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Diary

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Received the undermentioned letters Entered in 1793 Nos 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17.

From Major Murray

From Commandant at Arnee referring Mr. Spiers Claim to the allowance granted by the G. O of the 8th November 1792 for Medical Expenditure.

From Captain Read

From Collector in the Baramhaul stating his Ideas with respect to the further Measures to be taken, with the Mahadavy Muselman charged by Tippoo with the Murder of the Amildar of Erode.

From Secretary Hay

From Secretary at Bengal forwarding Copies of the Secret and Political Orders given to the Senior Commander and to the Captains of the other Ships homeward bound from thence in order that similar ones may be given to the Captains of the Asia and General Goddard.

From Ditto

From Ditto forwarding the Dispatches for Madras, received from the Honorable Court per Royal Admiral.

From Lieutenant Colonel Wynch.

From Commandant in the Guntoor Circar requesting a further supply of Rice for the Troops.

From Colonel Braithwaite

From Commander of the Army with Copies of Correspondence relating to the attack Veragottam

Colonel Pringergast requests an allowance for Waiters and Captain Cox to be repaid for some Sheds built by him

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At 5 him at Capsimcotah. —

From Lieutenant Smith

From Lieutenant Peter Smith requesting leave to proceed to Europe. —

From Captain Butler

From Commandant at Ongole with Intelligence respecting the Plunderers. —

From Captain Mc Lean

From Captain Mc Lean on the same subject. —

Petition of Shaick Meerah

Petition of Shaick Meerah praying for payment of some Prize Money and arrears of pay and to be restored to his Rank of Subadar. —

6 Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in MB. Nos. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32.

To Major Murray

To Commandant at Arnee permitting him to visit Madras. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Wynch

To Ditto in the Guntoor Circar forwarding the Orders received from Vizagapatam Case in which they are to be made use of. —

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General Colonel Stuarts Table Money &c as Brigadier General to cease but his Bill for a Sum equal to six Months Pay and Batta of that Rank and the Revenue Money of a Colonel to be passed. —

To Ditto

To Ditto with Orders for paying passage Money for Captains Hamilton and Boodes and Lieutenant O'Hara proceeding to Europe in charge of the Kings Invalids. —

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To Lieutenant Holland

To Lieutenant John Holland permitting to proceed to the Cape and eventually to Europe. —

To Lieutenant Morgan

To Lieutenant Morgan Ditto Ditto to Bengal on four Months leave of absence.

To Mr. Powney

To Collector of Poligar Peshcush the Women who were forcibly taken from their Parents by the deposed Polygar may be returned to them if they are disposed to receive them. —

To Captain Foulkes

To Commander of the Asia permitting him to receive on board Lieutenant T. West of the 8th Regiment.

To Captain Maitland

Similar Permit to Ditto of the Bushridge for Lieutenant Keay. —

To Captain Strover

Ditto Ditto — — Ejsex for Lieutenant Holland. —

To Captains Money Price and

Ditto — Ditto — — — General Goddard Lord Hawkesbury and Orpheus for Lieutenant James Campbell 74th Regiment Captain Sage 18th Dragoons and Lieutenant P. Smith. —

To Captains Foulkes Strover and Gale

To Commanders of the Asia Ejsex and Airley Castle to receive on board Captain Hamilton Lieutenant O'Hara and Captain Borden Officers incharge of the Kings Invalids. —

To Captains Money & Foulkes

To Commanders of the General Goddard and Asia enclosing for their Guidance Copies of the Instructions from the Bengal Government to Captain Strover. — —

To the several Captains

To Ditto of the Bushridge Asia Airley Castle

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6th — Castle Manship — Essex — General Goddard and Lord Hawkesbury — with Lists of Charter Party Passengers to be received on Board. —

To Messrs. Tulloch Jervis and Brodie

To Messrs. Tulloch — Jervis and Brodie — the Board of opinion that the Tanjore Register is entitled to the fee he claims. —

7th — The undermentioned Letters having been referred to the Attorney General are now ordered to be Entered in M.C. Nos. 33 34. —

From Colonel Stirling

From Commandant at Pondicherry — referring a Petition from one Chource Mootoo, concerning property — and a Memorial from the European and Native Inhabitants soliciting that the Sale of the property of Debtors, lately decreed by the Council may be prohibited. —

From Ditto

From Ditto — forwarding an address from the Superior Council on the subject of the Memorial above mentioned. —

Sent the following Letter.

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

To Bengal — advising of the Nabob's assignment of the Chunnam Country to the Company for three Years — Articles of Agreement and proceedings on the subject enclosed.

Honorable Sir

We have great plea[sure] in acquainting you

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To your Honorable Board that on the 4th instant certain Articles of Agreement for the better Government of the Rammanadporam Districts for the period of three Years, were entered into between our President on the part of the Company and His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic —

As you are already in possession of the Circumstances that occasioned the deposition of the Polygar of the Ramnad, it becomes unnecessary 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 accompanying paper contains our Proceedings on this very important subject.

We have the honor to be with Respect

Fort St. George
7th March 1795

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(Signed) Kobart
&c Council

Despatched the undermentioned Letters

Entered in Mss. Nos. 35. 36. 37. 38.

To Secretary Hay. — To Secretary at Bengal with Copies of the General Letters to England &c General Goddard.

To Colonel Floyd — To Commandant at Trichinopoly advising of Full Batta being granted to the 2d Battalion, while stationed at Mellore.

To Captain Shawe — To Ditto at Tripassore with Instructions relative

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7th relative to the disposal of some Mahadavie Mussulmen who will shortly arrive there from Vellore. —

To Colonel Collins

To Ditto at Vellore — directing him to grant them an allowance for defraying their expenses to Tripasore. —

8th 9. Received the undermentioned letters entered in MSD. Nos. 39-40-41-42-43-44-

From Mr. Shakespear

From Subsecretary at Bengal — forwarding some more despatches brought by the Royal Admiral — and a Packet for Fort Marlbro. —

From Mons. Fenouillot

From Mons. Fenouillot — requests leave to go to Mosam. Memor —

From Captain Maclean

From Captain Maclean — with Intelligence respecting the plunderers in the Palnaud — and the cause which has excited them to depredation.

From Colonel Sterling

From Commandant at Pondicherry — forwarding a letter &c. from Mons. Monneron soliciting permission to proceed with his Vessel to Mosambique and to hoist Tippoo Sultaun's Flag.

From Colonel Floyd

From Ditto at Trichinopoly — forwarding a letter from the deposed Polygar of Ramnad. —

From Mr. West

From Mr. I. West — preferring a Claim, on account of Slaughter Cattle and Sheep supplied a Detachment under Colonel Stuart's Command, to the Southward. —

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Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 19 advising of his having paid the last due the 1st — instant. —

Sent the following letter.

To Edward Saunders Esqr.

President &c. Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

To Board of Revenue Directing them to consider means for preventing the loss by the exchange of the Cully fanams at Madura.

In consequence of the Complaints that have been repeatedly preferred by the Officers stationed in the District of Dindigul relative to the loss sustained by the Troops in the exchange of the Cooly Fanams, we are extremely desirous of calling upon means for remedying this Evil — It would appear from the representations we have received that the exchange is in a state of constant fluctuation, owing, as we imagine in some degree to a combination amongst the Shroffs, and perhaps also to the base quality of the Coin which prevents its circulation in any of the Countries north of Madura. —

We are aware of the difficulty of forming an arrangement preventive of further complaints without the hazard of very serious loss to the Company — but it is absolutely necessary that measures should be adopted for securing to the Sepoy the benefit of his full pay —

We

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10th. We would have you consider how far it might be eligible to fix a value upon each Coin to be determined by its intrinsic worth; and if this appear to you to be a method likely to effect the object we have in view, it will be proper to direct the Collector to send to your Board Masters of the different Coins for the purpose of being assayed by the Mint Master at the Presidency.—

You will see the necessity of taking this subject into your early consideration, for we learn that much discontent prevails amongst the Troops stationed in the Dindigul District from the heavy loss they are subjected to by the exchange.— — — —

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9th March 1795

We are
&c &c
(Signed) Hobart
&c Council

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in MB No. 45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65.—

To Captain Dyce

To Captain Dyce directing him to state whether his Order upon his Dubash for paiyment of the Balance due to the Artificers has been discharged by Sir

To Mr. Secretary Hay

To Secretary at Bengal forwarding two letters from the Nabob for the Governor General.

To Mr. Burrette

To Mr. Burrette permitting him to reside at Tranquebar

10th Trangquebar and to draw his Pension there. —

Exception

To Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — with Copy of a letter from Colonel Wynch and directing him to provide an early supply of Rice for the Troops in the Guntoor Circar and at Timericotah. — —

Mr Roebuck and Stock

To Contractors for Repairs — giving an explanation relative to the Order for inspecting Repairs by Committees — their Bills will be paid as heretofore. —

Captain Campbell 2d Regiment

To Captain Campbell — informing him that he can only be allowed pay from the period of a Major. — 11 Nightingale's Departure — Observations on the subject.

Lieutenant Colonel Durand

To Commandant at Masulipatam directing him to afford Mr Topping every assistance in his power with respect to Lascars, and Europeans, for Overseers, for executing the different works entrusted to him.

Auditor General

To Auditor General — the 2d Battalion to be allowed Full Battas, while stationed at Mellore.

Mr Wallace

To Mr Thomas Wallace — appointing him Deputy Secretary to the Military Board. — —

Military Board

To Military Board — advising them — of thereof. —

Ditto

To Ditto — referring a letter from the Engineer at Masulipatam relative to an Establishment of Artificers, Lascars Coasts &c required at that place — also the Bill for charges incurred by Captain McLean

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No 10.

To Ditto

To Ditto — referring an application from the

Officers at Secunder Mally for House Rent. —

To Ditto

To Ditto — referring Lieutenant Dod[illegible] let

respecting Clothing for the Pioneer Corps for 179[illegible] de

petition from Shaik Meeah late Subadar of the [illegible] N. Bn

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Commander of the Army — Brig[illegible]

Cosby's charge for Writers to cease from the 1st. instant

refund demanded of him, dispensed with advice of the th

reference to the Board of Revenue respecting the

Tanam tho' Batta can be allowed during Artillery [illegible]

the address of the Cavalry Subalterns, will be forwa

England — Colonel Pendergast cannot be allowed Wri

Captain Cox's Bill to be certified upon honor. —

To W. Sharlow

To Paymaster at Pondicherry — to explain

the allowance drawn for the Treatment of the French

Invalids there, was discontenued. — —

To W. Jones

To Postmaster General — the size of

Tappals to Bombay to be reduced as much as possible

Lieutenant Mc. Donald appointed Deputy postmas

Nizam's Detachment.

To Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue — the Nabob will

desired to prevent the oppressions of the Circar Renters at

Shevalapatore — the Balances due from the Chinnalgo

and Colluncondan Polygars may be remitted. —

To Colonel Floyd

To Commandant at Tritchinopoly the [illegible]

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10. said to be from the deposed Poligar cannot be attended to — not being signed and evidently an English Composition — No communication between him and Europeans to be on any account suffered. —

To Ditto — stating the substance of Mr. Downey's report of his enquiries into the Affray between Tondiman's Colleries and some Inhabitants of Shevagunga. —

To Commandant of the 2d Regiment of Cavalry directing him to deliver over to Mr. Paymaster Wynch the six horses lately Cast from that Corps. —

To Paymaster at Vellore with orders to dispose of them by public Sale. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

&

Ernst William Tallofield Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following letter from Bengal.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council

at

My Lord Fort St. George

From Bengal - with Instructions relative to the Private Ships Success and Favorite, destined to proceed to Bencoolen with the Europa - Lists of the Military Provisions and Stores shipped on them &c &c &c - enclosed - conditions of their Favorites freight - the Bombay Frigate to convoy the Vessels.

In our Letters of the 15th and 23d Ultimo we signified our desire that the Honorable Company's Ship Europa might be detained at Fort St. George [illegible] and our request that your Lordship would [illegible] immediate Orders for drafting from the [illegible] Madras Establishment one compleat Company [illegible] Infantry [commissioned Officers excepted] and [illegible] Artillery, to embark for Bencoolen on that Ship's arrival of the Success - the Europa as mentioned in [illegible] of the 11th of January, being also to carry [illegible] a Quantity of Gunnies and a remittance of Treasure [illegible] supply of the Presidency. —

The Ship Success, and, in addition thereto, Ship Favorite, relative to which we shall acquaint you with our wishes in the Course of this Letter, being in to take their departure, we think it proper to transmit you, enclosed, Copies of the sailing Orders to the Captain Smith and Captain Mears, and the other mentioned in the Lists of their Packets.

Among those papers your Lor[illegible]

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find an Embarkation Return of the Men sent on both Ships a return of the Provisions &c laid in for them during the Passage upon an Estimate for a supply of two Months, and Lists of the Stores which the Favorite carries for Madras and Fort Marlbro'

We have to request, in regard to the Water put on board both Ships, that the Casks may be filled at your Presidency in order to secure to the Men a sufficient supply of this necessary Article and that if Captain Rotton who is appointed to the provisional Command of the Troops at Bencoolen and p[illegible]ds in the Favourite under the Instructions of which we have [illegible]nor to enclose a Copy, should wish for a supply of any Articles of Provision from the Shore, for the Sepoys &c. your Garrison Storekeeper may be directed to furnish them, also that if Captain Rotton, upon finding that the Ships are likely to be detained at Madras for a few days should wish to indulge the People with liberty to go on shore, any assistance as to Boats &c. may be afforded to him for landing and reimbarking the Men.

The Ship Favorite is freighted provisionally on a condition, which we request your Lordship will be pleased to attend to, that she shall proceed to Bencoolen on the continued freight of 1520 Pagodas per Mensem, in the Event only of her remaining in the Service of no more

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moderate means present themselves to your Lordship's Governm
of getting a Passage to the Troops, she carries down, by an
other Country Vessel bound to Bencoolen.

But whether the Favorite shall proceed
Fort Marlbro', or not we trust that your Lordship will give
Orders that the Military Stores, consigned by that Ship
Madras shall be landed as soon as possible, and we reque
further that, if she should go every assistance may be give
to ballast her, that she may not be a cause of Detention
to the other Ships.

Commo[illegible] Rainier having acquainted the
Governor General that the Bombay Frigate could be spar
with more Convenience than either of his [illegible]at Majesty's Ship
to Convoy the Europa and other [illegible] to Fort Marlbro', w
request that the Commodore may be informed that we
wish the Bombay Frigate to be employ[illegible] in this Servic
and we further request that she may assist in the
accommodation of the Military proceeding to Fort Marl

We have further to desire that you Lords
will direct the Commander of the Bombay Frigate to
remain at Fort Marlbro', whilst the Europa is taking in
Cargo for Europe, and until her actual Departure with
respect to her Destination afterwards, we recommend to y
to consult Commodore Rainier and to give such

Instruction

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Instructions regarding it as your Lordships may determine with him. —

We have the honor to be

Fort William
11th of February 1795

Sir &c &c

/Signed/ I. Shore

" P. Speke

" Wm Cowper

To Captain A. R. Smith

Commander of the freighted Ship

Success

Sir

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to acquaint you that the Troops &c and the Consignments for the Residency at Fort Marlbro' being embarked and Laden, on the Ship under your Command you are to weigh your Anchor and proceed without delay to the Presidency of Fort St. George, where you are to attend to the Orders that may be given to you by the Governor in Council for your Guidance as to the prosecution of your Voyage to the West Coast of Sumatra as well in all other respects and on your arrival at Fort Marlbro' obey all directions that you may receive from the Deputy Governor and Council of that Settlement for your future Proceeding.

You will attend carefully to all Instruct-

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=ons that may be given to you relative to the present Ser=
by Captain Rolton the Commander of the Troops and t=
Senior Military Officer in the Succefs as far as those Inst=
=ons may concern the Military that are now or may be ser=
on Board the Ship as well as the Stores and Provisions
imbarked or to be imbarked - and the Governor General in
Council is persuaded that in all cases of Disputes if any
occur between the Military with respect to each other you will
pay proper attention to the wishes of Captain Rolton or the
Senior Officer on the subjects of them, and that you will
also consult him as far as regards the Military in any
differences between them and the Officers and Seamen of
the Ship.

But the Governor General in Council
in hopes that no such occasions for reference to the
Commanding Officer will arise; and he is persuaded
every endeavour will be used by him and yourself to prevent
them by encouraging good Humour between the different
Discriptions of people and by your withholding any Order
not necessary to the Navigation and discipline of your
Ship, that might produce disunion or resistance on Board

You are desired to take Charge of the
enclosed Dispatches for the Governor in Council at Fort
St. George, and the Deputy Governor and Council at Fort
Marlbro' and to consider yourself instructed to affix
weights

Embarkation Return of the Detachment of Native Infantry, embarked on Board the Ship Success for Fort Malbro, — Fort William 16th. Febry 1795

Native Infantry

	Havildars	Naicks	Sepoys	
Captain H.s Douglas — Artillery. Lieutenant A.s Brewau — Infantry Lieutenant Geo.s Barclay — Ditto Lieutenant Re.t S. Graham — Ditto.	12.	12.	195	Grand Total
	12.	12.	195	219

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NB. 114 Camp followers not included above

[Signed] H. Sandys
Fort Adjutant

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[illegible] weights for their Dispatch
[illegible] of Captain Sly an enemy
[illegible] the last Calcutta [illegible]

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[illegible] Baggage
[illegible]

[illegible] Edwards Capt.
Aide Camp
[illegible]

[illegible] Shakespear
Assistant to Government

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To Captain John Rotton

Sir,

The Governor General in Council supposes you to have been duly furnished with a Copy of his Resolutions, which were passed on the 11th Instant, and published in General Orders, appointing you to the provisional Command of the Troops serving under the Residency of Fort Marlbró, subject to the Reserve that if, upon your arrival at that place, Captain Howell should have taken the Command, or if he should afterwards arrive there, your Command is to Cease. It was added that you were in either of those Cases to return to Bengal by the first opportunity.

The Resolutions of this Government on the same and other Dates, published in General Orders given by the Senior Officer at the Presidency, relative to the Appointments of Officers and Detachments to proceed to Fort Marlbró, and their Embarkation in the Ships for Service and Success, must also have been communicated to you, and it is therefore unnecessary to recite them.

But it is proper to acquaint you that, in addition to the reinforcement going from hence, the Governor General in Council, upon being advised of the reduced state

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of the Military Establishment at Fort Marlbro', and having too much Reason to apprehend the loss of the Country Ship Europa which sailed from hence at the Beginning of August last, with Troops and a quantity of Military Stores, Provisions, and other Articles now replacing by the Ships under Dispatch for the Service of the Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra, requested the Governor in Council at Fort St. George to issue immediate Orders for drafting from the Corps in the Madras Establishment, one Compleat Company of European Infantry Commissioned Officers excepted and fifty European Artillery Men giving the preference to Volunteers to embark on the Europa Indiamen for Fort Marlbro' on the arrival of the Ships now proceeding, and under Orders to stop at Fort St. George the Men so drafted to be struck off the Strength of the Corps that furnish them, and considered, after receiving their Arrears of pay and Cloathing, as transferred to the Bengal Establishment, and forming a part of the Military Establishment at Bencoolen, which is dependent on this Government The Ship Favorite will continue her Voyage to the West Coast, or not, as the Governor in Council at Fort St. George may direct, and, if he should not do so the Madras Government will provide some other Conveyance for the people embarked in that Vessel

You

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You have received from the Garrison Storekeeper on account of the Water and Provisions put on board for all the Men during the Passage upon an estimated Supply for two Months, and the Governor in Council of Fort St. George has been requested to give Orders that the Casks may be filled there, in order to secure to the People a sufficient supply of this necessary Article. It has also been signified to his Lordship that if you should wish for a supply of any Articles of Provisions from the Shore, for the Sepoys & the Garrison Storekeeper at Madras should be directed to furnish them, and if upon finding that the Ships are likely to be detained there for a few days, you should desire to indulge the people with liberty to go on shore any assistance as to Boats &c should be afforded to you for landing and reimbarking the Men. —

The Governor General in Council directs me to acquaint you that he thinks it proper that on your arrival at Madras, you should give Orders that one Officer of Artillery and one of Infantry, perhaps more, should be removed to the Honorable Company's Ship Europa to take charge of the Detachments of European Artillery and Infantry respectively going to Bencoolen by that Conveyance. —

He also desires me to signify to you that he deems it adviseable that twenty Native Officers and

Sepoys

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Sepoys, who went from hence in the Europa Indiamen, should be removed to the Favorite and Success when those Ships arrive at Fort St. George, as they will probably, prefer being in a Country Vessel, with Men of their own Casts. —

I have been advised, from the Adjutant General's Office that you have been furnished therefrom with Copy of a Letter written, by the Commander in Chief's Orders, to Captain Howell relative to the conduct of Lieutenant Cunningham at Fort Marlbro', in disputes with Mr. Campbell one of the Company's Servants at that Residency and with an Extract of another Letter written to Captain Howell the 12th of July. —

You will consider these as Instructions for your own Guidance in the event of Captain Howell's absence; and the Governor General in Council desires me to acquaint you that any further Instructions do not appear to be materially necessary. He has entire reliance on your good conduct and zeal for the public Service he is persuaded that your best endeavours will be used to preserve a good understanding and Harmony on board the Ships, between the different ranks and Descriptions of the Military, with respect to each other, and between the Military and the Officers and Seamen of the Vessels and he trusts to your accuracy in respect to the —

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public Accounts as well as to your paying due attention to the public Orders and Regulations of this Government and to those at the Residency where you are to serve. —

I have only to add that your Allowances as Commanding Officer of the Troops and second in Council are to commence from the 11th Instant the date of your Appointment — they have been augmented from three — thousand to 14000 Dollars per Annum exclusive of the Pay and Batta of your Rank as a Captain of Infan

I am directed to transmit to you the en
Copies of the Orders given to the Com
Commanders of the Succes
Favorite and
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Fort William
16th of February 1795

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Sir
Your
/ Signed / Edwd Hay
Secretary to the Gov

A true Copy
/ Signed / C. Shakespear
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Captain John Rotton
Commanding the Detachment proceeding
Fort Marlbro

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Enclosed you will receive Lists of Provisions &c shipped on board the Success and Favorite, for the subsistence of the Troops composing the Detachment proceeding

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proceeding to Fort Marlbro, and their followers. The Provisions intended for the Mussulmen are marked $\frac{S}{M}\frac{P}{}$ and those for the Hindoos $\frac{S}{H}\frac{P}{}$

The Calculation has been made upon a Principle which will admit of an allowance of 1 Seer of Grain to each Man P.r day reckoning for a Passage of 2 Months in addition to which Salt, Onions, Tamarinds, Ghee, Chillies, and Sugar, have been laid in, the distribution of which must be made agreeable to your own discretion

The quantity of Water put on board will it is hoped preclude the necessity of putting the people upon any Allowance, especially as you will have an opportunity of filling up the Casks expended, on your departure from Madras, but to enable you to judge of this, I beg leave to state that Water Casks have been delivered, and are filled on board the Success equal to the Contents of 16,016 Gallons and on board the Favorite equal to the Contents of 9322 Gallons. —

Whatever surplus of Provisions &c. may remain after your arrival at Fort Marlbro is to be delivered to the order of the Deputy Governor in Council. —

I have the honor to be &c.

Fort William
Garrison Store Keeper's Office
12th February 1795

(Signed) G.t Robinson
Garrison Storekr.

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Robinson
Garrn Storekr.

A true Copy
(Signed) C. Shakespear
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List

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List of Packet to Fort St. George per Success

1 Letter dated the 16th of February 1795.
2 Copy of Captain Smiths Sailing Orders.
3 Do. of an Embarkation return for Fort Marlbro'
sent on the Success.
4 List of Provisions laid in for the Detachment
during the Passage.
5 Do. of Stores per Favorite for Madras.
6 Copy of Instructions to Captain Rolton
appointed to the Provision
the Troops at Fort Ma[illegible] Command of
7 Do. of a letter to Do. from [illegible]lbro.
Keeper dated the 12th [illegible] the Garrison Store
8 List of Packet [illegible]ebruary

Fort William
16th February 1795

/Signed/ E. Hay
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Minute thereon

As the Bombay Frigate and Europa
Indiaman will be able to accommodate the Tro[illegible]s espec-
on the Favorite, it is resolved that the latter Ship shall
not proceed to Fort Marlbro'.

Read the following letter from St. Hele[illegible]

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[Here enter Letter from Governor
Brooke dated the 29th Nov.]

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Senate in consequence

Resolved that the Commander of the Europa be instructed not to anchor at St. Helena until the return of the Boat which he will send on shore for intelligence; and on no account to touch at the Cape of Good Hope, unless circumstances should render it indispensably necessary, after a consultation with his Officers.—

Read the following letter from Messrs. Porcher Redhead and Co.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

From Messrs Porcher Redhead & Co accepts the Courts offer for transferring the Tanjore debt — but request the Optional Clause may be dispensed with —

My Lord

In compliance with Instructions lately received from my constituent John Balfour Esqr. I beg leave to accept the offer made by the Honorable Court of Directors for the Transfer of the Tanjore Debt with the stipulation however that the optional clause of payment either in England or in this Country, be dispensed with the principal Motive for Mr. Balfour's acceeding to the Offer, by which the Rate of Interest on his Claim is so considerably reduced being, to secure the Payment in Eng

I have the honor to be with Respect
&c &c
(Signed) Jos. du Pre Porcher
Attorney to J. Balfour
Agent

Fort St. George
9th. March 1795

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Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Messrs. Porcher Redhead and Co. that the Board are precluded by the Orders of the Court of Directors from dispensing with the optional clause of payment, and that if they accept the offer for the Transfer of the Sum due from the Rajah of Tanjore to Mr. John Balfour, it must be upon that express condition.

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c. &c.

My Lord

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship the reiterate Memorial of an Old, and faithfull Native Officer whose case I cannot but think to have been misapprehended.

By an Order of the 12th of September 1786 it was declared that the appointments of Native Commandants to the Native Battalions were to be discontinued that those who chose to remain in the Service must only be considered as Senior Subadars in their respective Battalions, and receive pay as such, and those who chose to retire might do so, upon a pension of twenty Pagodas per Month.

The Petitioner conceiving that this was an indulgence held out to such as from age might no longer

on Colonel Braithwaite submits another memorial from Ramasamy late Commandant of the Battalion commendation on the subject.

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longer be equal to the duties of a Subadar, and that those who felt themselves equal to such duty, ought not to retire and supposing that whenever the time should come that such as remained as Subadars found themselves unequal to the duty, and therefore sollicited to retire they would of course be allowed to do so upon the same Pension, continued to serve eight years longer, though had he sollicited to retire at that time which he had it in his option to do - he must undoubtedly would have done so upon the full Pension - by not doing so he saved to the Company for eight years the pay of a Subidar, or rather the Pension of a retired Commandant for that time - at the end of eight years, finding himself unequal to farther Service - he applied to retire, not doubting that he should receive the Pension, which he had it before in his option to have received - but the Resolution of Government was that as he now retired merely as a Subadar in which Rank he had served the last eight years, he could only retire as a Pensioned Subidar - I must own that I cannot but think this Resolution uncandid - It cannot be denied that he is a meritorious Officer who as well as others of his family have long Served the Company with great zeal and attachment and it is acknowledged that in the Year 1786 he might have retired upon the same Pension with other Commandants - and I cannot but think

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it cruel to take the advantage of the name of the Rank — from which he collected at last to retire and I cannot but be of opinion that there must have been some — misapprehension of his case or that Government could not have decided that eight years longer of faithful service diminished his claim to their attention — and that because called a Subadar 1794 he had less claim / having served well in the interim / than he was allowed to have 1786 when called a Commandant.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/ Signed / John Brathwaite

Lead Registers
Choultry Plain
March 3d 1795

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

The memorial of Iman Saheb, late Commandant of the Honorable Company's 17th Battalion of Native Infantry.

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Memorialist after having — Served the Honorable Company for thirty eight Years — effective in the Military Native Line, in the progressive Stations of Private, Non Commissioned Jemidar, Subidar and

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and Commandant with unblemished Character, and encreasing reputation is now from surety ship for another man Starving in Goal.—

That in April 1794 when Age and Infirmity rendered him unequal to Effective Service, he quitted the 1st. Native Battalion [illegible] to which he then belonged and with the approbation [illegible] Gordon its Commanding Officer [illegible] to the Honorable President in Coun[illegible] Commander of the Army, by whom [illegible] -ed with Reference to Major Muat, [illegible] Commanded the Corps he served in.

That the purport of the said Memorial of which the Accompanying No. 1 is Copy was a request to retire, on allowance Equal to what had been granted to similar Claims.—

But that to his Deep disappointment mortifications and distress the Result was pensioning him on little more than half the Curtailed subsistance which since the reduction of the Native Commandants and until that period he had Received, whereas in the humble hope of his Memorial was some encrease of such curtailed subsistance, so as to make it equal with what

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what other superannuated Commandants had been indulged whose fair pretensions were at the most not Superior to his Own although the allowance assigned him was less than one third of theirs. —

That on the possibility, and indeed as he flattered himself the probability of this very unexpected Decision so unhappy for him having originated from some Error in the Offices, he was advised and encouraged to intreture a second Memorial of which the accompanying Copy, He accordingly did so and it also was forwarded by Colonel Braithwaite But the consequence was only an adherence to the former Decision. —

Thus depressed and disarranged and still in distant hope of a more favorable fate, your Memorialist who reduced to subsist on Charitable Contributions, did not nor has not hitherto Drawn this Pension of twelve Pagodas P.r Month, and during the interim, on an unfortunate Security ship beyond his ability to fulfill, he has been thrown into Goal where he now remains, having numerous Wife and family Crying to him for bread, his Creditors never have relented and come to a composition and at a distance from Relations, is now soliciting for his discharge. Encouraged by your Lordships General Character

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Character he has hazarded this third Memorial, Humbly
begging, leave to refer for the facts contained in it and the two
former Ones to Colonel Brathwaite, and Major Muat, its
Petition is a reconsideration of his Case and such relief, as
may be hoped for from your Justice and Humanity.

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Emam / Saib
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Minute thereon

Agreed for the reasons assigned by Colonel
Brathwaite that Emaum Saheb be pensioned upon twenty
Pagodas Pr. Month and that he be allowed to draw the
difference between the pension of a Subadar and that of
a Commandant from the Month of April 1794. —

Read the following letter from Colonel —
Brathwaite. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c &c &c

From Colonel Brathwaite stating his sentiments upon Captain White's proposal for re-erecting the Coast Sepoy Battalions from the Bengal Provinces. —

My Lord

I have now the honour to return to your
Lordship Captain White's memorandums
be instituted at Bengal to
with what occurs to me on
establishment on the
for an establishment
for the Carnatic
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since the last War with Hyder Ally in regard to the looks and size of the Men, and is at present with much difficulty kept up, and only by receiving into the Service Men of the lowest Cast which Circumstance while it drains the Country of such Men as are wanted for cultivation, adds not to the Army a strength equal to it's numbers; for these reasons I think it would be a most desirable thing, if for some years to come, we could draw Recruits both for our Native Infantry Corps and our Lascar establishment from Bengal and Bombay, and to that end I could wish that both those Governments could be induced to take the subject into consideration and employ some of their Officers at each of those Presidencies to recruit for the Coast, and as Captain White has the merit of bringing forward a proposal on the subject, and is, as far as I can judge, both a zealous and capable Officer, I could wish, in case of the measure being adopted in Bengal, that it may be recommended to employ Captain White on the service – As to the establishments which may be thought necessary at either of those Presidencies for carrying on this service I imagine they must be entirely settled on the spot, and in a great measure determined by

such reasoning as the Officer to be employed shall offer, I shall therefore not offer any opinion, touching any measure to be Pursued at either of those Presidencies in the event of the measure being adopted by them, but confine myself to such parts as have reference to the Coast.

I think it would be a great thing for this native establishment, as I have before said, and much for the advantage of the Coast in general, if we could from one or both those Presidencies be supplied with 6 from Six to seven hundred native Recruits annually, and I would prefer deriving them from both the Presidencies rather than confining ourselves to one.

I would recommend that one fifth of the men entertained should be Lascars and four fifths Sepoys; or nearly in that proportion. But I by no means approve that they should be made to believe that they can be placed in separate Corps or even Companies. They should be told, that on their arrival on the Coast they are to be distributed into the several Battalions as the Service

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and the more they are so dispersed, so much the
better I think it will be for the service — The in-
conveniencies which would arise from their
being considered as any thing better than our
own Sepoys, and therefore separately formed, are
numerous and serious, in so much so, that I
think it would be wiser Policy to do as well as we
can without them, than to subject ourselves to
the consequences which might result from our
receiving them on any such terms. — . . —

On the same Principle I am
against any temporary promotion of them to
Havildars and Naigues, under the idea that
they would be confirmed in those Ranks on
their Joining Corps on this establishment — I
would not recommend the receiving them as
any thing more than mere Recruits, subject to
the same chance of promotion as the Comma
men in any Corps they may Join — Were we
to be annually supplied with a number of men
under a sort of Promise, to be Havildars, or
Naigues, if they continued to behave themse
well, such a supply would in all probabili
provide for all our Casualties in those Ra
and consequently operate to the entire exclus

of our own Sepoys from any chance of rising in the Service, and they would soon abandon us or upon discovering that all promotion was engrossed by Foreigners, no such effect would follow from the Promotion of these Foreigners however after a certain length of Service, because a Sepoy is never dissatisfied to see approved merit rewarded, whatever the Cast or Country may be; so that the Bengalys or Bombayers would have an equal, and perhaps a better chance of Promotion than our own Sepoys, if after some trials they prove to be better men, and ours would not in that case be dissatisfied, which I am sure they would be if so many men were annually imported under a declaration that they were to be the first promoted – Neither the nature of our Service, nor the Principle on which I have so far argued, will admit of our holding out any Promise to such Recruits that they will be distributed to Battalions more advantageously situated than other Battalions, that is, where Provisions are cheaper, if any such situations there are on the Coast of which I have my doubts, for the monopolizing the Grain by lending Money on Mortgage upon it is now

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so universally Practised over the whole Coast,
that the Price of Rice has been for some years
gradually but equally rising every where, and
but for the Company's assistance I scarce know
the Station now where a Sepoy can live upon
his Pay, and this I fear will prove an in-
insurmountable obstacle to our getting Recruits
from Bengal, where Rice is every where two
hundred per Cent cheaper, as I am informed.

Captain White proposes, that
Sepoys enlisting in Bengal for the Coast
should be allowed to receive Part of their Pay
here and their Families Part of it in Bengal
as was the case in last War, such an option
having been given to every Bengal Sepoy
serving on the Coast - nothing can be more
reasonable than such an indulgence, nor
would any difficulty attend such a Regulation
nor could the Company be subjected to more
loss by it as the Native Troops are always
paid a Month in arrear, and the Rolls of
those whose Families were to be paid in
Bengal could be transmitted Monthly, but
I fear it would be deceiving such Men as
may enlist in Bengal for the Coast greatly

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if they were made to believe that they could subsist upon a Part of their Pay here, and therefore be able to leave a Part for their Families in Bengal, as I am convinced they will find the whole of their Pay little enough for their subsistence in this Country, where every Article they require is so much dearer than it is in Bengal – The case of the Bengal Sepoys serving on this Coast last War was very different, they had an allowance of Batta on the Field that was amply sufficient for their maintenance, even if they allowed the whole of their Subsistence to their families in Bengal – But the time which a Recruit coming from Bengal to a Battalion on this Coast might be upon Batta in the course of any one year might not be long, and at all events too uncertain for him to determine what allowance he might be able to make to his Family in Bengal so as to have it regulated and constantly paid, and could it be otherwise, as the great object is to increase and amend the Population of the Carnatic, I would rather wish to hold out every possible encouragement to such

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with them, and I think it would be well wort
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near Relations of such Recruits who were
fifteen years of age, that is within one yea
of being old enough to serve, should be enro
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and Relations of our own Sepoys, who are
so enrolled in our Battalions, to the announ
of Fifty in each Battalion, a number which
I do not think can be safely exceeded, except in
the case I have above stated - namely, in
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should in the event of their being to be
Invalided, or to be Pensioned, be permitted
to return to the Presidency they came from,
and there to be in every respect upon the
same footing with the Native Invalids or
Pensioners of that establishment; and I think
it but fair that any Bengal or Bombay
Sepoy serving on this Coast, should be
permitted to return at any time to his own
Country upon Producing an approved substitute,
and I should suppose that being a Disciplined
man he would readily be admitted into the
Service either at Bengal or Bombay. —

If Recruits can be derived
either from Bengal or Bombay, I think it
so great an advantage to this Coast, Circums-
tanced as we are at present, that it well
warrants a liberal allowance to such Officers,
European, or Native, as are active in con-
ducing to it, and whenever the Plan comes
to be adopted and regulated either at Bengal
or Bombay, which, as I have before said,
must be done as to all lesser Details on the
spot, I have no doubt that this Coast will
be able to send to either such a number of
European and Native Officers and Non-
Commissioned

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Commissioned Officers as may be thought
necessary for their superintendance and
instruction, and to bring them round annually
and this I should recommend, in preference,
to be done by embarking them at the most
favorable Season. —

I perfectly agree with Captain
White as to the utility of the measure, but like
him I have my doubts of the Practicability, and
the more so as I cannot recommend the holding
out to any such Recruits Promises, which in
some instances could not be fulfilled at all, and
which in other instances if fulfilled would tend
to discourage and destroy our own establishment
— I nevertheless am of opinion that the subject
merits your Lordship's attention and Corres-
pondence both with the Supreme Government
and the Government of Bombay, and I request
that your Lordship would recommend, if it is
the practice in Bengal to allot a Portion of land
to each Native Soldier after a certain number
of years of approved Service, that the same
indulgence may be extended to those who shall
be recruited in Bengal to serve in the
Carnatic for a certain period, but which, as an

encouragement

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encouragement for serving out of their own Country, should be only two thirds or at the most three fourths of the time that entitles them to that indulgence for having served a certain number of years on their own home establishment. —

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
&c^a ..... &c^a

Madras
March 9th 1795.

(Signed) John Brathwaite

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor &c^a

My Lord,

Letter from Captain White — submitting his Proposals — as above. —

I have the honor of enclosing for your Lordship's perusal and consideration propositions stating the means by which I propose to endeavour to execute a plan for recruiting the Battalions of Seapoys on the Coast from the Bengal Provinces — It can at present only recommend itself on the admitted ground, that recruits are necessary for the above service, and that the reduced state of population in the Carnatic renders it incompetent for such Military resources, even for the procuring the number of the less eligible

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eligible casts requisite to answer the current
Casualties of the establishment, without de-
depriving the Territories of inhabitants to carry
on the ordinary business of cultivation —
Unhappily a reference to the returns of the
Army, and the most careless observation of
the Companies Districts supersedes the ne-
necessity of any arguments on this head. —

Officers of ability, and experience
will point out to your Lordships unerring
sources of information respecting the matters
touched upon in the foregoing observations which perhaps
have not hitherto become objects of your
personal observation. —

I shall be highly gratified if
the plan is modified altered, and enlarged,
under the direction of your Lordships wisdom
and then recommended for execution to the
Supreme Government, whose sanction and
support could alone enable me to undertake
it. —

I abstain from any apology
for the trouble which the consideration of
the business will impose on you, because

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I feel that stating it as an object of public importance will secure it a most powerful admission into your Lordships mind.

I have the honor of remaining with all respect, —

&c. &c. &c.

February 24th. 1795. —

(Signed) Henry White

It is proposed

That the recruiting Service for the Madras native Establishment become a permanent Institution in Bengal under the charge of a Captain. —

That ten native officers of each Rank, and about forty private men belonging to the Bengal Battalions which served in the Carnatic during the last or former wars be appointed to this Service — they must be selected for their address and Zeal. — —

That five native officers of the Madras Army be also appointed to it. They should be accompanied by some Bengal men now on the Carnatic Battalions, ten will be sufficient. —

This

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This nursery of Recruits should always have two thousand Men in constant training to supply the exigencies of the Coast native Battalions from which Detachments of three or four hundred men, with a proportion of their followers, should be sent to Madras, or such other parts of the Coast as may be most convenient to the place of their destination and in such periods of the year, or Ships when the voyage will probably be short, and easy, and they are to proceed to such places of destination, under the command of a certain number of native officers who upon delivering them over to the officer appointed to take charge of them, are to return to their station in the recruiting Establishment at Bengal.

That the seven or eight Bengal Men now with the Ganjam Battalion, shall be sent round by land to the recruiting Establishment in Bengal. These Men may return in some time through the Cuttack Country accompanied by small Detachments of Recruits, and attended by such of the

followers

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followers As could not accompany their friends by sea. – It is probable that in the course of a few years the intercourse between Bengal, and Madras May wear away those prejudices which exists at present, and that adventurers will come round in sufficient numbers ~ without any solicitation whatever, and offer themselves at the different military stations in the Carnatic and its dependencies for ~ entertainment. –,

The Bengal Native officers, and privates should be sent to those Provinces which produce many more men of the War~ like classes than are required to fill up the Bengal Battalions, Men eminently fitted by nature with every requisite for the ~ Military profession, averse to any other way of life, and without any regular subsistance. The enlisting them for the Coast would be ~ ridding their own Country of members who are little better than an incumbrance to it: and by transferring them to the Carnatic the ~ necessity of taking away any of its few ~ remaining inhabitants from the Plough or the Loom, where they are so much wanted

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will be obviated. —

The Carnatic native officers belonging to this institution should be employed in drilling Recruits and as they will be kept in constant training from the time of their enlisting to that of their embarkation, the intervening period will give an opportunity of selecting the most accomplished and best dispositions, to act as Lance Havildars and Naicks, and it will be advisable by way of Encouragement to promise that a continuance of good behavior will ensure a Confirmation of their promotion by the Officer under whose command they chance to be placed in the Carnatic That the Supreme Government shall make the same provision for the men who entertain for the Coast, by allotting them waste lands, on certain terms when wounds, or age, urge them to return to their own Country in the same manner as is done for the Seapoys of the Bengal Battalions, and should any of them in the course of their Service become from circumstances desirous of changing into the Bengal Service they should be permitted to do so upon producing

good

good Bengal men as substitutes — They should be permitted to remit a portion of their pay to their relatives in Bengal through the Companies Paymaster in the manner that was done last War. —

These indulgences to be published at the different Military Stations in Bengal in the Persian and Hindostanee Languages by authority. —

The Detachments from Bengal should be sent to the different out Stations where provisions are cheapest and a temporary sacrifice might be made to the pride and or prejudices of those Northern Men of high Cast, and as they may be averse to mingle at once with the generality of Men who compose the Carnatic Battalions they might for some time be kept apart in Corps or Companies by themselves. —

They should be permitted to bring their Younger Brothers to a certain number who ought to be enrolled in the Service on the same terms as the Boys are in the Carnatic Battalions. —

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The Recruits should be
inspected and mustered monthly by the
Commanding Officer of the Troops at the
Presidency of Fort William, on whose Voucher
and Signature to the pay Rolls and abstracts
pay should be issued. —

These Rules may be improved and added
to under the direction of General Sir Robert
Abercrombie in Bengal. — —

The Detail of correspondence
and other necessary matters should be carried
on by the Captain Commanding with the
Commander of the Coast Army through the
Adjutant General. — —

The Officer Commanding
should be on the recruiting allowance, and
all those belonging to the institution should
be on the Madras recruiting and Field
allowance, until they join their respective
places of destination. — —

This Scheme will be attended
with the least possible, with the most
trifling additional expence as the men
required for its execution are already in the
Service, and should it be thought not
indispensibly

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indispensibly necessary in a military point of view, yet must it be allowed to be Essentially conducive to the prosperity of the Carnatic by affording Leisure to recover from the Depopulation of the last Wars which the continual drain of Recruits unavoidably interrupts, the doubt is not of its utility but of its practicability. And I am conscious it would be at first attended with obstacles and prejudices, but I think these obstacles and prejudices are to be overcome, and would in a short time totally subside.—

This Scheme being enlarged so as to involve in it the Recruiting of Lascars for the Coast Army to supply men to fill up the Vacancies, occasioned by the Casualties which must in course occur among the Bengal Lascars already established in the Carnatic will greatly promote its success a Service of a certain Number of years on the Coast should give the man a claim to be admitted into the Battalions on the Bengal Establishment. This indulgence to be confined to the Men of the first Detachments which come from Bengal.—

Resolved

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Resolved that a copy of Colonel Brathwaite's letter with Captain White's plan be sent to Bengal, and that it be observed to the Governor General in Council that the observations of the Colonel appear to the Board to be deserving of attention.

Read the following letter from Mr. Michael Topping.

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

My Lord,

I have the honor of laying before Government a Description, with Drawings of the Garrison Carriage of Gribeauval a Machine received into use (exclusive of Sieges or Constructions) in the Frontier Towns of France and Germany.

This Carriage is, in every respect, superior to that on which Guns in Garrison are mounted in this Country - It affords much greater Security to the people that work it, than the common Trail Carriage, is lighter, and simpler in manouvring,

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as well as more certain an
effects; and is indeed admir
defending the Land-side of a

A compleat Car
Description for an Eighteen Pound
approved Iron-Gun of my own in
as represented in the Drawing) is
the observatory Gardens. I
together with other improved Corrections,
several years ago; and would have been
offered to the Service long ere this, had not
the chilling discouragements, with which
such attempts to render Public Service have
been checked, restrained me from stepping
forward with it. Passing however through
Fort Saint George a few days ago, and
noticing a number of Similar Carriages late
brought, with other Military Stores, from
Pondichery, I determined, at once to wave
all ceremony; and rather to risk Censure for
a direct intrusion, than let it appear that
other European Powers in India — the
French especially — were before-hand with
us in these matters; and had been profiting
by important improvements with which

we

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we remain entirely unacquainted. — —

I cannot close this address without informing your Lordships &c. that it was through the Zealous endeavours to promote the Public Service of our late Chief Engineer, Lieutenant Colonel Patricke Ross (now in Europe) that these improved Constructions were first proposed at Madras — a Circumstance that will (I presume) have due weight, and induce Government to give this representation a favorable consideration. — —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Masulipatam
28th February 1795. (Signed) Michael Topping

Of the new Garrison Carriage.

In the newly arranged System of Artillery, as practised at present in Europe, such Gun Carriages as are intended for the Service of Attack, tho' much improved on those formerly used, are still made upon the Ancient principles: But in Carriages constructed for the

purpose

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purpose of Defence a total change has taken place; and the excellent Garrison Carriage of Gribeauval has been adopted to the exclusion of every other in the principal fortified Cities of Europe. —

The Cheeks of this Carriage somewhat resemble those of the Ship Carriage, but are higher, and by means of two principal Wheels, of about four feet in Diameter each, elevate the Piece somewhat more than five feet from the Plat-form. —

Instead of the two Wheels usually placed in the rear of the Ship Carriage, this Machine has only one: The Carriage therefore rests upon three points only, and is in consequence more steady than if it stood upon four. — —

These three Wheels move in two Rabbets and a Groove, all properly disposed in a strong Frame of Wood, which Frame is confined to its destined point on the Plat-form by an Iron Bolt or Axes on which it turns when the Gun is pointed to the right or left. The recoil being

entirely

entirely regulated by the Grooves and
Rabbits, cannot be made out of their direction,
and such is their situation in the Frame
that no change of place can ever happen
to the latter when the Gun is fired. —

Thus much for the general
description of this Carriage: Its properties
and advantages over the Carriages formerly
used are. —

1st It affords the means of
firing by night, with the same certainty
as by day, thereby allowing the Besiegers,
no time to repair the damage done to their
Batteries by the Shot of the Fortress. —

2dly It does not require
Embrasures of more than eighteen Inches
in depth to fire its Gun from; a prodigious
advantage that preserves the Parapets solid
and entire, which are commonly ruined
by the ordinary Methods of cutting them
down: It also affords the means of com-
pleating a Battery in a much shorter
time than heretofore, and renders unneces-
sary the expence of Sacings, which are

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liable to damage by the internal pressure of the earth of the Parapet, and by the fire itself of the Garrison, as well as by that of the Enemy. —

The in repairing damages done to the Embrasures of a Fort, or Battery, that the greatest number of Men are lost — any contrivance therefore that diminishes this inconvenience must be considered as deserving of the most serious attention. —

3dly The Wheels of this Carriage being lower than those of the ordinary Carriages, are less exposed to the Shot of the Enemy; They are however sufficiently high for every requisite purpose

4thly The recoil is so much deadened by the weight of the Piece as not in the least to strain either the Carriage, or its Frame. —

5ly A Gun mounted on one of these Carriages can be worked with about half the number of Men that are necessary for one of the same Caliber mounted on the

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ordinary way. —

6ly. The height of Parapet barely sufficient to cover the Artillery-man, covers compleatly this Carriage and Gun. —

7thly. The using this Carriage secures every man working the Gun, as far upwards as the shoulder, and with exception to those who spunge and load (whose Arms are exposed) protects every Man engaged at it compleatly; whereas at the old Carriages, which require deep Embrasures, the men who spunge and load are exposed from the knee upward to the direct fire of the Enemy; and the rest of the party to such Shot as are diverted from their direct course by the sides of the Embrasure — not to omit the very exposed situation of both the Gun and its Carriage. —

8.ly. This Carriage being shorter than the Trail Carriage is more easily repaired; and having its frame for a support, does not require a Plat-form of the same solidity that is necessary for one of the old construction. — —

Finally

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Finally, altho' its having
been approved of by the most celebrated
Officers in the Ordnance Department is
doubtless a great recommendation of it:
yet a stronger still is, its having been used
with the most entire success during the
late Wars on the Continent of Europe.
The admirable use M. Gribeauval made
of it, in the famous defence of Schevendnitz
is no secret, and the Commissioners ap=
pointed to make experiments on the
several Military Machines at Strasbourg
after having given it the fairest trial,
have unanimously ordered it to be received
into use, instead of the Carriage on which
Guns in Garrison were formerly mounted.

For manouvering this Gun
and Carriage are required. —

Two Gunners and three
Assistants — to be quartered as follows —

One Gunner and one Assistant
at the Muzzle: The Gunner puts in the
charge, and aided by the Assistants,
sponges and rams home. —

Two

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Two Assistants at the Breech - one at the Vent, and the other to fire the Gun. —

The second Gunner points the Piece, and takes care of the Ammunition. —

The four first are provided with Handspikes, as well to point, as to push the Piece forward or backward.

Explanation of the several Drawings of an Eighteen-Pounder Garrison Carriage with its Frame and Platform. —

Fig. 1st. is an Elevation of the Carriage with its Frame and Platform — compleat. —

Fig. 2d. is a Plan of the Carriage with its Coin. —

Fig. 3d. is an Elevation in Front of the Carriage. —

Fig. 4th. is an Elevation (in the rear) of the Carriage and its Roller. —

Fig. 5th. shews the form of the angular pieces of which the Roller is composed. —

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Fig. 6th. is the Cannon with a Section of the Transom to which it is attached.

Fig. 7th. detached Pieces of the Frame that supports the Carriage.

Fig. 8. Plan of the Frame and Plat-form.

References

A Cheek of the Carriage. B. Cheek for the Roller. C. Breast Transom D. Bed Transom E. Axle-tree. a Transom-Bolts. b retreating-hooks c Rosettes. d. Bands F. principal Wheel. G. the Roller. e its Nave. f pieces that compose the Roller. g. its Axis. h. hoop-bands. i Smaller. d. k. Iron-circles. H. the Coin. l its under part. m. its upper part. n. the Crenaillere. o. the Forelock. p. Gudgeons to secure the lower Coin to the Transom.

References to the Frame and Platform.

I. the Stopper. q. Axle-pin. r Clasping-bolts. K. Cross-pieces. L. Transom. s Clasping-irons M. Counter Stopper. t eye-bolts. u double-pierced

Bolts

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Bolts N.O. principal pieces of the Frame.
x. Rivet-bolts P. Groove for the Roller.
Q. Coins to deaden the recoil. R. the ~
Platform. ~

(Signed) M. Topping

Minute thereon.

As the Board are desirous of affording every encouragement to the ~ laudable pursuits of Mr. Topping, it is ~ resolved to direct the Military Board to ~ inspect the Gun Carriage, and to ascertain by experiment, whether it will answer for the Company's Service. ~ —

Secretary submits a Register of the Hog Hill claimants.

The Secretary lays before the Board a Register shewing the names of the Hog Hill Claimants and the Sums respectively due, made up conformably to the orders of the Board on the 27th ~ January 1795. Resolved

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Certificates to be issued.

Resolved that Certificates for the whole amount (being Pagodas one Lack, seventy eight thousand two hundred and fifteen (1,78,215) be now issued. —

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Con Saunders

Examined

E.H. Hargrave

E.H. Scudefield

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Diary

11th Received the following letters.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a
at Madras.

Honble Sir,

From Cochin. in reply to the President's Letter introducing Lieutenant Montgomery. —

Lieutenant Montgomery has deliver-
=ed to me Your Honors esteemed letter of the 22d. January
last, by which Your Honor introduces him to my Pro=
=tection. He has enjoyed the same already since his
Arrival until this day in the best manner possible.
But he has suffered himself to be so far misled by
it, that he assumed some Authority, and also de-
=manded, that the People who bring horses here,
should be free from paying the import duties. —

This has been refused him, but in
Consideration, that these horses were for the Service of
the English Company the export Duties have been
declared remitted. —

He had much against it, and
shewed it in a Manner that deserved my Displea-
=sure, and this seems to have been the reason, why
he has but now endeavored to obtain a Letter of
Introduction from Your Honor.

Thus I am obliged by this to inform
Your Honor of it, assuring You, that in consequence

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I your Honors' request I shall lend every possible Assistance in the Purchase of Horses as far as it shall be consistent with Equity, and not against the Laws which here subsist. —

I have the Honor to be with Esteem.

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Dc. Dc.

(Signed) — Spall.

(signed) C. W. Gericke
Transl.r

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c. &c.

and the Council

at Madras.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

The first signed has given Notice already by his Answer to the letter of Introduction of Governor Hobart, of which the Duplicate is sent herewith, of the unheard of Conduct of Lieutenant Montgomery. He has suffered himself since that to be so far misled by his Passions as to assume things which are above his Capacity and which tend to lessen the Respectability of this Government — We are therefore obliged publickly to complain of him to You Honorable Sir and Sirs and shall therefore give a short Detail of what has happened since his first arrival here. —

From Cochin — complaining of the Conduct of Lieutenant Montgomery — detail of the Differences that have occurred — and requesting his Removal from thence. —

It is here customary that when Horses

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Horses are brought for Sale they are first presented to the Governor of the Place to choose which he prefers. After that they are offered to the Rajah of Cochin, who chooses as many as he desires; after which the People who brought them have leave to sell the rest of the horses to whom they please. —

At the first arrival of Horses here in this good Monsoon the first Signed have already chosen a Horse for himself and put it into his Stables, and the Rajah of Cochin had engaged two others. —

On this occasion Lieutenant Montgomery requested of the first signed to be permitted to buy all the Horses that then were brought, for his Regi = =ment, and the first signed, merely from friendship and Regard for his person, gave him, not only the Permission which he requested, but returned also the Horse, that was already in his Stables and effected also, that the Rajah of Cochin renounced the Pur = =chase of the two horses which he wished to have.

At the Second Arrival of Horses the said Montgomery made an immediate Contract with the People that brought them, to buy of them all the Horses tho' he was informed by the former Affair, that he ought not to do it, before the Horses were offered to Government — This appeared to be the Case, when, they being brought to Town, and presented to the first signed, the Owners declared, that they could sell none of them, because they were all bespoken by the said Montgomery. —

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The first signed spoke with Montgomery on this Subject, and the latter, setting aside all the Civilities, that had been shewn him, and abusing the Indulgence of the first signed, declared him=self the Protector of those Merchants, and desired farther, that they might be exempted from paying the usual Duty. This last was not granted him and his extraordinary Conduct was passed over thro' friendliness, and he was apprized of having gone beyond the Bounds set him, which he also himself acknowledged. —

When after this again horses were brought the first signed gave Notice to the People, who brought them, that they must present the Horses first to him and the Rajah of Cochin before they made any Accord with any other — Lieutenant Montgomery hearing of this Order came to the first signed, acknowledged the Right, which he the undersigned has of choosing Horses for himself, and at the same time requested, that the Custom might be abated and lowered to seven Rupees for each Horse, it being ordinarily 5 per Cent. —

The first signed consented to it and pro=mised, that he would persuade the Renter to take no more for each horse than 7 Rupees, and chose out of the Number that were then brought three horses and two Colts, at the same time ac=quainted Montgomery, that he must not propose the Purchase of these Horses; but instead of

complying

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11th complying with this he bought the two best of them for 580 Rupees. —

This was also friendly passed over by the first signed, but when on the 15th Instant a Dow arrived with 36 Horses, he ordered the Owner of the Horses by the Chawandar to bring them to Town before he sold them to any other — This Man accepted this willingly, but declared some hours after, that he had sold the Horses to Montgomery. —

The first signed could then no longer suffer these excessive Oppositions of Lieutenant Montgomery, and acquainted the Owners of the Horses by the Chawandar, that he had no Per= =mission to proceed farther up the River with his Vessel, before he had subjected himself to the Custom of presenting, and giving the preference to the first signed, and to the Rajah of Cochin, and then to sell them to whom he pleased. — —

This Order was scarce given, but Lieutenant Montgomery came to the first Signed, and desired, that the Dow might be permitted to proceed farther up the River, and that he and nobody else be allowed to be the Purchaser of the Horses; the first signed declined this, and then the said Montgomery made Proposals on the subject, which were also immediately rejected, but on the Day following the first signed received a Letter of Montgomery, directed to him and

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the Council, of which a copy is annexed to this. By this Letter Montgomery desires, that the Dow might be permitted to pass, and communicated also, that the People, who had brought the Horses, were employed by him in the Service of the English Company, whereby intending to signify, that the horses were English Property, tho' the Evening before he said, that he would purchase them. —

A moment after that he sent a Servant for an Answer, which the first signed was not obliged to give immediately. However from mere friendship he condescended to send him an Answer, which was, that the Merchants were obliged to offer their horses first to Government, and as they had not fulfilled this Obligation thro' Instigation, they had been informed of it again, which was the Reason that the Dow was detained, that whenever the Man, who had brought the Horses would answer the Demand of the first signed he should obtain leave to disembark the Horses, and that then Lieu= =tenant Montgomery would have every assistance that he should desire, all however agreeably to the Laws and Customs of this Country. —

Upon this followed actually another Letter of Montgomery, by which he declared, that he would never consent that the Horses brought hither should be at the Disposal of any one whosoever — By it he also took leave of the first signed and of Cochin, and gave notice that he would depart

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11th depart with the Dais and horses to Aleppe, and that he hoped, that the first signed would have nothing against it; also that at his arrival there he should address himself to the Government here upon the Reasons for this Step, and make known the Treatment he had met with as a British Subject, that he wished, that as the first signed had acknowledged him as an Agent of theirs, all his Letters might be considered as official Letters. —

By this, Honorable Sir and Sirs, You will see with how much Civility and Indulgence this Montgomery has been treated by the first signed during all this time, and how he on the Contrary abusing it, has allowed himself to be misled to attake all manner of unwarrantable Steps, and even to make use of Untruths, for he is sent by none as Agent to this Government, much less has he been acknowledged by this Government as such. This was also the Reason, that the first signed did not return a written Answer, but acquainted him by the bearer of his letter by word of Mouth that it was well. — 7

At the same time the Owner of the Horses asked leave to go out of the River, and proceed to Aleppe, and the Answer sent him was that he had leave so to do on paying previously to the Renter the usual Custom for the Horses, according to the subsisting Rent Conditions, because he himself acknowledged to have sold the horses here.

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And this the first signed was obliged to do, that he might not again see his Authority and pri=vileedges lesened.

With this the first signed thought to be freed from the Vexations and all Boundsex=ceeding Demands of Lieutenant Montgomery he having already taken leave by his Letter a=bove cited; but to his Astonishment a letter of him Montgomery came to his Hand the neat Morning; which was again directed to him and the Council, and contained nothing but a Num=ber of Untruths, Threatnings and unwar=rantable expressions, as You, Honorable Sir and Sirs will be pleased to see by the accompany=ing Copy.—

The first signed was obliged if he would preseve his Administration and Authority from being injured and lesened by this Montgomery who became from time to time more intracta=ble, not only to communicate this letter in Council, but also to give Information of all what had happened, We think it not necessary to confute the said Letter from point to point in order to clear ourselves of the Charges therein stated, as this does not become the Respectabi=lity of this Government, but on the contrary confide that You Honble Sir and Sirs will with us conceive, that by the Conduct observed by Lieutenant Montgomery this Government

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has not only been held in Contempt, but that it also has the Right to request, that he be publickly punished for it. However for the present we will request of You Honorable Sir and Sirs to remove this Montgomery from this place as soon as possible, and in Case the English Company want more horses, we request, that You will be pleased to send hither another Person, that Knows better to Respect a Government, and to Submit to the Laws of the Land, at the same time Honble Sir and Sirs You may be assured, that we shall contribute on our Side all what shall be necessary to the furthering of the Business, as we in all other Cases have effectually shewn how ready we are to interest ourselves in the Affairs of our Friends and Allies. —

Mean while we have been under the Necessity, and we hope that you Honble Sir and Sirs will approve of it on Account of the hot Temper of Lieutenant Montgomery, of acquainting him, that we expect no letters and Addresses more of him, and that by acting otherwise he may not necessitate us to send him to You, that he however, when horses arrive, and they have been first of-fered to Government, he may purchase them, whilst he submits himself to the Laws and Usages which here subsist. —

We have the honor to be, &c.a &c.a

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15th February
1795

Sgd C.W. Gericke
Transl.

(Signed) Spalt ——— (Signed) Arnold Lunel
" G.G. Gebhard — " J. Bos
" L.A. Cellarius — " C. Spalt
" I.A. Scheide —

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a

and the Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Cochin on the same Subject.

In consequence of our Letter of the 15th Instant, of which the enclosed is a Duplicate, we have acquainted Lieutenant Montgomery by Mr. Drappier who understands the English Language perfectly well, that we expect no more Letters or Addresses from him, and that in Case of acting Contrary to it we shall be obliged to send him to You, Honble Sir and Sirs; who upon that has sent such an Answer to the said Drappier, as we cannot but send enclosed a Copy of, that You Honble Sir and Sirs, may see, how therein he threatenth to defend himself against us.—

We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Spall

" G. G. Gibhardt

" T. A. Callarius

" I. A. Scheidz

" Arnold Lunel

" Jo Bos.

" Spall

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W. C. Jackson Esq.
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Military Secretary.

Sir

From Lieutenant Montgomery - accounting for his proceedings at Cochin, above complained against his letters to the Governor there enclosed.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 27th Ultimo with one from the Right Honble President to the Dutch Kommandier of this place, his answer to which is enclosed herewith.

The Introduction I am sorry to say has not produced the effect I am sure his Lordship expected; on the Contrary I have met with more obstacles than before.—

This I attribute entirely to my refusal of some private offers made me by the Kommandier of reducing the Import duties from 5 P Cent which he demanded!! in case I would consent to let him have the Choice of all horses that arrived at his own price without any interference on my part - this I conceived neither advantageous or honorable to those I had engagements with - of course rejected it. The proposal was made me through an Official Officer the Shawandar (Superintendant of the port) was in the Kommandiers own hand writing and I am ashamed to say the paper was once in my posession, having been afterwards tricked out of it.—

When I first came here it appeared to me, as it does still, that an Ally so dependant upon us, as the Dutch, particularly in this part of the World it was but what we ought to expect,

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that horses purchased for our Service, should be exempted by them from duties—this was refused—and (as I well know how black Men are treated by them) I judged it adviseable to take the duties upon myself, until I could return to Madras and get full instructions respecting them.—

I calculated these Duties when I made my first purchases at what had been the usage of the place from time immemorial, five or at most six Rupees a horse, but when I came to make my settlement I had great difficulty in getting off for 12.—

This determined me on the arrival of the next lot to remove to the Rajah of Travancore's Country where I could land the horses duty free, and where I know the dealers would gladly follow me—but the Kommandier who is in fact the Farmer of the duties (in his Dubashes Name) arranged it that I should pay but seven, this I consented to, but had great difficulty after in getting him to stand to the bargain.—

His Conduct in the last two days has been such that I considered myself as reduced to the necessity of formally protesting against it.

As I owe to the Right Honble Board a full account of all my proceedings—I enclose for their information Copies of my letters to Mr Van Spall &c.a to none of them he deigned to give me an answer except to No. 3 which I have quoted to him in mine of the 13th instant marked No. 4.— to this Letter particularly

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particularly I refer, and pledge my Sacred honor for the truth of every Syllable contained in it, as well as in all the others. — —

The whole of his behaviour was evidently aim'd at extorting Money from me — which I am happy to assure the Right Honble Board he has not succeeded in, and that after the next ten days any difficulties that he can make will be of no consequence, as the dealers to a man had some time ago agreed to come the next season to Colachè which will save one hun=dred miles travelling over the beach, and where the horses will be landed duty Free, and is according to my original intention, as signified in my Report last Year.

I should hope for the benefit of those who are so unfortunate as to be obliged to resort to the place hereafter, that the Right Honble Presi=dent will judge it proper to take some Notice of Mr Van Spalls &c. Conduct towards me on the present occasion; particularly his not allowing the Vessel to quit the harbour with her Cargo with=out paying 5 P Cent when the most he could be entitled to was 7 Rupees for Anchorage. — — ———

The Dutch Jurisdiction only extends to the end of the Glacis, not to where the horses are usually landed — they make a sort of Dividend of the duties with the Cochin Rajah (an English Tributary) who is in possession of all Authority without the Port, where all business is transacted. —

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I beg you will also acquaint the Right Honble President that I shall despatch 37 horses the morning after tomorrow, and shall I hope in a few days (if I can get liberty for them to pass the Fort) send as many more, all as usual to the Care of the Officer commanding the Cavalry Cantonment at Tachnoor.

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

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery
Agent for purchasing horses.

Cochin
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To the Honorable Hommandier of Cochin

Honble Sir,

That I have received much personal civility and attention from you, since my Arrival at Cochin I am proud to acknowledge, and should be happy were it in my power, consistent with my Duty to show my sense of it. — —

I will not however make any apology for Noncompliance with your request communicated to me through Mr. Draspier*; and I think when You reflect that I had concluded the bargain, and paied my Word, You will consider the reply I made

N.B. * This Message was to request me to tell the dealers I did not want two Horses he had seized (knowing them to be mine) of the best horses in a lot which I had purchased, that he might get them as he said he had a right to as Hommandier for 400 Rupees and which altho' the whole averaged at only 300 Rupees each the Value of these two was at least at 800 Rupees.

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11th made to Your Message as highly proper.

You did not surely expect that I would forfeit my promise, which I shall always hold sacred, or that the poor dealers would give you for 400 what I offered them 600 for, or that I would consent to pay you for relinquishing the Claim of Selection at Your own price, which no Civilized Nation on earth will acknowledge, and which I know not be authorized by any existing Regulation of the Dutch Company.

I know I have subjected myself to censure in Offering You what I did "to give you "the horses in question for the Average price of the lot" and which you thought too high, it was my wish to oblige that led me to it.

I address you now Sir in my private Capacity but hope to have the pleasure of being announced from Madras in few days - You may not probably know that the same Ceremony was omitted towards our Government upon your Accession to the Government of Cochin, You have nevertheless been acknowledged by the English every where.

It will be still in your option whether You receive me or not - In the interim, should any of the horses which I have commissioned arrive, and you are not disposed to permit me to go on as usual, I shall quit the Dutch Bounds and retire to the Rajahs limits where I am sure of protection for myself and those I employ. With

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With every wish as far as depends upon me of enjoying a Continuation of Your friendship I have the honor to remain with great Respect.

&c: &c:

Cochin
3d February 1795.

Signed, H. C. Montgomery

A true Copy

Signed, H. C. Montgomery

The Honble M. Van Spall

Commandier &c: &c: at Cochin.

Honble Sir,

I was in hopes after what passed last night between us, that it would not have been necessary again to remind you that a Dow with 36 horses commissioned by me for the Honble East India Company has been stopped at the Fort since noon yesterday and the Commander told the horses or Dow should not be suffered to pass unless five were allowed to be selected for your use.—

It becomes therefore an indispensible part of my duty thus publickly to call upon you in the name of my employers to give immediate orders that the Dow in question be allowed to pass and that you give me an assurance in writing that nothing of the kind shall happen in future.—

I have to inform you likewise that the people who have brought the horses are employed by me in the Company's Service, that I protest in the most formal manner against their being interfered with in

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11th. any manner whatever, or any attempts being made to bring the horses to the fort - it being my wish to land them in the Rajahs bounds at the usual place, and I pledge myself to be answerable for all port duties—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Cochin
12th. February 1795.

A true Copy /Signed/ H.C. Montgomery

Signed H.C. Montgomery

N.B. His answer to this letter is quoted in mine No. 4 and marked by inverted commas."—

To The Honble M. Van Spall

Kommandier &c. &c. Cochin

Honble Sir,

I have just been honored with Your letter of this Evening, which I must take the liberty to inform You I do not consider as by any means a full answer to mine of this date.—

It however is necessary for me again to acquaint you that I can never submit, while I have the honor to act as the English Company's Agent, that the horses brought for them shall be at the disposal of any one - and as I know Your claims not to be founded on public grounds, I have the fewer scruples in saying so.

I have therefore come to the resolution of taking leave of you and Cochin, as the People have agreed to leave the place and come to Aleppe.—

I shall have the honor to address you upon

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upon my arrival there, and shall fully State to Your Go=
=vernment the treatment I have received both as a
British Subject before, and since you did me the
honor to acknowledge me as their Agent.

It is my wish therefore that You consi=
=der all the letters I have written you as public ones, &
should You have mislaid any of them, I can furnish
you with Copies.

I remain

Cochin
12th February 1795.

&c. &c.

(A true Copy) (Signed) H. C. Montgomery
(Signed) H. C. Montgomery.

Myn heer de heer Van Spall.

Kommandier in Council

Sir

I addressed you two public letters Yesterday
to one of them I received an unsatisfactory answer to the
other I have not yet been favored with any reply.

In it I expressed my Intention of proce=
=ding with the horses in question to another port, and
that I should write the Government of Cochin at large
my reasons for so doing. You have however taken
means to prevent me by most unwarrantably refusing
to allow the Vessel to quit the harbour, until you
were paid a duty of five per Cent, and you would not
suffer the horses to be landed unless on Conditions which
I have told you before, I would not submit to with=
=out protesting against as an arbitrary proceeding

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and contrary to the spirit of the existing treaties between
the two Nations.—

I wrote to the Shawandar of the port
this morning publickly demanding that the Dan should
be allowed to quit the harbour, he declined to give me
a written answer knowing the consequence of such a
refusal, but did not scruple to say he had Your orders
as Kommandeer for detaining the Vessel.

Is this Sir giving me the assistance
I have a right & expect from your promises and the
introduction from the Madras Government? I
should rather suppose you are prompted to treat
me in this manner in retaliation for some offence
given by the English to your flag which I am convin=
=ced wants representation only, to be set to rights—
You cannot suppose that I am to be forced to com=
=ply with the several proposals which have been
made to me from you, particularly that commu=
=nicated by your Official Officers the Shawandar
and which even was it my own cause I should have
treated in the same manner as an Officer acting
for a great and respectable Body I could not
listen to it— my conduct has been open since
I have been in the place, all my Bargains have
been concluded publickly, nor will I enter into any
private one with you on any account, and I must
inform you that the greatest piece of Service you
can do me or the cause I am employed on, is

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to let me, and those I employ alone, I want no further protection or Assistance —

I now inform you Sir that I have this morning purchased the horses, and having at present no other alternative but your Arbitrary Will, I have been forced to consent to their being brought to the Fort, but I warn you not to attempt detaining one of them —

With respect to duties I shall as I have often told you, submit to the Rules of the Place, but I can hardly think it is the Dutch Company's intention that the English should pay five per Cent, and other nations but two, nor can I suppose it will be demanded of me to pay a higher duty now than before you did me the honor to acknowledge me as Agent for the English Company, there are writings to prove what I have paid, which correspond with my monthly accounts forwarded to Madras.

You told me in a former letter that as the horses were purchased for the English Company you relinquished the Export duties, I must acquaint You, and you know it, that the Dutch Company has nothing to do with any goods once landed at in the Rajah's Country unless they are reshipped, and pass again the fort, which is not the Case with my purchases for they are sent by Land this favor therefore I decline accepting of, and which I should have at the time acquainted you with, had you

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11th: not declined answering my publick letter on account of not being formally announced to You from Madras.

You say in your letter of Yesterday that the "reason the Daw with the horses was stopped at the fort" "was to remind the people that it was their duty first to" "present the horses to the Government of the place for sale" "which by instigation had been lately omitted" if that only was Your intention, it is very different from what you have repeatedly told me, and what was in my presence told the people who brought the horses; for the orders given by the Shaw and ar ziggs, that you must have five of them for your own use (the Dutch Company it is notorious dont want them) and that unless they consented to this the horses could not be landed.

You know that the first horses that arrived here this Season, you sent a Guard, and forcibly brought them to the fort, and that you Kept the best horse, which in Consequence of a Representation from me you restored — a Second instance occurred soon after. —

You complained to me that it had the appearance of lessening your Authority, horses not being brought to the fort, and I to prove my wish to show all possible respect, consented to let a lot which I had actually purchased be brought to the fort for You to look at, on your promising not to detain one of them — but how did you behave? You kept two of the best of them and it was not until I was forced to write you my letter of the 3d instant

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11th. instant that you restored them.

Thus Sir have I been treated since my arrival here, and thus Sir will I represent the matter to my Superiors who will doubtless on every future occasion know how to return the kindness of the Dutch Company; who I'll answer for it have never yet met with a refusal, whenever they have found it necessary to apply for the Assistance of a British Government.

I have the honor to be

Cochin
13th. February 1795.

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery.

A true Copy

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery.—

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.

Sir

From Lieutenant Montgomery - the Dutch threaten to arrest his person - the letter conveying this threat and his reply enclosed —

I was most unwillingly necessitated to address the Right Honorable Board on the 11th. complaining of the Oppressions of the Dutch Government and enclosing Copies of the letters of protest which I considered it my duty to write them. the last produced so far a good effect as to deter the Kommandier from detaining any of the Horses, they have therefore been dispatched for Tachinoor. The enclosed Communication I received this morning. It is from a Gentleman a native of Switzerland who traded from the Mauritius

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Mauritius, and happened to be at this place when news arrived of the war, his property was seized by the French, and he now resides here a sort of Pri=
=soner; and by way of Aconomy till peace is settled the great propriety of his Conduct and conciliating manners has obtained him the esteem and Con=
=fidence of all Englishmen, who have had the good fortune of his acquaintance— He has on several occasions done me the favour to be my Interpreter and was at length so fully convinced of the faithless Character of the people I had to do with, that he declined being employed any further, except as a translator.—

He was as you will see made the chan=
=nel of the communication signified in the enclosed letter from him, and called upon in such a man=
=ner that he could not decline it— it appears as intended to intimidate me, in hopes that I would solicit to withdraw my protest, the Council refused to give his instructions in writing— he however to justify himself to me and to the World has thought it incumbent to give me a Note from M. Van Spall to him, approving of the letter he had written before he ventured to send it— the threat of arresting and confining in a guard an Officer invested with a Confidential Situation, and regularly announced as such, is what I trust the Right Honble President will not overlook.

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The reply I gave to this letter I also enclose and shall, with a view of convincing His Lordship &c. how little any Statement contrary to what I have given is to be depended on, will send attested Affidavits from the horse dealers of the treatment they received, and also of their having on their first arrival in the harbour declared themselves under my protection, of the detention of the Vessel until duties were paid for what was refused permission to be landed.

I will also apply to the Rajah of Travancore for whom some thousand horses have been purchased at this place, to Mr Powney and Captain Bannerman who resided here for a long time and made many purchases, to attest the established Import duties of the place to prove that the demand now made of 5 per Cent is exorbitant, and unusual and how little dependence is to be placed on any other assertion that may be made from the same quarter.

I hope you will explain particularly to Government that I am not induced to take so much pains in the supposition that my word will be doubted, I hope I stand on higher Ground, and beg to be understood that I wish to rise or fall on the truth of what I have advanced.

I have this instant been informed by the Post Master that a large Packet has been sent

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11th sent him from the Governor of Cochin directed to his Lordship, which I take to be a Statement of what I wrote two days ago, and in consequence of my not being alarmed at the threats of an Arrest &c.

It may therefore be necessary for me to call the Attention of Government to what I have heard the Commandier founds his opposition partly upon — that he asserts the people said their horses were not brought for me, but for public Sale; this will be contradicted by their declaration upon Oath, which I shall send in a day or two in proper form; and likewise cannot gain any great Credit, as he did not venture to assert it to me, in the only answer he gave to any of my letters, and the one he acknowledges to have received is No 2 which particularly states the fact; and it is as I said in my letter of the 11th quoted in mine to the Government of Cochin marked No 4 of my former enclosures. —

I have the honor to be

Cochin
the 16th February 1795.

&c. &c.

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery
Agent for horses —

Lieutenant Montgomery

Dear Sir,

In what Capacity I am now to address you is more difficult to state than to

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establish its purpose. You know already, that the Counsel assembled yesterday evening on account of a letter of yours to the Governor, whose contents they deemed "impertinent", and that myself having acted the part now of a translator then of a Mediator in your differents with the Governor: the Counsellors thought fit to call for me; they intended to appoint me the Messenger of their Resolutions, which however I declined if not delivered in writing - Theyamazed desired me to wait their deliberations! but I was not called in again, the meeting was already closed, and the Governor summoning my attendance to his own Room requested of me to make you acquainted with the followings - Viz.t

1.st Should you dare to insult again the dignity of this Government by directing another letter to its Chief so injurious to his Character and Reputation a warrant of Arrest would be issued against you, and the Main Guard be the place of your Confinement until further orders.

2.d "That the Counsel will direct a Complaint "of Mr. Montgomery's improper behaviour to "the Council of Madras, and insist upon a "proper Satisfaction towards their offended "Chief."

3.d "Mr. Montgomery is forbidden hence-"forth to purchase horses, until previously he

"submits

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11th "submit to the established Laws and Customs.—

4 "and finally that the Counsel as well as the
"Governor have resolved to decline and refuse any
"Correspondence with Mr Montgomery to free them-
"=selves from further impertenences.—

At last my Dear Sir, I have brought forth my laborious message, welcome it, as you like. you know that I am nothing in Cochin but a Stranger, and that my most ar-=dent wishes are to remain so, till I can get honorably away; whatever you may Choose to answer I'll transmit it immediately— My only request is to Consider that I found myself bound to acquaint you with every thing con-=cerning your person and interests.—

I am such as you know me to be

Cochin
15th February 1795.

&c. &c.

Signed J. Drappier.—

Dear Sir,

I delay not a moment in acknow-=ledging to have this instant received Your letter of Yesterdays' date— which did it not contain so unwarrantable a threat from the Dutch Government of this place I should have returned to you.—

Having addressed them three public letters as an English Agent in the Travancore

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Travancore and Cochin Countries which Nomination Mr. Van Spall has been advised of as Governor of the place by the Right Honorable Lord Hobart. I expect to receive a public written Answer from some official Officer of their Government and not thro' the medium of an uninterested Individual, or that they will state their reasons for declining it to Madras. —

However to prevent the serious in = = sults to the British Nation intended to be offered to my person, and also having a great Charge of Cash, which I consider safer in my hands than their's I shall immediately after despatching this Letter retire to the Rajah's bounds where I have a strong Guard and know how to defend myself.

I am sorry to write in such a stile to one whom I respect so much — I know your own feelings as a Gentleman must revolt at being made the channel of such a communication and which I conceive your fears for my honor and safety alone could have induced you to undertake. —

I remain

&c. &c.

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery

A true Copy

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

My Lord,

From Colonel Stewart intending returning to England thankful for the Allowances granted him.

I have been honored with Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 3d March 1795 Enclosing an Extract of a letter from the Governor General in Council, which announces the entire relinquishment of the proposed Expedition against the French Islands without further Orders from Europe—

Motives of personal disappointment could enter but little into the regret I feel on this occasion and it affords me the most solid gratification to find, that my Conduct under the alternative, which public Considerations rendered necessary, has been such, as to meet your Lordship's approbation.—

The Objects of my Mission to this Country having now ceased, I have applied to the Commander in Chief in India (in case he should not think proper to detain me in this Country for any other Service) for his Sanction, to my proceeding to Europe by the first convenient Opportunity, and I have to offer my best Acknowledgments to your Lordship in Council for the handsome manner in which you have enabled me to proceed on my Voyage.—

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

Madras
9th March 1795.—

Signed J. Stuart
Colonel 72d Reg. &c.

Received

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11th Received the undermentioned letters
Entered in M.B. Nos 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73.

From Mr. Stratton — From Acting Commissary General of Grain and provisions — the Glacis Granary at Chingleput re-quires repairs — Report of Rice &c. delivered over by the late Storekeeper at Nagapatam to Mr. Wilson — an Inspection necessary —

From Mons. Sonnerat — From Mons. Sonnerat requests pay-ment of the arrears of allowance from 1st January last. —

From Captain Kirkpatrick. — From Resident at Hydrabad — en-closing some more orders from the Nizam to his Agents in the Districts bordering on the Palnaud.

From Military Board — From Military Board — submitting Regulations, defining the Constitution and Con-trouling Authorities to be placed in their Board.

From Lieutenant Showers. — From Lieutenant N. Showers — re-questing a prolongation of his leave of Absence in Bengal.

From acting Pay-master &c. at Angola. — From Mr. E. M. White — advising of his having received charge from the late Paymaster and Storekeeper at Angola — together with the Balance of Cash. — —

From Colonel Mar-ting. — From Colonel Martinz — highly gra-tifies by the Board's approbation of his late Services. —

From Colonel Collins — From Commandant at Vellore —

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11th has sent the Mahadavie Mussulmen to Tripasore.—
Sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in
" C. C. Nos 20. 21. 22.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

To the Nabob transmitting Copy of a Letter from the Commandant at Ongole relative to the Disturbances committed in that Neighbourhood.

Ditto Ditto.

To Ditto requesting he will take Steps for relieving the Inhabitants of the Shevala-=petore District from the Oppressions of the Circar Renters.—

Ditto to Rajah of Tanjore.

To the Rajah of Tanjore informing him that Colonel Baird has been permitted to accompany his Excellency to Ramiseram, with two Companies of Sepoys and Two Field Pieces—

12th Sent the following Letters.—

To Mr George Powney
Collector &c. at Ramnad

Sir

To Mr Powney sending a Proclamation with Orders to publish it throughout Ramnad.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to transmit herewith a proclamation to be published throughout the Ramnad Country— you will cause it to be translated into the Native Languages and brought into general circulation, that all the Inhabitants may thoroughly understand the grounds upon which the Removal of the deposed Polygar was founded and be convinced that necessity alone

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arising out of his misconduct induced the interference of Government.—

In order to quiet the Minds of the peo=ple, you have his Lordships authority to notify that there need be no apprehension of Ramalinguns ever being allowed to return to the Ramnad Country.

I am

Fort St. George
12th March 1795.

Vc. Vc.

Signed W. C. Jackson.
Secretary.

To Colonel John Floyd
Commanding the Southern Division of the Army— at Trichinopoly

Sir,

To Colonel Floyd with instructions for seizing the person of Luckea Naig Polygar.

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The President in Council adverting to the frequent accounts which have been received of acts of open defiance to the authority of Govern=ment on the part of the Polygars, sees no prospect of restraining their turbulent disposition and inspiring them with a just sense of their duty and allegiance, but by a prompt and vigorous exertion of power to reduce those who prove refractory.—

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12th The wanton barbarity of Suckea of Naigen in putting to death 22 Aged Persons and 3 Infants cannot possibly be overlooked - An act so inhuman calls for the most exemplary punishment, and the President in Council therefore desires you will adopt the most effectual measures in communication with Mr. Powney for securing the person of this Poligar, that he may be deprived of the power of committing acts of so great enormity in future, and that others may be warned by his example against the commission of similar transgressions. -

I am
&c.a &c.a
Signed W. C. Jackson
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Fort St. George
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To Captain Dyce

Sir

The Right Honorable the President in Council having stated that you had represented to his Lordship your inability to answer my letter to you of the 9th instant, as conceiving it did not arise out of your statement of the 21st Ultimo, I am directed in explanation, to acquaint you that the petitioners are ready to make Oath at the Triplicane Pagoda that the order you gave to your Dubash on their account, has not been discharged;

To Captain Dyce
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To Captain Dyce

Sir

The Right Honorable the President in Council having stated that you had represented to his Lordship your inability to answer my letter to you of the 9th instant, as conceiving it did not arise out of your statement of the 25th Ultimo, I am directed in explanation, to acquaint you that the petitioners are ready to make Oath at the Triplicane Pagoda that the order you gave to your Dubash on their account, has not been discharged;

To Captain Dyce repeating the question regarding the Order on his Dubash — the Petrs ready to swear it has not been discharged.

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" discharged; and that they were compelled to sign the acquittance alluded to in your letter. The President in Council therefore desires you will inform him, whether to your Knowledge such order has been discharged or not. —

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I am
&c. &c.
Signed W. C. Jackson Secy.

P.S. — My letter to you of the 9th instant is herewith returned. —

" Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M. B. Nos. 74. 75. 76 77. 78 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87 88. 89. 90.

To Lieutenant Taylor and Mr Vincentio Corbett —

To Barrack Master at Ellore and Commercial Resident at Masulipatam directing them to report the state of the quarters in the letter fort. —

To Mr Grunhill

To Garrison Storekeeper directing him to supply provisions and Water for fifty one invalid Europeans to be embarked on the Bombay Frigate. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Durand. —

To Commandant at Masulipatam Mr Topping to be furnished with all the Lascars there should be require their Services. —

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor Brigade Major Cosby's Charge for Writers to be admitted to the 1st Instant when it is to cease. —

To

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To Military Board. — To Military Board — transmitting Copy of the letter written to the Contractors relative to the payment of their Bills and the order for examining Repairs by Committees —

To Ditto. — To Ditto — returning the Regulations submitted by them, approved with a slight Alteration.

To Ditto. — To Ditto — with directions for building Eight new Drains and Repairing five Old ones on the new Road to the Mount — an Estimate of which enclosed. —

To Ditto. — To Ditto transmitting Copy of a letter from Mr. Topping — and directing them to ascertain by Experiment whether the Garrison Carriage of Gribeauval will answer for the Company's Service. —

To Captain Ure — To Commandant of the 19th Battalion directing him to report to and obey all orders from Colonel Prendergast on the arrival of his Corps at Vizagapatam.

To Colonel Braithwaite. — 83 — To Commander of the Army — Emaum Sait will receive his pension of 20 Pagodas per Month agreeably to the G. O. of 12th September 1786 — also the difference between that and a Subadar's pension from the period he was invalided. —

To Captain Doveton. — To Captain Doveton — transmitting a List of Articles sent to him to be occasionally distributed in Presents to such of Tippoo's Messengers as may arrive there. —

To

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To Lieutenant Colo. Sterling

To Commandant at Pondicherry no objection to Mons.r Monerons hoisting Tippoos Flag but his Vessel cannot be permitted to sail to any French Port, nor any Frenchman to embark on it from Pondicherry - the Establishment of a Mint there inadmissible - No alteration to take place in the mode of administering Justice - In what cases appeals to Government will be admitted - No Public Ceremonies to be performed either by the Right or Left Hand Cast - and the latter to have an Interpreter at every Tribunal.

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13th. his Vessel.

From Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast.

From Commandant at Vizianagrum— the 2 flank Companies of the 2d. European Battalion have arrived at Vizagapatam.—

15th. Sent the undermentioned letters Entered in C. C. Nos 23-24-25.

Substance of a Letter To Tippoo Sultaun.

To Tippoo Sultaun— informing him that the Mahawadee Mussulmen concerned in the Affray at Erode have been ordered into the Cus= =natic— that further Enquiries may be made—

Ditto— to the Nabob.

and congratulating him upon the Nuptials of his Son.

To the Nabob— acknowledging Receipt of the Kist which became due on the 1st. Instant and enclosing Copy of a Letter from Captain Maclean respecting the Disturbances in the Palnaud.

Ditto— Ditto.

To Ditto— transmitting Copies of Papers representing the atrocious Conduct of a Luckea Naig— and informing him that orders have been given for the seizure of his Person.—

" Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos 99-100-101-102-103-104-105.

To Mr. Woolf.

To Accountant General— directing him to make out Bonds for the Amount of Mr. John Balfours' Claim upon the Rajah of Tanjore— the same having been transferred to England.——

To Military Board

To Military Board— Two Barrel of Gunpowder to be issued for the use of the Snow Anna Purney.——

To

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To Fort Marlbro' transmitting a
Register Roll of the Detachment embarked for
that Settlement on the Bombay Frigate, the Europa
Indiaman and private Ship Success.

To Fr Fort Marlbro' 15th

To Commodore Pickett directing
him to continue at Fort Marlbro, until the actual
departure of the Europa for England — and after-
wards proceed to Bombay.

To Commodore Pickett &c.

To Commander of the Europa — with
a Return of the Lascars Artificers &c. who are to
embark on board that Ship for Fort Marlbro.—

To Captain Agathe.—

To Ditto — with List of Charter Party
Passengers for England.

To Ditto.

To Ditto — with Instructions for
his Guidance in approaching St. Helena — not to
touch at the Cape, unless indispensibly necessary.

To Ditto.—

16th Despatched the undermentioned letters
Entered in W.73. Nos 106 — 107 — 108 — 109. —

To Commodore Pickett directing
him to receive on board a detachment of Artillery,
with their Followers — also Captain and Mrs
Bolton and Lieutenant E. Beaghan. —

To Commodore Pickett.—

To Ditto directing him to take
under his Convoy the Europa and Success. —

To Ditto.

To Commander of the Europa —
directing him to consider himself under the
orders of Commodore Pickett. —

To Captain Applegath

To Ditto of the Success — with
similar Orders.

To Captain Smith.—

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Received the following letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Captain Dyce with further explanations relative to the transaction between him, his Dubash and Artificers† may be investigated by his Successor. —

† requests the complaints.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from Mr. Secretary Jackson under date the 9th and 13th Instant (the latter of which reached me yesterday) on the subject of an Order said by the Petitioners to have been passed by me on my Dubash, for a Balance claimed by them, and desiring to know whether each order, has been discharged or not. —

In my letter of the 28th ultimo, I had the honor to state, that the Contract was on my part, made with the Dubash who had engaged with the Carpenters to complete the Work and that my intercourse with them was only for the purpose of their signing an engagement, respecting the Quality, and period of delivery of the Coir. Excepting the first advance of Cash, which was made to them in my Presence for the above purpose, I was entirely ignorant of the State of their respective arrangements, or of what sums had from time to time, been advanced to the Carpenters: nor could I, under these circumstances have passed an order on the Dubash, directing the payment of a specific balance; as, neither is it consistent with my knowledge or remembrance

that I

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that any thing of a similar nature occurred in the course of the transaction — except when the disa = = greement arose, and the Carpenters appealed to me that I wrote to the Dubash, informing him of the circumstance, desiring that the dispute might be adjusted, and such claims as the Carpenters were entitled to fulfilled. — In con = = sequence of this Note (which I conclude is the order the Petitioners advert to) the Dubash ex = = plained at length, the ill conduct of the Car = = penters, and requested I would hear both parties, and decide accordingly. This produced the enquiry as detailed in my letter of the 28th. Ultimo, and the final adjustment therein stated. —

This, My Lord, is the only circum = = stance, which bears any analogy to the order alluded to by the Complainants, which I believe, and am indeed Confident ever took place; and which was antecedent to the ultimate enquiry.

In regard to the declaration of the Petitioners of their readiness to make Oath, of the force used, to compel them to sign the Acquit = = tance, I would humbly apprehend, such Evi = = dence could not be satisfactory, when opposed to respectable witnesses, unconnected with either party, whose signatures are affixed to the discharge. —

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17th "

The Letter from Colonel Floyd on this subject, to Your Honorable Board, has I trust gone far, to disprove the Calumnious allegation of violence and Confinement, Charged against me, to support the extortions of my Dubash.—

If the Acquittance then was not Signed on compulsion, or punishment, or through fear of punishment; and, if it is authenticated by the Names of Credible witnesses it is not easy to imagine any form of discharge, more valid, satisfactory and Conclusive: or what can protect the property, or shield the Character of individuals, if the Assertions or Oaths of the interested Party, are admitted as evidence to invalidate such Documents.—

I am greatly concerned to think this affair has already occupied so much of Your Lordship's time; but as every circumstance of which I am informed, is now before the Honorable Board, it remains for Your Lordship to decide: and I farther humbly presume to suggest, if more Minute enquiry should be thought expedient, on the Claims against my Dubash, that the Petitioner may be ordered to Trichinopoly; where all the Evidences are, and which place they could not leave, without the utmost inconvenience to their concerns: or that if your

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17th Lordship thinks proper, my succesor in Office
may be directed to investigate the Claims and evi-
=dence of both parties, on the spot; under an
assurance that whatever his decision may adjudge
will be completely acceded to by my Dubash. —

I have the honor to be, with
the greatest Respect. — &c.a &c.a

(Signed) C. Dyce
Captain

Madras
17th March 1795.

Note from Captain Dyce - binding himself to be responsible for the Contested balance should it be awarded as due from his Dubash.

Captain Dyce acquaints Mr. Jackson for the
information of Lord Hobart that by the expression
alluded to, in his letter of this date to Government,
it was intended to convey the meaning as
repeated, in Mr. Jackson's Note. — And Captain
Dyce hereby engages himself as Security that
whatever Award, Mr. Macaulay may give,
respecting the Contested balance, after an
investigation as proposed, shall be completely
acceded to, and fulfilled by the Dubash.

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Received the undermentioned Letters
Entered in M. B. Nos. 110. 111. 112. —

From Nizam's Vackeel.

From the Nizam's Vackeel requesting
that he may have the same Allowance as is
received by the Maratta Vackeel, during his Resi=
=dence at Madras. —

From Captain Ferguson.

From Captain Ferguson requesting

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requesting that the Bills presented by him formerly for Off-Reckonings may be returned to him.—

From Captain Maclean

From Captain Maclean - advising of his Return to Ramapatam the Plunderers having been dispersed.

" Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in M. B. Nos 113 - 114 - 115 - 116 - 117 - 118 - 119. —

To Mr. Secry Hay

To Secretary at Bengal - with Copy of Mysore Intelligence —

To Mr. Corbett and Captain Johnston. —

To acting Storekeeper and the Engineer at Masulipatam - directing that all the Artificers belonging to their Departments may be put under Mr. Topping's Orders. —

To Mr. Topping

To Mr. Topping - the whole of the plan submitted by him on the 12th. Instant approved - and to be executed by him with due attention to Oeconomy. —

To Captain Doveton

To Captain Doveton - Enclosing a letter for Tippoo Sultaun. —

To Mons. De Rabines

To Mons. De Rabines - permitting him to Embark on Mons. Monneron's Vessel for Mosambeque on his private Concerns under certain Restrictions - a Certificate to this Effect Enclosed. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling.

To Commandant at Pondicherry notifying the same. —

To Colonel Floyd

To Ditto at Trichinopoly - informing

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17.th —ing him that the Guard placed over the person of the deposed Polygar of Ramnad must be jointly com= posed of the Nabob's and Company's Troops under the Command of an Officer of his Selection. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Edward Saunders Esq.r

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation

Tesday 17.th March 1795. — read and approved. —

The following proclamation was transmitted to Mr. Powney on the 12.th instant, with instructions to circulate it throughout the Great Marawar.

Proclamation,

(L. S.)

Proclamation to be established throughout the Ramnad Province & Great Marawar. —

Whereas in Consequence of the late Rajah of Ramnad Moota Ramalinga Sate= =putty having been guilty of the most reprehensible conduct by his invasion of the Province of Shevi= =gunga, his continuance of Hostilities after he had

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had received the positive Commands of Government
to desist; his repeated disobedience of the Orders of
Government to attend the Collector; his grossly
=glect in withholding payment of the Rents of the
Current years Revenue, his unjust Monopolies,
his heavy and unwarrantable exaction of duties
on Grain and enhancing the price at a Season of
great Scarcity and distress which occasioned the
most fatal effects in the Country; his various
other abuses, oppressions and cruelties exercised
towards the Inhabitants, in disregard and vio=
=lation of the Conditions contained in the Sun=
=nud of Investiture granted to him by his
Highness the Nabob on the 7th March 87.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart,
Governor in Council of Fort St George had
deemed it necessary in humanity to the people
and as an example to all those entrusted
with power over them, to put him in close
Confinement at Trichinopoly, and to make the
public declaration in the name of his Highness
the Nabob that he the said Ramalinga has
forfeited all right to and Authority over the
Ramnad Province according to the terms of
the Sunnud aforesaid which expressly declared
that in case of the least difference in the
execution thereof or inattention to the Orders
of the Circar, he Ramalinga would be

dismissed

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dismissed. —

The Right Hble Governor with a view to give full confidence and quiet the minds of the Inhabitants wither proclaims that the late Rajah Mohamadin gum Sate — fully is for ever dispos'd of the Authority — with which he was vesty the said Sunnud in the Ramnad Provin

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Resolved that following letter be written to Mr. Powney

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of Pon Peishcush
at — Ramnad —

Sir,

I am dir by the Right Honble the President in Counc acquaint you, that, you have his Lordship thority to entertain two hundred Sibbendy Troops for the Security of the Collections and defence of the Ramnad District, which addo the force under the Com — mand of Colonel Cartenz, will be sufficient it is presumed for every service that can be required in that ster.

The Fro occupying the Post of Tripatore in the Sevigunga District will be paid

To Mr. Powney — permitting him to raise 200 Sibbendies for the Ramnad province in addition to the Troops under Colonel Mar — —'s Command.

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paid heretofore by the Paymaster at Madura upon abstract of Colonel Martinz; and the re-
=mainder of the Corps under the Command of that
Officer with the Sibbendy Troops together with
the arrears to the Colonel himself and to the
Rajah will be paid out of the Revenues of
the said Country.—

The President in Council is of opinion
that 2 Companies will be a sufficient Gar-
=rison the Fort of Rammad; & he would wish one
the other two Companies hitherto stationed there
can be employed, as their Services may be wanted
in diff.t parts of the District.—

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

Read the following Letter from Mr.
Topping—

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

My Lord,

From Mr. Topping
submits a plan of the
intended Embankment
near Masulipatam
with Explanations
thereon.—

I have the honor to lay before
Government Plan of the intended Embank-
=ment at Masulipatam, wherein the
the practicability of the proposed works for re-
=clayning the fruitful Swamps that infests the
Garrison

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Garrison and Neighbourhood, will, I should hope, sufficiently appear.

This Embankment consists of two principal parts: an outer Dyke expressed in the Drawing by the red lines F.C, D H, I K, and an inner Dyke, distinguished by the lines C.E.G.E.D.

The outer Dyke, supposing it connected with the Glacis of the Fort at C and D would of itself exclude the Waters of the Sea as well as those of the Kistnah during their highest rise, from the Swamp: But as this partial remedy would likewise deprive the exterior Ditch of the Fort; and (what would be much more regretted) deprive this populous and important Place of a Canal of Navigation that in part, exists at this time, and could be completed quite up to the extensive Pettahs or Black Town, at a small additional expence, I submit it to the consideration of your Lordship &c.a whether or not so great an advantage should be neglected on the present occasion. —

The Western part of the outer Dyke I propose to commence at C nearly opposite the second Bastion on the North West side of the Fort. I should have preferred leading it from A near the South West Angle; but this part of the Swamp being exceedingly bad, I apprehend the attempt might be attended

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The President in Council is of opinion that Companies will be a sufficient Gar- =rison the Fort of Rammad; he therefore calls the other two Companies hitherto stationed there can be employed, as their Services may be wanted in diff.t parts of the District.—

Fort St. George
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I am
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(Signed) W.C. Jackson Secy

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

My Lord,

From Mr. Topping submits a plan of the intended Embankment near Masulipatam with explanations thereon.—

I have the honor to lay before Government Plan of the intended Embank- =ment at Masulipatam, wherein the practicability of the proposed works for pu- =rifying the putrid Swamps that infests the

Governor

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The Western part of the outer Dyke I propose to commence at C nearly opposite the second Bastion on the North West side of the Fort. I should have preferred leading it from A near the South West Angle; but this part of the Swamp being exceedingly bad, I apprehend the attempt might be attended

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attended with more trouble and expence than would be compensated for, by its accomplishment. The same argument holds respecting the Eastern side of the outer Dyke which I would willingly have begun at the point B in preference to that near D.

The Western Dyke terminates at F and the Eastern ones at H I and K, where they join the natural sand Downs of the Coast, that rise much above the highest Tides, or Freshes that can ever happen.

The Western side of the Swamp is lower than the Eastern; as may be seen by inspecting the figures placed near the respective tracings on the Chart. These figures shew the difference in Level between the points opposite to which they are placed; and a relative Point A on the top of the Revetment of the Counterscarp, or crest of the Glacis of the Fort i.e. they shew how much these several Points are below the Point A: I must observe that the greatest elevation of the Sea, or Flistmak has never been known to approach within two feet and a half of this level.

To explain my intention relative to the inner Dyke C E G D I must observe that it will be necessary to construct two small

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small sluices at C and D with Gates, or Vanes to keep out the water at pleasure: These Gates however need not be shut, perhaps, ten days in the Year; their chief use being to exclude the superfluous Water, at the times of the greatest rising of the Sea and Rivers, from the exterior Fosse and Canal, which rising however, I find, never exceeds that of the ordinary Spring Tides so much as two feet. By this expedient a great advantage will be gained; the inner Dyke thereby need not exceed 2½ feet in height; which small elevation would be sufficient to prevent the swamp from being inundated at all times except at the extraordinary rising just mentioned when the Water being observed to have risen a determinate height on the Sluices, the Gates are to be shut, and all further influx prevented.

I must add that these Sluices would be extremely proper, even tho' no such important object were in view, to serve as abutments to the extremities of the Dyke, at the entrance of the Fosse, and Canal.

Were I to follow my own ideas without restraint, I would cut the exterior Fosse quite across the Pettah Road and construct a small Bridge for the convenience of crossing it, at E. This would cause the Tides

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Tides to circulate freely through that Channel; and tend greatly to keep it clean and in good order; It would likewise form a Communication, for Boats, with the Canal, by the opening at D without the necessity of their proceeding to the entrance at C.—

The two Sluices at C and D should be furnished with Vanes, for the purpose of playing the Back-Water of the Fosse and Canal upon the Mud bank OO: This together with the Sluices at M proposed (in my letter to Government of 31st July last) to be furnished in the same manner, would probably scour that impediment completely away; and render the Navigation clear and open, quite up to the Quays of the Place.—

As to the probable expence of the undertaking, I beg leave to acquaint the Honorable Board that there will be about 2 2/3 Miles of Embankment in the outer Dyke and 5 2/3 Miles in the inner Dyke, making in all 8 1/3 Miles of Embankment, as may be seen in the Drawing: That the outer Dyke must be firm and Massy to sustain, without a risk, the force of the Sea and River at their greatest rise — but that the inner Dyke, being protected, by the expedient I have

proposed

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proposed of Sluices, need not be half the magnitude of the outer one. — —

That, from the best accounts I can obtain of the price of labour in these parts these Embankments taken together, will not cost the Company so much as 500 ℳ Pagodas per Mile; but this is on a supposition that the Lascars of the Garrison are allowed to assist in beating the Clay for the Dykes, and in performing other Services that may be required of them. — —

What the expence of constructing the two Sluices will be, it is impossible for me to ascertain not having as yet, executed, work of any kind in this Circar. Respecting these however; the Bridge at E. another small Bridge, for the convenience of Passengers at N and a few trifling Drains of Brick-Work that will be necessary in three or four parts of the Dyke, I can only say that a genuine (not a pernicious) economy shall be attended to in their construction; and that a faithful account shall be rendered

to

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to Government of their real Cost.

I must not omit observing that the Canal here proposed; and a double row of Cocoanut Trees that might be planted on the Pettah Road, besides the accommodation they would afford of an easy Carriage for Goods, and a desirable Shelter from the Sun, in so open and exposed a Situation, would, if a small Toll were to be laid on Boats passing through the former; the latter taken proper care of; and the produce of both duly appropriated, pay the Expence of keeping these Embankments in compleate repair for ever, if they did not actually reimburse the original expense of raising them. —

I have the honor to be

My Lord

With great respect

Your Lordship's faithful

and most Obedient Servant

Signed Michael Topping

Masulipatam
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I must not omit observing that the Canal here proposed; and a double row of Cocoanut Trees that might be planted on the Pellah Road, besides the accommodation they would afford of an easy Carriage for Goods, and a desirable Shelter from the Sun, in so open and exposed a Situation, would, if a small Toll were to be laid on Boats passing through the former; the latter taken proper care of; and the produce of both duly appropriated, pay the Expence of keeping these Embankments in complete repair for ever, if they did not actually reimburse the original expense of raising them. —

I have the honor to be
My Lord
With great respect
Your Lordship's faithful
and most obedient Servant
Signed Michael Topping

Masulipatam
21st March 1795.

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Minutes thereon.—

Agreed to acquaint Mr Topping that the Board entirely approve the whole of the plan which he has transmitted, and that the work is to be executed accordingly. That they feel assured he will observe as strict an Economy in the application of the public money as the nature of the service on which he is employed will possibly admit, and that they trust the expence will be amply made up by the advantages that will result (as his letter promises) from the inventing.—

Colonel Fraser ordered from Ellore to Masulipatam;—

Orders having passed for removing the Head Quarters of the Northern Division of the Army from Ellore to Masulipatam— Resolved that Colonel Fraser be directed to proceed to the latter place with as little delay as possible, and make the necessary arrangements for the accommodation of the European Battalion.—

and an Allowance of 100 Pagodas per Month for Table Money.—

In consideration of the peculiar situation in which Colonel Fraser is placed, and adverting to the authority given by the Court of Directors to increase the allowances of that Officer, it is resolved to grant him an allowance of one hundred Pagodas per Month, under the Head of Table Money.—

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board,— Hospital

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Observations of Government
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From Hospital Board
submit Mr Ogilvy's letter
relative to the treatment
of the King's sick in
Hospital — the usual
allowance to Sur=
=geons of Garrisons
and Corps for Medi=
=cal Servants, re=
=turned by the Au=
=ditor General. Mr
Spiers' claim to the
Monthly allowance
for Medical Expendi=
=ture at Arnee ad=
=mitted — Mr Phip=
=ps said requests to
to come to Madras.

Hospital Board
10th March 1795.

We have the honor to ac=
=knowledge the receipt of Mr
Secretary Jackson's letter of the
26th Ultimo, with enclosures,
respecting the treatment and
accommodation of His Ma=
=jesty's Seamen, sick in the
Presidency Hospitals.

A Copy of his Excellency
Commodore Rainier's letter
to Government and of Captain
Doling's report having been
transmitted to Mr Ogilvy we
have the honor to enclose a Copy
of his reply; in addition to
which the Physician General
begs leave to observe that
upon the strictest investigation
he does not find that
Pao-meat or undiluted
Spirits have been served
out to the sick since the
Representation which this
Board made to Government
upon the subject.

Mr Ogilvy has received
particular instructions not
to permit any of the sick
under his care to go out
of

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Will be referred to the Military Auditor General.

of the Hospital until they are regularly discharged.

Several letters have been addressed to us by Surgeons of Garrisons and Corps representing that the Auditor General has struck off their usual allowance for Medical Servants upon the presumption that the late Medical Regulations being silent upon that head, have done away the Charge.

In September 1786 a General Order was published authorizing Surgeons to draw 15 Pagodas ℘ Month and Assistant Surgeons 10 Pagodas ℘ Month for Servants for the Apothecary's duty of their Stations: during the different Systems which have been adopted since that period this allowance has been uniformly continued, and we are of opinion that it is equally necessary now except in the case of Regimental Surgeons who have entered into a Contract with Government for the treatment of their Sick. —

We

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The allowance to be drawn by the Senior assistant Surgeon. —

approved. *

We have the honor to forward a letter from Mr. Archibald Spiers, Assistant Surgeon, for the decision of Government. —

Mr. Thomas Pippard Assistant Surgeon at Bellary, being dangerously ill requests permission to come to the Presidency for change of air which we recommend may be granted. —

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" Colley L. Lucas
Surgeon.
" W. Raine
Head Surgeon.

To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General &c.a &c.a Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I have perused the Extract from Commodore Rainier's letter to Government with Captain Dolings Report of the treatment of His Majesty's Seamen in the General Hospital and shall pay every attention to his remarks.

The Commodore observes that Admiral Cornwallis's purpose on specifying Wine

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Wine was to put the sick upon the same allowance as in the Naval Hospitals abroad where a Pint of Wine or half a Pint of Spirits is given to each man. The above quantity of Wine or Spirits may be easily supplied in Europe where a Gallon of Wine may be purchased for less than a Pint of Madeira costs at Madras which I believe is at least 8 fanams or double the daily sum allowed for providing Wine, Vegetables &c.a bringing the Sick from the Beach &c.a &c.a Wine is therefore given only as a Cordial as mentioned in Captain Dolings Report. The Convalescents and Invalids who are sent into the Hospital till an Opportuni=ty offers of sending them to Europe have a daily allowance of spirits and Water. The Commodore observes that the Garrison Chaplain attends Funerals without any Fee by which he seems to infer that no expence is incurred for burying the Dead. I must however remark that the undertaker's Bill and Bearers must be paid with regard to the disagreeable smell mentioned in Captain Dolings Report I have only to say that every means is used to prevent any filth collecting by frequent washing and sweeping and placing proper Vessels for every occasion of the Sick, but among such a number of Men there will always be found some who from lazineſs or other causes will not take the

trouble

trouble to frequent the proper places which may oc=
=casionally produce a disagreeable smell for a
short time till observed by the Servants of the Hos=
=pital The Seamen's Cloths have been taken
from them and locked up in a Godown except
what belongs to the Invalids who are preparing
for their passage Home.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) George Ogilvy
Surgeon

Madras
General Hospital
2d March 1795.

A true Copy
(Signed) N. Conolly
Secry H. B.d

To James Anderson Physician General and the
Members of the Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

Being the Senior Assistant
Surgeon in the Garrison of Arnee, and in my opinion
entitled to draw ten Pagodas monthly for Medical
expenditure according to the expression of the eleventh
paragraph of the Orders of Government, dated 8th
November 1792; Major Murray refuses to counter=
=sign my bills for the above, conceiving, that he as
Commanding Officer, has the power to appoint and
give the allowance to whoever he thinks proper, as
Surgeon to his garrison. I beg leave through you
to lay the question before Government
for

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for their decision.—

Arnee
3d March 1795.—

Gentlemen,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Arch.d Spiers
Ass.t Surgeon 23.d R.t N.I.

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite

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

From Colonel Brathwaite submits a letter from Lieutenant Scott on the subject of the Auditor General's retrenchment of a deem overdrawn by him, as Deputy Commissary General of Stores.—

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship a letter addressed to you by the deputy Commissary General of Stores, also the copy of a letter from the Commissary General of Stores addressed to me which accompanied it.—

As I found no pay had been fixed for the deputy Commissary General on the reasoning which he has now adopted I signed for his receiving the allowances of a Major, and as I never till this time heard of any objection made I concluded this allowance had been established.—

The Office is in my opinion one of great importance and Responsibility, for supposing the Commissary General to take the Field with the Army it will fall to the

deputy

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deputy to remain to superintend and regulate the Arsenal here, on which much will depend and if the Commissary General remains at the Presidency to regulate this department, the whole charge of it in the Field will fall upon the deputy. —

Lieutenant Scott was recommended for this appointment from the character he had acquired on various services, and he has proved himself very equal to the department which requires and unremitting attention. —

I should hope therefore that it may appear to your Lordship in Council that an Office which requires constant attention and which attaches much responsibility merits an adequate compensation. —

I have the honor to be, with great respect. — &c.a &c.a

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
March 9th 1795.

(Signed) John Brathwaite

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council Fort St. George
My Lord

From a conviction of your Lordships liberal indulgence extending to every individual in the Service, under your Presidency I presume to intrude myself upon you by a representation of the particular predicament in which I, as Deputy Commissary

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=sary General of Stores on this establishment, at present stand; having had the honor of being nominated to that Office, in a Government order of the 11th June 1793, and being directed to join the Artillery at the Mount then under orders for the Siege of Pondicherry, I in con= =sequence quitted my Situation of Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam and on my arri= =val at the Presidency was, by the Commander of the Army ordered to the Red hills of Pondicherry, to receive Charge of the Stores destined for that important Service. — —

I have now to observe to your Lordship, that the Government Order of the afore= =said date appointing me Deputy Commissary General of Stores, did not Specify the pay and allowances to be drawn for that Office, but as the Commissary General of Stores is allowed the pay of a Lieutenant Colonel the same as a Adjutant and Quarter Master General, and all Commissaries of Stores the pay of a Cap= =tain, that of the intermediate rank which is the Deputy Commissary General of Stores, appeared to be entitled to the pay of a Major in like Manner as the Deputy Adjutant and Quarter Master General; on this supposition it was, that on being appointed Deputy Commissary General of Stores, I drew the pay

and

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and halta of a Major, and as my Abstracts while the Army was engaged at the Siege of Pondichery were approved and Countersigned by the Com=mander of the Army, I of course inferred that it was the intention of Government, that the Deputy Commissary General of Stores should have the same pay as the Deputies of the other General Staff; and agreeably to that idea, the Commissary General of Stores continued to draw the same pay for me on my Return to the Presidency from the Service of Pondicher=ry; The Military Auditor General not finding any order ascertaining the pay of the Deputy Commissary General of Stores, has thought it necessary to object to such a Charge in the several Paymaster's Accounts until the Authority of Your Lordship in Council may sanction it being passed, I have therefore to hope for your Lordship's accustomed liberality in a favorable decision on the Claim I have taken the liberty to prefer.

I have further to observe to your Lordship, that if it had been intended by Government, that I was to be Deputy Commis=sary General of Stores on the pay of a Com=missary of Stores, such would have been expressed in the order appointing me to that Office, but an appointment without either

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either Rank or pay would not I humbly conceive have been the intention of Government for an Office, that has especially on field service, so much arduous labor and responsibility annexed to it.—

Having thus my Lord stated to the utmost of my power my reasons for drawing the Allowances objected to, I have to trust, your Lordship in Council will now be pleased to settle them in such a Manner as to preclude the necessity of retrenching from them in future.—

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

(Signed) J. G. Scott
Dep. Commy Gen. Stores

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To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commander of the Army on the Coast
&c. &c.

Sir

The Military Auditor General having retrenched the Pay and Allowances hitherto drawn for Lieutenant J. G. Scott, Deputy Commissary General of Stores, and the Military Paymaster of Fort St. George, on that account having declined to discharge the Amount of my Pay Abstract, for the Ordnance Department, for the present Month, unless the Pay &c. of that Rank was omitted, I therefore

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therefore was under the necessity of leaving out of the Pay Bill, for March, the Pay and Allowances of that Office, and informed Lieutenant Scott accordingly; in consequence of that information the Deputy Commissary General of Stores has addressed a Letter upon the subject, to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, which he has desired me to forward to you, Sir, with such Remarks thereon, as in my Opinion may appear to be necessary; as I think Lieute= =nant Scott's situation as Deputy Commis= =sary General of Stores is such as merits particular attention I request that you will be pleased to lay his letter which I have now the honor to enclose, before the Right Honble the Governor in Council, with such support as the subject therein stated, may appear to you to merit. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) George Hall.
Commy Genl of Stores.

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True Copy
(signed) W. Wilson
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The Board have already determined that the Office of Deputy Commissary General of Stores shall be annulled. —

Minutes thereon

In the Month of September last, it was resolved

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resolved that Lieutenant Scott the Deputy Com-
=missary General of Stores should be entitled
to draw the pay of a Captain and when on
service the Batta of that Rank, and the same
was communicated to the Military Auditor
General — It appears however on enquiry that
the letter announcing this Resolution had
been mislaid in the Auditors Office, in conse-
=quence of which Lieutenant Scott has con-
=tinued to draw Majors pay — As therefore the
subject cannot be attributed to him, it is
agreed to dispense with the Sum overdrawn.

Read the following Letter from
the Military Board —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

In obedience to your Commands of the
20th. August 1794 We have had several Special
Meetings at which We have taken into consi-
=deration the subject of Tents in order to submit
to your consideration some means for the care
and preservation of them and have the honor to
lay before Your Lordship in Council all our
Proceedings on the subject with the several
documents numbered. —

We beg leave to report to Your
Lordship that it is our Opinion, whatever
the

From Military Board proposing means for the care and preservation of Camp Equipage their proceedings on the subject enclosed.

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the mode may be that shall be adopted for regulating the care and preservation of Tents, that a number of Tents sufficient for cover=ing the whole of the Army under this Presidency should be provided without delay, and constant=ly kept up. —

We have the honor to be
Dr. Sr. Yr.

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26th February 1795. (signed) John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Thomas Geils
" Jno. Richardson
" B.T. Close
" W. Gent
" Wm. Younge
" George Hall.

Extracts from the Proceedings of the Military Board, relative to a Plan proposed by the Quarter Master General for regulating the care and preservation, and provisioning of Camp Equipage to which are added the several documents to which these Proceed=ings refer, numbered. —

18th September 1794

The Quarter Master General lays before the Board a Proposal for the better provision and care of Tents. — —

Read Plan — No. 1.

Resolved that the Proposal be

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sent in circulation, and to defer offering any opinion to Government, on the subject till the Quarter Mas= =ter General's Plan and such other suggestions as may occur to the different Members of the Board shall be duly considered. —

2. October 1794

Reconsidered the Quarter Mas= =ter General's Proposal on the subject of Camp Equipage. — —

Read Minute of the Chief Engineer. No 2

The Board having with much atten= =tion considered the Proposal of the Quarter Master General relative to Camp Equipage, They agree in the principle, that is, that the best security the Public can have for the preservation of Tents once delivered, is to make it the interest of an Indi= =vidual that they should be preserved and that it may fall more within the province of the person who makes up the Tents, to be that In= =dividual, as it will be an additional spur to him to make them of the best materials, and that the general principle on which preser= =vation and keeping of the Tents should be regulated should generally speaking be simi = =lar to that under which the Cotts are at pre= =sent regulated, namely by giving a Monthly allowance to whatever Person may be em = =ployed for each Tent delivered according to its quality, determined at a lower rate for such

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as are in Store, and at a higher, for such as may be in the Field, or pitched for public Service.

Resolved, That the Adjutant Ge=
=neral, Quarter Master General, and Commissary General of Stores do form a Committee to prepare for the consideration of the Board such Regulate=
=ons as may be necessary to establish this Sys=
=tem, adverting to the security which should be given by the Person employed for a due per=
=formance of the duty entrusted, the authority under which, how and when, he should receive the allowance to be paid to him - and to estab=
=lish a decided check, and to fix the monthly allowance he should receive for keeping up the precise number of Tents delivered, which is not to be diminished or augmented but by authori=
=ty of Government, and which he is at all times to be bound to produce in a good state of re=
=pair — And taking into consideration that this is by no means an irrevocable appoint=
=ment, but simply a sort of engagement to pay so much monthly, for so much to be done, and that consequently should Government incline to change this System, and no longer look to this Person as the Individual responsible in future for the number and condition of the Tents delivered — He would from the date of this resolution of Government being intimated

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to him he subjected to no further trouble or expence, and consequently he should not be entitled to any further allowance after having delivered over the Tents obtained and his receipt and Securities are redelivered to him - And that the Tents then on the Returns being withdrawn from his charge, it will rest with Government to regulate the Department as it shall think proper - And also taking it into consideration what rules it may be necessary to lay down for the security of the Public, with justice to the person employed or his Heirs in the event of his demise, resig=nation or removal. -

6th. November 1794

The Quarter Master General lays before the Board Proceedings of the Committee appointed to draw up the regulations relative to Camp Equipage in Meeting the 2d. October.

Read Proceedings, No. 3.

Resolved - that the same be sent in circulation, for the more mature considera=tion of the Members of the Board.

Special Meeting 18th. November 1794. —

Reconsidered the subject of Camp Equipage; and the Report of the Commit=tee appointed at a former Meeting to consider the subject. -

Resolved - that the Committee be desired to prepare, and lay before the Board, as speedily

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speedily as possible the three following Statements.—

1st Statement— The amount of the ex=
=pense to cover the whole of the Establishment with
Tents for three years, to which is to be added the
expense of Carriage for the whole for one year.—

2d. Statement— To cover the whole of
the Establishment for three years agreeably to the
Quarter Master General's Plan, adding Car=
=riages for one Year as before.—

3d. Statement— Of a Tent allowance
to the different Ranks of the Army, supposing
Corps complete with an Estimated allowance to
Officers Commanding Corps for providing, repair=
=ing, Carriage, Lascars and Bamboo Coolies
for the Camp Equipage of the non Commissioned
rank and file, Quarter and Rear Guard, Hos=
=pital and Store Tents of their respective Corps,
calculated according to the Bengal allowances—

22d. January 1795.

The Quarter Master General lays
before the Board report of the Committee relative
to Camp Equipage, at which he sat as President,
ordered in Meeting the 18th. November.—

Read Proceedings No. 4.

Resolved— The President not
being present that the Proceedings be sent in
circulation.—

29th. January 1795

Reconsidered Proceedings
of

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of the Committee of the Military Board relative to Camp Equipage, and the following Minute from the President, on that subject.—

Read President's Minute — No. 5.

Resolved — To defer the consider=
=ation of the Proceedings and Minute until the President shall appoint a day for that purpose.—

10th. February 1795

The President lays before the Board a Minute dated 10th. February, on the subject of Camp Equipage.—

Read Minute — No. 6

Resolved — That the Secretary do Summon a Special Meeting of the Board on Saturday next the 14th. Instant, to take into fur=
=ther consideration the subject of Camp Equipage.—

Special Meeting 14th Febry 1795.

The Military Auditor General being under a necessity of absenting himself on other duty.

Resolved — To postpone the consideration of the subject of Camp Equipage to a future day.

19th. February 1795.

Reconsidered the Committee's Proceedings on Camp Equipage, and the Minutes on the subject delivered in by the President.—

Resolved — That the Secretary do summon a Special Meeting of the Board on Saturday

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Saturday next the 28th Instant, to take into further consideration the subject of Camp Equipage.—

Special Meeting 28th February 1795.

Reconsidered all the Proceedings regarding Camp Equipage.—

Read the following Minutes

Of the Commanding Officer of Artillery ... No. 7.
Of the Military Auditor General ... No. 8.
Of the Adjutant General ... No. 9.
Of the Commissary General of Stores ... No. 10.

The President having collected the voices of the Board, on the subject of the Quarter Master General's Plan for the better preservation of Camp Equipage with his own Minutes on the same subject delivered at Meetings the 23d January and 6th of February

Resolved — that the Plan proposed by the Quarter Master General, with the improvements submitted by the President to the Board in the above cited Minutes be recommended to Government, as the best means that occur to this Board for the better care and preservation of Camp Equipage — subject to such Minuter additional regulations as may be found requisite in the event of Governments adopting the principle.—

Resolved also for the fuller information of Government, more especially

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as there has been some difference of opinion, to lay before Government the several Minutes that have been given in on the subject together with every paper relative thereto, that has been brought before the Board during the discussion, in separate numbers. —

A true Copy

(Signed) Js. Brodie
Secy. to Govt.

The orders of Government conveyed to us in their letter of the 20th. August 1794, desiring such opinions as We may be enabled to suggest for the purpose of regulating the care and preservation of the Tents delivered from the Arsenal of Fort St. George; motives of attention hitherto addressed to a consideration of the extravagant system hitherto in use induce me to take this opportunity = = nity of going fully into a subject which I long had in meditation; I mean a plan for the better regulating of the Camp Equipage of the Army. —

In proceeding to the accomplishment of the design, we naturally revert to former establishments, and the expences incurred under this important Article at different periods both in peace and War, with the view, in comparison thereof to exhibit such a reform as may appear

compatible

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competent to meet the probable demands of the
service, and also to reduce the excessive expenditure
of the public money— but to ascertain at this
juncture the Sums expended by the Honorable
Company for providing, repairing and convey=
=ing Camp Equipage for any extended period Dur=
during the late Mysore War, I apprehend to be
far beyond our means of Calculation— Docu=
=ments for the purpose I fear are not procurable;
but in any event, the amount of Disbursements
under the above heads especially during the
late War, must have been enormous.

In regard to the Regulations hitherto in
force, they have ever appeared to me to be little calcu=
=lated to conduct a concern of such expence and
magnitude on any efficient principles of aconomy,
or indeed upon any grounds by which a useful
estimate could be formed at any time of the expence
likely to be incurred for Camp Equipage for any
given period; the proportion to be provided annu=
=ally depending not only on the occasional move=
=ment of the Troops or the want of War, but also
on the State of the different Store-Houses; and
the attention neglect or indifference of the nume=
=rous individuals who have Tents occasionally
in charge without being personally interested in
their care or preservation— Add to this, that as
a consequence from such causes, the decay of

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Camp Equipage reckoned upon as in Store has been often so rapid and unexpected, that our best endea-
=vours to keep up a fixed proportion of Tents in a serviceable State, have in general proved fruit-
=less; to which inconvenience is still to be added the frequent Charges for repairs, which in time of exigency under the present System can scarcely be subjected to any efficient check.—

Where the public property consists of materials so frail and perishable, and is at the same time applicable to such a variety of useful purposes, it seems but necessary that the care of such property should if possible be made the <u>immediate interest</u> of the <u>public Servants</u> who have it in charge,—such an union of interests promises to afford the best security to the public; and it is with a view to this principle, as well as to remedy every defect above alluded to, that the following arrangement is submitted for consideration—

although I cannot flatter myself that it is calculated in all respects to answer the ends proposed; yet should the outline be approved by the Board, I shall not doubt but that under their revisal, the plan may take a finished shape that will render it worthy the attention of Government— But to proceed—

Statement A. in the Appendix shews the number of Tents with their first cost

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and probable expence of repairs that would be required to cover the whole Army, the Staff of every description included, and supposing every Corps complete to its full Establishment — But as it has seldom or never occurred, that European Corps have been able to bring their full complement into the Field, I have fixed upon two thirds as a general average for the actual effective Strength that that each Corps of Europeans can produce for Service — The Native Corps I have considered as complete; B therefore shews the proportion of Tents with their value required for the above number, and their probable expence of repairs. ——

I shall now advert to the proportion of Tents that should be always in readiness for service at the different Stations of the Army during Peace; wishing to submit it to your opinions whether 3/4ths of the complement of Tents proportionate to what I have considered the effective strength of the Army would not be sufficient. — ——

From my own judgment I am led to believe that such proportion would be more efficient under the regulations here after proposed than the extensive establishment formed in 1788 and now in use; in which case a considerable saving would be occasioned to Government, besides the Camp Equipage being kept more

complete

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complete and ready for service.

C shews the old Statement, the proposed one, and the difference between them with the expence of providing and probable Repairs. ——

I think it will appear obvious to every person who is acquainted with the Service, and more particularly to those whose duty has given them opportunities of noticing the different circumstances which must ever contribute to injure Stores of this nature, and bring them into a state of decay; that in the event of its being judged expedient to keep an efficient proportion of Camp Equipage always ready for service; it will be necessary to renew the Tents at least once in three Years. — The Store Houses at the Out Stations are generally speaking seldom Kept in a proper state of repair so as to be capable of resisting entirely rain at any time, but particularly the heavy falls during the Monsoons; distructive damps are the consequence, which added to the flimsy texture of the Cloth we are obliged to use for Tents on the Coast, the injury sustained by white Ants, rats and other vermin; and the Services the Tents are usually subjected to, either by occasional reliefs of the Troops or Detachments being called to the Field, will I think account for, and justify the calcu = = lation I have stated; to which however is to be added some consideration for repairs, which

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from the causes above enumerated, will be found neces-
=sary even although, in the course of three years, the
Tents should not be used.

Periodical reliefs of the Troops by preven-
=ting local attachments are of importance to the
Service in offering the best preventative of desertion
and other unmilitary habits— As such reliefs have
long been usual to Bengal it does not seem im
=probable but the custom may be soon introdu
=ced on the Coast.— In which case the Tents would
from that circumstance alone be in use (of the
three Years they are supposed to last) for a
period equal to two thirds of the time, that a
Tent is allowed, by the most experienced observers
to continue serviceable in the Field. Taking every
probable circumstance, therefore, into consideration
I deem the expence of repairs during the three
years of Peace to be estimated very low at 1/6th of
the original cost of the Tents.

D therefore shews the estimated expence
to the Honble Company for Tents in three Years
of peace, including Repairs, and the saving in
that time between the proposed Statement and the
one now in use.—

Having thus submitted my opinion
of what I consider a sufficient proportion of Tents
for a Peace establishment, it will remain
with the Board, either to confirm that opinion,

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or if 3/4ths are deemed insufficient to fix it at such a proportion as they may judge best calculated to promote the public convenience.—

It would not be possible at this period to form any just idea of the number of Tents that may be required in war. Every augmentation there= =fore to the proposed Statement must be guided by the exigencies of the moment - and the prospect or probable extent of the War, we may be engaged in— A timely and regular attention to this arti= =cle, however, in time of peace, may prevent our feeling any distressing want of it when hostilities commence, or in the interval till the necessary augmentations are provided.——

The foregoing calculations having shewn the period that a Tent may be supposed to last in time of peace, I shall now proceed to state the period that from experience we rec= =kon a Tent to last in the Field— The result of a long series of observations made by different Officers of experience, goes to establish that in an active War, an Army requires three new setts of Tents in two Years with an expence of one quarter of the original cost of each Tent for repairs while in use— It has nevertheless been estimated by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell late Quarter Master General and the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse Commissary General

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General of Stores, who from Official Knowledge were certainly competent to ascertain the point, that with care a Tent may be reckoned to last one Year in the Field; but then they calculate that the repairs during that period will amount to more than half of the prime Cost._

It will therefore be thought preferable to allow at the rate of three Tents in two years at 3/4th of the original cost for requisite Repairs._

This expenditure it is true may appear to be over-rated to persons unacquainted with the Service on this side of India; and yet, I am thoroughly convinced that not less than the above proportions were ever expended during the late War with Tippoo Sultaun_ That is that an expence equal to the provision of the above proportions was certainly incurred; for the Army having been so situated in the Enemys Country, as to render it impracticable to have it supplied with the requisite numbers of new Tents from the Carnatic, it became a matter of absolute necessity to make those we had in use hang together so as in some shape to cover the Troops; but then I can affirm from personal knowledge that the heavy expences occasioned by the purchase of materials for constant repairs at most exorbitant rates in our Bazars, as well as in those of the Mahrattas

N.B. When the Marquis Cornwallis took the Command of the Army at Vellore, the latter end of January 1791 2/3ds of the Army were supplied with new Tents_ notwithstanding many new Tents had been issued to the Troops when in the Neighbourhood of Trichinopoly in November 1790; and a further supply of new Tents equal to 2/3ds were sent to the Mysore Country and issued to the Troops in December 1791; so that in the sixteen Months his Lordship was at the head of the Army a complete set and 1/3d of Tents were worn out, attended with an enormous expence for repairs. —

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Mahrattas and Nizam, must have exceeded two thirds of the prime Cost of each Tent, by which a greater expenditure must have been occasioned to the Company including the first cost of the Tents besides the disadvantage of the Troops being ill covered, than if the Army had actually received in the proportion of three new Tents viz two Years with the estimated allowance of 1/3 of the value of each for repairs.

The amount of expenditure for Camp Equipage may possibly differ considerably at the different Presidencies At Bengal where they experience the advantages of Elephants, Camels and Water Carriage; their Camp Equipage is made of strong and durable Canvas; and at Bombay where they are abundantly supplied with Camels and Bullocks of a superior kind, their Camp Equipage will be found to differ exceedingly from ours, being made of strong and substantial materials. — But as on the Coast, the Bullocks are of an inferior kind, and Bullock carriage only is employed, we are necessitated to make our Tents of the thin light Cloth of this Country which of course cannot be expected to vie in durability with the materials used at either of the other Presidencies.

These remarks though some-

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somewhat tedious I have thought it necessary to make in support of the separate calculations I have offered of a time a Tent may be expected to last in time of Peace with certain costs for repairs, and of the period it may be supposed to continue serviceable with certain repairs in the Field; and on these points I have been the more particular as it is by such Estimates that the expences to be incurred under the proposed system, must, in a great degree, be regulated and defined.

I have already touched on the leading principle proposed for the conduct of the following Arrangement. The main objects of which are economy in the provision of our Camp Equipage; obtaining the means of keeping and Establishment of Tents in time of peace in a perfect State for service at a certain defined essence, and also of keeping up the number of Tents required in time of War in a perfect state of repair at a regulated rate of expence.

For the attainment of such ends then I would propose,

1st. That the Camp Equipage of the Army shall be provided and kept up on the same principle as the Cots in the Barrack Masters Department, and the Saddles and Horse Accoutrements for the Cavalry Regiments.

That

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That it, the Honble Company shall be at the first cost of such a proportion of Camp Equipage as it may be thought proper to keep up as a perma-=nent or peace Establishment, as well as of any tem-=porary augmentation that may be occasionally or required according to the circumstances of the service.—

2d That with this view the whole of the Tents at present in Store shall be minutely inspected by Boards of Officers who shall fix an average price on every serviceable Tent in good repair belonging to the Company, that new or serviceable Tents may be provided equal to the number requisite to complete the Esta-=blishment.—

3d That the peace establishment of serviceable Tents in good repairs, thus provided in the first instance at the expence of the Company shall be delivered over in charge to an individual in the Service, to be kept up by him in perpetuity in a complete and Serviceable State, on such Monthly allowance per Tent as may be es-=tablished for the purpose, and thus the Honble Company relieved from any further purchase of new Tents or expence for repairs save what may be required in consequence of a necessary increase of the fixed establishment.—

4th That all new Tents whether required in the first instance to complete to the peace

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peace Establishment, or subsequently to answer oc-
=casional augmentations shall be made up at fixed prices
agreeably to Musters by the person nominated to be
in charge, on the same principle that all new Cotts
are provided by the Barrack Masters in their
Department.-

5th. That all new Tents provided
for the service shall be examined by Boards of
Officers to be passed or rejected on their reports, and
that all Tents in charge shall likewise be sub-
=ject to quarterly or periodical inspection by
Boards of Officers, the same as the Cotts in the
care of Barrack Masters, with the view to as-
=certain that the whole of the Camp Equipage
in Store is in a proper serviceable State previ-
=ous to the quarterly Bills of the person in
charge being discharged.-

6th. That proper Store-houses
shall be allotted for the Tents at the princi-
=pal Stations where Camp Equipage is depo-
=sited - That the Tents while in Store shall
be taken care of by persons in the immediate
service of the Individual in charge, but that
when the Tents are delivered to Corps for
service in the Field, the usual proportion of
the Company's Lascars shall be allotted
for them and that under this regulation the
Individual in charge shall have a careful

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subordinate at each of the principal Stations where the Tents are lodged, to be responsible for the conduct of each division of the Department, by which the peace Establishment of the Company's Sascars may be considerably reduced.

7th. That all Tents lost in the public service shall be made good at the expence of the Company, but that as many of these will have been some time in use, all Tents so lost shall be reported to the Officer Commanding, who shall as soon as possible assemble a Board of Officers to ascertain the occasion of the casualty and the value of the Tents lost, allowing for the time they have been in use, that on the Certificates of these Boards the person in charge (who is to replace the casualty) may be enabled to draw the amount and further that as it will probably be found impossible to regulate with such full effect as to provide, either in this, or any other Department connected with Field Service for every circumstance that may occur, all contingencies in consequence should be submitted to Boards of Officers, and their opinions on the subject, after confirmation by the authority under which they were held should be conclusive.

8th. That as none but new or serviceable

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serviceable Tents in a proper State of Repair will be delivered over in the first instance to the per=son in charge, it shall be stipulated, that in case of his removal by resignation, or otherwise, he shall be responsible to deliver over the whole number of Tents of each description received by him in the same sound and serviceable State; and that to this end they shall be examined at the time by Boards of Officers at the different Stations; that on their Reports he may be charged with the costs re=quisite to supply any deficiencies that may appear - and that in case of the Death of the Incumbent, his Estate shall be made responsible as above, That to these ends the person employed shall give good Security suitable to the im=portance of his trust, and the value of the property in his charge.

9th That Monthly Returns of the Tents in charge, as distributed to the different Stations or Detachments, shall be made to the Military Board, stating the proportion in Store Houses or in use in the Field. —

10th That Commanding Officers employed in the Field shall likewise send Monthly Returns to the Military Board of all Camp Equipage in use with the Troops serving under their Command

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with remarks regarding deficiencies, or on such Tents as may appear to be unserviceable or out of repair.—

11th That in time of War also such Returns shall be made from time to time of all Camp Equipage in use with the Army in the Field, as may be requisite for the purpose of effectually checking the Department.

12th and lastly— That the Monthly allowance to be made in peace for keeping up each Tent of the different descriptions shall be regulated in comparison with the original cost or value of each Tent, and the period it may be estimated to last, including the cost of certain repairs— The same ground of calculation holding good regarding the allowance to be made in time of War, taking in the difference between the lasting of a Tent in peace and War such is the Plan that has occurred to me as capable of effecting an essential reform in the Camp Equipage Department; and should Government at any future period find by experience, that this proposed mode is inadequate, or that any other can be adopted with more advantages to the Company; a restoration of the Tents in charge of the person at the Head of the Department under the 8th Article, will insure the Company from any loss by the experi=ment.—

Should the savings to be obtained by it not prove to be very considerable, a result which can

can scarcely be expected the expence of the Department at least will be fixed and definite and the public property whatever its value, secured from waste and damage; circumstances which alone must be productive of Oconomy, and the convenience of precision in the official estimates periodically prepared by the principal Departments — But however partial I may be to the outline I have submitted, it is no ways my wish to supercede the ideas entertained by any Member in favor of the regulations adopted in Bengal; whereby the European Officers of the Native Establishment engage to keep themselves furnished with a certain proportion of Tents on certain allowances. Should the same be adopted on this Coast, to which I can have no objection; the Camp Equipage of the Non commissioned and private may still be supplied and kept up on the principles set forth in my plan —

The charge in either case will be extensive and important and from its nature requiring a Counter Security, it may become a matter of deliberation to whom it should be confided — If on consideration, the Board deem it expedient to recommend the plan, the choice will doubtless rest with our Superiors — at the same time I trust I shall stand exempt from the imputation of any exceptionable motives, when I take occasion to observe, that if on adverting to the province of the Quarter Master General as it relates to the accommodation of the Troops in Camp and Garrisons, it shall appear to Government that it might be consistent to be charged with the care and conduct of the Camp Equipage Department under the System here proposed, I can only say, that I should esteem myself highly honored by the trust, and further, exert my most

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Zealous endeavors to manage it at all times in the manner most conducive to the public Interest.—

(Signed) John Richardson.
Quarter Master General of the Army.

A true Copy
(Signed) I: Brodie
Secry Mily Board.

Statement of Tents for the whole of the Troops under the Presidency of Fort St. George, supposing every Corps complete.—

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		Dining	Sleeping	Field Officers	Officers	Private	Pole	Necessary	Total expence for Tents & probable repairs estimated at 1/12 prime cost in three Years peace. Pagodas Fanams Cash.
	The Commander in Chief	1	1	"	"	6	1	1	
His Majesty's Troops.	One Regiment Europeans Dragoons	"	"	3	26	55	"	7	
	Two Companies Royal Artillery	"	"	1	14	30	6	8	
	Six Regiments European Infantry	"	"	18	180	600	132	36	
Hon'ble Company's Troops.	Two Battalions Artillery	"	"	4	60	104	22	16	
	Four Battalions European Infantry	"	"	8	92	248	72	20	
	Five Regiments Native Cavalry	"	"	5	45	165	"	15	
	Thirty Six Battalions Native Infantry	"	"	"	288	900	576	72.	
	Pioneer Corps	"	"	"	4	6	"	2	
	Corps of Engineers	"	"	2	20	12	"	10	
	General Staff, including the four Colonels	0	"	18	30	48	"	30	
	Medical Staff	"	"	5	7	12	"	7	
	Field Officers and Staff of Native Brigades	"	"	12	12	24	"	18	
	Total	1	1	76	778	2210	809	242.	22,979 2/ 42.

B. Full complement of Tents for the Troops on the Coast of Coromandel, upon a supposition that the Effective strength of the European Corps are upon an average two thirds their Establishment, and the Native Corps complete.— 1. 1. 65. 654. 1864. 732. 213. 104463 " 19 " 63.

C. Statements of Tents made in 1788 to be always in readiness at the different Stations of the Army. 1. 1. 60. 743. 2217. 899. 175. 119,503 " 33 " 51 "

Proposed Statement of Tents which should be in constant readiness for service equal to three fourths of the Effective strength of the Army. 1. 1. 49. 491. 1398. 549. 160. 78,556 " 11 " 75.

Less than the Statement formed in 1788..... " " 11. 252. 819. 350. 15. 40947. 21 " 36.

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First Cost (taken from the Average Rates made by the Storekeeper on Oath) of the necessary number of Tents, to complete 3/4ths of the Effective Strength of the Army.

		Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
1 Commander in Chiefs Dining Tent		290.	12.	32.
1 Ditto	Sleeping Do.	256.	18.	20.
49 Field Officers Tent	@ 82-21-0 each	4,042	25	"
491 Officers	@ 47-"-"	23,077	"	"
1398 Private	@ 20-19-20	28,592	18	"
549 Bell	@ 8-31-40	4,803	31	40
160 Necessary	@ 11-5-75	1,782	26	"
		62845.	1.	12.
Probable expence for repairs supposing 1/4 of the original cost of the Tents in three Years		15,711.	10.	63
Total Expence for Tents and Repairs in three Years peace		78,556.	11.	75.

Statement established in 1788 and now in force.

		Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
1 Commander in Chiefs Dining Tent		290.	12.	32
1 Ditto	Sleeping Do.	256.	18.	20
60 Field Officers Tents	@ 82-21-0 each	4,950.	"	"
743 Officers	" @ 47-"-"	34,921.	1	"
2,217 Private	" @ 20-19-40	45,369.	13.	40.
899 Bell	" @ 8-31-40	7,366.	10.	40.
275 Necessary	" @ 11-5-75	1,949.	31.	5
		95,603.	1.	5
Repairs in Three Years 1/4th prime Cost		23,900.	31.	74
First cost and repairs in three Years for the existing Establishments for Tents		119,503.	33.	51.
First cost and Repairs of the proposed statement in three Years Peace		78,556.	11.	75.
Saving in three Years Peace by the Proposed Statement. Pagodas 40,947. 21. 56.				

(Signed) John Richardson
Quarter Master General of the Army

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Brodie
Secry to Mily Bd

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Having perused with much attention the Quarter Master Generals Minute submitted to the Board at Meeting 18th September and now in circulation; respecting a reform in the system relative to the Camp Equipage of the Army and having in consequence reverted to the practice, heretofore observed for conducting that important Article of Military equipment I think it a duty I owe to the Service, as it is probable the business will come under discussion before I return from Pondicherry, to take this method, previous to my departure of communicating my Sentiments thereon to the Board.

The Quarter Master General having stated the matter so fully, little new can be added on the subject, and his reasoning and Statements relative to the present system appear from the experience and knowledge I have of the Service, to have been justly and clearly laid down, I can not hesitate a moment in giving it as my opinion, that a reform in so important and heavy a branch of the Military expenditure is highly proper and necessary.

The proposed Plan submitted by the Quarter Master General appears to me to be well calculated to bring about the desirable object of our having at all times, an efficient proportion of Camp Equipage ready for Service and having the business conducted upon the principles

principles of regularity and economy; and at all events to bring the expences of this heavy Article of Military disbursement to a fixed and determined point, I should accordingly hope that the Board will coincide with me, in seeing the propriety of recommending the Plan before us, to the particular attention of Government, and likewise giving it as our opinion, that it appears capable of establishing a reform highly advantageous to the service.—

Madras
29th September 1795.

(Signed) W. Gent
A true Copy
Signed, J. Brodie
Secry Mily Bd.

I have perused with much satisfaction the Proceedings of the Committee which met on the subject of Camp Equipage in consequence of our Resolution at the Meeting of the 18th of November last, and am much obliged to the President and Members of that Committee for the Pains they have taken to prepare the three several Statements on the subject for the information of the Board which contain much useful information. I recommend however that this Document should for the present be lodged with the Secretary (as We may wish to refer to it hereafter) and that We should at this time confine Ourselves strictly to

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to what has been required of Us by Government namely to suggest some Plan for the better preserva=
=tion of the Tents in Store &c and that if what We recommend, or any other plan is adopted to that end, that We then press Government to authorize the completing the Army with Camp Equipage to the extent proposed.

My reason for recommending it to the Board not to go any further at present is that I have received from Government an Extract of a General Letter of the Court of Directors dated 21st May 1794 - in which are the following words. -

"As the whole Military System of
"India will shortly come under our review in
"consequence of the expected Report from the
"Marquis Cornwallis, it would be premature
"to enter into the consideration of the Arrange=
="ment recommended &c. &c."

On this information I think it unnecessary for the Board to go any further on the subject of Camp Equipage, than to sug=
=gest the best Plan that occurs for the preserva=
=tion and Security of Tents - and to press the provision of such a number as We ought under any circumstances to have in readiness. -

January 22. 1795. - Signed John Brathwaite
President

A true Copy
Signed J. Brodie Secry Mily Bd.

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I have again since it was discussed at the Military Board, very maturely considered the Plan proposed by the Quarter Master General for the better security and preservation of Tents under all circumstances, and I am still of opinion that it is extremely well calculated to answer the end proposed, that it will if placed in the Lands, to which it ought in propriety to be entrusted, prove to be economical in the course of a very little time, and that it accords in principle with what has been determined to be right in regard to Colts, and Cavalry Accoutrements, which is itself a strong recommendation, as it tends to establish an uniformity in the security provided for the Company's property of every Kind, and that upon the soundest principles, namely the interest of the Individual to be entrusted with it, who must be a gainer or Sufferer in proportion as the Publick property entrusted to his care is attended to or neglected.—

And I think the regulations proposed by the Committee are in general well calculated to prevent the possibility of any abuse; in short, the interest of the Individual entrusted, The Boards of Inspection The Corps may every Individual Officer who is to occupy a Tent, establish such Checks, that I do not see how any greater can be established, or how it is possible for any neglect

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or abuse in this very important trust, thus regulated, to exist.—

What the Committee has said in regard to the Superintendent's situation by these Regulations namely "That he is subjected not only to the entire "expense of keeping Deputies at the different Stations "and in the Field but of maintaining proper Persons "for the purpose of daily inspecting the Tents in Store, "bringing them out to air, or for Quarterly inspection, "and lodging them again in Store (for which nothing is held out to reimburse the Superintendent, as the proposed rates of Monthly allowance for repairs are exactly proportioned to the cost, although by this Plan as the Committee observes) "it is presumed that the establishment "of Lascars required under the present System will "admit of being considerably diminished") merits our most serious attention, as these Regulations must certainly involve the Superintendent in charges which He cannot possibly stand — nor does what the Committee subsequently observes operate in his favor, in my opinion, in any degree to counterbalance this heavy charge, and to which might have been added another great expense to which he must be liable, though it has escaped the Committees notice, namely that of Carriage for Cloth and materials to repair his Tents in the Field, an expense to which he

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must be subject, or be exposed to one tantamount, namely the high price he must pay for them in any Bazar that accompanies the Troops, could he ven=ture to risk the precarious chance of his being so supplied.— In short it appears to me, that if there was no remedy for this, but such as the Committee hint at, namely the allowing an adequate Salary to the Superintendent and his Assistants for Repairs, either in the Field, or in Store, or both that the scheme must be laid aside— because I think no Gentleman in the Service would as a simple and unconnected appointment, accept of the Superintendence without such Salaries both for himself and his Assistants, or such increase of the monthly rates to be paid for the Tents as would render the plan objectionable on the part of the Com=pany, as incurring a certain heavy expence, on a Speculation of advantage to be derived.—

I trust this objection may be greatly done away, and as I think the Plan in itself good and wish to see it adopted, I have turned the subject in my mind and now submit to the consideration of the Board an idea by which if adopted the difficulty may be so far lessened as in effect to be done away and with that view I would propose, if it can be done with justice to him and others concerned, that it shall be considered as the duty of the Quarter

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Master General for the time being, to undertake this Superintendence on the allowance attached to that Station and that all Quarter Masters of Brigades of Corps, or Detachments, shall Ex Officio under his se-=lection, sir such numbers as the circumstance may require, be his Deputies, sir Garrison and in the Field, on the consideration of receiving full Batta when so employed in Garrison, and when so employed in the Field twenty Pagodas per Month in addition to their full batta, this I think will render it worth the acceptance of these Officers, and well be far short of the Salary which must be offered to the Superintendent, and the Salaries which must be offered to Officers of any other description acting as his Assistants, who certainly would not be satisfied with less than Fifty Pagodas per Month, which has been determined as the allowance of the Sub Agents for providing Grain, who I think must have less to attend to, than will necessarily fall to the lot of the Assistants of the Superintendent of Camp Equipage. —

Added to this I am decidedly of opinion that the placing the Tents in charge of the Quarter Master General, and the Officers in that Department is more regular and Syste-=matical, than the placing them in any other hands, and subjected to such a variety of unequivocal checks as they will be, I cannot perceive

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perceive any one inconvenience that can be derived to the Service from it, but on the contrary much benefit and regularity - and it is the only means that occurs to me, to prevent the evil of loading the Company with a number of new appoint=ments and heavy Salaries for the better security and preservation of the Camp Equipage, which is the Subject which has been recommended to our consideration by Government. — —

Thus then a Superintendent, and Assistants to him, may be provided at a small expense to the Company, so small, as certainly to warrant the experiment, and as it goes to the entire release of the Superintendent from this heavy charge - He can have no claim to any encrease of the proposed monthly rates on that account, but there is a still remaining expense, and an heavy one, to which he is subjected by the present Regulations - namely, of Persons to inspect, air, pitch, and remain in constant charge of the Tents - which if not done away, will certainly afford to the Quarter Master General strong Ground of objec=tion to undertaking the Superintendency, and I do not see how it can be imposed upon him if he does object - but this I think may be done away also, and the Superintendent cleared of all expences on this account,

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without subjecting the Company to any.

It is well known that a very great pro=
=portion of the Lascars kept upon this Establishment
under the denomination of Store Lascars are kept
up solely on account of Camp Equipage – I would
therefore propose that five hundred of the Store
Lascars on the present establishment should be
reduced – by a settled reduction at each Station, with
a due proportion of Syrangs and Tindals – and be im=
=mediately reimbodied as a Corps of Tent Lascars, and
put under the command of the Quarter Master
General, as Superintendent of Camp Equipage, the
Perquisites of which should be the emolument
derived by him, for this additional duty laid on him –
by this means he would be satisfied himself, and
have sufficient Persons well qualified to inspect, pitch,
air, and watch over the Tents every where – as he would
of course make detachments from this Corps to all
Stations where Tents were lodged, in proportion to the
deposit of Tents, when they would act under the orders
of his Assistants – and on the basis of this Corps
Recruits might be most advantageously raised
in time of War, as by mixing the old with the new
Lascars, the latter would soon learn their duty,
which would certainly be better done by Persons
constantly kept to it, and to it only –

Upon this idea in replying to certain
Queries referred to me by Marquis Cornwallis
relative to the Military Establishment for India,

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I have stated it as my opinion, that there should be three distinct Corps of Lascars on each Establishment one of Gun Lascars regulated as they are at present— One of Tent Lascars under the Quarter Master General, and the Officers in that Department, and one of Store Lascars, under the Commissary General of Stores and the Officers of that Department: and from this it will appear that I had in view the better care and preservation of Tents, before any opinion of this Board on the subject was called for by this Government, and there, I should have suffered the matter to rest 'till I saw some result of the Marquis's Report— But as the Board has been called upon by Government, and that at some distance of time back, I think We should no longer delay coming to some Resolution— and I give my opinion for the Plan proposed by the Quarter Master General, as it now stands and for the Regulations proposed by the Committee— If the Superintendence can be thus required of the Quarter Master General & Dy. Quarters Masters as a duty incumbent on them to discharge on the terms proposed— but if new appointments with Salaries are to be proposed, I believe the benefit derived, will not counterbalance the expense.

The high and reputable situation the Quarter Master General holds in the Service is in my opinion a sufficient Security at all times

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all times for his discharging the Trust_ but he may be called upon to give a Bond, binding his Heirs and Executors to make good out of his Estate, in case of his death all ascertained deficiencies in the Tents for which he had given his receipt and binding him=
=self to do the same if at any time he is called upon by Government to relinquish the charge in consequence of some better or other arrangements of the Department being resolved on.

February 10th 1795. (Signed) John Brathwaite

A true Copy

Signed/ I. Brodie

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I have perused the Quarter Master Generals' Plan for the Provision and care of the Camp Equipage dated the 18th September, the Proceedings of the Committees brought forward at the Meetings of the Board in November 6th and January 22nd together with Colonel Brathwaite's Minute of the 23d January and 10th February on the subject, and am ready to acknowledge that I do not, at this time perfectly understand the subject.

It appears however to me that the ac=
=tual Expence to the Company for Camp Equipage is not ascertained by this Plan as besides the cost of furnishing a sett of Tents for the Army and an allowance to the Superintendant for keeping them in perfect repair and good condition_ they

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are liable to replace all casualties, which in an unfortunate Campaign may amount to the whole of the Tents of the Army, under this consideration alone I am still apt to think a reasonable allowance to Individuals in which no person can be deceived, the safest and best mode for the service to adopt.—

With respect to the Quarter Master General holding the Office of superentendant his being a Member of the Military Board appears to me an insuperable objection to this, as I deem it a fundamental principle of this Board, that none of its Members should have any thing to do with the purchase of Stores nor any sort of emolument in the way of perquisite That their Established incomes are not made adequate to their different Situations is a matter to be regretted and may with the utmost propriety in my opinion be submitted to the notice of Government as a step necessarily preliminary to the Establishment of efficient controul in the Members of the Military Board and there can be no doubt that the more effectual the controul over the Public Disbursements are, the better will Government be enabled to reward its Servants, and these will have the satisfaction of making their several acquirements in the most creditable manner

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20th. February 1795.

/Signed/ Thomas Leils
Lieut. Col. Artill.y

A true Copy
/Signed/ J. Brodie
Secy. Mil.y Bd.

After Examining the Proceedings of our Committee in the Statements and Draught of Regulations on the subject of Camp Equipage before the Board for consideration, and on adverting to our Presidents communication circulated for the infor=-mation of the Members on the 23d. Ultimo and to what is urged in his Minute of the 10th. Instant on the same subject, I apprehend it will not be adviseable on considering also several points which have since oc=-curred to myself on the whole of these matters, to recommend to Government the Plan for the care and preservation of the Camp Equipage now in agi=-tation at this Board — I shall state the reasons by which I am guided on the occasion that in case they do not appear to me conclusive after hearing what occurs to the other Members I may join in recommending any plan which on the final consideration of the subject may be thought proper in the Opinion of the Majority of the Board. —

First — I deem every plan inadmissible that takes any proportion of Lascars out of the Company's immediate pay. —

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Second— That there should be no division of the means in general on which the responsibility depends that is meant to be placed in any person who is to be made accountable for the care and preserva=tion of the Tents including not only Repairs but also a Stipulation that he is to keep up for the Service per=petually an Establishment of Tents equal to the given number that shall be delivered over to him, those lost on Service excepted; and who is at the same time to be in the receipt of a fixed allowance for the express purpose of enabling him to perform the conditions of the agreement.

Third— That supposing it possible to arrange the Plan in any manner that will not appear objec=tionable under one or other of the foregoing conside=rations, still the necessity for an entire new Sys=tem and the advantages to be derived from it, are not brought forward by explaining in the one case the defects of our present Regulation; nor in the other, by a computation affecting the expence on account of Tents during any two given periods whereby a comparison may be drawn, although on a consideration of these matters a judgement, in part on the Subject, falls to be formed in regard to the expediency and extent of any alteration that shall be proposed; and it should also appear, clearly, before determining on any entire new System, depending upon the responsibility of any

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Individual who is to be in the receipt of a fixed Sum from Government that such individual has the means of managing the trust with more advantage to the Service than can be obtained, every circumstance considered, under our present Regulations if amended; the proper= =tion however, of giving Security for a certain Sum may be accounted in some degree to remove the necessi= =ty of this consideration. —

The general idea of a distribution of our present Establishment of Garrison Lascars into two separate classes one of which to be denominated "Tent "Lascars" and the other "Stone Lascars" which is mentio= =oned in our Presidents' Minute of the 10th Instant had occurred to me as an alteration of our present System, that would prove extremely useful, especi= =ally by having a certain proportion of the Tent Lascars on a Peace Establishment attached Regimen= =tally with a distribution of the Tents to be at the same time in charge of Corps to the extent that their actual strength required, whereby it would follow on any Corps being ordered to move that they might be allowed to Recruit Lascars for the tempora= =ry Service to the number wanted, and would be in possession of the means in consequence of having a detail of Syrangs, Tindals and Lascars invariably attached to them for the care and preservation of the Tents. such allotment however of Tent Lascars and of Tents I considered to be exclusive of the proportion of each which it might be deemed proper

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proper to keep at particular Stations to answer oc=
=casionally for the Commander in Chief for the De=
=partments required in the Field for the General
and Brigade Staff or others not provided for in the
Regimental allotment; on the idea at the same time
that the quota of Tent Lascars thought necessary,
on a plan of the kind, to be destributed at Stations
in charge of the Tents in Garrison store, would
fall to be ordered to do duty with Corps in a
certain proportion, or to be draughted into them
occasionally, thereby leaving the Recruit that
might be wanted of temporary Lascars to take
place at the fixed Stations as often and to every
extent that circumstances admitted, as the Tents
in Garrison Store would not at any time be consi=
=derable in number.—

I think many advantages might
accrue from a Plan of this kind on considering
the detail with each Corps, besides the Lascars,
that would be necessarily employed in the care
and preservation of the Tents I have however given
up the idea of proposing any specific regulation,
under which it might be introduced, in consequence
of the Presidents communication of the 23d. Ultimo.—

The general principle which occasi=
=oned the above consideration concerning the Las=
=cars is clearly in favor, so far as my Opinion
goes, of forming the present Establishment of
Garrison Lascars into two separate bodies

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and if it shall be resolved upon by Government I have no doubt of its bringing about a considerable improvement whatever regulations in other respects is adopted for the care and preservation of the Tents, from the means it will afford at all times, among other advantages, of enabling the Military Board to judge with precision whether any and what [illegible] temporary employment of new Lascars shall be required at the distant Stations on the movements to which a proportion of the Stores, particularly Tents, are frequently subject but which cannot be so easily ascertained while the Lascars are esta= =blished under a general denomination.

If the Board shall agree to recommend the Plan in agitation for the care and preservation of the Tents including not only Repairs but also for the other purposes already mentioned by placing so extensive a Responsibility in any one person who is in return to receive a fixed Sum on a Monthly Computation and is at the same time to be Sup= =plied with the Company's Store houses and Las= =cars, there can be little doubt I imagine that the Regulation should provide decidedly against any matter being brought forward to relieve the Responsibility except in the case of losses not in the province or power of any In= =dividual to guard against, such as the Capture of the Tents by the Enemy, or their being

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destroyed by fire or lost unavoidably. Rivers on a
March; because if it shall not be stipulated
it may follow that the Storehouses being in any shape
deficient in point of construction or situation or
not being kept in proper repair, or the Establish=
=ment of Lascars not being complete in point of
number or otherways, are circumstances that may
be adduced contrary to the agreement and respon=
=sibility, as I conceive the Matter, which should
be enforced in case any plan on the principle of
the one in agitation, shall be recommended to
Government; but I apprehend that it may not
be accounted a favorable part of the System,
after we seriously advert to all circumstances, to
admit of a fixed and considerable expence, in
preference to occasional charges especially after
a separate Establishment of Lascars shall be al=
=lowed for the Tents, as the principal benefit to be
derived under the proposed distribution of that
class of the Public Servants may be expected from the
superior means to preserve the Tents, on comparison
with the present allotment of the Lascars which
it will afford to the person in charge, while at
the same time it will give the Military Board
a better opportunity of judging of the attention
that has been paid to the duty and of fixing
more clearly the responsibility if it shall be
neglected - consequently it may be presumed,

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under the regulation for a new distribution of the Lascars that the expence will be lessened which falls be incurred on our present System, for Tents, whether we consider the Repairs or the necessity of making up new ones.—

It does not appear to me that the Quarter Masters should have the charge and superintendance of the Tents, to the extent that is proposed, as I have understood that those Officers cannot be consistently placed in the duty which appertains to the Custody alone, except at the times Tents are delivered expressly for the use of the Corps to which they are attached when they are likewise looked upon as the Check upon others in regard to the quantities supplied and in which relates to the repairs; exclusive of which I have to observe that Quarter Masters are subject to frequent removals which seems to render them unfit Officers to be employed in the custody at fixed Stations; as, however the Commanding Officer of the Army has proposed the Quarter Masters to be so extensively employed I state my own consideration of the matter so far with great diffidence.

In regard to what has been stated of the Plan in agitation being founded on the same principle with what has been determined to be right for the Cavalry Accoutrements and the Cotts in the Barrack Department, It does not appear to me at present that the draught of Regulations

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for the Tents in communication with the additions pro-
=posed in the Presidents' Minutes of the 10th. goes to es-
=tablish a strict conformity in all points; because
in both the other cases, according to my recollection
of the matter, the Servants or attendants which may
be wanted for the Accoutrements and Cotts and the
Store Rooms and Carriage in all situations shall
to be defrayed out of the fixed sums payable to the
parties respectively except in so far as applys I think
in one of the Regulations, to the removal of the
Cotts from one division of the Army to another
which however is not very likely to be a frequent
or heavy Expence to the Company.—

There are some other points which
may be thought deserving of notice on this part
of the Subject when we consider the Matter
more minutely— the Barrack Cotts for instance
cannot I apprehend be brought into close com-
=parison as the occasion for using them and
other circumstances are so different from those
which apply to the Tents; and although the
case of the Cavalry Accoutrements comes nearer
to what may be reasoned upon by comparison
still it falls to be observed in regard to the Ac-
=coutrements that the Regulation has been
adopted Regimentally and not, as in the
matter under discussion, on an extensive
general scale applicable to all the Corps
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and Departments of the Army in every Situation of the Service while the Tents are in or out of Store during Peace and War— besides which I think it necessary to add in this place, having already stated at the Board my intention of bringing before it some Matters which might require a revision of what has been passed concerning the Cavalry Accoutrements, that under such circumstance I would decline recommending the Plan before us for the Tents even were it in every respect strictly conformable to what has been thought right on the subject of the Accoutrements.—

I cannot perceive however, independent of such consideration and after weighing maturely the whole of the matter in the papers before us, that it will be practicable to bring forward a general Regulation, on the plan in agitation which can be consistently recommended; and at all events should the Board be of a contrary Opinion, I take the liberty of expressing that it will be advisable to send in with whatever Regulation is proposed by Government on account of the number of Tents of each description which we think it will be necessary to keep up accompanied not only by a Statement of the Tents already in store and of the expence it will occasion to complete the number to be kept up, but also by an Account of the expence in

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Monthly or Quarterly payments which it is proposed shall be incurred to keep up the Tents in every situa-tion of the Service; it will likewise be necessary to make up a Comparative Statement of Expence as already mentioned otherways the proposed plan even if complete in regard to providing specific rules may fall to the ground, as without such Statement the expediency of it will probably be considered very doubtful by Government.—

Having thought it necessary to offer some Observations on the plan in agitation con-cerning the Tents after adverting to the whole of the matter that had come under our consideration at different times on the subject it has occurred to me on a second perusal of the intimation received from Government under date 20th August that it may not be expected we should go into an entire new Sys-tem for the Tent Department; and also from the inference which appears to be involved in the remark of Government on the occasion that it may be proper in the Board to consider how far it is our duty to draw up a Reporter order that the causes may be clearly ascertained for requiring the new Supply of Tents earlier than Government considered such supply should be wanted; and if it may appear that the principle may appear that the principle adopted in present System relative to the Tents is not objectionable

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objectionable although the regulations under which it is to be followed up in practice may require amendment. A Report of the Kind would fall to be made I conceive in the form of a Statement that should exhibit the Supply of Serviceable Tents actually in Store at the first period to which the Observation of Government applyed; Secondly by shewing the variety of Services which have required Tents since that period and the number in use on each; and thirdly by stating the number of Serviceable Tents remaining in Store in August together with the particular reasons which induced the Board to make application for a new Supply at that time and the amount paid on account of Repairs within the period that will fall to be included in the Statement.—

Being of opinion, under all these Circumstances and as the proposed plan does not appear to me such as can be brought forward usefully, that it may be more adviseable upon the whole at the present period, to consider of rectifying the defects which may appear in our present Regulations for Camp Equipage than to propose an entire new System, especially on advertising to the Presidents communication of the 23d Ultimo I have therefore been induced within these few days to look very minutely into our present Regulations under the head of Camp Equi-

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=ppage and am of Opinion that much of what now appears to be complained of, in regard to the care and preservation of the Tents, may be attributed to the loose manner in which these Regulations are worded; they are not, I think, sufficiently ex=
=planatory of many duties affecting the Tents in several situations of the Service but which cer=
=tainly ought to be defined in as clear and explicit a manner as possible. —

Under these considerations I have sketched out an order with the view of submitting it to the Board for the purpose of amending our present Regulations but without varying materially, if, at all, the principle on which they appear to have been founded — one of the Chief alterations which I have introduced is by adopting the President's Plan in so far as regards the general idea of a separate Establishment of Tent Lascars; another is, in laying aside the provision of a separate Class of people connected with the Carriage of the Tents under the denomination of Bamboo Coolies, by including Tent Lascars in a larger proportion, in which I have been principally guided by considering that the Bamboo Coolies being only hired occasionally have very little inducement to continue with Troops on Field Service. The Board will observe in the Table for the establishment of Tents to be kept up that a number is inserted in the proportion, as p.r

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Statement of our Committee, required to complete every Corps and Department — entering the proportion in this manner may be looked upon however solely as a matter of form and which has also been a — =opted in regard to the insertion of Bell Tents as it may happen — after the Board shall have considered these points, even if the rest of the negu — =lation should be approved, that neither the — general proportion of Tents as included in the — Table nor any proportion at all of Bell Tents shall be agreed to — of the Bell Tents in particular I wish to say that it may be deserving of consideration at this Board how far the necessity exists of al — -lowing any proportion of that description as they occasion a considerable expence while at the same time it may be recollected that they have fallen to be frequently thrown into Store or otherways disposed of in the field either on Account of want of Carriage for them or because they were not upon the whole considered necessary.

The Tables I have proposed to be inserted in the body of the Sketch of an Order for the Establishment of Sascars Bullocks and Tents on Field Service, may be made more comprehensive for the convenience of Corps by including also the field proportion of Dooleys, Bearers and Artificers as they stand in our Tables at present; which addition if adopted will only render it necessary to alter the heading

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of the Regulation.—

I lay before the Board the Sketch of the Order I have just now mentioned marked No. 1 accompanied by Two Statements one of which, No. 2 contains the present Establishment, and the Expence at which it is maintained, of Garrison Lascars the expence for a Month is Pagodas 4937 " 21 " ~

The other Statement, No. 3, contains a detailed Peace Establishment supposed to be denominated "Store Lascars" and to be under the Commissaries of Stores at the several stations where Officers in the Ordnance Department fall to be posted on the Plan for the charge of the Ordnance and Military Stores given into Government by the Military Board it amounts for a Month to Pagodas 2821 " 25 " ~ .—

The Statement No. 3 has been formed after a communication with the Commissary General of Stores at which time we did not consider that a separate establishment of Tent Lascars might take place; and consequently must be ample I imagine for all the purposes of the Military Stores (Tents excluded) except in the event of a War or with any of the Country powers or when any considerable Detachment shall be employed on field Service so as to render it necessary to admit of an Extra but protempore detail of "Store Lascars" at particular stations.—

From a consideration of the

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the statements Nº. 2 and 3 it appears that there will remain of the present Establishment of Garrison Lascars, Twenty two Syrangs, Sixty four Tindals, and Nine hundred & one Lascars (amount Monthly Pagodas 1798-25-"-) after a distribution of the detail Nº. 3 under the denomination of "Store Lascars" this surplus or Supernumerary detail therefore after providing for the Military Stores (Tents excluded) is nearly the proportion I have thought might be applied on the principle of a separate Establish-=ment of Lascars for the Tents, but it may be reduced if it shall appear, after we consider it in detail, that five hundred Lascars as mentioned by the President shall be sufficient for the Tents- at all events if the detail I have stated shall be allowed there will not be any addition of expence on the score of Lascars, but on the contrary a reduction in a proportion equal to the pay of four Syrangs Ten Tindals and one Lascar Monthly.

I have only to add generally on the sub-=ject as it occurs to me at present, that if the Commissaries or others in charge of the stores shall be allowed a Separate Establishment of Lascars for the Tents, if it is expresly make their duty to make frequent Separate Reports on the Plan I have submitted to consideration and if the prin-=ciple of the regulation in general is adopted and compliance with the Rules laid down strictly

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strictly enforced, the care and preservation of the Tents including Repairs may be conducted as ad=
=vantageously for the Service as the nature of that article of our Store will admit, on adverting to all circumstances; with the exception however that I have already mentioned on a supposition of a Regimental attachment of Two Lascars for the care of Tents in Regimental Store, which latter appears to me on the whole by far the best plan in regard to the Tents in this Country, as long as we shall continue in a Situation that requires their being very frequently pitched for the use of the Troops.—

The matter before us is of so much im=
=portance in every point of view whether we advert to the expence attending the provision and pre=
=servation of Tents required for the Military Es=
=tablishment under this Presidency or the pur=
=poses for which it falls to be incurred, that we cannot go too Minutely into an investigation of every point relative to it; I have therefore been induced to lay before the Board at considerable length the different points of view in which the subject had occurred to me, and more particularly so in regard to some Amendment of our present Regulation for Camp Equipage with the two Statements Nos. 2 and 3 in the idea that these Papers may in some degree be useful to this Board in whatever

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manner the Subject is taken up in a Report to of Government.—

In the event of the Sketch N.o 1 of a Regulation for the Camp Equipage being considered proper in general, still it may not be sufficiently comprehensive in providing for all cases likely to occur— many no doubt may have been omitted by me as it is only within these few days that I have considered it might be adviseable, in the present situation of the Service, to turn our attentions to an Amendment of the existing Regulations in preference to recommending an entire new plan.—

Military Board
21.st February 1795.

/signed/ Henry Malcolm
Mily Asst. Genl.

A True Copy
/signed/ J.s Brodie
Secry Mil.y Bd.

N.o 1.—

Regulations respecting Camp Equipage.

1. The number of Tents constantly kept up is to be in a proportion sufficient for completing the Establishment allowed on field Service for Corps and Departments; for the Commander in Chief and for the Staff Officers or others not provided for in Corps and Departments.

2 A fixed Peace Establishment of Lascars for the Service of the Tents and to be denominated "Tent Lascars" becomes necessary and it to be determined

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determined on considering the detail of that body of Men which shall be judged sufficient while the Tents are in Store and accompany them on the occasional duties for which the Tents fall to be issued during Peace.

3. The fixed Establishment of Tent Lascars is on no Account to be encreased without Speci=al Orders from Government, except for the Ser=vices and in the manner which will be laid down in this Regulation.—

4 Bullocks for the Carriage of Tents fall to be supplied occasionally by the Bullock agent or his Deputies but the Tent Lascars are to carry the Bamboos for which purpose a suitable provision is made in detailing the Establishment of Tent Lascars.

5 The following is the detail of Tents and the Peace Establishment of Tent Lascars which latter is to be formed into 18 Companies and each Company to be one Syrang Three Tindals and fifty Lascars considering a proportion of the Lascars to be employed in carrying the Tent Bamboos.—

Tents of each description							Tent Lascars, including a proportion to carry the Tent & Bamboos.		
Commander in Chief's Tent.	Commanding Officers.	Field Officers.	Officers.	Privates.	Bells.	Magazines.	Syrangs.	Tindals.	Lascars.
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6— The following is the proportion of Tents, Tent Lascars and Bullocks to be considered the Establish

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Establishment allowed on field Service for a Corps and Department of each description — for the Com=
=mander in Chief, and for each description of Staff Officers, or others falling to be provided with Camp Equipage and not included in Corps and Depart=
=ments. —

(Here enter Tables detailing the different pro=
=portions of Tents, Tent Lascars and Bullocks on the same plan with the Tables in our present Book of Regulations or any other plan that shall appear preferable to the Military Board observing that the column of Lascars is to include a proportion for carrying the Tent Bamboos.)

7 The following is the Distribution of Tents and for the establishment of Tent Lascars which however is to be subject to such alteration oc=
=casionally as shall be judged necessary by the Military Board. —

(Here to be entered a Table shewing the distribution at the several stations of the Tents and Tent Lascars) —

8. The Tents of each description are to be of the dimensions inserted in the following Table which shews likewise the quality of the Cloth &c. to be used in making up the Tents.

(Here enter a Table containing the above particulars)

9 The Tents in Store and the Establishment

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of Tent Lascars at the several Stations are to be in charge of the Commissaries of Stores respectively who are to be held responsible for the Tents being Kept in good Condition and Repair while in Store and also for making the necessary repairs after they shall be delivered over from any Service or Detach=ment in conducting which duties they are to be guided by the Regulations now laid down but from the date of Delivery of Tents to Corps, Detach=ments, Departments or Individuals until the period of their being returned again to Store, the Charge of the Tents, and also of the Tent Lascars fur=nished for the proportion of Tents so employed is to be in the Corps, Detachment, Department or Individual to whom they shall be attached for the time.—

10 The Commissaries are to see the Tents pitched in the last Week of every month at which time they shall be examined by the Comman=ding Officer of the Station, assisted by two or more Officers of the Garrison, one of which to be a Quarter Master if there is one present, to form a Board of Inspection and the Commis=sary shall attend to give such explanations as may be required by the Board of Inspection & relative to the Tents.—

11 As soon as possible after such Inspec=tion shall have taken place the Commanding Officer is to transmit a Report according to the following

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following Form, to the Military Board of the num=
=ber state and condition of the Tents that have
undergone inspection and of the Repairs if any
that shall be required in order that the Military
Board may authorize the Repairs to be made
at the Company's Expence if it shall appear
to them necessary, or that the Commissary may
be called to account in case the necessity for
making such Repairs shall appear to have
arisen from his neglect of duty.—

(Here to be entered the Form lately
agreed upon by the Military Board
for Committees of Inspection on Camp
Equipage after it shall have been re=
=considered and if necessary amended.)

12 The proportion of Materials required for
the Repairs of the Tents that can be furnished
from the Stores at the Station are to be so fur=
=nished by authority from the Commanding
Officer as soon as he receives the sanction of the
Military Board for ordering the Repairs and
all others are to be purchased at the rates to be
specified in the Report of Inspection of such rates
are approved by the Military Board but in both
cases the work is to be performed by the Tent &
Lascars assisted by such part of the Artificers or
other Establishments under the Commissary as shall
be found necessary to be so employed in Addition

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to the Tent Lascars.-

13 All Indents for Tents and Tent Lascars are to be made upon the principles of the allotted proportions for the full Establishments contained in the 6.th Clause of this Regulation; that is to say in the proportions that shall be required for the Effective Strength of the Corps or Department at the time; which is to be inserted in the body of the Indents for the information of the Commissary and Indents so made shall be considered the Commissary's Voucher for authorizing the Issue provided a General Order or other regular authority shall warrant a Corps Department or Individual to make the Indent- and it follows of course that the Officer who draws by Indent for more than the allowed proportion shall be held responsible for the difference of expence that shall have been thereby incurred: but an Indent is not of itself to be accounted a Sufficient Voucher for admitting the Issues of Tents in the Commissary's accounts of quantities, he is therefore to take a Receipt for the Tents, from the Officer in whose charge they fall to be considered after being issued from the Store either on the back of the Indent or on a separate paper which receipts with the Indents are consequently to be forwarded as the necessary Vouchers with the Commissary's Accounts and all Officers receiving

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Tents from Store are hereby required to draw for them and to grant Receipts agreeably to these Regulations— the following is the form of Indent to be observed in drawing the Tents and Tent Lascars.—

(Here to be entered the form)

14 Every Officer at the head of a Corps, Depart= =ment or Detachment or Individuals that have been furnished with Tents are to send a Report to the of Military Board immediately after specifying the number and condition of the Tents of each description and the detail of Lascars that has been Supplied along with them.—

(Here to be entered a Form for a Report that shall include the above particulars.)

15. When any Corps or Detachment that has been supplied with Tents and Tent Lascars returns to Garrison or Cantonment it is to be considered the duty of the Officer Commanding the Station where such Tents fall to be lodged in Store to assemble a Board to inspect them which is to be formed in the same manner as ordered for the Monthly Inspection of Tents in Store at each station and the proceedings of each Board are in like manner to be reported to the Military Board in order that any deficiency which shall appear in the number of Tents and Lascars with the Corps or Detachment may be ascer= =tained and accounted for and that the Tents may be repaired before they are put into the Storehouse

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Storehouse if it shall appear absolutely necessary for their preservation, in which case (of necessity) the Commanding Officer is authorized to direct the Repairs without waiting for the Orders of the Military Board, but reporting at the same time to that Board the amount of the expence through the medium of the Form entered in the clause of this Regulation; at all times however when no such necessity shall exist the Tents must be lodged in the most commodious manner until the authority of the Military Board to proceed upon the Repairs is received. –

16 Provision being made by these Regulations that Tents shall be in good condition when delivered from the Stores it is hereby further regulated that no charge will be admitted for Repairs made during the March of Troops through the Country in the common routine of the Service or change of Quarters. –

17 After Tents in Store or those falling to be received into Garrison store from any Corps Detachment or Service have been Repaired it shall be the duty of the Commissary to Report to the Commanding Officer of the Station that the Repairs ordered have been completed, and of the Commanding Officer to inspect them immediately after accompanied by two or more Officers of his Garrison, one of which to be a Quarter Master if there is one present, and all Bills for such Repairs

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Repairs are to be transmitted to the Military Board to be compared with the Estimates or other proceed= =dings which have taken place on the Subject after they shall have been attested by the Comman= =ding Officer of the Station in these words in case the Repairs have been properly executed "I hereby Certify that the Repairs charged for "in this Bill have been duly executed."— =

18 The number and description of the Tents must be specified in all Bills for such Repairs, but separate Bills are to be made for the Repairs made to Tents received into Store from any Service or Detachment in which are to be specified not only the number and description of the Tents but also the Corps, Department or Individuals respectively that has delivered them over to the Garrison Store.— =

19 When the Bills for such Repairs are passed under the Signature of the Secretary of the Military Board by order of that Board, it shall be the authority of the Paymaster, of the Station, where the Repairs were executed to dis= =charge the Bills.—

20 If it shall appear to the Commanding Officer of the Station and the Officers he may appoint to assist him on the Inspection that the Repairs have not been properly executed he is to direct the necessary alteration to be made with= =out delay, but for which no Charge will be admitted

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admitted beyond what shall appear to have been au-
=thorized by the Original orders and Estimate for the
Work being performed: the Commanding Officer of
the Station is at the same time to report every circ-
=umstance of the Kind to the Military Board.—

21 If the Commissary at any period shall neglect to execute the repair of Tents in due time, of which the Commanding Officer on the spot must be the best judge, it shall be the duty of the Commanding Officer to Report the neglect to the Mili-
=tary Board stating at the same time any reasons the Commissary may have assigned as the cause of the delay.—

22 As the fixed Establishment of Tent Lascars may be equal at all times to furnish the quota which may be required for the Service of the Tents that fall to be ordered occasionally for a partial Field Service such as has frequently occur-
=red against Tributaries, and at all events may be looked upon as inferior to the distribution of those Lascars that may be wanted on partial Services requiring greater equipment, or in the event of a War with any of the Country powers, it there-
=fore becomes necessary to regulate the manner, in which the deficiency of Tent Lascars which may be experienced on such occasions shall be supplied.—

23 In all such cases the number required must be furnished from the fixed Establishment to every extent that shall appear admissible

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to the Military Board, on considering the proportion of Tents that will remain in the respective Store-houses and that the detail of Tent Lascars which shall appear necessary at fixed Stations, during the period of such Services, may be entertained in a short time.—

24 After a distribution, therefore, shall have been made for such Services on this principle, the detail which may still be wanting to complete will fall to be recruited by the Corps, Departments and Individuals respectively by means of the proportions of Syrangs, Tindals and Lascars attached to them from the number maintained on the Peace Establishment; it will then only be necessary to consider, of the detail of Tent Lascars which may be also wanted on such occasions for the Storehouses at fixed stations and the Tent Lascars so required is to be determined upon by the Military Board in communication with the several Commissaries after which the number required are to be Recruited by the latter.—

25. The Military Board will necessarily report the augmentation of Tent Lascars that the Service has thus required and will likewise take measures to prevent their being continued in pay any longer, than shall be necessary; observing that whatever proportion of the number it may be proper, to retain in the

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Service to Supply Casualties that may have happened in the peace establishment, it is to be an invariable rule that a preference shall be given to the Men who have been with the Tents in the Field.—

26 As the part of the foregoing Regulations regarding Repairs applys only to the periods respectively that the Tents are in Store or fall to be delivered into Store after they have been issued for any Service, and as it becomes necessary likewise to establish Regulations under which such Repairs may be executed as shall be required during the period that the Main body of the Army or Detachments of it shall be employed on field Service, that is to say between the date that Tents are delivered for field Service and the date of the Return of the Troops to the Stations respectively where the Tents fall to be placed in Store, the following rules are therefore to be observed in regard to repairs during such periods.—

27. Boards for the Inspection of the Tents belonging to Corps are to be held Quarterly or oftener if necessary by order of the Regimental Commanding Officers respectively for the purpose of ascertaining the quantum of the Repairs and of the Materials required.—

28. The Proceedings of such Boards are to be entered agreeably to the form laid down in the 11th Clause of this Regulation only that as the Materials will fall to be furnished from the stores under charge of the Commissary of Stores in the

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field or other Officer officiating in that capacity with the Army or Detachments of it, it will not consequent=ly be necessary to enter the rates.—

29 The proceedings of such Boards after being approved by the Regimental Commanding Officers respectively are to be sent to the Quarter Master General accompanied by Indents on the Com=missary for the materials required; and, the Quarter Master Generals counter signatures to the Indents together with a Receipt from the Quarter Master, or other Officer on whose charge the Tents with the Corps is considered, are to be the Commissary's Vouchers for issuing the Materials from the Store; but all repairs of Tents belonging to Corps are to be executed by the Tent Lascars and other es=tablishments attached to the Corps.—

30. The Repairs which may be required for the remaining part of the Tents in the field are provided for on the same principle; that is to say when the Main body of the Army is employed the Quarter Master General will direct one or more Boards composed of Quarter Masters once in every three Months or oftener if he shall see necessary to inspect the Tents that do not come under Regimental Examination.—

31 Their Proceedings are to be reported in the same form as ordered for the Regimental Boards after which the Quarter Master General will cause a List of the Materials of each description required for the Repairs to be made out and under it

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pass an Order to the Commissary of Stores to furnish them to the Departments or Individuals respectively whose Tents require to be repaired; which Voucher together with the receipts for such Materials of the Parties to whom the Tents are attached are to be the Commissarys Voucher for the Issues; the Repairs however will fall to be executed by the Lascars attached to the Tents with only such further assistance, which is to be furnished by the Commissary, as may be necessary to be given to Individuals not having any other Establishments that may be employed in the Repairs.+

32 The Quarter Master General is to lay before the Commander in Chief Quarterly the proceedings of the several Boards, that have been assembled to ascertain the quantity of Repairs and of the Materials required, accompanied by such Report as he may deem proper in regard to the extent and frequency of the Repairs that have been considered necessary.—

33 The Commissary of Stores is to lay before the Commander in Chief Monthly a detailed Account of the expence of the Materials he has issued for the Repairs specifying the quantity of the Materials, the date of their being issued and the cost of the different Articles which have been required for the Tents of Corps, Departments and Individuals; and in order that the Commander in Chief may not only

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only have before him Monthly in this manner, the amount of the whole of the Expence so incurred, but also have an Opportunity of judging of the attention that has been paid to the preservation of the Tents by the parties respectively in charge of them, the Account to be presented by the Commissary of Stores must exhibit separately the detail of the Expence for each Corps, Department and Individual: The Com=
=missary of Stores is to transmit quarterly to the Military Board a detailed Account of the expence for repairs made up in the same manner as the Account to be presented Monthly to the Com=
=mander in Chief in the Field.=

34. The rules that are laid down in regard to the Proceedings and Reports of the Boards of Ins=
=pection, the materials and Repairs; and the Account of expence, on a supposition of the main body of the Army being in the field, are to be ap=
=plied in the case of Detachments composed of different Corps in the field and consequently the Officers who may be officiating for such De=
=tachments in the line of duty of the Quarter Master General and Commissary of Stores are to lay the proceedings, Reports and Accounts before the Officer Commanding such Detachments res=
=pectively and the Officer Officiating in the capacity of Commissary of Stores with a [illegible] Detachment will in like manner forward to the Military Board Quarterly the detailed

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Account required of the expence of the Repairs.-

35. Monthly Returns of the Tents and Tent Lascars are to be sent to the Secretary of the Military Board for that Board, and to the Quarter Master General for the information of the Commander in Chief, except when the Main body of the Army shall be in the field during which period the Returns shall only be sent Quarterly for the Military Board.- and at all times when a proportion of Bullocks shall be attached to Corps Departments, or Individuals for the Service of the Tents the Returns are to include the number of Bullocks and Bul=
=lock Drivers so attached.-

36 Commanding Officers and Commissaries of Stores respectively are expressly prohibited from authorizing Tents to be pitched otherways than for the public Service according to the Regula=
=tions and it is to be considered their duty to report to their respective Superiors at all times when it comes to their Knowledge that Tents are pitched contrary to this Order.-

(Signed) Henry. Malcolm
Mily Asst. Genl.

Military Board,
21st. February 1795.

A true Copy
(Signed) Ls. Brodie Secry M.B.

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No. 2.

Establishment of Garrison Lascars taken from the Abstracts of April 1794. since which period it does not appear that any encrease of the number can have arisen otherways than for temporary purposes in consequence of the March of Detachments.

	Syrangs	Tindals	Lascars		Syrangs	Tindals	Lascars
Arnee	1		250	Brought over	26	92	1527
Arkoor	1		120	Ramnad	1	1	20
Bellamcondah	"		120	Samulcotah	"		130
Chicacole	1		129	Sankeryaroog	1	1	20
Cajimcotah	"		116	Salem	"		216
Condapillee	"		112	Timmericotah	"		18
Chingleput	1		150	Tripapoore	"		16
Cuddalore	1		227	Tiagar	"		113
Dindigul	"		120	Trichinopoly	9	9	225
Ellore	1		378	Tanjore	3	6	115
Fort St. George	9		399	Vizagapatam	"		450
Ganjam	1		148	Vellore	2	3	80
Guntoor	"		130	Verabudradroog	"		112
Innacondah	1		260	Walajahbad	1	2	40
Kistnaghierry	1		336	Total	43	125	2162
Masulipatam	3		200				
Madura	1		250				
Nellore	"		115				
Namaul	"		112	43 Syrangs at 7 Rup.s each P Month	301	"	"
Nagore	1		250				
Ongole	1		125	125 Tindals at 2 25 each P Month	312	21	"
Poonamalee	"		124				
Permacoil	"		115	2162 Lascars at 2 Rup.s each P Month	4324	"	"
Pondicherry	1		350		4937	21	"
Pinagra	"		118				
Palamcotah	1		247				
Rajahmundry	"		16				
Ryacotah	"		120				
Carried over	26	92	1527				

Abstract of the full pay P Month of the above Establishment

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Signed Henry Malcolm
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

M.y B.d 21.st Febuary 1795

A true Copy

/Sig.d/ J.s Brodie
Secry Mil.y B.d

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No. 3

Detailed Peace Establishment of Lascars supposed to be denominated Store Lascars and to be under the Commissary of Stores at the several Stations where Officers in the Ordnance Department fall to be posted on the plan given in by the Military Board. —

Stations.	Sirdars	Lascars	
Fort St. George	1	14.	350.
Arnie	1	2.	50.
Vellore	1	2.	50.
Amboor	"	1.	12.
Chinglepat	"	1.	18.
Cuddalore	"	1.	18.
Pondamallee	"	1.	18.
Tyagar	"	1	12.
Ongole	"	1	12.
	9.	24.	540.
Kistnagherry	1.	2.	36.
Sankeridroog	1.	1.	20.
Ryacottah	"	1.	20.
Chinnaroydroog	"	1	12.
Veerabhadroog	"	1	12.
Pinagra	"	1	18
Namcul	"	1	12
Salem	"	1	12
Ahtoor	1	1	20
Cungoonby	"	1	12
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	Sycrangs.	Tindals.	Lascars.
Trichinopoly	3	6	150.
Tanjore	1	2	50
Negapatam	"	1	11
Madura	"	2	5
Dindigul	"	1	18
Palamcotah	"	1	20
	4	13	275.
Masulipatam	3	6	150
Vizagapatam	1	1	30
Ganjam	1	2	36
Innacondah	"	1	20
Bellamcondah	"	1	12
Timricotah	"	1	12
Condapillee	"	1	12
	5	13	272.

Abstract of the Full Pay pr. Month of the above Establishment

	P.	₹	C
21 Syrangs at 7 Pags. each pr. Month	147	"	"
61 Tindals at 2-25. " each pr. Month	152	25.	"
1261 Lascars at 2-" -" each pr. Month	2522.	"	"
	2821.	25	"

(Signed) Henry Malcolm. Brigy and. Gen.l

A true Copy

(Signed) J.s Brodie, Secy to Mil. Bd.

Minute of the Adjutant General — 28th of February 1795.—

I give my opinion in favor of the Plan delivered in by the Quarter Master General amended and improved as it has been, by the suggestions

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suggestions of the President contained in his Minute of 10th February and subject to be filled up and com=pleted by such further subordinate Regulations as it may seem to require.

I decline entering into a discussion of the objections offered by Lieutenant Colonel Geils, because it would appear that he has not had leisure sufficient to allow of his giving the Plan an attentive consideration, and because I conceive that the question regarding the expediency of making a Pentage allowance to Officers is in some degree foreign to a correct consideration of the Letter of Government bearing date

In regard to the principle adverted to by Lieutenant Colonel Geils, that none of the Mem=bers of the Military Board should have any thing to do with the Purchase of Stores nor any sort of emolument in the way of perquisite, I must remark that if the Quarter Masters Generals Plan as amended by the President be adopted, he will not on that account have any concern in the purchase of Stores, and in regard to the latter branch of the principle, that no Members of this Board should have any emolument in the way of perquisite - I conceive it (if the emolument be avowed) to be unreasonable, and not to exist, as otherwise it would be found in some part of the Rules and Regulations on which this Board is founded or purposed to be founded.

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Adverting to the Auditor General's Minute now read, in so far as it stands in opposition, to the Quarter Master General's Plan, I can only repeat as my firm opinion, what has been already stated by the Quarter Master General, namely, that where the public property consists of materials so frail and perishable, and is at the same time applicable to such a variety of useful purposes, it seems but necessary that the care and preservation of such property should if possible, be made the immediate interest of the public Servants who have it in charge - an opini = =on which has been long suggested by experience, and refers for support, to the soundest principle of public Regulation. -

(Signed) B. Close
Adjt. General.

A true Copy
(Signed) Js Brodie - Secry Mily Bd. -

I am of opinion that the Plan regarding Camp Equipage, given in by the Quarter Master General with the amendment proposed in the Presidents Minute of the 10th February, will be productive of much benefit to the Public Service, as it will not only ascertain the Expence to be incurred for Tents, but will also insure a proportion of them being in constant readiness when required for field Service. -

On considering the Plan now before the Board as proposed by the Quarter Master General,

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and the probable consequences likely to result from its being adopted, and contrasting it with the usage that has hitherto prevailed, regarding the care and preservation of Camp Equipage, I think it highly preferable on many accounts, but particularly so, as heretofore the Tents have been liable to injury in many instances, in Store houses, as well as in other respects, and if that plan be adopted that it cannot fail to answer the end therein proposed. —

Official experience has convinced me that the System which has obtained in the Service for many Years past — was insufficient to insure the preservation of Camp Equipage, an article, that for want of proper regulations has constantly been attended with an enormous and indefinite expence to the Company without producing the effect so desireable, that of insuring a set of Tents to answer every exigency of the public Service. —

The Repair of Tents, alone, has occasioned a constant and very heavy Expence and notwithstanding the Sums that have been disbursed on that account, amounting very frequently to half the original cost, yet whenever it has been found necessary to encamp the Troops for Field Service the repaired Tents have almost immediately become unserviceable, and then the want of a well regulated system for providing and repairing Camp Equipage has been most severely

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felt, particularly so in the War with Hyder Ally in the Years 1780. 81. 82 and 83, when both Officers and Private Soldiers for want of Tents, which could not be obtained, altho' the Army was not out of the Neighbourhood of the Presidency for a longer period of six Months together, and that only once immediately after General Sir Eyre Coote took on him the Command of the Army, were frequently subjected to the inclemency of the Seasons, without there being a possibility of any remedy to prevent it, it appears to me that the Quarter Master General's Plan & with the amendment proposed by Colonel Brathwaite is well calculated to obviate this as well as other inconveniencies, that have been long experienced in regard to Camp Equipage, I therefore entirely concur in the opinions therein set forth as being likely to be productive of real advantage to the Public Service.—

February 24th 1795 (Signed) George Hall

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Brodie
Secy Mily Bd.—

Minute thereon.

Resolved, previous to any discussion upon the plan submitted by Lieutenant Colonel Richardson, that the Military Auditor General be directed to lay before the Board a Statement shewing the actual expence to the Company on account of repairs of Tents from the 6th of April 1786 to the 6th of April

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April 1789; and a similar Statement of the actual expence from the termination of the late War with Tippoo to the present time — and that the Military Store Keeper, be directed to transmit the Statements for the same periods of the actual cost for the provision of Tents. —

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Board of Revenue reporting the atrocious Conduct of Luchea Naig, one of the Manapara Polygars — recommend that he be deprived of his Pollam. —

We lose no time in laying before your Lordship copy of a letter with its enclosures which we have this day received from Mr Powney representing the outrageous conduct of Luchea Naigue, one of the Manapara Polygars. —

It appears that in consequence of some dispute between this Man and Combea Naigue, he has, notwithstanding the repeated admonitions of Mr Powney, proceed to open hostility, in which 22 Aged Persons and 3 Infants have been slain and twenty other persons wounded. —

Adverting to the frequent accounts which we receive of acts of open defiance to the authority of Government on the part of the Polligars we see no prospect of restraining their turbulent disposition, and inspiring them with

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a just sense of their duty and allegiance, but by a prompt and Vigorous exertion of power to reduce those who prove refractory.—

We therefore recommend that Luckea Naigue who appears to have acted on this occasion with excessive Cruelty, be immediately deprived of his Pollam, and such further punishment inflicted as the enormity of his crime may appear to your Lordship to deserve.—

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

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11th March 1795.

(Signed) Edwd. Saunders
" Chas. N. White
" Thos. Cockburn
" Wm. Harington

Edward Saunders Esqr.—
President &c. Revenue Board
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I do not delay a moment in trans=
=mitting to you the Copy of a Letter I have this Instant received from the Officer Commanding a Company of Sepoys stationed at Manapara and the Trans=
=lation of one I have also received from my Ack=
=bar Noveiz at that place.—

I have written to Combea Naick and particularly to Luckea Naick a most Peremtory

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peremptory order to refrain from further hostility of
against each other and to the Officer Commanding
that I had represented the conduct of Luckea Naick
to your Board and until I received your Orders
I could not send him any further Instructions
than what he had already received at the same
time desiring he would do all in his power to preserve
peace between the Disputants.

Luckea Naick's conduct appears to have
been extremely reprehensible the origin of the dispute
was respecting a small Garden or piece of Ground
belonging it is said to Combea Naick which the
former took posession of and sowed Grain in it—
the Matter was represented to me and I directed
the claim should be settled by Arbitration— this
was not acceded to by Luckea Naig upon which
Combia Naik it is said drove Bullocks into the
Garden which destroyed the crop of Grain—
Luckea Naik assembled his people in consequence
and a conflict ensued— upon which the Ackbar
Nouvz called upon the Parties severally to disarm
and suspend Hostility against each other, until
the matter was referred again to me for my
decision— Combea Naik obeyed and withdrew
his People but Luckea Naik took advantage
of his situation and perpetrated the acts detailed
in the Ackbar Nouvez letter to me.

These two Poligars in question have

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been continually disputing with each other which has very regularly been represented to me by the Akbar Nuvees. I have done all that laid in my power to preserve tranquility by admonition and contented myself with remonstrating to each of them as their mutual complaints of Aggression reached me and they refrained from any serious hostility until now.—

It becomes very expedient that Luckea Naik is made sensible of the impropriety of his Conduct, particularly as I understand that there exists some family dispute between him and Combea Naik and the latter who is only between 9 and 10 Years of age is to be married in two or three months and that Luckea Naig is determined to oppose it and will engage on his side no doubt, other Polygars which may occasion a general rupture amongst the whole of them in that Neighbourhood.—

At all events it appears to me necessary that the Company of Sepoys at Ramapaua should be enforced by two more which may give weight to any Representations that may be sent to Luckea Naik.—

I have the honor to be respectfully

&c &c

/Signed/ George Powney

Collect.r

Ramnad
5.th March 1795.—

A true Copy

/Signed/ S.R. Lushington

Act.g Dep.y Secry.—

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To G. Powney Esq.r

Sir

I have had the honor to address you of the dispute between the two Polygars Lackey Naig and Comby Naig - Three days since, the former immediately on his Return from his Nattam expedition Order'd his people to take possession of a piece of Ground, which is in dispute between them, and which your Tahsildar informs me, he had directed both parties to refrain from ploughing, till their respective claims could be adjusted - Comby Naigs people having opposed the others, a scuffle ensued in which 1 Man of Lucky Naigs was killed and 9 wounded and 1 Man of Comby Naigs wounded, In conse-quence, the Tahsildar sent a Cajan to each of them, requiring them immediately to withdraw the people that were assembled, which the latter complied with; Lucky Naik so far from paying attention to the Order, told the Messenger that he was just then going to revenge the loss his people had sustained, and would listen to no Remonstrances - He put his threats in execution this Morning, when taking advan-tage of the dispersion of Comby Naigs forces he advanced some distance into the Country of the latter surrounded two Villages and killed 25 people and wounded 1 amongst the former was a head Man. -

Lucky Naig was present himself with

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some horsemen, and his numbers altogether are said to amount to 1000 – It appears to me from two different Reports I have of this business, as well as what I have observed since my being here that Luckky Naig is greatly the aggressor – But of this you will be able to judge when the Tahsildar's Statement of the late transactions reaches you – It is to be regretted that the instructions to the Officer here restrict him entirely to the granting assis=tance to the Tasildar in Collecting the Tribute, and protecting the Circar Villages otherwise the movement of the Company or a part of it towards the disputed ground might have prevented this bloodshed. –

Lieutenant Macauly is the Officer who arrived here this morning to relieve me, with whom I will leave such information as will enable him to Cooperate with the Tahsildar in Keeping matters quiet. –

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. Oliphant

Manapar
2nd March 1795

True Copy

(Signed) G. Powney Coll.r

A true Copy

(Signed) S.R. Sushington

Act.g Dep.y Secry.

Copy of a Translation of a letter from the Akbar Nowaz at Manapara to Mr. Powney. Dated 2d. March 1795

In my yesterdays letter I informed you that Luckeya Naick without paying any attention

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to the Company's authority assembled his People and with much obstinacy entered the Village of Aur=ungure belonging to Combia Naig and forcibly sowed the seed of Cucumber in his Garden, and also quarrel=led with the People of Combea Naig and wounded them— I thereupon wrote letters to Luckey Naig and Combea Naig (calling upon them in the name of the Honble Company to desist carrying on any farther hostility against each other also to withdraw their forces) and sent it in the hands of a Peon to the above Polygars.— Combea Naig only obeyed the injunction and withdrew all his People that were assembled; when this news was received by Luckey Naig he immediately entered the Country belonging to Combia Naig with about 1000 Peons and 40 Horses and surrounded the 2 districts of Cavendenputty and Chundacapatty, about 6 O'Clock this morning and plundered the above districts and carried off Cattle, Grain &c. and other property belonging to the above district and on his return cut the throats of 22 aged People, and 3 Children, and also wounded 20 People.— Luckeya Naik without having the least fear or apprehen=sion of the Company in his heart committed these atrocious acts— I not only received this intelligence from Combia Naik but your Peon who was gone to his Pollam to receive the Peshcush money, likewise wrote me upon this subject.— The

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The Officer of the Detachment received this Intelligence, he sent for me and desired me to write an Olla to Lackey Naik informing him that his obstinate Conduct was represented to Mr. Powney and that he would suffer for it, also wrote another Letter to Combea Naik saying that his having kept quiet in this business and withdrawn his forces that were assembled according to the order of the Honble Company he would be the better for it hereafter, and that he must not revenge the loss of his People and the depreda=tions committed by Lackey Naig in his Country as the Conduct of Lackeya Naig was referred to Mr. Powney and until an answer arrived from that Gen=eleman, desired he would have patience in this business - Altho' I have written many letters to Lackeya Naik, he does not pay the least attention - a Vakeel belonging to Combea Naik who is here, received a letter from his Poligar which informs him that the Inhabitants of Combea Naiks' are leaving his Country under apprehensions of Lackea Naig, and emigrating to Tritchinopoly. -

The Officer of the Detachment is ordered to join his Battalion and another Officer belonging to the Company of the 1st. Battalion is arrived here. -

True Translation

Signed/ G. Powney - Coll.r

A true Copy

/Signed/ S.R. Sushington
Act.g Dep.y Secry

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Resolution thereon.—

Resolved that Colonel Floyd be directed to take the most effectual means, in communication with Mr Powney, for apprehending the person of Luckea Naigue—and that notification thereof be made to his Highness the Nabob.—

Read the following letters from the Military Board.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council

My Lord

From Military Board with report State of the Buildings at Secundermalle—and Estimate of completing and repairing them.

In consequence of your Lordships commands under date the 2d of January last—We have now the honor to lay before you the Engineer's report of the State of the Cantonment at Secundermallee No 1, a Mi=nute from the Chief Engineer No 2, and an Esti=mate of the expense required for completing the said Cantonment, and are of opinion if Govern=ment shall resolve to do so, that agreeably to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer brick and Chunam pillars should be substituted in the room of the present palmira Posts.—

We have the honor to be &c &c

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(signed) John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Thomas Geils
" Jn° Richardson
" B J Close
" H. Gent
" Wm Younge
" George Hall.

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To Major E. Trapaud
Engineer to the Southern Division.

Sir

Agreeable to your orders I have pro=
=ceeded to Secunderabad, to inspect that Cantonment.
I have found it in a very unfinished
and tottering state. but few of the Officers have
either Doors or Windows; most of them have no
outhouses; the Soldiers Barracks have no Cook=
=rooms; only half the Hospital is built, there are no
Godowns or Cook Rooms to it. One Captains Quarter
one Quarter for the Adjutant and Quarter Master
one Quarter for the Surgeons Mates, One Quarter
for two Subalterns; a Store Room, a Guard Room,
for the Officer, a Guard Room for the Men with
outhouses; and a Black Hole for Prisoners are
wanting. The Roofs are all thatched and the
Verandahs Tiled without flat Tiles or Chenam
Borders both these are by much too weak partica=
=larly the Barracks for the Men. The Verandahs
are supported by slight posts 3 or 4 Inches in
Diameter laid with but a trifling foundation.
as the Rafters are but slightly fixed on the Walls the
whole weight acts against the Posts.

Ere I left the Cantonment four of the
Mens Verandahs had fallen down also one of the
Officers. The Rafters in the Roofs are too few
and too slight, in consequence there are four or
five

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five of the Barracks whose Roofs have already given way and cannot possibly stand any bad Weather — The Officers Roofs tho' slight are not so bad as the Barracks The Thatch admits rains in several places besides where the White ants have destroyed it —

The inside of the Roofs (owing to Walls being Mud) are lined with White Ants which are fast destroying both Rafters and Thatch — They have also attacked the Veerandah Posts and other wooden works. —

This part of the Country is so infested with these Insects that (while the Walls are of mud) let the Roofs be never so strong they will not last any length of time. —

I therefore conclude from the bad state of the Veerandahs are in, that they require to be rebuilt of more substantials Materials, either on Posts of Palmirah Trees, or on Pillars of Brick and Chunam (as I believe Palmirahs are not to be procured but at a great distance.) — —

The Roofs of the Barracks abovementioned which have given way require to be rebuilt, tho' the others strengthened and the Thatch repaired —

The mud walls for all (or nearly all) the Out houses have been built but those left uncovered are perishing and cannot be made use of at present.

I have however to observe that there

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are 4 or 5 of the Officers Veerandahs which are not so bad as the rest; but owing to the Posts being too slight and without sufficient foundation they are not to be depended upon. —

There is a quantity of Country Timber which has been collected and is lying on the Spot.

Trichinopoly
December 5th 1794

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Tho.s F. De Havilland
Assist. Engr S. D.

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Brodie
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The Chief Engineer has the honor to lay before the Board, the Estimate called for by the desire of Government for completing the Cantonment at Secundermallee amounting to Pags 5290: 8: 65. —

He begs to refer the Board to the En=
=gineer's report to Major Trapaud, on the state of the buildings lately erected at that Cantonment and lays before them an Estimate of the Expence of the repairs required amounting to Pagodas 5568: 23: 58. —

He also begs to recommend that the Brick Piers mentioned by the Engineer in the Estimates be substituted, in the room of the present Palmira posts which are very inadequate for the support of the Roofs

A true Copy (Signed) W. Gent.
(Signed) J.o Brodie Secry Mily Bd

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Estimate for repairing the Quarters and Barracks built at Secundermallee. —

1st Commanding Officers Quarters

Hall and its Verandah

Repairing the Verandah at 3/3 R.s pr Sq.e 2 Sq.s 7 " "
Do the Thatch at 35 f.s ..... pr 2½ " 2 3 40
9 3 40

Bed rooms and their Verandahs

Strengthening the roofs and thickning the
Thatch at 3 Pags pr Sq.e ..... 8½ " 25 21 "
White washing at 3 f.s Do ..... 80 " 5 30 " 31 9 "
Rebuilding the Tiled Verandah ..... 15½ ..... 233 31 30.
Palmirah Posts for Do ..... 46 ..... 23 " " 297 1 70.

2d The Mess Room.

Repairing the Thatch ..... 4 ..... 3 14 "
Rebuilding the Tiled Verandah ..... 27 ..... 135 " "
Palmirah Posts ..... 26 ..... 13 " "
White washing ..... 55½ 4 40 40 155 12 40

Officers Quarters on the Right or
Eastern side the Cantonment. —

3. 1st Captains Quarter —

Strengthening the Roof &c. ..... 8 25 " "
Rebuilding the Verandah ..... 20 " 100 " "
Palmira Posts ..... 20 10 " "
White washing ..... 40 2 36 " 136 36.

4th 2d Captains Quarter

The same as the first. ..... 136 36 "

5th 1st Subalterns Quarter

Strengthening the Roof ..... 9 " 27 "
Rebuilding the Verandah 25½ 126 10 40
White washing ..... 55½ 3 40 40 157 9 "

6th 2d Subalterns Quarter

The same as the first. ..... 157 9 "

7th 3d Subalterns Quarter

The same as the first. ..... 157 9 "

8th 4th Subalterns Quarter

The same as the 1st ..... 157 9 "

9th 5th Subalterns Quarter

The same as the first. ..... 157 9 "

Carried over Pags 1611 11. 30

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Brought over Pag.s 16 11 41 30.

Officers Quarters on the left or Western side of the Cantonment.

10th 1st Captains Quarter.

The same as the 1st on the right. . . . . 121 22 "

11th 2d Captains Quarter

The same as the 1st. . . . . 121 22 "

12th 1st Subalterns Quarter

Verandah the same as the 1st on the right. . . . 126 10 40.

White washing. . . . . 3 40 40 130 9 "

13th 2d Subalterns Quarter

The same as the 1st. . . . . 130 9 "

14th 3d Subalterns Quarter

The same as the 1st. . . . . 130 9 "

15th 4th Subalterns Quarter

The same as the 1st. . . . . 130 9 "

Strengthening the Roof. . . . . 27 " " 157 9

16th 5th Subalterns Quarter

The same as the 1st. . . . . 130 9 "

Barracks 120 by 23.

*1st or Grenadiers Barracks

Rebuilding the Thatched Roof. . . . . 44 3/4 Sq.t 134 10 40

d.o Tiled Verandah. . . . . 38 3/4 193 31 40 320 " "

Palmira Post for the Verandah. . . . 36 . . . . 18 " " 346 " "

2d Barrack

Strengthening the Roof. . . . . 16 48 " "

Verandah as 1st. . . . . " 193 31 40 241 31 40

Palmira Posts. . . . . 18 " " 259 31 40

*3d Barrack

The same as the 1st. . . . . 346 " "

4th Barrack

The same as the 2d. 259 31 40

*5th Barrack

The same as the 1st. . . . . 346 " "

+6th Barrack

Strengthening the roof. . . . . Sq.t 18 54 " "

Verandah as in the first. 193 31 40 247 31 40

Palmira Posts. . . . . 18 " " 265 31 40

+7th Barrack

The same as the 6th. 265 31 40

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			Brought over Pags.	
+* 8 Barrack				
The same as the 1st			346 " "	
* 9 Barrack				
The same as the 1st			346 " "	
+ 10 Barrack				
Strengthening the Roof		10 30 " "		
Veranadah the same as the 1st		193 31 40	223 31 40	
Palmira Posts			18 " "	241 31 40
The Barracks now occupied by the Guard and Stores.				
The same as the 2d				259 31 40
The Hospital 130 by 23.—				
The Roof the same as the 6th Barrack		54 " "		
The Veranadah the same as the additional Hospital		225 " "	279 " "	
			5994:31:30.	
Allowing 1/5th to be deducted for old Materials			1198 3970	
Total Pagodas			4795 33 40	

Instead of Palmirah Posts Brick and Chunam Piers are substituted the difference for each building is as follows.—

4 Captains Quarters each 16 Piers 40 Cub. ft	640	34 12 "		
To be deducted for each Quarter 20 Palmira Posts		10 " "	24 12 "	97 6.
11 Subalterns Quarters ea 20 Piers 40 Cub ft	800	42 36 "		
To be deducted 26 Palmirah Posts		13 " "	29 36 "	328 18 "
The Commanding Officer Bed Rooms 36 Piers 40 Cub ft	1440		77 6 "	
To be deducted 46 Palmirah Posts		23 " "		54 6 "
11 Barracks ea 30 Piers 40 Cub ft	1200	64 12 "		
To be deducted 36 Palmirah Posts		18	46 12 "	509 6 "
The Hospital 32 Piers 40 Cub ft	1280	68 24 "		
To be deducted 40 Palmirahs Posts		20 " "	48 24 "	1037 18 "
			Total Pagodas	5833 9 40

Signed / Tho.s F. De Havilland Ensign
Asst. E. I. D.

N. B. The Barracks marked thus (*) their roofs have given way and must be rebuilt those marked thus (+) their Verandahs are fallen down.—

A true Copy.

Signed / J. Brodie Lieut. Mily Bd.

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Estimate for Completing the new Cantonment at Secundermallie.

A Captains Quarter 44 by 22.	Feet	Pags. T. C. P.	T. C. P.
Mud walls 13 high 3 Thick at 29 fan.s 70 feet	5538	38. 10 "	38 10 "
The Roof Thatched ..... at 3 Pags. P Square	16.56		49 28 45
Paving ..... at 3/4 Pag.s P Square	5 1/4 dg.s		18 28 70
White washing ..... at 3 Fan.s P Square	40 dg.s		2 36 "
3 Door Frames. 6.7 by 4.1. at 6.27 P foot	80.7 3/4	12 6 13	
5 Window D.o 4.7 by 3.7 at 5.53 P foot	82. 1/2	11 3 2	
3 Doors ..... 6.1 by 3.7 at 7.40 P foot	65. 5	11 28 30	
5 Window Shutters 4.1 by 3.1 at 5.40 P foot	63	8 10 20	
Lintels for the Doors and Windows		2 " "	
2 Iron Door Locks at 1 1/2 Pag.s each		3 " "	118.5.65.
A Tiled Verandah round the Quarter 8 feet wide with out flat Tiles or Chunam Borders at 5 Pags P Sq.e	20 dg.s	100 " "	
Palmirah posts for Ditto at 21 fan.s P.e post	20	10 " "	110 " "
Godown and Necessary Thatched 30 by 15.			
Mud walls 7 high 2 Thick	1456.	10 2 20	
Roof	9 dg.s	27 " "	
1 Door Frame 6.4 by 3.1	21. 1	3 7 10	
1 Door ..... 6. by 3	18	3 9 "	
Lintels		1 " "	
1 Padlock .... at 21 fan.s each		21 "	44 39 30
Tiled Cookroom 12 by 12.			
Mud Walls .. 7 by 2	616	4 10 40	
Roof	2. 75	13 31 40. 18	330 22 50
A Quarter for two Subalterns.	feet		
Mud Walls 13 by 3	7488		51 29 40
Roof thatched	25 1/2 dg.s		76 28 "
Paving	8 1/2 D.o		27 26 "
White Washing	55 1/2 "		3 40 40
4 Door Frames and Doors		31 32 6.	
6 Window D.o and Shutters		23 7 43	54 39 49
Lintels			3 " "
Verandah Tiles	25 1/2 dg.s	126. 10 40	
Palmirah Posts	26	13 " "	139 10 40
2 Iron Door Locks .... at 1 1/2 Pag.s each			3 " "
Godowns and Necessary 39 by 15.	Feet		
Mud walls 7 by 2	1890	13 2 10	
Roof Thatched	12 dg.s	36 " "	
Lintels		1 " "	
4 Door Frames & Doors		12 32 20	
Padlocks at 21 fan.s each		6 " "	63 34 30.
4 Tiled Rooms as above		18 " "	411 33 39.
Cookroom approximate the same as the above Quarter			411. 33. 39.
Adjutant and Quarter Master D.o			411 33 39.
Hospital D.o but without Out Houses			359 41. 9.
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6th A Guard Room for the Officers 26 by 22

Mud Walls 13 by 3	3354	23 "	68	
Roof thatched	114 sq.	33 " "		
Paving	3/4	10 23 5a		
White Washing	25	1 33 "		
2 Door Frames and Doors		15 37 3		
2 — Window Do Shutters		7 30 11		
Lintels		1 22 "	93 20 2	
Verandah Tiles all round the Quarter	15/24	77 21 "		
Palmirah posts	16	8 " "	85 21 "	
Cook room as above		18 " "	196 11	

7th A Guard Room for the Men 44 by 23

Mud walls 13 by 3	12838	88 27		
Roof thatched	384 sq.	115 " "		
White washing	65	4 27 "		
Lintels		3 " "	210 12	
A Tiled Verandah all round	33	165 " "		
Palmirah Posts	34	17 " "	182 " "	
A Tiled Cook room 40 by 16.				
Mud walls 7 by 2	1540	10 26 50		
Roof	11/24	57 21 "	68 5 50	
Necessaries for Officers & Men Watches 20 by 16.				
Mud walls 7 by 2	1022	7 2 30		
Roof	5/24	16 21 "	23 23 30	483.41
8 A Black Hole for Prisoners 40 by 20				
Mud Walls 13 by 3	4600	31 32 "		
Roof thatched	156 sq.	45 " "		
White washing	30	2 6 "		
1 Door Frame & Door	"	7 39 43		
3 Window Frames		6 26 24		
Iron Bars for Do at 11 66 pr. Pagoda	774	7 " "		
Lintels		1	101. 1977	
A Tiled Verandah all round	18½ sq.	91 10 40		
8 Palmirah Posts	18	9 " "	100 10 40	201. 30. 3
9th An Additional Hospital 130 by 22				
Mud walls 136 by 3	13260	91 23 32		
Roof Thatched	52	156 " "		
White washing	86	66 " "	253 29 32	
10 Door Frames 6 " 6 by 3. 6 & Doors		67 33 62		
8 Windows Do & Shutters as above		30 38 4		
Lintels		4 21 "	103. 8. 66	
A Tiled Verandah all round	416 sq.	205 " "		
Palmirah Posts	40	20 " "	225 " "	
Godowns the same as a Subalterns			62 34 3	
Cook Room the same as P the Main Guard Room			68 5	
Completing the Commanding Officers Quarters				
Wall and its Verandah.				
Basing the Verandah	10½ sq.	34 5 20		
Chunam Plaister 2 Coats at 3 Pc pr. sq.	50 3/4	152 10 40	186 15	

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Brought over Pagodas 186 15 60

Window Shutters for the bed Rooms			16 20 40	
Iron Door Locks and 2 Padlocks		4 " "	20 20 40	206 36 20
Stabling for three Horses & a Necessary				
Under the same Roof thatched 50 by 17			2492 17 8 52	
and walls 7 by 2			16 48 " "	
Roof			6 16 6	
Door Frame and Door		4	2 " " 73 24 62	
Palmirah Posts			18 " "	95 : 24 62
1 Cook Room Tiled				
1 Tiled Cook Room and Necessary 25 by 15 for the Mess Room			15 40 10 26 48	
Stone Walls		7 60	22 28 44	33 13 12
Roofs			1 " "	34. 13. 12
Padlocks for Godowns			107 : 7 : 20.	
Window Shutters for Officers Quarters			167 : 14 : 28	
3 Doors for Godowns			25 : 30 : "	
Do for Do			36 " "	
Iron Door Locks			3 : 21 : "	339. 30 48.
Padlocks				
Godowns & Necessaries for 3 Captains Quarters (ea)			44. 39. 30.	134. 34 30.
Do Do 7 Subalterns Quarter			63. 34. 30.	446. 30. 50.
Do Do 15 Officers Quarter (ea)			18. " "	270 " "
Cook Rooms for 15 Officers Quarter (ea)			68 " 5. 50.	310. 28 10.
1 Cook Rooms for the Barracks (ea)				5476. 5. 45.
To be Deducted for the Country Timbers on the spot as p Estimate				189. 24 40.
			Total Pagodas...	5286 23. 5.

Instead of Palmirah Posts Brick & Chunam
Pillars are substituted for the Verandahs the differ-
ence is as follows.

Each Captains Quarter 16 Piers each 40 Cubic f. 640			34. 12. "	
To be deducted 20 Palmirah Posts			10 " "	24. 12 "
4 Subaltern Quarter each 20 Piers		800	42. 36.	
To be deducted 26 Palmirah Posts			13 " "	29 36 " 119 18 "
The Officers Guard Room 10 Piers		400	21 18 "	
To be deducted 16 Palmirah Posts			8 " "	13 18 "
The Guard Room for the Men 24 Piers		960	51 18. "	
To be deducted 34 Palmirah Posts			17 " "	34. 18 "
The Black Hole 12 Piers		480	25. 30. "	
To be deducted 16 Palmirah Posts			8 " "	17 30 "
The additional Hospital 32 Piers		1280	68. 24 "	
To be deducted 40 Palmirah Posts			20 " "	48 24 " 257 : 36 "

Total Pagodas... 5544 : 17 : 5.

A true Copy
Signed J. Brodie
Secr. Mil. Bd.

Signed Thos. F. De Havilland
Asp. Engr.

Fortsinopoly
10th February 1795.

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your commands under date the 21st and 26th Ultimo, and have acquainted Lieutenant Colonel Gaitskell with your resolution respecting the reimbursement of his loss sustained in the purchase of Navy bills for a remittance to England on account of the Artillery Mate

The necessary directions are given to the Military Storekeeper to permit the Bengal Agent to purchase if he pleases the Muskets, musters of which, we had the honor to communicate to you had been offered to him for sale, and that he will also make a similar tender of those ordered to this Residency from the [illegible] at Madura and Palamcotah.

We have moreover acquainted the Officer Commanding at Vellore, of the form to be observed to entitle Officers unprovided with Quarters to the usual allowance of House Rent.

Agreeably to your Lordships Commands under date the 4th Ultimo; We have the honor to submit the expence that will attend the provision of materials for the construction of temporary Sheds for the accommodation of the Garrison on the Hill Fort of Dindigul, as per Lists No. 1 and 2 + and recommend that Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage should be authorized to lay them in.

The

From Military Board reporting the expence of materials for building Sheds on the Hill Fort of Dindigul — Contractor's Bills for Repairs, provisions of the Articles of the Contractor for Ordnance & Gun Carriages, for making up the Articles provided by the Military Storekeeper and Exhibited from their Contract. — —

+ Entered in W.B. No. for March 94

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The Contractors for Buildings and Repairs having laid before me fourteen bills for buildings and repairs made in the Military Department, and ten bills for buildings and repairs done in the Civil Department amounting together to Pagodas four thousand four hundred and fifty, thirty five & fanams, and seventy five cash (4450: 35: 75.) We have the honor to enclose the same, and as they appear to be properly certified by the Chief Engineer, We recommend that Your Lordship authorize the payment of them. —

In obedience to the commands of Government under date the 20th November last We made known your sentiments to the Contractors for Gun Carriages and at the same time transmitted to them the List marked R, and called upon them to offer proposals at what rate they would engage to make up the articles therein contained. —

We have now the honor to lay before Your Lordship a copy of their letter in reply, and the terms at which they propose to make up those Articles No. 3. We have also the honor to enclose a Paper containing a comparative Statement as far as it could be carried out, shewing the difference between the prices charged by the Military Storekeeper when he made up those Articles for the Company No. 4 by which Your Lordship

will

3-4-5
in the Office.

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will find that the Contractors propose a great en-
=crease of price, their reason for so doing is explained
in a letter addressed to us by Mr. Cecil Smith under
dat[illegible] 4th. Instant, a copy of which we have
honor to enclose under No. 5 [illegible] which [illegible]
that he candidly owns that they look for a pro-
of thirty per Cent - this is nearly one third of
whole, We shall not pretend to say that it
object to the Contractors to make up these a-
upon lower terms, - that they can afford to
but if they cannot We are of Opinion that it
will be more for the Company's interest that they
should continue to be made up by the Storekeeper

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

Fort St. George
30th. March 1795.

(Signed) John Brathwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Thomas Geils
" Jn°. Richardson
" B.y Close
" W. Gent
" Wm. Younge
" George Hall

Minutes thereon.

Resolved that the Cantonment at
Secundermalley be completed agreeably to the estimate
of the Engineer, and that Brick and Chunam
Pillars be substituted in the room of the present
Palmira

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Palmira Posts.—

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Kyp=
=page be authorized to provide materials for the
construction of Temporary Sheds for the accommo=
=dation of the Garrison on the Hill fort of Dindigul.—

Ordered that the Bills of the Contractors
for Buildings and Repairs be countersigned for pay=
=ment.—

The proposals of the Contractors for Gun
Carriages are wholly inadmissible— It was only from
a consideration that the articles in the list marked
R, could have been provided by them at as cheap
a rate to the Company, as they are furnished by the
Military Storekeeper, that the Board could have
been induced to leave the provision with them.—

Agreed, that a letter be written
to Mr. Grand Pre' acquainting him that a Passage
will be ordered for him at the Company's Expence,
on one of the Indiamen expected to sail from
hence for Europe the beginning of next Month—
and that the allowance of two hundred Rupees
P Month granted to him by the Court of Direc=
=tors will be paid to his order, whenever he may
think proper to call for it.— —

Letter to be written to Messrs. de Grand Pre' respecting his return to Europe.

Ordered that the Sum of Eight
thousand, Eight hundred and Ninety Pagodas
thirty two fanams, and sixty five Cash (8890:32-65)
be

Dividend ordered for Creditors who have not accepted the Court's Proposals—

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be issued from the Treasury on the 30th instant to Mr. Cockburn being the proportion of 30,000 Pagodas to the registered Europeans Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore, who have not yet accepted — the proposed arrangement.—

Hobart

" Com. Saunders

" C. Brooke

Examined

Edwd Robt. Hargrave —

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Diary

19th Received the undermentioned letters —

Entered in M B Nos 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126 127.

From Secretary at Bombay transmitting

From Mr Sec. Morris — sundry Intelligence from Europe, via Constantinople —

From Ditto at Bengal informing that

From Mr Lieut. Hay — that the Commanders of the Queen and Rockingham have not received any Orders relative to their voyage from Madras to England —

From Acting Commissary General of Grain

From Mr Skeaden — and Provisions with his several Estimates for April.

From the Military Paymaster General

From Paymr General — with Ditto for Ditto —

From Military Board of opinion that

From — Military Board — House Rent should be allowed to the Officers at Secunder — Malley, who are unprovided with Quarters. — —

From Ditto recommended that the —

From — Ditto — Pioneer Clothing for 1793 be provided by Lieutenant Dowse. and that the Contractors supply that for 1794. —

From Commandant at Trichinopoly —

From — Colonel Floyd — forwarding Captain Kennys application for an allowance for building

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19th building Barracks, Hospital &c for the 35th Battalion at that place.

From Mr Wynch

From Paymaster at Vellore with an Account Sale of Cast Horses

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 reinforcements sent to the Vizagapatam District on the Duffla

We are concerned to acquaint you that the measures hitherto adopted with a view to the re establishment of Good order and Government in the Vizianagrum Zemindary have not been attended with that success which we had hoped for Several of the Hill Polygars are still in Arms against the Companys Authority and as we have been disappointed in all our efforts to induce a Submission by lenient measures, we have come to the Resolution of augmenting the Troops in the District and of compelling obedience by Force of Arms— To this end, we have sent thither the flank Companies of the 2d Battalion of Europeans the 19th Battalion of Native Infantry and the flank Companies of the 18th, and with these Troops in addition to the Force already in the District, we trust that tranquility will be speedily restored

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plans
now
already
reinforced

Commodore

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19th

Commodore Rainier with that Zeal which upon all occasions has marked his public conduct on being — acquainted with our wish to send the flank Companies of the European Battalion to Vizagapatam on one of his Majesty's Ships readily offered to proceed himself with the Suffolk on this Service and he this day returned to the Roads —

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
17th March 1795.

Fs. Fs.

(Signed) Hobart

Fs. Council.

Dispatched the undermentioned letters —

Entered in M. B. Nos 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146.

To Commandant at Arnee — the Senior —

To Major Murray

Assistant Surgeon to draw the Allowances for Medical Expenditure

To Ditto at the Northern Division —

To Col Colonel Fraser

directing him to proceed to Masulipatam to make the necessary arrangements for Accommodating the European Battalion on its arrival there from Ellore — the most effectual support and assistance to be given to Mr Topping towards Completing the Works he is employed on — The Chief's House in the Fort allotted as his quarters 100 Pags pr Mensem allowed him as Table Money.

To Mr Phipps — permitting him to —

To Mr Phipps
Asst Assistant Surgeon

visit

19th visit the Presidency —

To Captain — Kirkpatrick & and Sir Charles Malet

To Resident at Hydrabad and Poonah with Mysore Intelligence —

To Reverend Mr Kerr

To Chaplain of the 4th European Battalion directing him to make Masulipatam his place of Residence —

To Mons.r Grand Pré

To Mons.r Grand Pré informing him — that a passage with Suitable Accommodations will be ordered for him on one of the Indiamen homeward bound — and that his allowances will be also paid to him on applying for them.

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General — directing to furnish a Statement shewing the actual Expense incurred for Repairs of Tents from the 6th April 1786 to the 6th of April 1789 and a Similar Account from the termination of the late War with Tippoo.

To Military Storekeeper

To Military Storekeeper — requiring a — Statement for the Actual Cost for the provision of Tents for the same periods. —

To Auditor General

To Military Auditor General desiring his Opinion upon the Claim preferred by Surgeons of Garrisons and Corps to an Allowance for Medical Servants.

To Ditto

To Ditto — informing him of the Pension granted to Emaum Saib and that the difference between that and his Subadars pension is to be allowed him from the period of his being placed on the Pension List. —

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To Ditto 19th — To Ditto — referring Mr. Skardon's — Estimates for April.

To Ditto — Ditto Mr. Roebucks for Ditto —

To Military Board — the Cantonment at Secunder Malley to be Completed and Materials for building — Temporary Sheds on the Hill Fort of Dindigul — the Bills for Repairs passed the proposals of the Contractors for Gun Carriages wholly inadmissible. —

To Ditto — with Instructions for landing the Gun powder on board the Orphans

To Ditto — directing that the Military Stores on board the Favorite be immediately landed.

To Ditto

To Military Board

To Commander of the Army — inform him — that the appointment of Deputy Commissary General of Stores has been Annulled and that the Refund demanded from him has been dispensed with

To Colonel Brathwaite

To Paymaster of Pondicherry — with — directions to discharge the Arrears that may appear to be due to Jean La Batte. —

To Mr Skardon

To Commandant at Ramnad directing him to use his endeavors to prevail on the Troops of the deposed polygar fit for effected duty to enlist in the Companys Service Instructions on the Subject.

To Colonel Martin

To Board of Revenue — informing them that

To Board of Revenue

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19th That orders have been given for seizing the person of Lucken — Raig — Copy of the proclamation published throughout the — Rannad Country transmitted to them.

20th Sent the following Letter

To the Honorable J G Van Angelbeck Esqrs

Governor &c. Council

at Columbo

Honorable Sir & Sirs

To Columbo forwarding Copies of the letters from Cochin Government and from Lieutenant Montgomery relative to the differences — between them & Ourselves on the Subject

We have the honor of transmitting to you Copies of letters addressed to us by the Gentlemen of the — Council at Cochin and by Lieutenant Montgomery the — Company's Agent for the purchase of Horses on the Malabar Coast.

We are very much concerned that any — differences should have arisen on a question that it would seem was in itself so clear as to preclude the necessity even of discussion for there can be little doubt We suppose of the import duties at Cochin being under a fixed regulation as at all other places; and on this account therefore we presume that Mr Van Angelbeck could not have been justified by any authority from your Government in seeking to exact heavier duties from our Agent, that he would have required from the Agent of any

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20th any other Nation — It appears to us indeed that; if an exemption were at all admissible Great Britain as the ancient and firm Ally of the States General had some kind of Right to expect it But this is not a point for which we have any desire to contend Since we are willing to conform to the usage of the place in regard to the payment of duties upon horses purchased within the Limits of your Jurisdiction at Cochin It is only in the consideration of being excluded from the privileges enjoined by others that we find cause to complain — We are assured however that this partiality is unknown to you and that it requires only to be represented, to be immediately redressed ;— and under this persuasion We take the liberty of submitting the Subject to your candid decision

We have the honor to be

Fs Fs

Fort St George
18th March 1795

(Signed) Hobart
Fs Council

Sent letter to the Nabob Entered in CC

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Substance of a letter to the Nabob.

No. 26 Advising of Captain Macleans Return to Ramapatam the plunderers who had infested the Neighbourhood of Ongole having been dispersed.

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20th Dispatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in M.B. Nos 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154
155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160.

To Lieutenant — Macaulay. To Barrack Master in the Southern Division — transmitting Copy of a Petition from the Artificers — employed by Lieutenant Dyce and of other letters to and from him — and directing him to ascertain whether the Balance stated to be due to them, has been actually discharged.

To Mr Theodore Corbett To Civil Paymaster — directing Mons.r — Sonnerats Arrears of Allowance may be discharged.

To Mr Skardon To Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — transmitting Copies of the Auditor Generals reports upon his April Estimates.

To Ditto To Ditto — the Granary at Chungleput to be repaired — Orders given for inspecting the Rice &c.a delivered over at Vizagapatam

To Mons.r Sonnerat To Mons.r Sonnerat — notifying the orders given to the Civil Paymaster.

To Lieutenant Colonel Wynch. To Commandant in the Guntoor Circar — forwarding three more Orders from the Nizams to his Agents in the Districts Adjacent to Ongole.

To Auditor General To Military Auditor General the — refund demanded from the Deputy Commissary General of Stores

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20th Stores dispensed with — and directing him to regulate —
Lieutenant Scotts Allowance for February, by the Orders sent
to his Office in September last.

To Military Board — referring for their

To Military Board

opinion an application from Ensign Simpson of the 73 —
regiment.

To Commandants of the 1st and 4th Regiment

To Majors Murray and Dallas.

of Cavalry — directing them to make over to Mr Paymaster —
Wynch, the Horses lately Cast from their Corps respectively

To Paymaster at Vellore — with directions

To Mr J Wynch

to dispose of them by Public Sale.

To Resident at Nagore — enclosing a Letter

To Mr Torriano

from the Government at Columbo —

To Commandant of the 19th Regiment of

To Colonel Floyd

Dragoons — directing him to deliver over to Mr Paymaster —
Hawkins the Horses lately Cast from that Regiment. —

To Paymaster at Trichinopoly — directing

To Mr Hawkins

him to dispose of them by Public Sale

To Commandant at Vizagapatam —

To Major Langley

directing him to order an Inspection of the Rice &c. delivered
over to Mr Wilson by the late Storekeeper

Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters Entered

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in Mr B Nos 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. —

From

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From Mr Skardon 23

From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions recommending that Sixty Garce of Paddy be laid up at Madura —

From Commandant at Pondicherry Mons.r

From Lieutenant Colonel Sterling.

Mimorise requests a Subsistence.

To Messrs Sulivan and Addersley —

To Messrs Sulivan and Addersley

transmitting a Bond to be executed by them as Security for Major Beresford —

To Major Beresford.

To Paymaster to the Kings Troops with a Bond to be executed by him

To Messrs Coll Baker & Co authorizing them to deliver over to Lieutenant Grant and Mr Borough, the Trustees to the Concerns of Mr George Hart all the property in their hands belonging to that Office —

To Messrs Coll Baker & Co

To Military Board —

To Military Board informing them that the Regulations for their Board with be withheld from publication, until those for the Ordnance and Store Department are prepared.

To Mr Conolly

Sent letter to Mr Valentine Conolly Entered in M. B. Nos 166 and 167 directing him to receive into the Lunatic Hospital — Lieutenant Davis and Mr Cashard.

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President — Governor

Edward Saunders Esqr.

and

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read and —

Tuesday 24th March 1795.

Approved.

Read the following letter from Mr Grand —

Pre.—

Mr Jackson

I have this day Sir received yours of the —

From Mr Grand Pre' Complains of the Treatment he has received from — Government and this Secretary — requests his Passage to — England may be paid for there - and a Copy of the Courts — Orders respecting his Allowances.

17th — I shall avoid making any reflections on the Strange — treatment I have received from Government - treatment that I had but little reason to look for — Neither shall I make any on the — uncivil not to say brutal manner in which you used me the only — time I waited on you on business — I shall simply beg leave to mention that tho' my engagements with the Board of Control do not any how tie me down as to the time of my leaving this —

Country

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country being free to remain as long as agreeable to myself, I have however determined to quit it by the last ships of the season — I feel anxious to leave a country which I came to serve — but where I have been so ill used — As it is very probable that in consequence of my bad health I may be forced to remain at St. Helena — you will have the goodness to refer the Captain of the Ship on which I may take my passage over to the Court of Directors for the payment of the passage-money — It will be sufficient to let him know that the Secret Committee paid Captain Maning for me the same as for a Field Officer — you will have the goodness also to give me an official extract of the orders of the Court of Directors — whereby I am entitled to receive 200 Rupees p.r Month, that I may be enabled to deposite it with the Council of St. Helena, in the event of my being forced to remain there — In regard to the — sum already due to me; you will please send the form of the — receipt which I must sign — in order that I may receive the amount when wanted. —

I am

Sir

Your

(Signed) The Baron de la Fortas, Count de Grand Pré

Madras
21st March 1795

Explanation of the Secretary and — Remarks of the — Board on the — foregoing letter.

The Secretary, in explanation of that part of M.r Grand Pré's letter which intimates a treatment uncivil and brutal

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brutal" declares upon his honor that nothing passed on his part in the conversation, further than a simple communication of the Boards intentions with regard to Mr Grand Pré - Viz.t - that "in consequence of instructions received by Government a letter would "be written to him advising that a passage would be taken for "him in one of the Company's Ships expected to sail from "hence in the Month of April - that he would be provided with "Suitable accommodations at the Company's expence and that the "allowance of two hundred Rupees pr Mensem granted to him by "the Court of Directors would be paid to him, whenever he should "call for it" - The Secretary adds that he is not conscious of having treated Mr Grand Pré with the smallest incivility and that he is entirely ignorant of the motives that could have prompted him to an accusation which is absolutely untrue in all respects. -

The Board are entirely satisfied with the explanation given by the Secretary -

Of the strange treatment which Mr - Grand Pré asserts to have received from Government and of His anxiety to leave a Country which he came to serve, and where "he has been so ill used" - the Board have only to observe that if the recommendation of the Supreme Government had been followed up, he would have embarked for England on one of the Ships that lately sailed from hence; and that it was merely

with

with a view to his convenience, that he was permitted to continue at Madras, and to draw his allowances until another opportunity offered for his Return to Europe.

Ordered that an official extract of the Company's orders respecting Mr Grand Pré be sent to him; and that the original letter from him to the Secretary be transmitted a Number in the next packet to the Secret Committee, that they may see and judge of the very extraordinary language used by him.

Read the following letter from the Secretary at Fort William

To W. Jackson Esq.

Secretary

at

Fort St. George

Sir

From Mr Secy Henry reasons assigned for suspending the required supply of Salt Petre - the uses for which it is wanted to be specifically stated - the Consignments of Military Stores for Madras and received there will be sent on the Hannah and Mary - as well as a supply of Gunpowder &c.

The Governor General in Council having reconsidered the Application which was made by the Government of Fort St. George, for a considerable supply of Salt Petre required for Military Purposes and the Orders consequently given to the Board of Trade to provide the quantity by Purchase I am directed to acquaint you for the Information of the Governor in Council that dispatches recently received from Europe, mentioning the loss sustained by the Company from a Fire

which

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which happened in that Part of London where their Salt Petre Warehouses were situated the scarcity of that Article in the Calcutta Market — and the high Price which it now bears have induced him to determine upon suspending for the present the proposed supply for your Presidency.

I have also Orders to inform you that as the Quantity wanted at Madras in large the Governor General in Council wishes to be advised more specifically than he is of the uses to which it is meant to be applied — and that the Demand may be narrowed as much as circumstances will properly admit in order that means may be taken in the Month of August next, to furnish your Presidency with such a supply as may be indispensibly requisite for the Service of the Military Department

You are requested to acquaint the Governor in Council that the Military Stores imported here from Europe under Consignment to Fort St. George by the Ships and according to the Quantities and Descriptions mentioned in the annexed List

	Tons	Cwt	Qrs	lb
Brought on the Thetis				
32 Iron Guns weighing	60	18	1	6
Shot and Shells	145	16	3	2
Imported by Comet				
Shot and Shells	88	4	2	10
Imported on the Echo				
Shot and Shells	76	5	1	8
Imported on the Lady Shore				
Shot and Shells	59	16	0	3
Imported on the Mercury				
Shot and Shells	85	18	0	6
Imported on the Indiaman Fame				
Shot and Shells	60	14	3	10
Imported on the Royal Admiral				
Iron Guns Brass Mortars				
Howitzer Shot and Shells	121	10	3	7
Imported on the Lascelles				
Howitzers Mortars Shot and Shells	102	10	2	26
Tons	801	15	1	22

will be sent as soon as possible in two Vessels the Harriet and Mary that have been freighted for their conveyance one of these Ships will also take the Epreuvette which his Lordship required from hence and two Brass Balls cast in this Country likewise

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likewise 2 Cases of Mathematical Instruments brought on the Thetis to be delivered at Madras.

I am further instructed to request that you will inform his Lordship that the Mary will take to Fort St. George a large Quantity of Gunpowder (1400) Barrels in readiness to be sent to the Coast in Consequence of the Indents from your Presidency; and that it is hoped that so considerable a Consignment of Gunpowder will obviate any immediate Inconvenience that might otherwise be sustained from his Lordships not receiving, as soon as was intended the Supply of Salt Petre which he desired.

I have the honr to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) E Hay
Sec. to the Govt

Fort William
2d of March 1795

Minutes thereon

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter be sent to the Military Board and that they be instructed to report whether a less quantity of Salt Petre than 900 Candies as stated in their letter of the 9th of October last might not be sufficient for the Service of the Coast for the present year, in consequence of the large Supply of Gunpowder expected by the Mary.

Agreed also that they be directed to state specifically the uses to which the Salt Petre is meant to be applied.

Read the following letter from Mr Porcher.

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Messrs Porcher & Reshead &c submit to the optional Clause in the Court's Offer respecting the Tanjore Debt

I have been favored with your Lordships Answer to my Letter of the 9th instant on the subject of Mr John Balfour's Claim on the Rajah of Tanjore —

As it is not in your Lordships Power to dispense with the optional Clause stipulated for by the Honorable Court of Directors I am instructed to submit to it but beg leave at the same time to express an hope that as a great Sacrifice of Interest is made by such submission solely with the View of payment in England that your Lordship will be pleased to make such a favorable Representation of the subject to the Honorable Court of Directors as may induce them to grant the Indulgence I have solicited —

I shall with your Lordships Permission deliver in Mr Balfours Tanjore Bonds to the Accountant General to be discharged by Bonds of Government on the Terms prescribed

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Jos du Pre' Porcher

Actg Attr to J Balfour

Fort St. George
13th March 1795

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Messrs Porcher & Redhead Vfe. stating to whom the Company's Bonds are to be made payable -

Should you have been pleased to permit the transfer of W. I. Balfour's Tanjore Bond I request those of the Honorable Company may be made payable to "John Balfour Esqr for account of the Executrix to the Estate of Lieutenant Colonel Macbellum -

I have the honor to be

Gr. &c.

(Signed) Jos du Pre Porcher

Actg Attyt to I. Balfour Esqr

Fort St. George

24th March 1795

Order thereon

Ordered that the Accountant General be directed to make out the Bonds in the way stated by Mr. Porcher.

Read the following letter from Captain Mears Commanding the freighted Ship Favorite

W.C Jackson Esqr.

Secretary

Sir

From Captain Mears does not intend to confider the Favorite in Governments Service after the 26th Instant

I have had the honor of yours of the 24th Acquainting me that Government will not want my Ship after

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after the 26th and that Orders has been given to land the Stores before that time—

I am certain it will not be in the power of of any Number of Men to take on Board a Sufficient quantity of Ballast for the Safety of the Ship and deliver the remaining Stores, by tomorrow Night—, every thing that can be done, shall but to prevent any further trouble, I shall look on the Ship as out of Gavernments Service after tomorrow and make no claim for the day or two longer it may take to clear the Stores

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm Mears

Madras
the 25th March 1795

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships letter of the 11th Instant and beg leave to express our Satisfaction that the Regulations we had the honor to prepare under the orders of Government for constituting the Military Board and offer to its consideration, have been approved with so slight an alteration.

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When We had the honor to Submit these Regulations to your Lordship, We did it with a hope that if approved they would be published as the Resolutions of — Government and We now take the liberty of returning them with a request that they may be so published to the intent that all parties concerned may be apprized of the duties expected from, and the authorities vested in the Military Board and conform themselves thereto.

We have the honor likewise to inform Your Lordship that we shall prepare with all possible — expedition, a Set of Regulations for the Ordnance and Store Departments and Submit the same to your Lordships — consideration —

We have the honor to be

Fe.s Fe.s

(Signed) John Brathwaite.
" Henry. Malcolm.
" Thomas Geils.
" Jn.o Richardson.
" By Close.
" W Gent.
" Wm Younge.
" George Hall.

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Draught

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Draught of Regulations for constituting the Duties and Powers of the Military Board Extracted from their Proceedings, for the approval of Government

Military Board

1st This Board as directed by the order of the Honorable Company under date 21st September 1785, is to be considered as a Board of reference and Report and of check and Controul on the Military Expenditures in so far as they are not under the separate revision and controul of the Military Auditor General, and is to have a Secretary and deputy Secretary who are to receive Salaries besides such other Assistants as may be required for transacting the business.

2nd It is to be composed of the following Offices Viz.t The Commander in Chief President, the Senior Officer at the Presidency, the Senior Officer of the Artillery, the Chief Engineer, the Adjutant General, the Quarter Master General and the Military Auditor General and an Officer from the Corps of Cavalry when specially appointed by Government in all a President, and Seven Members only that when there shall not be any Officer specially appointed Commander in Chief the Board will then consist of the Officer at the Head of the Army as President, and the other Members with the exception of the Senior officer at the Presidency.—

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3rd The Members are to take Rank according to their Seniority at the Board, without regard to their Rank in any other respect; observing always that the Presidents seat is to be filled by the Commander in Chief or by the Officer at the head of the Army although not specially appointed Commander in Chief

4th Whenever the Commander in Chief, specially so appointed or the Officer at the Head of the Army shall not be present, the next Senior Member in the Rotation prescribed shall be considered as the acting President, but a Meeting of the Military Board shall not proceed to, or continue in the dispatch of business unless it consists of three at least

5th Notwithstanding the Military Board is established as above, it is to be understood that if the Governor shall see cause to give his personal attendance he shall upon all such occasions preside at the Board

6th Whenever any matter shall be brought before the Military Board relative to Estimates, Bills or other matters of Account in which any Member thereof is concerned, such Member is precluded from voting in it.

7th Whenever References are made to the Military Board by Government for their Report on Claims preferred by individuals, or Officers respectively, the vouchers to

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to which they refer and authorities necessary for the support of, or elucidation of such claims and the report of their proceedings to the Governor in Council, shall be accompanied with all such vouchers so as to enable Government to determine finally upon them without any further reference.

8th All Regulations of the Military Board whereby any Expence is to be incurred shall be regularly sent to the Governor in Council and receive his confirmation before they are finally passed.

9th The Military Board shall from time to time send into Government for its information, Copies of its proceedings, so as to bring the whole before Government; and shall annually send into Government in the month of September, a Copy of a complete set in order that it may be transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

10th It shall be the duty of the Military Board to attend to the punctual performance of such Military Contracts or agreements, as may be communicated to them by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and to report any failure The Military Board from time to time shall report the progress made in all works and public Buildings carrying on.

11th A Return of the Arms in Store in the

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the Arsenal, and expence Magazine at the Presidency and at all subordinate Stations, together with the number in charge of the different Corps under the Heads, serviceable, and repairable is to be sent to the Honorable the Court of Directors Yearly, in duplicate in the Month of September, by the two first Ships.

12th The Accountant General is to be furnished Annually after the Close of each years Books, by the Secretary to the Military Board, with an Account of the value of all Military Stores, and Provisions supplied for the Military Establishment in the course of the year, distinguishing as nearly as may be practicable, the value of the issues, and expenditures to and for the Military Branch of the Establishment.

13th The Seal of this Board is to be affixed to all Articles of Stores deposited in the Arsenal as approved Musters by which Stores supplied for the public service are to be arranged.

14th A Book of Rates is to be formed by the Military Board, and submitted to the consideration of the Governor in Council in order to Regulate the charges for inconsiderable Articles of Military Store which may fall to be made up at fixed rates by Commissaries of supply at Out Stations, and the Book of Rates so formed

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is to be revised once in two years by a Committee composed of two Members of the Military Board, assisted by the Commissary General of Stores at the Presidency.—

15th A Book of rates shall also be formed by the Military Board for the supply of Military Stores at the Presidency, in order that the charge for Military Stores in general so supplied may be Regulated on the same principle as is directed for the out Stations, whenever the Agents shall be ordered to perform the duty at fixed rates.—

16th It appearing from the Bengal Regulations that the Secretaries of the Military Boards at each Presidency are reciprocally to communicate what it may be necessary that each of the Military Boards should know after the arrival of the last Ship of the Season at this Presidency — The Secretary of the Military Board shall communicate to the Secretaries of the Military Boards at Bengal and Bombay a List of the Supplies of Military Stores received from Europe during the Season for the information of their respective Boards

17th Similar communications are to be made quarterly by the Secretary, of the Balances remaining in the Arsenal and principal Magazines under the Head, &c of serviceable, of the following Articles Viz.t Arms Accoutrements Flints, Ordnance, Carriages, Powder, Shot, and Ammunition

of

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of every Denomination in Alphabetical Order —

18th Whatever communications or correspondence may be necessary to be carried on between this Board, and the Military Boards at the other Presidencies or by their Secretary, shall be on the subject of the duties assigned to this Board, and transmitted with the approbation of and through Government and not otherwise

19th The Military Board shall meet once in every Week or often if necessary at such place as shall be allotted for it by Government — And as soon as possible after every meeting of the Board — The Secretary shall send in circulation a fair Copy of the Proceedings for the inspection of the President and Members who are to affix the initials of their respective names, as a proof of their being Correct —

20th In order that every article of Military expenditure may come under the revision and controul of the Military Board, in so far as they are not under the separate revision and controul of the Military Auditor General, and in order to facilitate the dispatch of the important duties of the Board, and that the necessary records may be kept the following rules are to be observed.

21st Quarterly Returns of all Ordnance Military Stores Arms Accoutrements and Camp Equipage

Monthly

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Monthly Returns of Receipts, Issues and remains, in — Magazines, and with Corps, and annual Returns, — including the Receipts and issues, of the whole Year, and — Balance remaining shall be made to the Military Board.

22nd. That the Secretary of the Military Board shall be considered their Accountant, and the proper Officer — to keep and check the Accounts of the Ordnance and — Military Stores and of the Provisions from the Returns and — accounts of the Receipts issues and Remains of the several — Officers of custody in those Departments and that the Account of Quantities shall accordingly be checked Monthly, in the Office of the Military Board and a Return of Receipts, Issues, and Remains be made out in the same Office — quarterly; that is to say, as they stood on the last days of January April, July and October in each Year, and the prices are to be affixed to the Remains of each Article on those days respectively.

23rd. That when advances of Cash are to be — made to the Agent for supplying Military Stores, or any — other Agent, or Contractor, whose Accounts come under the — revision of the Military Board, They shall be paid through — the Military Paymaster General, but not before they are — recommended by the Military Board to Government: and on such occasions, Government will give the necessary notice to the Military Paymaster General, that he may estimate to the

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the extent that has been approved of by Government

24th. All Orders issued through the Secretary are to be obeyed and all applications to the Board to be addressed to him

25th. Every resolutions of this Board whether published in General Orders, or circulated by the Secretary is to be entered in a Book to be kept by the Commanding Officers of each Brigade, Garrisons, Detachment or separate Corps, and by the Offices of Ordnance, and others, whom they may immediately concern, which Books every such Offices shall, when relieved deliver over to his Successor in Command or Office.

26th. All Plans for new constructions and Improvements, in the Ordnance branch or for the Superintendance of the Powder Works, Laboratory, and Arsenal shall be submitted to this Board, as also all Reports of proofs of Ordnance and Powder.

27th. A Committee of the Military Board is to be appointed Quarterly to inspect the state of the Arsenal at the Presidency and the Members of the Military Board are to act alternately as Monthly visiting Members thereof, the Secretary is to give notice at the end of every Month, to the Member whose tour it may be to visit the Arsenal the ensuing Month, and at the last meeting preceding the expiration of the quarter, he shall notify the same to the

Board

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Board in order that they may be appoint a new Committee for the ensuing Quarter — The Quarterly visiting Committees, and visiting Members of the Arsenal are to make written Reports to the Board whatever they may deem worthy of remark —

28th Upon the same principle that the — Members of the Military Board visit the Arsenal The — Commanding Officers of subordinate stations shall inspect all Military buildings and visit the Magazines of — Military Stores and Provisions Monthly at their respective Stations, and examine whether the quantity and quality specified in the returns are actually in the Magazines, or Store houses and report faithfully to the Military Board the state of the Buildings and whether due attention appears to be paid to the preservation, and arrangement, of the several Articles and to suggest such remarks as occur to them for the better management of the Department, but that there shall not be any fixed Committees of Works, and Stores, at the out Stations, as at present, although such — Committees may be formed by order of the Military Board, as occasion shall require —

29th To enable the Military Board to — give their attention to the state of the Company's Forts and all public Military Buildings, and to report to the — Governor in Council, whatever they may from time to time think

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think proper to be done respecting them the Chief Engineer, or rather proper Officers, shall lay before them Plans of the different Fortifications, and other Military Buildings; with accounts of their present state, and survey reports shall be regularly sent to them in future, at such stated period as may hereafter be determined on.

30th. All Persons transmitting to the Military Board, Bills for money expended on public buildings or Indents for Materials wanted for the execution of any public Works, shall express on the face of such Indents or Bill the authority and date of the order or Orders by which they became authorized to make the Charge or to Indent for the Materials and all Bills or Indents not drawn out agreeable to this rule shall be returned by the Secretary to the person from whom they shall have been received.

35th That Commissaries, Storekeepers or others in charge of Provisions including the Spirituous Liquors, provided for the use of the Troops, shall be in all respects accountable to the Military Board for their Receipts issues and Remains of Provisions in the same manner as the Commissaries or others in charge of Ordnance and Military Stores, and shall attend to the same forms in regard to Returns, and keeping the Accounts

Subject

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subject to such variation in the forms as the Military Board shall see necessary to direct.

32d The following is the arrangement of the —
Books for the Office of the Secretary of the Military Board

No 1 Book of Letters dispatched with Index
2 Minute Book —
3 Fair proceedings and Duplicate for Europe
4 Book of Regulations of the Board.
5 Book of General Orders
6 Book of Military Establishment
7 Europe Letter Book
8 Bill Book —

Department of Accounts

No 1 Indent Book with Index
2 Returns of Magazines
3 Monthly Returns of Receipts and Issues of all Magazines, Corps and Detachments of the Army . . . .
4 Invoice Book and Index . . . . To consist also of the Originals bound up.
5 Monthly Receipts and Issues of quantities
6 Annual Account of Receipts and Issues with their quantities —
7 General Annual Return of all the Ordnance and Military Stores remaining at the end of each year.
8 List of repairable Stores the principal Articles — remaining at the end of each year to be valued as

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as can be estimated and the amount entered in the General Abstract

9 General Abstract

33d A Statement of Accoutrements passed upon Indents, that have not been complied with, accompanied by a Statement of the Quantities of the same Articles remaining in the different Magazines exhibiting the Surplus or deficiencies of the Several Articles in each Magazine is to be laid before the Military Board, by the Secretary as soon as possible after the Receipt in Office of the Quarterly Returns of the different Magazines it is also to be considered his special duty to report to the Military Board whenever Stores beyond the established proportions are drawn for and to return all Indents to the Offices respectively who sent them that are not drawn out agreeably to the prescribed Form

34th It is to be a Standing Regulation that no Member of the Military Board, shall in future have any thing to do with the execution of public Works, or the disbursements of public Money, except as an Officer of Checks and Controul; nor shall he have any concern with the entertaining the hire and disbursements of the pay of any description of the public Servants, nor with the provision or custody of any of the materials requisite in the construction of public Works

35th The Military Board shall form for the

approbation

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approbation of the Governor in Council such further Regulations as may appear requisite for the more expeditious dispatch of their Business—

True Extract

(Signed) J Brodie

Secy to Bd of Board—

The Board approve the Regulations submitted by the Military Board—Resolved however that they be not published until the Regulations for the Ordnance and Store Departments are received—

Read the following Report of the Hospital Board—

Hospital Board

23. March 1795

We are sorry to acquaint Government that Mr Edward Stuart Surgeon, died at Trichinopoly on the 15th Instant

Mr Duncan Surgeon to His Majestys 36th Regiment has taken charge of the Medical Stores untill the arrival of Mr Richardson the Head Surgeon who will

Approved

...minute thereon

...m Hospital Board ...th of Mr E. Stuart. ...posed arrangement ...promotion in ... ...sequence recommend ...t Mr Jahagan be ...ered to return to ... ...llore. Claim of the ...ead Surgeon at Tri... ...inopoly to his ... ...llowances from the ...te of his appointment ...ills for Medicines ... ...pplied the Bombay ...gate, enclosed.

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will join his Station in the cour
of a few days.

We recommend that
Mr Alexander Kennedy the Ass
Assistant Surgeon be promoted
the Rank of Surgeon and appoi
to do duty at the Garrison of Tan
(vice Stuart deceased) and th
Mr William Martin Assista
be appointed to do duty with
28th Battalion of Native Infan
and the Detachment of Artille
serving with his Highness the
Nizam

Appointed

As we understand th
Mr McMahon, Surgeon to th
1st Battalion of European Infan
is in a very infirm State of health
and that the whole duty of the
Regiment as well as the Garriso
of Vellore falls in consequence upo
a young Assistant Surgeon we
recommend that Mr Terence
Gahagan

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Approved

Gahagan Head Surgeon be directed to ~~Return~~ to his Station as soon as possible

We recommend that Mr. William Pritchard, Assistant Surgeon be removed from the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry; and appointed to the

Appointed

11th Battalion of Native Infantry at Tiagar /vice Deeks/

We have the honor to forward to Government Copy of a letter from Mr Richardson Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly by which it appears his allowances have been drawn by Mr Stuart who was directed to take charge of the Medical Stores and transmit the Monthly Returns during the absence of the Head Surgeon.

As Mr Richardson had the permission of Government to be absent for the purpose of arranging his private affairs, we are of opinion that he is entitled to all the allowances annexed to his Station from the date of his appointment and that no extra

expence

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The President in Council is of opinion that no extra expence whatever should be incurred by the Company on account of the indulgence shewn to Mr Richardson by Mr Stuarts temporary appointment.

expence whatever should be incu
by the Company on Account of
Mr Stuarts temporary appointm

In consequence of Mr
Secretary Webbs Letter of the 12th
Instant we have given direction
to the Medical Storekeeper to
furnish us with a Return of the
Medicines and Instruments
intended for an Expedition agai
the French Islands and to depo
them in the Medical Stores tha
they may be distributed along
with the other supplies as occasion
may require —

We have the honor to
enclose Bills in duplicate for
Medicines supplied for the use
of the Bombay Frigate. —

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician general
" Colley L Lucas
Chief Surgeon
" W Raine
Head Surgeon.

To

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To James Anderson Esqr

Physician General &c Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen

Upon being promoted to the Rank of Head Surgeon and appointed to the Charge of the General Hospital at Trichinopoly I applied for three Months leave of absence which Government were pleased to grant me Being unable in consequence of my removal to draw any further allowances at Ganjam and it becoming necessary agreeable to General Orders that my Salary should be drawn before the expiration of three Months to prevent forfeiture, I empowered Lieutenant Maitland to receive it at Trichinopoly; but on applying to the Paymaster he was informed that Mr Stuart had drawn every allowance as acting Head Surgeon and that consequently nothing could be paid to one.

I must therefore request that you will represent to Government that having nothing but my Salary or Pay, if it can be drawn by the person acting without specific authority I shall be deprived of every allowance from the time of my promotion, a circumstance peculiar and unprecedented, for no Officer loses his pay however the allowances

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of his station may be affected.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) James Richardson

Head Surgeon

Madras
23d March 1795

A true Copy

(Signed) Monolly

Sect. to B.

Read the following letter from Captain Read

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c.a &c.a &c.a

From Captain Read on the Subject of storing Grain for the different Garrisons in the Barramhaul suggestions — two Statements Enclosed

My Lord

Though I did myself the honor of state
fully to your Lordship in January my sentiments, on the busin
of the grain department; my solicitude on account of the
deficiency of Store grain in the places under my command
and the measures I had taken as eventually conducive t
the Commissarys speedily completing the Stock required a
each I humbly request again for a moment yours Lordships
attention to that subject as one which particularly affects m
situation —

The inclosure N.1 is a memorandum
I have received from the Commissary of the deficiency and
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Stock of grain on hand the 1st instant by which it appears that they are nearly equal; and being advised that the stocks is to be augmented to a twelve months provision for each garrison I conclude that what is on hand will prove to be less than a quarter of the quantity intended; while it is decreasing every day, by issues to the troops on account of the present scarcity and the advancement of the season renders it more and more difficult to complete it.

N°2 is a Statement of the Offers that have been made for supplying the deficiency in consequence of my advertisements in January. They are neither so many or considerable as I expected, but as stated in the abstract, those of paddy would have exceeded the demand, had they been accepted in due time, and the accepting them would have brought forward more competitors from which I imagine that double the quantity of paddy or raggy agreed for, might have been bought up by this time.

As your Lordship may please to observe most of the stipulated periods of delivery are now elapsed, and as the Offers of the merchants were not accepted at the time I apprehend that none of them would now consider themselves bound by their engagements; consequently that what has been done availing little or nothing it is very doubtful that the

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the Stores can be completed this season without assistan
from the Carnatic — There is however 200 Garce the produce of
amaumy tanks in the Southern districts which have been rec
for the Stores being therefore kept upon the ground, it is liabl
damage on which account and my having acted in th
without orders, I am wishful of receiving instructions to d
it over to the grain keeper or to sell it off for the advantage
revenue —

The Reyots in the northern districts have
suffered greatly towards the close of the dry season last y
from the want of grain and the scarcity this year being
greatly more than last[t], I am apprehensive it will be s
felt by the poorer clafs of them I mention this again i
allusion to your Lordships idea of laying up raggy as
provision for them as well as for the troops, confidently hop
it will meet with your Lordships consideration

I am

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Alex Read

Superintendant

Baramahl and

Salem —

Kistnagerry
21st March 1795

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Deficiency in the Estimated Stocks of Paddy for the Garrison in the Baramahal &c. on the 1 March 1795

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	G	M	S
Kistnaghurry	90.	47.	9
Ryacotah	79.	32.	1
Sunkery droog	87.	211.	6
Chinneray droog	1.	14.	3
Kungoondy	"	148.	4
Veerabuddradroog	6.	54.	9
Salem	16.	146.	11
Ahtoor	26.	290.	9
Total deficiency	307.	146.	4.

Stock on hand to the 28th February 1795

	Paddy G.	M	S
Kistnaghurry	97.	352.	3
Ryacotah	10.	367.	11
Chinneroy droog	7.	385.	9
Kungoondy	7.	51.	8

Penagra

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Penagra	34.	112.	11
Veerabuddradroog	2.	345.	3
Sunkery droog	82.	188.	6
Salem	21.	53.	1
Athoor	38.	109.	3
Namcul	27.	60	—
Total	330.	26.	7

Copy of a Memorandum sent me by Mr Hughes Commissary of Grain in the Baramahal

(Signed) Alex. Read
Superintendant

Minutes thereon.

Resolved that the deficiency in the Store of Paddy at Riacottah and Sunkery droog be supplied from the produce (200 Garce) of the Amaun Tanks, in the Southern Districts; and that the remainder of the Grain reserved for the Stores be laid up in the Fort nearest to the place where it is now

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now Collected

The Board would have given an earlier consideration to the report received from Captain Read in the Month of January last relative to the Grain Department if they had not been led to expect from what he stated — that the Offers of the Merchants for supplying the deficiency in consequence of his — advertisements would have been forwarded for the Approbation of Government — But it was not until his letter of the 21st instant — arrived that the nature of the proposals given in was known —

Resolved that Captain Read be directed to provide the remainder of the Grain — wanted to complete the Store in the Baramahal

and

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and Salem Countries in the most economical manner for the Company.—

Hobart

Con.d Saunders

Ct Fullerton

Examined

Edw.d Robt.e Hargrave

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Diary

26th Received letter from the Nabob Entered in C.C.

Substance of a letter from the Nabob. No 27 advising of his having given orders for dispersing and punishing the Banditte who have lately disturbed the tranquillity of the Palnad.

Received the following letters

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George

My Lord,

Having Examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the month of april 1795. I have the honor to report, that the Sum of Two Lacks, Fourty One thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty Six Pagodas, Fourty Fanams, and Fourty Six Cash / Pagodas 2,41,866. 40. 46 / is required for the Payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing month. Viz.

From Colonel Malcolm reporting upon Mr. Roebuck's Estimates for April

	Pagodas	F.	C.
From the General Treasury	1,64,723	3	31
By Bills upon the Military Paymaster General	77,143	37	15
	Pagodas 2,41,866	40	46

The Paymaster at Madura having included the Sum of two thousand One Hundred Pagodas, on account of the 2d Battalion Native Infantry, I have / in consequence of the G. O. of 27 Ultimo directing that Battalion to proceed from Vellore to Tanjore / deducted the foregoing Sum

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26th Sum from his Estimate, as I find, that Pay and Allowances on accounts of the Same Corps, has been included in the Estimate of the Paymaster at Tanjore.—

In examining the Estimate of the Paymasters at Chicacole and Tanjore, there appears an Error of Ten Pagodas in the additions of the former, and of One Pagoda in those of the latter, which have fallen to be deducted from their respective Totals.—

I have not Considered myself Authorised to include in the above report, the Sum of Six thousand Pagodas, estimated for; as an indispensably necessary Balance to remain in the Kings Paymasters hands, for the purpose of defraying incidental charges, Viz.t Officers and Men embarking for or arriving from Europe, promoted Officers, Recruits &c.a to whom subsistence may be due.—

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect.

&c.a &c.a

Signed Henry Malcolm

Mily Auditor General

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 25th March 1795

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Colonel Malcolm—rgards on the Estimate for the Grain and Provisions Department for April—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of 19th Instant, with the Estimate of the expected Disbursements in the Department of the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the Month of April 1795, and to report as follows—

	F.	S.	C.
Expected Disbursements at Madras	165	31	0
Chingliput, Permacoil and Pondicherry	200	16	64
Carried Over	365	47	64

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	Ps.	f.	c.
Brought Over	365	47	64
Vellore, Amboor and Arnee	71	12	"
Trichinopoly and Sagar	250	"	"
Tanjore	12	27	"
Palamcotah	360	31	40
Baramahal	119	"	"
Ellore	366	33	"
Chicacole	30.00	"	"
Pagodas.	11,546	25	24

From the Total Amount of expected Disbursements as above stated, the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions deducts the Sum of Seventy One Pagodas Twelve fanams (Pagodas f. 71. 12) as not payable from the Treasury at the Presidency but payable out of the expected receipts from Sales &c. in the Departments at Vellore, Amboor and Arnee, consequently the Amount payable at the Presidency on Accounts of Disbursements in April 1795 as per Estimate of the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, is Eleven thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy five Pagodas Thirteen fanams and Twenty four Cash (Pagodas 11,475. 13. 24)

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

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Military
Auditor Generals
Office
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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Colonel Malcolm reports on the Estimate of the Bullock Agency for April.

I have the honor to report as follows upon the General Estimate of the acting Principal Agents for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Month of April 1795 accompanying Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of 19th. instant.

	£.	£.	£.
Expected Disbursements at Madras	1357	22	"
Arnee, Vellore and Amboor	15	"	"
Tanjore	252½	16	52
Trichinopoly	300	"	"
Palamcotah	6/11	21	60
Baramahl	75	"	"
Ellore	231	"	"
Chicacole	3000	"	"
Ichapore District	20	"	"
Hydrabad Detachment	858	38	"
Pagodas	9030	14	32

From the Total Amount of Expected Disburse=ments as above Stated, the Acting Principal Agents for Draught and Carriage Bullocks deducts the following Sums, as not issuable from the General Treasury at the Presidency, but Payable from the Subordinate Treasurers for which Bills will be drawn upon him, and transferred through the General

Treasury

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Treasury —

	Pr.	Fs.	C.
Vellore	15	—	—
Baramahl	75	—	—
Ellore	231	—	—
Ichapore District	20	—	—
Hyderabad Detachment payable by the Nizam	858	38	—
Pagodas	1199	38	—

Consequently the Amount issuable at the Presidency as per Estimate of the acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for April 1795 is Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Pagodas Eighteen Fanams and Thirty Six Cash / Pagodas 7830. 18. 36 /

I have the Honor to be,
with the highest respect.
&c. &c.

Military
Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
25th March 1795

/ Signed Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

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

My Lord,

I do myself the Honor to inclose herewith a Statement of the Advances of Cash Audits and Ballances, in the Form of an Account Current between this Presidency and Major George Hart Deputy Pay-master General for the Kings Troops serving on this Coast commencing with the Ballance of Cash remaining in his Hands on account of Monies

F — From Colonel Malcolm encloses an Account Current between the Company and Major Hart shewing the Balance in his Hands

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26th. monies advanced to him up to 24th. December 1792 for the payment of the new raised Regiments and Detachment of Royal Artillery and ending on the 24th. December 1794 being the latest date up to which the Accounts of Major Hart have been transmitted to me for Audit_ your Lordship will observe that the Advances, Audits and Ballances affect the old Regiments only from the period they fell to be considered in Account on the same footing with the New Regiments, and that the Total Ballance in Major Harts hands on 24th. December 1794 appears to be Twenty Eight thousand three hundred and Eighty Pagodas, One Fanam and Fifty four Cash /28380.1.54/

I beg leave to request that the Accounts of the Kings Pay Office which are due /those for January and Dec.r last/ may be transmitted to my Office for Audit.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

with the highest respect

Your Lordships most obedient

and most humble Servant

/Signed/ Henry Malcolm

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Board of Revenue on the subject of the Exchange of the Colly Canam in the Southern Districts Suggestions

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant directing our attention to the Subject of the Exchange in the Southern Countries in consequence of the discontent which prevails amongst the Troops Stationed in the Dindegul District.

On the 2d of September last we had the honor to address Government on the Subject of the fluctuation of the Exchange in that Quarter, but at the same time expressed our apprehension that no attempt on the part of the Company to introduce a new Coinage into the Dindegul Province, would be attended with material benefit, unless the Nabob could be prevailed upon to enter entirely into the views of Government and determine to introduce the Star Pagoda and Silver Fanam throughout the Southern Provinces, but recommended, in order to prevent the bad effects of an Artificial Scarcity of Copper Currency frequently created by the Shroffs, that the Collector should be empowered to coin Cash whenever it should appear to him necessary, which accordingly obtained your Sanction.

It was formerly a subject of complaint when the Troops were paid in Star Pagodas that the Shroffs lowered their value in the Bazar, and would give no more than 15½ Colly fanams in exchange for the [illegible] to remedy this we understand Government [illegible] the Troops should be paid in the Curren

Pagodas
resolved that the [illegible]

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26. of the Country at the rate of 17½ Colly fanams pr. Star Pagoda — we conclude upon the principle that it was more in the power of the Shroffs to exercise their ingenuity in depreciating the Star Pagoda, which the Sepoy must necessarily exchange into — Currency than in the sale of the few Pagodas which a Sepoy Battalion could have occasion to purchase after providing for their Subsistence. Indeed the exchange of 17½ is so high that a gain must almost invariably ensue to the Sepoy upon the purchas of a Star Pagoda, which is seldom bought higher than Colly fanams and in the month of January last at D the exchange was 16½ Colly fanams for a Star Pagoda.

We are not therefore aware how the Troop sustain the heavy loss complained of, if paid 17½ Colly fanams for a Star Pagoda, unless by an alteration or rec in the Exchange of the copper Currency, which can at times be remedied by application to the Collector. In however to ascertain whether the Sepoy has real cause complaint, a comparison might easily be made bet the quantity of the necessaries of life procurable at Station for 17½ Colly fanams, and what the Star Pa will procure in this or any other part of the Country the latter is current which would in our opinion fair Criterion which to decide.

The inconvenience experienced from infinite variety of coins current on this Coast Ganjam to Cape Comorin, and the co =ation in the Exchange being on pr. Cent, has often g

26th all attempts to correct the evil by partial Regulations and expedients have hitherto failed in effect, nor does it appear to us that any effectual remedy can be applied unless the privilege of coining is vested solely in the hands of Government, for admitting that His Highness the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore both consent to Establish mints for the Coinage of Star Pagodas and Silver Fanams unless they were conducted upon the best principle, and by regular assay (which can only be executed under European Superintendance) it would in fact only be introducing one base coin in lieu of another, for no precaution in the power of either to take could prevent the debasement of the Coinage under Native Management. —

That such an Arrangement would prove equally beneficial to all concerned we can entertain no doubt, and, should it appear in the same point of view to your Lordship, we hope, it may not be found impossible to remove all objection to the adoption of or measure, which would at once destroy those baneful combinations, that have hitherto regulated at will, not only the exchange, but, in fact the price of every necessary of life. —

We have the honor to accompany this address with a memorandum shewing the coins most generally current on differents parts of the Coast and the very great fluctuation to which they are in the Exchange subject. In Bengal, it would appear by the Enclosed Copy of — regulations published by the Right Honorable Governor General in Council in 1792, that similar inconveniences were — experienced from the variety in discription and value of

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26. the Coins then Current in the Provinces, which might with little alteration apply here. We cannot however close the Subject, without observing that the Star Pagoda as now Coined is particularly subject to counterfeiting and filing and — recommend that implements for a milled Coinage should be procured both for Gold and Silver. The dies for the former might, we conceive be made of the size of the quarter Gold Mohur, the latter the Size of the Pondicherry Rupee, so that the whole inscription may appear upon the Surface of it.—

We have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from Captain Read and Recommend that he be permitted to send to the mint at Tritnaghery the proposed Sum in Rupees to be coined into fanams.—

We have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

Fort S.t George
23.d March 1795.

Edw.d Saunders
Chas.s N. White
Thos. Cockburn
Wm Harington

Memorandum of the Coins Current from C[illegible]
to Cap. Comerin in which the Revenue is receiv[illegible]
advances made.—

The Current coins in the C[illegible]
are Rupees of various denominations Dubbs
and Couries there is no smaller Silver Coin

26 Rupees, except a very few Madras Fanams, which only pass at the Stations of Troops, or at the Factory Gold Mohurs find their way to this Province in considerable numbers, and are purchased as Bullion a very advantageous traffic has been carried on by the Shroffs, and money dealers, by the great variation to which the Exchange of the Dub is Subject It has fluctuated in different parts to the Northward, within the last 10 years from 4/8 to 9/2 Fo. Rupee. to remedy this Evil arising from a base Copper Currency, as well as to fix its relative value, Government, Resolved on the 26.th April 1793 to apply to the Honorable Court of Directors to send from England a Sufficient quantity of coined Copper money for the use of the Circars but none has yet been Received.

The Revenue from those districts is received in rupies of a variety of descriptions, many of them very bad. and the Troops paid and advances for Investments made in the same Coin at 350 Fo 100 Pagodas...

At Vizagapatam the currency is Rupies and Dubs, few Cowries, the revenue received in Rupees of various discriptions and the troops paid and advances made in the same coin at the above Exchange.-

The General Currency in the Masulipatam District is Madras Pagodas and Dubs- rupees also have a considerable circulation Madras Pagodas and Companys Rupees are coined at the Masulipatam Mint, but of an Inferior Touch to those at Madras the Madras Silver fanam is to be found there but Cose considerably its

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Value in the Exchange -

The Revenue is almost wholly received in Madras Pagodas, a very small part in Rupees The difference between the Madras Pagodas and the Star is 10 ℔ Cent in favor of the former, at which rate the Troops are paid and accounts kept - but the Star Pagoda exchanges to a greater loss Northward, even at Nellore they are only Exchanged at 1/4 Stars p.r P.o - M Pagodas again Madras Pagodas Exchange in Madras from - to 31 ℔ Cent according to the demand and as they are old or new.

The General Currency in the Guntoor Circar is Madras Pagodas, and Bullion in which the Revenue is paid - It is also the currency of the Ongole Palnaud, and Nellore Countries, but the differ in their intrinsic value or Touch.

In the Company's Saybrine the Star Pagoda, Silver fanam, and Copper Doody are Current, and the Rents received in these Coins - The fluctuation of Exchange of Star Pagoda is from 3/5 to 4 6/8 fanams, but the Medium 43/8 there are 7 Doodies to the fanam, which for sometime were the harvest of the Shroffs, as being more remote from the Eye of Authority, and they carried it so far as to Receiving them from 8 to 16 for the fan... they of Course made the most in their ... Government restricted the traffic by an ... penalty if not believed and paid at 8 ℔ ...

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a

and the Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Cochin on the same Subject.

In consequence of our Letter of the 15th Instant, of which the enclosed is a Duplicate, we have acquainted Lieutenant Montgomery by Mr. Drappier who understands the English Language perfectly well, that we expect no more Letters or Addresses from him, and that in Case of acting Contrary to it we shall be obliged to send him to You, Honble Sir and Sirs; who upon that has sent such an Answer to the said Drappier, as we cannot but send enclosed a Copy of, that You Honble Sir and Sirs, may see, how therein he threatenth to defend himself against us.—

We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Spall

" G. G. Gibhardt

" T. A. Callarius

" I. A. Scheidz

" Arnold Lunel

" Jo Bos.

" Spall

Cochin
18th February 1795.

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11th Received the following letters.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a
at Madras.

Honble Sir,

From Cochin. in reply to the President's Letter introducing Lieutenant Montgomery. —

Lieutenant Montgomery has deliver-
=ed to me Your Honors esteemed letter of the 22d. January
last, by which Your Honor introduces him to my Pro=
=tection. He has enjoyed the same already since his
Arrival until this day in the best manner possible.
But he has suffered himself to be so far misled by
it, that he assumed some Authority, and also de-
=manded, that the People who bring horses here,
should be free from paying the import duties. —

This has been refused him, but in
Consideration, that these horses were for the Service of
the English Company the export Duties have been
declared remitted. —

He had much against it, and
shewed it in a Manner that deserved my Displea-
=sure, and this seems to have been the reason, why
he has but now endeavored to obtain a Letter of
Introduction from Your Honor.

Thus I am obliged by this to inform
Your Honor of it, assuring You, that in consequence

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I your Honors' request I shall lend every possible Assistance in the Purchase of Horses as far as it shall be consistent with Equity, and not against the Laws which here subsist. —

I have the Honor to be with Esteem.

Cochin
11th February 1795.

Dc. Dc.

(Signed) — Spall.

(signed) C. W. Gericke
Transl.r

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c. &c.

and the Council

at Madras.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

The first signed has given Notice already by his Answer to the letter of Introduction of Governor Hobart, of which the Duplicate is sent herewith, of the unheard of Conduct of Lieutenant Montgomery. He has suffered himself since that to be so far misled by his Passions as to assume things which are above his Capacity and which tend to lessen the Respectability of this Government — We are therefore obliged publickly to complain of him to You Honorable Sir and Sirs and shall therefore give a short Detail of what has happened since his first arrival here. —

From Cochin — complaining of the Conduct of Lieutenant Montgomery — detail of the Differences that have occurred — and requesting his Removal from thence. —

It is here customary that when Horses

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Horses are brought for Sale they are first presented to the Governor of the Place to choose which he prefers. After that they are offered to the Rajah of Cochin, who chooses as many as he desires; after which the People who brought them have leave to sell the rest of the horses to whom they please. —

At the first arrival of Horses here in this good Monsoon the first Signed have already chosen a Horse for himself and put it into his Stables, and the Rajah of Cochin had engaged two others. —

On this occasion Lieutenant Montgomery requested of the first signed to be permitted to buy all the Horses that then were brought, for his Regi = =ment, and the first signed, merely from friendship and Regard for his person, gave him, not only the Permission which he requested, but returned also the Horse, that was already in his Stables and effected also, that the Rajah of Cochin renounced the Pur = =chase of the two horses which he wished to have.

At the Second Arrival of Horses the said Montgomery made an immediate Contract with the People that brought them, to buy of them all the Horses tho' he was informed by the former Affair, that he ought not to do it, before the Horses were offered to Government — This appeared to be the Case, when, they being brought to Town, and presented to the first signed, the Owners declared, that they could sell none of them, because they were all bespoken by the said Montgomery. —

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The first signed spoke with Montgomery on this Subject, and the latter, setting aside all the Civilities, that had been shewn him, and abusing the Indulgence of the first signed, declared him=self the Protector of those Merchants, and desired farther, that they might be exempted from paying the usual Duty. This last was not granted him and his extraordinary Conduct was passed over thro' friendliness, and he was apprized of having gone beyond the Bounds set him, which he also himself acknowledged. —

When after this again horses were brought the first signed gave Notice to the People, who brought them, that they must present the Horses first to him and the Rajah of Cochin before they made any Accord with any other — Lieutenant Montgomery hearing of this Order came to the first signed, acknowledged the Right, which he the undersigned has of choosing Horses for himself, and at the same time requested, that the Custom might be abated and lowered to seven Rupees for each Horse, it being ordinarily 5 per Cent. —

The first signed consented to it and pro=mised, that he would persuade the Renter to take no more for each horse than 7 Rupees, and chose out of the Number that were then brought three horses and two Colts, at the same time ac=quainted Montgomery, that he must not propose the Purchase of these Horses; but instead of

complying

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11th complying with this he bought the two best of them for 580 Rupees. —

This was also friendly passed over by the first signed, but when on the 15th Instant a Dow arrived with 36 Horses, he ordered the Owner of the Horses by the Chawandar to bring them to Town before he sold them to any other — This Man accepted this willingly, but declared some hours after, that he had sold the Horses to Montgomery. —

The first signed could then no longer suffer these excessive Oppositions of Lieutenant Montgomery, and acquainted the Owners of the Horses by the Chawandar, that he had no Per= =mission to proceed farther up the River with his Vessel, before he had subjected himself to the Custom of presenting, and giving the preference to the first signed, and to the Rajah of Cochin, and then to sell them to whom he pleased. — —

This Order was scarce given, but Lieutenant Montgomery came to the first Signed, and desired, that the Dow might be permitted to proceed farther up the River, and that he and nobody else be allowed to be the Purchaser of the Horses; the first signed declined this, and then the said Montgomery made Proposals on the subject, which were also immediately rejected, but on the Day following the first signed received a Letter of Montgomery, directed to him and

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the Council, of which a copy is annexed to this. By this Letter Montgomery desires, that the Dow might be permitted to pass, and communicated also, that the People, who had brought the Horses, were employed by him in the Service of the English Company, whereby intending to signify, that the horses were English Property, tho' the Evening before he said, that he would purchase them. —

A moment after that he sent a Servant for an Answer, which the first signed was not obliged to give immediately. However from mere friendship he condescended to send him an Answer, which was, that the Merchants were obliged to offer their horses first to Government, and as they had not fulfilled this Obligation thro' Instigation, they had been informed of it again, which was the Reason that the Dow was detained, that whenever the Man, who had brought the Horses would answer the Demand of the first signed he should obtain leave to disembark the Horses, and that then Lieu= =tenant Montgomery would have every assistance that he should desire, all however agreeably to the Laws and Customs of this Country. —

Upon this followed actually another Letter of Montgomery, by which he declared, that he would never consent that the Horses brought hither should be at the Disposal of any one whosoever — By it he also took leave of the first signed and of Cochin, and gave notice that he would depart

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11th depart with the Dais and horses to Aleppe, and that he hoped, that the first signed would have nothing against it; also that at his arrival there he should address himself to the Government here upon the Reasons for this Step, and make known the Treatment he had met with as a British Subject, that he wished, that as the first signed had acknowledged him as an Agent of theirs, all his Letters might be considered as official Letters. —

By this, Honorable Sir and Sirs, You will see with how much Civility and Indulgence this Montgomery has been treated by the first signed during all this time, and how he on the Contrary abusing it, has allowed himself to be misled to attake all manner of unwarrantable Steps, and even to make use of Untruths, for he is sent by none as Agent to this Government, much less has he been acknowledged by this Government as such. This was also the Reason, that the first signed did not return a written Answer, but acquainted him by the bearer of his letter by word of Mouth that it was well. — 7

At the same time the Owner of the Horses asked leave to go out of the River, and proceed to Aleppe, and the Answer sent him was that he had leave so to do on paying previously to the Renter the usual Custom for the Horses, according to the subsisting Rent Conditions, because he himself acknowledged to have sold the horses here.

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And this the first signed was obliged to do, that he might not again see his Authority and pri=vileedges lesened.

With this the first signed thought to be freed from the Vexations and all Boundsex=ceeding Demands of Lieutenant Montgomery he having already taken leave by his Letter a=bove cited; but to his Astonishment a letter of him Montgomery came to his Hand the neat Morning; which was again directed to him and the Council, and contained nothing but a Num=ber of Untruths, Threatnings and unwar=rantable expressions, as You, Honorable Sir and Sirs will be pleased to see by the accompany=ing Copy.—

The first signed was obliged if he would preseve his Administration and Authority from being injured and lesened by this Montgomery who became from time to time more intracta=ble, not only to communicate this letter in Council, but also to give Information of all what had happened, We think it not necessary to confute the said Letter from point to point in order to clear ourselves of the Charges therein stated, as this does not become the Respectabi=lity of this Government, but on the contrary confide that You Honble Sir and Sirs will with us conceive, that by the Conduct observed by Lieutenant Montgomery this Government

has