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The Currency at Pondicherry is the Rupee which have had the most principally circulation of any in these part of India. about 1% Cent intrinsically better Company's Rupee, but a Coin better generally preferred as much beyond their Actual value.

The Company's Rupee is now however obtaining a more extended Circulation, some years past Pondicherry Rupees have been known to be purchased in the Bazar from 8 to 10 % Cent higher than the Company's, they are now Exchanged nearly at Par.

The Revenue at Cuddalore is received in Star Pagodas, fanams and Doddy's, and at Nagore and Negapatam and Karical the Currency is Tanjore Gold fanams, and Porto Novo Pagodas.

The Revenue at Nagore and Negapatam Karical is received partly in Porto Nova Pagodas but principally in Gold fanams, the Exchange between the former and Star Pagodas fluctuates from 114 to 113 and is sold to 120 Porto Novo Pagodas 2% of Stars. The Gold fanams from 22 p to 24 p Cent.

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The Currency in the Southern Countries is generally Gold Fanams a base Coin of various descriptions, and Copper Cash in which the Revenue is received. At Trichinopoly the Star Pagoda is purchased from 28 to 33 Trichinopoly Fanams a fluctuation of upwards of 15 p Cent. Porto Novo Pagodas are also in considerable circulation South, and pur[chased] for remittance to the Presidency. [Troops] are paid in fanams at a [fixed] Exchange.

Madura [Pagoda] the Exch[ange] scarcely [fixed] are [paid] fanams.

The Colly [Pagoda] the price [fixed] to fluctua[te] of 15 p Cent numbers [of] Pres[idency] or at a fixed [Exchange] the Revenues [are] in fanams.

[Star Pagoda] for the[m] [Pagoda]

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At Dindigul the same fanams and Cash are Current - the Revenue received in them & and Similar fluctuations in the Exchange.

In the Baramahall and Salem Countries the Revenue was of course received in the various Coins Current therein when the Countries were ceded - in 1792 it appears about 25 different Coins were issued in one payment by the Collectors to the Paymaster for the Pay of the Troops - since the Establishment of the Mint at Kistnagherry the Pay has been paid entirely in Star Pagodas the Allowance the whole higher than the Company in Star Pagodas & Exchanged nearly at Par - the latter are

The Revenue Investment at

in Star Pagodas, fanams Their fanams had also and Negapatam and Karical Tanjore 66 fanams, and Porto Novo Pagodas from 22 p.r to 24 p.r

The Revenue Karical is received partly but principally in Gold which however fluctuates from 114 to but not the intrinsic

Porto Novo Pagodas from 22 p.r to 24 p.r

to none have as yet Kistnagherry Mint — the Coast and where used at Bullion, and be ascertained by

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Grains

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in 1782,

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Nellore [illegible]

Ditto [illegible]

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Coined [illegible]

Ditto [illegible]

Ditto [illegible]

70 to [illegible]

Arcot [illegible]

at 34 [illegible]

Ditto [illegible]

Silver fanams [illegible]

The Currency in the [illegible]

Gold Fanams a base Coin of var[illegible]

and Copper Cash in which [illegible]

At Trichinopoly the Star [illegible]

from 28 to 33 Trichinopol[illegible]

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[illegible]urchased for remittance to the [illegible]

the Tr[illegible]us are paid in fanams [illegible]

The Colly Fanam is [illegible]

and the revenue paid [illegible]

[illegible]ange varies from 15 to 17½ [illegible]

[illegible]ver so high as the latter. [illegible]

[illegible] in fanams at the fixed [illegible]

At Palamcottah the Curren[illegible]

[illegible]anam in which the revenue is [illegible]

[illegible] the Star Pagoda has been there [illegible]

[illegible] from 15 to 17½ fanams ⅌ Pagoda

[illegible] Porto Novo Pagodas also calcul[illegible]

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[illegible] Th[illegible]

[illegible]annies / Copper / in Star [illegible]

ditto [illegible]

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[illegible] Dollar and 4 56/100

[illegible]stragherry.

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[illegible] by Colonel [illegible]

[illegible] at Salem an[illegible]

[illegible] Mint was Esta[illegible]

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[illegible] Exchange [illegible]

[illegible] Madras

Port[illegible]

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At Dindy. Nov. at 118 ℔ 100 Star Pags.
Cash are Current. the Rece
nd Similar fluctuations evaluated within the last
In the Bar. & Cent Batta. —
untries the Revenue was by the Nabob at Madras
& various Coins Current
% Cent batta in the last 10 Years
untries were added — in 87
5 different Coins were i[ss]
the Collectors to the Ca
the Troops — since the Es
Mint at Kistnaghurry the
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Rupees are now made
nd Pondicherry Rupees
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350 ℔ % Pay-bill — the
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been coined in the Kistn
List of Coin Current on
Coined, also those purcha
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the French Intrinsically considered
ent better than the Company's Rupee
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roby Coined by the Nabob —
some times rented out. —
from 15 ½ to 17 ℔ S.P.
ined by the Nabob &c. —
old from 22 ½ to 24 ℔ S.P.
the Rajah the following
also in partial circulation
East but may be considered
tion. —
Dutch at 107 ½ ℔ 100 S.P.
ost new coined. —

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Pulicat Pr by the Dutch at 105 Sp Ps not now coined
Mahomed Ally Pr at Arcot at 103 p Sp Ps ... Ditto
Waulaujaw Pr at ..... 105 Sp Ps ... Ditto
Adoni Pr at 103 Sp Ps ..... Ditto
Goa Pr at Goa at ... 156 p Sp Ps
Venitians ..... at 125 Sp Ps
Bombay Mohurs at 406 Sp Ps
Surat Ditto at 390 Do Pa
Delhi Ditto at 430 Do Pa
Acbar Ditto at 450 Do Pa
Hydrabad Ditto at 395 Do Pa
Saujaum Ditto at 435 Do Pa
Tiecaumboor Mohurs at 370 Sp Pa
Bombay Rupees ... at 320 to 360
Surat Rupees ... at 330 to 340
Caukavadd Rupees at 332 Pa Sp Pa not now Coined
Saujany ... do ... at 330 Pa
Delhi ... do ... at 335 Pa
Cauthanaw do ... at 350 Pa
Gathwal do ... at 350 Pa
Spanish Dollars at 154 Pa Star Pag.
Portugal Ditto ... at 122 Pa Sp Ps

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26 Pulicat Fanams Gold at 29 ℔ Pc
Aureyalore do. do — at 17 ℔ do
Wanicorpollam do. do .. at 16 ℔ do
Tremonally .. do. do — at 17 ℔ do
Madura — do. do at 19 ℔ do
Shoole ..... do. do at 31 ℔ do
Veerasaumbrany do. do at 11 ℔ do

} none coined lately

a true Copy
(Signed) T. R. Lushington
Actg Depy Secy

Fort William
Public Department 24th October 1792

The following Regulations for the Conduct of the Several Mints having been adopted by the Governor General in Council, they are now made public, together with the subjoined table of rated of Batta for the General information. —

That

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First — That after the 30th Chyle 1200 Bengal Style corresponding with the 10th April 1794, only the 19 Sun Sicca Rupee be received at the public Treasuries or issued therefrom on any Account whatever

Second — That public notice be given that Government with a view to enable individuals to get their old Coin or Bullion converted into Sicca Rupees without delay, have established mints at Patna, Moorshedabad and Dacca, in addition to the Mint at Calcutta.

Third — That for all Bullion or old Coin of Sicca Standard delivered into the Mints an equal weight of Sicca Rupees be returned to the Proprietor without any charge whatsoever.

Fourth — That all Bullion or old Coin of Sicca Standard delivered into the Mints be refined to the Sicca Standard and that a Number of Sicca Rupees equal to the weight of the Bullion so refined be returned after deducting twelve annas p Cent for the charge of refining.

Fifth — That the Rupees Coined at Dacca Patna and Moorshedabad be made precisely of the same shape, weight and Standard and that they bear the same impression as the 19 Sun sicca Rupees Coined at Calcutta in order that the Rupee struck at the

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26 Several Mints may not be distinguishable from each other and that they may be received and paid in discriminately in all public and private transactions.

Sixth That to guard as far as possible against the Counterfeiting, clipping, drilling, filing or defacing the Coin, the dies with which the Rupees are to be struck be made in future of the same size as the Coin, so that the whole of the inscription may appear upon the surface of it, and that the edges of the coin be Milled.

Seventh That persons detected in Counterfeiting clipping, filing drilling or defacing the Coin, be committed to the criminal Courts, and punished as the Law directs.

Eighth That all the Officers Gomastahs and others employed in the Collection of the Revenues, the provision of the investment and Manufacture of Salt, and all Shroffs, Podars, Jemmadars, Talookdars Farmers and all persons whosoever be prohibited affixing any Mark whatsoever to the Coin, and that all Rupees so marked be declared not to be legal tenders of payment in any public or private Transaction, and that the Officers of the Government be directed to reject any Rupees of this description that may be tendered at the Public Treasuries.

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Ninth That as there may not be a sufficient Number of Sicca Rupees in circulation in some Districts notwithstanding the great number of the species of Rupees that has been lately Coined in the Mints at Dacca, and Calcutta, to enable the Land holders to pay their Revenues to Government in Sicca Rupees, as stipulated in their Engagement for the decinnial Settlement, that the various Species of Rupees current in the several Districts be received at the public Treasuries from the Land holders and farmers in payment of their Revenue until the 30th Chyte 1200 or 10th April 1794, at fixed rates of Exchange calculated according to the different values which the various species of Sicca Rupees in circulation bear to the Sicca Rupee as ascertained by a Assay in the Calcutta Mint.

Tenth That all rupees excepting Sicca Rupees which may be received at the public Treasuries agreeably to the 9th Article be not on any Account issued therefrom, but that they be sent to the Mints and coined into the Sicca Rupees of the 19th Sun.

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Eleventh That after the 30th Chyte 1200 Bengal Style, corresponding with the 10th april 1794 no Person be permitted to recover in the Dewanny or Maul Adawluts, established in the Provinces of Bengal, Behar and Orissa, any sum of Money under a Bond, or other writing, or any agreement written or Verbal, entered into after the abovementioned date, by which any Species of Rupees excepting the Sicca Rupee of the 19th Sun is Stipulated to be paid. —

Twelvth That persons who shall have entered into Bonds or writing or other agreements, written or verbal, prior to the 30th Chyte 1200 Bengal Style, corresponding with the 10th April 1794, whereby a Sum of Money is to be paid in any other Species of Rupee excepting the 19th Sun Sicca, and who shall not have discharged the same before that date, be at liberty to liquidate such Engagement either in the Rupee specified therein or in the 19 Sun Sicca Rupee at the Batta which may be Specified in the Table mentioned in the 9th Article. —

Thirteenth That all Engagements hereafter entered on the part of Government for the provision of the investment or Manufacture of Salt or Opium be made in the Sicca Rupee, and that all Land Holders and farmers of Land be expressly prohibited

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prohibited from concluding engagements with their under renters, ryots or dependant Talookdars after the 30th Chyte 1200 Bengal Style corresponding with the 10th april 1794, excepting for Sicca & rupees, under the penalty of not being permitted to recover any arrears that may become due to them under such engagements as prescribed in the 11th Article.

A Table Shewing the intrinsic value of the following Species of Rupees Current in Bengal Behar and Orissa, compared with the Sicca Rupee from Assays made in Calcutta Viz.

Species of Rupees		Intrinsic value compared with the Sicca Rupee	
Sicca of Moorshedabad Patna and Dava ⅌ Sa. Wgt.	100	100	"
Pholey	do	100	"
Dilky Mahoment Spai	do	99	8
Money Surat large	do	99	8
Benares Sicca	do	99	8
Bisseen Arcot	do	97	14
Sonats Sabic and Duckie	do	97	8
Forshee Arcot	do	97	6
French Arcots	do	97	"
Palanoa Arcots	do	96	9

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Arcot Angelee	pr Sicca	96	9 6
Gursaul	do	96	9 6
Madras Arcots new	do	96	4 9
Masulipatam and Shardai Arcots	do	96	" "
Patna Sonads ola	do	96	" "
Benars Rupees ola	do	95	14 6
Madras Arcots ola	do	95	14 16
Furrackabad Rupees	do	95	12 9
Lehanjee Arcots	do	95	11 3
Chanta Arcots	do	95	11 3
Calcutta and Moorshedabad Arcot	do	95	6 6
Old Arcots	do	95	3 3
Dutch Arcots	do	95	" "
Surat Arcots	do	94	" "
Benares Trisolie	do	92	6 6
Vizieny Rupees	do	63	" "
Nawany half Rupee new	do	63	" "

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(Signed) L. L. Chauvet
Sub Secy

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(Signed) S. R. Lushington
Actg Depy Secy

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c.

My Lord,

From Captain White in reply to Colonel Braithwaite's remarks on his plan for recruiting the Coast Battalions from the Bengal provinces.

Having read Colonel Braithwaite's remarks on the propositions I had the honor of laying before your Lordship, I beg leave to request your attention to a few positions which I now presume to lay down on the same subject.

The data which I had assumed to justify my plan for restoring to the Native Establishment of this Army its requisite strength have been conceded by Colonel Braithwaite in stronger terms than I was disposed to adopt namely.

"That the native Establishment on the Coast was
"considerably fallen off with regard to the Corps and
"Sizes 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 circum-
"stance while it drains the Country of men wanted
"for cultivation adds not to the Army a Strength
"equal to its numbers.

This is a Melancholy truth when our Political Horizon to the Northward, and Westward is not quite unclouded.

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The impolicy of forming Bengal, &
Recruits into distinct corps in the Carnatic, their being &
favours with superior indulgencies, the difficulty of &
stationing them in any part of the Carnatic or its
dependencies, at which they might get grain comparat-
=tively reasonable, and likewise the eligibility of &
drawing recruits from Bombay equally with Bengal
are the observations suggested by Colonel Braithwaite.

In all the late wars the number of &
Corps required from Bengal have been progressively &
encreasing, and in the last the whole of the right &
wing of the Army under the Marquis Cornwallis &
was from thence.

If the exertions of the European and
Native officers cannot procure fit men in this &
exhausted Country in time of peace, to keep up their
Battalions, what is to be done, In time of War the
demand will be greatly encreased, and men must
be procured. If in consequence of the formation
of two thousand men from Bengal into Corps on
this Coast, some Carnatic Battalions were reformed
and the Men incorporated into other Battalions to
complete them, half the native officers might be
posted to the Bengal Corps, and the other half do
duty in the Coast Battalions.

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I am persuaded that if there were forty Battalions of Bengal men in the Carnatic, it would not prevent the men of the 36 Corps now on the Coast, from continuing in the service or entering into it when required, for they, like the rest of the Seapoys of India, are all mercenaries, and a like susceptible of the Sentiment of public spirit, they enter our service on a principle of self interest, the Superior certainty of regular pay, and allowances, the force of habit, and the hopes of promotion, with an entire reliance on their European officers gives our service the preference, in time, and by degrees the Bengal men may be brought to Coalesce with the Carnatic men, but I can see no inconvenience that can arise from their being at first formed into distinct Corps as to the difference of the price of provisions, I do recollect myself that grain had heretofore been, and probably will be so again, in some stations to the Northward, and Southward on this Coast, as cheap as it usually is in the two great Military Stations of Cawnpore, and Futtyguer, but the pay, and allowances of the Bengal Seapoys in the field was invariably the same with that of the Carnatic men, reuniting from

26 from Bengal must greatly increase the cultiva-
tion, and lessen the price of grain as its present
high price is occasioned in a great measure by
the scarcity of Labourers, and the consequent in-
crease of their wages.

I profess my inability of deciding
on the expediency of drawing Recruits from a
Bombay, as I know not so accurately its local &
resources and relative propulsiveness. I have
however been informd that its native Establish-
ment is principally composed of men from the
neighbouring Marratta districts, and of Sons the
descendants of a Settlement of that people on the
Malabar Coast, I only wish to assert the practica-
bility of my own plan notwithstanding the
difficulties and obstacles it must encounter at its
commencement even from its novelty;

The Inhabitants of every province in India
possess, and transmit to their descendants exclusive
habits and local prejudices, these habits, and preju-
dices, have been studied, and indulged in some
instances with marked solicitude, the address of
European officers has succeeded only by degrees in
forming powerful disciplined Armies of these
discordent materials.

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Not many years ago the inhabitants of the Provinces to the Northward of Bengal who possess more of the Energy of the European character than any of the other Natives of India were strongly prejudiced against that Country, but that prejudice is now got over, and our Army is principally recruited from the Northern Provinces.

The Number of Native troops in both the Bengal and Carnatic Armies are figured, for figured precisely the same, spread over such extensive Territories, they are barely sufficient to perform the common Military duties requisite in times of peace, hence the great necessity of the Corps being composed of the best men, and should the Native powers of the North press upon the Bengal Provinces the Corps formed by men from that Country in the Carnatic, would with alacrity return assistance.

The late Hyder Ally whose comprehensive aspiring mind, aimed at no less than universal sway in the Peninsula had his recruiting Parties at Delhi and the other principal Stations to the Northward, and should the present misunderstanding between the Marrattas and Nizam break out into open war, the excess of the Military adventurers beyond what is required by Bengal will enter into the service of these powers who will gladly receive them.

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I fear my Lord that I have been too diffusive on a subject, which zeal for the service and the idea I conceive of your Character impell'd me to obtrude on your valuable time. I have to return my most respectful acknowledgments for the attention with which you received it, I am also grateful and thankful for the manner in which a man of Colonel Braithwaite's experience, and professional knowledge has mentioned the principal of the plan and the person who proposed it. I shall therefore leave it in its present stage for a more complete discussion at your Military Board should your Lordship think that requisite, I am myself conscious that your Lordship's recommendation of it for a trial of its practicability will be quite sufficient for its receiving the Sanction and support of the Supreme Government, which is all I can wish.

I am now ready to embark for Bengal, and only waite your Lordships determination on the subject.

I have the honor to remain
&c: &c.
Signed / Henry White

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Received also the undermentioned letters
Entered in M: B: Nos. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173
174. 175. 176. 177.

From Mr. J. Lewis — From Contractor for Clothing + offering to transport it to the different Stations at the per Centage of five Pagodas upon the Cost of the same.

From Lieutenant Taylor — From Barrack Master in the Northern Division - with a present state of the quarters at Masulipatam, also Lists of those required for the 4th. European Regiment when Complete.

From Mr. Corbett — From Commercial Resident at Ditto - forwarding a Statement of the quarters there - Remarks thereon.

From Auditor General — From Military Auditor General transmitting his Audits upon the accounts of the Kings old Regiments from 24th. December 1792 to 25th. December 1793 and upon those of both old and new Regiments from December 1793 to December 1794.

From Paymaster General — From Military Paymaster General - transmits an indent of Stationary for Mr. Paymaster Reynolds.

From

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From Commandant of Artillery at
the Mount requesting that a Wm.d Bailee at
Poonamallee may be prohibited from vending
Arrack to his men — and that Spirituous
Liquors may be placed under the management of
a Contractor — instead of an Agent.

From Commander of the Army
From Colonel Brathwaite — submits a letter from Colonel Fraser on the subject
of quarters and an Hospital at Madalipatam

From Captain Doveton — the letter
From Captain Doveton — for Tippoo Sultaun sent to him on the 15.th Instant
has been forwarded.

From Ditto — advising of Mahomed
From Ditto — Gowse Khan having left Rr.cottah charged with
Horses &c.a Presents for the Governor.

From Commandant of the 7.th
Regiment — preferring a charge of 150 Pagodas
From Lieutenant Colonel Sterling — for the conveyance of the baggage of that Corps
by Sea from Poonamallee to Pondicherry.

From Paymaster at Vellore —
From Mr. Wynch — with an Account of the Sale of some Cast
Horses.

Sent the Following letter.

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

Honorable Sir,

To Bengal - advising of the Departure of the Europa and Success for Fort Marlbro' under Convoy of the Bombay Frigate - the Favorite will be dismissed

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 27th of January and 16th Ultimo, and to acquaint you that the Europa Indiaman, and the freighted Ships Success and Favorite (which latter arrived here on the 10th and 14th Instant) sailed from hence on the 16th for Fort Marlbro', under convoy of the Bombay Frigate; and that your instructions in regard to the Troops for the service of that Residency have been fully complied with.

Finding that the Europa and Bombay Frigate could conveniently accommodate the Troops brought down in the Favorite and that retaining us that Ship would have been attended with an expence of above 5000 Rs to the Company, we gave orders for their removal to those Ships, and it is our intention to dismiss the Favorite from the service, so soon as the Military Stores taken on her shall have been landed.

We have directed the Commander

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26 — of the Bombay Frigate, agreeably to your desire, to remain at Fort Marlbro' whilst the Europa is taking in her Cargo, and until her actual departure.— after which, he has orders to make the best of his way to Bombay. —)

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We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Hobart
&c. Council

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters
Entered in Mr. B. Nos. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184.
185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196.
197. 198. —

To Accountant General — transmitting Copy of a letter from Messrs. Porcher & Co. the Bonds to be made out agreeably to their request. —

To Wm. Wood

To Collector in the Baramhaul with Instructions for Storing Grain for the Ricottah, Sankly droog &c. — cause of the delay in replying to his letter on that subject — the Grain to be delivered to the Commissary by measurement. —

To Captain Read

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To Mr. Sharden — To acting Commissary Gen. Grain and Provisions — with copy of the preced for his information and Guidance.

To Mr. Lewis — To Contractor for Army & directing him to supply Clothing for the Pione for 1794.

To Mr. Saunkier — To Garrison Storekeeper — him to take charge of the Water Casks from the Favorite — a list of Stores of the enclosed.

To Mr. Gahagan — To Mr. Gahagan — directe to joins his Station at Vellore.

To Mrs. Lee — To Mrs. Lee — must notify intended place of residence, when orders will given for payment of her Pension as Lee's Widow.

To Colonel Fraser — To Commandant at Madu informing him of orders being given for House Rent to those Officers who are unprovided with Quarters.

To Mr. Malcolm — To Mr. Robert Malcolm — with Instructions to hire a house for an Hospital for the European sick — if none of the public Buildings / the Chief's Garden House excepted / are well adapted for that purpose.

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To Mond.r Grand Pré - transmitting
an Extract from the orders of the Secret Committee
respecting his allowances - the arrears of which
have been ordered to be paid to the day of his
departure from India. —

To Military auditor General -
informing him that such of the officers at "
Secunderabad as are unprovided with quarters
are to be allowed House Rent. —

To Ditto - directing that the
Stoppages made from the Pioneer Corps for
Clothing for the year 1793 be paid to Lieutenant
Dowse who is to provide it. —

To Ditto - the officers at Masulipatam also situated as above to receive
House Rent. —

To Military Board - Lieutenant
Dowse permitted to furnish Clothing for his
Corps as recommended by them. —

To Ditto - referring a Petition
from Ranjapah Lepoy - praying to be Pensioned

To Military Paymaster - with
Instructions for paying Mond.r DelGrand Pré's
allowances, and his arrears. —

To Military Auditor General -
advising thereof. —

To Mond.r DeGrand Pré

To Auditor General

To Military Board

To Ditto

To Ditto

To Mr. Cochrane

To Auditor General

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To Lieutenant Dwyer

To Lieutenant Dwyer - permitting him to provide the Clothing for his Corps for 1793.

To Captain Mears

To Commander of the Favorite - informing him that Government will have no occasion for the use of his Ship beyond the 24 Instant, by which time all the Stores [illegible] landed, every assistance of boats having ordered

To Colonel Floyd

To Commandant at Tel[illegible]chirapo directing him to state whether the necessity for building the quarters &c. for the 35th Battalion was so urgent, as not to admit a previous application to Government - and to send an Estimate of their value.

To Ditto

To Ditto - directing him measures for preventing any disturbance excited in that District, as apprehended the Nabob, by the return of certain deserters of people called Gayer Madee who were formerly expelled for disorderly Conduct.

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.

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Sent letter to the Nabob - enclosing C:C: No 28 - reminding him of the sum due to the Estate of the late General Joseph Smith and again soliciting a discharge of it.

Sent the following letters.

To

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To Mr. Nathaniel Webb

Collector in the Northern Division of the

Vizianagrum Zemindary

Sir,

The Right Honorable the President in Council has directed me to express his surprize that you have not thought it necessary to make any report to his Lordship of the State of affairs in the Northern Division of the Vizianagrum Zemindary, notwithstanding that the measures which have been pursued, marked with peculiar force the urgency of an early intimation of them to Government. It has in consequence twice happened that the President in Council has been under the necessity of sending reinforcements into the Vizianagrum Zemindary from private communication of events which certainly ought to have been made known by you.

The President in Council does not require that you should enter into any detail of Military operations, such being the province of the Officer in Command of the Detachment, but that you should state generally for his Lordships information all

transactions

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that

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transactions of a Military or Political nature that
may come to your knowledge.

While there are any sick Europeans in
the Division to which you are attached, it is the
orders of the President in Council that you
transmit regular information to him
Fort St. George least in every week.
29th March 1795

Sam Sv.

Signed W. C. Jackson Jr.

To Major Dunwoody
Commanding the Detachment serving in the
Vizianagaum Zemi
Sirv,

To Major Dunwoody
to the same effect

The Right Honble the Presid
Council has directed me to signify to you
that you will in future regularly address
Lordship of every material circumstance
may occur, having relation to the service
which you are employed. It is a matter
that had excited from degree of Surprise, that
you have not once addressed his Lordship
since you have been in Command of the
Detachment, altho measures have been pursued
that rendered an early intimation indispensably
necessary.

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... ...g reinforcements into the Vizianagrum
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To Comm... ...tenant ... in use of transmitting
from the ... Military Head Quarters through
... some Teak ... Governor ... mand of the District need
To Board ... ...ed a direct communication
... Mr. Place ... Government.
... Mahomed ... It is the ... have press orders of the
... presents from ... ...ption
... thro' the Sagh... ...ncil that from so long as you
To Clerk of ... Mr. Rubuck ... present service, you make
... for April ... proceedings direct to his Lordship
... Received the ... at least in every week.

Jam &c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy.

Dispatched the undermentioned
...sters entered in M: B. Nos. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203.
...4. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209.

To Secretary at Bengal - trans-
mitting Copies of Mysore Intelligence.

To

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Abstract or General Statement of the Receipt and Major Harts hands from the 25th June 1792 when he commenced to take
payment he has paid the Troops, and his Accounts are now closed

Dr. ..... Major George Hart _____ With the

To the Amount of all Monies received by Major George Hart, on
Account of the Kings Troops serving for the Government of Madras,
from the 25th June 1792 to the 24th December following, as by the
Accompanying Account with the Right Honble the Paymaster's General 15,018 5 50
To the Amount of all Monies received by Major Hart, on Account of Subsistence
&c. to the Kings Troops, from the 25th December 1792 to the 24th March
1795 as by the Accompanying Account with the Honorable East
India Company ..... 1,60,739 " "

Total Amount of Cash received by Major Hart for and on
Account of his Majesty's Troops from the 25th June 1792
to the 24th March 1795 ..... 6,16,757 5 50

Star Pagodas ..6,16,757.5.50

Kings Pay office Madras the 20th

We certify the above Statement to be a true

Memoran

The Balance stated to be due the King on the Accompanying Account with the Right Honble
March the 24th 1795 Amount of Public Money in Major Harts hands as p the above
Remains due by the Company as p the Accompanying account with him

Total due to his
Part of the Balance that was in the King's Paymasters hands on account of the new Regiments of
Royal artillery on the 24th of December 1792, which the Government of Madras have already directed
in their letter to Major Hart under date the 5th of March 1795 should be held in Suspence until a reference
could be made to the Court of Directors, should ultimately be found to belong to the Company-
Amounting in the whole to .....

Deduct - and then Major Harts Account with the Pay Office General of England - will only

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Expenditure of all publick Money that has come to, or passed through the charge of his Office at Madras / to the 24th March 1795:- up to which latter

Publick ——— Pr Contra ——— Cr

		Star Pags at 3/4	F G
By Amount disbursed by Major George Hart in Subsistence &c: &c: to the Kings Troops serving for the Government of Madras, from the 25th June 1792, to the 24th December following:- as by the Account with the Right Honble the Paymasters General			111951. 9 15
By Amount disbursed by Major Hart, in Subsistence &c: &c: to the Kings Troops, from the 25th of December 1792 to the 24th March 1795:- as by the accompanying Account with the Honble East India Company			462,082 2 40
Total Amount disbursed by Major Hart to the Kings Troops, from the 25th June 1792 to the 24th March 1795			573983 11 55
1795 March 24th	By Balance of all publick Money remaining in Major Harts Hands after paying the Troops to the 24th March 1795		12773 35 75
		Star Pagodas	686757 5 50

Errors Excepted
1st March 1795
Extract from Major Hart Publick Books
/Signed/ Richard Borough
" A Grant

Sum
The Paymaster General's remaining to Star Pagodas 64076.38.35 explained and Accounted for by Statement Pagl 12773.35.75
Ditto 1302.2.40
Majesty Pagl 66076.38.35

Pagl 7937.9.40

Star Pagodas 26139.28.75

Dr

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Dr Estimate or Statement of Major Harts

1795 Mar.h 31 C.

March 31st To Amount of Sundry Debts and Bills due to Individuals by Major Hart ..... 750 " "

Balance due Major Hart 7849 39 13

Exclusive of the 3000 Pagodas States to be due from the Nabob.

Amount of public money in public Store and Godowns

Star Pagodas 8599 39 13

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Private concerns in India ——— Cr.

Mart. T & C

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March 24th By Balance of Major Hart's private account closed this day:
/being the Amount of Cash remaining - after having paid
passage money for himself and Family to Europe, the
Children's Tuition, and sundry debts and Bills amounting
in the whole to 4700 Pagodas/ ..... 1041 " 13

By the following sums due to Major Hart Viz.

Revenue allowance about ..... P. 300 " "
Remains in the Company's Treasury as a deposite
for 2 Native Servants ..... 250 " "
Passage Money to be received for Major Hart £100 or ..... 250 " "
Premium from Trumbuck for Bills drawn by the
Deputy Paymaster South of the Coleroon or Major } ..... 320 " "
Hart at Madras ..... 1120 " "
By Sundry debts due from Individuals to Major Hart: some } ..... 521 " "
doubtful and perhaps bad ..... 5917 39 "
By Nett proceeds of the Sale of Major Hart's furniture, &c. &c. &c. ..... 5917 39 "

Memorandum

By Amount disbursed by Major Hart in building sundry out offices &c.
at the Garden house occupied by him, which His Highness the
Nabob might in justice to make good about Pagodas 3000

Star Pagodas 15917 39 13

Errors Excepted /
George - Madras the 31st March 1795
/ Signed / Rich.d Boroughs
" A. Grant /

To

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To William C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

From Lieutenant Montgomery — an attestation of the Horse dealers to prove the only 8 Rupees for each Horse was demanded as a duty previous to his landing at Cochin.

I have the honor to inclose you a Persian attestation made by the Horse dealers which was taken at the Rajah of Travancores Cutcherry at Allipe before his dewan, there being no Court or Magistrate in the Neighbourhood of Cochin before whom I could have brought them — it will fully prove the only part of the late circumstance, with the Dutch, that I was anxious to establish viz: their having first declained themselves to become for me and under my protection, to the other points I was myself a Witness.

It was my intention to have proceeded to Combay and to have returned again to the Travancore Country before the change of the Monsoon in May: but for this month past no ship has called bound to the Northward — and having yesterday heard that the horses I expected are likely to arrive sooner than I supposed I shall continue till after I have dispatched them, which I hope will be before the Middle of next Month.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed W.C. Montgomery
Agent for Horses

Calicut
18th March 1795

Translation

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Translation of a letter from Sheikh Ajeman Horse Dealer of the Country To

Dated 21st February 1795

About four years ago, myself and some other Horse Dealers embarked some Horses in our own Country on a Vessel, in order to sell them at Cochin, and having arrived there, we went with them to the Deiwan of the King of Travancore, then engaged in War at Calicut – We sold those Horses at the latter place, for 200 Rupees a Head, but paid a duty of 5 Rupees on each, when we returned to Cochin, some, however, of the Dealers who were with me paid only 3 or 4 Rupees.

Last year Captain Montgomery, a Company's Officer, who came to Cochin to purchase Horses, gave us a Cowle, engaging us to bring Horses thither – We accordingly brought some Horses this year – after our Vessel arrived at Cochin, the Dutch Governor there required five Horses for himself, we refused to sell them, and desired him to peruse the Cowle, which had been given us – if we parted with those five, we said, we could not dispose of the rest – an altercation took place on this Consequence, which Captain Montgomery hearing

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1 Hearing of, after some Negotiation, had the Horses &c landed, and purchased them — We have communicated these particulars for your information — lest the business be hereafter a Subject of Discussion. —

Signed Sheikh Osman
" Sheikh Hussen
Witness

a true translation
Signed P Falconar Persian Transl.r

Received the undermentioned Letters &c entered in M: B: Nos. 1.2.3.4.5.

From W.m Rankin — From Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — proposes that the Grain &c delivered over to M.r Corbett at Masulipatam be &c inspected and reported upon by a Committee —

From Major Roberts — From Commandant of the Nizam's Detachment — enclosing Copies of his Correspondence. —

From Captain Johnston — From Engineer at Masulipatam — advising of an order issued by Colonel Fraser, depriving him of the quarters allotted to him by Government

From Paymaster General — From Military Paymaster General with an additional Estimate of Cash for April. —

Petition of Venkatrow — Petition of Venkatrow — on the Subject of his Right to the Sagheirdary of Arnee. —

Sent the following Letter.

To

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To, Mr. George Powney
Collector &c. at Ramnad

Sir,

To Mr. Powney—
Colonel Martin's
Corps to be continued
as Sebbendies—Duties
on which they are
to be employed—
to receive their
former pay.

In explanation of the orders transmitted to you on the 17th Instant, relative to the Troops to be maintained in the Ramnad Province for the defence of the Country, and the collection of the Revenue, I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acquaint you, that in order to obviate the necessity of a deviation from the articles of agreement entered into with His Highness the Nabob, it will be essential that the Corps under the Command of Colonel Martin, should be considered as Sebbendies during the period of the Company's Management, and be employed occasionally as their services may be wanted in the protection of Cutcherry Records, the collection of Revenue, and the escort of treasure— These duties however will fall to be performed chiefly by the new Sebbendy Corps, who are to be under the Command of Colonel Martin; and to draw Sebbendy Pay— the old Corps, will continue to receive their former allowances, and it is not meant that any alteration with respect to them should take place, further than what has been already stated— Viz.t that the expence attending them

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them, is to be a charge upon and paid out of the Revenue of the Country

The Company of Sepoys at Tripatore, will, as you have been already advised, be paid as heretofore by the Paymaster at Madura

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Sam Sa: & Sa:
/Signed/ Wm Jackson Secy

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: Nos. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19.

To Captain Read — To Collector in the Baramhaul — with Instructions relative to the proposals, that may be tendered, for supplying Grain — the Stores required of Salt, Firewood, and Earthen Pots, ordered to be provided

To Wm Hardon — To acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — returning the Statement furnished by him on the 27th Instant, with the orders of Government in an annexed Column

To Colonel Malcolm — To Military Auditor General — informing that the Troops in the Guntoor Circar will have been allowed the Difference, in Money, between the Bazar and Company's price of Grain.

To Military Board — To Military Board — directing that such articles, specified in their Statement, forwarded by them on the 27th December last, as are most immediately required for completing the Statement for Fort St. George and for supplying Indents from out Garrisons, may be provided without delay — Stores of Grain, Salt &c. for the Forts on the Western frontier ordered.

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To Ditto — with Copy of a letter
To Ditto — from Bengal for their information — to report their
opinion upon Mr. Lewis's proposal for transporting
the Army clothing.

To Commander of the Army —
To Colonel Brathwaite — informing him that the General Order of the 24th. Ult.
Instant — was issued for reasons, which it was not
thought expedient previously to communicate to
him — and that the same reasons continue to operate
to prevent their disclosure at present — Officers absent
from their Corps, by permission of the Officers
Commanding Stations, to be ordered to join, on
or before the 15th. April — Captain Campbell
may remain a short time longer at the Presidency.

To Ditto — to report if he has
To Ditto — received any Accounts of Major Dunconald's
failure in a second attempt upon the Fort of
Veragottam.

To Ditto — communicating Sir
Robert Abercrombie's reply to Lord Hobart on the
To Ditto — subject of the late appointment of a Successor
to Major Hart's Office.

To Captains Campbell Kinloch
Dyce — Major Trapaud — and Lieutenant Gore,
To Landing Officers — M. Macleod and Sumner of the 73rd. Regiment
permitting them to remain at the Presidency
for a short time.

To

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To Captain Ferguson

To Captain Ferguson — enclosing the Bill presented by him in april 1793 — for Off Reckonings — agreeably to his request.

To Lieutenant Wilks

To Lieutenant M. Wilks — permitting him to proceed to Europe.

To Mr. Sharden

To Paymaster of Pondicherry — A. Mearis to be allowed the same subsistence as other french prisoners similarly situated

To Lieutenant Colonel Hartley

To Commandant at Ditto — advising thereof.

To Ditto

To Ditto — the allowance drawn by Mr. McKenzie for Victualling and Clothing the French Invalid sick, inadmissible.

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Received the following letters

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From Sub Secretary at Bengal — relative to a difference in the Amount pay- able by Tippoo a- cording to Treaty — and that which has been credited, as received from him.

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to request you will lay the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Military Auditor General at this Presidency, before the Governor in Council at Fort St. George and obtain the information therein desired of the Amount.

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Amount credited in payment of the Sum of a
Crore and ten Lacks of Sicca Rupees that was
Receivable by the Company from the Nabob
Tippoo Sultaun according to the treaty of
Seringapatam.

Sam. Va. Sa.
Signed J. H. Harington
Sub Secretary

Fort William
March 13th 1795

To the Hon'ble Sir John Shore Bart.
Governor General &c. &c. &c. in Council
Military Department.

Hon'ble Sir,

I understand by information
from the Accountant General that the
total amount Credited by the Madras Govern-
-ment as received from Tippoo Sultaun in
-ment as one of the articles of the late
fulfillment
treaty of peace, is Star Pagodas 2,09,132
which at the rate of four Current Rupees
per Star Pagoda is C. Rs. 8,36,528.
whereas, according to the treaty, the amount
payable to the Company was one Crore
and Ten Lacks of Sicca Rupees, I am also
informed

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informed that the Madras Accounts are received up to the 30th April 1794, before which period the Sultaun had made good all the payments;- and as the difference between these two Sums is considerable, and correct information of the Actual Amount of the sum received, is necessary for preparing the General Account of the late War, in which I am engaged, I beg you will be pleased to apply to the Madras Government for as early information as possible why only 80,36,528 Current Rupees, instead of one Crore and Ten Lacks of Sicca Rupees has been Credited, on the above Account, at their Presidency.

Military Auditor
General office
10th March 1795

I have the honor to be
Sir: Sr
[Signed] John Murray
Col: Emily and Chief

a true Copy
[Signed] L: H: Harington
Secretary

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Colonel Kyd's wafte, thanks the General order of the 31st March should have been confined to Officers at the Presidency by leave of Government. I received no public account of Major Dunwoody's failure in his attempts on Verapatnam.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of yesterday written by order of your Lordship in reply to mine of the 27th ult. That it was highly proper that Officers should be ordered to join their respective Stations I can have no doubt, and I am aware that there may be motives for such measures which cannot with propriety be communicated but to members of the Government, and far be it from me to press to know what I am not authorized from Situation to know, I must however hope to be excused if I still observe that in the case alluded to, every end would have been answered, and the important respectability of my situation would have been fully preserved if the order had been one, directing all Officers at the Presidency under the leave of Government to repair to their stations, and directing the Commander of the Army to issue similar orders to all such Officers as were any where absent by his

Leave,

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3 leave; but I am sorry to be under the necessity of saying, that the order as it was issued, affecting all the Officers who were at the Presidency under my leave, was considered by many Officers of the Army, which it gave me much uneasiness to hear, as aimed particularly at me, implying a Censure, and setting me aside as the executive instrument of Government in regard to Military measures unsupported by those dignities which have been attached to my Predecessors in this Command whatever my exertions may be I will not pretend to any such Share of abilities as to hope to acquit myself either to your Satisfaction or my own but by your warmest support, and that I shall endeavour to deserve; and I shall immediately issue such an order as your Lordship in Council has directed me to issue. —

In reply to Mr. Secretary Jacksons second letter of the same date I have the honor to inform your Lordship, that I was informed by a private communication under date the 18th Ult., and which I received either on Friday or Saturday last, that Major Dunwoody had made a second attempt to escalade the Fort

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of Veragottam and had been repulsed, that an official account of the business had been transmitted of the same date to Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast to be forwarded to Colonel Fraser and to me, which however I have not yet received - altho I was well convinced that what was communicated to me was true, and that in the execution of this attempt every thing was done that eminently brave and Zealous men could do, yet was I unwilling to lay before your Lordship an unofficial report of a second unsuccessful attempt to escalade Veragottam, which was probably hazarded from some pressing local circumstances, I believe the loss has been one European Officer slightly wounded, one European Private killed and three wounded - five or six Natives killed and more than twenty wounded - I believe from what I have lately heard the great difficulty Major Dennwody will have to encounter in the want of draught and carriage for Ordnance and Stores - whether any difficulty like to arise for want of provisions -

Yours

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your Lordship will no doubt be informed by the Collectors - Major Dunwoody, in some private letters, I have had from him, speaks highly in praise of the very great exertions made by Mr. Keating and Mr. Webb to furnish him &c with Supplies, and from his mode of writing I incline to think that it has been difficult to do hitherto, and that the difficulty may encrease.

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
April 1st 1795

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

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

My Lord,

From Colonel Braithwaite - with Copy of an account of Major Dunwoody's attempt and failure, as above mentioned.

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council the dispatch I received yesterday afternoon giving the Report of Major Dunwoody's second attempt to escalade the Fort of Viragottam.

I am willing to hope that the Reinforcements of Ordnance and Artillery &c. sent to the Major, as reported by Lieutenant Colonel Pendergast, will enable the Major to force his way into that place, but if others are also

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be reduced I should think it advisable to send at least another Officer of Artillery, to enable Lieutenant Blakemore to return to the Stores at Vizagapatam the allowances requested by Major Dunwoody for an Officer to do the duty of Fort Adjutant to the Detachment, and for a Park Serjeant have been usually granted to Detachments in similar circumstances. I am sorry that Major Dunwoodys zeal urged him on to make this second attempt at an escalade, as attempts of this kinds can scarcely be expected to succeed except by surprise, or by being attempted in several parts of a weakly Garrisoned Fortress, and this my opinion I have signified to the Major. It is with great pleasure however that I can assure your Lordship, that the order and alacrity of every part of the Detachment has been such as to have deserved success, which I have gathered from the perusal of several Accounts of the business.

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

Head Quarters
Poultry Plain
Oct 22 1795

Colonel Charles Fraser - or Officer
Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

Sir,

I do myself the honor to forward
for

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taken from the Cavalry or Infantry, with the
Commanding Officers of Artillery and Engineers,
are supposed to reside at the Presidency and to
execute their Several Duties independently of their
Seats at the Board and in all Situations the
two latter may be considered as necessary. —It
Members where so extensive a Controul is placed
over the Military Stores and Buildings. If indeed
the same controul were entrusted to them over the
discipline of the Army the Senior Member of
the Cavalry might, with great propriety, be
required at the Board, but that province is
confided to the Commander in Chief, and tho' the
Court have observed that much benefit will be
derived from the Institution in the detail of
such business as is connected with the regularity,
the Oconomy, and the effective Strength of the
Army, it is by attending to the duties particu-
=larly defined as their province that this good
consequence is to result not by interfering
with the authority of the Commander in
Chief in the discipline of the Troops, under
the idea that it is connected with the regu=
=larity of the Army

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We have paid particular attention
to the arguments for the measure, without being
convinced of its utility. If the Regulations for feeding
the Cavalry Horses, and the Checking the Grazing
Indents are not well defined or so simple as they
might be, or if the Board are at a loss respecting
any article of equipment peculiar to the Cavalry,
enquiry might be made from the Officers
most skilled in that branch, and Regulations
framed to obviate experienced defects, but
we see no reason why the Senior Officer of
Cavalry should be a fixed Member of the
Board, more than the Senior Officer of Infantry,
who is not particularly named as such.

We must further observe that tho' the
Commissary of Stores has been added to the
Military Board at your Presidency, since its
Institution, and the Court of Directors have
approved it, we are decidedly of opinion that it
militates against the object of their Institution,
it is incompatible with any sound Principle that
a person who is to execute their orders in so
extensive a Department of Expenditure, who
is to yield prompt and implicit obedience

to

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to them, and whose accounts are to pass under their Controul, should be a Member of their Board.

We are sorry therefore to say that we cannot express our concurrence in the arrangement in question.

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

Fort William
26th of March 1795

(Signed) J. Shore
" Robt. Abercromby
" P. Speke

The President delivers the following Minute.

In council 7th April 1795

It is with much concern that the President in Council is informed that the Supreme Government have not expressed their concurrence in the late arrangement respecting the appointment of a Cavalry Officer to the Military Board, a measure which he ventured to adopt upon the fullest conviction of its utility to the service; but as it has not appeared in the same point of view to the Supreme Government, he considers it his duty to assign such reasons as occur to him, in answer to the observations contained in their letter of the 20th Ultimo.

Presidents Minute in reply to the arguments of the Bengal Government against the appointment of Colonel Younge to a Seat at the Military Board.

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The first objection as far as related to the particular period, from the circumstance of the expected new arrangements, would certainly be of considerable weight, if it appeared that the introduction of an additional Officer to the Military Boards could be calculated to create any embarrassments with regard to the new System; and were it not to be considered on the other hand, that it is probable that various regulations will become necessary to be formed for the purpose of carrying that system into execution, and that in the event of those regulations being made a subject of deliberation at the Military Board, the importance of the Cavalry Establishment upon the Coast, particularly as far as it affects the general expenditure, would render it of peculiar consequence that a Cavalry Officer should be a Member of it, at the very time that such a deliberation is likely to take place - and with respect to rank being given, not previously authorized by the Regulations from home, or previously sanctioned by the Supreme Government, it has been the practice of this Government to do so, relying upon the expediency of the measure for its approval and confirmation, and if the practice had been admitted, it may certainly be deemed tantamount to a regulation for that purpose.

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It was done in the case of the late Commissary General of Stores, who obtained the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel tho' but a Captain in the Army - in the case of the present Military Auditor General, who obtained the rank of full Colonel, tho' but a Major in the Army; and likewise, when the Corps of Guides was first established, one Captain having obtained the rank of Major, and two Lieutenants, the rank of Captain. —

The President in Council entirely subscribes to the principle, that the question of an encrease of the Military establishments should rest with the Supreme Government, but he is not aware in what manner the appointment of an additional Officer to the Military Board, can be looked upon as an encrease of the Military establishments - It being a mere matter of regulation for the better conducting of the business of that Board at this Presidency - It was not to considered when the Commissary of Stores was appointed, nor does it appear that the previous Concurrence of the Supreme Government was then thought necessary; and that the Mode of proceeding was conformable to the ideas of the Court of Directors, may be presumed from its having been Sanctioned by their approbation. —

Fleet

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Had the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel Young, occasioned the nomination of an additional officer to the Corps of Cavalry, it certainly would have had the effect of encreasing the Military establishment, but the Rank was conferred for a special purpose, totally unconnected with field service - Lieutenant Colonel Younge can never be employed in the active duties of his profession, under the present regulation, and can therefore only be looked upon, unless the new arrangement should otherwise provide as a Supernumerary Officer, whose place in the effective list has been filled up by Major Dalles, who was at the time, Supernumerary to the establishment, having the Rank of Captain

The practice of the service in India having hitherto kept the several establishments perfectly separate, promotions have ever been made, emoluments allowed, and distinctions admitted, without reference from one establishment to another; and therefore the effect of Lieutenant Colonel Younge's promotion had certainly not been considered with any view to its operation on the rank of Officers belonging to either of the other Presidencies, no such principle having heretofore been

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been introduced into the service, or allowed to
operate upon any of the measures on the
respective establishments - with regard to
Captain Dallas he succeeded of course in his
own line, and therefore there could be no
valid objection from the Infantry Captains,
but if personal pretensions, arising from
distinguished Military exertions are to have
weight, it would be difficult to find any Officer,
in whose behalf so many testimonies could
be brought forward to entitle him to an
extraordinary mark of the favor of the East
India Company.

The late resolution of the Honorable
Court of Directors revoking the Commission
granted to Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, was
adopted from the conviction that an act of injustice
had been done to the whole of the Infantry Officers
belonging to this Presidency, but in the present
case, nothing of that nature has been stated
either in publick or in private, and the
President in Council is satisfied, that no ground
has been afforded for a similar representa-
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a reference to the local situation
of the Presidency will shew the improbability of its
even being the head quarters of the Cavalry, or even
of a Cavalry Regiment, and it was that circumstance
which peculiarly called for the measure in
question, because it appears from the report of the
Military Board, that they were under serious
difficulties from the imperfection of their information
upon the discussion of subjects concerning the
Cavalry; and it was not possible to obtain the
assistance of a field Officer from that branch
of the service, without taking him entirely
from the active duties of his profession, and
it was for that reason principally, that the
appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Lounge
to the Military Board was deemed essentially
necessary, when the proportion the Cavalry
expences upon the Coast establishment bear
to those of the other branches of the service,
is duly weighed, it must appear that the
constant attendance of a Cavalry Officer
at that Board will be of considerable
importance.

Sir

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It is to be remarked that the
senior Officer of Cavalry has no control or
authority, by the existing regulations, over
any of the Regiments but his own, and conse-
=quently his removal from the active duties
of his profession, would equally apply to every
other Officer in the Cavalry, It was not therefore
merely because Lieutenant Colonel Young happened
to be the Senior Officer, but because also he was
considered the fittest person amongst the field Officers
to be called to a Seat at the Military Board - The
alteration in the arrangement of the Board was
strenuously urged by all its Members except one -
an Officer of Rank and experience from the
Cavalry was insisted upon as a matter indispen-
=sably necessary to the welfare of the service -
the Board declared itself incompetent to act
without him - Such was the opinion of
Officer Commanding the Army - the Military
Auditor General - the Adjutant General - the
Quarter Master General and the Chief Engineer,
under all these circumstances the President in
Council could not but suppose he was performing
a very essential part of his duty in acceding to the
Recommendation - The Method by which it was

to

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to be executed certainly rested with Government, &
and the most eligible plan to adopt appeared to
be that which would occasion the least expence
To have displaced Major Younge from the
Command of his Station and Regiment, and have
ordered him to the Presidency, where, while
his expences would have been encreased, his
emoluments would have been reduced, could not
in reason or justice be thought of, the measure
was therefore qualified by an advancement of
Rank, which from the circumstance of his being
the Senior Major upon the Coast establishment,
appeared unobjectionable.

The President in Council admits
that from the Situation of Commissary of Stores,
it may be advisable he should not be a member
of the Military Board. It is however to be
observed, that any information expected from
him, can be furnished by the Commanding
Officers of Artillery and Engineers, but under
the impression which that Board felt of its
incompetency to form a Satisfactory opinion
upon any Cavalry regulation submitted to its
Consideration, it became almost a matter of
necessity in the Government to appoint an

Officer

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Officer of Cavalry to be one of their Members, &
with a view to establish a sufficient and
Complete System of control, and to enforce
a vigorous Oeconomy in the Cavalry branch of
Military expenditure.

The President in Council desires to
refer to the Minute of the Board dated the 18th
December last, upon this subject, and has offered
his Sentiments upon the present occasion with
that deference and distrust of his own opinion,
which necessarily arises from the concurrence
of the Supreme Government having been
withheld from the measure.

Signed J Hobart

Minute of the Board on the Subject.

The Board were impelled to the
adoption of the Measure noticed by the Governor
General, under the firmest conviction of its utility,
and they sincerely believe that many essential
advantages will result from it – Had they foreseen
however a probability of the concurrence of the
Supreme Board being withheld, they would
certainly have submitted the case, previous to
any determination upon the Subject.

Ordered that a Copy of Lord Hobart's
Minute be sent to Bengal.

Read

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Read the following letter from Bengal.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council Fort St George

My Lord,

From Bengal approve and confirm the 4 articles of agreement respecting the Rajahmad Country.

We have been favoured with your Lordships letter, of the 6th Instant, acquainting us that, on the 4th Instant, certain articles of agreement for the better Government of the Rajamahal Districts, for a period of three years, were entered into between the Governor of Fort St George, on the part of the Company, and his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, and enclosing a Copy of your Lordships proceedings on the subject of it, which contain a very Satisfactory Explana-tion of that agreement, which we have the pleasure to inform your Lordship we approve and Confirm.

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

Fort William
27th March 1795

(Signed) J. Shore
" Robt Abercromby.
" P. Speke
" Wm Cowper
agreed

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Agreed that a letter be written to the Nabob advising his Highness of the approbation of the Supreme Government to the articles of agreement for the better Management of the Ramnad Country

Read the following letter from Mr Downey.—

William C Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

Fort St George

From Mr Downey the parents of the women forcibly taken by the deposed Rajah, refuse to receive them back.—

I was duly honored with your letter of the 5th Instant, conveying to me the Right Honble the President in Council's orders on the subject of returning the Women who were forcibly taken by the deposed Poligar to their relations — since the receipt of your letter I have taken every means to persuade the Women to return and used every argument with their Parents to receive them, but without effect, the latter declare they consider their Children dead to them from the Moment they were taken by the Poligar, and

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and that it would be disgracing them in the
Eyes of the whole Country were they to receive
them, and in this light also, I understand the
Women consider their return and in consequence
prefer remaining in their present Situation —
The Father of one of the Women promised me,
when I wrote about them to Government, to
receive his Child, but the Conduct of the others
has operated to induce him to follow their
example. — I take this opportunity to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th
Instant transmitting me the Right Honble
President in Councils authority to entertain
two hundred Sibbendy Troops for the Security
of the Collections, and the defence of the
Ramnad District, as being considered sufficient
added to the Force under the Command of
Colonel Martinz, for every service that can
be required in this quarter. —

The above number will be
immediately raised from the Troops that were
in the deposed Poligars service, but I shall
delay

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delay bringing them upon Duty until the 1st of next Month.

Every attention shall be paid to his Lordships orders on the Subject of paying the Troops in the Ramnad District, but I presume the four Companies of Colonel Martinz's Corps ordered to be paid from the Revenues of the Country may likewise begin to receive their pay from the 1st of April.

The Arms and Accoutrements belonging to the Troops of the deposed Poligar may, I should imagine, be made use of, as by the Sibbendy Corps, the former are in tolerable condition and will answer every purpose, but I fear we shall have occasion for the latter, which I should imagine may be supplied from the Stores at Madura.

Ramnad
28th March 1795

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) George Powney
Coll.

Resolved

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Resolved that a letter be written to Mr. Powney from the Revenue Department directing him to state his opinion as to the allowance that should be made to the Women of the deposed Polygar, and the way in which it would be most proper to defray it — observing, however, that the allowance is not to be greater than may be absolutely necessary for people in their condition.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the pay to the Sibbendy Troops in the Ramnad Country do commence from the 1st Instant, and that Mr. Powney be authorized to indent upon the Stores at Madura for such accoutrements as may be required for the use of the Troops.

Read the following letter from Tippoo Sultaun / entered also in C. C. No. 32 /

Translation of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George.

Without date

Recd 6th April 1795

From Tippoo Sultaun on occasion of his Son's Nuptials being concluded — advises the Receipt of a dress of Jewels &c from the President

At this joyful period, thro' the devine favor and the auspicies of your Lordship, the Nuptials of my sons Abd-ul-Khalik and Mooez ud Deen have been happily concluded.

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Although the communication of an Event so solicitous is, of itself, a Source of reciprocal satisfaction to our minds, yet, with a regard to the Formalities, observed on similar Events, Viz.ᵗ the Interchange of presents, from which as a good omen, an Idea of future happiness is prognosticated, I have dispatched, by a Camel, a Dress and Jewels, together with a Couple of horses, / agreeably to a Separate List, / all under charge of a distinguished Nobleman, Mohamed Ghous Khan, who is a Confidential & and ancient friend of the Chuda dad Sirkar.—

Though these articles were too insignifica to have been sent on this occasion, nevertheless your Lordships friendship will, on this season of congra. =tulation, by inducing an acceptance of the pres contribute to the Gratification of the Donor

The above mentioned Khan will com =municate, verbally, other particulars of H sincere friendship and amity.

Considering me Solicitous for your Lordship's welfare, I hope you will gratify m with frequent communications on the subject.—

May the measure of your Happin be equal to your wish.

a True Translation
/Signed/ A Falconar
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Translation

List of Jewels, &c.: Articles of a Khelaat sent to Lord Hobart Governor of Madras on the 11th of March 1795.

One Khelaat, consisting of the following articles Viz.t

1 Turban
2 Peices Jamawar
1 Sash
1 Gosh peech
1 Piece of Kemcab

Jewels

1 Surpeech
1 Kellegu

Horses

2 Chesnut Horses

a True translation

/Signed/ Falconar
P.r Transl.r

Ordered that the Dress and Jewels be lodged in the Treasury, and the two horses delivered over to the Officer Commanding the Governors Body Guard, and that Articles of equal value be purchased and sent to Tippoo

Read the following letter from

Wm. Kenneworthy.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

My Lord,

I have the Honor to inform you that the Proceedings of the General Court assembled here for the trial of Captain Overend closed this day, and in obedience to your Lordships Orders I have signified to the Dubashes Vencata and Moodely and Pennaulmoodely, that they are not to leave Cuddalore without permission, and have delivered them into the charge of the Town Polygar, and shall wait your Lordships further Commands regarding them, they have not been called upon to give evidence in the Course of the trial.

From Mr. Kenworthy - Court Martial Closed - has in Consequence placed the two Dubashes in charge of the Town Polygar.

I have the Honor to remain &c &c &c

Cuddalore
18th March 1795

/Signed/ J. Kenworthy

The Secretary lays before the Board the Sentence of the General Court Martial upon the Charges preferred by Government against Captain John Collens Overend.

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

Sir,

From adjutant General with the Sentence passed on Captain Overend by the General Court Martial

By desire of Colonel Braithwaite I have the honor to forward for the inspection of Government, an attested Copy of the General Orders published to the Army containing the Sentence passed on Captain John Collins Overend by the General Court Martial held at Cuddalore on the 12th January last.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) B. Close
adjt. Genl. of the Army

Fort St George
7th april 1795

Head Quarters Choultry Plain
4th april 1795

G.O. By Colonel Braithwaite

The General Court Martial which assembled at Cuddalore on the 12th January last of which Major Hugh Fraser is President, is dissolved and the following parts of the proceedings published.

Fort St George 18th December 1794

Charges
G.O. By Government.

Captain John Collins Overend ordered into Arrest by the Right Honorable & the

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the President in Council upon the following charges

Firstly For acting unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, by taking undue advantage of his Station of Secretary to the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry by conducting an enquiry into the Rights and Privileges of the Right and left hand Casts in an arbitrary and partial manner, and having in consequence of the enquiry so conducted, passed a decision, that the penalty of twelve hundred (1200) Pagodas should be levied upon the left hand Cast.

Secondly For acting unbecoming the Character of an officer and a Gentleman, by availing himself of his situation of Secretary to the Commanding Officer at Pondicherry, in countenancing and abetting Venkatasa Moodely and pennaud, Dubashes to Colonel Nixon, and Ramahsawmy Dubash to the said Captain Overend in extorting from Ponapah Chitty and other persons belonging to the left hand Cast, the Sum of Six hundred Pagodas and by the said Countenancing, Aiding, and abetting the said Dubashes, favoring the impression endeavoured to be made by them for effecting the extortion, upon the persons belonging to the left hand Cast afore= =mentioned, that the money was intended for Captain Overend's own use, - a belief still further

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further encouraged from the Circumstance of the said six hundred Pagodas having been actually received by Ramahsammy Dubash to Captain Overend.

By Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council
(Signed) W. G. Jackson Secy.

a true Copy
(Signed) R. A. Agnew
Depy adjt. Genl. of the Army.

Sentence The Court after the most full, and deliberate Investigation of the evidence in support of the prosecution on both Charges, as well, as what the prisoner Captain John Collins Overend had offered in his defence, and the evidence again produced in support of the same, in the said Charges, is of opinion, that he is not Guilty of the first charge, and it does therefore Acquit him of the same — The Court finds the prisoner Guilty of the second Charge Viz.t "for acting unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, by availing himself of his situation of Secretary to the Commanding Officer at Pondicherry, in Countenancing and abetting Vencatasa Moodely and peermaul, Dubashes to Colonel Nixon, and Ramahsawmy Dubash to the said Captain Overend in extorting from Nonnapah Chetty and other persons belonging

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to the left hand Cast the sum of six hundred Pagodas and by the said Countenancing, aiding, and abetting the said Dubashes, Savouring the impression endeavored to be made by them for effecting the extortion, upon the persons belonging to the left hand Cast aforementioned, that the Money was intended for Captain Overend's own use, a belief still further encouraged from the Circumstance of the Six hundred Pagodas having been actually received by Ramahsawmy Dubash to Captain Overend which being a breach of the Articles of War established for the better Government of all His Majesty's Forces does therefore Adjudge and Sentence, that he the said Captain John Collins Overend shall be Cashiered.

Head Quarters
3rd April 1795

/Signed/ H. Fraser
Major 72d Regt President

" L. Leith
Deputy Judge Advocate to the
Centre Division of the Carnatic

Confirmed
/Signed/ John Braithwaite

A true Copy
/Signed/ B. Y. Close
adjt Genl of the Army

Resolved

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Resolved that the following

General Order be published

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G. O. By Government

General Order in Consequence

The Right Honble the President in Council is pleased to direct that the sum of one thousand two hundred Pagodas levied on the left hand Cast at Pondicherry, under the orders of Colonel Nixon, be immediately restored to the persons from whom it was exacted.

As it hath been fully established at the Court of Enquiry held at Cuddalore on the month of November last, of which Colonel Lamed Stuart Lieutenant Colonel Barry Close, and Mr. Josiah Webbe were members, and before the General Court Martial lately held at Cuddalore, that the Dubashes Venkatasa Moodely Permaul Moodely and Ramah Sawmy, did actually extort from certain Chitties of the left hand Cast at Pondicherry the sum of six hundred Pagodas after the fine abovementioned had been paid, the President in Council with a view to mark his disapprobation of such practices, is pleased to direct that the said Venkatasa Moodely and Permaul Moodely do receive on their bare backs on the public Parade at Pondicherry each two Dozen Lashes, and be then dismissed, with a positive order never to return, under pain of further punishment, to that place.

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Sterling will take the necessary measures for carrying the above orders into execution on Monday next, at five O'Clock in the afternoon.

The President in Council is pleased to further to direct that no person in the Civil or Military Service of the Company, or acting under the orders of this Government, shall on any account employ the aforementioned Dubashes in any capacity whatsoever.

It having come to the Knowledge of the President in Council that Ramah Sawmy, late Dubash to Captain Overend, and who actually received the Six hundred Pagodas, has absconded, His Lordship in Council is pleased to direct that he be taken up if he should ever return within the Limits of the Company's possessions, and Sent to the Presidency under a Guard— the sum of fifty Pagodas will be given to any person who shall apprehend the said Ramah Sawmy, so as that he may be delivered up to the Town Major of Fort St. George.

By order of the Right Honble the President in Council

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Sec.y

Read the following letters from Mr. Grand Pré.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of Madras &c: &c: &c:

My Lord,

In consequence of an official letter of 25th March, I waited on the Paymaster, to receive the amount of my allowance — He was unable to pay me in Rupees, and informed me that he could only pay me 15 Pagodas at the rate of 100 for 365 Rupees — a rate that must have been no doubt fixed by Government when the exchange was much higher than it now is; there being the difference of 5. 3 Rupees between that and the current exchange — so that in receiving payment on those terms I would lose 15 p.c of the whole — I then proposed to the Paymaster to pay me in Pounds Sterling, reckoning the Pagoda at 8 Shillings — this however he was not authorised of himself to do — I would have very readily agreed to that mode of payment, tho' less favorable for me than the being paid in Rupees — which it would have been unreasonable in me to have insisted upon in the present scarcity of the coin — permit me then My Lord to request that your Lordship will give directions for my being paid in pounds Sterling; at the rate of 25£ p Month, the ordinary exchange being at 8 Rupees and that

Your

From Mr Grand the request this allowance may be paid him in England — and a Letter official granted him, if this having made such a request —

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your Lordship will be pleased to allow me the Pagoda at 8 Shillings, the Company's fixed price, or, if that cannot be done, Rupees may be procured for me - in the event of your Lordship being unable to comply with either of those requests, may I beg, that the payment of my allowance be deferred till my arrival in London - It will be in that case only necessary to make mention of me in your Lordship's dispatch, - giving me at the same time a Certificate of my not having received any pay while in this Country - I will also my Lord be much obliged if your Lordship will inform me on what Ship your Lordship proposes I should embark; in order that I may make the necessary arrangements. -

I have the Honor to be

Madras
6th April
1795

Va. &c.
/Signed/ Delgrand Pré

A true Translation
/Signed/ G. Buchan
French Translator

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c: &c: &c:

My Lord,

If your Lordship has not yet taken any passage on board any of the Ships now
from Mr Grand the
Agents have to
Bark or the
Melville Castle
given any orders to that effect and if there be
no particular Ship to which your Lordship
would wish to give the preference, I would esteem
myself obliged to your Lordship if it were given
to the Melville Castle, Captain Lambe, which I
myself would prefer on account of the small number
of Passengers on board her - as the Captain is to
wait on your Lordship tomorrow, I would be
happy if your Lordship would take that oppor-
-tunity of speaking to him.

I have the Honor to be

&c: &c:

Madras
7th April 1795
8th Day

/Signed/ DelGrandPre

a true translation

/Signed/ G. Buchan
French Transl.r

Agreed that the Commander
of the Melville Castle be directed to receive on
Minute thereon
board his Ship as Passenger for Europe
M

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M Grand Pré, and to afford him the treatment &
and accommodations suitable to his rank at
the Company's expence to be settled in England

Resolved, at the particular desire
of M. Grand Pré that he be furnished with a
certificate, expressing that no part of the allow-
-ance of two hundred Rupees p Mensem had
been paid to him in India.

Read the following letter from the
Military Board.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Military Board - with the Contractors Bill for Ordnance Work - request authority to order some repairs in the Gunroom & Cockpit - and to pay a Gratuity of 50 Pagodas to the Gunner of the Suffolk.

We have the honor to acknowle
receipt of your letters under date the 12th 18th
21st instant.

In obedience to your Lordsh
commands we have set about taking the nec
measures for making such experiments on
Gun Carriage recommended by Mr. Topping
will enable us to report our opinion ho
far it will be preferable in the Company's
Servic

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Service to those now in use, and we shall &
make application at the Observatory that
the Carriage may be delivered to Lieutenant
Colonel Geils.

We have given the necessary &
orders to the Contractors for Buildings and &
Repairs to complete the Cantonments at &
Secunderabad in the manner your Lordship
has been pleased to authorize, and desired &
Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy to provide the &
materials for the temporary Sheds on the &
Hill fort of Dindigul.

The necessary intimation is
sent to the Agents to the Contractors for &
Gun Carriages relative to their proposal &
for the articles in the list Marked R &
but we beg leave to acquaint your Lordship
that while the subject of this proposal
was pending, the service required that 4 &
eight inch Howitzer Carriages, 1 Mortar &
Bed 13 Inch French, 1 Mortar bed 10 Inch
French should be made up, and although
Carriages of this description were not &
included

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included in the Contract. We desired the Con=
=tractors to make them to ascertain the th
terms on which they could propose to make
them. and we have in consequence the honor
to enclose a bill for the same amounting to
to Pagodas one thousand, nine hundred, th
and fifteen / 1915 / which we beg leave to th
Recommend may be discharged, it may
also another from the Agent to these Gentle=
=men, which accompanies, amounting to th
Pagodas Seven hundred, and eighty four, twenty
one fanams, and twenty four Cash / 784.21.24 /
For several Articles made up by them for th
the public Service.

In obedience to the commands
of Government under date the 24th of October
last, an Engineer was ordered to the Guntoor
Circar in consequence of whose report to the
Chief Engineer, he has laid before us a report
with several Estimates for works required in
this Circar, and as it appears to us that the
Works are necessary, we request to be authorized
to cause them to be executed.

We

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We have directed the Military Storekeeper to attend to your Lordship's orders respecting the Gun powder belonging to His Majesty's Ship the Orpheus received through Mr. Secretary Jackson under date the 4th Instant.

We beg leave to acquaint your Lordship that it would have cost something more than one Hundred Pagodas to have sent by a Country Ship the Ordnance and Military Stores which were carried by His Majesty's Ship Suffolk, and as it appears that they were carefully attended to by the Gunner of the Suffolk, and his assistants, who thereby incurred some extraordinary duty and trouble, - we recommend that the Paymaster of the Garrison be authorized to pay him Fifty Pagodas on his representing a note for that Sum countersigned by our Secretary.

We have the honor to be

Fort St George
30th March 1795

Wa: Wa:
/Signed/ John Brathwaite
" Tho: Teile
" In: Richardson
" B: Close
" Wm Lenth
" Wm Younge

agreed

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Minutes thereon

Agreed that the Bills of the Contractors for Gun Carriages be paid.—

Ordered, previous to any decision, that the Chief Engineers Report and Estimates of Works required in the Guntoor Circar, be laid before the Board, for their approbation.—

Agreed that the Gunner of the Suffolk and his Assistants be allowed Fifty Pagodas for the care taken by them of the Military Stores &c. during the Voyage to Vizagapatam.—

Read the following letter from Colonel Braithwaite.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Colonel Braithwaite with an address from the officers whose dates of Rank were retarded by Colonel Campbell's admission upon the Infantry list—opinion thereon—

I have the honor to lay before Your Lordship in Council an address from the Officers whose dates of Rank have been Retarded by the Appointment of Lieutenant Colonel

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Colonel Campbell to the Infantry, which dis-
advantage to them, they are inclined to think
was meant to have been remedied by the Hon
Honble the Court of Directors from the
attention shewn to their Memorial on the
subject, in consequence of which, Lieutenant
Colonel Campbell had been ordered back to
the Cavalry - by which act, they conceive
that the Honorable Court of Directors, however
they may have worded their order, certainly
meant that the Ranks of the several Officers
of Infantry affected by the Supercession of
Lieutenant Colonel Campbell should be such
as they would have been, had the transfer of
Lieutenant Colonel Campbell from the
Cavalry never taken place, and I must own,
that this conclusion of theirs appears to
me but reasonable - when the object of the
Memorial of the Infantry Officers, and the
determination of the Honble Court of
Directors are adverted to.

The List which they have
enclosed stating the names of the Officers

whose

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whose dates of Rank have been effected by the Introduction of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell to the Infantry and how, has been examined in the adjutant Generals Office, and is found to be as correct. should your Lordship be pleased to adopt the Idea that the Court of Directors certainly meant by annulling the Infantry Commission of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell to restore the Infantry List to what it would have been had he never been transferred, it would only need an order Stating that in consequence of the Honble Court of Directors having annulled the Infantry Commission of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, the following Infantry officers are to Rank as according to the following dates- it is true this makes one promotion in the case of Lieutenant Long, but he certainly would have been promoted had Lieutenant Colonel Campbell never been appointed to the Infantry.

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

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council Fort St George —

My Lord,

Encouraged by our reliance upon the liberality and justice of your Lordship in Council, and by the late orders from the Honble Court of Directors conveying their intention to relieve the officers of the Infantry Establishment from the loss of Rank which they had sustained by being superceded by Lieutenant Colonel Dugald Campbell &c, whose promotion has been impeded by the temporary admission of that officer upon the Infantry List causing the Rank, We have now the honor respectively to hold to her posteriors in date by several Months to what it otherwise would have been, do we most respectfully Solicit your Honble Board to take this our case, of all others the most interesting to Military Men, into your favorable consideration, in the hope you will be pleased to grant that Rank respectively, which we should have obtained but for the temporary impediment already mentioned, as will appear by the

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Lists We have the honor to enclose.—

We have the honor to be,

Sir Sir

Fort St George
26th March 1795.

/Signed/ Robt Sale Lt Col.
" Peter Bonnevaux Lt Col.
" Alexr Wynch Lt Col
" Daniel Burr Lt Col
" Geo: Muat Major
" Thos Dunwoody Major
" Robt Crosher Major
" Geo Fotheringham Major
" Anthony Beale Captn
" Adam Lindsay Captn
" Chas C. Desse Captn
" Wm Collins Captn
" Arthur Gebbings Captn
" Marshall Do
" H. S. Scott Do
" M. Stewart Do
" Chas Savoch Do
" G.G. Johnson Do
" — Seton Do
" George Guy: A. Lanauze Do
" Faen Do
" John Long Do

/Signed/ Daniel Burr,
for the Officers absent
from the Presidency

List

Dugald

Colonel

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List of Officers whose Promotions was impeded by the Posting of Lieutenant Colonel Dugald Campbell to the Infantry List, with the date of rank they would respectively have held, had that arrangement never taken place.

Promotion on Lieutenant Colonel Oldhams return to Europe (when Lieutenant Colonel Campbell succeeded on the 29th January 1793).

Names	Rank	In room of	Date of rank	Present date of Rank
Major Lale	Lieutenant Colonel	Vice Oldham	29th January 1793	11th December 1793
Captain Muat	Major	vice Lale	do do	11th December 1793
Lieutenant A Beale	Captain	vice Muat	do do	1st April 1793
Ensign A. Marshall	Lieutenant	vice Beale	do do	4th February 1793

Promotion on Lieutenant Colonel Durand's transfer to Invalids 11th December 1793

Major Bonnevaux	Lieutenant Colonel	vice Durand	11th December 1793	18th March 1794
Captain B Vigors	Major	" "	do do	18th March 1794

Promotion on Lieutenant Colonel Clark's resignation 18th March 1794

Major A Wynch	Lieutenant Colonel	vice Clarke	18th March 1794	6th August 1794
Captain W Bruce	Major	" "	do do	" "

Promotion to raise 6th Brigade 6th August 1794.

Major Burr	Lieutenant Colonel	" "	6th August 1794	26th February 1795
Captain Dunwoody	Major	vice Burr	do do	6th August 1794
Captain Croker	Major	" "	do do	15th October 1794
Lieutenant A Lindsay	Captain	" "	do do	8th September 1794
Ensign Savoet	Lieutenant	" "	do do	28th September 1794

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Promotion when Captain Sent was Invalided 8th September 1794

Lieutenant P. C. Desse	Captain	"	"	8th September 1794	3rd October 1794
Ensign H. S. Scott	Lieutenant	"	"	do do	do do

Promotion on Captain Peatson's Resignation 3rd October 1794

Lieutenant Collins	Captain	"	"	3rd October 1794	14th October 1794
Ensign Johnston	Lieutenant	"	"	do ... do	9th October 1794

Promotion on Lieutenant Vaughan's Resignation 9th October 1794.

Ensign Stewart	Lieutenant	"	"	9th October 1794	14th October 1794

Promotion Captain Knox deceased 14th October

Lieutenant A. Gibbings	Captain	"	"	14th October 1794	15th October 1794
Lieut. Geo Guy A Lanauze	Lieutenant	"	"	do do	14th do ... do
Ensign Seton	Lieutenant	vice Boardman gone home		do do	15th do ... do

Promotion on Major Vigors dismission 15th October 1794

Captain Fotheringham ..	Major	"	"	15th October 1794	26th February 1795
Lieutenant Long ...	Captain	"	"	do do	30th January 1782
Lieutenant Faer ...	Lieutenant	"	"	do do	16th October 1794

Examined by order of Colonel Brathwaite
and found to agree with the G. O.
(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Depy Adjt Genl.

Resigned

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Resolved that copies of the "
foregoing letters be sent to Bengal, "
with the opinion of the Board "
that the Officers ought to succeed
to their respective situations "
in the same manner as if "
Lieutenant Colonel Campbell "
had not been so transferred, "
because progressive succession "
in their respective lines had
ever been considered their "
right, — and the revocation "
of Lieutenant Colonel "
Campbell's Commission is a "
Complete acknowledgment "
of it on the part of the
Court

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Court of Directors.

Hobart

Edwd Saunders

E H Fullarton

Examined

Edwd Robt Hargrave

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Diary

Sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in M.B. Nos 31. 32. 33

To Mr. Kinnersley — To the Resident at Cuddalore — transmitting Copy of a General order and directing him to send the Two — Dubashes mentioned therein to Pondichery. —

To Colonel Braithwaite — To Commander of the army — transmitting to him the Reply of the Supreme Government on the Subject of striking off the Army Staff from the Strength of Corps.

To Captain Maclean — with Instructions for returning with his Detachment to Guntoor in case there be no probability of further disturbances in the Palnaud. —

Received the following Report from the Military auditor General, with the Correspondence mentioned therein. Entered in M.B. No 34. 7

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of Fort St George

My Lord,

Since the receipt of the orders of Government of 27th August 1794, relative to accounts presented to my Office of date by Captain John Chalmers. for disbursements as acting Paymaster and Storekeeper made by him on account of the Public service while he Commanded in Coimbetore during the First and Second Sieges of that place in 1791. I have allotted at different periods a Considerable part of my time to the audit of those accounts "by comparing them with the vouchers given in by

Captain

8th "Captain Chalmers in support of the Charges" as directed in the orders transmitted to my office on the occasion, and which likewise require that my opinion shall be given on the "propriety of admitting the Balance stated to be against "the Company after calling upon Mr. Vincentio Corbett who "was Paymaster and Storekeeper of Coimbetore for such explanation "as it may be in his power to give!

The orders I have received on this subject further state "and with respect to the articles said to "have been purchased by Captain Chalmers during the First "and Second Sieges the mode by which the valuation has been "determined should be particularised".

In the course of the Audit and examination of various Vouchers, a Correspondence took place of which a Copy goes inclosed marked from No. 1. to No 10. Inclusive but as the part of it in the inclosures No 7 and 8 appears to be the most material I beg leave to refer more particularly to them, and have only to add further on the Audit of the Disbursements in question that the only way which occurs to me for closing the business is to admit of Captain Chalmers swearing to such part of his accounts as you may not see it proper decidedly to reject unless you shall be of opinion that it is more advisable to call upon him to swear to his Accounts in Toto as stated in his Letter marked No 8.

Many

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Many months elapsed, between the time the Topas Corps was taken into the Service and the first Siege of Coimbatore in which Colonel Martinz might have claimed any Sums due to him on account of their arms and accoutrements.

The working money objected to for want of the regular vouchers during the first and second Sieges, the Charge for repairs of the fortifications and for Stores purchased (the latter being nearly at the same rates as — charged by the Military Storekeeper at the Presidency) appear to be encumbrances concerning which the oath of the Party may be more particularly required, in an account of this kind in case that mode of audit is adopted.

I have further to observe in — consequence of what is stated in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of 27th August last concerning the Period of these accounts having been given in, that although they may have been given in, that although they may have been presented at Mr. Cochrane's office in sufficient time, I have no particular information of this, and only declined entering upon the audit because they were not brought before myself until after the 1st January 1793; a Copy of Captain Chalmer's Letter No 1 and of mine No 2, will explain this matter more particularly: Government having, by a special order at a subsequent period, directed the Accounts to be audited has consequently occasioned the present report, in which I have it not in my power to be more particular than

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8 than will be found in the Paper Marked No 7 and in this address, from the great difficulty that has occurred in judgeing with precision on disbursements of the kind.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
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Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George 12th April 1795

" Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in MB. Nos 35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52.

From Mr Harington — From Sub Secretary at Bengal enclosing Extract from Regulations for the Collection of the Revenues, and guidance of Officers who may be employed at — Revenue Stations.

From Hospital Board. — From Hospital Board stating the difficulty in procuring payment of the Stoppages for the Sick of the European Corps sent to the General Hospital at the Presidency — Mr Tait proposed for the Pioneer Corps and Mr Dunbar for the 17th Battalion Mr Mein requests his — Memorial may be sent to England.

From Major Roberts — From Major Roberts enclosing his Correspondence.

From Major Beresford — From the Kings Deputy Paymaster, enclosing his accounts to the 24th March 1795

From Mr Gregory. — From the Collector at Masulipatam — suggests that the house, late the property of Mahapelly

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8 Vs. Now, be appropriated for an Hospital.

From Lieutenant Colonel Geils — suggesting
From Colonel Geils. an advance of Bounty Money to the artillery men whose — "
contracted time is within twelve months of Expiring. —

From Commander of the Army — enclosing
From Colonel — " Correspondence from Masulipatam, on the subject of quarters
Brathwaite. and from Vizagapatam, relative to requisitions from the
Collectors for Troops

From Ditto — with further Correspondence
From Ditto on the latter subject — Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast obliged
from Ill health to give over the Command to Major Langley —

From Ditto — recommends Lieutenant
From Ditto Burrowes to be adjutant of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry — encloses
a Bill from the proprietors of the Courier press —

From Military Board — enclosing
From Military Board. Certificate of Stores landed from the Houghton. —

From Mr Gilson — requesting to be
From Mr Gilson appointed a Commissary of Stores —

From Mr Joseph Gordon — claiming
From Mr Gordon arrears of pay as a minor Cadet. —

From Military Storekeeper — — a
From Mr W. Wilk Enclosing Accounts of Stores provided by Mr Porcher in — — —
September October November and December 1794 — and January
last. —

From Captain Doveton forwarding
From Captain Doveton a letter from Tippoo — also Translate of one from the Sultaun
to himself.

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From Mons.r Courson — From Mons.r Courson requesting payment of some Arrears of Subsistence

From Captain Monson — From Commandant at Secundermalley — forwarding a Memorial from the Officers of the 52.d Regiment, — soliciting House Rent from their arrival at that Station

From Colonel Floyd. — From Ditto — at Trichinopoly — the people of the Gayer Mahdie Tribe have already left that District.

From Major Fraser — From Ditto at Walajabad — requests — leave to visit Madras.

" — Despatched the undermentioned letters

Entered in M.B. No.s 53 - 54 - 55 - 56 - 57 - 58

To Colonel Fraser — To Commanding at Masulipatam — directing him to appoint a Committee for inspecting the Grain delivered over to Mr. Corbett by the late Storekeeper —

To Colonel Malcolm — To Military Auditor General — notifying an Advance made to Mr. Roebuck for April. —

To Ditto — To Ditto — referring the accounts of the King's Deputy Paymaster General to the 24.th March 1795

To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell — granting a prolongation of his leave of absence

To Clerk of the Treasury — To Clerk of the Treasury — ordering an additional advance to Mr. Roebuck as above

To Mr. G. Wilson — To Military Storekeeper at — " " Vizagapatam — with an Invoice and Bill of Lading of Stores consigned to that place per Ships Cæsar and Lucknow

10 — Despatched the following letters

To.

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Fort St George 11 April 1795

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

Honorable Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your letter dated the 20th ultimo, and are concerned to find that the — alteration which we judged it necessary to make in the arrangement of the Military Board at this Presidency has not met with your concurrence —

To Bengal — expressing concern that Colonel Younge's promotion should not have met their concurrence — and enclosing Lord Hobart's minute on the occasion.

We can assure you that we were impelled to the adoption of the measure, under the firmest conviction of its utility; and we sincerely believe that many essential — advantages will result from it Had we foreseen however, a probability of your concurrence being with-held we should certainly have submitted the recommendation of the Military Board to you for the purpose of knowing your sentiments previous to our determination upon the subject.

We have the honor to enclose Copy of our President's minute, in which his Lordship has assigned such reasons as occurred to him in answer to the observations of your Honorable Board.

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

Fort St George
8th April 1795

(Signed) Hobart
&c Council

To

1052

Fort St George — 9th April 1795

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

Sir,

On the 9th of April 1794, the late Government —

To the Secretary Hay — requesting a reply to the reference made to the Supreme Government relative to the Succession to the Jaghiredary of Arnee.

addressed a letter to the Governor General in Council on the — subject of the Succession to the Jaghiredarship of Arnee; and requested to be apprized of the usage in Bengal in the case of adoption by the Wife under the authority of the husband at his death — As this information seems to be essential previous to any determination of the question of right, and as Veneat Row one of the Claimants has lately preferred another petition (copy of which is inclosed) soliciting an early decision, I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to desire you will be pleased to express his Lordship's wish to the Supreme Government, that their sentiments may be transmitted for his Guidance —

I have the honorable
&c &c

Fort St George
9th April 1795

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

To

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Fort St George — April 1795

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

Sir,

To Mr. Secretary Hay - inclosing Captain Mear's Bill for Pilotage &c. on account of the Favorite - her Freight fully discharged.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you for the information of the Governor General in Council that the demand of Captain Mears for Freight for the chartered ship Favorite, has been fully — discharged, and that he has no further claim upon the Company upon the Company on that account —

Captain Mears has transmitted a Bill for Pilotage and additional premium of Insurance &c.a amounting to Sicca Rupees 1465. 14. 9 a. r. but as the President in Council is of opinion that this Bill, if admissible, should be paid at Bengal, I am instructed to forward it to you, with a copy of the articles of agreement with this Government for her Freight.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) W.C. Jackson Secy

Fort St George
9th April 1795

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

To Columbo - inclosing an attestation proving the Increase of Duty upon horses, after Lieutenant Montgomery's Arrival at Cochin.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

On the 18th Ultimo we had the honor to address you on the subject of a disagreement between the Government

10 Government of Cochin and our Agent for the purchase of — Horses. we now take the liberty of enclosing a translation of a persian attestation made by one of the Horse dealers — before the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore at the Cutcherry at Allipé, by which you will observe that, no higher duty was demanded at Cochin previous to the arrival of Lieutenant Montgomery than five Rupees for each Horse.

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

Fort St George
9th April 1795

(Signed) Robart
&c Council

To M. Grand Pré

Sir,

To Mons. Grand Pre — replying to his Two last letters — and Enclosing the Certificate he desires.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to inform you that he has received your letters of the 6th and 8th Instant, and that he is concerned it is not in his power to comply with your wishes relative to the exchange of the Pagoda; but that he will direct that a certificate shall be given you signifying that you have desired to be paid your allowances in England, with which this Government has thought proper to comply.

I am also to acquaint you that the President in Council has spoken to Captain Lambe, on the subject of your taking your passage in the Melville Castle;

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10th Castle; and that he will be ordered to receive you on board.

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

Fort St George
9th April 1795

(Signed) Danl Ince
Dep.y Secy

We certify, that at the particular desire of Mons.r Grand
Pre no part of the allowance of two hundred Rupees pr month,
which, by the orders of the Secret Committee of the Honorable
Court of Directors, under date the 24th May 1794, was to be
paid to him during his continuance in India, has been
made to him; and that in Consequence he will be entitled
to the payment of this allowance upon his arrival in England,
from the 7th day of December 1794, the day of his arrival in
Calcutta, to the day of his departure from Fort St George on
the Honorable Company's Ship Melville Castle.

Given under our Hands
in Fort St George
this 9th Day of April 1795.

(Signed) Hobart
&c Council

Sent the Undermentioned Letters Entered in

MB. No. 59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67.

To Accountant General - enclosing Copy of a
letter from the Auditor General at Bengal - and directing him
to State the Sum brought to the Company's Credit as received
from

To Accountant General.

10th from Tippoo under the Treaty of Seringapatam. —

To Mr. Secretary Hay — To Secretary at Bengal — advising of Lieutenant Tolfrey having Embarked for Europe on the Asia.

To Colonel Fraser — To Commandant at Masulipatam — authorizing him to Employ three Carts for Each Company of Europeans, for the purpose of supplying them with water from the Pettah.

To Military Board. — To Military Board — referring a Charge made by Colonel Stirling for the Conveyance of the Baggage of the 7th Regiment from Poonamallee to Pondicherry — to ascertain whether it was public or private.

To Colonel Braithwaite — To Commander of the army — the — Memorial of the Officers affected by the Removal of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell to the Infantry, referred to Bengal.

To Mr. Torriano — To Resident at Nagore — directing him to forward a letter for Columbo.

To Captain Lambe. — To Commander of the Melville Castle directing him to receive Mons.r De Grand Pré on board as a passenger to England, and to give him suitable accommodations, the Company paying the expense

To Captain Mears — To Dillo. of the Favorite — informing him that his Bill for Pilotage &c. has been sent to Bengal.

To Major Fraser — To Commandants at Walajabad — — permitting him to visit the Presidency.

11th Sent the following letters

To

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

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Ultimo, and to acquaint you that the contents thereof have been communicated to the Officer Commanding the Army on the Coast.

To Bengal — referring a Memorial from the Officers whose dates of Rank are retarded by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell's appointment to the Infantry Rel.

We have received a letter from Colonel Brathwaite with an address from the Officers whose dates of rank have been retarded by the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell to the Infantry — Copies of these papers are enclosed for your information, with Copies of others in reference to the subject, upon which we request to be favored with your sentiments.

Our own opinion is that the Officers ought to succeed to their respective situations, in the same manner as if Lieutenant Colonel Campbell had not been so transferred; because progressive succession in their respective lines has ever been considered their right; and the revocation of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell's commission is a complete acknowledgement of it on the part of the Honorable Court of Directors.

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

Fort St George
8th April 1795

To

1058 Fort St George 10 April 1795.

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To Captain Chalmers

Sir,

To Captain Chalmers his accounts will be passed, with certain Exceptions, upon his attesting them.

The Military Auditor General having laid before the Right Honorable the President in Council his audit on your accounts for disbursements as acting Paymaster and Storekeeper made by you on account of the Public Service, while you were in the Command of Coimbetore during the first and second Sieges of that place in 1791, I am directed by his Lordship to acquaint you that in Consideration of the peculiar situation in which you were placed, he is disposed to admit the several items (with the exceptions hereafter mentioned) in your accounts, provided you take an Oath that the sums charged were actually and bonâ fide disbursed by you for the Public Service.

Upon your producing an Affidavit to the above Effect, his Lordship in Council will order the balances of your accounts to be paid, excepting only the Charge for Arms purchased on account of the Topass Corps, which is totally inadmissible.

I am &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

Fort St George
10th April 1795.

Despatched

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Despatched the undermentioned letters —"

Entered in MB. Nos 68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75

To Collector in the Guntoor Circar — directing

To Mr Ram. him to state the Cause of the Scarcity and high price of Grain there during a Season of Harvest — and to secure a sufficient supply from the Bazar in future, of Jemnalso and Paddy for the Troops

To Colonel Fraser To Commandant at Masulipatam — the Engineer not to be removed from the quarter allotted to him by the late Government.

To Military Auditor General — desiring

To Colonel Malcolm his opinion upon an application from the Commandant at Pondicherry — and from Lieutenant Fenn for arrears of allowance for reading Divine Service at Masulipatam

To Military Board — directing them

To Military Board. to lay before the Board the Estimates of the works required in the Guntoor Circar — the Gratuity proposed will be granted to the Gunner of the Suffolk and his Assistants.

To Lieutenant Colonel Geils — permitting

To Lieutenant — " Colonel Geils him to advance Bounty to those artillery men only, whose time of Service is within three months of Expiring

To Paymaster of Pondicherry — "

To Mr Skardon directing him to continue the payment of Mons.r Coursons subsistence, and the arrears due

To Commandant at Poonamallee —

To Colonel Nixon with Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Geils — the Widow

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11th Widow Baillie to be informed that she is not, under any pretence whatever, to sell Arrack or other Spirituous Liquors to Artillery men, or their Servants.

To Mr Powney. To Collector at Rammad — the pay of the Sibbendy including Colonel Martenz's Corps, to be charged to the Revenue from the 1st Instant; may indent upon Madura for accoutrements —

12th Received the undermentioned letters Entered in CC. Nos 33-34

Substance of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun. From Tippoo Sultaun — acknowledging receipt of the President's last letter of Congratulation — and advising of his having sent, under charge of a confidential person, some Jewels and Dresses —

Ditto from the Rajah of Tanjore. From Rajah of Tanjore — notifying the places he purposes visiting, after performing his Pilgrimage to Ramiseram, and requesting that the several Collectors and Commandants may receive the necessary instructions for the occasion —

13th Received the following letter:

To Mr Daniel Ince
deputy Military Secretary

From Mons.r De Grand Pré — requests an order to Captain Lambe to receive his Servant and to provide him with better accommodations than those he has allotted. —

Sir,

I have had the honor of receiving your official letter dated 9th Instant, in Reply to which I beg leave to ask who I must apply to for the certificate signifying

that

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13th that my allowance has been at my request postponed to be paid to England.

The Court of Directors have granted to me the free passage of my European servant, which having remained sick in Bengal I have been under the necessity of hiring another for my home bound Passage, this new one is as the former a french man and did come out as butler to Captain Smith of His Majesty's Ship dromede, of Course I foresee no objection to his Embarking with me, his name is Joseph Escat; I beg you will include him in the orders directed to Captain Lambe

Captain Lambe has allotted to me his third mate's cabbin, I will make no bad difficulty; Even no difficulty at all, but I must say, that such accommodation is by no means suitable to my ranke, as that Captain must indemnify the officer whom he will dislodge for me, I suppose that the uncertainty of a Sufficient sum for my Passage is the reason of the, I will add that the sum of consideration Paid to any man is always in proportion with the advantage expected from him. I would therefore be much obliged to my Lord Hobart, to speak to Captain Lambe in such terms as would remove his doubt on regard of a full an Sufficient — payment and would Induce him to provide a Superior — accommodation to that already designed, if they are not all Bespoken.

I will also recommend to your attention that as foreigner I am an unprotected being on board of a Ship, and delivered up to the Captain's will, I therefore request, that the orders that will be issued for my Passage should

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13 be Conveyed in such terms as will entitle me to his regard.

Madras
13th April 1795

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) De Grand Pre

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in MB No 76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84

From Mr. Hennerthy — From Resident at Cuddalore has sent the

From Mons. Reisans at Pondamallee — Two Dubashes to Cuddalore.

From Mons. Reisans requesting permission to visit Madras for a few Days.

From Lieutenant Colonel Wynch. — From Commandant in the Guntoor Circar forwarding Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Darley relative to repairs — required at Timericotah.

From Colonel Brathwaite — From Commander of the army soliciting Batta for the 19th Battalion now at Vizagapatam — Lieutenant Davison, Stately — arrived at Bengal from England, requests Leave of absence — Military Recommendations.

From Captain Doveton — From Captain Doveton — with Intelligence from Mysore

From Mr. Torriano — From Resident at Nagore forwarding an appeal from Mons. Gaudart on the subject of his Confinement upon suspicion of being a Spy.

From Colonel Sterling — From Commandants at Pondicherry referring a point in discussion between Mr. Thursby and the President of the Choultry Court, relative to the execution of a decree — confirmed by the Superior Council for the Sale of some property.

From Mr. Powney. — From Collector at Rammad requesting to know what pay is to be allowed the Sebbendies and that a Tappy may be established between Rammad and Madras, and his part Expenses on the account paid.

From Colonel Baird. — From Commandant at Tanjore — advising that the Rajah will sett off for Ramiseram on the 13th Instant.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Edward Saunders Esq.r

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Tuesday 14th April 1795 Ernst William Falloseild Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following letter from Bengal.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bengal with instructions relative to a limited Grant of Passage to Kings and Company's Officers.

Our Secretary has laid before us a Letter, addressed to him by Mr Jackson, dated the 13th ultimo, informing us of your Resolution to suspend the order for the Payment of Passage Money to Lieutenant Wolfrey of His Establishment, and of the Grounds upon which that Resolution was formed.

We entirely concur in the propriety of it under the Circumstances of your Lordships having supposed that the orders Contained in the Honorable Court of Directors Letter of the 2d of December 89. were the latest received on the Subject of Passage Money.

We beg leave however to advise your Lordship that when the Indulgence of returning to Europe upon Furlough and

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and Half Pay, was withdrawn from the Companys Officers, the attention of this Government was drawn by Marquis Cornwallis to the Situation of Officers who might be compelled, either by Sickness, or any necessary arrangement of Private Affairs to resign the Service and proceed to Europe, but in Circumstances and in a Situation, rendering it, at the same time highly inconvenient or impracticable for such Officers to defray the Expences of their Passage, in which cases but more especially where a Voyage to Europe might be necessary for the re establishment of Health, it was thought inhumane to withhold from any military Servant of the Company the means of making the Experiment. His Lordship therefore proposed, and it was Agreed, that the Grant of Passage money, to the Extent allowed to be demanded by the Commanders from the different Ranks, should be Continued, until the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors should be known, to all officers who should accompany their applications for Leave to resign, with an attestation upon Oath, that their Property does not exceed the Sums Specified in the Deed of agreement between the late Lord Clive and the Honorable East India Company to intitle them to the Pension of their respective Ranks, which limitation it was concluded could never afford an Inducement to any Officer to absent himself from the Service, who should not be indispensibly required, from one or other of the above Considerations, to solicit such an Indulgence.

Communication of this Resolution was made to the Court of Directors in a letter from this Government, dated the 10th of August 1789, and as it could not have reached them, when the orders of the 2d. of December 89. to which you refer

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refer us, were written, the operation of those Orders was suspended here, as far as related to Officers in the predicament already described, and the Court of Directors were advised that the limited Rule for the Grant of Passage money, already under reference to them, would continue in force, until their further Instructions on the subject were known

We have the pleasure to add that when the Recommendation of this Government came under the Consideration of the Honorable Court, they were pleased to acquiesce therein advice of which was received in their Dispatches Dated the 19th of may 1790. and confirmed by a subsequent Letter dated the 6th of may 1791. ——

We must beg leave to refer you to a Letter addressed by this Government to the Madras Presidency on the 14th of may 1790, informing them of the Steps taken here relative to the limited Grant of Passage money both to his Majestys and the Honorable Company's Officers, and as it was written with a view to — preserve an Uniformity of Practise at all the Presidencies, as we are persuaded that no partial distinction can be intended — between the Officers serving under the different Presidencies, and further, as the Court of Directors were advised of the Contents of the Letter of the 14th of may 1790 written to Madras and Bombay, and signified there Approbation of the Rules laid down as notified therein, we can have no doubt of the propriety of a similar Regulation being immediately adopted at Madras, observing, with respect to his Majestys Officers, who may apply for the Indulgence, on any plea of being Ordered home on the Public Service, that it is not to be granted as a matter of Course, but that each case is to be laid before You, and Your — Lordships decision upon it be guided by the necessity

of

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of the Case.

We have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Fort William
24th of March 1795

Signed J. Shore
Robert Abercromby
P. Speke
Wm Cowper

Minute thereon. Resolved that a General Order be published to the Army Notifying in the terms recommended by the Supreme Government that passage Money will be allowed to Officers in the Company's Service who may furnish the requisite attestation

Read the following Letter from Colonel Brathwait with one from Lieutenant Colonel Dugald Campbell.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From Colonel Brathwaite forwarding a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Campbell relative to his army Rank.

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council a Letter &c addressed to you by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, whose case I cannot but consider as exceedingly hard, for although the Infantry Officers had just grounds to represent the hardship they sustained, by his being transferred from the Cavalry to the Infantry line, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, after the solemn notices they had had, that the Cavalry and Infantry Classes of the Service were to be perfectly separate, and that no supercession was to take

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place in either, certain I am that there is not an Officer of any standing on the Coast Establishment that does not think Lieutenant Colonel Campbell well entitled to the rank he holds in the Army.

and I trust this is a point so well established that I have no doubt in my own breast that when the new Arrangements come out he will find himself redressed by the formation of the Cavalry, where I can have no doubt he will have the rank he claims in it, and which rank it appears to me is secured to him for the present by his Majestys' Commission, and which he is certainly well entitled to from a long series of meritorious Service.

I have the honor to be,

with great respect. &c &c

Signed John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
April 13th 1795

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President &c in Council.

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell soliciting to be confirmed in the Cavalry with his Army Rank.

By the orders of Government dated the 26th. February last, I had the mortification to find that the Honorable the Court of Directors had been pleased to revoke my Commission as Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry, and in addition to a series of Supercession and Degradation of Rank for these last Ten years had returned me to the Cavalry without my proper Rank in that Corps.

To prevent the severity of that order from — or

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impressing your Lordship with an opinion to my prejudice, I beg leave to lay before you copy of my correspondence on that subject, by which it will appear the injuries done me have been as unprecedented with respect to the service in general, as unmerited on my part. — But I humbly presume, my Lord, that these late orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors tend in no respect to invalidate the Commission which I had the honor to receive from His Majesty, and which constitutes me to hold the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Kings army in the East Indies so long as I shall remain in the Company's Service." My removal to the Cavalry as it still continues me in the Service, does not, I apprehend, suspend the operation of His Majestys Commission. —

Viewing the subject in this light, I trust your Lordship will confirm me in the Cavalry with my army Rank, or if there should be any doubt upon your Lordships mind, permit me to hope you will make a Reference of my Case to England, that the Kings pleasure may be known. —

After twenty Eight years of approved services, six of them at the head of the Cavalry, and three of these during a most trying war, my being now thrown back to that Corps as a Super numerary, must be, in every military point of view, considered a very serious grievance. —

I rely, with the utmost confidence, on your Lordships Justice for support, and that you will be pleased to alleviate the peculiar hardship of my present situation.

I have the honor to be, with great respect.

&c. &c.

Signed Dugald Campbell
Lieut Col.

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Minute thereon

Agreed, for the reasons stated by Lieutenant Colonel ~
Dugald Campbell, that no step be taken with regard to the Commission
he holds immediately from the King, until the further pleasure of the
Court of Directors be known. ~

Ordered that a Copy of his letter be sent a number in
the Packet. ~ Read the following letter from the Accountant
General. ~

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Accountant General shewing that the Full Amount of Tippoo's Kists, had been received and brought to Account. ~

In obedience to your orders contained in Mr. Secretary
Jacksons Letter of the 10th Instant, I have the honor to enclose an Extract
from the Statements of the Receipts and Disbursements of this Government
for the years 1791/92 92/93 & 1793/94 which will shew that the
full Amount had been received from the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun, ~
according to the Treaty of Seringapatam. ~ Copies of these Statements
were duly forwarded to Bengal, and as the Military Auditor ~
General mentions their receipt there to the 30th April 1794 it should
seem that the Sum inserted in the last years Statement being ~
Pagodas 100456 6 27 received from Tippoo, had been overlooked. ~

I have the honor to be, with great respect ~

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient

humble Servant

Accountant Generals Office
14th April 1795.

Signed Robert Woolf
Accounts. Genl.

Extract

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Extract from the Statements of Receipts and Disbursements and Disbursements of the Madras Government for the years 1791/92-1792/93 and 1793/94. ——

Pagodas. f. 40

"Extraordinary Receipts for 1791/92

Military Department.

"Received from Tippoo Sultaun by the Paymaster to the "Army agreable to Treaty of February 1792 . . . . 1,50,849. "—"

"Extraordinary Receipts for 1792/93

"Military Department

"Received from Tippoo Sultaun by Mr. "Torriano Paymaster at Vellore . . . . . } 50,276. 9. 19.

"From Gholam Ally Cawn Vackeel to Tippo — 6. 30. 16.

50,283. 4. 15

"Extraordinary Receipts for 1793/94

"Military Department

"Received from Tippoo Sultaun for the two last Kists due as per Treaty. . . . . 1,00,566. 8. 27.

Pagodas 2,01,369. 12. 42

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Errors Excepted

Signed Cecil Smith

Deputy Accountant

Ordered

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Order thereon

Ordered that Copies of the letter and Enclosure be sent to Bengal.-

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.-

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of Fort S.t George

My Lord,

From Colonel Malcolm with a reference on certain Retrenchments in the account of the Barrack Master in the Southern Division

I beg leave to lay before you inclosed a reference on certain Retrenchments in the Abstracts of the late Barrack master in the Southern Division, who having applied, or intending to do so, for leave to proceede to Europe on accounts of his health is extremely desirous to know the Decision of Government, that in case the Retrenchment shall be continued the Amounts may be refunded before his departure.-

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect
Hon.ble Hon.ble

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort S.t George
14.th April 1795

Signed Henry Malcolm
Mily Aud.r Gen.l

Reference on Charges made by Captain Dyce late Barrack Master Southern Division

Audet

Carts in the Barrack masters' Department two Charged for at Secundermally for the European Corps Stationed there, and only one allowed by the Military Auditor General, being the proportion which he finds has generally been admitted by the regulations in his Office.

Signed Military Auditor General

Barrack

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Barrack Masters explanation

In respect to this objection, I declare I am utterly Ignorant of any regulation respecting the allowance to Cart to each Regiment But as this regulation was probably only meant to apply to situations where several Corps were together, and not to a Corps composing itself a separate Cantonment where the accumulated filth and rubbish of its several Establishments render the employment of two Carts scarcely adequate to the purpose of cleanlings connected with the health of the Troops. I must request the Auditor General to reconsider his objection especially as a case directly in point namely the Cantonment of Artillery at the mounts, then consisting of only one Battalion was expressly sanctioned by Government with an allowance of two Carts and in where the number of men at no time could have equalled the strength of the 75th or 52d. Regiment at Secundermally.

Signed A. Dyce
Late Barrack Master S. D.

Audit

Pay for Barrack Serjeants at Secundermally, Dindigul, Negapatam and Vellum objected to by the Military Auditor General because Barrack Serjeants are not allowed at those Stations.

Signed Military Auditor General

Barracke Masters explanation

Until the present moment I was ignorant of the objection to this charge at any Station except Warrcore, the indispensable necessity of a Barrack Serjeant cannot be questioned for if the appointment did not exist, there would be no person locally in charge of the Quarters and the General Superintendence of the Barrack Master could thence become nugatory, as no responsibility can rest on him, who has no

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no possible means of performing the public duty. I never presumed to institute a new Office but I confess to have omitted to obtain the sanction of Government, for one that the service requires and is allowed. The appointment exists at every Fort in the Carnatic where Europeans are stationed, and I may be permitted to observe that the Barrack Master in the Center Division, had not only Authority from Government when Sir Charg Oakeley was in the Chair to make the Charge at each Station, but was actually allowed to draw the arrears for a considerable period. I further declare upon my word of honor that the sum charged by me at each Station for a Barrack Serjeant, was bona fide paid to the person who officiated as such, I therefore most respectfully and humbly submit myself to the justice and indulgence of the Honorable Board.

I Signed A. Dyce
late Barrack master S.D.

Abstract Amount of the above

Carts at Secundermally at P. f. 2½ each from April 1793 to January 1795 . . . . . Pag.s 116 10 40

Barrack Serjeants, each at ½ Pag.s ₱ month as the different Stations from July 1793 to January 1795 146 " "

Pagodas 262 10 40

In regard to the Carts I have been guided in the retrenchment by an entry in one of the Office Books dated July 1790 stating that one Cart should be allowed for each Regiment and that it was to be the Regulation for the Barrack Masters, I do not find, however on the enquiries made since the retrenchment has come to be explained upon, that a Copy of this rule had been at any time notified to the Barrack masters otherways than by the Audit in question not allowing more than one Cart for each Corps, but no opportunity offered before of adverting to a case exactly similar to that of the 52. and 75. at Secundermally. The order

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of Government quoted by the Barrack Master is correct, but as it is not of a nature to admit of my extending the rule at the mount by implication to Secundermally I therfore beg leave to request the decision of Government.

The Charge for a Barrack Serjeant at Secundermally, Dindigul, Negapatam and Vellum has been made, and paid without authority otherways than by implication, as a certain number of those Serjeants were allowed in the year 1789/90 to the Stations then specified in the order, but which could not have included at that period, any of those now charged for except Vellum.

That the Barrack master has stated in explanation is I think in general correct and his claim for a removal of the Retrenchment is supported by his declaration that he "bona fide" paid the sums respectively drawn for to the Serjeants who officiated I shall enquire into the cause of the Barrack Masters not having been furnished by the Paymasters with Copies of the Retrenchments at the time they were made from my Office.

Signed Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Minute thereon

The Board consider the explanations given by the late Barrack master in the Southern Division sufficiently satisfactory to admit the charge for Carts, and also for Barrack Serjeants as far as relate to Secundermalley and Vellum Resolved therefore that the Retrenchment be removed with the above exception.

Read the following letter from Mr. Porcher.—

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

My Lord,

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of Government's

From Mr. Porcher relative to the mode of paying the Interest upon the Tanjore Transfer Bonds granted in Mr. Lt. Balfour's name.—

Bonds in favor of my constituent in Exchange for those of the Rajah of Tanjore.— As the Honorable the Court of Directors are therein pleased to reserve to themselves an option of paying the Interest either in England or in this Country, I hope it will not be thought unreasonable, in order to obviate the Inconvenience of sending Home these Bonds when they may possibly be required in this Country, to request, that you will be pleased to recommend to the Honorable Court of Directors, that in the Event of their determining on the former, Payment be made to my Constituent agreeably to the Register which you transmit, taking his Receipt for the amount which may be certified on the Back of the Bonds by your Accountant General as usual, on Production of said Receipts.—

I have the honor to be,

with much respect.—

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&c.a &c.a

/ Signed / Jas: du. Pre. Porcher

act.g ally to J. Balfour Esq.r

Minute thereon

Agreed that the request of Mr. Porcher be Communicated to the Honorable Court of Directors by the present despatch.—

Read the following letter from the Nabob /entered also in C. C. N.o 35/.—

Translation

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Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 1st April 1795

Received 13th do - do

From the Nabob pays the Kist due the 1st April and part of the Arrears due to the late Captain J. Smith -

By the Blessing of God I have this day paid to the Company the Sum of One Lack and fifty thousand Star Pagodas, the full amount of the Kist of the 1st April 1795, and Mr. Secretary Webbe has given me Receipts for the same.

I have also sent, conformably to my promise, the Sum of One Thousand Six hundred and eighteen Pagodas, twenty seven fanams and twenty Cash, in part of the Arrears of Pay due to the late Captain Joshua Smith, being the instalment of the 1st April - you will be pleased to send me a receipt for the same. -

What can I say more.

A true Translation

Signed A. Falconar

Minute in Consequence

Resolved that the Sum of one thousand Six hundred and eighteen Pagodas twenty seven fanams and twenty Cash /1618. 27. 20/ which the Board are informed by the Nabobs letter of the 1st instant, had been paid into the Company's Treasury, in part of the arrears of pay due to the estate of the late Captain Joshua Smith be kept in the treasury for the benefit of the orphan Children of that Officer - that a receipt for the amount be given to Mr. Zachariah Polack the Guardian of the Children, who shall be allowed for their use, an interest of six p.c Cent p.r annum during their minority, at the expiration of which the

principal

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principal Sum shall be divided in equal shares amongst the Children — and that upon any further payment by the Nabob on this account, a receipt be in like manner granted to Mr. Polack. —

Read the following letter from Captain Dyce. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

From Captain Dyce requests leave to proceed to England. —

My Lord I have the honor to lay before your Lordship, a Certificate that the State of my Health, renders a voyage to Europe necessary, and I request that I may accordingly be permitted to proceed thither, on Leave of absence, on the Ships now under — despatch. — I have the honor to be, with great Respect

&c.a &c.a

Madras
the
6. April 1795.

Signed A. Dyce Capt.n
1. Batt.n European Infantry

I hereby certify that Captain Alexander Dyce has frequently applied to me on account of his health, and that it is my opinion, his Indisposition is of a nature not easily to be removed by medicine in a hot climate. For it proceeds from general relaxation of the habit, together with particular loss of tone in the Stomach & Bowels, which subjects him, during the hot, and land-wind-season, to frequent & obstinate attaches of Bile. —

It is therefore my opinion, that in order to obtain the full re establishment of his health, a voyage to Europe and a temporary residence in a cold climate will be necessary

Warrior
23d February 1795

Signed Fras Duncan
M. D.

Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician General

Agreed

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permitted Agreed that Captain Dyce be permitted to proceed to England for the re-establishment of his Health.—

Read the following letter from the Military Secretary

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart—

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Mr. Jackson — requests orders regarding the Delivery of Certificates for the amount of the claim of the late Captain G: Mackay for property on — Hog Hill taken by the Company in 1781.—

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that the estate of the late Captain George Mackay has a Claim upon the — Company on account of Houses removed from Hog Hill in the year 1781 and that I have with held the delivery of the certificates for the amount, because the Sheriff had represented that there were three executions taken out against the estate, and that one of the — Creditors had actually handed to me an Assignment by the — Executrix of this very property, It was further stated that the Creditors would have no prospect of benefiting by the money due from the Company, if it were to come into the possession of the Executrix, who had already dissipated every other part of the estate, without making any Settlement for the payment of the just demands upon it.—

I had judged it necessary to solicit the opinion of the Company's Attorney General as to the propriety of delivering the Certificates into the hands of the Sheriff for the advantage of the Creditors but was informed that it would not be legal to do so— I therefore take the liberty of requesting the orders of your Lordship in Council for my guidance, having been repeatedly called upon by the Attorney to the Executrix to put her in possession of the Certificates.

I am given to understand that some of the Execution Creditors have it in contemplation to petition the — Mayors Court, to the end that a decree may pass for lodging

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the Certificates with the Register. If this measure should take place, I shall, with your Lordship's permission, comply with the order that may be sent to me from the Court.

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest respect.
&c &c

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J. Sydney W. C. Jackson

Agreed that the Secretary be authorized to comply with any order he may receive from the mayor's Court for the delivery of the Certificates in question.

minute thereon

Read the following letter from the Subsecretary at Bengal.

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

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit you the accompanying Extracts from Minutes of Council in this Department on the 25th January 1793, and to request you will submit the same to the Governor in Council at Fort St. George with his Recommendation that the principle of the Resolution contained in it be adopted and enforced at that Presidency.

From Secretary at Bengal no Member of the Military Board have any Concern in executing Public Works or disbursing public Money resolutions on the subject enclosed

I am &c &c

Fort William
the 13th March 1795

Signed J. H. Harrington Subsecy

Extract from Minutes of Council in the Military Department on the 25th of January 1793.

Resolved that the following Resolutions be published in

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in General Orders.

The Honorable Court of Directors in their Dispatch to this Government, having taken Notice of an encreased fixed Establishment allowed to the Chief Engineer for Keeping the Fort clean, and for the necessary repairs, and having directed that the Subject should be revised with every necessary attention to economy, it was determined to extend the Enquiry, and to consider whether it might not be practicable to introduce a General System of Improvement on the existing practice by making it a standing Regulation, that the Members of the Military Board should have nothing to do with the execution of public Works, or with the Disbursements of Public Money, except as Officers of Check and Control, and upon due consideration of this subject, the following Resolutions, which have been principally recommended by the Military Board themselves are passed, relative to the Departments of the Chief Engineer the Quarter Master General and the Commanding Officer of Artillery. The Resolutions are to take effect from the 1st of February 1793.

Resolved 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 Office of Control, nor shall he have any concern with the Entertaining, the Hire, or the Disbursements of the pay of any discription of the public Servants, nor with the Provision or Custody of any of the materials requisite in the construction of Public Works.

A true Extract

Signed J. H. Harington

Subject

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that an Article be added to the Regulations for the Military Board, conformably to the recommendation of the Governor General in Council.

Read the following letter from the Governor and Council at Columbo.

To the Right Honorable Lord Robert Hobart

Governor and Council at Fort S. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Columbo enclose a Bill of Exchange for the amount of the Rice sent thire last year.

We have found an opportunity since our last letter of the 25th November to liquidate our debt for the Rice at Madras, with a Bill of Exchange on Mssrs. Colt Baker & Co. for Star Pagodas 11,307-32-58 which we have the honor to enclose in this, and to repeat our Thankfull-=ness for your kind assistance. - —

The account of the charges which attended the Trans-=portation of the troops, and which you requested from us by your letter of the 2. January, we shall have the honor to forward you, as soon as we receive the necessary Accounts from Jafna and Tutecorin. —

This morning we have had the honor to receive your letter of the 11th February and by an early opportunity we will send our answer to it. -

We have the honor to be with great esteem,

Sir &c.

Signed J. G. van Angelbeck
C. van Angelbeck
J. Reintous
R. L. van Zuller
Vollenhoven
A. Fyfendorp

Columbo the 16th March 1795

This is a true translation of the accompanying Dutch Letter of the Columbo Government

Signed C. B. Gericke

Ordered that the Bill be sent for acceptance.

Minute thereon

The President proposes that the following letter be written to Tippoo Sultaun, Entered also in C. C. No. 36

To -

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To Tippoo Sultaun

To Tippoo Sultaun acknowledging receipt of letters, and his presents on the occasion of his sons' nuptials with expressions of sincere friendship. suitable presents in return, sent to Captain Doveton

I have been made very happy by the receipt of your letters dated the ultimo, and 1. instant, the former was delivered by Mahomed Jowse Caun, from whom I had the pleasing information of your health.

I have accepted the Presents you sent me as a mark of your particular favor, and I have transmitted to Captain Doveton Jewels, and Dyes for each of your Sons whose nuptials have been lately celebrated with my warmest wishes for their happiness, and for the prosperity of every branch of your illustrious Family.

The pleasing intercourse of friendship that is now established between the two Circars, and the mutual benefits that will certainly result from an adherence to it, need not be dwelt upon to satisfy your mind, that there will be no object of my Government which I shall more steadily keep in view, than that of preserving by every means in my power, the Harmony and good Understanding which so happily subsist at present, and which I fervently hope will endure for ever.

May all your days be fortunate, and all your Undertakings crowned with success.

Fort St. George
15. April 1795

What can I say more?

Signed Hobart

Approved and ordered accordingly

Death of Lieutenant Edward Bulman Infantry

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Edward Bulman of the 24th Battalion of Native Infantry at Cuddalore on the 6th instant.

Hobart

Examined
Edwd Robt Hargrave

Cha Saunders
Chf Secy

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Diary

Received letter from the Nabob Entered in CC. No 37 submitting Translates of letters addressed to his Highness by Tippoo Sultaun - and of the proposed Replies

Substances of the letter from the Nabob

Received the following letter

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St George

My Lord

I think it my duty to lay before you copy of a Letter I received yesterday from Major Gowdie Commanding at Madura concerning additions which he states to have been made to the Bills of Charge for Barrack Articles at that Station after he had countersigned the Bills

From Military Auditor General - concerning additions made by the Paymaster at Madura to Barrack accounts, after the Commandant has countersigned them - Major Gowdie's letter on the subject.

I have only to observe further that all charges of the kind have been retrenched in my Office with the exception of such proportion of the Bills as were supported by the Commanding Officers countersignature, and that at times when I have had occasion to retrench in toto this description of Charge at Madura as the Bills were not supported by the Commanding Officers Countersignature the Paymaster in one Explanation, for May 1792, informed me that as no part of the Regulations required the Paymaster

to

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15th "to call on the Commanding Officer to countersign his Bills
"it never was done by him" and in another, for October 1792,
was added to the above words "that he would observe the
"rule in future if required" — the Retrenchments were
not however given up on Reaudit, as I am clear, on
considering both the General order of 27th September 1786
and 25th January 1788 that the Commanding Officer should
Certify the Bills in question — I beg leave therefore to refer
Your Lordship to the orders of those dates —

I have the honorable
&c &c
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Aud Genl

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P.S. I beg leave to add that I have thought it necessary
to furnish Mr Vaughan with a Copy of Major Gowdies
letter to my Office and of the present report in consequence
of it —

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Aud Genl

To Colonel Malcolm
Auditor General

Sir,

I think it necessary to acquaint you that
since I have been in the Command of the Fort and
Garrison of Madurah, I never have put my name to
any Barrack Account exceeding 1 Star Pagoda 4 F. C. 37 13,
my Reason for giving you this notice is, that I have certain

Informations

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Information, that after my Signature is obtained, large additions are made to the account on the same Sheet of paper in the Paymasters Office of this place.

Madurah
April 9th 1795

I am &c &c
(Signed) Francis Gowdie
Major
Commanding Madurah

A true Copy
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Asst Genl

" Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in M.B. Nos 85-86-87-88-89

From Sub Secretary at Bengal — transmitting

From Mr. Harrington — a List of Stores embarked on the Anna at Nagore, on account of the Dutch Troops — and which have been landed at Bengal

From acting Commissary General of Grain

From Mr. Sharden — submitting Reports of the State of the Grain at Vellore, Arnee and Amboor.

From Mons.r Haubert — requests a

From Mons.r Haubert. — renewal of his License to reside at Madras.

From Lieutenant Friend — requesting

From Lieutenant Friend. — to be repaid his Expenses for the Rent of a Godown for account of the Arms and Regimental Stores of the 2d Battalion of Artillery.

From Commandant at Poonamallee —

From Lt Col. Nixon. — encloses Widow Baillies Reply to the Complaints of Lieutenant

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15th Lieutenant Colonel Geils

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered

in MB. Nos 90-91-92-93.

From Messrs Colt Baker & Co. offering themselves

From Messrs Colt Baker & Co. — as Security, in the room of Captain Dyce, for Ramah, the

Dubash of that Officer.

From Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies —

From Mr. Sheardon. — an additional quantity of Gram required to be laid up for

the 19th Dragoons — recommends also the provision of 1050 —

Bullock Bags for that Corps. —

From Adjutant General — proposes the

From Colonel Close. — promotion of Ensign R. G. Mc. Millan, vice Bulman —

deceased.

From Commandant at Pondicherry —

From Lieutenant Colonel Sterling — submitting another letter from Mr. Mc. Kenzie relative to the

charge for Victualling the Veterans — French Prisoners — suggest

a Curtail of some of the allowances to the French Military

16th Sent Letter to the Nabob — Entered in C.C.

— balance of a Letter to the Nabob. — No. 38 acknowledging receipt of his payments on the 1st

Instant — and informing his Highness that the Treaty

for the Government of the Ramnad Province has been

approved and Confirmed by the Supreme Government —

" Despatched the undermentioned Letters

Entered in MB. Nos 94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102.

98 103-104-105-106-107-108.

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To Captain Dyce — permitting him to

To Captain Dyce

return to Europe —

To Secretary at Bengal — with Copy of a

To Mr. Hay

letter from the Accountant General relative to the payments

made by Tippoo Sultaun.

To Secretary at Bengal — forwarding

To Mr. Hay

a letter from the Nabob.

To Commandant in the Guntoor Circar —

To Lieutenant Colonel Wynch.

Lieutenant Darley permitted to make the proposed —

repairs at Timmericotah

To Ditto — at Madura — directing

To Major Gowdie

him to pay proper attention to the Rajah of Tanjore, on

his visiting the Pagoda at that place

To the Collector at Ramnad — to

To Mr. Powney

the same effect —

To Military Auditor General —

To Colonel Malcolm

Captain Dyce's Charges for Carts and Barrack Serjeants

at Secunder Malley and Vellum to be admitted

To Military Board — with Invoices

To Military Board.

and Bills of Lading of Stores consigned for Fort St George

on the Royal Admiral and Lascelles — Certificates required

of the Goods shipped on the former.

To Ditto — with directions for

To — — Ditto

building one Double and eight single Drains on the

new Road leading to the Mount.

To Ditto — the Garden house

To — Ditto

formerly belonging to Mahapetty Tow, at Masulipatam,

to

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17th to be appropriated for an Hospital — the necessary repairs to be estimated.

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Commander of the Army — with Copy of a letter from the Board of Revenue on the subject of the Exchange in the Southern Countries — Reports to be called for of the quantity of the necessaries of life procurable in the Dindigul and Trichinopoly Districts for 1792 Coilly Fanams

To Lieutenant Davison

To Lieutenant William Davison — granting him leave of absence at Calcutta — but apprizing him that he can receive no pay or allowances until he arrives on the Coast.

To Captain Doveton

To Captain Doveton — with Copies of letters from and to Tippoo Sultaun — the Khelaut presented to him to be kept with the other dresses in his charge — Instructions relative to the presents now sent for the Sultaun

To Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue — directing them to send for a few of the Coilly Fanams that it's intrinsic Value may be ascertained by Assay — and to call for a Report — as similar to those above mentioned.

To Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast.

To Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast — the Sepoys and Luscars of the 19th Battalion doing duty in Vizagapatam to receive Batta until the 15th June next — and noticing the Loss to the Company by a premature — Engagement at his Instance of a Vessel to bring down the Flank Companies of the 2d European Battalion

20th Received the undermentioned letters Extracts in MB No 109 — 110 — 111 — 112 — 113 — 114 — 115 — 116 — 117 — 118.

From Cornet Maclean

From Barrack Master at the Presidency

had

20th has taken charge of the Cotts at Madras and the Mounts, and will be responsible for their good Condition.

From Mr. Edmonstone — From Persian Translator at Bengal — forwarding a letter from the Governor General to the Rajah of Travancore.

From Mr. Chandos — From acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — the Commandant at Madura refuses to give Mr. Vaughan a Return of the Strength, whereby he might be enabled to regulate the Supplies of Earthern Pots &c. ordered to be laid up.

From Lieutenant Stewart — From Deputy Post Master at Hydrabad — stating that the Dauke between Masulipatam and Bombay may now be forwarded as formerly.

From Colonel Fraser — From Commandant at Masulipatam — forwarding the Committee's Report on the State of the Grain in Store there.

From Mr. J. Brodie — From Secretary to the Military Board — with a Packet for the Secretary to the Military Board at Bengal.

From Mrs. Porcher & Lieutenant Hayes. — From Executors to the Estate of the late Lieutenant a Morris — requesting payment of some arrears of pay &c. due to the deceased.

From Mr. Bishop — From Mr. B. Bishop — setting forth his Services in the ordnance and Store Departments.

From Colonel Brathwaite — From Commander of the army — stating that the Commandant's Quarter at Madura requires repairs — Major Goudie's letter on the subject enclosed.

From Captain Maclean — From Captain Maclean — detailing the

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20th — the circumstances which have induced him to continue with his Detachment at Runnapatam, until further orders —

substance of a letter to the Nabob — Sent letter to the Nabob Entered in C.C. No 39 approving the Replies he purposes sending to the letters from Tippoo Sultaun.

" — Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M.D. Nos 119–120–121–122–123–124 —

To Mr. Hay — To Secretary at Bengal — forwarding the packet for the Secretary to the Military Board at that Presidency.

To Mons.r De Grand Pré — informing him that the Young man recommended by him to the Board's Notice, is permitted to Embark for England on the Melville Castle.

To Colonel Malcolm — To Military Auditor General — referring Mr. Roebuck's Estimates for May.

To Ditto — referring Mr. Skardon's Ditto — for Ditto.

To Captain Lamb — To Commander of Melville Castle — directing him to receive the young Man above alluded to, as a Charter party passenger for England.

To Ditto. — To Ditto — directing him to receive Mr. Grandpre's servant on board.

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor-President

Edward Saunders Esqr

and

Ernst William Stalloford Esqr

Tuesday 21st april 1795 —

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved. —

Read the following Letter

from the 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 lay before you the inclosed draught of a General order in consequence of the Communication I had with your Lordships on the several matters

from Col. Shal-
-colow submits
draught of a general
order containing
regulations for the
Military state Ac-
-ty Staff Officers &c
for the general Provi-
-sion Department
also establishment
for Garrison Store
keeper & forms of
registers of bills &
monthly returns
for Grain Provision,
& other articles of
Stores —

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Matter to which it relates. —

In the communications from Bengal on the Subject generally the following are the principal objects in view by desiring an alteration of the System on the Coast. —

First — That the whole of the advances of Cash from the Treasury on account of Military Charges as well as the subsequent Disbursement of it should appear in the Books of the Military Auditor General and Military Paymaster General, and that no Sum shall be entered to the Debit of Military Charges in those of the latter until regularly Vouched to that account by the former.

Second — That Offices of Supply and Custody should be separated, and the accounts, in both cases, be simplified in the Offices of Pay and Audit, by excluding the Offices of Supply and Custody from any intermediate communications tending to delay the ne-

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nuesary Adjustment of Balances whether
of Cash or of Articles in Store, considering the
Military Board office in the Department
of audit and Controul over the Stores of every
description supplied on account of the Military
branch of the Service. —

Third — That a decided preference should
be given to that System which grants liberal
and avowed allowances to Offices who hold
responsible and laborious Offices and which
abolishes perquisites of every Kind, thereby
providing in the best manner, in addition
to the Regulations for the several depart-
ments, for a faithful discharge of every duty
or in failure thereof for enforcing without
any difficulty, the responsibility attached to
each Office. —

The Departments for ordnance
and Military Stores, and for Grain and
Provisions are the principal objects that have
been under notice in these considerations, in
communication with the Offices of Pay and
audit

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audit. not only on account of the very heavy
Expence falling to be incurred for those
articles, but also on adverting to the losses,
which may prove so fatal to the Service at
times and the intricacy on account to
which such articles of Expenditure
become liable, unless they are diligently
attended to and carefully controuled in
every stage of official transaction &
progressively from the time the
quantum of the Supply shall be under
consideration to the dates of issue besides
a periodical inspection in regard to
the quantum condition and value of
the remains from which sales to be
ascertained the annual Expence and
Ballances of each article — this with
important objects will, I make no
doubt, be attained to every effect
possible under the rules to be adopted
for each Department and the simplified
manner of bringing each article to
account

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account through the medium of the Pay
abstracts and of the Statements affecting
quantities and rates in the Military
Board Office

With respect to the subordinate
Pay Offices in so far as regards their
being confined solely to that duty, it does
not appear that there is any material
objection, under the principles of
System laid down, to their holding
the Custody of the Grain and Provisions
at the stations where they reside provided
they are precluded from officiating to
supply the depots of which they were
to have the charge - an exception
however seems necessary in regard
to the Presidency where a separate
officer for the Provision Department
becomes proper. -

A similar consideration may
not be thought to apply so fully in the
case of a Garrison Storekeeper officiating
in

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in the Victualling office, because if in the execution of the duty it will be in his province to provide and charge for some of the articles of the same description with those in his custody - on adverting to this point therefore it would no doubt be more advisable, in compliance with the strict letter of the rule laid down, if the Victualling and Bullock Departments were conducted by a class of Officers entirely distinct from the Pay and Store Offices - this discrimination may not however, be accounted indispensably necessary on the Coast on considering that the Expence is very trifling for Victualling the European Troops and supplying Draught and Carriage Cattle except in the want of a general War or of during the Field Operations of large Detachments composed partly of European Corps, but in which cases

separate

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separate Regulations shall be provided

The above consideration together with the inconveniences which it is presumed will occur in finding a sufficient number of Servants to fill the posts of Paymaster, Storekeeper, Victualler and Bullock agent, render a total separation of those duties appear to render necessary some arrangement without adhering rigidly to that point, and only providing that the Pay Officer shall be in a situation, as seldom as the circumstances of the Service will admit, to discharge Bills for the articles furnished by himself— and, this is attended to in three out of the four Victualling Offices, as the one, Masulipatam, which is an exception appears to from its situation to be less likely than any of the others to be often or extensively employed in the

Victualling

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Victualling and Bullock Department

It may appear best suited to the Service on the Coast, where so many Stations are occupied and soon to be supplied with a certain proportion of Military & Provision Stores, to determine in the first place, while a separation of Offices is under consideration, on the posts requiring Officers of ordnance and to station a sufficient number accordingly – Secondly to consider the Paymasters as the Garrison Storekeepers of the posts where they are appointed to preside; and, Thirdly to name Garrison Storekeepers for the remaining places of the greatest importance – after which it may be only required to order Conductors and Store Serjeants respectively to take charge of the Provision Stores at those of inferior consequence, where it is supposed that

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the quantity either of Military &
or Provision Stores is not likely to be
very great – It will be necessary, however
that they shall keep separate accounts
for each description.

On the subject of victualling &
the European Troops by Contract on this
Coast it is observable that it may not be
accounted an object with any Man, w
who shall be accounted of sufficient
responsibility from character and
circumstances, to enter into an
Engagement of the Kind depending
for employment on the March w
of European Troops which is
uncertain, and does not occur to all
such an extent in time of Peace as
to give reason to believe that moderate
terms are likely to be obtained from
a Contractor. —

Although the matter appears
to me in this point of view from very
information

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information shall been added to o-
urselves on the subject, it is certainly
of very great consequence for the v
ocasions assigned by the Governments
General and from the operation it
will have in relieving a proportion
of the publick offices from a double
duty, to have the European troops o
Victualled by Contract during peace;
and an advertisement inviting
proposals which shall allow full
time for competition will produce
the necessary information, Imagine,
how far the adoption of the Contract
System in this branch of Supply
on the Coast will be advisable —
it cannot I should suppose be of
any service in the event of war
from the difficulty that arises of
procuring resources of the Kind even
when supported with all the v
influence & exertion of Government

assisted

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assisted by the means more im =
=mediately in the power of the Com=
=manders in Chief at the head of
the army in the Field

There is no specific rule
at present, and indeed I do not see
how any can be applied for auditing
the Bills of Charge for Victualling the
European Troops on the present
System as the parties who make
the charge are not in a situation to
attend the different Detachments
in person except when large bodies
are put in motion, otherwise the
accounts might be given in upon
oath or upon Honor, In the mean
time then, and in this situation
of the matter, establishing a given
rate on the principle it stands in the
draught of a General order may
prove beneficial from one or other of the
operations it is calculated to produce.

because

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because on the one hand the given rate is lower than the average at which the Troops are victualled at present, and on the other if the given rate shall be stated tobe insufficient through the medium of Bills of Exchange transmitted with explanations to the Paymaster of Extraordinaries, it will afford the means of investigating the matter to such an extent as will in all probability produce a competent Knowledge of the actual Expence; for, at present it is difficult to judge with sufficient accuracy how far the given rate of Four Fanams for each man P. Day, including every charge, may be proper in every point of view; but upon the whole I should suppose that the actual expence is not likely tobe less, at least in a such proportion as to make it of consequence to reduce the given

rate

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Sir

I have to acquaint you for the information of the Board of Trade that I have lately had occasion to issue a Proclamation, a Copy of which I have the honor to enclose, for the purpose of preventing the Exportation of Rice from the Coast of Coromandel, and as the Proclamation will be published in the Gazette of the 25th Instant, I have not thought it necessary to transmit a Copy of the Gazette.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Archd Campbell

The Right Honble
Henry Dundas
&c &c &c

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be laid before your Lordship with
as little delay as possible - In the mean
time I take the liberty of mentioning
that the Regulations now given
in appear to me to form a part
that may be carried into execution
separately, after entering the
nominations and Salaries, because
the branches of the Service the
rules for which will thus be
brought into practice at the same
time, if the regulations shall be
approved, fall to be considered
together, both in respect to their
operation on the present system
and the future they will hold when
it shall be more comprehensively
modelled to the plan that is intended
for although it may be necessary
to direct a further alteration respecting
the Spirituous Liquors in consequence
of the regulations that obtain in

Bengal

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Bengal relative to Bazars, which it is desirable should be also established on the Coast, the change does not fall to be made in a manner that will occasion any inconvenience in consequence of publishing at this time the revised draught of a General order.—

There is one matter of no importance which not being adverted to so fully, as may be expected, in the part of the order relative to the Grain and Provision Department, requires to be brought to your Lordships notice more particularly before I close this address.— I mean the usage of this Presidency whereby Rice is issued to the Native Troops from the public Store at every Station where the Bazar price of that article exceeds Seventy Pagodas P. Madras Garce which appears to be the case so often as

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as to occasion a considerable expence —
The Government General recommend
that this practice should be
prohibited under the opinion
that it does not appear necessary
to put the Company to an
extra expence of this Kind on
account of the Native Troops, but
consider at the same time that
should it be otherwise and a
compensation be thought necessary
when the price of Rice exceeds twenty
Pagodas the Madras Garce it should
be a fixed sum in money not variable
according to the fluctuations of the
Bazare price of Grain. —

A prohibition of the practice
alluded to has been ordered by this
Government once or oftener, I think,
within the last Five or Six and Twenty
years, but I am not sufficiently
acquainted with the reasons which
induced Government to resort to it
again

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again, to enable me to state any
thing on the subject further than to
express generally, that if it shall appear
expedient not to make any alteration
in the principle upon which this
indulgence to the Native Troops has
been adopted, it will occasion a
diminution of a part of the expence
provided it shall be thought advisable
to grant a pecuniary compensation in
lieu of serving out Rice from the Store,
that is to say, the expence will be diminished
in the proportion that a charge passes
to be made at present for carriage to
bring the Paddy into Store, for beating
the Paddy into Rice, for wastage and
for Extra Servants. This subject is
discussed at greater length in Colonel
Murray's Letter to the Government
General under date 12th August 1793 to
which reference is made in the Letter
of the Government General to this

Presidency

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Presidency of the same date. —

As there is no Regulation laid down, in the draught of a General order, on the points affecting the Military Paymasters which are treated of in the three first paragraphs of the Extract of Letter from the Government General to Bombay dated 22d. October 1792, copy of which was also transmitted to this Government under date 12th August 1793 I therefore beg leave to suggest that it is only thought necessary, on my part, to bring the subject under consideration, in this Manner, on the present occasion not looking upon it as a matter that falls to be included in the draught of a General order herewith enclosed. —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Henry Malcolm

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St George 21st April 1795

Draught

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Draught of a General Order

R Resolutions and
G General Regulations

The Right Honble the President in
Council is pleased to pass the following
Resolutions and Regulations relative to
the several Departments hereafter
mentioned. —

That the Duties of the Military
Board shall be executed in conformity
to the orders of the Company under date
September 1785 — with such variation
only as may be applied consistently at
this Presidency and that the charge of
the ordnance and Military Stores shall
be considered to be in the Commissary
General of Stores. —

The charge of the Grain and
Provisions at the Presidency to continue
in the Garrison Storekeeper who with
the Commissary General of Stores
and all others employed in a similar
manner shall, with the exceptions

herein

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hereafter mentioned, be confined to
the care of articles placed under their
charge & be responsible for rendering
a faithful account of them, neither
receiving nor issuing any without
regular authority and that they shall
be considered as a check on the quality
of the articles offered for the Service
in their respective Departments

That the Supplies in the Grain
& Provision Department sent from
the Presidency for the use of the army
or Detachments of the army in the
Field or for the out Stations, as well as
those for Troops proceeding by Sea
from the Presidency shall go directly
from the office of Garrison Storekeeper
without imploying a Department
under the denomination of Commissary
General of Grain & Provisions as the
Medium through which the Grain
of that discription from the Store at
the Presidency are to be conducted and
consequently

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consequently that the Office of
Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions be abolished.—

That there shall be an agent for
Military Stores who is to furnish the
Supplies of that discription to the extent
that will be hereafter mentioned

That the post of Inspector of Stores
shall be abolished and that a certain
Number of Ordnance Officers under
the designation of Commissaries or
Deputy Commissaries, Conductors and
Store Serjeants shall be appointed for
the charge of the ordnance and Military
Stores at the out Stations together with
a certain number of Garrison Storekeepers
for the Grain and Provision Department
and that the Paymasters shall officiate as
the Garrison Storekeepers at the Stations
where they are appointed to reside the
Presidency excepted.—

That it shall be the duty of a certain
proportion of the Garrison Storekeepers

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to officiate in the Victualling Depart=
ment which may be required occasionally
for the European Troops in time of
peace, and that the same officers shall
also be employed to furnish Draught
and Carriage Bullocks. —

That Paymasters shall be
confined to the duties of a Pay office
with only the variation of this general
rule that appears in the Regulations
now published, and consequently that
besides the alteration affecting those
which is conveyed in the abolition of
the duties of Commissary General of
Grain & Provisions, the provision of Oil
and Barrack articles which may
be required at the inferior Stations
where those articles are now supplied
by Paymasters, is to be in the provision
of the Barrack Masters respectively.

That the Commissary General
of Stores and the Garrison Storekeeper
at

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at the Provisionary and the Naval Officer placed in charge of the Ordnance and Military Stores and of the Grain and Provisions at the outStations to shall send Returns and Report to the Military Board and in general that all other Offices and Departments connected with the Military Expenditure the office of audit and the Pay offices excepted, shall report to, and be subject to the Controul of that Board.

That the accounts of the Grain and Provision Department shall shew not only the quantity and quantity of the Grain and other articles but shall also exhibit the following particulars in separate columns viz.t of what year when received into Store - In good condition - Damaged - Unserviceable

That in the office of the Military Board shall be made up Quarterly under separate heads an account of

By

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the Receipts, Issues and Remains as
they stood on the last day of each Quarter
vizt on the last days of July, October, January
and April respectively of all articles —
whether of Military Stores or Provisions
or other stock the property of the
Company in the Military branch
of the Service and that to each
Account so made up the rates or
value shall be annexed in the same
Office to the Account remains, &
that an annual account of the
same description shall likewise
be made up in the Military
Board Office specifying the above
particulars as they stood on the
30th of April of each year. —

That the Military Board
shall in each year make special
Reports to Government for the purpose
of deciding on the proportion of new
Grain or other Provision that it may
be

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be proper to place in Store and on the
Sales of the old which may be admitted,
that is to say from the 1st Oct.r to the end
of November as the period for taking
into consideration the quantity of new
Grain which it may be expedient
to place in Store, and from the 1st of June
to the end of October in regard to the Sales
that may be admitted with advantage
to the Service, observing always that the
Reports so regulated are not to prevent,
the Military Board from laying
before Government such Representations
as may fall to be made occasionaly
at intermediate periods concerning
the Provision Department and every
other article of Military Expenditure
placed under the Controul of that Board

That the Military Paymaster
Generals Estimates of each required
for the Military Expenditures shall be
the ordinary channel of application
to Government for obtaining all
advances

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advanced in that branch of the Service
the abstracts or Bills for every Military
Charge are to be discharged at one or
other of the Military Pay offices A
excepting the Military Paymaster
General's on which latter the amount
of advances to made and of the A
Disbursements passed by the Military
auditor General are to be kept A
conformably to the Resolutions of
Government under date 3d April
1792 but whether the advances for
Military Expenditures shall be
made throughs the medium of
the Military Paymaster Generals
Estimate or granted upon the imm=
=mediate application to Government
of the party concerned still the A
advances of this description must
appear in the Books of this Office
in which no Sum is to be entered
to the Debit of Military Charges u
until

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until it has passed to that account in
the Office of audit

Although the charge of the
arsenal is considered to be in the Com-
missary General of Stores as an officer
of Custody and the designation of
Military Storekeeper has thereby of
been abolished yet as the Officer who
held the latter appointment is to be
employed in Supplying the Military
Stores the Duty of Supply so executed is
continued on the same terms as heretofore
in regard to Salary

Military Board

(Here will fall to be entered the
General Regulations under which
the Military Board is to act)

Agent for
Military Stores

This agency being appointed
for the Supply of Military Stores required
for the General arsenal and to be provided
under this Providency, from whence by
the Standing orders of the Service all the
Magazines at the out Stations will fall
to

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to be complied with the exception of some inconsiderable articles which may occasionaly be furnished at fixed rates by the Paymasters at out Stations acting as Commissaries of Supply on a List of such Stores & rates to be prepared by the Military Board, & the following Regulations are to be observed. —

All Indents for Military Stores to be furnished by the agent for the Service of the arsenal shall be made on the agent by the Commissary in charge of the arsenal, but the Indents are not to be complied with until they have been passed by the Military Board & no Stores are to be received from the agent unless they shall have been previously approved by the Military Board. —

The Bills of the agent for Military Stores supplied are to be accompanied by the Indents that have been passed by the Military

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Military Board for the same discription
and quantity of Stores charged for in the Bills
and by the receipt either on the back of
the Invoices or in a separate paper, of
the person Indenting and to whom the
Stores have been delivered — these documents
together with the declaration of the
agent upon oath as required under
the existing Regulations in regard
to the rates at which the Stores are
charged for become the necessary
Vouchers to authorise the Military
auditor General to pass the agents
Bills & the amount of them to the
Debit of Military Charges under
the head of "Marine Department"

The agent will receive his
advances of Cash in the proportion that
shall be approved by Government on the
recommendation of the Military
Board — His Estimates for such
advances are consequently to be laid

before

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before the Military Board -

The amount of the advances will be carried to the personal Debit of the Agent in the Books of the Military Paymaster General in which they will necessarily appear, and he will receive credit in the same Books for the sums passed on his Bills in the Office of audit

The Agent will receive his Orders at all times from or through the Military Board except on such occasions as Government shall see it necessary to communicate directly with himself

Indents for the Supply of such articles as may fall to be provided by Paymasters acting as Commissaries of Supply for petty Stores at out Stations are to be made on the Paymaster by the Officer in charge of the Military Stores at the Stations where they are wanted -

the

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the necessity for the supply is to be
Certified on the face of such Indents by
the Officer Commanding the Station
after which they are to be forwarded to
the Military Board previous to the
Indents being complied with.

The Indents of this description
passed as above together with the receipts
of the Officer Indenting and to whom
the Stores have been delivered are to
accompany the Bills of Charge of
the Commissary for such supplies
and to be considered the only Vouchers
under which the Military Auditor
General is authorised to pass the Bills
at the Fixed rates to the Debit of Military
Charges under the head of "Ordnance &
Department."

Ordnance and Military Stores

Establishment of Pay offices

(Here will fall to be entered the
Regulations under this head.)

As the Military Paymaster
General cannot be consistently employed
to

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to make Disbursements in detail —
the payment of Corps pays allowances
to the Kings Troops is to be in the Offi
of the Military Paymaster at the
Presidency who is also to officiate as
Paymaster of Extraordinaries — but in
conducting those duties he is to keep
three separate accounts.

The Establishment of
Paymasters will consist as follows

Stations	Nominations
1 Military Paymaster General	
1 Assistant to Ditto	
1 Paymaster at the Presidency	
1 Do.	Vellore
1 Do.	Hirahagunny
1 Do.	Ongole
1 Do.	Masulipatam
1 Do.	Vizagapatam
1 Do.	Trichenopoly
1 Do.	Madura

The Disbursements at all
stations must be paid by the Paymaster
of

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of Chinglepet are to be made by
the Paymaster at the Presidency
& the Pay office of Chinglepet is
abolished.

The Disbursements at all
Stations now paid by the Paymaster
of Ganjam Vizka and by the
Paymaster of Chicacole are to be
made by the Paymaster of Vizagapatam
and the Pay offices of Ganjam and
Vizka and Chicacole are abolished

The Pay office at Pallamcotah
is abolished and the payments now
made from it are to be discharged
by the Paymaster of Madeura

The Pay office of Nagore is
likewise abolished and the payments
made from it are to be discharged
by the Paymaster of Tritchinopoly.

No alteration is to take
place in the Salaries of the military
Paymaster General and his assistant

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but each of the other Paymasters are to be
allowed a Salary of Pagodas 1 Month. besides
which the Paymaster at the Presidency is to be
allowed a monthly Salary of Pagodas for
officiating as Paymaster of Extraordinaries and
Disbursing the Company's allowances to the
Kings Troops. —

The following Regulations are to be
observed in conducting the duties of Paymaster
of Extraordinaries. —

As the Established Charges including
as such those that are regulated for by the orders
of Government in regard both to the rates and
periods for which they may be drawn fall to
be disbursed by Paymasters before audit &
liable to the subsequent corrections and controul
of the Military Auditor General it is to be understood
that the Bills for all other charges that may have
been considered necessary are to be discharged by the
Paymaster of Extraordinaries but that previous to
such Bills being passed the following Rules are to
be observed. —

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They are in the first instance to be
referred to the Commanding Officers of Brigades,
Detachments or Garrisons respectively to be
countersigned by them in these words "Seen and
referred for audit" They are then to be forwarded
to the Paymaster of Extraordinaries accompanied
by every explanation that may be necessary
who is to prepare a List of such Bills once a
every Month according to the annexed form
and to lay it with the Bills before the
Military auditor General.

When the Bills are received in the
auditor Generals office they are to be entered
in a Book to be kept for that purpose
intitled "Bill Book of Extraordinaries" The
auditor General is to enter his Remarks on
the Bills in the second column of the List
and to send it with the Bills to the Military
Board whose opinion on each Bill is to
be entered by their Secretary in the third
column of the List. —

The Secretary of the Military Board
is then to forward them to the Governor in
Council

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Council for his final decision which will be entered in the fourth column of the List and the whole be returned to the Military auditor General who after having audited the Bills agreeably to the resolutions of Government is to transmit them back to the Paymaster of Extraordinaries to be by him discharged and entered in his Account of Disbursements, but notwithstanding the Bills to be so entered in the Accounts of this Paymaster have in this manner received the previous Sanction of Government the Account Disbursements of the Paymaster of Extraordinaries is to be finally audited and passed in the manner that is in force with respect to the Disbursements of other Paymasters, in order to ascertain that it accords with the Vouchers. —

Grain and Provision Department

Supply of Grain and Provisions

Whenever Grain or other articles shall be required for the public service the Military Board shall apprize Government thereof both in regard to

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to the Quantity and Quality with a view to the
Collectors in the respective Districts where the
Supply may be wanted being directed to make
public advertisement for proposals to contract
for the articles in question as in all cases where
they can be furnished by Contract on reasonable
Terms it is intended that that mode should be
pursued, the Collectors will be directed to
convey the several proposals with their opinion
thereupon to Government

The receipts of the Garrison Storekeepers
or other officers of Custody to whom the Provisions
are to be delivered together with the order or
Contract authorising the Supply and rates are
to be the Vouchers by which the Military &
Auditor General is to pass the Bills of the
Contractor or other officer of Supply and the
assent of them to the Debit of Military Charges
under the head of "Provision Department" and
in case any advances of Cash shall be made
to the Contractor or other person for the
Supplies they respectively provide such advances

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must stand at the personal Debit of the party who supplies, in the Books of the Military Paymaster General, and they will consequently be credited on the same principle in the Books of the Pay office by the annexed their Bills respectively are passed for in the office of audit.)

The Receipts of the Garrison Storekepers or other officers of Custody must express the quantity, quality and condition of each sort of Provision and the date of their being delivered by the Contractor or other officer of Supply and all Bills for Provisions so procured are to be presented for audit immediately after the Provisions have been received by the officers of Custody. —

Garrison Storekepers

This Class of officers of Custody is to be established for the care and preservation of the Grain and Provisions falling to be lodged as a Depot at different Stations and as the Paymasters are to officiate as the Garrison Storekepers of the posts where they are respectively stationed, the Presidency excepted, it will only be necessary to appoint others to such posts as shall appear to

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to require officers of this description in the
Grain and Provision Department.

The Establishment of Garrison Storekeepers
is therefore to be as follows exclusive of the
Paymasters officiating as such. —

Monthly Salaries

The Presidency one

Arnie . . one

Tanjore . . . one

besides which the Conductors of Stores and
Store Serjeants respectively are to have the
charge of such proportion of Grain and
Provisions as may be placed in store at the
other Stations. —

The Garrison Storekeepers at the Presidency,
Tanjore, Arnie and Masulipatam in all cases
are to officiate to such extent as may be required
in victualling the European Troops during Peace,
and also in the provision of Draught and
Carriage Bullocks during the same period, but
separate Bills must be made out for the
Estate required on account of the ordnance and
Military Store Department.

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The division of the duty among the Garrison Storekeepers in victualling the European Troops and in the provisions of Bullocks is arranged as follows.

The Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency for all the Stations comprehended in the range of the Military Paymaster at the Presidency.

The Garrison Storekeeper at arnee for all the Stations in the Pay offices of Vellore and Hiansgueery

The Garrison Storekeeper at Tanjore for all the Stations South of the Coleroon and

The Garrison Storekeeper of Masulipatam for all the Stations North of the Kistna and those within the range of the Pay office at Ongole.

As the foregoing distributions of the duty in the Victualling and Bullock Department applys only to the common routine of the Troops in the movements of Corps Detachments and Stores which occur during a period of peace it is to be decidedly understood that without a special

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special order one Garrison Storekeeper is not to interfere with nor to take up in any shape whatever the duty in regard to Victualling the European Troops and supplying Bullocks that has been begun by another, otherwise than by affording such assistance as may be in his power to the Storekeeper in charge because the whole of the Expence in the Victualling Department for each Body of Troops and for Bullocks must appear in accounts to be made up by the party that entered upon the duty at first, unless the responsibility for Victualling any Corps or Detachments and providing Bullocks shall have been placed by special authority in two or more offices— It is likewise to be observed that the foregoing Regulation is not to be considered as making any change in the present rule of the Service by which Dry Batta falls to be paid to small parties without the necessity of any preparation, for such parties in the Victualling Department.

Invoices of all the articles placed in charge of the Garrison Storekeepers fall to be transmitted

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transmitted to those officers, and after they have compared them with the Deliveries the Invoices are to be sent to the Military Board office without any delay accompanied by a Report, in case there shall be no deficiency, that the Receipts of each article correspond with the Invoices in quantity and quality, but if there appears to be any Deficiency, the particulars are immediately to be reported to the Military Board, and failing of such report the Storekeeper will be held responsible for the whole.

Garrison Storekeepers will receive their orders at all times from the Military Board except on such occasions as Government shall see it necessary to communicate directly with any Storekeeper. —

The Garrison Storekeeper or other person in charge of the Provision Store at each Station is to keep the following Books, viz.t a Day Book or Journal and a Ledger - a general Return Book and likewise a Book in which copies are to be entered of all Indents made

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made for the Stores under their Charge. —

In the Day Book or Journal is to be entered all the particulars of Provision Stores received or issued stating by whose authority and for what Service the Receipts and Issues have been made, and into the Ledger is to be posted every particular species of Provisions or other articles under their charge that a Balance may be drawn on the shortest notice as often as required. —

The General Return Book is to contain copies of the monthly or other Returns which they may be called upon to make whether to the Governor, the Military Board or to the Officers Commanding the Stations to which they respectively belong. —

The Garrison Store Keeper at the Presidency is to make the following Returns

A General monthly Return of Receipts Issues and Remains of every article under his charge to the Governor and a General Monthly Return of Receipts of Issues and Remains with a copy of his Day

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Day Book or Journal and the Vouchers for the Issues to the Military Board. —

The Garrison Store Keepers at all other Stations are to make their Returns on the same principle as is regulated for the same Officer at the Presidency that is to say a General Monthly Return to the Officers Commanding at their respective Stations and a General Monthly Return with a copy of this Day Book and the Vouchers for the Issues to the Military Board. —

Exclusive of the above each Garrison Store Keeper or other person in charge of the Provision Stores shall send a copy of his Ledger Quarterly to the Military Board that is to say it is to be dispatched on or before the 5th day of may, august, November and February for the Quarters Ending preceding the First of those respective months they shall likewise transmit to the Military Board by the 15th of may annually copies of their Books closed up to the 30th of april — Forms for the Journal, Ledger and monthly Returns are annexed. —

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Garrison Storekepers will be allowed a
fixed establishment of Servants and to charge
for wastage in their account of Quarterlies at the
rate of Five Pr Cent P. annum on Grain in Store
but no Extra charge for airing or shifting the
Provisions or on any other account after the
provisions shall have been placed in Store nor
be admitted unless previously Sanctioned
by Government. —

If Extra charges shall at any time
appear necessary to be incurred it shall be
the duty of the Garrison Storekeper to report
them in due time to the Commanding Officer
of the Station and of the latter to enquire into
the circumstances of the case and to communicate
immediately after with the Military Board
on the subject in order that the matter may be
represented to Government and the charge
be allowed if judged necessary; but it is to be
understood that as the Lascars at each Station
may be employed occasionaley for the Service
of the Granaries the necessity of admitting Extra
Charges is not likely to occur frequently. —

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Any part of the Grain or other Provisions placed in Store shall be considered Damaged or Unmerchantable by the Garrison Storekeeper he is to make a particular Report to the Officer Commanding the Station of the Causes that have rendered them unmerchantable or occasioned the Damage who is immediately to lay the matter before the Military Board by Letter and at the same time to order a Board of Officers on the spot to enquire into the circumstances of the case, it is to be understood however by all Garrison Storekeepers that no part of the Grain and Provisions in Store will be admitted under the heads of Damaged or Unmerchantable unless it shall appear decidedly that the proportion so reported has been rendered so from causes not depending on the Execution of the duty deputed from the Storekeepers as Officers of Custody in attending diligently to the care and preservation of the several articles under their charge.

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It is to be considered a standing Regulation that a Garrison Storekeeper or other person under him, or in the temporary charge during his absence, shall not be eligible to sit as President or as a Member of any Board of Enquiry that may be ordered to report the cause of Provision Stores being Damaged or unserviceable but that it shall be the duty of the Garrison Storekeepers or respectively on such occasions to attend with their principal Servants to answer such questions as it may be necessary to put to them during the Enquiry.

The Garrison Provision Stores being placed under the Controul of the Military Board, no Issues of them are to take place unless sanctioned by that Board, and consequently on all occasions when Issues of those articles shall be judged necessary at any station it shall be the duty of the Officer Commanding respectively to report such necessity and the reasons assigned for it to the Military Board.

If at any time it shall be judged proper to allow of Issues of the Grain and Provision

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Provision Store otherwise than for the purpose of selling off the old and Damaged articles, or for disposing of the Depot by wholesale sale in order to place a fresh supply in Store, Indents countersigned by the Commanding Officers of Stations together with the receipts of the persons Indenting and to whom the articles have been delivered are to be considered the necessary Vouchers without which the Issues so made occasionally are not to be allowed in auditing the accounts of the Garrison Storekeeper or other persons in charge of Grain and Provisions

When Grain shall be required occasionally for the Troops it is to be under the authority of the Vouchers described above, and in all cases of the kind it shall be the duty of the Garrison Storekeeper, notwithstanding at the same time the Paymaster to furnish the Paymaster with an account on the last day of each Month in which such Deliveries from the Store shall have been made, of the quantities that shall appear to have been issued by the Receipts granted by Commanding Officers

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Officers of Corps or Detachments, which Vouchers
is to be the Paymasters Guide in rendering the
authorized amount of the Provisions issued to
the Troops the abstracts for whose Pay and
allowances will continue to be drawn in full
according to the Muster Rolls and be so entered
in the Paymasters account of Disbursements, but
in issuing the money the Paymaster is to
retain the amount of the Provisions issued
out at the authorised rates passing his
Receipt for the same on the back of the
abstracts and Debiting himself for the several amounts
in his account Current under the head of
"Provision Department" these Vouchers must accompany
the accounts of Disbursements for audit and will
enable the auditor General to ascertain that
due Credit has been given for the just amount
of the Quantities of Grain &c. thus issued. —

At Stations where the Paymaster is
also the Garrison Storekeeper the receipts of the
Officers for the quantity delivered on each Indent,
must be given in Duplicate one of which to
be sent with the Vouchers for the Grain accounts

to

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to the Military Board, and the other with the Paymasters Accounts for the purpose of ascertaining as above that due Credit has been given for the amount of the quantities of Grain issued. -

Whatever Sales of the Provisions Store shall take place from other causes the amount is also to be paid in to the hands of the A Paymasters respectively of the Stations at which the Sales are ordered wherein like Manner are to Debit themselves for the amount under the head of "Provision Department" and the whole of the amounts so Debited will fall to be written back from Military Charges to the Credit of the head of Provision Department in the Books of the Military Auditor General and Military Paymaster General Monthly.

As it becomes expedient to regulate the Charge for Victualling the European Troops in time of Peace upon some given principle whereby the audit of the Victualling Bills may be rendered easy and efficient, the

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Garrison Storekeepers employed in that duty
are tobe allowed to draw Four Fanams P Day
for each man Victualled which shall be c
considered the given rate in full with the
exception which will be hereafter mentioned
for the several articles in the proportions they
fall tobe Issued to the Men as P Book of
Regulations, & for wastage, Servants wages &
Carriage and every article required in c
Victualling the Troops except Tarpaulins, which
may be required occasionally to cover the c
Rice and Salt & must be Indented for on c
the publick Stores. —

The Bills for the given rate
of Four Fanams P Man as above regulated
is tobe discharged by the Paymasters of
Stations respectively on the 1st of each Month for
the preceding month or for such part of it as
the Troops have been Victualled — The Indents
according to the existing Forms will be the
Paymasters Vouchers and are tobe P
transmitted with his accounts along
with the Bills for the given rate. —

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In case the Expence incurred shall be stated to have been more than the given rate, which it is expected can only occur on very extraordinary occasions, the amount of the Excess is to be discharged by the Paymaster of Extraordinaries under the Regulations laid down for conducting the duties of his office. Bills for the purpose are consequently to be transmitted to him in all cases of the kind, in which must be detailed the particulars of the Expence for each article of Charge, & whether of Provisions, Wastage, Servants, Carriage or otherwise during the period for which the Bill for the given rate has been made up, in order that the necessity of the charge may be judged of and clearly ascertained before of payment of the Excess is ordered.

The agency for Spirituous Liquors is to remain as at present until further orders with the following Exceptions.

Under the Regulations now laid down the agent is to be considered in the same relation to the Garrison Storekeepers employed to officiate in

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in the Victualling Department as he formerly
stood to the Commissary General of Grain &
Provisions & his Deputies but without having
any Fund for that Department in his Books —
such proportions of the Liquor in his Custody
as may be required by the Garrison Storekeepers
so employed is to be Issued on their Indents
countersigned by the Commanding Officer of the
Station: but the Indents must specify the
particular Service for which the Liquor is
required as well as the quantity, and as this
article is provided for in the given rate
allowed for Victualling the Troops it is to be
charged for and payment made on delivery
at the rate of Eighteen Fanams P Gallon

The Agent for Spirituous Liquors is
to lay before the Military Board a Quarterly
account of his Receipts, Issues and Remains,
on the 25th of the months of May, August, November
and February for the Quarters preceding the 1st of
those respective Months, and an annual
Return on the 25th of January together with an
authenticated copy of his Books closed up

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to the 30th of april observing that in his Quarterly accounts the values of each article is to be annexed to the account Remains. —

If advances of Cash shall at any time be required by the agent for Spirituous Liquors they will sell to be ordered on the recommendation of the Military Board in such proportion as Government shall see necessary, and to be Made through the Military & Paymaster General — This agent is to report to the Military Board on all matters connected with the Duties of his office. —

Conclusion

In consiquence of the forigoing Resolutions and Regulations a head for "Ordnance Department" and another for "Provision Department" will be opened in the Books of the Military auditor General and Military Paymaster General. The Sub subordinate Paymasters are also to make up separate detailed accounts of

Disbursements

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Disbursements in those branches respectively
in the same manner as they do at present
for Charges Collections, and take Credit in
their accounts Current in like manner
for the Sums disbursed under the heads of the
ordinance and Provision Departments respectively.

Those two heads (for ordnance and
Provision Departments) in the Office of Audit
and in the Pay Office General are to be
Debited at the commencement of the official
year with the Total Value of the Stock
belonging to each at the close of the preceding
year besides which they will also be
Debited in the course of the year as follows

For the value of the ordnance and
military Stores and of Grain and Provision
Stores received from Europe Bengal or else
where. —

For the amount of ordnance and
military Stores and of Provision respectively
passed on the Bills of the Offices of Supply

For the Charges of Freight and
Carriage incurred for those Departments
respectively

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respectively and for the amount of their respective Salaries and Office Establishments and

The same heads will also be to be credited in the Books of the Office of Audit and of the Pay Office General for the amount of the proceeds of Sales during the year and for the Value of the v Stock at the close of the year in the Ordnance and Provision Departments respectively.

The difference of the amount between the Debits and credits under each of these heads will give the Expence for the year of the Ordnance and Provision Departments respectively, and consequently these accounts will be closed by carrying the v said amounts to the Debit of Military Charges whereby it will follow that the Books will exhibit the Ordnance and Military Stores and the Provision Stores respectively as bearing their original value in account and not actually becoming a Military Charge until they shall have been Expended or Consumed. –

The foregoing Resolutions and Regulations are to take place and have effect on and from

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The officers of Custody now placed in charge of ordnance and Military Stores, shall on or before the 5th of the said month of forward Returns to the Military Board of their present State on the

The Commissaries, Deputy Commissaries and Conductors respectively are directed to grant Receipts in Duplicate for the ordnance and Military Stores of which they are hereby directed to receive charge, one of which Receipts for the said articles at each Station is to be given to the person who delivers over the charge, and the other after being countersigned by the party thus relieved from the charge, is to be transmitted to the Military Board and to be entered at the bottom of the Return of the foregoing state of ordnance and Military Stores now ordered to be rendered on or before the 5th of

Proceedings and Documents of the same descriptions as directed in regard to delivering and receiving charge of ordnance and Military Stores are to be followed in delivering over and receiving

Charge

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charge of the Grain and Provisions by the Paymasters and Garrison Storekeepers respectively, observing that the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency, and the Paymasters who are continued in the custody as Garrison Storekeepers, of the same articles that were in their charge previously under the denomination of Deputy to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions shall on or before the 5th of make a Return to the Military Board of the present state of the articles in the Grain and Provision Department in their charge and the Garrison Storekeepers respectively are to furnish the Military Board at the same time with List of their several Granaries or Bankshalls specifying where situated — and the Quantity of Grain in each. —

The Military Board is as expeditiously as possible after the receipt of the documents necessary for the purpose to make separate Returns to Government of the ordnance and military Stores and of the articles in the Grain and Provision Department attached to Station to which shall be annexed the values

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of each article remaining in Store on the

As the Paymasters at present are "
accounted the Storekeepers and Deputies of the "
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions at
several Stations where they are not generally
present, they will in person deliver over the "
charge hereby directed at the Stations where "
they usually are quartered, and are to be allowed
to do so by Deputy at all other Stations where "
they are accounted officers of Custody observing
however that the Deputy a Paymaster may
thus appoint is to be furnished with a "
Certificate under the hand of the Paymaster
authorising such Deputy to act, which certificate
is to be addressed to the officer to whom the Charge
at the Station is to be delivered over. —

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Military Auditor
Generals office
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Detailed

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Detailed Fixed Establishments proposed for Garrison Storekeepers.

		monthly	Total Monthly
		P. ₹ 6	P ₹ 6
At the Residency	1 Clerk at 15 Pagodas	15 " "	
	2 Do at 10 Do each	20 " "	
	1 Head Comcoply at 20	20 " "	
	1 Comcoplies at 5	5 " "	
	4 Do at 3 each	12 " "	
	14 Do at 2 each	28 " "	
	10 Peons at 2 each	20 " "	
	2 Measuring men at 2 each	4 " "	
	1 Assistant Victualler at 16	16 " "	
	1 Cooper at 5	5 " "	
	1 Bullock Mastry at 5	5 " "	150 " "
At Tanjore	1 Clerk at 10 Pagodas	10 " "	
	1 Comcoply at 10	10 " "	
	1 Ditto at 5	5 " "	
	1 Do at 4	4 " "	
	2 Peons at 1½ each	3 " "	
	1 Measuring man at 2	2 " "	
	1 Assistant Victualler at 12	12 " "	
	1 Cooper at 5	5 " "	
	1 Bullock Mastry at 5	5 " "	56 " "
At Arnee	The same as Tanjore		56 " "
At Masulipatam	The same as Tanjore		56 " "
At Trichinopoly	1 Clerk at 10	10 " "	
	1 Comcoply at 10	10 " "	
	1 Ditto at 5	5 " "	
	1 Ditto at 4	4 " "	
	6 Peons at 1½ each	9 " "	
	1 Measuring man at 2	2 " "	40 " "
	Carried forward	S.r P.s	358 " "

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	Monthly P. ✓. C	Total Monthly P. ✓. C
Brought forward		358 " "
At all other Stations where there shall be grain & Provisions in Store it is proposed to allow as follows		
1 Conicopoly at 5 Pgs.	5 " —	
2 Peons at 1–21. each	3 " "	
1 Measuring man	2 " "	
	10 " "	
Suppose such Stations to Stand as the following List —		
Vellore		
Vyacapatam		
Ganjam		
Kistnagerry		
San Thydroog		
Riacottah		
Chunroydroog		
Penabudendroog		
Penagra		
Namaul		
Selim		
Coongoondy		
Dindigul		
Madura		
Pallamcottah		
Innecondah		
Condapilly		
Ongole		
Nagar		
Pallamcondah	20 Stations say at 10 each }	200 " " 200 " "
	Pgs	558 " "

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Folio 1

Ledger

Paddy of the Year 1795 In good Condition
Received into Store 8th April 1795.

1795		G	m	d
May 1st	To remains in Store	50	100	"

1795		
May 17th	By Issued into Store	
	By Issue Cooley for	
	By Wastage for May	
31st	By Balance remains	

50. 100 "

Paddy of the Year 1794 Damaged
Received into Store 20th May 1794

1795		G	m	d
May 1st	To remains in Store	13	50	"

1795		
May 31	By Wastage for May	
	By Balance remains	

13 50 "

Rice of the Year 1793 In good Condition
Received into Store 1st October 1794

1795		G	m	d
May 1st	To remains in Store	25	"	"

1795		
May 12th	By Issued to the	
15	By Rice of the Year 17	

25 " "

Rice of the Year 1794 In good Condition
Received into Store 25th October 1794

1795		G	m	d
May 1st	To remains in Store	100	201	"

1795		
May 31st	By Wastage for May	
	By Balance remains	

100 201 "

Rice of the Year 1794 Damaged
Received into Store 10th October 1794

1795		G	m	d
May 1st	To remains in Store	10	20	"

1795		
May 13th	By Issued to the	
	By Wastage for 13	

10 20 "

Rice of the Year 1793 Unserviceable
Received into Store 1st November 1793.

1795		G	m	d
May 1st	To remains in Store	4	5	"

1795		
May 16	By Issue Waste	

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Folio 1

Ledger

Paddy of the Year 1795 In good Condition
Received into Store 1st April 1795.

		£	m	d				£	m	d
1795					1795					
May 1	To remains in Store	50	100	"	May 17	By Issue beat into S				
						By Issue barley for				
						By Wastage for Ma				
					31	By Balance remai				
		50.	100	"						

Paddy of the Year 1794 Damaged
Received into Store 20th May 1794

		£	m	d				£	m	d
1795					1795.					
May 1.	To remains in Store	13	50	"	May 31	By Wastage for M				
						By Balance remai				
		13	50	"						

Rice of the Year 1793 In good Condition
Received into Store 1st October 1794

		£	m	d				£	m	d
1795					1795.					
May. 1	To remains in Store	25	"	"	May. 12	By Issued to the				
					15	By Rice of the Year 17				
		25.	"	"						

Rice of the Year 1794 In good Condition
Received into Store 25 October 1794

		£	m	d				£	m	d
1795.					1795.					
May. 1.	To remains in Store	100.	201	"	May. 31	By Wastage for M				
						By Balance remai				
		100	201	"						

Rice of the Year 1794 Damaged
Received into Store 10. October 1794

		£	m	d				£	m	d
1795.					1795.					
May. 1.	To remains in Store	10.	20	"	May. 13	By Issued to the				
						By Wastage for 13				
		10	20	"						

Rice of the Year 1793 Unserviceable
Received into Store 1st November 1793

		£	m	d				£	m	d
1795.					1795.					
May. 4.	To remains in Store	4.	5.	"	May. 16	By Issue Written				

Folio 2.

Ledger

Stirewood in good Condition
Rumed into Store 1st July 17

£	m.	d.					
the year 1795			10	100	"		
				341	8.		
				92	5.		
			38	365	11.		
			50	100	"		

1795.
May 1st To remains in Store ..... 100,00 " " May 31st

Salt Beef in good Con
Rumed into Store 1st August 17

£	m.	d.					
			25	2			
			13	24	10.		
			13	50	"		

1795.
May 1st To remains in Store ..... 10. 5. 20 May 31

Earthen Potts in good
Rumed into Store 1st March 17

£	m.	d.					
Battalion N.J.			6	10	"		
Damaged Transferred			18	390	"		
			25	"	"		

1795.
May 1st To remains on Store ..... 109 " " May 31

Rice of the Year 1794 in
Rumed into Store 10th

£	m.	d.					
				1676.			
			100	336.			
			100	201	"		

1795.
May 10 To Received from the ( ) ..... 5. 10. " May 31

Paddy of the Year 1795
Rumed into Store 10th

£	m.	d.					

1795.

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ordered to lie on the Table

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regulations for the ordnance and Mar Departments

are received

Read the following letter from the A

military auditor General. —

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St George

My Lord

I beg leave to take the present opportunity

Lord Cornwallis orders his attention to the inadequacy of this salary as military auditor General

while Regulations are under consideration affecting

the system of Military accounts on the Coast of

requesting your Lordships attention on the subject

of my Salary as Military auditor General (which

is Pagodas 166. 28 Fanams) having understood it

to be the intention of Government to augment

it in consequence of the manner in which the

matter has been noticed by the Governor General. —

I presume your Lordship will not

account it improper in me to state, on the present

occasion, that as the Military Paymaster General

received a Salary of Pagodas 600 Fanams from

May 1792 until the 1st of December 1793 from which

last

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last period it was fixed at Pagodas 500 ₱ month by orders from the Honble Company, the Salary then established for that Officer appears to me, to furnish a data on which to determine mine by fixing it on the same relative proportion to Pagodas 500 ₱ month that the Salary of the Military Auditor General at Bengal bears to that of the Military Paymaster & General there, and to be allowed from the commencement of the New System of accounts on the Coast in May 1792.

In the event of the data being admitted, which may be taken up from the Honble Company's orders to Bengal as well as to this Presidency, because the Salaries of both the offices in question have been long established there, the amount which may be regulated on the above mentioned proportions will give to the Military Auditor General at this Presidency Pag. ₱ Month, but I beg leave to observe, at the same time, that in thus expressing myself I have not applied for a Salary equal to that of the Military

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Military auditor General at Bengal, however
consistently it may be granted at this Presidency
for many just causes, which I might adduce, &
because the labour and extent of duty there is not
I conceive inferior, although the situation of the
Military Auditor General at Calcutta may be
accounted more important in other respects &
which it is not necessary for me to mention
in this place as I only mean to shew, by a
reference on the subject thus far, that there is no
objection to admitting the rule I have
alluded to in consequence of its involving the
question of granting Salaries at this Presidency
equal to those allowed at Bengal

Although I have not thought it necessary
to bring the subject more particularly to your
notice than by assuming the freedom of suggesting
an argument in favor of my Office that
is supported by the consideration the Honble
Company had given to others which are
not I conceive by any Means foreign to the a
discussion, yet I shall trust it will receive
a just consideration from your Lordship on
advertising

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advertising to the nature and relative situation of the different offices together with the following circumstances viz.t That I have not only been without an adequate Salary for three years past but have also experienced the hardships of serving on a less one than has been granted in more instances than one to others whose accounts fell to be controuled in the office I hold.

Under such considerations I shall indulge the hope that whatever Salary shall be allotted in regard to the past time or in future your Lordship will see the propriety of not allowing the Officer holding the post of Military Auditor General at this Presidency to remain any longer in the comparatively inferior situation already stated, while there cannot be a doubt I imagine, that he ought to be superiorly considered. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Madocks
Comy. Aud.r Genl.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
20th April 1795

Ordered

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Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter be sent as number in the packet to England, and that it be noticed to the Honble Court of Directors, that if the Board were not in expectation of the arrival of the arrangements forming in Europe, they would, in consequence of the recommendation from Bengal, have fixed the Salary of the Military Auditor General at six hundred Pagodas Month, and which it is their intention to do, in case no more Lee reviews relating to his Department.

Resolved that Colonel Malcolms application for the payment of the arrears of whatever increased salary may be fixed for his office, from the commencement of the new system of accounts on the Coast in May 1792, be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Honble Court.—

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

To

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To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Colonel Gent requesting a fixed salary in like manner as is granted to the Chief Engineer at Bengal

I presume to address your Lordship in consequence of communications that took place some time ago, between Government and the Military Board, relative to the office of Chief Engineer, and to represent to your Lordship the great difference between my situation, and that of the Chief Engineer at Bengal.

Government in their Letter to the Military Board under date the 13th March 1794 were pleased to say, "We would have you consider how far the Checks provided by the Military Board in Bengal, may with propriety be adopted, on the Execution of all Works, done by under Contract," and the Military Board in their answer, a Copy of which I have the honor to lay before your Lordship, suggested, that "as the duty of the Chief Engineer was simply

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to inspect the Work carrying on by the Contractor, either himself, or by his Subordinate Officers to see that the Materials and Workmanship were good and when done to report to the Military Board who then recommended the payment, and that they did not therefore see, how any of the Bengal Regulations could be adopted, while the present Contract continued, except that the Chief Engineer might be ordered to make an affirmation, as done by the Chief Engineer in Bengal to whose advantage they then adverted, and referred to an Extract of the Bengal regulations a Copy of which I have the honor to submit to your Lordship, By these regulations, Extract it will appear to your Lordships that the Chief Engineer at Bengal, once drew a commission, for all Works executed within his department, together with a monthly Salary of 710 Rupees, for Table, oil Candles and Stationary, and that instead of these Contingent charges, he has now a fixed personal Salary of 2700 Rupees per month, annexed to his Pay and Batta.

The Resolution which Government were pleased to form on these facts, was confined to

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to that part, which requires the declaration upon Honor, directing, that the Chief Engineer should notify such resolution to the officers of the Corps under him, and to enjoin their obedience to it, which I beg to assure your Lordship, I carried into immediate effect.

Permit me to observe to your Lordship, that as Chief Engineer, I have no Emolument whatever, except my pay and Batta, consequently the receipts of the Chief Engineer in Bengal, exceed mine by the whole amount of his Salary, and whose avocations, and expences, may probably not be greater, Under those Circumstances I look up to your Lordship with the hope that upon taking the subject into consideration, your Lordship may be pleased to annex to the Office of Chief Engineer such Staff Extra allowances, as may bear some Analogy to those granted to the Chief Engineer in Bengal; But if the orders of the Court of Directors should be such, as to

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to induce your Lordship to make a reference
to Europe, allow me to request that your Lordship
will be pleased to let this Letter be a number
of the Packet now under dispatch, and permit
me humbly to entreat, that your Lordship will
afford it, that protection and support, it may
appear to deserve, and which your Lordships
liberality may suggest, and to request that
whatever allowance may be granted me, may
commence from the date of the resolutions of
Government of the 2d April 1794

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

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(Signed) W Kelly Lieut Colonel
& Chief Engineer

Extract of a Letter from Government dated the 13th March 1794

"In the consideration of the subject of public
repairs we deemed it necessary to refer to the orders
of the Honble Court of Directors dated the 9th February
1792 which were transmitted to you with our
Letter of the 25th July 1792 In those orders mention
was made of a Minute delivered at your Board
by the Commissary General of Stores, on the

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the 2d of January 1791 respecting the Insufficiency of Chuck and Controul over the Engineers Department and we desired that the Subject of that Minute might be reassumed by you. In deliberating upon the question then agitated, we would have you consider how far the Checks provided by the Regulations of the Military Board in Bengal may, with propriety, be adopted on the execution of all Works done under the Contractors."—

Military Board

In Meeting March 1794

Take into Consideration the Paragraph of Government's Letter dated the 15th of March, on the Subject of Chuck and Controul over the Engineers Department.

Resolved to reply to Government's Letter of the above date, and to acquaint them that on the Paragraph respecting the insufficiency of Chuck and Controul over the Engineers Department, We in consequence of a Minute delivered in by Major Hall under date 23d August 1792 took the Department of the Chief Engineer into consideration. The Chief Engineer replied to

Major

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Major Hall's Minute on the 1st of March 1793, and
Major Hall Do not rejoin — We therefore deemed it
unnecessary to proceed further seeing that the Chief
Engineer had now nothing to do either with the
Provision of Materials, or the Payment of W^m
Artificers, or Lascars —

The duty of the Chief Engineer is now
simply to inspect all Work carrying on by the
Contractors, either himself, or by his subordinate
Officers, to see that the Materials and Workmanship
are good, and when the Work is done to report it to
the Military Board, who will then recommend
that the Contractors Bills should be paid, if it
does not exceed the Estimate, and this being
expressly provided for in the Contract, We do not
see how any of the Bengal Regulations can be
adopted, if the present Contract is to remain, as
the Engineer is now himself the established
Check, except that the reporting Engineer
may be ordered to make an Affirmation, as he
does in Bengal, that he has neither directly or
indirectly derived any emolument or advantage W^ch
whatever from the building which he reports, beyond
his allowances from the Company — which in
Bengal

Bengal are very liberal, in proportion to the Rank of the Engineer employed, and the Estimate of the Building which he is to survey and report upon, as will appear by the Extract from the Bengal Regulations — We have the Honor to enclose, and which Allowances we suppose have been granted as the best possible substitute for Check on the Engineers Department, by rendering his Situation such as places him out of the reach of any temptation the Contractors could afford to offer him.—

At Bengal the Chief Engineer is confided in Chiefly for the Buildings, to the Ten Thousand Rupees, whereas on the Coast he is not entrusted further than to the extent of five Pagodas beyond which Sum every work of whatsoever denomination must be executed by the Contractors.—

In Bengal also we observe that there is a Civil Architect who is occasionally employed to check the Work performed by the Chief Engineer, but as the Honorable Company have no such Servant on the Coast, and the Chief Engineer in fact has not the execution of any Work meeting much consideration, it does not occur to us that any other can be successfully established.—

Extract

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Extract from the Bengal Military Regulations.

Minutes of Consultation - dated 27th July 1787

Resolved that the Salary allowance for a Table, Oil, Candles, and Stationary, drawn by the Chief Engineer, and amounting to Current Rupees 710..15, be struck off from the 1st. of the ensuing Month, after which period, he is to receive a fixed personal Salary as Chief Engineer of 2,700 Sonat Rupees per Mensem, which is to be in full lieu of any Commission whatever, and in full for the Table Allowance and for every contingency of Instruments, Stationary, Oil, and Candles.—

The Pay and Batta of the Chief Engineer, being allowances inseparable from the Rank will of course continue to be drawn by him as at present.—

Minutes of Consultation dated 31st. March 1790

Resolved that the following Allowances be established for Engineer-Officers, when employed in the Superintendance of Works, which are engaged to be performed by Contract, the following gratuities shall be paid to them on a Report of the due execution of the Contract.—

If the amount of the whole Work contracted for, shall exceed One Lack of Rupees, the

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the Superintending Officer being a Captain, shall receive Sonant Rupees 4000, if a Subaltern 2000.

For Works exceeding 5,000 Rupees, the gratuity of a Captain shall be 3000 and of a Subaltern 1500.—

For all Works not exceeding 5,000 the gratuity of a Captain shall be 1500 and of a Subaltern 750

When employed in the execution of Works upon Trust, the following Allowances are fixed:—

To a Captain, for the time he may be employed, 400 Sonant Rupees per Month.—

To a Subaltern, 200, for ....ditto.....ditto

These gratuities being intended as personal allowances to the Officers employed, it is further resolved, that the following provision shall be made for the necessary establishment of People to be employed under them, as well as for furnishing Instruments Stationary, and all other contingencies to which they are liable.—

These establishments to be drawn for Monthly, during the time they are employed; but not to any with the Rank of the Officer—

To Officers Superintending Contracts.—

For Instruments and Stationary of all Sorts.....40..—..—

One Tindal 6 Lascars.....11..—..—

Two Hercarahs.....10..—..—

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To the executive Officers of public Works
For Instruments and Stationary of all
Sorts ..... 20..—
Two Sircars ..... 30..—
One Tindal and 8 Lascars ..... 56..—
Three Hircarrahs ..... 15..— 161..—

Whe the Officers are allowed Assistants
under them, which can only be necessary when the
Works are extensive, and then only to be employed
by order of Government or the Commander in Chief;
the following Allowances are fixed for their Assistants

For Instruments and Stationary ... 20..—
For Palankeen ..... 30..— 50..—

Extract of a Letter from Government to the
Military Board dated the 2nd of April 1794.

"We have resolved, that, before any
"Bills for Work executed be paid in future, it shall
"be Certified as at present, by an Engineer, with
Declaration upon Honor, that he has neither
directly nor indirectly derived nor will derive any
Emolument or Advantage whatever, from the
Building or Repairs which he reports, and you
will accordingly desire the Chief Engineer to Notify
"this Resolution to all the Officers of the Corps
"under him enjoining their Obedience to it"

Resolved

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Gents Application be referred to the favorable consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors; and that their attention be drawn to the Custom which prevails in Bengal, of allowing to the Chief Engineer a fixed Monthly Salary - and to the other Engineers a Gratuity when employed in superintending the works performed by Contract. -

Read the following letter from the Military Board. -

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

L. Military Board from proposing an Establishment of Lascars, Watermen Artificers, Materials and Stationary for the Engineer Department at Masulipatam Price for Advance work & orders thereon

We have the honor to ... acknowledge ... receipt of Your Lordship's Command ... Secretary Jackson under date the 7th ... having taken into consideration the ... from Captain Johnston of the Engineers ... opinion, that an allowance often ... the Fort of Masulipatam clean was ... proper, and that it becomes indispensa... now that it is made a Station for an Europe...

and

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and that We rather recommend that twelve should be allowed, to be employed as the Commanding Officer of the Place shall think proper to direct, and subject to muster.—

We are further of opinion that twenty one fanams per Month is by no means an adequate Allowance for Stationary for the Engineer at Masulipatam, and We conceive the Allowance of four Pagodas, and twenty eight fanams, not more than is necessary — It appears that that Allowance having been struck off was not in consequence of it's having been thought too much, but on Account of it's having been heretofore brought to account as a Civil charge, and transferred to a Military one, without any authority sufficient satisfactory to the Military Auditor General — We recommend therefore that it should be authorized in future as a Military charge.—

As two hundred Lascars are allowed to the Garrison of Masulipatam — We think that fifty of them cannot be better employed than under the direction of the Engineer for keeping the fortifications in order.—

We are also of opinion, that the small expence of Water Boilers for carrying to the Garrison each

such Water as may be applied to culinary purpos
which cannot be otherwise procured, but by going
to a great distance is very necessary, but as all
works are now done by Contract We submit
it to the Consideration of Your Lordship, whether
if the Contractors are allowed to avail themselves
of this convenience, whereby they will save themselve
the expence of bringing Water from a great distance
it should not be on the condition of keeping the
Water pipes in repair. —

With regard to Artificers, We are aware
of our having recommended the present Establishment,
on the general idea that every work was now to be
done by Contract, and that consequently the Engineer
could have nothing to do, but to superintend &
and check, which We are convinced is highly
proper in all works of any magnitude but on a
mature consideration We are of Opinion that a
like Masulipatam requires that something should
be always doing to keep it in a proper state, and
that therefore such should be done under the head
of Current repairs of too trifling a Nature to req
Estimate, and to furnish employment for the
Contractor, and that if some provision is not
therefore made it may furnish an excuse for
letting the works run into such decay as may

hereafter

hereafter involve serious expense – We would ∴
therefore recommend that the Engineer at ∴
Masulipatam, as it is certainly a Garison of
importance, and considerable extent should be ∴
allowed the following Artificers in addition
to what he now has. – –

One Maistry Bricklayer
One Carpenter
One Smith
One Bellows boy
One Chickledar
Six Water Bailers as above alluded to

and that he be allowed to draw from the Stores by
Indent countersigned by the Commanding Officer
under the head of wanting for current repairs, ∴
materials, provided the expence of materials so
drawn from the Stores does not in any one
month exceed thirty Pagodas. –

We have the honor herewith to lay
before Your Lordship a bill from the Agent to the
Gun Carriage Contractor for Carriages, Mortar
Beds, and Ordnance Stores made up by them
amounting to Pagodas Seven hundred and three,
and thirty four Fanams 703: 34: ") which having
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been examined by a Committee from our Board, are found to be well constructed, made up of good materials and fit for the Service, and as the Charges are made out agreeably to the rates of their Contract — We recommend that the bill be discharged —

We have also the honor to enclose copy of a letter addressed to Us by the Scavenger Contractor applying for the payment of his 3d. Kist for the fourth Year, and copy of a Petition addressed to us by him on which We beg leave to state to Your Lordship that We are at a loss what reply to give to this Man, for though We are aware that this Contract exists We perceive by the Public prints that other measures are adopted for performing this Service —

W. Secretary Jackson's letter to Us of the 31st Ult. acquaints Us by Your Lordship's desire with the resolution of the Governor General in Council respecting the Shot landed at Fort William from the Thetis, and Sugar Ships which came out consigned to this Presidency —

With respect to the proposal which was enclosed from Mr. John Innes for the transportation of the Army Clothing to the different Military Stations upon the Coast We have the honor to

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to acquaint Your Lordships that a proposal was
formerly referred to the Board whereby Mr Breithaupt
undertook to deliver the Clothing in like manner
for 4½ per Cent with which proposal, We
recommended that Government should close
as will be seen by referring to our Letter of the
16th May 1794 — We conceive that the same
Allowance may be given with propriety to the
present Contractor, for as no reason is assigned
for an increase of half a per Cent We cannot take
upon Ourselves to recommend it.

We have the Honorable,
&c &c
(Signed) "John Braithwaite
" Thomas Peile
" Jno Richardson
" B.J. Close
" Wm Gent
" Wm Younge.

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Resolved that ten Carts be allowed
for the purpose of keeping the Fort of Masulipatam
clean - to be employed as the Commanding Officer
may think proper, and be subject to Muster. —
That, two Pagodas pr Month be allowed
the Engineer for Stationary. — That

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That one fourth of the Lascars allowed to the Garrison be employed under the direction of the Engineer for Keeping the fortifications in order, so soon as the work now on hand under the Management of Mr. Topping, shall have been completed.—

That the expence of Water-bailers be admitted—and that communication be made by the Military Board to the Contractor for buildings and repairs, that the Water-Pipes are to be kept in repair by them, at their own cost

That the Engineer be allowed the following Artificers in addition to what he now has and permitted to draw from the Stores by indent Countersigned by the Commanding Officer, under the head of wanting for Current Expences, Materials provided the expence do not in any one Month exceed Thirty (30) Pagodas.—

One Maistry Brick Layer
Do ——— Carpenter
Do ——— Smith
Do ——— Bellows Boy
Do ——— Chunkledar

Ordered that the Bill of the Contractor for Gun Carriages be paid.—

Ordered

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Ordered that the Contractor for
Clothing the Army be allowed to Charge 6½ per Cent
for expence of Carriage in like Manner as the
late Contractor.—

Read the following letter from M. Grand Pre

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

My Lord,

From Mons.r Grand Pré requesting a Passage to England for one Julien, a Prisoner.—

The Son of the Count de St. Julien de Cosmac, a Gentleman of my Province in the 4th Royal Regement of Infantry, now finds himself by the disasters of the Revolution, a prisoner of War at Madras — He is a Young Man of about 18 Years of Age — He was about 4 Year ago forced to quit that carier of Honor on which he had already entered, & and to seek a subsistence at the Isle of France; where absolute want compelled him to enlist as a Volunteer — He was afterwards taken in the Prince Royal, under the name of Julien — At present he is known by that of Alexis — I have seen him — He appears to me even at his early age, to have all the height Sense of honor, becoming his rank distinguished and

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station — He is known to Marshall Harcourt, the Ambassador of the Princes at the Court of London — His object is to be enabled to go to England, where the friends of his family will relieve him from his Distress — It is at his desire that I request your Lordships permission for him to embark on the same Ship with me as a private Soldier — I know your Lordship's generosity of Character too well, to hesitate a Moment giving you, My Lord an opportunity of assisting a Young Man whom misfortune has reduced to this present hard Situation

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I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) De Grandpré

A true Translation
(Signed) J. Buchan
French Transl.r

&c thereon

I agree that the Person for whom M.r Grand Pré has applied for a passage be permitted to embark on the Melville Castle as a Charter Party Passenger for England. —

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly —

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Right Honorable
The Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Colonel Floyd with another Letter from Tondiman on the subject of his late & Complaint further Report on Captain Kenney's Claim — Estimate of the 2 Barracks built by him enclosed — also applications of the Commandant and Conductor at Trichinopoly for house Rent. —

Having received your Commands of dated the 17th March to inform Tondeman of the result of the Enquiry You had been pleased to make into a Complaint made by him of two of his People having been murdered — I did so immediately, and received his Answer No 1 in which He states the several of Mr Powney's Enquiries, and his report to you, to be altogether erroneous — — I accordingly sent Tondiman's Letter to Mr Powney, as well for his information as for any further insight He might since have acquired into the Complaints of Tondiman Mr Powney wrote me word that after the fullest enquiry He was inclined to believe in the correctness of the Report He had made to your Lordship. —

In reply to your Commands of the 24th I have the Honor to enclose the Engineers Estimate of the Sepoy Barracks erected by Captain Kenny for the use of the 35th Battalion — I cannot say the urgency of building these Barracks was such as not to admit of an Application to Government — but I can truly assume

affirm that the immediate expectation of the monsoon admitted of no delay whatever, for when Captain Kenny had nearly completed a suit of Barracks, the Weather broke, and destroyed his works - In an interval between the Rains He commenced again, & and has now completed the Work estimated. Captain Kenny's laudable Zeal was such that He preferred running all risks of not being repaid by Government rather than that his Sepoys should be exposed. —

I therefore beg leave to recommend to your favorable construction the Goodwill that outstripped the Form, to the Advantage of the Service. —

N°3 is an application of the Conductor of Stores stationed at Dindigul, to be allowed House Rent, as is customary, to the best of my Knowledge where a Conductor is unprovided with a Public Quarter His Bill for House Rent has been repeatedly refused by the Paymaster W. Vaughan, altho' duly countersigned by the Barrack Master, and by the Commandant, & Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage, who recommends the case to me, and I accordingly request your Commands on the occasion. —

N°4 is a letter addressed to your Lordship & from Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage, Commanding at Dindigul requesting to be allowed House Rent and

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the usual Sums for providing a Quarter. The L
Lieutenant Colonel States the circumstances so
well that I need only add, for Form's sake, my perfect
belief of them. —

Trichinopoly
April 11: 1795.

I have the Honor to be,
&c: &c: &c:
(Signed) J. Floyd Col:

Translation of a Letter

from Tondiman Poligar To Colonel Floyd
Commanding Trichinopoly dated 18th March

I have been favored with your Letter, w
enclosing a Letter of Government, addressed to yourself
which States that, it appears from an Inquiry made
by Mr. Powney that some of the Cavelly Colleries had
proceeded to the Shevagunga Country, for the purpose
of plundering: — that, three of them had been apprehen
and confined — that some other Colleries had been sent
from this place, for the purpose of liberating the f
former — That, a Dispute entered, between them
and Chinna Marda's people; in which two
Men were Slain — that, these Facts had been pro
by Chinna Munda's Letter, by the Testimony
the Kanoongoes &c: and Mr. Powney's Hircarahs. —

My Friend, all this is a palpable
Falsehood — For, one Chenkar with two Men, were
sent

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sent hence, to call a Doctor from Shevagunga one Peer Mah, a priest, belonging to Chinna Munda, & Killed two of the Men who had been sent, and detained the other in strict Confinement. I transmitted a letter mentioning this circumstance to Eitabar Khan; a Copy of his Reply I inclose, which will distinctly & explain this Transaction.—

I request of your Justice, that an intelligent person be privately sent to the Scene of the Murder, to enquire of the people the Circumstances respecting it, and then the truth will appear.—

What need I say further.—

(A true Translation)

(signed) Alexr. Falconer
Ch. Transl.r

Translation Copy of a Letter

said to be addressed in Reply

From Eitabar Khan Bahadur

To Tondiman Rajah.

Dated 18th November 1794

I have received your Letter, complaining of the Enormity committed by the people belonging to Chinna Munda.—

It is only four hours ago that Chinna Munda, who had been here left this place. I summoned however, Shri Cherakar, and read to him your Letter.— & he

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he affirmed the Murder of the two mention, and said also, that the third was still in Confinement that he should bring him to one by o'Clock the next Day - I waited accordingly till next Day for him, in this place, but he did not come -

Immediately on the receipt of yours I addressed a Letter to Chinna Munda animadverting on the Temerity and Irregularity of his Conduct, & notwithstanding the Forbearance which you have evinced - I received this Day his Answer, but it was evasive and unsatisfactory, that I returned it by the Messenger, with severe Reprimands. —

I have written this for your information

What more need I add?

I a true translation/

/signed/ Alex.r Falconer

Pr. Transl.r

To Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage

Commanding the Garrison of Dindigul

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that Mr. Hugh Vaughan Paymaster, has kept the Abstract for the Arrears of house Rent due to me Countersigned both by yourself, and the Barrack Master South of the Coleroon; and will not discharge it; likewise in reply to

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to my letter of the 31st March, he says as Conductor, you are not entitled to house Rent. —

I draw the usual Allowance for house Rent at the Moment; and which I know is drawn by Every Conductor on the Coast (Myself excepted)

I therefore hope, Sir, that you will be pleased for to represent the hardships of my situation, to the Offices Commanding on the Coast, through the proper Channel; and the many inconveniencies which I have been put to; on Account of My not having any Publick Quarters. —

I have the honor to be.

&c. &c.

Dindigul
3rd April 1795

(Signed) John Johnstone
Conductor of Stores. —

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

My Lord

The Commanding Officers Quarters at this Garrison being on the Rock, and as the whole of the Officers are quartered below, I found it not only inconvenient but impossible to reside above, and do the necessary duties of my Station. I was therefore under the necessity of providing myself with

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with an House, and hope that Government will be pleased to put me on the same footing as the rest of the Officers at this Station, and permit me to draw House Rent from the day of my appointment to the Command, with the same allowance of Fifty ℔ Pagodas.— I beg leave to observe to your Lordships that one end of the Commanding Officers quarters on the Rock has given way, and that at present it is ℔ not habitable.—

I have the honor to be, with great respect
℔r ℔r ℔a
/Signed/ J. Cuppage
Lieutenant Colonel Com.t

Dindigul
8th April 1795.

Agreed to acquaint Colonel Floyd that it would have been much more proper on the part of Captain Henry to have stated to Government the ℔ necessity of erecting Barracks for his Corps than to execute the work without authority - but that as it appears he had the public Service in view in so far as he did, the Board have admitted the charge

Minutes thereon

Ordered that the Conductor of Stores at Dindigul, and the Commanding Officer at that Station do receive the usual House-Rent, provided there be no Public quarters for their accommodation.

Read

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Read the following letter from the
Military Auditor General —

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the honor to Report as follows on Captain Robert Bell's Accounts agreeably to the principle of Audit directed in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter &

	P.	F.	C.	
Value of Stores admitted as purchases	18,214	6	60	
Refunded by Captain Bell being the Amount of his Bill for Purchases in March 1790	646	22	—	
Total to Captain Bell's Credit	18,860	28	60	
Amount of Captain Bell's Bills for purchases from March to November 1790 Inclusive	18,070	47	8	
Amount of Articles of the same description with the purchases not Accounted for by the Issues or Remains in Store on 30th November 1790			33	
Total to Captain Bell's Debit	18,103	47	56	
Balance in favor of Captain Bell	P. 757	11	4	

It appears therefore from the Audit as above that there is a Balance of seven hundred and Fifty Seven Pagodas, 4 Eleven

— Colonel Malcolm's
stating his Audit
Captain Bell's
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ciple before directed

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Eleven Fanams and four Cash (Pagodas 757..11..4)
in favor of Captain Bell which includes a repay-
ment to be made to him of the same he refunded
in June 1791.—

I have now only to Notice the Charge for
repair of Tents Pagodas 3303 and another Charge
for fitting up Thirty Platforms Carts Pagodas 150,
but without having it in my power to make a
specific Report of the Kind required by your Orders
of 12th Ultimo as I have no opportunity of Judging in
either case whether or not the Rates are moderate
or Otherwise because, in regard to the Bill for the
former, although the Report of the Board of Inspec-
is before me signed by the Deputy Quarter Master
General, Major Smart the Commissary of Stores
Captain Bell, and by a Quarter Master of Brigade
Lieutenant Ceppage, specifying the Number of Tents
510 great & Small that are Repairable, and some
other particulars: & as "that the whole (with
a few exceptions) want" "there is no Estimate
describing either the Quantity of the Repairs, or
the Materials Required to execute them, the Bill
the Paymaster is Signed by the President
of the Board of Inspection, and is Countersigned
Commanding Officer in Regard to the Pi-
latter it is Signed by Captain Bell as

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by the Commanding Officer. —

It is Necessary for me to observe at the same time that there is an Estimate which is vouched for under Captain Bells hand on the same paper with the Proceedings of the Board of Inspection but that it only relates to the Sum for the Repairs to each description of Tents. —

In either of these two Cases therefore I do not believe it practicable for any Person at the present period to give a correct opinion, touching the Actual Amount at which the expence for these Repairs should have been Charged, unless an Account of the Quantum of the Repairs and of the Materials required were forth coming, on which to form a Judgement, and as this is the point on which my report falls to be made in this Proof the Audit, I have only to add for your information, that if it shall appear proper under the circumstances of the Case to order Sum or any part of it to be paid back which has been refunded by Captain P. for the Repair of Tents Viz.t Pagodas 3,303 the whole, or such part according to the determination of Government, is to be considered in addition to the Balance stated to be in his favor on the Purchases of

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the Sum of Pagodas 150 for fitting up
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I have only further to state for your
n on this Audit that if your Lordship
proper it may be finally closed in A
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manner proposed in the Case of
mer. —

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

With the highest respect,

&c. &c. &c.

95. (Signed) Henry Malcolm

Military Aud.r General

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing
to Captain Bell, and that he be
the Board will admit the charge
Tents and Platform
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Edw Saunders
Ew Fallofield

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Draft of General Letter to England J. Rockingham read and approved

The Military — Political — and Secret General Letters to go by Rockingham having been read and Approved — ordered that they be Copied fair.

Examined
Edwd Robt. Hargrave