compelled to abandon their habitations, and
"return from the Country have already returned; and
"in a short space of time, I make no doubt that
"many Villages which are now completely deserted
"will be filled with their former inhabitants." —

Minute thereon —

The Board are happy to find that the
Change of Government in the Rammad Country has
attended with so good an Effect. —

President's minute communicating some proposed articles of agreement to be entered into with the Nabob for the Government of the Rammad Province for 3 Years & his observations thereon

The President in Council communicates
the Board contain proposed Articles of Agreement
entered into between his Lordship, on the part of
East India Company, and the Nabob of the Ca
for the better Government of the Rammad provinc
Districts for the period of three Years. —

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The Board are too well & acquainted with the wretched situation & in which the Inhabitants of that Country & have been involved by the cruelties, oppression and tyranny of the deposed Poligar to render it & incumbent on the President to enter into any & Arguments to shew the advantages that must result from the introduction of the Company's & Government into that Country - first with regard to its general prosperity - and secondly - with a view to the Company's investment

The President in Council & considers it his duty to state every few & observations upon the Articles themselves. -

First

This Article embraces two important objects - the & preventing an improper Person being appointed to the Succession, and the & establishment of the right of the Company to interfere in such an appointment. -

That a Successor to Moderam Ling Setta Putty the deposed Poligar shall be appointed as soon as the person entitled to succeed to him can be satisfactorily ascertained. -

That

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Second

This article is in fact the essence of the Agreement, it being calculated to vest the whole Government of the Country in the Company's hands. In order to effect this desirable object, it was necessary to call upon the Nabob to relinquish rights of which he is known to be extremely jealous. The proposing to him to forego them for a longer period than three years would probably be fruitless the business altogether.

That an instrument, under the Seal and Signature of this Highness the Nabob shall be furnished to Lord Hobart, Governor of Fort Saint George on the part of the East India Company, placing the great Districts, under the Ramnad Sirkar, under the entire Control of Lord Hobart Governor of Fort Saint George on the part of the said Company, for the period of three years, from the date of such instrument both with regard to the Collection of the Revenues, and to all acts of Government, and whatsoever.

Third

This article has arisen from the considerations of the same Nature.

That his Highness the in so doing, shall be distinctly understood, only to exercise the period in question, the rights wherein are acknowledged by the Treaty of Salligaum, and the

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of the Ramnad Poligar to his
Highness in all customary &
ceremonies. —

Fourth

This Article adverts to the provision made in the Treaty of 1792 for the increase of Peshcush from the Ramnad Company on account of this an increase, which, if not settled from the report received of the probable Amount of the Revenues the Ramnad possessions & districts will easily bear, but which the actual situation of the Country would not admit of being ascertained with accuracy. And the arranging it, at the expiration of this Agreement, will probably lead to a future settlement equally advantageous to the Company, and his Highness the Nabob. —

That, at the expiration of the three years, the Amount of Peshcush to be paid to the Company on Account of this Highness shall be permanently

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Fifth

That a Sum not less than Ten per Cent of the Revenues of the Carnatic shall be allowed for support of the Person in profession of the Poligarship and that an Allowance shall also be made for the support of the deposed Poligar, and his Family —

Ten per Cent of the Revenues appeared to be the fullest consideration & suitable allowance for the support of the deposed Poligar; and particularly so, as a provision is made in the subsequent Article for relieving the same from an expensive, and vexatious Charge of 5000 Peons, & which the late Poligar was bound by his Sunnud from the Nabob, to be ready, at all times, to furnish, It was necessary also to secure some Maintenance for the deposed Poligar and his family what that should be the President has not yet been able to determine —

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Sixth

This Article explains itself.—

That a a specified number of Sibbendie Troops be kept up, and paid out of the Revenues of the Rammad Country, for the purpose of preserving the peace of the Country, and of assisting in the Collection of the Reven

Seventh.

This Article is intended to preclude the Poligar from any pretext of whatsoever for having Troops in pay.—

That, the Sibbendie Troops being paid out of the Revenues of the Country the succession of the Poligar shall not be liable to be called upon to furnish Rent on any occasion.—

Eighth.

This Article explains it self.—

That during the period of the present Agreement all expences attending the Collection of the Revenue save only those which arise from the Collection of the present tribute of P. 62857. 5. 11. shall be deducted from the Actual Receipts.—

Ninth

This Article is upon the principle of the Nabob's being entitled to an encrease of Peshcush when the circumstances of the Revenues of the Country shall warrant it.—

That, after deducting the sum allotted for the Maintenance of the aforementioned deposed Poligar, Moduram Ling Setta putty, and his family, the allowance for the support of this Succession, the pay

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of the Sebbendie troops, the Actual Perhuneh,
and abovementioned expence of Collection,
the Residue of each year shall be
paid to his Highness the Nabob

Tenth

This Article is taken from the Treaty of 1792

That his Highness the Nabob shall nominate one Officer in each
District, who shall inspect the
accounts at pleasure, and shall
be furnished, Annually, by the
Officer of the Company with Copies
of the principal Pelehurry Accounts
of the gross Collections, and of the ne-
receipts under the Attestation of the
Officer of the said Company and of the
principal Revenue servant of the District

Eleventh

This Article was introduced at the particular Desire of the Nabob, and as to because it
appeared unobjectionable

That no grant of Land shall
be made to any foreign Nation without
the consent of his Highness the Nabob

Twelfth

This Article explains itself

That the situation of the persons
who may succeed to the deposed Polygar
shall not be affected by the expiration
of this Agreement

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Letter from Lord M
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[illegible] 3d March 1795.

The President lays before the Board the following Copy of a letter written by his Lordship to the Board on the 2d instant entered also in P.C. No 16

Sir.

I have directed Mr Halliburton to take the trouble of translating into Persian the Articles of Agreement respecting the Rammadpuram Country, and laying them before you; but, as there are some points that could not properly be introduced into the Agreement, but respecting which you have expressed a wish that I should communicate to you in writing; I can have no difficulty in acquainting you, first, with regard to the treasure, that, after having discharged the Arrears of Peshcush due to the Company, and Arrears due to the Zamorin of Moodiuna Ling Settapuddy, I have no intention of demanding any part of it for the use of the Company, but cannot Agree to the previous application of the residue, until I have an opportunity of Knowing what just demands there may be against the deposed Poligar. such demands being liquidated, I shall make no objection to the remainder being left to the disposition of his Highness the Nabob.—

&c.

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I have understood that his
Highness is desirous that he should have the
Custody of the deposed Poligars Person. I am
concerned that I do not consider myself at liberty
to comply with his wishes, but am willing to
consent that the Guard for the security of Moduvanna
Ling Sattapulley's Person should be composed of the
Kings or Company's Troops, jointly with those of his
Highness, provided the Officer Commanding the guard so
Composed should belong either to the Kings or Co
forces.—

This Arrangement with respect to the Gu
for Moduvanna Ling Sattapulley's Persons to be respo
to the Supreme Government, and, if his Highness pleas
to the Court of Directors.—

With a View to give greater stability to the
Articles of Agreement in Question, I can venture to
inform your Highness that I will undertake for
their being confirmed by the Governor General in Council

Fort St. George
March 2d 1795

(Signed) Hobart

The Board entirely approve the proposed Articles and
sincerely hope his Lordship will be able to prevail upon the Rajah
to execute them.—

Hobart
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In Consultation

4th March 1795

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor — President
Edward Saunders } Esqrs.
Ernst Williams & Tallofield }

The President has great pleasure in acquainting the Board that the Articles of Agreement which he laid before them yesterday were this Morning executed; and his Lordship now delivered the Counterpart, signed and sealed by the Nabob, and a Summud from his Highness to the Officers &c. of the Ramnad Poram Division, of which the following is a translation —

The President having read the Articles of Agreement which he laid before the Board

Translation of a Summud

with the Seal and Signature of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

Dated 4th March 1795.

Received do. do. do.

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To the Officers, Cultivators, Ryotts and Kurnums of the Ramnadpoor Division.

Be it known, that the District of Ramnadpoor, as the great Meerasy, has been made over, for the

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the space of three years, commencing from the 12th of Shaban
ul Maazim or 5th March 1795, to the sole Charge and
absolute authority of Lord Hobart, Governor of Fort St. Geo
on the part of the English Company, as well with
respect the Revenue of the District, as to every other
act relating to it's entire Government; and the Cowle
the Expiration of the said Period, this Sunnud shall
be null and void.—

/True Translation/
/Signed/ A. Falconer
Persian Translt.

Ordered that a Copy of the proceedings
on the above subject be sent in a separate Number to the
Packet for the Honorable Court of Directors, and that
a similar Communication be made to the Governor
Generation Council of Bengal.—

The proceedings in this
Case Referred to the
respective Presidencies
and Bengal—

Hobart
Edw.d Saunders
E. Wallace

Geo.e Parry
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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

Friday
6th March 1795.

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Minutes of the two last Consultations

read and approved —

Read the following letter from Mr.

Powney —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council —

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary

From Mr. Powney on the subject of the Rajah of Ramnad Rajahs Treasure — Family and Servants — request order regarding his private Debts — and Major Stevenson's application for his Medal — Leaves the Country in perfect tranquillity —

Jackson's Letter of the 17th Instant conveying to me Your Lordships Approbation of my Conduct in the execution of the measures intrusted to my management for apprehending the Person of the Rajah of Ramnad. I beg leave to express the highest gratification that my Services should have obtained such honorable Notice —

There

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There were four Confidential Conicopolies employed by the Rajah of Rammad to keep his Accounts, and are the only ones who can afford any Information respecting the Treasure he possessed they accompanied the Rajah when he was removed from this; but having been informed of their Situation the day after their departure, I sent an Order to Captain Bonner to secure them and to send them to me. The Rajah it is said appears to have received notice of my Design for the Men were ordered to leave them and to conceal themselves in the Country. One of them has since returned to this place, and as the families of the other three are in the Fort, I have reason to expect they will make their appearance in the Course of two or three days, and, until their Arrival, I shall take the liberty to suspend Your Lordships Commands of receiving Charge of the Treasure deposited in the Palace in the possession of the Conicopolies not only kept the Accounts, but are the only Persons who know, where the Treasure is concealed, and any Search after it previous to securing the Accounts might give them hereafter an Opportunity of concealing a part of it. The Palace and all the Property and Effects of the Raja have been remained this, under the Charge of a Guard from Colonel Martins Battalion, and no

no person whatever has been allowed admission but the attendants of the Rajahs family, and & proper precautions have been used that nothing is taken out by them.—

It has been reported to me that the Rajah took with him two Boxes of Treasure & there are different Accounts respecting their Contents which are said to be from ten to twenty thousand Pagodas each. This Money is coined & there are belonging to his private Treasury; & the Peishcar has reported to me that he took with him 6877 Pags from the public Treasury, likewise a Box of Jewels.— I have informed Colonel Floyd & of the two Boxes of Treasure and the Sum of 6877 Pagodas, as reported to have left this with the Rajah.

As I could not with propriety accede to the Rajah's request of allowing the whole of his Family to accompany him, he declined taking any part of it; I have paid particular attention that they should be under no Embarassment whatever, and the same allowance for their daily maintenance has been granted, as when the Rajah was here which does not Amount to more than 30 Chuckrams a day, but this is merely for their support, and which & I should imagine may be allowed until the proper Arrangements are made respecting the Government &

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of the Peninsular Country — The extraordinary Charges of attending the Family, I am informed by the Predawn of amounts to near 4000 Chus. a Month — Their future Destination becomes a subject worthy of your & Lordships consideration, I have learnt, upon more minute enquiry, that the Rajah has five Wives, but only one of them of his own Cast, and twenty Concubines the latter might be allowed to return to their parents, who I am informed would receive them, as some of were taken away by force, and most of them belonging to the first families in the Country — their present situation altogether is unprecedented, for had the Rajah died every one of them would have been compelled to have destroyed themself

The Servants of the Rajah are extremely distressed, being from four to six Months in Arrear of Wages — In order to relieve them I have been under the necessity of desiring the Predawn to advance them 15 days of their pay, by which time I shall hope to receive Your Lordships Instructions on their Subject — A List of what is due to them as well as the Arrears due to his Troops is now preparing —

Upon another Subject I have likewise to request your Lordships Orders — The Rajah I find is

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is indebted, upon Bond to Individuals & for Articles
of Merchandize seized upon by them belonging, not
only to his own Inhabitants, but to foreign &
Merchants, to the Amount of Eighty or Ninety Thousand
Chuckrums Shaw received repeated representations from
the Creditors on the Subject of their demands: Shaw
promised them to lay before Government a particular
Statement of their Claims, which Shaw ordered the
Pedaun to prepare and which I shall transmit
for your Lordship's Determination.-

Shaw very sincere Satisfaction in
informing your Lordship that the whole Country
remains in a state of perfect tranquility, and that
the Management and Collections continue to be
carried on with the utmost regularity - The Inhabitants
of a Country generally have an Interest in the fate of
their Chief; but the Effects which have been
produced by this revolution are a striking instance
of the universal odium with which the Rajah was
regarded. Not an Amildar has quitted his Station, or
evaded an order that has been sent him by the
Pedaun since the Rajah's removal.- The Servants
employed in the Collections, at first, endeavoured, in
Conjunction with the Inhabitants, to embezzle as

much

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much Grain as they could; very fortunately I received Intelligence in time, to put a Stop to the measures they had concerted.

I shall not fail to keep a Vigilant Eye on the Conduct of the Pindarees whom I have frequently had reason to suspect; I have constantly held out to them that he was responsible to Government for every part of his Management, which I am persuaded has served to check any design he might have formed in appropriating to himself any part of the Revenues - he appears to me very unfit for his Station, and was from every Account made use of Merely, as the instrument of oppressing the Inhabitants

I do myself the honor to enclose the Copy of a Letter which I have received from Major Stevenson and request the favor of your Lordships order on the subject of his Application. I understand there are about 100 Horses in the Rajahs Stables but very few of them fit for the Cavalry; but those that are, I should apprehend cannot be better employed than on the Strength of the Regiment

I have the honor to be most respectfully

Ramnad
24th February 1795

[Signed] H. H.
George Powney
Collector
To Geo

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To George Powney Esq.r

Sir,

I am informed by the Officers of my 4th Regiment of Horse that I have not had an opportunity of seeing them, that there are some Horses in the Rajah's Stable fit for Regimental Duties - their numbers are few - perhaps confined to Ten or Twelve - I will be much obliged to you if you will mention this & the Circumstance in your Correspondence with Government and if this useless and Expensive Appearance of Grandeur is not to be supported by the Revenues of the Country to know if it be the pleasure of Government that such of his Stable Horses as are deemed fit for the Service be received on the Strength of the 3d Regiment of Cavalry. — I have the honor to be &c &c

Ramnad 24th: February 1795.

(Signed) J. Stevenson
Major

True Copy
(Signed) George Powney
Collector

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Mr. Powney that the Women reported to have been forcibly taken from their Parents

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Parents by the deposed Polygar of Ramnad may be restored to their relations, if the latter are disposed to receive them.—

Ordered that the other parts of Mr. Powney's letter to remain for further consideration.—

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Board of Revenue with Mr Powney's report relative to the murders of two Travancore servants

In consequence of your Lordships Orders under date the 12th December, we forwarded to Mr Powney a Complaint from Tondy-mare that a Church Braman belonging to Chinna Mendon had, without injury or provocation, caused two of Tondimans Servants to be put to death, and we have now the honor to lay before your Lordship our Correspondence with the Collector on the Subject.—

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

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17th February 1795.

(Signed) Edward Saunders
Chas. N. White
Thos. Cockburn.—

To

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To Mr. George Powney

Collector of the assigned Poligar Peshcush South of the Coleroon

Sir,

I am directed to transmit you the #
Enclosed Extract of a letter from Government, with Copies
of the Enclosures therein referred to, Relative to a Church
Brinjeri belonging to Chinna Mundoo having caused
two of Tondiman's Servants to be put to death,
and the Board desire you will make Enquiry into
the Circumstances, Reporting the Result, for the purpose
being communicated to Government

I am &c. &c.

Fort St. George (Signed) W. Harington
18th December 1794. A true Copy
Secretary.-

R. Sushington
Acting Depy Secy

To Edward Saunders Esqr
President &c. Revenue Board
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen!

I do myself the honor to transmit you
you the Translation of a letter which I have received from
the Cherokar of Shevagunga in reply to one I wrote him &
requiring

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requiring from them an accurate Account of the Circumstance of two of Tondimans Servants having been put to death by a Church Boarmine belonging to them — I likewise I enclose the Declaration made by my Hircarah & who went to the spot to enquire into the Circumstance of the fact. —

I have the honor to be most respectfully

Sir

Your Most

Tinnevelly
16th January 1795

[Signed] George Powney
Collector

From the Cherakar of Shevagunga To Mr. G. Powney &c. &c.

I have Received your Letter of the 26th December last, and understand the Contents of it, in which you inform me that you have received Complaints from Madras that the Church Boarmins of my Country had caused two of Tondamans people to be put to death and you desire me to transmit you an Account of this affair. —

Tondamans People are the first to commit irregularities in my Country, and then make Complaints against my House. Vendoo Coopah Chetty's Son, belonging to the Shevagunga Country, and another Person with him, went from Tanakavoor to Canaundy, and, on their return from thence, through the Road of Managherry, the people from Cottayore were bringing some Rice for Paria Pomall Gravekul at Calaveyal to

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in the District of Shevagunga when 10. or 15 of the Colleries belonging to Tondaman laid hold of them, plundered the Rice, and likewise Robbed property from the Son of Coopan Chitty, picked him, and made off. This news reached to Calaveyaul in the District of Shevegunga, the above Brahmin with some Peons went against these Colleries, when an action took place between both parties, two Peons on the part of the Calaveyaul of Shevegunga were wounded and one Collery of Tondaman was killed, and two of them were taken and brought to the Village of Calaveyaul afterwards the Colleries who were defeated, Collected some more Colleries & and brought them against the said Village, and Committed irregularities and forcibly carried off the two Colleries who were confined - another action took place, one Collery belonging to Tondiman was killed and some Peons & belonging to Calaveyaul Village were Wounded, but they rescued only one of the two Colleries that were taken. the account I now send for your information of what happened in this business. —

Tondaman made a Complaint of it to Pitabar Caven Behauder, and, likewise applyed to him, who enquired into it and desired us to refer this Complaint to the young Nabob at Trichinopoly, and we referred the matter to him; he enquired into it, and

and was displeased with Tondaman for having
Committed irregularities and then to make it
Complaints against the Shevagunga. he
gave positive order to Tondiman to refrain
from causing any disturbance in the Shevagunga
Country Tondiman is the first to commit such
agunst me - besides, his people out, and
forcibly carried off the Corps in the Villages of
Kaunadoo and Sallampatty; a Peyon Hircarrah
arrived to Collect information, I hope he will
enquire into this particularly, and inform
you of it - Tondimans People assembled on the
border of the Country, two different times, with
an intention to commit depredations in this
Country but they returned without having
done it. I might retaliate on them, but your
direction was to me to refrain from every
act of the Kind, to acquaint you of whatever
might happen and that I might depend
upon Justice. - I therefore keep myself quiet
I have stated to you the injury and insult
the Ramnad Committed against this Hon.
and

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and now detail to you Tondiman's irregularities
I will not deviate in any instance from the
Company's order; and Now lay this before you
that you may investigate into the Circumstance
and request of you to give good advice to or
either of the party who may be in the wrong
I shall conduct myself according to the
Commands sent to me.—

A true Translation
(Signed) George Powney
Collector.—

Declaration Made by Mahomed Ebram
Hircarrah Sent to the Shevegunga Country to
bring information weither the Church Braamins
of the Shevegunga Country had put to death
two of Tondaman's People, and in what
manner the Act was perpetrated dated 6th Jany 1795.

The Hircarrah declare that he
carried my letter, and delivered it into the hands
of the Chero Her at Shervaid; from thence he
proceeded to Calaneevasul in the District
of Shivaganga and enquired into the business he
was sent upon; he there learned from the Braamins,
the Canogoo, and some of the head Inhabitants of
the

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the Village Called Calaneveasel that a Bramin
Named Soonuckul Permal had sent for Some
Rice, Ghee and other Articles from Vellegore in
the Shevegunga Country that these Articles
were plundered and taken off upon the high
Road by the Colleries belonging to Tondiman's
who also Robbed a person Named Gollapa Chitty
belonging to the Above Brahmin and wounded
him with a Pike- that when this Intelligence
reached the above named Brahmin, he proceeded
with some Peons against the Colleries, and
Seized three of them, Confined them in the
Church of Calaneveasel, belonging to Shevegunga
and Stationed about 20 Peons over the
Colleries and then went to Caulan Bil where upon
about 50 Colleries belonging to Tondiman came
to the above Church, and forcibly carried off the
Colleries who were confined; that an action took
place between both parties, and two of the
Colleries on the part of Tondiman were Shot
and died.-

A true Translation

(Signed) George Powney
Secr.

(Signed) A True Copy

R Lushington
Asst. Depy Secy

Extract

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Extract of a Letter to the Collector of the
Poligar Peishcush South of the Colleroon

Dated 27th January 1795

"As you have omitted to offer any
"opinion on the Circumstances Stated in the
"Papers transmitted with your Letter of the 16th
"Instant, we are under the necessity of requiring
"your sentiments on the subject, before we
"submit them to Government, conformably to
"their Orders, on every occasion of similar reference
"to Collectors."—

Extract of a Letter from the Collector of the
Poligar Peishcush South of the Colleroon.—

Dated 4th February 1795

"All the Materials from which
"I could have stated my sentiments on the
"Murder of two of Tondiman's Servants by a
"Bramin in Chinna Mundoo's Service having
"been transmitted to the Board in my Letter
"of date the 16th Ultimo, it appeared to me
"unnecessary to make any observation on the
"subject in obedience to your present desire,
"I submit my opinion on it. It would appear
"that some of the Inhabitants of the Shevegunga
Country

"Country had been plundered by some Colleries
"belonging to Tondiman's Country, that they &
"were pursued, and three of them Apprehended,
"in consequence of which a Body of Colleries &
"belonging to Tondiman collected, and endeavored
"to rescue those who were Confined. They were
"resisted and two of the Colleries were Killed
"in the Affray. This fact is Attested by the
"Brahmin Canongoe and Head Inhabitants of
"a Village near the Spot where this Business
"happened, and Corroborated by the Shroffan in
his Letter, who could not have Known of the
"Account given by the above Informants but by
"Hirkarah. The Colleries appear to have been
"Aggressors and the two Men Killed to have met the
"fate their depredatory conduct deserved."—

[True Extracts]

[Signed] R Lushington
Actg Depy Secy

To the Right Honorable Lord Hob
Governor in Council

May Lord,

We have the Honor to lay
Copy of a Letter from Mr Powney dated the 18th
representing the entire failure of the Crops in

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to be the Appointment
Consul of the Crops
matter towards their
Report of the Collectors
recommend remission
of rent Balance due
from the Chinglepat
and Arcot and the Rayet

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of the Pollams; and, as it appears that the distress of the Inhabitants in the Shevallapettoon District has been increased by the oppressive conduct of the Circar Renters, we beg leave to recommend that your Lordship will be pleased to apply to the Nabob to take immediate steps for relieving the Inhabitants from such oppressions and for alleviating their sufferings.—

It appears, by the Reports of the late Collector and Colonel Maxwell, that the Shimelgoody and Callumcoodan Pollams, were in a very depopulated and ruinous Condition, and in Consideration of the present Collectors' decided recommendation, we request your Lordship's sanction to the proposed Remission of Star Pagodas 2,186.31.40 for the Phasely years 1201 and 1202.—

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Edward Saunders

" Chas. N. White

" Tho.s Cockburn

Edward

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Edward Saunders Esqr.

President & Vice Revenue Board

Fort St. George—

Gentlemen,

I am very Sorry to inform you that the Crops in the Saupatoor, Tallamada, Sundapore, Collorendan and Chinnelgoody Pollams have entirely failed, & that the whole of the Shevelapatoor District has suffered in the same degree, and, as to the distress of the poor Inhabitants remaining in the District of Shevelapatoor, the Circar Pantoo increase their usual Oppression and Nothing but Misery and famine prevail in it—

The Shaltoor Pollam has likewise felt the dreadful effects of Drought, but not in adegree as the other Pollams be[illegible] mentioned. I have Ordered as many Bullocks [illegible] Rice to be Conveyed there as could [illegible] to alleviate the sufferings of the Inh[illegible] the Rice that was consigned to one by [illegible] which will in some measure, Afford [illegible] nor to lay any date their distress—

Conformably to your Order I sent Lieutenant Sullivan into the Chinnelgoody and Collamcondan Pollams to

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to recover the Old Balances due from the Poligars - The Report, which I have received from the Tasildars, Confirms every other Information I have obtained & respecting the distress which prevails in them, & the total inability of the Pollams to Answer the Balances due to Government and the Peishkush of this year - The Accompanying is a probable Estimate of the Revenues of the two Pollams for 1204, from the above Statement, I am induced most strongly to recommend that the Polygars should not be pressed for their old Balances; and, from the state of Poverty to which they are undoubtedly Reduced, I beg leave to further to Recommend that the Balances should be for given altogether, both of which only Amount the following Sums -

	Pags.	Fs.	Cs.
Collencondan for Fasly 1201	301..	31..	40
Chinnalgoody for 1201 and 1202	1885.-	..	-

I have the honor to be, most respectfully,

Yr. Yr.

Ramnad
18th February 1795.

[signed] George Powney
Collector

[A True Copy]

Probable

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Probable Estimate of the Revenue of Chinnelgoody Pollam for 1204 Fusly.

	Chuckrams	P.	Cash
Nunja Crop is destroyed for want of Rain			
Desa Cawel Collected in the Villages of Cauravanniam, Varatoolly, Mootore Chunsie, Coolay, Kelavanary and of Modopatoo on the Punja Crop of Chuckrams	500	.	.
Collections on the Punja in the Villages of Cadambacoolam Mellacondo Poottal Patty, Naukal Kakah and Chunkapooram also Custom and Duties on the Bulk and Stage Gardens	2100	.	.
Chuckrams	2600	.	.

Probable

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Probable Estimate of the Revenue of Collancondan Pollam for 1204 Fusly.—

A Tank called Chendanary containeing 40 Cottahs of Land, which has been generally Cultivated 20 Cottahs of which has not been Cultivated for want of Rain from the Cultivated Ground 200 Cottahs of Paddy may be produced this year, out of which 100 Cottahs will go towards the Inhabitants Share and the remainder 100 Cottahs belongs to the Polygar which at the price of the present year 30 fanams per Cottah makes Chuckrams ..... 300. " "

To 50 Cottahs of Paddy Collected on Account of Dasa Cavel at 30 fanams ℔ a Cottah ..... 150. " "

To Polygar Share for Punja Collected in Specie ..... 100. " "

Chuckrams 550. " "

/ A true Copy /

/ signed / R Lushington

Act.g. Depy. Secry

Resolved

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Resolutions thereon

Resolved that a letter be written to Colonel Floyd advising them of the result of the enquiry into the Complaint preferred by Tondyman

Agreed that the Nabob be informed of the oppressive conduct of the Circar Renters, and requested to take immediate Steps for relieving the Inhabitants from such oppressions, and for alleviating their distresses.—

Resolved, for the Reasons stated by Mr Powney, that the balances due by the Poligar of Chinnelgoody and Collumondan for the Fasly years 1201 and 1202 be remitted.—

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board.—

Hospital Board
2nd March 1795.—

From Hospital Board
Death of Mr Walker Surgeon Mr Wilson promotion and the appointment of Mr Inglis to the Garrison of Madura and Mr Burke to Trichinopoly & Mr Munro's desire to have Mr Inglis

Approved

We are sorry to acquaint Government that Mr John Walker, Surgeon to the Garrison of Madura, died on the 19th of last Month.—

Mr George Wilson the Senior Assistant Surgeon

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Surgeon, we Recommend that he be promoted to the Rank of Surgeon in the Room of Mr. Walker.—

We Recommend that Mr. John Ingles be appointed Surgeon to the Garrison of Madura /vice Walker/ and Mr. George Wilson to the Garrison of Dindigeul /vice Ingles/.—

Approved

We Recommend that Mr. John Dicks, Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to Guntoor in the room of Mr. Wilson.—

Approved

Isaac Vandenpeut Deb. Assistant Surgeon, having represented to us that his health has been declining ever since his removal from Trichinopoly where he has a large Family to support, We Recommend, in compliance with his earnest request, that he may be appointed to do duty at the General Hospital at Trichinopoly and that Thomas Patterson

Approved.—

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Mr Mann's claim to
Rank above Mr Edgar

Approved

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Approved.—

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Patterson, Sub Assistant Surgeon be appointed to do duty at the Presidency Hospital in his Room. —

The Court of Directors having already decided with regard to the Rank of Mr. Gahagan, no alteration can be made by Government. If Mr. Main be desirous of representing his Case to the Court, the Board will forward his Memorial

We have the Honor to transmit an address with the enclosures from Mr. Nicol Main, Head Surgeon on the Circars, to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. —

[signed] James Anderson
Physician General
Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon
Wm. Raine
Head Surgeon. —

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

My Lord,

It is with much diffidence, that I take the liberty of bringing forward my Name to your Lordship's Notice, but I feel the less reluctance in doing so, when I consider, and am so thoroughly convinced of

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of your Lordships love of Justice, and that an appeal to it will always meet with your attention, and (what to ever may be your ultimate determination) your Lordships Indulgence.—

The enclosed Copy of a Memorial from the late Mr. George Bonny to Government No 1. dated on the 8th of April 1791 very conspicuously evinces the Grievance I conceive to labour under—the Enclosure No 2. is an Extract from a paragraph of a General Letter from Government to the Honorable Court of Directors dated on the 14th of April of the same Year, corroborative of the facts stated in Mr. Bonnys Address, and adduces that I was, at the time of Mr. Gahagans' Arrival from England, the youngest full Surgeon on the list, My Commission being from the 19th of January 1778, whereas Mr. Gahagan did not arrive at Madras till the June following, & and, in Conformity to the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors, I was always considered to be his Senior, and stood upon the list of Surgeons next after Mr. Patrick Bruyle (since deceased) and immediately above Mr. Terence Gahagan.—

In addition to the facts so ably so fully, & and so clearly stated in Mr. Bonnys Memorial, I beg leave, for a few Moments, to trespass on your Lordships patience by adducing, in support of my Claim, that in

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in the Month of October 1787, when it was resolved by Government to issue Commissions to the several Surgeons, and Assistant Surgeons on this Establishment, they were ordered to Notify to the Hospital Board the time of their Admission into the Service Upon this occasion Mr. Gahagan from his Influence with Mr. Secretary Charnier found means to obtain a Commission dated on the 1st of October 1777 being the date of his Indenture at the India House. But the Hospital Board conceiving it most justly, that I was superceded by the Commission granted to Mr. Gahagan, represented the same in the strongest terms to Government. and most strenuously supported my Superior Rank. To which the Hospital Board were ordered to investigate briefly the Cause of which when, after the most candid and clear Investigation it was decidedly given in my favor by Government who were pleased to recall the Commission granted to Mr. Gahagan, which was officially notified to me by Letters from the Secretary of the Hospital Board, and the Secretary of Sir Archibald Campbell, Governor, on which Account he was ordered to congratulate me. —

Sir

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In this place I hope it will not be deemed improper in me to observe to your Lordship - that in the Year 1787 when Surgeon to the 1st Regiment of European Infantry, the small Pox had been for several Months Epidemic at Trichinopoly - and, towards the latter End of the year, had lost several Men by the confluent small Pox - I voluntarily revived the Practice of Inoculation, which had been & dormant on this Establishment for ten or twelve years before, owing to some untoward Accidents happening to Mr. Pasley and Doctor Deane & of his Majestys Squadron -

I began the Practice by inoculating two of my own Children, and inoculated 21 in upwards of twenty others, who all received the Infection in the most favorable Manner, and recovered - I also obtained Permission from General Home to prepare and inoculate as many Men of the & Regiment as were ignorant of having had the small Pox, and were willing to submit to the & operation - On this occasion near 50 Volunteers turned out, were sent into the Hospital, and, after & due preparation, were inoculated, all of whom excepting a few

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a few in whom the Disease did not appear / had it,
in the most favorable Manner, after which not
a Man was lost by the small pox - this was
much approved of by the Hospital Board, and
by them represented to Government as Meritorious
and the Community in General - The practice has
been continued Annually ever since at all
Stations on this Presidency. I beg leave further to
remark to your Lordships, that I was also
at much pains to introduce the practice among
the Natives, by instructing the Black Doctors in
the mode of preparation, and by inoculating in
this Presence, several Sepoys of the 1st Battalion,
all of whom who took the disease had it in the
most favorable Manner and Recovered - this was
also reported to Government by the Hospital
Board, and I had the honor of being much
commended for my Exertions to establish a
practice so highly beneficial to both European
and Natives - these facts are recorded, and are well
known to Mr. Andrew Ross - but I not know that
they ever met the Eye of the Honorable Court of Directors,
nor

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nor did I ever receive any gratification from Government for my pains.—

I most humbly beg pardon of your Lordship for this long digression—and have only to remark, that I was promoted to the Rank of Head Surgeon to the General Hospital at Trichinopoly in February 1788 vacant by the Resignation of Mr. James Whyte.— My Commission as Head Surgeon bears date the 16th of that Month, whereas Mr. Gahagan was not promoted till May following, when he was appointed to the General Hospital at Vellore, vacant by Mr. Duffin being at that time called to a Seat at the Hospital Board on the Death of Mr. Davis, This, My Lord, was a most decided proof of the Establishment of my Rank, when Sir Archibald Campbell was on the Eve of returning to Europe, and it was particularly unfortunate for me that his Death happened so soon afterwards, or Mr. Gahagan could never have found means by a Misrepresentation of facts to the Court of Directors, so totally to subvert the very recent Resolutions of

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their Government at this Presidency, or hereby Heard only superseded me but my immediate Senior M.r Bonny who had been promoted to the Rank of full M.r Surgeon so far back as the Year 1773.

Should your Lordship require any other Documents than are stated above, and so fully in M.r Bonny's Memorial, in support of my Claims - They beam to refer your Lordship to the testimony of the Hospital Board. whose proceedings are upon Record. -

In Justice to myself. My Lord, after a continued Succession of near 23 Years Service on this Establishment, and in Justice to a large family, of which I am the father, I feel no Hesitation in offering these my Sentiments to your Lordship's Consideration; and should they be favorably received, I have no doubt, from a Conviction of your Lordship's strict Justice, of your affording me Redress. On the other hand if this address should appear in any Respect improper, I have every confidence in your Lordship and humbly crave Indulgence

I have the honor to be with the most perfect Respect. -

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22.d February 1795. -

[signed] Nicol Mein
Head Surgeon in the Circar.

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Read the following letter from Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott. –

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Contractors for Buildings on the subject of the Order for examining their work by a Committee previous to payment of their Bills. –

We have the honor to state to your Lordship that we have been furnished with Extract of your Letter to the Military Board under date the 4th instant, ordering that previous to our Bills being paid the Work shall be examined by a Committee, who are to Report if it is properly executed. –

We should, My Lord, feel much Concern if any Work executed by us should, at any future Period, prove deficient, and with the greatest pleasure coincide with any Buildings executed by us undergoing the severest Scrutiny. But we trust that the period of Payment may not be delayed, in consequence of

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of your Lordships having been pleased to prescribe
a form of Certificate different from the existing
terms of our Contract We beg leave to state the
following mode is expected in our Contract
for the certifying our Bills after our Work
is executed. That the out Stations they are
to be measured and certified under the
Order of the Engineer Officer Commanding the
Northern, and Southern or Western Divisions
who is to transmit the same to the Chief
Engineer. The Chief Engineer is to certify and
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"paid Monthly for such Work as shall appear
"by their Bills to have been executed."—

We have no Bills for Works which
have been some Months executed at the
out Garisons lying before the Chief Engineer,
which we have to request you will be
please to order to be paid, under the Certificat
prescribed by our Contract, as well as such
Works as have been finished at Fort St. Saint
George prior to our Receipt of the order— And
in case your Lordship shall choose to adhere
to the Alteration you have been pleased
to make of the terms prescribed by our
Contract that you will be good enough to
specify of whom the Committee of Inspection
is to consist We suppose this to be similar
to the former Committees of Works which
have been abolished since the New System
has commenced, and that you will be pleased
also to issue such Orders as will prevent any
delay of Payment to arise from this deviation

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We have the honor to be

My Lords

With the greatest Respect —

&c. &c.

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott. —

Fort St. George
19th February 1795.

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott, that the order to which they have referred had not for its object to delay the payment of their Bills, but merely to attach responsibility upon the Engineers, to whom the Superintendence of all work executed under the Contract was entrusted? — In order, however, to prevent misconception of the true intent of the Board's meaning with respect to the appointment of a Committee of inspection it is resolved to instruct the Military Board to pass the Contractors Bills as soon as

Read the following extract of a letter from Captain Doveton. —

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Capt. Doveton requesting leave to make occasional presents to such public messengers as may arrive at Ryacottah from during his station.

The Secretary has the honor of submitting to the Board the following extract of a letter to him from Captain Doveton, dated Ryacottah 22d. February 1795.–

"You will see by the Postscript of "Sippoys letter to me that he intends shortly to "send hither, in charge of trusty person "Khelauts and Jewels for the Governor: such "Person may perhaps be a decent Man, and of "some little consequence, in which case, and "as coming on such occasion, I should be "proper in me as the Medium between the "two Powers to present him with some trifle "on his taking leave– The performance of these "ceremonies have always a good effect, and the "non-observance of them, which is generally "our practice on this side of India is attributed "to, and excused only on the score of our want "of knowledge in the etiquettes and manners of "Eastern Courts. In Bengal, from their great "intercourse with the Native Powers, all "such "ceremonials of this nature are maintained, and

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Fort St. George
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The Secretary has the honor of submitting to the Board the following extract of a letter to him from Captain Doveton, dated Ryacottah 22d. February 1795.–

Lt. Col. Capt. Doveton requesting leave to make occasional presents to such public messengers as may arrive at Ryacottah from Seringapatam.

"You will see by the Postscript of
"Sippoys letter to me that he intends shortly to
"send hither, in charge of trusty person 4
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"Person may perhaps be a decent Man, and of
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My Lords

With the greatest Respect —

&c. &c.

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott. —

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Minute thereon

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Read the following extract of a letter from Captain Doveton. —

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Recd Captain Doveton requesting leave to make occasional presents to such public messengers as may arrive at Rycottah from seeing a pattam.

The Secretary has the honor of submitting to the Board the following extract of a letter to him from Captain Doveton, dated Rycottah 22d. February 1795.–

"You will see by the Postscript of "my letter to me that he intends shortly to "send hither, in charge of trusty Person a "Khelaats and Jewels for the Governor: such "Person may perhaps be a decent Man, and of "some little consequence, in which case, and "as coming on such occasion, it would be a "proper one as the Medium between the "two Cotars to present him with some trifle "on his taking leave– The performance of these "ceremonies have always a good effect, and the "non-observance of them, which is generally "our practice on this side of India is attributed "to, and excused only on the score of our want "of knowledge in the etiquettes and manners of "Eastern Courts. In Bengal, from their great "intercourse with the Native Powers, all "such "ceremonials of this nature are maintained, and

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My Lords

With the greatest Respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott.

Minute thereon

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Read the following extract of a letter from Captain Doveton. -

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From Captain Doveton requesting leave to make a donation pursuant to such public ceremony as may arise at Ryacottah from shewing a palanqueen

The Secretary has the honor of submitting to the Board the following extract of a letter to him from Captain Doveton, dated Ryacottah 22d. February 1795.–

"You will see by the Postscript of "my letter, that he intends shortly to "send hither, in charge of trusty person "Khelauts and Jewels for the Governor: such "Person may perhaps be a decent Man, and of "some little consequence, in which case, and "as coming on such occasion, it would be "proper in me as the Medium between the "two Courts to present him with some trifle "on his taking leave– The performance of these "ceremonies have always a good effect, and the "non-observance of them, which is generally "our practice on this side of India is attributed "to, and excused only on the score of our want "of knowledge in the etiquettes and manners of "Eastern Courts. In Bengal, from their great "intercourse with the Native Powers, all "ceremonials of this nature are maintained, and

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"the expence thereby incurred, entered under the
"the Head of Durban Charges. - I think, for the
"Credit of Government, these little points of
"amicable intercourse and good manners should
"be observed; and impressed with this opinion,
"beg of you to take an opportunity of mentioning
"the subject to Lord Hobart, that
"if his Lordship should incline to the same
"opinion, he may be induced, on your representa-
"to order a few dresses and Common Shawls, a
"piece or two of Broad Cloth to be sent down
"with respect to the presenting them, I
"can only declare that I should never do it
"wantonly, and on occasions only where the
"withholding them would be deemed a breach
"of civility, and public good Manners"

Above Extract

/signed/ W.C: Jackson
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Ordered, in consequence of the
above, that six Shawls and six Khelauts
or Dresses, be furnished from those in charge
of the Secretary in the public Department, for
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Ordered in consequence

the purpose of being sent to Captain Doveton to be used occasionally by him in presents to such of Tippoo's People as may arrive at Ryacottah charged with Complimental & Messages from the Sultaun.—

Ordered also that the Import & Warehouse Keeper do furnish two pieces of scarlet broad Cloth for the same purpose.—

Read the following letter from & Tippoo Sultaun entered also in C.C. No 171

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

Without date
Recd 27th February 1795.

Let it not remain unknown to your friendly Mind, that my best exertions and my most earnest endeavors are, and shall continue to be directed, to wards performing the Engagements, and duly adhering to the Stipulations of the Treaty

Tippoo Sultaun explains his motives in making part of the Mount Country-intends sending some presents & makes enquiries of the Marquis Cornwallis—has interchanged letters with Mr Pitt and the same matters—

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Treaty, as entered into on my part: I have heretofore represented the Delay and procrastination which occurred in fulfilling the Conditions of the same Treaty on the other Part. I have now again the pleasure to address your Lordship & on the same subject, and to state that, at the Time of settling the Treaty of Pacification, the Peishcush of Kernoul was invested at 70,000 Canty-roy Pagodas, in the written Schedule of the Revenues which was sent. Now it is well known that the three illustrious Sirkars allotted the Peishcush of Kernoul to belong to the Cheeda and Sirkar: On this account, therefore, Goolab Khan, a Person of distinction, was sent thither from Kernoul some considerable Time ago, and is now there: Nevertheless, the Jagheerdar defers the Payment of the Money, and practises every mode of delay; indeed, he has proceeded to Nizam Ali Khan Bahadur, without even the Form of Civility and Attention to my above mentioned Deputy. Now the Jaghirdar of Kernoul has sent

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in arrear to me 2,0,000 Pagodas since the Peace was concluded, which is now nearly three years ago - and for Arrears previously to that Period, he owes me to the Amount of 19,73,500 Rupees - In consequence of this I ordered my Talookdar, on the Frontier of the Chudadad Sirkar, to sequester the Villages of Kernoul, and to adjust this Money transaction with the Jaguerdar and he will act accordingly to these orders: I judged it expedient, however, to apprize your Lordship of this affair, on account of the Intercourse & confirmed Friendship and Amity established between the Chudadad Sirkar, and the Honble English Government -

At this auspicious and joyful Period, the nuptial Ceremonies of my Children have been happily accomplished - Now, as it is usual, on these Seasons of Rejoicing, for Friends, be they present or absent, to interchange Dresses and Jewels, & congratulatory Tokens of their common Happiness

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Happiness, and conciliatory Emblems of
their mutual Friendship, I shall therefore
hereafter despatch a Camel, with Dresses
and Jewels for your Lordship in charge of
some trusty People of the Chadadar Sirkar,
and I hope you will instruct the Talookdars
in your Districts, to be careful that my
people be enabled to convey these Presents
safely to your Lordship. –

Duly observing the congratulatory
Etiquette customary on such felicitous
occasions, the Pundit Purdehan Bahadur
sent me, by some of his confidential Servants,
Dresses and Jewels on the marriages of
my Children. and I, likewise attentive to
the same pleasing Compliments of Friendship
and Joy, transmitted in returns, by people on
whom I could depend, Presents of a like &
Description. –

I have made this communication
for your Lordship's Information: – I trust
you will ever consider me solicitous to hear
of your Welfare, and that you will make
me

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me happy by communicating frequent Accounts of it.—

May your Happiness
be equal to your desire.'

A true Translation
(Signed) Alexr. Falconar
Persian Translator.—

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent a Number in the packet to England—and that a suitable Answer be returned to Tippoo

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letters from Colonel Brathwaite.—

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

My Lord,

At the desire of Lieutenant Colonel Young, as expressed in a letter to me of the 15th Instant, but which I have only this day received, and of which I enclose a Copy, I lay before your Lordship in Council an Address of the Subaltern Officers of the several Cavalry

From Colonel Brathwaite forwarding a Memorial from the Subaltern Officers of Cavalry on the subject of Rank and soliciting the appointment of Captains to each Regiment of Cavalry

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Cavalry Corps on their Establishment

On the 11th instant, Lieutenant

Colonel Young who dined with me, a little

before dinner delivered a letter to my Aid

De Camp, which he desired might be given

to me at my leisure, it was delivered to me

on the 12th in the Morning and proves to be

a letter from the Subalterns of Cavalry, enclosing

this their Address and requesting me to forward

it to your Lordship and to give it my support —

as the mode appears to me irregular, and the

application ill timed and not altogether

Warrantable, I thought proper to Return it immediately

to Lieutenant Colonel young with a letter

assigning my Reasons for so doing. —

A Copy of that letter I have the honor to

enclose; and, as, I have in that letter given my

Opinion on the subject Pretty fully I beg leave to

refer your Lordship to it, and shall only add that

however sincerely I wish well to the Subalterns

of Cavalry, who are certainly in general, Officers of

great Merit and however sensible I am that

some of the Senior Cornets have been much too

long

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long in that Rank, and are certainly deserving
of any measure that could be adopted with #
Propriety to give them a Step - I cannot, under #
the assurance we have from Europe, that the whole
Military System of India is under Revisal, #
Recommend, at this time, any Partial Arrangement
for the Cavalry, which I am led to think must
undergo a change extremely favorable to the Officers
now in it, more especially as, Notwithstanding
the rise of the senior Cornets has certainly been
much too slow, that of the Senior Lieutenants has
been much quicker than that of the senior Infantry
Lieutenants. -

The Commission of the Senior Lieutenant
of Cavalry bears date only in May 1783 - whereas
there are about twenty of the Senior Lieutenants
of Infantry whose Commissions bear date in
January and February 1782 - and this senior #
Lieutenant of Cavalry had he continued in
the Infantry, from which he was transferred
at his own request, would not have been a #
Lieutenant till April 1786, consequently he #
has gained three years Rank of Infantry Officers

of

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of the same standing in the Service, and I believe this is nearly the case with some three of the senior Lieutenants of Cavalry.—

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
February 24th 1795.—

I have the honor to be with great respect,
Sir &c.
(Signed) John Braithwaite

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor &c. &c. &c. in Council
Fort St. George

My Lords,

We the Subaltern Officers of the Honorable Company's Cavalry serving under this Presidency, impressed with sentiments of the most perfect respect for your Lordships, and guided we humbly hope by moderation and truth, presume respectfully to solicit your attention to the following plain Statement of our present hopeless situation and appeal to your Lordships justice for relief.

In the Year 1786 a Peace Establishment was ordered by the Court of Directors for this

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this Presidency; the Cavalry to consist of one European and five Native Regiments: the orders were published, but a resolution of Government appeared postponing the levy of the European Regiment, the Rank of Captain not being included in the Establishment of a Native Regiment, such Officers as then held it became supernumerary.—

The Corps of Cavalry has ever since been deprived of their Rank, and stands in the very singular predicament of having no intermediate step between a Subaltern and a Field Officer. This operates so effectually to check promotion, that the Subalterns of Cavalry have in consequence seen themselves superseded by the Subalterns of every other Corps of the Army. The senior Cornets of Cavalry have served near ten years as Cornets while the last appointed Lieutenants of Infantry had not served three Months as Ensigns. From this view of the subject we are conscious that it will appear to your Lordship, that if we continue evident stationary in promotion, while the other Corps of

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of the Army are rapidly advancing, we must on the arrival of the System of incorporation which has been so strongly Recommended by Marquis Cornwallis, endure the mortifying degradation of being placed on the general List of the Army junior to those who have not served as many Months as we have years.—

It might be deemed unnecessary and presuming in us to state to your Lordship the motives which have induced every Government to assign to their Cavalry a marked superiority in the Rapidity of their promotion: adverting therefore only to the fact we trust, that, when the inferiority in promotion of the Subalterns of Cavalry serving under this Presidency to the extent stated Relatively with the other Corps of the Army is considered, you will be pleased to extend them that relief which they humbly and Respectfully solicit, and place them in some degree on a footing with the other Corps of the Army by appointing a proportion of Captains to each Regement, which appears to them the only measure adequate to the removal of the hardships which

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which they have taken the liberty to represent —

It may be proper to add that this

Address has met the sanction of our Respective

Commanding Officers. —

We have the honor to be with every

Sentiment of Respect. — &c. &c.

[Signed] A. Sent Leger Lt. 3d Regt.

A. Grant Lt. Cavalry

Geo. Forbes Lt. Cavalry

Alex.r Watson Lt. 4th Regt.

H. Boules Lt. 4th Regt.

J Leonard Lt. 4th Regt. Cavy.

Tho.s Burrows Lt. 4th Rt. Cy.

A. Deas Lieut 4th Regt. Cy.

D. Walker Lieut & Adjt. 4th Regt.

Hugh Mackay Cornet 4th R.t Cy.

Geo. Neale Cornet & 2.d M.r 4th Rt.

W. Mretish Lt.t Com.g Detach.t 1st R.t Cy.

J. Dunn Lt. & 2.d M.r 1st Regt. Cy.

Montague Cosby Lt. 1st Reg.t R.t Cy.

John Maclean Cornet

& Adjutant 1st R.t Cavalry

A. Monteath Cornet 1st Regt.

Cavalry

Patk. Mawgeth Cornet

1st Regiment Cavalry

Bern.d

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(Signed) Bernd. Delamonte Lieutenant
Qr. Mr. 2nd Regt. Cavalry
Robt. Brice Lieut. 2nd Regt. Cavalry
H. Williamson Lt. 2nd Regt. Cavalry
Jno. Doveton Lieut. 2nd Regt. Cavalry
Wm. Macgregor Lieut. 2nd Regt. Cavalry
John Colebrooke Cornet & Quarter Master
2nd Regiment N. Cav.
I. Rowles Cornet 2nd Regt. Cavalry
Wm. Lewis Cornet 2nd Regt. Cavalry
Henry Mason Cornet 2nd Regt. Cav.
C. Rumley Lieut of Cavalry
Tho. Pogson Lieut 3rd Regt. Cavalry
G. Gates Lieut & Qr. Mr. 3rd Regt. N. Cavalry
Alexr. Strachan Lt. 3rd Regt. N. Cavalry
Dd. Wales Cornet 3rd Rt. N. Cavalry
Wm. Shereff Lieut 5 Regt. N. Cavalry
R. G. Grange Cornet 5 Regt. of Cavalry
Franc. A. Daniell Cornet & Adjutant
5th Regt. N. Cav.
T. Walcott Cornet 5 Regt. N. Cav.
J. Hargrave Lieut 5 Regt. N. Cav.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Younge

Sir,

I Lieutenant Blair, my aid de Camp, put into my hand a letter which I understood from him came from you; but, upon opening it, I found only the enclosed which I return, as such a mode is perfectly irregular - It ought to be forwarded in a letter from you expressive of your opinion, if forwarded at all - because, this is rather turning the World upside down for the Subalterns of any Corps to come forward with an opinion to Government how that Corps would be better Officered - such an opinion, if it is to be given, should come certainly from the most experienced Officers of a Corps - I conceive also that the alarm expressed is without foundation, because there cannot be a doubt that the Cavalry will benefit by any new Arrangement greatly more than the Infantry - as they are in this Country a separate class of the Army, and require it more; and I am well convinced there is no idea of introducing among them in the Promotion Steps any but Cavalry Officers, consequently, if by the

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the new Arrangement a great addition of Officers of higher Ranks are to be made to them, they will benefit proportionably more than the Infantry where the Rank is at present somewhat better divided. If you forward the letter with your opinion, as the Company's Senior Cavalry Officer I shall forward it to Government, tho' I am well convinced it will be useless, because on a Military subject to which was recommended by this Government to the Court of Directors, they reply "As the whole "Military System in India will shortly undergo "a change in consequence of the Report of Marquis "Cornwallis, it would be premature in us now "to take the subject into consideration." —

As the Directors think it so premature to take up such a subject now, it cannot be doubted but that this Government will, on the same principle, decline making any change in any Part of the Establishment. —

I must observe also that the Statement is not altogether fair — the senior Cornets have certainly been very unlucky compared with the other

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other Branches of the Army, but the Senior Lieutena
I am convinced have no right to look for the
rank of Captain from any comparison with the
Senior Lieutenants of Infantry, in which they w
did once serve, and have gained greatly by their
being transferred to the Cavalry, which it will
be my duty to Notice to Government if I find in any
such Letter. I most heartily wish the Cavalry to
benefit by a general Arrangement and I have no
doubt they will, as it is utterly improbable that the
present System can be continued; but I can neve
Recommend to Government a partial Arrangement
for the Cavalry which will Promote to Captains,
Lieutenants of May 1783, while we have abou
twenty Infantry Lieutenants of February 1782.

I have the honor to be &c.
/Signed/ John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
February 12th 1795.

True Copy
/Signed/ Wm. Wilson
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Colonel Brathwaite
Commanding the Army on the
Coast

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter of the 12th Instant

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It was my intention to have warmly supported the address from the Subaltern Officers of Cavalry, but found you too much engaged, when I had the honor of waiting upon you, for that purpose, and concluded the delivering of it, to one of your Staff, sufficiently indicated my approbation; that I humbly conceive the Subalterns stand fully acquitted of any Irregularity, as they expressly state the address having met with the approbation of their respective Commanding Officers.

It is their request tho' it may be forwarded, to the Right Honorable the President in Council, (and I trust with your support) and in the Event of it not being adopted by Government, it may be a Number in their first Dispatch to the Honorable the Court of Directors

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Younge
Lieut. Col. of Cavalry

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February 15. 1795.

True Copy
(Signed) Wm. Wilson
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To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Colonel Brathwaite recommends Captain Poole for the Command of the 18th Battalion and Captain Despe for the 20th -

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granted to Captain Little to proceed to Europe
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has seen a great deal of service with native &
Troops, has upon all occasions conducted &
himself as a gallant and good Officer, and is
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a Native Battalion -

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Fort St. George
February 15. 1795.

True Copy
(Signed) Wm. Wilson
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Battalion for many year, was long the Senior Lieutenant, and had the honor, with a part of that Battalion, to attack with the Bayonet a Battery defended by French Troops at the battle of Cuddalore and to carry it, and I do not suppose that any thing could be more gratifying to that Battalion than the appointment of Captain Dejoe to the Command of it.—

I have the honor to be with great respect—

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Braithwaite

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
March 5th 1795.

Minute thereon

Ordered that a copy of the Memorial of the Subalterns of Cavalry be sent to England a Nº in the next packet.—

Agreed that Captain Poole be & is appointed to the Command of the 18th Battalion; and Captain Dejoe to the 20th Battalion of Native Infantry.—

Read the following letter from the Rajah of Tanjore (entered also in C.C. Nº 18.)

Translation

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Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanj
To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Dated 26th February 1794.—

From Rajah of Tanjore his Vakeel will pay this Rist. on the 1st March & requests a pass for his desire to perform a pilgrimage to Ramiseram & requests a guard may attend him.—

By my engagements with the Honorable Company I am bound to Pay Sixty th Thousand Pagodas into their treasury on the 1st March, and I have accordingly sent th instructions for this purpose to my Vakeel Imambeek Sumbagee, whose brother Nagoba Sombagee will deliver that Sum at the Trea and I request that your Lordship will ord a Receipt to be passed for the Amount.—

I have long had an earnest desire of making a pelgrimage to Rameseram; and I addressed your Excellency upon this subje under date 27th October 1794. In Answer, your L Lordship wrote that you were, at that time u unable to give me a direct reply for reasons which you could not then explain; but that you would be happy to comply with my request when

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when opportunity should offer. In consequence of this letter from your Excellency dated 22 November I have remained quiet these two or three Months according to your Lordships pleasure. Still however I feel the strong inclination to make a Pelgrimage to Rameseram. I therefore beg leave to point out to your Excellency's notice that since the rains have fallen plenty prevails every where, that there is yet abundance of water, we are entirely free from War, and enjoy tranquility. If I should lose so favorable an opportunity of effecting my wish, I am fearfull that so good an occasion will not again occur. For this reason I have resolved to set out upon my Pelgrimage to Rameseram on the 20th March: if therefore your Excellency will do me the favor of sending an Order with the least delay to the Commander of this place to attend me with five or six Companies of foot, two hundred horse and four field pieces, I shall commence my journey, and having performed the pelgrimage return to Tanjore in the course of one Month. If my intention should be frustrated for two or three Months longer, the weather would become so hot,

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and the Scarcity of water in that Country so great, that I should suffer much inconvenience; I therefore entreat, as a favor from your Excellency, that the pelgrimage may be allowed me & according to my desire. It is in your Lordships power to grant the accomplishment of my wishes; and I have therefore written to you — If your Excellency will be pleased to send an order immediately to the Commandant, I shall be made extremely happy. Believe me always your Excellency's sincere freind. To a freind why should I write more.

A true Translation

(Signed) J. Webbe

Maratta Translator

Agreed that the Commanding Officer at Tanjore be directed to attend the Rajah on his Journey to Ramiseram, with two Companies of Native

minute thereon

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Native Infantry and two Guns.

Hobart
Con Saunders
E. H. Fullofield

Wm. George Parry
Lt. 76th Regt